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THE NIGHT FILLED WITH PUMPKIN LIGHT

The Thumb Area's Premier Halloween Event

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

October is the time of year when haunted houses, scary hayrides and frightening venues of every kind seem to spring up seemingly overnight in buildings that are vacant the other months of the year, in farm yards normally devoted to agricultural operations, in apple orchards suddenly turned into Halloween destinations and in dark woods on lonely roads that form the perfect backdrop for a night of fright. These places exist to frighten and scare, in a fun sort of way, people of all ages, though many may be just too traumatic for the smaller children. Common themes include skeletons, mummies, zombies, bats, spiders and frightening creatures of every kind.

However, in Clay Township, Michigan, there is one truly unique Halloween experience that should not be missed – the Night Filled with Pumpkin Light. On October 21, 22 and 23, from dusk until 10:00 p.m. more than 500 uniquely carved and decorated pumpkins are lit and



displayed inside the darkened greenhouse at Foxfire Farm Country Store at 8945 Marsh Road. The effect is absolutely breathtaking. The pumpkins appear to almost float in the air and the fragrance of the straw bales, combined with the pumpkin and burning candles are treats for the senses. Adults and children alike are amazed by the intricate designs and creative masterpieces they encounter. (A rumor has it that this year Foxfire Farm's aim is several hundred more pumpkins than last year – with a lofty goal eventually of 1000 pumpkins!)

Planning for this memorable event

takes place many months in advance, culminating in several intense nights of carving by the employees, families and friends of Foxfire Farm and ABC Home and Commercial Services – and a few volunteers as well. The Night Filled with Pumpkin Light is anticipated to be bigger and better than ever, with lots of new activities added.

Tickets for the Night Filled with Pumpkin Light are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 2-12 and can be purchased at Foxfire Farm Country Store on the nights of the event. Because the popularity of this event has grown tremendously and the crowds are expected to turn out in droves, there will be no parking available at Foxfire Farm. The parking lot will be closed off for the various activities. Instead, parking will be available at 8567 Marsh Road in Clay Township, which is 3/4 of a mile south of Foxfire Farm Country Store. This is the former Seaway Drive-In property that is currently owned

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of *ThumbPrint News* marks our second birthday! In October of 2009 our very first issue was distributed. Fifteen thousand copies were printed and *ThumbPrint News* staff waited anxiously to see what our readers' reactions would be. From the very beginning, we started hearing how much folks enjoyed reading our newspaper. Words like "refreshing," "interesting," "informative," "positive" and "unique" let us know that we seemed to be on the right track.

Over the next year, we learned more about what our readers wanted by the feedback we received from you. Advertisers started seeing that *ThumbPrint News* was a paper that was being thoroughly read – and saved! The prime advertising spots started to have waiting lists! And the paper grew. We added a larger distribution area and more and more businesses requested that they be a drop location for *ThumbPrint News* each month. This month, we are nearing almost 1,000 businesses who now carry *ThumbPrint News* and we are distributing 70,000 copies of our October issue – still FREE OF CHARGE. Wow! It is almost overwhelming to realize how far we have come in two short years!

Rather than my usual type of letter, this month I want to use this space to say a special heartfelt "thank you" to all of those whose tireless efforts, hard work and unending enthusiasm have been the key to our success: our talented graphic designers, staff writers, columnists and

guest writers, our publisher, the sales staff, the proofreaders and the printer, our newspaper boys, girls, men and women. In addition, a huge "thank you" goes out to our advertisers. By your support, you have allowed us to continue publishing *ThumbPrint News* and to provide it at no cost to our readers. Also, to the many, many businesses in eight Michigan counties who allow us to put *ThumbPrint News* in your business location – thank you so much!

However, the greatest "thank-you" of all goes to you, our readers. It is because of your constant support that we begin with excitement our third year and look forward to keeping a long relationship with you in the years ahead.

In celebration of our second birthday, we are reprinting a photo of the cover of each of our past editions for the last two years. Peruse the covers on page 34 to see if there are some issues that you have missed. Most issues are still available. Although we do provide them free to our readers at our numerous drop locations during the month that they are distributed, copies of past issues are available to be mailed out to you at the cost of \$2.00 per issue to cover postage and handling. Either send a note to us letting us know which issue(s) you are requesting and



enclose a check to cover the cost, or call us at (810) 794-2300 and order your copies using a credit card. We apologize, but the *ThumbPrint News* office will not be able to handle on the spot requests for back issues from walk-in readers.

Once again, thank you to everyone for making our first two years as successful as they have been.

DIANE KODET
Editor, *ThumbPrint News*



Correction to the September 2011 Issue

In the September issue of *ThumbPrint News*, in the article on page 41 titled "The Missing 11 Days!" it was stated that September is "the

eighth month." That should have read "the ninth month." Thank you Carl Breidenich for bringing that error to our attention.



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Tombstone Installation 149 Years Late For Civil War Volunteer

By Linda Glaza-Herrington

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

"... the time will soon pass away and then we shall meet again in peace with the thought that we have not lived for nought."

Austin Smith, August 15, 1861

It was a beautiful, mid-August afternoon as a diverse group of seventeen people ranging in age from 3 to 83 gathered at Wright Cemetery in Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan on August 16, 2011. Coming from around the state, their single purpose in gathering at the small country cemetery was to install a long-overdue memorial headstone for Deloss M. Haviland, a Union Civil War casualty during General George McClellan's ill-fated 1862 Peninsular Campaign.

As the summer sun arced overhead in an unblemished blue sky, an installation hole was dug in the Haviland family burial plot and the 320-pound monument engraved with Deloss' name was unloaded. Verne Haviland, Charles Waters III, Larry Herrington, and George Wilkinson, under



Larry Herrington, Charles Waters, III, Bill Lowe and Al Kodet carry the headstone to the installation site.

the direction of Past Camp Commander Bill Lowe of the Jackson, Michigan Austin Blair Camp 7 of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUV), lifted the heavy monument and gently lowered it into the waiting hole.

Lowe, Graves Registration Officer Emeritus, and his fellow SUV team members have participated in the placement of many such markers. In Lowe's words, "It is what we do."

The memorial headstone was quickly leveled and the base backfilled with the help of Deloss' great-great-great-grandnephew, Dominic Garofalo, age 9. The headstone rests less than ten feet from the headstone of Deloss' brother and fellow Civil War soldier, LA Haviland.

Nearly 150 years after his death, Deloss finally has a permanent memorial commemorating the ultimate sacrifice he made during the Battle of Gaines Mill on June 27, 1862.

In the early spring of 1861, Deloss M. Haviland joined the Dexter Union Guard. Only 20 years old, the young man from Livingston County was the son of Michigan pioneers and a farmer by trade.

Deloss, his brother LA, and a family friend and relative by marriage, Austin Smith, were among the first wave of Michigan men to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers shortly after the Confederate attack on federal Fort Sumter.

In June 1861, Deloss, LA and Austin mustered into the 4th Michigan Volunteer

Infantry Regiment, Company K. They, along with 1,000 men in their regiment, arrived in Washington, D.C. by the 4th of July.

Destined to become part of the Army of the Potomac, the three men were committed to helping defend and preserve their nation. While the larger story ends well for the United States and the Union is preserved, the individual story of each man does not.

Deloss is killed June 27, 1862 during the ill-fated Peninsular Campaign at the Battle of Gaines Mill. Wounded in his right arm during the same charge, Deloss' brother LA only has time to reach down and grab his dead brother's cap before fleeing in front of the Confederate onslaught. The Army of the Potomac is in full retreat and abandons its dead on the field.

Austin fares no better than Deloss and dies of disease during the long dark winter of 1863 while encamped with the Army of the Potomac at Falmouth, Virginia.

All three of the men might be nothing more than birth and death dates inscribed on the family trees of various descendants with an added notation that they served in the Civil War, but for the fact that the three men were prolific correspondents. Fifty-six of their letters to family and friends survive.

Their letters convey who they were. In them, the three men recorded their daily activities and their impressions of the battles in which they participated. They expressed their views on the tumultuous



political debates of the day and their longing for family and friends at home.

That their letters survive 150 years is serendipitous. Sometime between 1920 and 1940, their letters were nearly destroyed in a fire that occurred at a descendant's home in Boyne City, Michigan. Some letters were lost in the fire, and one of the surviving letters bears clearly visible char marks.

In the summer of 1957, the aging stack of letters, without envelopes and tied with a yellowed cotton string, are rediscovered tucked in the drawer of an old dresser in an attic. About to be tossed out, the letters are again rescued, this time by Edward J. Glaza, a great-grandnephew of Deloss and Austin and great-grandson of LA.

Captivated by the contents of the letters, Glaza tucks them away. For the next 52 years, the letters remain in an envelope at the bottom of his top dresser drawer. Safe and dry, the letters rest for over half a century under his socks and underwear.

In 2008, Glaza passed the fading letters, nearly a century and a half old, to his niece, Linda Glaza-Herrington.

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Spotlight on a Small Town – Parisville

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Parisville is a small unincorporated community in Paris Township, in Huron County, Michigan. It is located about seven miles east of Ubyly. While taking a leisurely stroll through the St. Mary's Cemetery, located on Parisville Road approximately ½ mile north of Atwater Road, the visitor will quickly gain a hint of the ethnicity of the group of settlers who first settled Parisville. Family names, such as Oberski, Ceski, Wodwaska, Schefka and Pyrek hint at the deceased person's Polish roots.

In fact, Parisville's claim to fame is that it is generally accepted as the oldest Polish settlement in the United States, with a small group of Poles arriving in Huron County as early as 1848. Huron County, at that time, numbered only about 210 settlers and was attached as a single township to Sanilac County. The Parisville Catholic mission had its beginnings in 1852 to care for the spiritual needs of the Polish settlers, as well as for neighboring French, German and Irish Catholics.

Some historians debate that the first Polish settlement was actually in Panna Maria, Texas, which also claims to be the oldest permanent Polish settlement in the United States. In December of 1854, about one hundred Polish families completed their journey to Texas to establish a better life for themselves. The community of Panna Maria was born. However, in the book, *Parisville Poles: First Polish Settlers in the U.S.A.?*, published in 1977 by the late Harry Milostan, a Mount Clemens attorney, he points out that Frances Susalia, of Polish ancestry, registered a claim or deed for land in what is now Parisville on September 16, 1854, three months earlier than the Panna Maria settlement was established. (There were actually Polish immigrants who arrived in America much earlier than the Huron County or Panna Maria, Texas Poles, including those who worked as glassmakers and dug wells for

water for Jamestown, Virginia, around 1608. They were hired by the London Company to bring their industrial skills to Jamestown. However, they didn't establish a Polish settlement, but rather assimilated themselves into the Jamestown Colony.)

The early Polish settlers who arrived around 1848 in what was to become Parisville had a hard road to travel. They first squatted on the land, not knowing how to go about purchasing it, and their language was often a barrier to finding out. They worked tirelessly to clear parts of the virgin forests and mosquito infested swamps to develop rich farmland that still exists today. By the end of 1854, however, not only had Frances Susalia purchased land in Parisville, but also Frances Polk, Anthony Slavik, Thomas Smielewski and Ambrose Smielewski. The going price for land from the government was just 50 cents an acre! As a condition of the low price, it was required that the land be occupied and developed for agriculture.

Through the end of 1855, a large influx of Polish immigrants flooded Huron County, many to escape the tyranny of the Prussian government. Prussian financial services would not loan any money to the Polish land owners and, after poor harvests, many lost their farms. In addition, every man between the ages of 25 and 26, regardless of their fortune, birth, class or profession, had to serve as a private soldier in the army for a period of three successive years. To avoid these hardships, they emigrated to America.

The land they encountered in America was beautiful, but challenging to clear for crops. Hemlock trees, up to 16 inches in diameter, as well as large sugar maples, elm, beech, pine, birch, black ash, juniper and ironwood were abundant. However, the Poles, who were used to farming this type of land in their native Europe, were up to the challenge. On average, each family cleared about two acres of land per year.

Native Americans, having lived in the Huron County area prior to the arrival of the Europeans, lived for the most part in harmony with the new settlers.

Documents written by the Felician Sisters, who were working as teachers in Parisville, refer to this peaceful relationship. The Natives hunted beaver, deer, fox, bear and wolf and fished the abundant rivers and streams. The Parisville settlement traded furs, preferably beaver, with the Natives, in exchange for tools. Native trails served as early transportation passages for the Parisville settlers, who would walk 18 miles to the Lake Huron port of Forestville for supplies.

The first Polish baby to be born in the settlement was Joanna



Ed Cook (left) and Roman Cook (right) in front of their service station and Ford dealership. The little shed on the right contained around 200 gallons of gasoline. The gas hand-pump was wooden, and self-serve. Parisville Hotel is in the background.

Swavick Jezek, who passed away on April 3, 1948, at the age of 90 years old. She was born in a Huron County wigwam while her family's log home was being built.

The early missionary priests, who were also called the "Apostles of the Thumb District," were Fr. Lawrence Kilroy of Detroit, who was soon replaced by Rev. Julian Maciejewski, and followed shortly by Rev. Joseph Krutell. An original document dating back to July 1 of 1857, shows that Rev. Peter Kluck, born in Poland in Sypniewo County of Walcz, laid the foundation for St. Mary's Catholic Church in 1858.

Since an actual church building had yet to be built, the first Mass was offered in the spring of 1858 on the kitchen table in the log house of Anthony Slavic, one of the original five settlers. In addition, the settlement's first funeral and first wedding ceremonies were held in his home.

In 1859, a log chapel was built on 21 acres of land that had been purchased for \$11.50 from Anthony Slavic. Eventually a larger St. Mary's Church, a school and a rectory were built on the same land. A cemetery was established to the north of the church.

Within the early Parisville settlement, there was also a small Presbyterian society, and a Presbyterian cemetery was established two miles west of the present St. Mary's cemetery.

There are several theories around why the settlement was named Parisville, but the most plausible appears to be that many of the Polish immigrants after arriving in America made their way to Michigan by crossing through Canada. Several of the founding families worked for a time helping to build the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and Sarnia, Canada. The money they earned would enable them to purchase land in the United States. They also learned techniques for clearing forests and marshes. These skills would prove invaluable when they reached their destination in Huron County, Michigan. While still in Canada, they resided for the time being in Paris, Ontario, Canada. It is theorized that this influenced the naming of

their new settlement in Michigan.

In 1861, Paris Township was officially organized and Donald Currie became the first supervisor. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church west of Parisville. Alex Currie served as Clerk and Richard Evans as supervisor. (The Polish-speaking settlers only began to hold office once they could read and write English.)

In 1868, the first Polish Festival in America was held at Saint Mary's and, by a year later, the community had grown to 127 families. Logging, as well as agriculture, predominated as means of employment for the settlers.

In October of 1871, a devastating fire destroyed parts of Parisville in just under three hours. Fueled by drought and high winds, flames rushed through the treetops and ignited wooden buildings. St. Mary's buildings, along with other buildings, homes and shops were burned to the ground. People and animals lost their lives and vegetation was charred.

However, the Polish people were of a tough, determined nature. They rebuilt their buildings and lives. In 1875, 300 families, rallied on by Reverend Joseph Musielewicz, rebuilt St. Mary's Church on 40 acres of land that Carl Ulfig had purchased from the State of Michigan for one dollar. The church was larger and had a magnificent set of bells in its tower, which could be heard throughout the surrounding countryside when rung. However, on September 5, 1881, the bells ringing were sounding an alarm of wide ranging forest fires that were blowing in from the southwest. The church tower actually ignited while Reverend Joseph Gratza, a new priest, was ringing them. He almost lost his life. The church was once again destroyed, along with nineteen people from the area who lost their lives to the terrible inferno.

Once again, St. Mary's Church was rebuilt in 1884. It was much larger and could hold crowds of over 800. A Catholic school was added in 1890. These buildings were the pride and joy of the community.

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This photograph of the Louise Wloch General Store, in Pawlowski, is representative of shopping in Paris Township in the late 19th-early 20th century.

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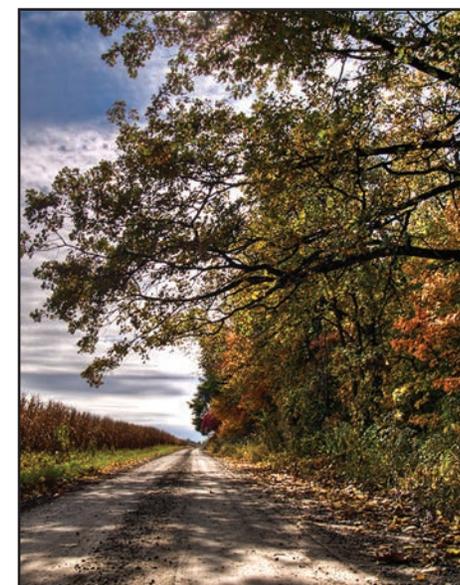
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America's rural heartland is home to approximately 50 million people and its natural resources provide the primary source of the energy, food and fiber that supports the nation's economy and way of life. But, according to a new report, the roads and bridges that serve and connect the nation's rural areas face a number of significant challenges, including inadequate capacity to handle the growing levels of traffic and commerce, limited connectivity, the inability to accommodate growing freight travel, deteriorated road and bridge conditions, a lack of desirable safety features, and a traffic fatality rate far higher than all other roads and highways. The report, "Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America's Heartland," was released September 1, 2011 by TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group based in Washington, D.C. It defines Rural America as all places and people living outside the primary daily commuting zones of cities with 50,000 people or more.

According to the TRIP report, in 2010, 14 percent of Michigan's rural bridges were rated as structurally deficient, the sixteenth highest percentage in the nation. An additional 14 percent of the state's rural bridges were functionally obsolete. In 2008, 16 percent of the state's major rural roads were rated in poor condition, the eighteenth highest percentage in the nation. An additional 30 percent of Michigan's major rural roads were rated in mediocre or fair condition.

Despite a recent decrease in the overall fatality rate on America's roads, traffic crashes and fatalities on Michigan's rural roads remain disproportionately high, occurring at a rate approximate two times higher than on all other roads. In 2009, Michigan's non-Interstate rural roads had a traffic fatality rate of 1.41 deaths for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel, compared to a fatality rate on all other roads of 0.71 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles of travel. Of the 871 traffic fatalities that occurred in Michigan in 2009, 369 were on rural, non-Interstate roads. Inadequate roadway safety design, longer emergency vehicle response times and the higher speeds traveled on rural roads are factors in the higher traffic fatality rate.

"Today's national news is just one more indication that the infrastructure needs of our state continue to grow," said Mike Nystrom, executive vice president of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association. "Most state elected officials



agree that there is a significant need to improve our system. We now need those same legislators to work to find a long-term solution."

"The safety and quality of life in America's small communities and rural areas and the health of the nation's economy ride on our rural transportation system. This backbone of the heartland allows mobility and connectivity for millions of rural Americans and provides crucial links from farm to market, moves manufactured and energy products, and provides access to countless tourist and recreational destinations," said Will Wilkins, executive director of TRIP. "But, with long-term federal transportation legislation stuck in political gridlock in Washington, America's rural communities and economies could face even higher unemployment and decline. Funding the modernization of our rural transportation system will create jobs and help ensure long-term economic development and quality of life in rural America."

According to the TRIP report, America must adopt transportation policies that will improve rural transportation connectivity, safety and conditions to provide the nation's small communities and rural areas with the level of safe and efficient access that will support quality of life and enhance economic productivity. This can be done, in part, by modernizing and extending key routes to accommodate personal and commercial travel, improving public transit access to rural areas, implementing needed roadway safety improvements, improving emergency response times, and adequately funding state and local transportation programs to insure sufficient preservation and maintenance of rural transportation assets. 🌱

Small Town America



By Fredrick G. Marengo

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

I recently met a close friend for lunch who lives in a suburb of Detroit. I had almost forgotten the normal safety measures required for city living until I was invited back to his home.

I was reminded of the potential for criminal activity when I noticed the “neighborhood watch” signs that were posted at the entrance to my friend’s subdivision. I felt dozens of eyes scanning the vehicle and scrutinizing us as we approached his home.

After parking the vehicle, all items of value were scooped up and the windows were in the up position, the short beep of the horn coincided with the clicking of the door locks. A mechanical voice warned me to “Step away from the car,” when I accidentally approached the ring of protection.

My friend unlocked the storm door, the deadbolt on the front steel door, and then stepping quickly inside, he punched in the code numbers to deactivate the monitored alarm system. I cautiously followed him in wondering if there would be a Rottweiler waiting to attack an intruder.

Fear of home invasions made it necessary to keep doors and windows locked, even while inside the home or sitting on the patio in the backyard. Part of remaining secure meant removing the opportunity for crime.

Crime dictated the normal routine, whether parking the car, shopping, driving, or mowing the lawn. The purse snatchings, robberies and carjackings were a fact of life that made you extremely cautious and added additional stress to daily living.

The smell of exhaust fumes permeated the air and the traffic was heavy, even though it wasn’t rush hour. My friend joked that he was suspicious of any air that he could not see. I decided to head north before rush hour traffic blocked my path to Sanilac County.

Traffic whizzed past me, drivers changing lanes and tailgating, as they tried to shorten their driving time by mere seconds. At last, I was going north on M-19, farms began to appear, horses and cattle were standing by the fences, tractors were in the fields and people would smile

and wave. I felt my blood pressure begin to drop and my breathing slow.

I smiled at the signs in Yale, proudly proclaiming home of the “Yale Bulldogs.” I soon approached the Home of the “Peck Pirates” and the “Cros-Lex Pioneers,” my alma mater.

There were signs in the windows of local stores and restaurants in each town supporting their school team. The newspapers made local sports a priority. Pride oozed from the communities.

The shops in the small towns didn’t have bars on the windows or doors, a pickup truck was left running outside a feed store, and people greeted each other with a smile, not being fearful or suspicious. Even the buildings were free of graffiti.

I drove across M-90 to Croswell, Home of the Swinging Bridge, where I always brought my city friends to sway across the Black River. I frequently would point to a car and say, “That’s the third one that I’ve seen today,” jabbing them about the white knuckle, bumper to bumper traffic that they contended with everyday.

As I approached Lakeview Hills Golf Course, a view of the deep blue water of Lake Huron came into view. I drove into the village of Lexington, where the summer tourists flock to enjoy the shops and beaches, a safe refuge for family fun and relaxation. The clean air filled my lungs, the sparkling lake and sandy beaches welcomed me home.

I drove north along M-25 watching Lake Huron’s colorful shades of blue peeking through the tall pine trees that peppered the scenic shoreline. Three white tail deer darted across the road, waving their white flags as they disappeared into the woods.

My drive ended on a sandy lane deep in a stand of swaying white birch trees, where my home sat nestled in the woods. I took a deep breath and let out a deep sigh. I was home.

I realized how fortunate I was to reside in Sanilac County, which has a low crime rate, clean air to breathe, natural beauty, safe schools, and caring people.

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Help Camp Casey become a winner by voting for them on MarkhamMarkofDistinction.com only through October 3, 2011 – so HURRY, VOTE NOW! 🐾



CJ Shaw, of Roseville, and his whole family strut down the street for his Horsey House Call.



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- It is estimated that approximately \$8.1 billion is spent in the United States each year on the treatment of breast cancer.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: During recent renovations to the building on the northeast corner of S. Third St. and Chartier in Marine City, Michigan, when the siding was removed, this former advertisement appeared. We ran the following photo in our August, 2011 edition and asked our readers if anyone remembered the store. We printed several replies in our September edition, but also received the following letter after our September edition had gone to press.

To the Editor:

I saw your article and picture of Hampe's Grocery Store in your August edition. My maternal grandfather, Ludger Beauvais, owned this store during the depression era. My mom lived upstairs with her three brothers and two sisters. These were very tough times and he lost the store due to letting too many people get groceries on credit. She also told the story of a cross being burned out in front by the KKK because my grandfather was Catholic and in some local politics. I have

a picture of the store with his name on the awning. The picture is of his delivery wagon and horse with his driver, a Mr. Faucher. He is also pictured on the left side and we think my mother is running up the street on the right. I'm having a hard time taking a picture of the picture as it is in a frame on my dining room wall and always shows a distortion (orb) in my lens. I will try to get the original from my family. Just thought you might be interested.

Sincerely,
Jean Joachim Schwehofer

To the Editor:

In the August, 2011 edition, one of your cover stories was "Spotlight on a Small Town - Marlette." I am writing to clarify some of the information about the mobile home industry in Marlette, Michigan.

My name is Dale M. Wolfe, nephew to Guerdon T. Wolfe. (Refer to page 108 in *Images, Millennium Edition.*) Guerdon went to Marlette in 1937 and he, my father and grandfather built what was to become Marlette Homes. This did not happen until 1953. Guerdon sold out to the Elkton Box Company in 1944 and built the General Coach Works along with Ward Atkins, John Atkins and Riley Ramsey. Guerdon had controlling interest in this plant.

General Coach Works was located on Angle Street, the road coming into town from the north, before M53 was routed straight through Marlette.

As stated in *Images*, Guerdon sold out this General Coach Works to his three partners and moved to the south of Marlette. There, Guerdon built Great Lakes Mobile Homes in two large buildings located just south of Marlette by M53.

Guerdon also built two large homes just north of the Great Lakes Mobile Home plants.

The Cadillac Mobile Home Plant was not in Brown City, but five miles south of Marlette on Peck Road.

Guerdon Wolfe built plants in Kansas, California, West Virginia, Florida and Marlette. The plant five miles south of Marlette on M53 was built by Mr. Drettman of Elkton, Michigan where he had a stamping plant. This plant mentioned above was called Active Industries. (This is shown in *Images* on page 109 at the bottom of the page). Mr. Drettman built double wide homes there.

In closing, *Images* is a well written book. I understand that it is very hard to get every detail 100 percent accurate.

I'm not looking for a retraction but maybe you could write an article stating that you found more information on the mobile home industry in Marlette. This is just a suggestion and if you choose not to do anything, it's no problem. I enjoy reading the *ThumbPrint News* very much.

Thank you,
Dale Wolfe

Editor's note: Your letter, Mr. Wolfe, is providing that additional information for our readers. Thank you very much.



LANDSCAPING THE THUMB

Shoo the Shrew



By Paul Bujak
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer



So, what is a shrew anyway? A shrew or shrewmouse is a small long-nosed mammal with sharp, spike-like teeth. They are terrestrial creatures that thrive on seeds, insects, nuts, worms, and a variety of vegetations. The shrew specializes in climbing trees, living underground and living under snow.

The house shrew is accustomed to living around humans and houses, which increases its damage potential. It is considered smelly and noisy, making

shrill, clattering sounds as it goes along. During the long winter months the shrew causes multiple problems to lawns and shrubbery. Shallow runways, grass nests, and small burrows are visible on lawns in early spring months.

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Otitis Externa in Pets

By Dr. DiBenedetto

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Ear disease is one of the most common medical conditions we see in pets. Otitis externa is the medical term for inflammation of the outer ear canal. The inflammation is usually secondary to an underlying disease that is causing the skin of the ear canal and ear pinna (outer ear flap) to produce excess wax and fibrotic tissue, which narrows the ear canal. This compounds the problem by now trapping the excess debris and moisture in the ear canal. At this stage, we can easily identify the ear disease but also need to identify and treat any underlying disease as well. Allergies, yeast and/ or bacterial infections, ear mites, foreign bodies (e.g. plant material), trauma, hormonal changes like Hypothyroidism, tumors and changes to the ear environment due to excessive moisture or hair buildup in the canal are possible causes. Regardless of the inciting cause, ear infections can range from mild to severe. The more severe ones



Normal Ear

can become chronic and require long term treatment to control. In some breeds like Cocker Spaniels, the chronic inflammation leads to mineralization or hardening of the ear canal. This is very painful and in most cases requires surgery to either open up the narrowed ear canals to better manage long term control or to do a complete ablation, removing both the outer ear canal and the middle ear.

The most common symptoms of otitis externa are pain, head shaking, scratching at the external ear flaps, and bad odor. Your dog may shake its head or rub its ears on the furniture. If you look in the ear you will see a yellow or dark discharge. The skin is often bright red, thickened and even bleeding. It is at this point that your pet should be seen by a veterinarian. Here at Maple Veterinary Hospital the first thing we do is to get a complete history and do a thorough physical exam. This helps to determine the potential causes and aids in the proper treatment. The next step is to analyze the debris from the ear by smearing it on a glass slide



Ear with Otitis Externa

and examining it under the microscope. Bacteria and yeast are the two most common components of the ear discharge. Treatment begins by cleaning the ears with a cleaning solution that breaks up the waxy debris and dries out the external ear canal. Topical ointment is then prescribed and applied into the ear canals one to two times daily for two weeks or more. Follow up exams are very important, especially for more severe, chronic infections. Stopping treatment too soon will cause symptoms to return in a short period and may even compound further treatment by causing resistance to the topical medications. Some animals will also need oral antibiotics and steroids and/or antihistamines to help clear the inflammation and infection.

The key to maintaining good ear health is routine checking and cleaning of the ears. The frequency of maintenance can be from one to two times monthly up to one to three times per week, depending on environmental factors, confirmation of the ears, underlying diseases and the chronicity of the ear disease. 🐾

Editor's note: Dr. DiBenedetto is a veterinarian at Maple Veterinary Hospital located at 2981 Iowa in Troy, Michigan. The hospital website is: www.MapleVeterinaryHospital.com. Dr. DiBenedetto can be reached at (248) 585-2622 for other pet related questions.

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The Churches of Algonac

By Joe Nugent

Algonac/Clay Historical Society

Editor's note: Joe has informed us that he is planning to write about the history of several of the churches in Algonac, Michigan. Trinity United Methodist Church, currently located at 424 Smith St. in Algonac, Michigan is the subject of his first article. Services are held at the church at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday.)

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In the winter of 1818, a Methodist preacher named Dickson was invited to the house of Harvey Stewart on Harsens Island. A few friends were gathered there to meet Mr. Dickson and listen to the first protestant sermon in St. Clair County. Two years later, there was preaching once a month by Methodist ministers. Their circuit started in Chatham, Ontario and the settlements along the St. Clair River. These poor, but devout preachers traveled on horseback almost constantly in order to meet their appointments.

In 1824, "A Class on the St. Clair River" was formed on a December afternoon in Pte. DuChene (later named Algonac). John K. Smith (the founder of Algonac) was the leader and the preacher was William Griffes. This meeting marked the beginning of recorded worship sessions in the community.

In 1829, Dr. Latta, a physician by profession, but called to the ministry, was appointed to the St. Clair Mission. During the ministry of Dr. Latta, it was decided by the people of the county that a house of worship was needed, even though no one settlement could stand the expense by itself. In April 1830, the men of the community began building the chapel at 603 Water Street (Saint Clair River Drive). Shortly thereafter, Dr. Latta preached the first sermon in the new building, which was considered the dedicatory service. Dr. Latta spoke from the top of a work bench and the pews were heavy planks on large blocks set on end. It wasn't until later that the pulpit was completed. The building itself was so small and the people so poor, it was never completed. A year later, the services moved to the White Schoolhouse, which they occupied until the building of a second church in 1843. This building was completed and dedicated on May 15, 1843. Fire destroyed it on January 1, 1866. Property was purchased at the present location on the northwest corner of Smith and Washington Streets. This church was dedicated by the Rev. E. J. Pilcher on February 6, 1867.

In 1873, a parsonage was added, and in 1875 the church itself was renovated. In 1886, the Ladies Aid Society was formed. In 1897, an annex for Sunday school and church suppers was added. The great storm of 1913 destroyed the spire and twisted the church building causing the congregation

to meet in the annex. On Easter Sunday evening in 1922, the last meeting was held in the old building as plans were under way for the present church building to be built.

The new church was known as the Trinity Methodist Church with the ground breaking on July 1, 1922 and the laying of the corner stone on October 22, 1922. Bishop Theodore Henderson conducted dedication services on November 25, 1923. This church had a seating capacity of 350.

In 1941, the Ladies Aid Society was renamed the Women's Society of Christian Services. In 1957, a two-story educational wing, a new parsonage, and a chapel with seating for 100 were added. Once again, in 1960, the Society received a new name and now became the United Methodist Women.

The present Trinity Methodist Church and the St. Clair River Drive Church of Christ in Algonac were both designed by Emily Butterfield. She was the first woman architect licensed by the State of Michigan. She was born in Algonac on August 4, 1884 and died in Algonac on March 22, 1958.

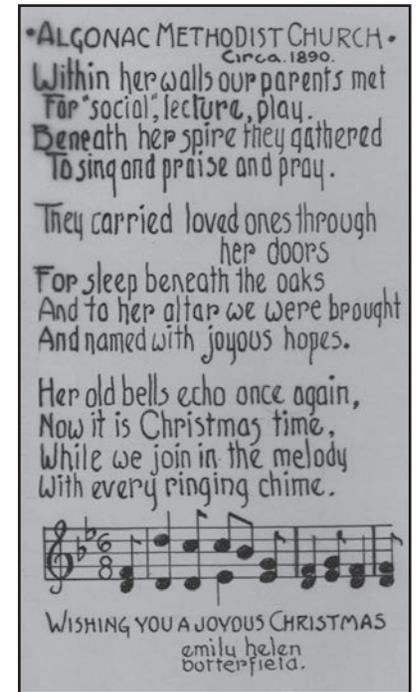
An interesting and amusing fact about the building of the first church:

John W. Cartwright was in New York and bought a bell for the church and had it sent to Algonac. It arrived on May 6, 1829 and was not here very long, before the Indian boys took it. The residents looked for the bell everywhere, but could not find it. A pack peddler came to Algonac to Shih's new store and relayed to them that Captain Newport had told him the Indians had been ringing a bell all day and night for several days along the shore of the Mud River. Several men went to Newport (now called Marine City) and recovered the bell. Since then the Mud River has been called Belle River! 🍀

Editor's Correction: In the September edition of ThumbPrint News, the article "The History of the Algonac Waterfront" submitted by Joe Nugent for the Algonac/Clay Historical Society stated that the "tall flagpole is all that is left of Gar Wood's estate." Joe has informed us that this is not correct and instead that Gar Wood's home was moved to 1712 St. Clair River Drive in Algonac. He says that not much of it can be seen, as it is surrounded now by hedges.



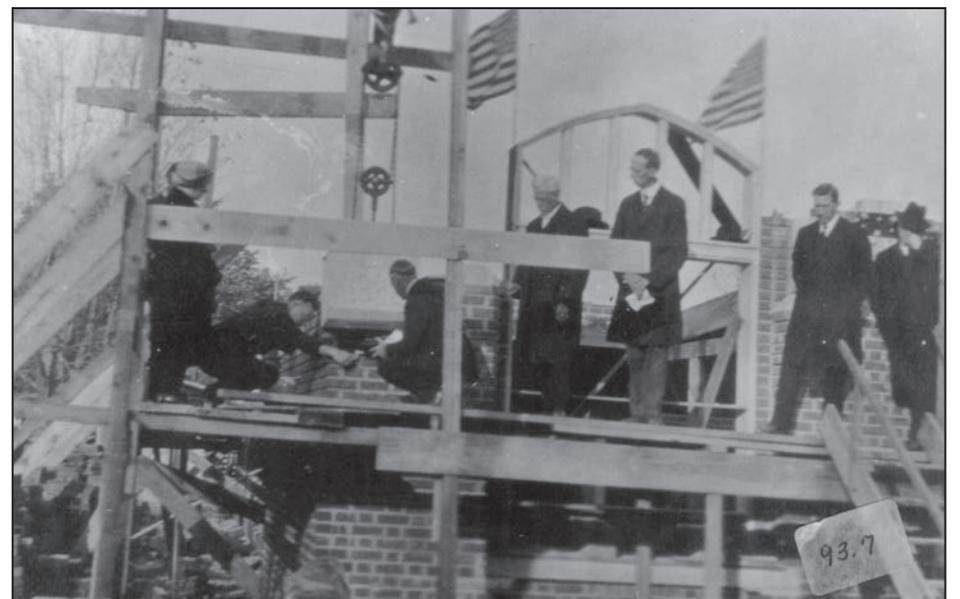
Algonac Methodist Church circa 1890



Algonac Methodist Church poem circa 1890



Trinity Methodist Church



Trinity Methodist Church, dedicated in 1923 at the corner of Smith & Washington Streets, was designed by Algonac native Emily Butterfield.



By Keith Kodet
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Editor's Note: In this section we encourage readers to write in or to email their automotive questions for our resident automobile expert to answer. Keith Kodet is a self-proclaimed car nut, who has worked for many years as a mechanic. Keith also is an avid collector of vintage and specialty automobiles and has owned over 200 different cars to date. Please email your questions to thumbprintnews@comcast.net and put "Ask the Greasy Thumb" in the subject line or mail your questions to: ThumbPrint News, 8061 Marsh Road, Clay Township, MI 48001.

Mechanics, Gear heads and car enthusiasts have much in common. One of those things is the risk involved with working with metal and tools.

Even the most careful individual may find they occasionally injure themselves while working in the garage. Here are two great questions about garage first aid and safety.

Dear Greasy Thumb:

I have found that common store-bought bandages tend to fall off when working with grease or if I sweat. Is there a kind that will stick better for a banged up guy like me?

Busted Knuckles in Birmingham

Dear Busted Knuckles,

I have found the more expensive cloth-type bandages tend to stick best when they are needed on fingers and joints. However they tend to let oil and fluids through. It is best to cover a cloth-type bandage with some sort of barrier like a piece of latex glove or plastic. Years ago when I took an automotive first aid course, I learned that common electrical tape can be used as a bandage in a pinch. The glue used in that tape is very similar to medical tape glue. Of course, you should change it out for a proper bandage as soon as possible. However, never use duct tape or masking tape as a bandage. They contain toxins that can cause infection if brought into contact with broken skin.

Dear Greasy Thumb:

My daughter wants to take a welding course at her school and I've heard it is easy to cause eye and skin damage while welding.

Should I let her take this class?

Perplexed in Lexington

Dear Perplexed,

As a father myself, I see your concerns. However, I feel it is best to let children experience anything they wish, as long as it is done safely and with proper instruction. Taking a welding course through school is an excellent way to learn that great skill in a controlled environment. Her teacher will teach her about proper eye and skin protection which indeed are the most important aspects of welding safely. If she is required, or given the opportunity to purchase her own protective gear, buy a high-quality professional grade welding mask. There are many low-quality, cheaply priced masks on the market that can cause great harm. I personally learned this the hard way years ago when a self-darkening mask started failing during a big welding job. Although no permanent damage was done, I saw spots for several days and was super sensitive to sunlight for a week!

Also, make sure she learns the importance of covering exposed skin while welding. Exposed skin can not only get burned from welding splatter, but can also get sunburned from the intense heat and light welding creates.

Properly trained and dressed for the job, your daughter will have a great time learning this new skill with reasonable safety. And, it may even turn into a lucrative, long-term career for her!



Melanie Duquesnel

Don't Be Taken for a Ride by an Auto Repair Scam

What do you do when your windshield wipers stop working, your left taillight burns out or your brakes give out? Some may opt to fix the problem themselves, but many turn to the services and handiwork of auto repairmen. While most auto repairmen are honest and forthcoming, consumers need to watch out for those that are trying to make a quick buck. Do your research before turning your car over to an auto repair service.

When your vehicle needs repairs, you don't need a crash course in auto mechanics, but you should know how to find a reliable shop and mechanic. It's important for consumers to be on the lookout for scams like overcharging on repairs, charging for labor that was never performed, and performing shoddy work. In 2010, BBB received a whopping 12,682 complaints against auto repair mechanics nationally and this year alone, BBB has already received nearly 11,000 complaints.

"Often consumers realize that they may have been scammed, but they don't have proof," said Patrick Bennett, BBB Director of Community Relations. "That is why it is extremely important to get all estimates for parts and labor in writing before authorizing any repairs."

BBB recommends the following tips to consider before turning over your car to an auto repair service:

Get at least three referrals. If you are looking for a qualified mechanic, ask friends, family and co-workers for recommendations. Be sure to check the business with www.bbb.org to see if there have been any complaints filed against the business. Look for shops that display certification. For major work, such as brakes, transmission or engine repair, you need to find a shop employing a specialist.

Ask as many questions as you need. Don't be embarrassed to request technical definitions. Don't rush the technician into making an on-the-spot diagnosis of the problem. Ask to be called and informed of the problem, course of action, and cost of work before any work begins.

Get everything in writing. Before authorizing repairs, get a written estimate for parts and labor. Tell the shop to get your permission before making additional repairs. Ensure you receive notification by having the service manager write a request on the bottom of the repair order. Give phone numbers where you can be reached and before you leave. Be sure to understand all shop policies regarding labor rates, guarantees, and acceptable methods of payment.

Do a walk through with your mechanic. When you pick up your vehicle, get an explanation of all work completed and get all guarantees in writing. Ask that any major new parts that have been installed be pointed out to you. Your repair bill should be itemized so if a problem occurs later, you can prove the item is covered by the guarantee.

For more consumer tips you can trust, visit <http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/bbb-news/>.

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

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THE WAR OF 1812

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Many of us have wonderful old photographs, letters, and other memorabilia that we have inherited. Often these bits and pieces of family history come to us with little or no identification. For me, that piques my curiosity sometimes to a point of obsessive exploration. Such is the case with one of my genealogical journeys into the past.

You might imagine how excited I was when I discovered not one, but two great, great-grandfathers who fought in the Civil War. Each engaged the Confederate Army in the Battle of the Wilderness and both are now at rest less than 50 miles apart; one in St. Clair and the other in Memphis. Yet, neither ever knew each other.

But, that's not the focus of my story. In fact, I've already told that one. What preoccupied me after the discovery was a simple notation found in a note during the original search that indicated I should continue my ancestral trek back a few of generations. The single line memorandum suggested that I had relatives who fought in the War of 1812.

Sure enough, as I learned, my great, great, great, great-grandfather, Joseph Montney Jr., and his brother John fought for the Americans against the British Empire from a base in New York. One is now buried in New York and the other in Memphis, Michigan.

However, although the focus of my story narrows, it is no longer about my family. My search only made me more aware of the impact the War of 1812 had on the Michigan Territory, especially that area we now know as the Blue Water Area.

As many are aware, the War of 1812 was a military conflict between the United States and the British Empire. We Americans declared war for numerous reasons, including a desire to expand our boundaries into the Northwest Territory. That early American propensity for economic and geographical growth had been hampered by the British support of the Indian tribes who were against the plans for expansion. The declaration of war was seen as the solution.

At first, the British used a defensive strategy that repelled several American invasions of the upper and lower provinces of Canada. However, in 1813 the Americans gained control over Lake Erie and seized portions of western Ontario, destroying the ambitions of an Indian confederacy under British sponsorship. At the same time, other battles were being waged in several

territories, including New York, Baltimore, New Orleans and in the Detroit area extending to the northeast along the St. Clair River to Lake Huron. Battles were fought on land and on water. British provincial vessels could be found on the Great Lakes and the St. Clair River, having entered through the Saint Lawrence River.

One headquarters for the American militia was located in a small blockhouse immediately south of what is now Marine City. It was the responsibility of the troops assigned there to patrol an area beginning at Lake St. Clair and extending north along the St. Clair River to Lake Huron.

Settlers on the banks of the St. Clair River found life along the water border unendurable and many suffered much during the two-year war. Entire families were targeted by the British because of the enlistment of older males in the families in the American army. As a result, they experienced vengeance from the Indian tribes who fought side-by-side with the British. There were stories of mothers and their small children hiding for weeks in the willow groves for fear of Indian retaliation.

In 1813, the Indian tribes of western Ontario came together in a great council on the St. Clair River. They concluded their gathering with a decision to capture and kill all American sympathizers on each bank of the river. There are horrific stories of numerous battles that occurred from old Fort Gratiot and Point Edward in Ontario to the military garrisons of Detroit, mostly on both sides of the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair. A number of those conflicts were fought near the British garrison at Pine River, which is now St. Clair.

There's so much more to this story, but allowable space will not permit it to be told. Additionally, I'm confident that there are others more capable than I of telling it. However, I wanted to share just a small portion of how a journey into genealogy can grow.

In my personal travels back in history, I found two brave ancestors whose enlistment in the American army helped qualify me for membership in the Society of the War of 1812. Along the way I also discovered a number of family members who were Canadians loyal to the British cause during the same war. But, maybe more importantly, as I travel throughout the Blue Water Area I now have a new and different historic perspective on the place I call home.

Now, where's that reference to the great, great, great, great-grandfather that fought in the Revolutionary War? Oh, well, possibly that's a story for another time. 🌱

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

*A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind,
and touches a heart.*

~Author Unknown

By Ralph McKinch

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

On October 5, 1994, the first United Nations' World Teacher's Day was held. This event commemorates the work of teachers and their



contributions to society. Teachers are recognized for the role they play in providing quality education at all levels. Each year since then, October 5 is set aside world wide as a special day to honor persons who have chosen teaching as their career.

ThumbPrint News invites students and former students to send letters of appreciation to teachers who are or who have made a special or memorable contribution to their education. Young children can design their own "Happy Teachers' Day" cards to take to school on October 5.

We invited our readers to also send in their memories of a teacher who made a difference in their lives and we would print some of these letters in our future editions. This month we received a letter from Barbara D'Angelo Johnson of New Baltimore, Michigan. This is what she wrote:

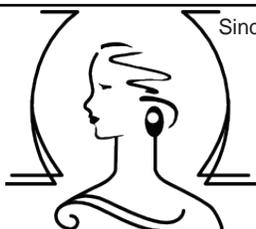
It was September of 1961 and I was a shy, skinny girl with little confidence just entering the 10th grade at Roseville High School, on Barkman Street in Roseville, Michigan. For some unimaginable reason I had elected to take Speech Class and I would have to give speeches in front of the whole class!

Fortunately, Mr. Sanford Smith was the speech teacher and he saw something in me that I was unaware was there – a passion for speech and debate. His kindness and guidance changed my life immeasurably.

I went on to earn a letter in debate in high school and later in life my career entailed many instances of speaking in front of very large groups of people.

To this day I often think of him with fondness.

ThumbPrint News believes teachers need to be recognized all year long and will be happy to include other letters of recognition in future editions. Readers who may wish to recognize that special teacher may email their recollections to thumbprintnews@comcast.net or mail a copy to ThumbPrint News, 8061 Marsh Rd., Algonac, MI 48001. 🌱



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Combating the Stress of Elderly Care

By Grace Enderlein

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

It is stressful being a caregiver for an elderly parent or loved one, no matter how much you may love them. There is a significant amount of disruption to your life and schedule, as well as the worry and sorrow of watching one you love become more helpless. There are also feelings involved with elderly care including frustration, guilt, resentment and hopelessness. Feeling unappreciated for all of the work you do also contributes to anxiety. There are some ways to combat the stress of elderly care including getting help and support, maintaining your health, and staying organized about the patient's health and care.

Allowing yourself assistance and support is critical to managing stress when caring for someone. Hold a family meeting and include the patient to identify problems and solutions. Together you can plan the care of the patient and share responsibilities so that you do not try to do everything alone. Seek additional help from professionals, community resources, or support groups for any specific medical conditions such as Alzheimer's or cancer.

Maintaining your personal health is important in helping you deal with the stress of elderly care. Getting proper nutrition, rest, and exercise allows for your stable physical and mental health.

Neglecting your health problems will allow stress to catch up with you easily. You will not continue to be a strong caretaker if you put your needs last. This can lead to emotional exhaustion, depression, and illness. Understanding and communicating your feelings is also part of maintaining your health. There are fewer negative effects of stress for people who admit their feelings and express them.

It is important to stay organized and have awareness about the details of your loved ones care. You should be educated about legal matters, finances, support services, and have knowledge about the patient's medical condition. This helps the day to day process move along more smoothly, so that you do not become overwhelmed with logistics. In case of an emergency, a list of your loved one's doctors, hospital, pharmacy, and medications should be on hand to make an urgent situation less stressful.

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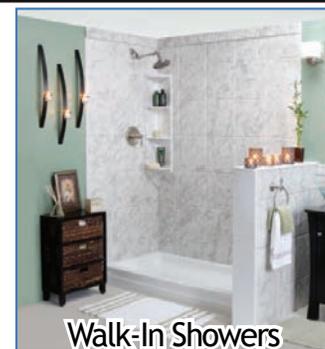
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The letters, while legible, are faded and brittle. Concerned that it will not be many more years before the letters disintegrate, she makes digital copies and begins transcribing their contents to share with family members.

Begun as a way to pass a long Michigan winter, the transcription project soon takes on a life of its own. Haviland and Smith family descendants enthusiastically embrace the project. An extended family reunion is organized in 2009, then a second in 2011. More letters surface, and family pictures and stories are shared in person and over the internet.

The transcription project was going well, but a nagging issue bothers Glaza-Herrington – the final resting place of each of the three men.

She easily locates LA's burial site in Wright Cemetery. Now maintained by Iosco Township officials, the cemetery is on land in Livingston County that was once part of the original Haviland family homestead. The one acre plot of ground, smaller than a square city block, was split from the original Haviland family farm in 1851.

Discharged as a result of the wound he suffered at Gaines Mill, LA lived a long and fruitful life after his Civil War service.



Edward J. Glaza, great-grandnephew of Deloss and responsible for the preservation of Deloss' letters.

He fathered eleven children, nine of whom survived to adulthood.

After his death in 1913, LA went home for good, his final resting place in Wright Cemetery. His grave is located on land his mother originally purchased from the federal government in 1837.

Locating the final resting place of Austin was more difficult and ultimately there is no definitive proof of his burial location. However, Glaza-Herrington concluded it is probably somewhere in Wright Cemetery, as did the Sons of the Union Veterans who erected a headstone in Austin's memory at Wright Cemetery in November of 2007. The Livingston County chapter, Camp No. 120, installed the headstone for Austin as part of the national organization's initiative to locate and mark the graves of men who fought in the Civil War.

However, after an exhaustive search of known records and data bases proved fruitless, Glaza-Herrington concluded that Deloss' final resting place after his death that dark day at Gaines' Mill in June of 1862 is lost to history.

Deloss may have been one of those unidentified soldiers who was ultimately buried in a shallow grave or in a mass grave at the battle site. However, the corpses of many unburied Union soldiers lay for months on the field where they fell, their bodies rotting in the heat of the warm, green Virginia spring, their bones licked clean and eventually dragged off by scavenging animals.

Not content to allow Deloss' sacrifice to go unmarked, in February of 2011, Glaza-Herrington and her husband Larry Herrington began the process of gathering information necessary to apply to the Department of Veterans Affairs Memorial Programs Service for a memorial headstone for Deloss. With the assistance of David Pederson of Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford, the application was approved in April and in early July 2011 the monument was delivered.

The bones of Deloss will never come



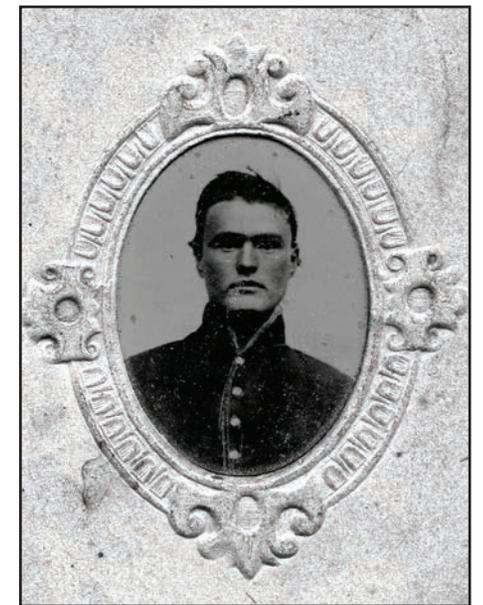
home to rest on the land his mother originally purchased from the federal government in 1837. They are lost forever.

However, a permanent monument to his sacrifice now resides there. A straight line runs from Deloss' marker to the marker of his brother, LA, and on to the marker of his friend and relative by marriage, Austin Smith. Separated by only a few dozen feet, markers for the three men, who were so close in life, are now linked forever both in place and family memory.

In a letter written August 15, 1861, Austin seems to express the sentiments of the three men best when he writes to his father:

"in my opinion we are going to have a serious time but we are not afraid of them there is hundreds and thousands of men that will stand by the old flag till death shall tear them from it and I am Proud to say that I am one of them. . .

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we shall meet again in peace with the thought that we have not lived for naught.”

In June of 2012, near the 150th anniversary of Deloss' death, the Jackson, Michigan Austin Blair Camp 7 and the Livingston County chapter, Camp No. 120 of the Sons of Union Veterans, in conjunction with family members, will hold a formal ceremony for Deloss. *Dear Brother and Sister*, the published letters of LA Haviland, Deloss Haviland, and Austin

Smith will also be completed and available to friends and family members by the time of the dedication.

Glaza-Herrington is delighted that the SUV are planning a formal dedication for next June. But for now, she is content because “Deloss has a much deserved permanent monument to his sacrifice. All three men suffered much. Two gave their all. All three deserve to be remembered and honored.”

Magical Apples

By Renae Hardy
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Among the variety of fruit we enjoy consuming, the mighty apple is a nutritional power-house. Apples are rich in antioxidant phyto-nutrients including quercetin, epicatechin and procyanidin B2, assisting in the fight against free radicals. Additionally, apples contain a good quantity of beta-carotene, sources of B-complex vitamins, Vitamin C, small amounts of minerals, such as potassium, phosphorous and calcium, plus dietary fiber. Apples also contain water-soluble fiber, such as pectin, which aids in preventing atherosclerosis and heart disease, as well as insoluble fiber which provides helpful bulk in the intestinal track contributing to the quick movement of food through the digestive system. Apple peels hold their own healthy contribution, ursolic acid, for the building of muscles.

Exploring the apple beyond its health



When cut across the apple's "equator" (stalk at the top), there are five pips inside, contained within a five-pointed star or pentagram.

benefits is quite interesting. The mythical Isle of Avalon (meaning orchard – from afael, the old Welsh word for apple) is the resting place of Celtic kings and heroes. It is believed it was among the places where King Arthur is meant to wait until he is needed to rise once more to protect his people. For Celtic people, the apple tree symbolized the World Tree, the axis of the Universe. They considered the apple the most magical of fruits, a fruit of immortality and prophecy. During Samhuin, or Halloween (the time of the apple harvest), it played a large part in ceremonies, celebrations and divinatory practices.

Within the apple itself lies a well recognized and magical symbol. When cut across the apple's "equator" (stalk at the top), there are five pips inside, contained within a five-pointed star or pentagram.



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Symbolically, the apple's characteristics are many. Its reference in the biblical story of Adam and Eve later gave the apple credit for being the fruit of sexual awakening. Its spherical shape is considered a symbol of eternity. Magical apples presenting both good and evil intentions can be found in numerous stories shared all over the world. Apples that confer immortality are plucked from mythical trees and offered as gifts to the Gods, while others are filled with poison and passed by wicked witches to unsuspecting innocents. Apples are temptuously delicious.

How will you welcome the apple harvest?

Whether you casually enjoy snacking on a nutritious apple, go bobbing for them at a Halloween party, bake with them or decorate with them, whatever you do to celebrate . . . don't forget the magic!

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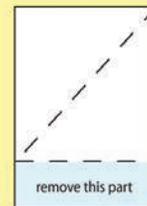
By Louise Allen
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

October 9 through 15 is Fire Prevention Week. Sparky the Fire Dog, the official mascot of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), celebrated his 60th birthday this year, and is still helping people to protect their families from fire. Sparky has a special checklist for you to do with the help of an adult that will let you be a Fire Safety Inspector for possible fire risks in your home. Once you have completed it, you can also have fun creating a special origami Sparky dog!

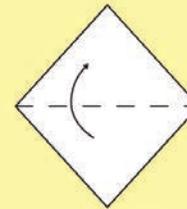


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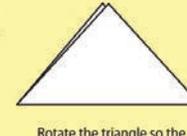
How To Fold An Origami Dog!



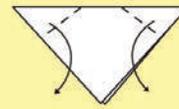
You'll need a square piece of paper. If you don't have origami paper, you can make a square from a rectangle. Fold on the dotted lines, and cut away the extra.



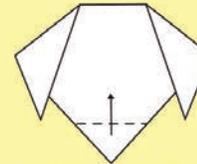
Fold your square in half diagonally.



Rotate the triangle so the longest edge is at the top.



Fold the top points down on the dotted lines to make ears.



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If the item on your list is **SAFE**, color the circle next to it **GREEN**.

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If any of your circles are **YELLOW** or **RED**, ask a grown-up to make it safe.

Parent Signature: _____

Halloween Crossword Puzzle for Kids

This is a fun puzzle for children who can read to do by themselves, or for an adult to help a younger child solve. Happy Halloween!

Across:

1. People can dress up as vampires, mummies, goblins or other _____.
3. People sometime try to contact dead loved ones by holding a _____.
4. Get a sword, a hook, and an eye patch and you can be a _____.
6. Sometimes it's scary to visit a _____ house on Halloween.
8. Charlie Brown's friend _____ is a believer in the Great Pumpkin.
9. The Irish carved turnips before coming to America and discovering _____.
10. A _____ is often shown as being very ugly, with green skin and warts.
12. A good _____ can be scary enough, even without a costume.
15. You can buy makeup and fake _____ at many stores.
17. A _____ is a feline often associated with witches and Halloween.

Down:

2. Some _____ can be funny instead of scary.
3. Another name for ghosts or those who have left their bodies is _____.
4. If you're invited to a Halloween _____, be sure to wear a costume.
5. If your costume is just a pile of bones you might be a _____.
7. _____ is another name for a trick.
9. The fun part of Halloween is getting to _____ that you are someone else.
11. The preferred sleeping place for a vampire is a _____.
13. For a simple costume, wear a white sheet and be a _____.
14. If you go trick-or-treating, it's a good idea to bring a _____ and an adult with you.
16. For children, the best part of Halloween is collecting _____.



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Ask the Audiologist

By Lisa Bont

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

In this new school year, our children are being immersed in learning new concepts. This brings to mind some information I'd like to share. Recently, I had the opportunity to work with a very young school age child and his parents regarding his hearing. As parents, grandparents or teachers, we work with our children on a regular basis and may be privy to their auditory behaviors. Some children struggle to pay attention, seem to not listen, simply act out or have delayed speech and language development. It can be difficult to determine the cause of their behavior.

Auditory input is key for development in speech and language, and in social and emotional maturation. A child with even a mild hearing loss can suffer setbacks in their developmental progression. Speech and language development in particular will often lead parents or teachers to make a recommendation for a hearing screening. It is in the child's best interest to catch this early and to get them intervention to assist them early on.

As the infant matures, they may still exhibit normal babbling behaviors even though hearing loss is present. As I said, speech and language development is often one of the first signs of hearing issues, yet the child that appears to be babbling at a normal developmental age but is not responding to the parent's voice or other environmental sounds may need to be checked by their pediatrician. Watch for behaviors such as a child who is not jumping when a door slams, a plate drops to the floor or the dog barks. These examples of sounds should elicit some type of a response from the child.

A child that covers their ears when the vacuum is turned on, or cries during a fireworks display, is displaying a strong response to simple environmental sounds and obviously does not have a hearing loss. They may be responding in that manner because the sound they are hearing is truly uncomfortable. Discomfort, however, is not always due to a harmful level of sound and you may want to monitor the child with these behaviors. When choosing a toy that has sound, choose one that has a comfortable sound level. Toys that are loud can be modified by taping the speakers or reducing the volume control if available. A simple listening check by you can determine if the toy is too loud. If the level is uncomfortable for you, it is most likely going to be uncomfortable for a child.

Children may lack the cognitive maturity to be aware that they have a hearing

problem. It is important that the adults in a child's social circle seek a professional opinion from their pediatrician, ENT, Audiologist, teacher or a team of approach. Don't panic until a child has been evaluated by any of these professionals and a proper diagnosis has been reached!

A recent study showed that one percent of children in first grade have a hearing loss. By the time they reach teenage years, that percentage of hearing loss jumps to 20 percent! This is due to the fact that children have had repeated exposures to intense levels of sound from their toys, or listening to their MP3 players at high volume levels, or loud events such as monster truck rallies. Many have gone undiagnosed with middle ear infections that over time can lead to permanent hearing loss.

Teens who listen to their MP3 players at a high volume for hours on end, especially when using earbuds, are highly likely to have damage. Ear buds that are inserted into the ear canals are delivering a higher level of sound than those that would sit over the top of their ears. The sound

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tell them to turn it down. You should not be able to hear their music. Visit www.loudenough.com for a safe alternative to traditional ear buds.

A somewhat controversial but now validated subject is secondhand smoke causing hearing loss as well. As many as 60% of U.S. children are exposed to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke has been tied to low birth weight, respiratory infections, behavioral problems and middle ear infections. The recurrent middle ear infection can impact auditory development and thus result in a sensorineural or permanent hearing loss. The second hand smoke that teens were exposed to showed up in their blood by higher levels of a substance called cotinine (a byproduct of nicotine exposure). Cumulative cotinine levels resulted in both greater low and high frequency hearing loss!

We need to protect our children from all sorts of harm, but when it comes to their hearing, we need to be vigilant in watching for the signs of early hearing loss and diligent in having their hearing screened and/or tested at all ages. Remember, not all behavioral issues are related to hearing loss. Seek professional help. When you have a concern, Ask the Audiologist. 🍀



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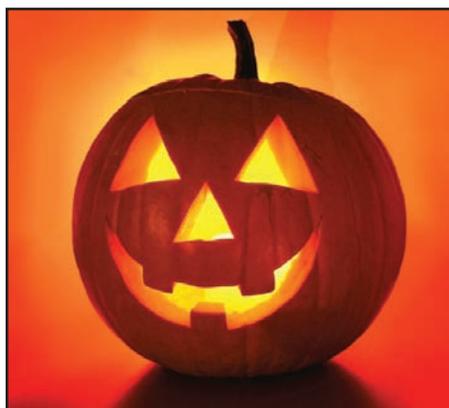
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by the Algonac Baptist Church. The cost for parking is a \$5 per vehicle donation, which will go to the church. A shuttle will transport visitors to and from Foxfire Farm and the Night Filled with Pumpkin Light. For those families looking to do something different this Halloween, the Night Filled with Pumpkin Light in Clay Township is the one event they don't want to overlook. It is sure to become a yearly tradition.

This year, Foxfire Farm will be holding their annual Fall Festival also on October 21, 22 and 23, beginning at noon on each day and continuing into the evening hours. Activities will include games, rides, food, entertainment and fun activities for everyone in the whole family to enjoy.

Foxfire Farm Country Store will also have extended hours until 10:00 p.m. each night with fabulous sales on everything in the store, including holiday décor, gift items, pet supplies, floral arrangements, gourmet foods and more! Tickets must be purchased for games, rides and food. After October 15, 2011 a detailed description with the price of the games, rides, food, entertainment and other activities will



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and ask to be placed on the weekly newsletter list for Foxfire Farm, all details, pricing, updates, etc. will be sent to you just as soon as they become available. Parking for the Fall Festival will also be at 8567 Marsh Road in Clay Township for a donation of \$5 (as outlined above for the Night Filled With Pumpkin Light). A shuttle will bring you to and from Foxfire Farm Country Store. 🍀



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The lighting of the pumpkins begins at dusk!

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Scarefest runs from mid-September through Halloween (see their ad on page 24). Here is your chance to get scared and to alleviate some of the fear for the needy people who benefit from these worthwhile charities.

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Trick-or-Teeth

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Trick-or-treating when my own children were small meant to them dressing up in homemade costumes, wearing possibly some of Mom's makeup, getting ready to go out in the dark with a flashlight, a small orange plastic pumpkin with a handle for the goodies and absolutely having an adult to accompany them.

The Halloween haunt was usually just the street we lived on with neighbors that we knew. Each stop would be time for the adults to catch up for a moment on what was happening in our lives before moving on to the next house. There was candy given, of course, as part of the rewards, but in addition they received apples, oranges, pennies or cookies as well.

By the time the children reached the age of twelve or so, they no longer did the trick-or-treating, but instead stayed home to help hand out candy with whichever adult had volunteered for that duty.

Today, it is so different. Many of the costumes come straight out of a Halloween store that sets up shop in a strip mall a month or so before Halloween and then tears down the day after. The costume has to be the scariest, bloodiest possible and purchasing one will set back an adult as much as a week's worth of groceries.

The adults still accompany the kids, but they drive down streets that aren't even necessarily in their own neighborhoods. The criteria is that houses need to be as close together as possible so that the kids can run as fast as they can from one house to another, barely stopping long enough to get out a "thank you." And plastic pumpkins – no way! They are much too small to hold all of the loot the kids are hoping to garner. A large pillowcase works so much better. And if you are the person loading the loot into the pillowcase, don't even dare drop in anything other than candy or there just might be retaliation later that night.

Lastly, some of those ten and twelve year olds must be walking on stilts as they are tall enough (or is it old enough) to be playing high school basketball!

All kidding aside, it is lucky that trick-or-treating only comes once a year or a family's dental bills would probably be much higher. If you are concerned about all of the sugary sweet confections that are bathing your child's teeth in cavity causing agents, the Academy of General Dentistry



has some helpful tips on what the worst (and best) sweets are for the teeth.

Worst treats:

- ✧ Sticky sweets that we sometimes think of as healthy, such as fruit snacks and fruit leather, adhere to teeth so much so that they are practically impossible to get off without a good brushing and flossing. Caramels would be in this same category. The sugar in these candies feed the bacteria that cause tooth decay until it is removed from the teeth by brushing.
- ✧ Sour candies, although we don't consider them to be sweet, are bad for another reason: they are high in acid which erodes tooth enamel. Brushing right away actually is worse, as the acid gets scrubbed into the teeth. It is recommended that after consuming sour candy to drink plain water or milk to neutralize the acid. Then brush the teeth about a half-hour later.
- ✧ Hard candies and lollipops keep sugar in the mouth the longest.

Best treats:

- ✧ Chocolate provides antioxidants called tannins, which may help prevent tooth decay. Of course it also contains sugar, so brushing the teeth as soon as possible after consuming is recommended.
- ✧ Powdered candy dissolves quickly and can actually just be poured on the tongue, keeping sugar contact with the teeth to a minimum.
- ✧ Sugar-free gum is actually good for the teeth as it contains xylitol, a substance that helps to prevent tooth decay.

One suggestion to eliminate having too many of the sweet treats around after Halloween is over is to offer to buy back the candy from your children for a few dollars, which they will then be able to use to purchase a toy, a new book, or something else they may want to have. That will certainly contribute to savings on the overall dental bills! 🍀

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TIPS FOR MAKING JACK-O-LANTERNS LAST LONGER

Carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns has always been a favorite Halloween tradition. In recent years, many people put extra time and effort into carving intricate designs into their pumpkins, using specialized tools and patterns.

Before a pumpkin is carved, the intact skin helps to protect it. However, once it is carved, the pumpkin almost immediately starts decomposing. Various organisms, such as bacteria, molds, fungi and protozoans, and insects can enter inside easily and help to start break the pumpkin's flesh down. Oxygen in the air also contributes to this process. Simple dehydration can also cause the pumpkin to begin to shrivel.

Losing that great work of art before Halloween is disheartening to the artist. Here are some tips that may help preserve your pumpkins or jack-o-lanterns a bit longer.

- 🎃 Wait until less than a week before Halloween to carve the pumpkin – even less if the weeks before are high in heat and humidity.
- 🎃 Make a bleach solution of one tablespoon of bleach per quart of water. Before starting to carve, wipe down the surface of the pumpkin with a damp cloth dipped in the bleach solution. After carving, put the solution in a spray bottle and spray the inside and all cut areas. This will kill much of the surface bacteria and mold that cause rotting.
- 🎃 Avoid intricate designs as the more cuts that are made and the closer they are together allow the pumpkin to break down faster.



- 🎃 Move the pumpkin to a shaded location during the day, as the sun can dry it out quickly.
 - 🎃 If the pumpkin or jack-o-lantern will fit into a spare refrigerator in the daytime, the perfect conditions will be provided for it to last longer.
 - 🎃 Immediately after carving, rub petroleum jelly on all the cut edges and inside of the jack-o-lantern. This seals in natural moisture and slows the drying out process.
 - 🎃 If night time temperatures are at freezing or below, do not leave the pumpkin or jack-o-lantern outside.
 - 🎃 Mist the inside of the carved jack-o-lantern once a day with water to hydrate it.
 - 🎃 When using a lit candle inside the jack-o-lantern, leave a vent hole in the top. This allows the heat to escape and prevents damaging the inside, which speeds up deterioration.
- By following some of the hints above, you may be able to ensure that your jack-o-lantern lasts until the very last trick-or-treater leaves your front porch for the night and the lights are turned off. 🍂

A Taste of Oktoberfest

By Diane L. Kodet

ThumbPrint News Editor

Every year in Munich, Bavaria, Germany, for sixteen days from late September until early October, the world's largest fair is held. It is called Oktoberfest. Last year, over six million people attended.

Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture. The first celebration occurred in Munich on October 18, 1810, as part of the celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig (later King Ludwig I) and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. The next year no celebration was held because of Bavaria's involvement in the Napoleonic war.

By 1816, however, the festival was in full swing once again, with carnival booths giving out prizes of silver, porcelain and jewelry. In 1819 Munich became the principal city responsible for the festival and sanctioned it as an annual event. Since then the festival has been cancelled 24 times due to war, disease and other emergencies, but otherwise continues to draw huge crowds every year.

Some of the traditional aspects of Oktoberfest include a parade with people dressed in traditional costumes, consumption of large amounts of traditional foods by the residents and visitors alike, and, of course, plenty of beer drinking.

In fact, since 1950, there has been a traditional festival opening of a twelve gun salute as the first keg of Oktoberfest beer is tapped precisely at 12:00 p.m. by the incumbent Mayor of Munich. The cry of "O'zapft is!" ("It's tapped!") signifies the official beginnings of the festival.

In Michigan and in other states, communities with a large German population will often hold their own versions of Oktoberfest. For those of you who may not have the opportunity to partake this year, we are providing you with some authentic German recipes for you to create your own Oktoberfest for family and friends. Just be sure to accompany with copious amounts of your favorite amber colored refreshment! 🍷



Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, is the world's largest fair.

Schweinsbraten (German Pork Roast)

Ingredients:

- 1 pork shoulder with rind enough to feed 8 to 10 people)
- Salt and pepper
- 2 medium sized onions, with the skins left on
- 3 garlic cloves
- 2 teaspoons of caraway seeds
- 1 bottle of dark beer (optional)



Directions:

Wash the meat thoroughly, dry and season with salt and pepper. Rub the salt and pepper well into the meat. Score the pork rind with a sharp knife.

Pour water in a roasting tray to a depth of one inch. Then place the meat, rind down, into the roasting tray. Slice two medium onions (with the skin on) into ¼ inch thick rings. Slice three garlic cloves and place over the meat. Sprinkle two teaspoons of caraway seeds over the meat.

Place in a preheated oven at 375° for half an hour. Then turn the meat over, rind facing up, and baste. Baste with only a little of the juice at a time, but baste often.

Turn oven down to 325° and cook for another hour and a half. Near the end of the cooking time brush the crispy rind with cold dark beer or cold water. When meat is done, remove from pan and let sit for 15 minutes before slicing.

Serve with clear, brown sauce that is left in the pan. Do not thicken with flour or cornstarch!

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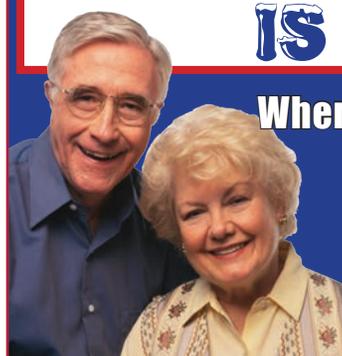
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 1 tablespoon of sugar
 2 bay leaves
 Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat the lard or oil over a medium flame in a large pot. Add the onions and sauté until translucent, or for 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the cabbage in batches, stirring each addition until it wilts and begins to cook down.

Stir in the vinegar and then add the remaining ingredients. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the cabbage is tender. Adjust seasoning and serve. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Reiberdatschi (Potato Pancakes)



Ingredients:

3 large waxy potatoes
 2 egg yolks
 Salt and pepper
 Freshly grated nutmeg
 2 teaspoons of oil

Directions:

Wash and peel the potatoes and grate finely. Squeeze the grated potato with your hands to remove the excess water and starch. Place in a bowl and then mix with the egg yolks. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Heat a little oil in a pan. Take spoonfuls of the mixture and place in the pan and flatten with the back of a spoon to make little pancakes of about 3-4 inches in circumference. Brown the underneath for about 2 minutes until golden brown, turn over and repeat on the other side. Remove the pancakes and drain on paper towel to remove any excess oil. Make the remaining pancakes. Makes approximately 8-10 pancakes, depending on the size.

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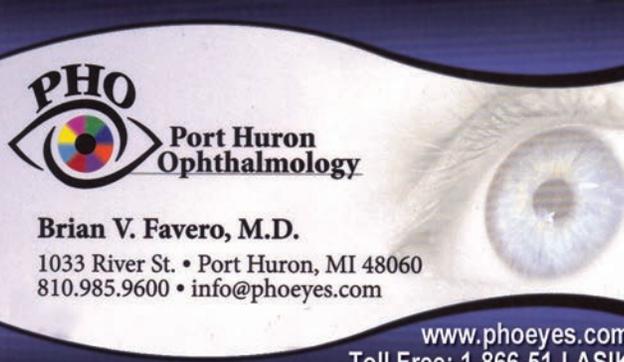
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Thumb Area Activities & Events for October 2011

If you have an event in November that you would like listed in the November issue of *ThumbPrint News*, please email it to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net by October 12, 2011. 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

Flint – October 2

ASL Film: *Versa Effect*, Michigan School for the Deaf, 1667 Miller Rd., 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$11. Net proceeds benefit MSDAA. Contact aslmorrison@yahoo.com or visit www.aslfilms.com.

Huron

Port Austin – October 1, 8 & 15

Farmer's Market, downtown area, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is one of the largest farmer's markets in Michigan. There are over 100 vendors weekly featuring fresh produce, flowers, nursery items, baked goods, maple syrup, honey, fish, eggs, arts, crafts and collectibles. Free horse-drawn wagon rides around the village, entertainment and special events. For more information call (989) 738-7600 or visit www.portaustinfarmersmarket.com.

LaPeer

Dryden – October 2

Country Style Breakfast, St. Cornelius Church, 3834 North Mill St., 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes and something new for this month. Adults \$6, kids 4-10 \$4. The event is sponsored by The Women of St. Cornelius. For more information call (810) 724-0639.

Almont – October 8

Euchre Night, Almont Lions, 222 Water St., doors open at 6:00 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. There will be two sets of five games each with a break in between. Refreshments and lunch will be served during the break. Generous prizes are awarded to the top three points holders. There will be a \$15 donation at the door.

If a player brings a first time player they both play for \$10. For more information call Don at (810) 798-9609.

Dryden – October 9

Annual Fall Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner, St. Cornelius Church, 3834 North Mill St., 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, homemade desserts, new children's menu: all you can eat pizza and apple sauce. Adults \$10, 11-15 \$7, 4-10 \$5, 3 and under free. Lots of fun for everyone – raffles, country store, religious articles, crafts and games. All raffles are at 4:30 p.m. Need not be present to win. The event is sponsored by The Women of St. Cornelius. Call (810) 796-2926 for more information.

Macomb

Mt. Clemens – October 1

Funeral Tea and Cemetery Walk, Crocker House Museum, 15 Union St. For more information visit www.crockerhousemuseum.com.

Chesterfield – October 6

A Little Bit of History, Chesterfield Township Library, 50560 Patricia Ave, 6:30 p.m. Award-winning historian Rich Gonyeau will give a presentation on the history of New Baltimore, Chesterfield and immediate environs. The event is free. For more information call (586) 948-0604.

Richmond – October 7

Medicine in the 1800s, Richmond Community Center, Beebe St. Park, 7:00 p.m. This free event is sponsored by the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society and is open to the public. Dr. Patrick McClellan, a retired Richmond physician, will discuss the 19th century health care system, focusing on the involvement of federal and local government. For more information call (586) 727-7773.

Harrison Twp. – October 8

Charity Texas Hold-em Tournament, Huron Pointe Yacht Club, 32800 S. River Rd., registration will start at noon and the tournament begins at 1:00 p.m. Event is limited to the first 100 entrants. Advance registration with a non-refundable payment of \$40 is being accepted. Cash bar, hot dogs and light food will be

available. Proceeds will support ABYA's charities and safe/clean boating programs, with 50% of profits being paid out in prizes. Contact Rick Watros at (248) 892-9032 for more information or to reserve a space.

Mt. Clemens – October 8

18th Annual Historic Homes Tour, Anton Art Center, 125 Macomb Place, tours begin at 9:00 a.m. and run every 20 minutes through 2:00 p.m. For more information call (586) 465-1438 or visit www.mtcleemshistoricalcommission.org.

Fraser – October 12

20th Annual Fundraiser for the Fraser Historical Commission, "A Tribute to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin", Vintage House, 31816 Utica Rd., doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the Fraser Museum and tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Purchase tickets at the Fraser Public Library or call Betty at (586) 293-8753 or Marilyn at (586) 293-7477.

Clinton Township – October 13-16

Used Book Sale, Clinton-Macomb Public Library, 40900 Romeo Plank Road. One of the biggest sales of its kind in Macomb County, it will be open from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Members. The public may shop on Thursday from noon-8:00 p.m. or on Friday or Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. On Sunday, from 1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m., shoppers can purchase a bag of books for just \$5. For more information contact Jamie at (586) 226-5013.

New Baltimore – October 15 & 16

Annual Pink Games, Anchor Bay Middle School North, 52805 Ashley St., 1:00 p.m. for JV and 3:00 p.m. for Varsity on October 15. For the ESFL League, it will be Freshman at 11:00 a.m., JV at 1:00 p.m. and Varsity at 3:00 p.m. on October 16. Proceeds go towards supporting Deanna Wilson, from Chesterfield, a breast cancer survivor, to participate in the Susan G. Komen walk on August 17-19, 2012. For more information contact Kim at (586) 419-7124.

Chesterfield – October 22

Celtic Connections, Radiant Beings, 25962 Knollwood S., 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Free lecture, free raffles, high tea and more!

For more information, call (586) 949-0112 or (586) 489-8611.

New Baltimore – October 23

Farmer's Market, downtown area, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fresh local produce, baked goods, pasta and sauces, soaps and lotions, jams and jellies, farm fresh eggs, Michigan maple syrup, plants, herbs, fresh cut flowers, artisans, food, entertainment and more! For more information visit www.ridethewavenb.com.

Oakland

Clarkston – October 8

Fall into Quilts, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd., 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The quilt show is sponsored by Town Hall Quilt Guild. In addition to a display of quilts, there will be quilt related vendors on the premises, door prizes and a quilt raffle. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call Barb at (248) 922-3115.

St. Clair

East China – October 5

Vision Support Group, St. John River District Hospital, 4100 River Rd., 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call Paul Dailer at (810) 329-5172 for more information.

Port Huron – October 5

The Port Huron Musicales presents Rachael Miller-Zelinko, Soprano, in Concert, Salvation Army Citadel, 2000 Court St., 1:00 p.m. Rachel is the 2011 Michigan Federation of Music Clubs State High School Voice Award Winner. The concert is open to the public and all are welcome. A free will contribution is gratefully accepted. If you would like to join us for a catered lunch at noon, please call Marge at (810) 765-9500 or Mary Jo at (810) 329-5866 for reservations. Cost of the luncheon is \$9.

Marine City – October 11

Farmer's Market, on Parker and High Streets, next to the Marine City Library, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join your neighbors and enjoy the outdoors while shopping for a vast variety of locally grown and produced foods, such as vegetables, fruits, artisan breads, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, maple syrup, relish and canned goods, pierogies, pasta and herbal



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Kimball – October 15

Art 'n Crafts Show, Marysville Knights of Columbus Council #9526 Ladies Auxiliary, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information call Charlotte at (810) 364-6547 or Judy at (810) 650-5419.

Lakeport – October 15

Friends of the Burtchville Township Library Book Sale, Burtchville Twp. Library, 7093 Second St., 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Choose from a large assortment of hardcover and paperback books. Proceeds support library programs and projects. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

Fair Haven – October 21

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

Casco Twp. – October 22

Market Place and Craft Show, Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 a.m. There will be crafts, a silent auction, a cookie bar, a bake sale, and lunch of hotdogs, soup, chili and pies by the piece. Event is sponsored by St. Peters Lutheran Church in Fair Haven. For more information and table rentals please call (810) 765-8161.

Port Huron – October 26

St. Clair County Family History Group, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. Julie Brown from the LDS Blue Water Family History Center will present "Getting to Know the Family History Center and What's New There." Guests and new members are welcome, including anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree. For more information call (810) 989-0399 or visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfgh/.

Port Huron – October 29

Fifth Annual "The Art of Being a Woman", Studio 1219, 1219 Military St., 7:00 p.m. Local firefighters will model the top brassiere-works-of-art that were submitted as part of a contest to raise funds to support the Studio and the Studio's Breast Health Awareness Fund (at the St. Clair County Community Foundation). For more information visit www.studio1219.com.

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Marlette – October 7 & 8

Fall Festival, St. Elizabeth Church, 6817 Marlette St., 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The parish will celebrate with the community with a big yard sale. Vendors will be on hand for sales on Saturday as well. A Teen Dance will be held in the parish hall for the community youth on Saturday, starting at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, a Hospitality Tent will be offered to the

public from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. with a live band, Gemini, performing for listening and dancing. Refreshments will be served starting at noon, and children's games will be conducted. For more information call (989) 635-7072.

Lexington – October 8

Traditional Music Coffeehouse Series, Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St., 7:00 p.m. This event is one in a fall/winter series, scheduled to run through March, on the second Saturday of each month. The setting is a 1960s style coffeehouse with "open mic" acoustic performances and refreshments available. Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring canned food donations for Project Blessing. For more information, call Dawn Malek at (586) 995-1974.

Sandusky – October 8

Thumb Dance Club, Sandusky Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome – bring finger foods and friends. Tonight's band will be The Natural Tones. Admission is \$4 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. Call (810) 657-9349 for more information.

Sandusky – October 22

Thumb Dance Club, Sandusky Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome – bring finger foods and friends. Tonight's band will be Melody Magic. Admission is \$4 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. Call (810) 657-9349 for more information.

Tuscola

Caro – October 5 – 9

31st Annual Pumpkin Festival, downtown area. The Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival is the premier fall festival in the Thumb of Michigan. The festival brings the beauty of fall to downtown Caro with painted and decorated pumpkins from area schools. The Festival is held within the City of Caro, and in conjunction with the Caro Chamber of Commerce. Our Famous Pumpkin Pies are made by the Caro Knights of Columbus, #3224. On Wednesday, October 5th, 2011, the festival will kick off with a tailgate party on the DDA lawn next to the Chamber of Commerce. Returning favorites are the euchre tournament, a free matinee at the Strand theatre, and the White Pumpkin 5k road race. The fun will continue this year with an appearance of nostalgic dragsters and funny cars on Saturday. The streets of downtown will be closed to host the annual car show and arts and crafts vendors along with a fine art display at the Schall School. Don't forget to take the entire family to see the third annual fireworks display at the Stamats Caro High School football field, on Saturday, October 8th. October 9th will be the rain date. To cap off the weekend, the Grand Parade is on Sunday, October 9th and traditionally features over 150 units. Visit www.tuscolapumpkinfest.com for a complete schedule and for more information.

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COLLECTING



VINTAGE and ANTIQUE FISHING LURES

By **Ralph McKinch**

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

The Thumb of Michigan has always been a fisherman's paradise with its great abundance of lakes, rivers and ponds. In fact, it has been said that one must travel no more than five miles at the most from any point in the Thumb to find a water source. Because fishing is such a popular sport, collecting vintage and antique fishing gear is also a popular hobby. One of the most collected items related to fishing is the antique or vintage fishing lure.



By definition, a fishing lure is an object attached to the end of a fishing line which is designed to resemble and move like the prey of a fish. It may have one, two or more hooks attached. The fish is attracted to the movement, vibration or color and, hopefully, will bite the hook allowing the fisherman to catch the fish.

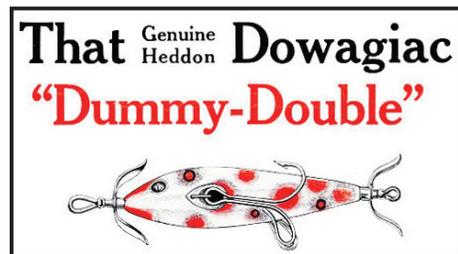
The earliest fishing lures were made from bone or bronze and most primitive fishermen used hand lines. However, as early as 2,000 B.C. the Chinese and Egyptians were using rods, hooks and lines. The lines were spun from fine silk and the earliest hooks were made from bronze.

Some of the early makers of fishing lures in the United States in the mid 1800s were Julio T. Buel of Whitehall, New York, who was granted five patents for various stamped metal "arrowhead" spinners and feathered "spoons", Thomas H. Bate, also of New York, who produced a number of metal Serpentine Spinners, and Riley Haskell of Ohio who created realistic lures resembling minnows from brass and copper. The latter's lures were so realistic looking that they even had details such as scales on the tiny metal fish.

James Heddon, who was originally a beekeeper, is credited with the invention of the first artificial fishing lures made

of wood in the late 1890s. These were shaped like frogs and were carved from broomsticks, with a bottle cap for a head. The story is often told that he came up with the idea for wooden lures when he threw a stick into a local lake and watched as a bass hit at it. However, in later years, James' son, Charles Heddon, recalled that his father had told stories about Charles' own father using wooden minnows that he himself had whittled back in the 1850s.

Up until the early 1900s, most fishing lures continued to be handmade by individual craftsmen. It was only after the turn of the century that lures began to be produced commercially. Regardless of how the first wooden lures came to be, the Heddon name became one of the most well-recognized names in the mass production of wooden lures, with the founding of the Heddon Company in 1902. These early lures were created by James and his son, William. Another son, Charles, was also involved in the family business. Interestingly enough, this was a Michigan based company.



When the Heddon family first began selling their lures commercially, they were all made by hand around the kitchen table at their home in Dowagiac, Michigan, which is located in Cass County, in the southwestern corner of the lower peninsula. They named the lures after their home town. The Dowagiac lures had sloped noses that were painted blue to contrast with the rest of the lure's white bodies and red aluminum collars. When James Heddon was asked in later years about his choice of red, white and blue for the lure's colors, this is what he had to say:

I wanted it to be the color of the sky,

and thus invisible. The fish would then hit the white body which contains the hooks. It's an American invention – applied to business!

Shortly after starting production of his now famous lures, James Heddon applied for a patent for his cup and screw hook hangers, which was granted on April 1, 1902. This date would appear on Heddon lure boxes for many decades into the future.

Only eight short years later in 1910 the Heddon Company had a distributor in Canada and had built a factory in Dowagiac. By 1950, the Heddon brand name was one of the most well know names in fishing lure production and the factory was producing over 12,000 per day. The popularity of their lures was due to the sheer inventiveness, their excellent craftsmanship, and, most of all, the fact that the lures worked so well. The company slogan said it all; "Heddon Made, Well Made." Some of the recognized



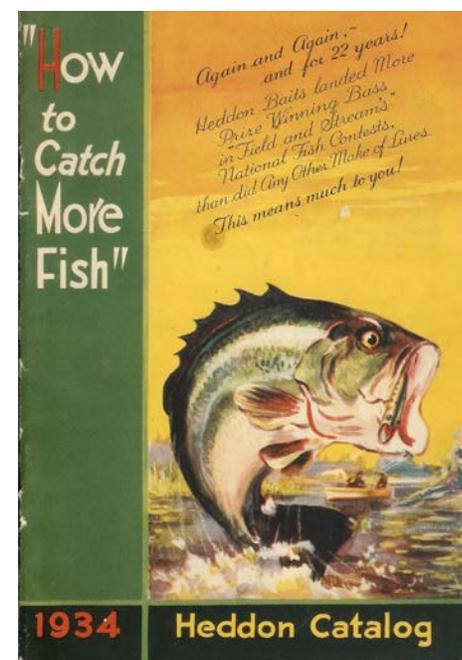
names in Heddon lures were Tad Polly, Lucky 13, Basser, Luny Frog, Zaragossa, and Vamp (in Baby, Round

Nose, Jointed, Musky and Floating flavors).

In 1955, at the peak of the company's prosperity, the business was sold. After turning hands several more times it eventually became a part of EBSCO. Another Michigan based company operating about the same time period as Heddon was William Shakespeare. Their early lures were somewhat abstract looking and were composed of aluminum. They also were an early producer of rubber lures, creating hand-painted life-like frogs, and creative lures that resembled swimming mice, complete with tails.

For the novice, who may want to look into collecting fishing lures for a fun-filled hobby, there are a few things that should be remembered. First of all, when talking about "antiques" in most other areas of collecting, you could be looking at the 1800s or much earlier. In the world of lure collecting, most of the quality and desirable lures that would be available will have been commercially produced between 1900 and 1940.

Before even making your first antique fishing lure purchase, do as much research as possible. Visit a book store or your local library for reference books on fishing lure collectibles – there are many out there. Attend antique shows where collectible



fishing gear is being highlighted. Go online and look at photos of antique lures, research companies like Heddon – and visit auction sites, such as eBay, to get a feel for the price at which some of the more desirable lures are valued.

Garage sales and flea markets can sometimes provide a treasure trove of materials for the beginning collector. Sometimes whole tackle boxes of vintage lures can be purchased for only a fraction of the cost of what the lures would bring individually in the right collector's market. They can be the basis for your first education into collecting, if bought at a very reasonable price. As you learn about the lures, touch them, find pictures of them in books or on the internet and you will be able to start to ascertain differences in the individual lure manufacturers and will also start to recognize which are some of the more desirable and collectible lures.

A few years ago an antique wooden lure was listed on eBay and was sold for \$9.99. The purchaser later resold it for \$32,000 after it was identified as a rare wooden Heddon lure. If you are lucky enough, and do your research well, there is always the chance that you, too, may come upon a treasure.

Even the ones that may not have much

in the way of value as a collectible, though, can bring you more enjoyment than the little bit of change that you may have spent for them. Tie one to your line, go out to your favorite fishing spot, and test it out. Perhaps that fish you catch will be the trophy instead. 🍷

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What Happened On This Day In History?

By Diane L. Kodet
ThumbPrint News Editor



1. On this day in 2009, the first issue of *ThumbPrint News* made its debut!

2. On this day in 1885, the first cartoon comic strip was printed in a newspaper.

3. On this day in 1863, Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.



4. On this day in 1535, the first full English translation of the Bible was printed in Switzerland.

5. On this day in 1956, Yogi Berra became the 4th Yankee to hit a World Series grand slam.

6. On this day in 1683, Mennonite families from Germany founded Germantown, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia).

7. On this day in 1806, carbon paper was patented in London by inventor Ralph Wedgewood.

8. On this day in 1818, two English boxers were the first to use padded gloves.

9. On this day in 1877, the American Humane Association was first organized (in Cleveland, Ohio).



10. On this day in 1868, Cuba revolted for independence against Spain.

11. On this day in 1868, Thomas Edison patented his first invention: the electric voice machine.



12. On this day in 1792, Columbus Day was first celebrated.

13. On this day in 1947, "Kukla, Fran & Ollie" premiered.



14. On this day in 1834, Henry Blair became the first black person to obtain a patent (for a corn planter).

15. On this day in 1789, the first presidential tour took place – George Washington in New England.

16. On this day in 1781, George Washington took Yorktown.

17. On this day in 1931, Al Capone was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years in prison.



18. On this day in 1892, the first commercial long-distance phone line opened (Chicago to New York).

19. On this day in 1879, Thomas Edison demonstrated electric light.

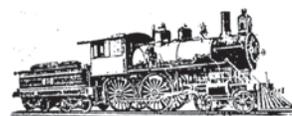


20. On this day in 1817, the first Mississippi "Showboat" left Nashville on its maiden voyage.

21. On this day in 1917, the first Americans saw action on the front lines of World War I.

22. On this day in 1875, the Sons of the American Revolution was organized.

23. On this day in 1824, the first steam locomotive was introduced.

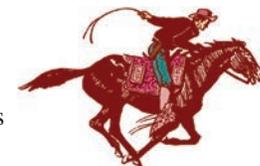


24. On this day in 1836, A. Phillips patented the match.



25. On this day in 1825, the Erie Canal opened, linking the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean.

26. On this day in 1861, the Pony Express ended.



27. On this day in 1913, President Wilson stated that the United States will never attack another country.

28. On this day in 1997, Microsoft argued that it should be "free from government interference."



29. On this day in 1929, the stock market crashed, triggering the "Great Depression." This day is often called "Black Tuesday."

30. On this day in 1938, Orson Welles panicked the nation with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds."



31. On this day in 1918, the Spanish flu-virus killed 21,000 people in the U.S. in one week.

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Inside the church, a 1,600-tube pipe organ accompanied the congregation in song each Sunday, reverberating out the open doors and windows in warm weather.

Other early businesses in Parisville were the Parisville Hotel, built and operated by William and Berthat Susalla, a Massey Harris Farm Machinery store, owned by Frank Cook/Kucharczyk, a blacksmith shop, shoemaker's shop, a post office and a general store, owned and operated by William Engle. At its peak, a total of 17 businesses flourished in this small community.

Day to day life in early Parisville revolved around the seasons and around agriculture. Once the railroad came to the Thumb area, items that were not available in Parisville or the surrounding small towns could be obtained in Detroit by catching a train in Ruth or Minden City.

By the 1920s, with the advent of the automobile, there were places to buy, gas up and repair the vehicles right in Parisville, and people began to travel farther away from the community. When electricity arrived to the village in 1926, Cash P. Cook made good use of the newly available energy and built a huge dance hall, called the Arcadia Ballroom, which brought dancers from miles around Parisville as well as from as far away as Detroit. The estimated cost of the hall was \$5,000.



The Arcadia Ballroom

Arcadia Ballroom had a large, hard maple dance floor that could hold over 200 dancers at a time and Cook brought in live music from local groups, Big Bands, and Country and Western musicians – all for only 25¢ for ladies and 35¢ for gentlemen. An interesting side note is that there were specific sections of the hall for patrons to sit, depending on what town they were from. This made it easy to find someone to dance with from your own home town! The ballroom suffered the same fate as the early buildings of St. Mary's parish and was completely destroyed by fire in August of 1951.

Today, the Polish roots of Parisville continue to be celebrated with the annual St. Mary's Festival celebrating the village's Polish heritage. On the grounds of the St. Mary's Catholic Church is an authentic log cabin and it is noted as being the oldest Polish settler's cabin in the United States. Parisville, although only a small town in Huron County, has a much larger and significant place in Michigan's and in our country's histories. 🌱



St. Mary's Church prior to 1974.

St. Mary's Church engulfed in flame in the fire of 1974.

For 90 years the 1884 church of St. Mary's remained a focal point of the religious community of Parisville until, as fate would have it, fire struck once again, burning it to the ground on October 22, 1974. This time the cause of the fire was attributed to a lightning strike. Here is an abbreviated version of an article documenting the event that appeared in the *Huron Daily Tribune* and gives further insight in to the importance the church played in the lives of the residents of Parisville:

Fire of undetermined origin leveled the historic St. Mary Catholic Church at Parisville Tuesday night as hundreds of parishioners looked on helplessly, many of them weeping, at the loss of the venerable and tradition-steeped building of worship. Firemen from five Huron County departments, no match for the wall of intense flames that spread almost instantly through the church, confined their efforts in saving the rectory next door and the church school and convent across the street . . . Flames towered into the dark autumn sky visible as far away as Bad Axe and perhaps further . . . Parishioners lined Parisville Road, many of them wiping tears from their eyes, as the church where their baptisms, first communions, confirmations and marriages took place were consumed by the raging flames. "It's like losing our home," Mrs. Ernest Peruski said. "We were born and raised here."

Although the parishioners had their faith tested in three devastating fires, they rebuilt one more time. On July 11, 1976, the current St. Mary's Church of Parisville was dedicated.



Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

Losing Weight a Good Idea? Maybe!

By Gabriel Jones, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Gabriel, are you joining me, yes or no?"
"Alright, it does seem like a good idea, especially if we both try it. How do we start?"

"Well, first we'll start by going for a walk."
"A walk! Where to? Why walk? I'll drive us to where we start."

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

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

"Yes, there's also the gym"

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

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

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

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

Where do you want me to drop you off?"

Another lesson learned by the Restless Retiree. 🌱

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

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

"What do you mean I huff and puff? I'm just taking big breaths while I cut the grass."

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

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

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Take your home from summer to fall

(ARA) – Bringing your home from summer to fall is simpler than you think. It all begins with taking inventory of your home to determine which nonessential items you can eliminate or switch and where you can add.

“Start with anything fabric,” says Maria Aguerri-Gomez, Academic Dean of The Art Institute of Michigan-Troy, a branch campus of The Art Institute of Michigan. “You can change your couch covers, pillows and your throw blankets, add a duvet to your bed, change your window treatment or bathroom towels; or simply add a table runner to bring fall into your home without breaking your budget.”

Take couch covers from creamy and off-white tones to fall tones and colors. Choose earth tones such as reds and browns to bring depth and warmth. Navy blue can also be a great color to add in fall that can transition to winter. Not completely committed to bringing that much color into your living room? Change your pillows or throw blankets to develop an accented atmospheric change. Take a look at your window treatments and consider a heavier fabric with possible prints.

“Paisley is coming back this fall.” Aguerri-Gomez says. “Use paisley prints on curtains or pillows, or venture out and buy a paisley arm chair that can nestle nicely into an unused corner in your bedroom or living room.”

Elizabeth Polish, an Interior Design Instructor at The Art Institute of New York City and owner of Elizabeth Polish Design, says bird prints are making their way into homes via lampshades and carpets this fall.

Keep the cold away by adding rugs. Overlapping rugs is a trend that can bring contrasting elements together, while unifying sections of a room. Aguerri-Gomez recommends taking a bamboo or wicker rug and overlapping it with a more



classical rug. “It’s a great way to bring contrast, color and texture to the room.”

Agueri-Gomez predicts that mustard will be a key color this fall. Add a mustard table runner and change up your dinnerware and placemats to bring your table from light and airy to warm and welcoming. Don’t want to part with the lemons and limes nestled inside your glass vase as table decor? Try compromising and replace the citrus with artichokes and pomegranates for a fall final touch.

For those that like to have feng shui elements in their home, you’ll be happy to know that gold is making a comeback. Try mercury or gold canisters, vases and accents. In the past, gold and mercury were reserved for the holidays or special celebrations, but now you can bring them out earlier to bring that shiny pop the room will need.

The last touch to bringing your home from summer to fall is mood lighting. Polish recommends utilizing energy efficient LED lights and bulbs. Because you’ve most likely added thicker curtains to keep the cold out, make sure key areas are lit. Where you don’t need too much light, go for the dimming effect. “Change your lampshades if you can’t dim your lights. Make your living space as cozy as you can while saving energy at the same time,” Polish says.

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Answers to Halloween Crossword Puzzle for Kids

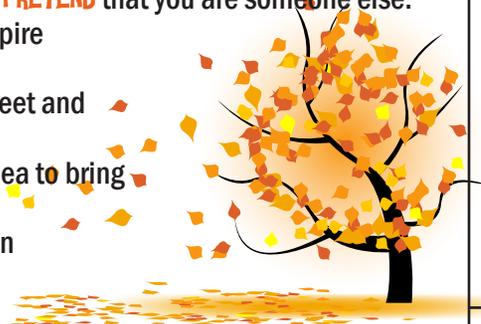
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Across:

1. People can dress up as vampires, mummies, goblins or other **MONSTERS**.
3. People sometime try to contact dead loved ones by holding a **SEANCE**.
4. Get a sword, a hook, and an eye patch and you can be a **PIRATE**.
6. Sometimes it's scary to visit a **HAUNTED** house on Halloween.
8. Charlie Brown's friend **LINUS** is a believer in the Great Pumpkin.
9. The Irish carved turnips before coming to America and discovering **PUMPKINS**.
10. A **WITCH** is often shown as being very ugly, with green skin and warts.
12. A good **MASK** can be scary enough, even without a costume.
15. You can buy makeup and fake **BLOOD** at many stores.
17. A **BLACKCAT** is a feline often associated with witches and Halloween.

Down:

2. Some **COSTUMES** can be funny instead of scary.
3. Another name for ghosts or those who have left their bodies is **SPIRITS**.
4. If you're invited to a Halloween **PARTY**, be sure to wear a costume.
5. If your costume is just a pile of bones you might be a **SKELETON**.
7. **PRANK** is another name for a trick.
9. The fun part of Halloween is getting to **PRETEND** that you are someone else.
11. The preferred sleeping place for a vampire is a **COFFIN**.
13. For a simple costume, wear a white sheet and be a **GHOST**.
14. If you go trick or treating, it's a good idea to bring a **FLASHLIGHT** and an adult with you.
16. For children, the best part of Halloween is collecting **CANDY**.



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ThumbPrint News Contest

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Foxfire Farm Country Store at 8061 Marsh Road in Clay Township. (You can apply it toward the delivery of a floral arrangement also.) The winner of this month's contest will be announced in the November edition as well as information about the object or

place. In September's edition, we asked our readers to identify where the carved alligator above could be found. The winner of the drawing was Jane Rupp of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan who correctly identified the location as at the corner of Washington



and Simon Streets in Lexington, Michigan. Jane will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Foxfire Farm in Algonac.

This month we are asking the question, "Where is it?" The word "Block" is carved into the side of a building in a city or town in the Thumb area. Identify the name of the building and the city or town where it can be found and send an email to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are the winner of the random drawing for a gift certificate to Foxfire Farm Country Store. Good luck!



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Two October Programs at the St. Clair Historical Museum



The St. Clair Historical Museum
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Fall Cemetery Walk

The St. Clair Historical Museum will hold their annual Fall Cemetery Walk at Hillside Cemetery on Sunday, October 9 at 2 p.m. Each year the walk has a different theme. This year Ron Brenner and JoAn Kindsvater have put together an interesting tour of the graves of some of St. Clair's clergy spanning a century from the 1850's to the 1950's. Among the highlighted ministers are a tailor, a printer and a calligrapher, as well as those

who built churches. One minister was an English immigrant who died at a young age and left a family in St. Clair.

To join the Cemetery Walk, meet at Hillside Cemetery's Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on October 9. The cemetery is located on St. Clair Highway at Palmer Street. A \$5 donation is requested. Students are free. Everyone is invited to return to the museum afterward for refreshments. The museum is located at 308 S. Fourth Street.

On October 13, Bob Brenner of California will be giving an expanded version of his popular program entitled "German Immigration to America." In it, he will tell the story of the many Germans who made the difficult decision to leave home and sail across the Atlantic to New York, where they went through the immigrant processing centers at Castle Garden and later Ellis Island. They then spread across the nation with many settling in St. Clair County. The program

will be Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at the St. Clair Historical Museum at 308 S. Fourth Street in St. Clair. A \$5 donation is requested. Students are free.

The St. Clair Historical Museum and Research Center remains open through October on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoons. Year round the museum is open for visitors on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to noon. Admission is free. 🌱

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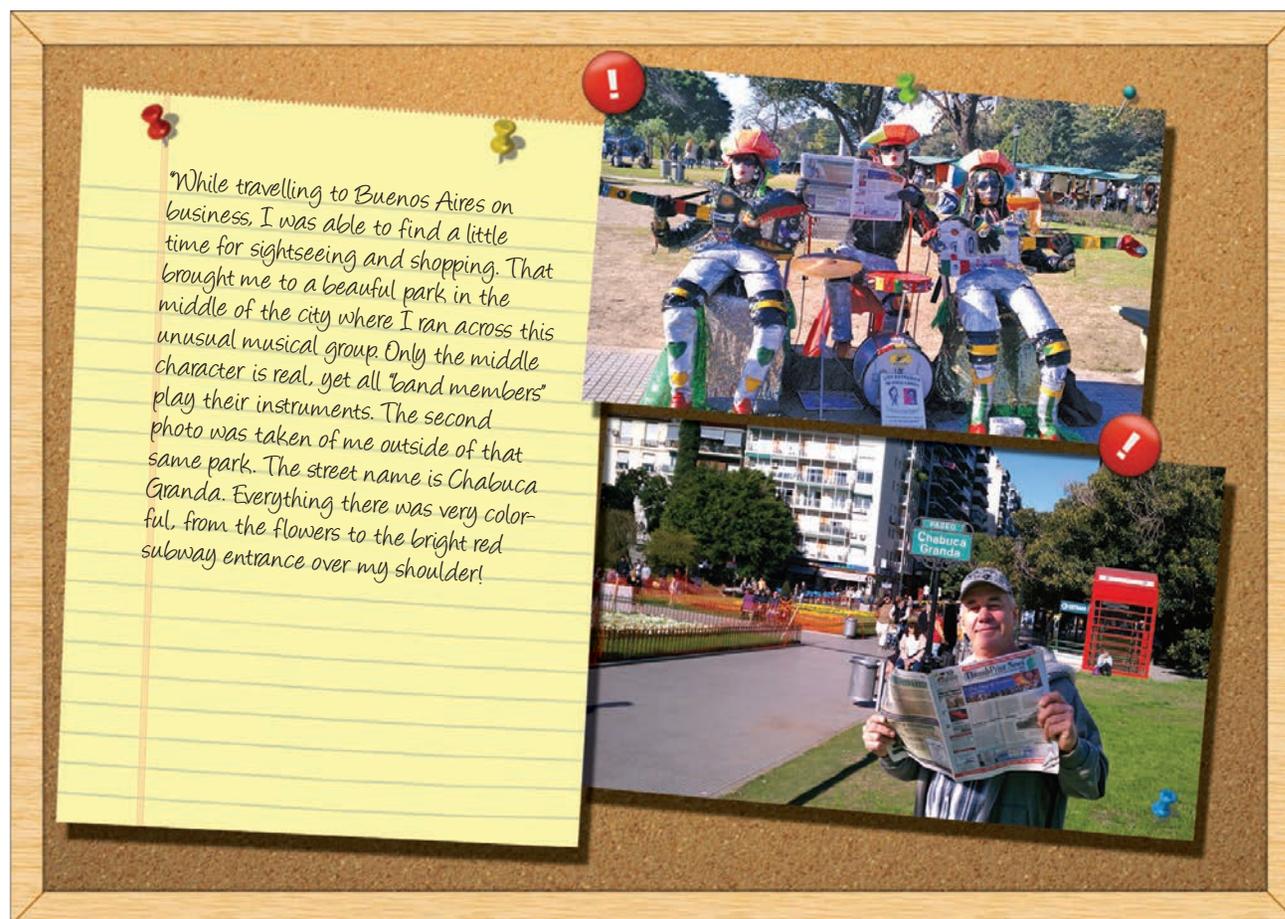
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When we began inviting our readers to submit photos of where they have taken ThumbPrint News, we never expected such an overwhelming response! This month ThumbPrint News finally made it to the continent of South America when Bill Birch of Lenox Township took a copy of the newspaper with him on a business trip to Argentina. (Bonaire is usually considered to be a part of the South American land mass, but is actually an island off the coast of South America.) In just two short years, our newspaper has made it to five of the seven continents!

If you are a reader of ThumbPrint News and have taken our newspaper with you on a vacation or to an unusual place – or have done something unique with it, you may submit an email and photo to us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net. (The photo should be in jpeg format.) Please tell us a little about the photo and include your name, address and phone number in case we have further questions. Please be patient as you wait for your photo to appear in ThumbPrint News, as we are receiving a tremendous amount of photos each month! 🍀



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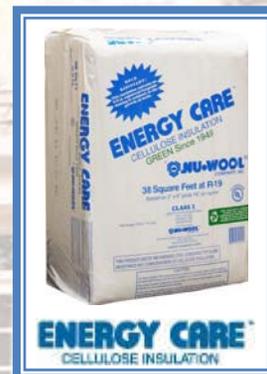
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