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Were Your Ancestors Passengers on the *Mayflower*?

By Diane L. Kodet

ThumbPrint News Editor

There are millions of *Mayflower* descendants who are alive today, but very few descendants actually know it. Eight U.S. presidents are known to be descended from *Mayflower* passengers. Other famous persons who can trace their ancestry directly to a *Mayflower* passenger include Ulysses S. Grant, Alan B. Shepard, Marilyn Monroe, Orson Welles, Dick Van Dyke, Richard Gere, Sarah Palin, Hugh Hefner, and many more. How about you?

When the *Mayflower* launched on November 9, 1620, 102 passengers were on board. Of these, 37 were members of the separatist Leiden congregation who were traveling to gain freedom of worship in the New World. Others, not associated with the congregation, were also on board.

One baby was born during the trans-Atlantic voyage to the New World. His name was Oceanus Hopkins. Another baby, Peregrine

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Spotlight on a Small Town: Marine City

By Louise Allen

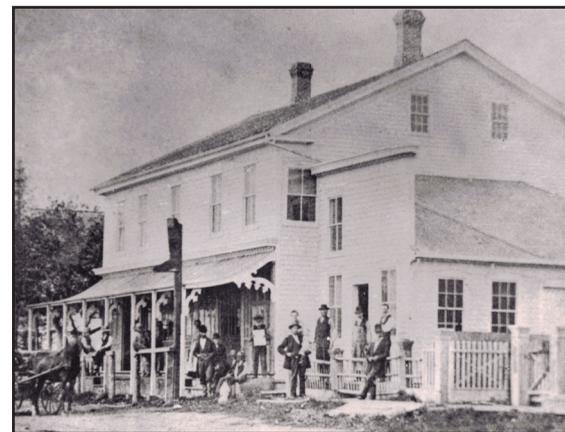
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Catholic Point, Yankee Point, Newport and Belle River were all once names for the small city located in St. Clair County on the west bank of the beautiful St. Clair River now known as Marine City. It is one of only two remaining cities along the St. Clair River that offer ferry service to Canada, the other being Algonac. (At one time, there was also ferry service to Canada from Robert's Landing.)

Marine City, according to the U. S. Census Bureau, has a total area of 2.2 square miles.

The area encompassing Marine City had been Ojibwa territory for centuries before the first Europeans arrived. French trappers and missionaries settled from Detroit north along the St. Clair River during the colonial period. The first Catholic Church was built by French Catholics at Catholic

See *MARINE CITY*, Page 27 *Marine City in 1859*



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

“At

times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

– Albert Schweitzer

As a former teacher of first graders, November was the month where one art project was always inevitable – drawing a picture of what each student was most thankful for. The class list always included mom, dad, brother, sister, a favorite pet, food, their homes, toys, etc. Each year, there were always a few unique ones that made me chuckle. I remember Joey S. being glad that he wasn't a cartoon character. Megan P. was glad that she didn't have braces like her sister. Paul V. was thankful that he didn't live when the dinosaurs did as he would have been eaten alive.

Some were poignant, like Jane C. who was thankful that her father no longer had cancer or Lewis Z. who was thankful that his big brother, who was in the army, came back from overseas without getting killed. If nothing else, first graders are honest – and they can tear your heart out at the same time that they make you laugh uncontrollably.

Now retired from teaching for half of a decade and being the editor of *ThumbPrint News*, it seems fitting that the November “Letter from the Editor” should be about being thankful.

What I am thankful for? It is not that different than the first graders I used to teach. My family and friends are number one on my list. My pets are important too – all eight cats that I treat like princesses – and one out numbered prince.

My home, too, is important to me. It is my paradise to come home to after a long day. It is where I can unwind and regroup with my soul-mate, my husband of 32 years.

But, I found the quote above today on the Internet, and something about it struck a chord within me. “Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

For each of us, the flame that was lit is something different. It may be the passion that makes us choose a certain career, a certain path in life. It

may be a parent, a teacher, a friend, a significant other, an acquaintance – or even the words written in an article or a book – that make a profound influence on our life.

Something at one time in your life ignited within you a flame that made you reach higher goals, pursue dreams that seem unreachable, made you laugh uncontrollably, or just made you say, “Wow, this was the perfect day!”

I have had those days in my life and I know that you have too. Even if you are at a low point in your life where the flame seems to have dwindled, I am sure you can look back and you know what I am talking about. Those people who helped ignite the flame within me and you caused us to be what we are today. They helped us choose the pathways we would take in this short life upon earth. Those people are those to whom I am most thankful today.

I wish all of the readers of *ThumbPrint News* the most blessed Thanksgiving ever – and challenge all of you to reminisce on those people in your life who ignited or who can help to rekindle that spark in you. Please tell them “Thank you!” this Thanksgiving.

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King of Storms

The Great Storm of 1913

By Dave Wak

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

“Two memorials, the memories of the survivors and the testimony of the wrecks are all that remain... That and the whisper turned roar of the November wind.”

November is the most feared month for Great Lakes Sailors and with good reason. More ships have sunk in this month than any other. The region's most noted wreck was the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, which sank on November 10, 1975. The *Fitzgerald's* fame probably had a lot to do with the fact it sank in the modern media era (the Gordon Lightfoot song that immortalized it played no small part either). However, the Great Storm of 1913 was the worst disaster in the lakes history; a history fraught with nautical disasters. It sunk the most ships and took more lives than all other storms combined.

It has many names from those who recall its awful intensity: The Great Storm, The King of Storms, Black Sunday and The White Hurricane. It was, in all respects, a “Perfect Storm.”

A Sailor's Premonition

On Saturday, November 8, engineer Milton Smith was reading the paper while his ship, the *Charles S. Price*, was being loaded up with coal near Cleveland. She was headed for Duluth, Minnesota, at the west end of chilly Lake Superior. As Smith glanced through the paper his eyes kept on returning to the forecast for the upper lakes.

Rain and snow flurries for

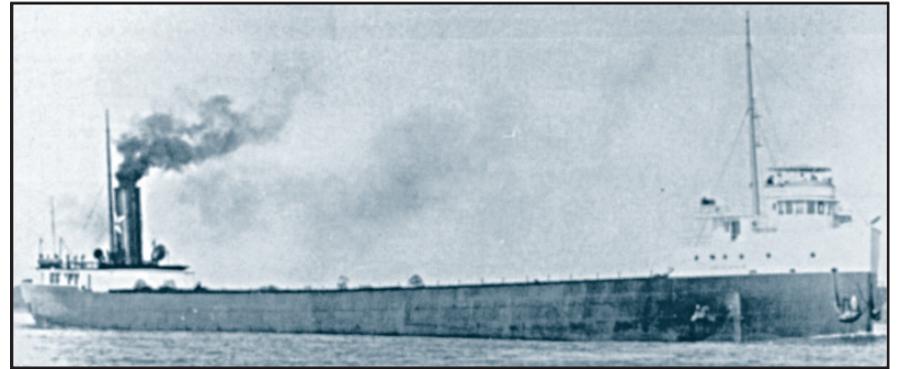
Saturday, winds 15-20 mph, waves 3-5 feet, Sunday, unsettled.

Smith could not explain why, but he had to get off the boat. He tried to convince his friend Arz Macintosh to leave the ship and head back with him to their hometown of Port Huron, Michigan. Macintosh considered the offer but he didn't want to lose his seasonal bonus. Most sailors who braved the ugly weather of the late shipping season got a bonus when it ended. By leaving early Smith would miss out on his.

Smith left anyway, despite some jeers from his shipmates. He had a bad feeling about this trip.

Heavy Weather on Superior

Up on Lake Superior, the weather had deteriorated as early as Thursday, November 6. That night, ships reported winds out of the northeast, which then switched suddenly to the northwest at nearly fifty miles per hour. This caused considerable damage to those vessels caught out in the storm. The steamer *Turret Chief* was driven ashore near Grand Marais on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, luckily without fatalities. The *L.C. Waldo* got stuck on rocks off the Keweenaw Peninsula. The crew huddled in the back of the ship, hoping for rescue while fearfully waiting for the ship to break up.



The *Charles S. Price* in the St. Clair River in 1912 before the 1913 Great Lakes storm.

They waited for four days, fighting the cold and thirty-foot waves that crashed through the windows, flooded the cabins and soaked the frightened crew, until they were finally rescued. The Captain was so moved by this experience that he decided to retire from shipping for good as soon as he made it to shore.

The steamers *Leafield* and *H.B. Smith* were not so lucky. They went down with all hands, 41 sailors in all. Had these been the only deaths from this storm, it still would have gone down as one of the worst. As it turned out, the worst was still ahead.

The Storm Hits Shore

The storm plowed south on Friday, November 7. Gale warnings were posted in ports all over the lakes. The winds increased and snow began to pile up on shore. Train runs were canceled, while telephone and telegraph lines went down everywhere. Before it ended, Cleveland was shut down for two days after 22 inches of snow fell on the city in 16 hours. As the waves built up on the lakes, they reaped destruction on land. Docks were smashed and small vessels torn away from their moorings and hurled onto the shore. In Chicago, a lake front park that had taken eight years to build was destroyed in eight hours. In Milwaukee, a huge break wall was demolished.

In Port Huron, Michigan, several residents were caught in waist high snow and stranded. They spent the night in snowbound cable cars or knocked on stranger's doors begging for shelter. Most ships wisely chose to stay in port, for a time.

The White Hurricane

The 1913 storm was labeled the “White Hurricane” by some sailors, due to its destructive power. Sailors, meteorologists and Great Lakes historians have disputed whether the storm was a true hurricane for years, as hurricanes are generally native to tropical waters. There were numerous reports of constantly shifting winds and winds running counter to the waves. This seems to indicate it was a cyclone. Reports of 70-90 mph winds plus waves of 35-40 feet certainly verify that the storm was one of the worst ever on the lakes.

The Great Lakes are a natural breeding ground for cataclysmic weather. Frequently warm, moist low fronts from the southwest drift up over the lakes and collide with cool dry high fronts from Canada, producing unstable weather with high winds, plus rain or snow showers. This is especially true in the fall, when cold arctic air tries

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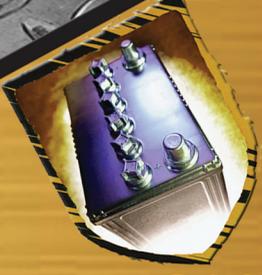




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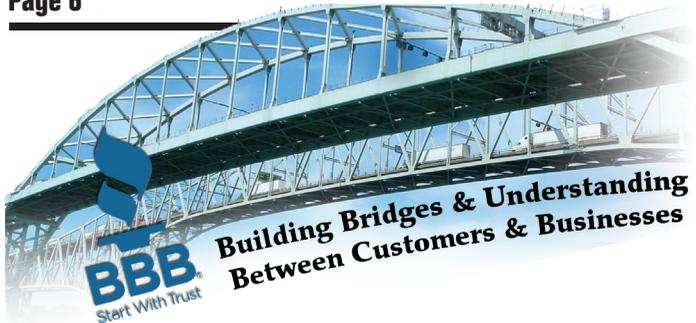
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How to Find a Pest Control Company You Can Trust

Not satisfied with the comforts of home, bedbugs are migrating to public places like movie theaters and retail stores and then hitching rides on unsuspecting consumers. Not only are bedbugs a growing problem, they are also a hard problem to get rid of. Better Business Bureau recommends doing your research to find a pest control company you can trust to get the job done efficiently.

According to a recent survey by the Pest Management Association, 95 percent of exterminators had encountered a bed bug infestation in the previous year – compared to only 25 percent of respondents ten years prior. While homes are the most common place for infestations, bedbugs also invade hotels, movie theaters, clothing stores and offices.

“When you discover an infestation in your home or business, you want to act quickly and get a professional in there fast,” said Patrick Bennett, Director of Community Relations. “Despite the urgency of the problem, you still need to do your research and make sure you are enlisting the help of a qualified and trustworthy pest control specialist.

When hiring a pest control company, BBB recommends that home and business owners consider the following:

Start with BBB.

Always research a business with your BBB first. BBB maintains reports on good and bad exterminators across North America. You can use BBB’s Accredited Business Locator to quickly find local companies that uphold BBB’s standards for ethical business practices.

Credentials count.

Make sure the exterminator has sufficient training and certifications. Ideally, the company will also be a member of a national or local

trade association. Also research the company with your local pest control regulatory board.

Ask about liability insurance.

Find out how the company is covered, and how you will be reimbursed, if they happen to break any of your belongings or damage your home.

Get educated.

Make sure that you completely understand the extent of the infestation as well as the possible remedies and side affects of any chemicals used. Do your own research online into the problem and possible solutions.

Read the fine print.

Always read the fine print carefully and don’t just take a representative’s word for it. Pay close attention to any warranties or termination fees if entering into an extended contract for monitoring or future services.

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The Majestic Wild Turkey

By **Ralph McKinch**

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Although our national symbol is the bald eagle, Benjamin Franklin would have preferred it to be the wild turkey. The wild turkey (*Melagris gallopavo*) is one of the largest birds in North America, with males growing up to four feet long from the beak to the tail. Franklin thought that the stately, majestic qualities of the wild turkey would make it the perfect symbol for the new country. However, he was out-voted.

And, unlike what most of us believe, turkey was probably not the main course at the pilgrim's first Thanksgiving dinner in 1621, though it was an important part of their daily diet. Venison and lobster were the prime dishes at that first celebration.

Even so, before the first settlers arrived in Michigan, wild turkeys were well established, mainly in the southern part of the state. Today wild turkeys are found in every state, except Alaska, and in part of Ontario, Canada. In Michigan, they are now found in every county. This, however, was not always the case. By 1900, most likely due to a loss of habitat and unregulated hunting, they had nearly disappeared from Michigan. A major re-introduction effort that was successful after four failed attempts, insured that wild turkeys once again abound in Michigan.

The wild turkey has five distinct subspecies found throughout the United States. The species found most often in Michigan is the eastern wild turkey, which can be

also be found from northern Florida and Mississippi to Maine and northern North Dakota.

Wild turkeys live in open fields, agricultural lands and woods. Their preferred diet includes insects, greens, grasses, nuts (such as acorns and beechnuts) and fruits and berries (such as crabapples and hawthorns). Agricultural fields of corn, buckwheat, soybeans, oats and grain sorghum are favorite leftovers in harvested fields. Adult gobblers may eat ½ pound to 1 pound of food per day. The home range of a wild turkey is from one to four square miles or about 640 to 2,000 acres.

Water is also an important necessity for wild turkeys, as they need it almost daily. Very rarely will a hen nest farther than a quarter-mile from a reliable source of water, such as a creek, spring or farm pond. Forest cover is also important to provide roosting sites for adult birds and thermal protection on cold, winter nights.

Turkeys are very fast birds in spite of their size. On land, a turkey can run up to 20 miles per hour if threatened. It can fly as fast as 55 mph. They also have excellent eyesight and are able to spot movement a hundred yards away. Their field of vision is 270 degrees and they see in color, which is one reason they don't see as well at night. Turkeys also have exceptional hearing.

Turkeys have a loud voice that can be heard up to a mile away. Some people believe that the turkey got its name because of the call it makes, which some believe sounds like "turk-turk-turk". Other theories on the origin of the bird's name include that it may have come from its American Indian name, which was "firkee" or the fact that Christopher Columbus upon returning to Europe from the New World took some turkeys back to trade with merchants who were trading "turkey birds". Still another explanation is that Columbus thought that the turkey

was related to the peacock. "Tuka" is the word for peacock in India.

Turkeys are social birds. However, in winter they will often separate into three distinct groups: adult males (toms), young males (jakes) and females (hens) of all ages. In late winter or early spring courtship and mating rituals begin and the flocks begin to disperse. Toms will establish their own territories and start their courtship behaviors of gobbling, strutting and displaying their feathers. Most hens will breed each spring.

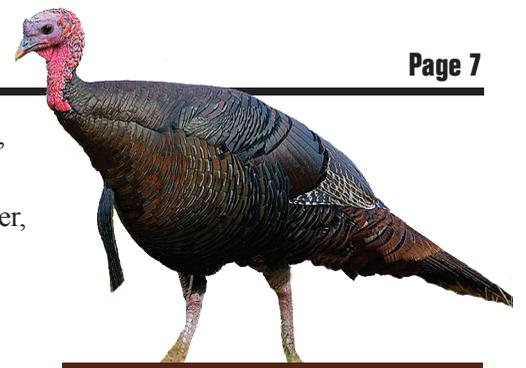
Beginning in April, the hens will lay a clutch of 11 to 12 eggs over a two-week period. The female may nest in idle fields of weeds or grass, at the base of a large, mature tree or stump or even next to downed tree tops and brush piles. The eggs will be incubated by the hen for 28 days.

The young turkeys are called "poults." They cannot fly until they are about two weeks old and until then are very susceptible to predators, such as crows, raccoons, skunks, opossums, domestic pets and humans. If the turkeys reach adulthood successfully, they have few natural enemies because of their strength

and speed. Maybe Benjamin Franklin was right to think that the wild turkey would be a formidable representation of our nation's strength. 🍀

Editor's Note: Below is what Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to his daughter about his displeasure in the bald eagle being chosen for our national symbol over the majestic wild turkey:

"For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. You may have seen him perched on some dead Tree near the River; where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk; and when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish, and is bearing it to his Nest for the Support of his Mate and



The eastern wild turkey is found in every county in Michigan.

young Ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him.

With all this Injustice, he is never in good Case but like those among Men who live by Sharping & Robbing he is generally poor and often very lousy. Besides he is a rank Coward: The little King Bird not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the District. He is therefore by no means a proper Emblem for the brave and honest Cincinnati of America who have driven all the King birds from our Country...

I am on this account not displeased that the Figure is not known as a Bald Eagle, but looks more like a Turkey. For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

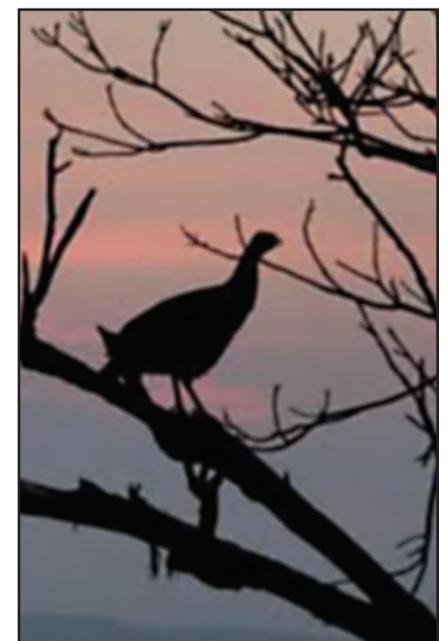
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By Bryon McClain

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

The Minden City State Game area in the heart of Michigan's Thumb is quite possibly one of the last rugged, natural areas left in eastern Michigan for our sportsmen and women to explore. With several square miles of rolling hills, duck ponds, pine stands and hardwood ridges, it offers the outdoors person some of the most versatile land our great state has to offer. The lowlands of the swamps and bogs offer great whitetail and waterfowl hunting, and the ridges above offer some of the best wing shooting and small game hunting I've ever experienced. Experience, however, is necessary to see what the land has to offer. With its huge size and difficult terrain, the Minden City game area can be a challenge for even the most seasoned outdoorsman. A compass or GPS is an absolute must even if you venture in on a sunny cloudless day. Every year, someone goes missing in the swamps and necessitates a search and rescue from the local departments.

Growing up, my dad would take me out to that area several times a year. We would ride our bikes on the logging trails in the summer and hunt in the fall and winter months. This opened my eyes as to what kind of land is back there. My dad has been hunting and fishing since he was a little boy, so he knew how to get around and find his way back, but we each carried a compass just in case. We have walked through several state game areas, Verona, Gagetown and Minden City. Even

though we spent years hunting Gagetown, the few times we hunted the Minden City swamp left a huge impression on me. My dad and I would ride our bikes for literally miles into the heart of the swamps and when the logging roads would become impassable, we would walk. The sheer variety of the topography left me in awe. I had seen similar properties throughout the country, the hills of the Dakotas, the swamps of Kentucky and the ridges of Wyoming. This property had all of that, and more, in a small area only half an hour from home!

Michigan is truly the sportsman's paradise, and the Minden City swamp is about as representative a slice of land as you will find, and has created many a day such as this one: As we got out of the car, the sun was beginning to come up to the east. We grabbed our daypacks and guns and headed north on foot into the southernmost part of the swamp. We had packed pretty heavily for this trip, bringing lunch, maps, a compass, chairs, extra socks and, of course, our guns and muzzleloading gear. As my brother-in-law Sean and I headed into the swamp, we split off from one another about 100 yards and continued north. The plan for today was to reach the other side of the Minden City State Game Area and then turn around and walk back to the car before dark, still hunting the whole way. The sun was up now, and was making the fresh snow appear as a carpet of diamonds on the pines and forest floor. I almost wished I had brought my sunglasses!

We walked on slowly and aware for over two hours, keeping each other in sight, but not communicating with each other. Finally we came to a bottleneck created by an old pine stand blow down that brought us close enough together that we met up for a minute to discuss what was next. We agreed on where we were at on the map and again headed off to the north. After a couple more hours of still hunting, we came to the edge of a frozen pond that was surrounded by ridges and hardwoods. After talking for a few minutes we decided to build a fire, dry out a bit and cook lunch. We got out the pan, Spam and a couple of cans of ravioli. What a great lunch that was! I know a Spam sandwich doesn't sound great, but it hit the spot perfectly!

We sat there by the pond for over an hour enjoying the warmth of the fire, good company and the perfect beauty of the day. After discussing where we were, we decided to pack up and head back to the south and sit on a clear cut we had come across earlier in the day. We only had four good hours of daylight left and didn't want to get lost out here after dark. So, after making sure our fire was out, we headed back to the south towards that clear cut.

We found the spot with little problem and quickly found a place to sit that offered a good vantage point. There was a pile of treetops

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Ask the Audiologist

By Lisa Bont

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Many new hearing aid candidates ask why hearing aids are so expensive. First of all, hearing aids are complex electronic devices. Although you see inexpensive, over-the-counter devices proclaiming that they can help you to hear better, a hearing aid has sophisticated sound processing technology that is specifically designed to the needs of the individual wearer and must be fitted by a licensed audiologist or hearing aid dispenser. There is a cost relative to the time spent in the dispensing of hearing aids and follow up with the professional to ensure that you are getting the most benefit from your amplification. Additionally, hearing aids must be provided with a warranty and this, too, adds cost. By nature of where we put our hearing aids, they are exposed to moisture, perspiration, ear wax and body oils. These will cause the hearing aids to fail at some point. The hearing aids must be evaluated by the audiologist and possibly sent back to the manufacturer for service.

Research and development costs, as well as manufacturing costs, are two significant reasons for the expense. Very much like a new car coming to market, hearing aids must be developed and go through rigorous field trials to meet the listening needs of our hearing impaired population. Studies are continuously being developed to help researchers determine how it is that we hear and how best we can use electronic means to help people to hear better. The over-the-counter or magazine-ordered amplification uses technology that is potentially harmful to the end user. The volume of such devices is not limited and can

be turned up to a level that can further damage remaining hearing. It is very cost effective to be treated by an audiologist and invest in properly fitted, customized hearing aids.

Industry averages suggest hearing aid pricing to be between \$1000 and \$5000 per instrument. However, pricing can be geographically related and Midwest pricing will average around \$1500 to \$4000 per instrument. If we also look at average hearing aid life span, it is typically three to five years. Putting this into perspective, the average cost per day for your hearing aids is less than \$3 per day! Isn't better hearing worth it?

Some also ask how they can pay for their new hearing aids. Once you've accepted that better hearing will improve the quality of your life, it shouldn't stress you to find out how you can afford it. If you are not able to pay with cash, check or charge, then you quite simply need to ask your audiologist your payment options. First, it is important to see if you have hearing benefits under your medical insurance provider. Or maybe you have set aside a medical flex spending account that you can use for your new hearing aids. Additionally, you may be able to apply for a line of credit with zero interest to finance your new hearing aids. You may also want to ask your audiologist about any discounts, promotions or even civic nonprofit organizations that may help with hearing aid purchases. Our Michigan legislature is also looking to pass a hearing aid tax credit bill (\$1019), so write your congressperson and champion the cause as it could benefit you when you are ready for hearing aids! Just Ask your Audiologist, he/she should be able to direct you to assistance. 📞

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A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he didn't want to spend much money. "How much do they run?" he asked the clerk. "That depends," said the salesman. "They run from \$1 to \$1000." "Let's see the cheapest model," he said. The clerk put a device around the man's neck. "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down to your pocket," he instructed. "How does it work?" the customer asked. "For \$1, it doesn't work," the salesman replied. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder!"

A Piece of Algonac's Boating History FALLS CANOES

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Many people are aware of the unique place in boating history that Algonac, Michigan played, especially related to Gar Wood (Garfield Arthur Wood), Chris Smith (Christopher Columbus Smith) and the Chris Craft Corporation, which became the largest builder of motor boats in the world. Lesser known, but also a piece of Algonac's boating history, was Falls Fiberglass Products.

Jim Falls was born in southern Indiana in 1932. He moved to Algonac in 1964 to work at the Chris Craft factory in the fiberglass department. Later, when the company moved its headquarters out of Algonac, Jim decided to start his own business using the knowledge he had gained about fiberglass. Jim had only a ninth grade education, but his ingenuity and entrepreneurial abilities would be the tools he used to create a very successful local business.

Jim originally began taking on special orders for fiberglass products from his garage at his home on Ruskin Street in Algonac. As business



Ron Williams spraying fiberglass on a canoe.

began picking up, he moved to another building on Taft Road. Increases once again led to him relocating to a barn on Field Road. His business finally peaked when he moved once again to the property at 8061 Marsh Road. (This building today houses Foxfire Farm Country Store and Floral Shop.)

The majority of the fiberglass business came from manufacturing air deflectors for semi-trucks, but many other smaller projects were taken on, such as porch pots, dock boxes, lawn ornamentation, etc. Whatever someone wanted to create with fiberglass, Jim attempted to produce. One special order was the old red roof for the Henry's Restaurant in downtown Algonac. (Now closed, it was a landmark in that town for many years.)

Falls Fiberglass created duck boats for the local hunters to use. However, it was a different boat that Falls Fiberglass made that became legendary: a 16-foot fiberglass canoe.

Jim Falls designed the canoe, which he intended to be light enough for one person to handle. It eventually was manufactured in a choice of blue, green, yellow, red or white. The 10 J Version saw the application of special eagle decals. In 1973, the canoes retailed for \$179.



The 10 J Version of the canoe came with this special eagle decal.

When the first canoe was built, Jim took it out into Fisher Bay to test it with friends. It was filled with water and then many of the friends climbed into it to test its buoyancy. It wouldn't sink!

Pat Martin, of Algonac, was one of the original owners of a Falls Fiberglass canoe. He says, "It was the most seaworthy canoe that I ever owned. I took it up to the Au Sable River and it was



The Falls Canoe was one of the most seaworthy canoes ever made.

stabilized so well that it just wouldn't tip over. All of the other canoe owners on the river were envious of that Falls Canoe. It was the Cadillac of canoes." Today, Pat's son still owns an original Falls Fiberglass canoe.

At its peak, Falls Fiberglass employed up to 18 people from the local area at a time. Ron Williams, one of the original employees, was the brother of Pat Martin's wife.

The canoes were sold around the country, including one that went to Alaska. Jim's brother had the canoes sent out to Oregon, where he lived, and sold them from there, also.

For ten years, the canoe was manufactured in Algonac. Jim passed away in 1986 and the business remained open for a few years before closing permanently.

In the words of his wife, Donna, "Jim was a remarkable person for someone with so little education. He would be a good example to young people today of how much can be accomplished with hard work and determination. An education is important, but a lack of it doesn't need to stand in anyone's way of accomplishing great things in life."

Jim Falls did just that – and remains a part of the important history of boating in the Algonac area. 🍀



Jim Falls, the owner of Falls Fiberglass Products



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Veterans Day Memories

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

As a very young boy, my paternal grandfather held me on his lap and we would rock in his favorite chair. I barely remember that time. Grandpa Gillis passed away when I was only four years old.

I remember a large oval photograph of a man in military dress hanging above my grandmother's bed. She would often point to the striking but faded image and say, "That's your granddad." She would also remind me, "You have his name."

I can also recall each year, just prior to Thanksgiving Day, my grandmother would mention Armistice Day. She would tell me that it was for those who served in World War I and that my grandfather was one of those veterans. I had no knowledge of my grandfather's involvement in the war, only that he served. That was enough for me and provided a great deal of pride that was reinforced each time I looked at the faded oval picture on the wall.

Of course, time has passed and many years ago I also gave Uncle Sam four years of my life in the Air Force. I now proudly wear my grandfather's American Legion pin on my Legion cap.

Seemly each year while attending various Memorial Day events I find myself and others who have served in the military being asked to stand in recognition of the commitment made. Unfortunately, a growing number of Americans confuse this special holiday for another – Veterans Day.

It bothers me that the importance of Memorial Day is somewhat diluted by honoring all veterans, deceased and still living. However, like others I stand feeling pride for having served in some small way. Memorial Day must be remembered as recognition of those in service to their country who paid the ultimate price of life protecting our freedoms.

I'm perplexed again as Veterans Day rolls around and limited recognition is given. Many Americans don't even realize that it exists.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally recognized as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of the Great War or, as we now know it, World War I.

That war, which was to be the war to end all wars, ended on November 11, 1918.

It took twenty years before Congress acted to establish November 11 as a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be celebrated as Armistice Day, honoring World War I veterans. Sixteen years later Congress acted again, amending the original Act of 1938 by replacing the word "Armistice" with "Veterans." The act, as amended, honored American veterans of all wars.

There's more to the story of the indecision of Congress and the various states as to whether the original date for recognition should be retained. For several years the holiday was on October 25. To make a long story short, in 1978 Veterans Day was returned to its original November 11 (Armistice Day) date.

Veterans Day provides Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery, sacrifice and service of all U.S. military veterans. While deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military – in times of war or peace.

We should all be thankful for the many freedoms we have and honor those members of the military who honorably served to protect them. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day and that each of us take the time to pay tribute to former service members properly.

I sincerely hope that our children are being taught about Armistice and Veterans Day. To promote that effort, in 2001 a U.S. Senate resolution was adopted designating the week of November 11-17 as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students regarding the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

So, Grandpa Gillis, although I didn't know you well, I still remember that oval, faded picture hanging above Grandma's bed. You looked great in uniform and she had so much pride when she pointed to it. That's a pride that lives on in me, especially every Veterans Day. 🍀

Herbs and Spices Offer Creative, Easy Holiday Gift Solutions



Personalized gift baskets make a thoughtful holiday gift.

(ARA) – If you're looking for easy but thoughtful gifts for holiday giving, herb, spice and tea baskets offer a solution for just about anybody on your list. Order the supplies to make them online and you'll save shopping time.

With just a little thought about the person the gift is for and a few supplies, you'll be able to design a personalized presentation.

Some tips:

- Choose containers to define your theme. Baskets are lovely, but a mixing bowl, cake pan, serving dish and colander are more surprising and fun.
- Repackage bulk herbs and spices in small jars or sacks tied with a festive ribbon. Label each with a gift tag or sticker.

And some specific gift basket ideas:

- Tuck loose-leaf teas like chamomile and peppermint (or your favorite spice blend) in a teacup, along with a tea strainer. Tie a ribbon on the handle.
- Combine a pizza cutter, a wedge of Parmesan, some baking yeast and an array of pizza seasonings – like oregano, basil and garlic powder, or a pizza seasoning blend – in a mixing bowl lined with a red-checked cloth or potholder.
- Create a basket of basic spices for newlyweds or kids heading off to college, or a selection of savory spice blends for the seasoned cook. Include a cookbook for beginners or one by a favorite cooking show author.
- Corral some grilling spices and utensils in a grilling basket. Include some long mitts and a gift certificate for grilling fare ("I'll bring the burgers when you fire up the grill," for example).
- Share your sought-after dressing recipe (or look up one that's full of spice). Place it in a salad bowl along with wooden serving utensils and the needed spices and other ingredients. Add some homemade croutons and pretty napkins.
- Fill an earthy mug with a hot cocoa mix or all of the ingredients for a hot drink, like this Cocoa Con Chile. Add the recipe, along with some marshmallows. 🍀



Cocoa Con Chile

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder or carob powder
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- A pinch of sea salt
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup half and half
- Whipped cream or marshmallows for topping (optional)
- A pinch or two of cayenne or 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon powder.

Directions:

- Whisk together in a saucepan the cocoa or carob, sugar, cayenne or cinnamon, salt and water. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until heated through. Whisk in milk and half and half and continue cooking over low heat until hot. Pour into cups and top with whipped cream and another pinch of cayenne, if you like. Makes about two servings.



Thanksgiving Recipes – For Humans



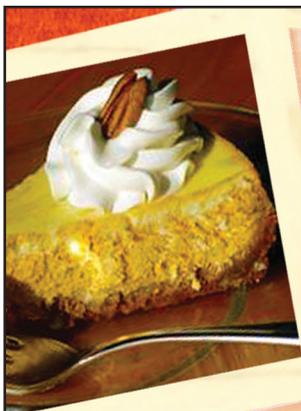
Wild Rice Stuffing

Ingredients

- 2 cups hot water
- 4 cubes chicken bouillon, crumbled
- 1 (6 oz.) package wild rice, uncooked
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 (5.5 oz.) package seasoned croutons
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

Directions

1. Dissolve 3 cubes bouillon in 1 cup hot water. In a medium saucepan, combine wild rice with bouillon water, then fill with just enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Mix remaining 1 cube bouillon in 1 cup hot water. Heat butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Stir in celery and green pepper; cook until tender. Mix in remaining bouillon water. Pour skillet contents into a large bowl. Stir together cooked rice, croutons and poultry seasoning.
3. Stuff turkey loosely and cook turkey as directed. (This recipe will stuff a 12-lb. bird. It can be easily doubled for a larger bird.) Or put stuffing into a well greased baking dish, cover and bake 30 minutes in a preheated oven at 325°F.



Marbled Pumpkin Cheesecake with Gingersnap Crust

Ingredients

- 1½ cups crushed gingersnap cookies
- ½ cup finely chopped pecans
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- ¾ cup white sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. In a medium bowl, mix together the crushed gingersnap cookies, pecans, and butter. Press into the bottom and about 1 inch up the sides of a 9 inch springform pan. Bake crust 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Set aside to cool.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, ½ cup sugar and vanilla just until smooth. Mix in eggs one at a time, blending well after each. Set aside 1 cup of the mixture. Blend ¼ cup sugar, pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg into the remaining mixture.
3. Spread the pumpkin flavored batter into the crust and drop the plain batter by spoonfuls onto the top. Swirl with a knife to create a marbled effect.
4. Bake 55 minutes in the preheated oven or until filling is set. Run a knife around the edge of the pan. Allow to cool before removing pan rim. Chill for at least 4 hours before serving.



Leftover Turkey Casserole

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (12 oz.) can evaporated milk
- 1 cup water
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup finely crushed herb-seasoned dry bread stuffing mix
- 1 cup cooked, diced turkey meat
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups leftover mashed potatoes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan over low heat. Blend in the flour. Slowly stir in evaporated milk and water, then season with salt, pepper, and onion powder. Stir sauce over low heat for 5 minutes.
3. In a separate saucepan over low heat, melt 2 tablespoons butter. Blend in the dry stuffing mix. Place the turkey in the prepared baking dish. Pour the sauce over turkey, then sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Spread mashed potatoes over cheese. Top mashed potatoes with the stuffing mixture.
4. Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven.



Thanksgiving Recipes – For Pets

Thanksgiving wouldn't be Thanksgiving without a taste of turkey. Here are two recipes for pet-healthy meals worthy of the holiday.

Note: These recipes should be considered occasional treats, not as everyday replacements for your pet's regular diet. If your pet is on a special diet or has a history of pancreatitis or other digestive problems, check with your vet before changing their diet.

A Purr-fect Recipe **Turkey Supreme** (for cats)

- 1 turkey breast, cooked and chopped fine
- ½ cup carrots, diced
- ¼ cup spinach, diced
- ½ cups green beans, diced
- ¾ cup cooked brown rice
- No-salt chicken broth

Combine turkey, carrots, spinach and green beans. Add rice and enough chicken broth to bind ingredients. Cool until mixture is lukewarm and serve.

Serves 4

A 'Dog-gone' Good Recipe **Lazy Turkey Loaf** (for dogs)

- 2 pounds ground turkey
- ½ cup cooked vegetables
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder*
- ½ cup quick-cook barley
- 1 cup quick-cook oats
- 4 oz. canned no-fat gravy
- 1 egg

Preheat oven to 350°. In a mixing bowl combine turkey, vegetables, garlic powder, egg, barley and oats. Mix thoroughly. Spoon into a greased loaf pan and pat down meat mixture until level. Spread gravy on top of loaf and bake for 1 to 1½ hours. Cool and cut into six even slices.

*Garlic powder in small amounts is not considered dangerous to dogs.

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When Pets Have Diabetes Mellitus

By Dr. DiBenedetto

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Diabetes mellitus, sometimes called sugar diabetes, is a common disease in middle aged to older dogs and cats. Diabetes results when there is decreased production of insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas. Without insulin, the body's cells are not able to use glucose for energy. Glucose then builds up in the blood stream, causing hyperglycemia. Diabetes is treatable and, with proper care, does not have to affect the pet's quality of life. Diabetic pets are treated with insulin injections given every 12-24 hours. Early diagnosis and treatment can reduce complications, such as chronic muscle wasting, weakness in rear legs and cataracts. Diabetes does require lifelong insulin therapy.

Symptoms of diabetes include:

- increased water intake
- frequent urination with increased volume of urine
- a ravenous appetite despite losing weight.

These symptoms may appear gradually and not be noticed immediately.

There are long acting, intermediate and short acting insulins available. Cats in particular metabolize insulin quicker and generally require the longer acting insulin. Dogs, on the other hand, do better on the intermediate acting insulin. When a pet is diagnosed as diabetic they are started on a low dose of insulin and adjusted upwards until a normal glucose level is reached. Typically, blood tests will be done weekly at first then, once stable, every two to four months. Sometimes a pet will need to be hospitalized due to

complications, like ketoacidosis or hypoglycemia. Ketoacidosis can cause severe vomiting and dehydration. Hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, can cause seizures and even death if not treated quickly. Low blood sugar can happen even in regulated pets. Increased exercise, illness, dehydration or medication interactions can all cause changes in blood glucose. If you suspect your diabetic pet is hypoglycemic you should offer food right away. If the animal refuses food or is not able to eat due to having seizures, you should apply a sugar solution (Karo syrup, maple syrup or honey) directly on the gums so that it can be absorbed quickly. Once your pet is alert, he or she should be fed more food. Always contact your veterinarian immediately! Your pet should be evaluated to have their dosage of insulin adjusted. Only giving the

insulin injections to your pet if they have eaten their meals can prevent hypoglycemia. Sometimes special prescription diets are used to aid in regulating the blood glucose. Most pet owners easily learn to give insulin injections at home without many difficulties.

Maintaining your pet on a balanced diet, making sure they receive regular exercise, keeping them at a healthy weight and giving the insulin twice a day at regular intervals are all important factors in the management of diabetes. 🐾

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Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

Hearing Aids (Women: Don't read this!)

By Gabriel Jones, ThumbPrint News Columnist

Men, this is for you!
When your doctor tells you that you should be wearing a hearing aid, do it!
I know some of you will say you don't need it. But consider what it will do for you.
The biggest thing about it is that you can turn it on or off at a moment's notice.
"What is the advantage of that?" you might ask.
Listen to this...
At first, I didn't want any hearing aids, but then my family physician said that I should get them as soon as

I realize that I have a slight hearing loss. If I wait too long and my hearing gets worse, then it's very difficult to cope with the full sound that I will receive with them. (Too loud - can't take the noise.)

Now look at the advantages when you wear them. You can hear the TV, hear conversations around you, and hear (?) your wife.

That's right. I put a question mark there. Why?

Perhaps, when you started to lose your hearing, your wife did not talk to you as much. It made her work too hard to get you to listen.

But now, she talks to you all

the time. (All the time, all the time...) You find that you need a rest from her constant talking, but you can't tell her that.

So, here is what you do. Are you listening?

If she talks to you too much, quietly and quickly, turn the hearing aid off.

Then nod your head every once in a while and say, "Yes, Dear."

It'll work, believe me. She'll be so glad that you agree with her, that she will talk to you even more. But that's okay because she won't know that you turned the hearing aid off. Just keep saying "Yes, Dear," and everything will be fine. 🌱

Where is God?

- A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.
- The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent her 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.
- The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"
- They boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response. He sat with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?"
- The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"
- The youngest brother gasped for breath and replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time dude. God is missing and they think WE did it!" 😊



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FUN WITH THANKSGIVING

By Louise Allen
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer



These two games can add a little family fun time on Thanksgiving day in addition to enjoying the traditional feast and watching the football game on television. Both ideas came from the website www.amazingmoms.com, which offers great ideas for holiday or every day family fun.



Popcorn Relay Race

This game can be a bit messy, but it's well worth it to see relatives young and old playing together! Set bowls filled with popcorn at one side of a room and then empty bowls at the opposite side. (Unbuttered popcorn will be a lot less messy.)

Teams must transport the popcorn from the full bowl, to the empty, using a measuring cup.

The first team to empty their popcorn bowl wins the game!

Note: popcorn is a choking hazard for children under three!

"Thankerchief"



Arrange the children/players in a circle. Pass a "thankerchief" (handkerchief) around the circle, as everyone recites this poem:

*Thankerchief, thankerchief,
around you go –
Where you'll stop, nobody knows.
But when you do, someone must say,
What they are thankful for this day.*

The player holding the "thankerchief" when the poem ends, must say aloud, one thing for which they are thankful. This continues until everyone has had their turn.

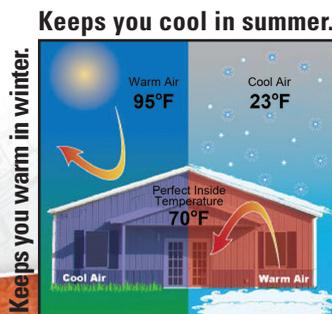
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Tips on the Best Type of Firewood to Use

By **Ralph McKinch**

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Fall is here. The fresh, crisp days give way to frosty nights. We hold off as long as possible the inevitable – turning on the furnace for the upcoming colder Michigan weather. For some of us lucky enough to have a woodstove or a fireplace, that might just be enough to wait a month or two longer. A chilly room is suddenly transformed into a cozy, comfortable place to relax. The ambience of a wood fire is hard to beat.



Nothing beats a cozy fire on a frosty fall evening.

Just what is the best firewood to use? Although the internet abounds with opinions galore, most experts will agree on one thing: the wood you use must be well-seasoned.

What does that mean to let the wood season? Most fresh cut wood is full of moisture. A fresh cut cord of oak, for example, contains enough water to nearly fill six 55 gallon drums! It is the moisture in the wood that will make the wood extremely hard to light. If it does light, it will smolder and keep going out. It doesn't burn efficiently, meaning that it won't put out much heat.

Worse yet, the moisture content in wood determines how much creosote

will build up in your chimney. Creosote is a combustible deposit that originates from condensed wood smoke. It also includes tar, vapors and other organic compounds. It's a natural by-product of burning wood. Once inside the chimney, creosote usually undergoes a chemical alteration of the fuel molecules as a result of the application of heat. Too much creosote in a chimney can result in a dangerous chimney fire.

Most hardwoods, to be really seasoned properly, require more than a year. If you are purchasing firewood, you can tell if the hardwood is not seasoned because the bark will be tightly attached and the center of the wood will look wet, while the edges or ends which have been exposed since the cutting will look lighter and drier.

Softwoods, such as fir or pine, might be dry enough within a year to burn efficiently.

Determining what kind of wood is the best depends on what is most important to you. Do you want it to burn hot and long? Do you want a wood with a wonderful aroma? If you are splitting your own wood, which is going to be the easiest? Are you going to use the wood for cooking in an indoor or outdoor fireplace or firepit?

Here is a list of some specific types of wood that might be available and their unique characteristics. (I have limited my list to woods that might be readily available in Michigan.)

- **Apple** – Perhaps the king of all cooking woods, this is definitely one of the best firewood types. It has a heavenly sweet smell which is great for cooking and smoking.

It burns hot without giving off much flame making it ideal for firewood cooking in a fire pit. The flavor is mildly smoky with hints of fruity sweetness.

- **Ash** – This is an excellent firewood. It tends to burn very well, even if a bit wet and green.
- **Beechwood** – This has some good heat and flame but tends to give off a fair amount of sparks, making it less suitable for an indoor fireplace.
- **Birch** – Birch gives off good heat but tends to be consumed pretty quickly.
- **Cedar** – This wood has a heavenly fragrance. It gives a nice steady heat without too big a flame. It is definitely one of the best firewoods for cooking if used correctly.
- **Cherry** – This is another of the best firewood types, burning hot and with a low flame similar to apple. If used for grilling, it has a mild fruity flavor excellent with almost anything, including poultry, pork and beef.
- **Crabapple** – This is very similar to apple wood in function and flavors.
- **Elm** – This wood tends to have a high water content so it smokes quite a bit but still has good heat. Ideally this needs long seasoning (up to a few years) to be really dry and burn hot and evenly and without too much smoke.
- **Hawthorn** – This is one of the best firewood types, burning very hot and long.
- **Hickory** – Considered the “king of smoking woods,” hickory is a hard, high heat wood that gives off a strong, sweet, almost bacon-like flavor which works beautifully to flavor pork, ham and beef. It has



Proper storage of firewood is essential.

great long lasting heat and is one of the best fire wood types.

- **Juniper** – This wood snaps and pops a lot. Like pine it is a natural insect repellent with a distinct aroma, smelling like a piney cedar chest. It is not good for cooking.
- **Maple** – This wood is smokey but with a mellow, slightly sweet aroma and flavor. It is a good fuel wood, giving off a lot of heat.
- **Mulberry** – This is similar in many ways to apple. Sweet smelling smoke is great for cooking.
- **Oak** – Oak is one of the best fire wood types. It requires a good deal of seasoning time (as much as two years) but then is a good slow burning wood with lots of heat and a small flame. It won't pop and snap as it burns. If it is not fully seasoned, the smoke can be very dense and bitter.
- **Pear** – An outstanding firewood similar to apple in characteristics and use.
- **Pine** – This burns well when well-seasoned but has a tendency to crackle and pop because it is soft, resinous wood. Good for kindling since it lights easily, but too much can leave a strong piney smell which is nice outdoors but can be overwhelming indoors or with food. It can also leave an oily soot in your chimney.



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- **Spruce** – This is a very sparky wood which burns quickly. It is not one of the best for fireplaces.
- **Walnut** – All types of walnut give off a heavy smoke.

Proper storage of your wood for future use can also make a huge difference in how it later performs in your fireplace or woodstove. If you store firewood poorly, it is likely to have bugs, rot, stay wet, grow moss, or show other signs of decay that render it less efficient when burning.

One of the most important principles of proper storage of firewood is that air needs to be able to properly circulate around the logs. Putting pallets or concrete blocks arranged underneath the stack of wood can increase air flow. Alternating the direction of the logs from layer to layer also will increase the air flow.

You will need something on each

end of the log pile to keep the stack from falling over. When the wood is stacked neatly, it can be covered loosely with a tarp to keep the rain off. If the wood has not yet been seasoned, it should not be covered until it has had the correct length of time to dry out.

Firewood should be stored at least ten feet away from the house. A stack of firewood is a popular nesting place for little rodents and insects, such as carpenter ants and termites, and, if the pile is too close to the house, these critters can become a problem inside the home.

Proper seasoning and storage of firewood will increase the chances that your chilly weather indoor fires will be just as perfect as you have envisioned, creating extra warmth for the home and reducing the costs from alternate heating methods. 🌱

Preventing Chimney Fires

By Ralph McKinch

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

A chimney is normally well-insulated and is meant to be the vessel by which smoke and heat is emitted to the outside from an indoor fireplace or wood burning stove. A fire in the chimney seems relatively harmless at first appearance. In actuality, a chimney fire at its worse can catch on explosively, sound like the roaring of a train and can shoot flames and dense smoke out the top. Sometimes they are hot enough to damage the chimney irreparably. Chimney fires have also been responsible for catching homes on fire and deaths.

Wood, when it is burning, sends smoke up the chimney. Smoke does not always remain in a gaseous form. Significant amounts of materials can be present in the smoke which can condense on the inside of the chimney, resulting in a tar-like or flaky substance called creosote. A flame or spark from the fireplace may reach the creosote and start it on fire.

Some of the things that increase the chance for creosote build-up are:

- Burning green, unseasoned wood
- Cold air on the outside of the chimney
- Lack of good air flow to pull the smoke out of the chimney
- Large, compact bundles of wood which tend to produce cooler fires
- Burning cardboard, newspaper or wrapping paper in the fireplace



This home was lost because of a chimney fire.

To prevent a chimney fire, it is important to have your chimney inspected and cleaned regularly. Chimney logs that are sold at supermarkets and hardware stores may provide some reduction in creosote build-up but should never be used solely in place of professional chimney inspection and cleaning.

Keep your family safe this winter by taking the proper measures to prevent a chimney fire. 🌱

Editor's note: I can personally attest to the fact that experiencing a chimney fire can be terrifying. About a year after we built our log home, we had a chimney fire in the living room fireplace. I wasn't sure what was happening at the time. The roaring noise was horrific, the fire alarms were all going off and there was smoke coming out cracks in the rocks along the ceiling. My husband, who was just coming down the road saw flames shooting sky high out of the chimney. We were fortunate that there was no permanent damage or human injury. The only aftermath was ashes covering the front and back decks and rooftops. However, it was enough to scare me in to realizing the potential dangers of a chimney fire and it taught me to take the proper precautions to prevent one.



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MAYFLOWER: Ancestors

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White, was born on the *Mayflower* after it had arrived in the New World, prior to the settlement at Plymouth being established.

During the first winter, almost half of these emigrants perished. Today, with the help of the vast genealogical resources on the Internet and the existence of the original passenger list, many Americans can trace their ancestry back to someone who was aboard the *Mayflower*. Those persons later became known as the Pilgrims.

Here are the passengers who came over on the *Mayflower*:

Members of the Leiden Congregation and their Families:

- Allerton, Isaac
- Mary (Norris) Allerton, wife
 - Bartholomew Allerton, son
 - Remember Allerton, daughter
 - Mary Allerton, daughter
- Bradford, William
- Dorothy (May) Bradford, wife
- Brewster, William
- Mary Brewster, wife
 - Truelove Brewster, son
 - Wrestling Brewster, son
- Carver, John
- Catherine (Leggett) (White) Carver, wife
- Chilton, James
- Susanna Chilton, wife
 - Mary Chilton, daughter
- Cooper, Humility – baby daughter of Robert Cooper, in company of her aunt, Ann Cooper Tilley
- Crackstone, John
- John Crackstone, son



- Fletcher, Moses
- Fuller, Edward
- Mrs. Edward Fuller, wife
 - Samuel Fuller, son
- Fuller, Samuel – brother to Edward
- Goodman, John
- Minter, Desire
- Priest, Degory
- Rogers, Thomas
- Joseph Rogers, son
- Sampson, Henry – child in company of his uncle and aunt, Edward and Ann Tilley
- Tilley, Edward
- Ann (Cooper) Tilley, wife
- Tilley, John
- Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley, wife
 - Elizabeth Tilley, daughter
- Tinker, Thomas
- Mrs. Tinker, wife
 - boy Tinker, son
- Turner, John
- boy Turner, son
 - boy Turner, younger son
- White, William
- Susanna (Fuller) White, wife
 - Resolved White, son
 - Peregrine White, son
- Williams, Thomas
- Winslow, Edward
- Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow

Planters Recruited by London Merchants:

- Billington, John
- Eleanor Billington, wife
 - John Billington, son
 - Francis Billington, son
- Britteridge, Richard
- Browne, Peter
- Clarke, Richard
- Eaton, Francis
- Sarah Eaton, wife
 - Samuel Eaton, son
- Gardiner, Richard
- Hopkins, Stephen
- Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins, wife
 - Giles Hopkins, son by first marriage
 - Constance Hopkins, daughter by first marriage
 - Damaris Hopkins, daughter
 - Oceanus Hopkins, son
- Margesson, Edmund
- Martin, Christopher
- Mary (Prower) Martin, wife
- Mullins, William
- Alice Mullins, wife
 - Priscilla Mullins, daughter
 - Joseph Mullins, son

- Prower, Solomon
- Rigsdale, John
- Alice Rigsdale, wife
- Standish, Myles
- Rose Standish, wife
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- English, Thomas
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Family Servants:

- Butten, William (The only person who died during the voyage.)
- Carter, Robert
- Doty, Edward
- Holbeck, William
- Hooke, John
- Howland, John
- Lancemore, John
- Latham, William
- Leister, Edward
- Moore, Ellen (age 8)
- Jasper Moore, brother (age 7)
 - Richard Moore, brother (age 6)
 - Mary Moore, sister (age 4)
- Soule, George
- Story, Elias
- Thompson, Edward
- Wilder, Roger
- Carpenters:**
- Kerr, George

If you are interested in researching the possibility that one of your ancestors arrived on the *Mayflower*, the best place to begin would be to research persons who have the same last name (family name) as one of your known ancestors. Using Internet research tools, see if you can make a connection from your known ancestors to someone on the *Mayflower*. There are many great Internet sites to use when doing your research. Here are three to get you started:

- www.mayflowerhistory.com (This, in my opinion, is probably the best place to start, as it has several different useful links, including a complete list of *Mayflower* passengers and their genealogies, histories and descendants, wills of *Mayflower* passengers, useful addresses for further research and much more.)



- www.michmayflower.org (This is a Michigan-based society devoted to genealogical and historical research of *Mayflower* ancestors. The resource link offers some very useful sites worth pursuing.)
- www.ancestry.com (One of the most popular genealogy websites because it allows users to access the genealogies of millions of users around the globe and the chance to make connections with the user's own tree. There is a cost for the service annually, but it can be tried out free for 30 days, which allows a whole month to research your family roots!)

In addition to the human travelers on the *Mayflower*, evidence suggests that probably several cats and dogs also were on board. When explorers set out for the New World, they had already previously been using cats on board ships as mouse and rat catchers and most likely continued to do so aboard the *Mayflower*. Felines were definitely put to work in the barns and fields of Plymouth.

Two dogs were known to come over on the *Mayflower*, an English mastiff and an English spaniel who are mentioned on a couple of occasions in the Pilgrims' journals. They were owned by John Goodman, a young man of about 25 years of age. They are recorded as being involved in the first explorations of discovery on Cape Cod and were there during the first winter of homesteading ashore. (It may prove a little harder to prove that your cat or dog is descended from those who came over on the *Mayflower*!)

Good luck on your search for *Mayflower* ancestors. *ThumbPrint News* would love to hear from those who can successfully trace their roots to a passenger on the *Mayflower*. Please email thumbprintnews@comcast.net with your success stories. 🍀



LOCAL RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Diane L. Kodet
ThumbPrint News Editor



Alex Miller has worked in the restaurant/catering business in many capacities since he was 15 years old. He gained experience at some of the top name restaurants in the metro area, including Chuck Muer Corporation and the Roostertail. As General Manager of the Roostertail, Alex earned recognition as Caterer of the Year in 2006 by NACE (National Association of Catering Executives). He specialized in event planning where their Fairytale Wedding was featured on the national television show *Home Delivery*. They were also voted "One of the Top 100 Nightclubs in the Country" by *Nightclub & Bar* magazine.

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90% of the food items used are fresh or homemade. On the day that we reviewed the restaurant, we enjoyed a quiet mid-day meal. For starters, we ordered coconut shrimp skewers that were rolled in seasoned coconut, deep fried and served with raspberry Chambord sauce. The breading was crisp, abundant with coconut, and the sweet sauce complimented the seafood skewers exquisitely.

For the entrée, I tried the smothered stuffed chicken. A tender chicken breast was filled with fresh mashed potatoes and grated cheese and then was rolled in panko bread crumbs and baked until golden brown. (Panko is a variety of flaky bread crumb used in Japanese cuisine as a crunchy coating for fried foods and is made from bread without crusts. It has a crisper, airier texture than most types of breading found in Western cuisine.) A light chicken sauce with fresh sun-ripened diced tomatoes finished the dish. It was quite tasty and the portion was ample enough to take home for a second meal.

Although too full to enjoy dessert, any one of the five cake choices were tempting: carrot, German chocolate, triple chocolate fudge, red velvet or apple caramel.

The menu had a well-rounded offering for all palates, including beef, chicken, fish and pasta dishes, in addition to burgers, sandwiches, salads and appetizers. All were moderately priced.

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specials on draft beer and chicken wings), on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 4:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Saturday. They are closed on Sunday.

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Editor's note: If you are a restaurant owner in any of the counties that the ThumbPrint News covers and would like us to review your restaurant for possible inclusion in a future edition, please call Diane at (810) 794-2300 or send an email to thumbprintnews@comcast.net.



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In The Rough

By Maggie Lamond Simone

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

If ever there was a sporting analogy for parenthood, golf is it. There are traps and hazards and obstacles and bad lies, misplaced shots and errors in judgment and bad bounces. Even the professionals have bad days and miss putts. It looks so darn easy on television, yet simply breaking even is a good thing.

Unfortunately, it seems that in my children's eyes, I've gone from being a pro to having a serious handicap.

I remember how those eyes used to sparkle with awe, when the kids thought I knew everything. Oh, sure, my daughter caught on while she was still in diapers, but my son? He held out, God love him. Despite evidence to the contrary, including teaching him that beating a smoke detector senseless with a broom was an acceptable way to turn it off and that ironing clothes might be harmful to the environment, he steadfastly clung to the illusion that Mommy knew some things.

Then he decided to play golf. I couldn't have been more thrilled, because I love the game and hoped that at least one of the kids would love it too. I think my son was impressed with my knowledge as we watched tournaments on television, and was therefore comfortable when I suggested I could teach him to play.

It could be argued, I suppose, that someone who has played a sport for 25 years and gotten steadily worse is probably not the ideal teacher, but of course hindsight is 20/20, isn't it? I figured I could teach him the basics and send him out. Hey, it's worked for me so far ("she said, somewhat defensively.")

I got him some clubs and took him to the driving range. I took the driver in my hands and showed him exactly how to hold it. Left hand here, right hand here, pinky fingers here. Stand like this; keep your feet straight and your head and shoulders down so that you're looking at the tee after the shot.

I then gave him a bucket of balls and said, "Okay! Go get 'em, tiger! Drive away! Then we'll play nine holes and I'll have a golfing partner

for the rest of my life! Woohoo!"

He looked at me adorably and stepped up to the tee. His face beaming, ready to conquer this game that

looks so darn easy, he took a swing. Then he took another. The ball wasn't going very far. Eventually he turned to me and said, "Mom, what am I doing wrong?" I encouraged him to keep at it.

"You're doing great, honey! It's a hard game to master, but just keep at it! Practice, practice, practice!" All I needed was pompoms and a bullhorn.

And he kept at it. We played faithfully, and I kept telling him, "It's okay, honey! You're doing great! Look at how long Mommy has played, and I still can't get it in the air!" This was beginning to lose its consoling effect. One day at the driving range, after a particularly frustrating bucket of balls, I saw a pro wrapping up a lesson. As he gathered his things and walked by, I asked for help.

The pro watched us swing a couple times, then stepped up to my son. "I'm going to change your grip a little," he said, changing his grip completely. "And do you see how you're standing straight ahead? I want you to pivot off your back foot so your bellybutton ends up facing where you want the ball to go. Plus, you have to see where your ball went, right?"

After the adjustments were made, my son started driving the ball 175 yards. He looked back at me with what may have been a glare. "Okay, okay," I said tightly. "So the only two things I taught you about golf were wrong! I'm sorry! It's not like everything I've ever said is wrong!"

With likely visions of smoke detectors and wrinkled shirts clouding his memory, he went back to driving the ball. The last thing I heard as I slunk away was the pro telling my son, "Hey, at least she



didn't tell you that mothers get a stroke a hole – hahaha!”

Then, “MOM!”

This I've learned: Kids don't necessarily remember how they got to where they are, but they'll remember you were there for the trip. 🌱

*Editor's Note: Maggie is the author of the book **From Beer to Maternity**, which captures the wit and wisdom of her adventurous life as a late-blooming adult, and then wife, and then parent, and through it she shares the intelligent and wonderful insights she's acquired with the rest of us. Her 600 to 800 word columns cut through the chaotic clutter of modern life and offer up witty, engaging, funny and occasionally wisdom filled essays on topics that haunt people who balance work, parenting and being married with children. Her articles are warm, heartfelt, thought-provoking, and emotionally enjoyable, almost always laugh out loud till your sides ache commentaries on topics that include dating, spouses, work, marriage, pregnancy, motherhood, kids, parents and menopause, all carefully developed with the caustic wit and healthy disrespect for perfection – her trademarks – that is uniquely contained therein.*

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MARINE CITY: Small Town

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Point, which later became part of Marine City.

Settlement of this area was slow, however, until after the Revolutionary War. In the 1780s European-American settlers obtained a deed for land from the Chippewa Indians and started arriving at Yankee Point, thus called because many of the settlers came from the northern part of the states.

Some of the names of Marine City's pioneer settlers include the Cottrells, the Wards, the Smiths and the Browns.

During the late 18th and 19th century, most settlers to this area originated in New England. They called the settlement Belle River. The land near the rivers was considered some of the richest agricultural land of the county, being divided into what were called “ribbon farms”. Ribbon farms were long narrow tracts of land, with easement to the waterways of either the St. Clair River or the Belle River.

Life was not easy for these early settlers. Farming was the only occupation, but markets for these crops were few. Bartering was one of the few ways that needed goods could be obtained. The war of 1812 brought problems with the Indians and the settlers' lives were often endangered. Many families became so desperate that they went to Canada and pledged their allegiance to the British for protection.

Illness was another major concern. Chills and fever could last for many months without diagnosis and doctors and medicine were few. Malaria ran rampant during various periods.

Around 1819, Captain Samuel Ward came to the area. He built a log house partially covered with oak shakes. The following year the first of many boats was built in Marine City– the wooden schooner St. Clair. It was built by Mr. Gallagher and Captain Ward was the owner. From it, he peddled pumpkins, potatoes, whisky and other general merchandise. He continued in the ship building industry, establishing a large shipyard in Marine City.

In 1822 there were only about one hundred families total living in all of St. Clair County. In Marine City there were about five families living on the

St. Clair River and around six French families living on the Belle River. The people made their living by fishing and some fur trading and lumbering.

The village was platted as Newport in 1835-1837 and was known as that for 31 years, though it was never incorporated under that name. In 1865, it was incorporated as the Village of Marine City. Lumber and other commodities caused the village to prosper.

In 1833, Eber Brock Ward moved to Marine City to work for his uncle, Captain Samuel Ward. In 1840, he became the captain of the Huron, the first steamship built by Samuel Ward's shipyard. Samuel and Eber Brock Ward created a monopoly on the travel and freight that ran through the Great Lakes, prior to the years that the railroads came to Michigan.

Eber Brock Ward began investing in large tracts of pineland for lumber. When his uncle died in 1855, he combined his inheritance with his own investments and became Michigan's first millionaire.

In 1845, Emily Ward, a sister of Eber Brock Ward, established Newport Academy to provide educational opportunities for the area's children and had a building constructed to house the students in 1847. The building was one of the first schoolhouses in Marine City. She conducted the academy for about 20 years.

In 1868, the city purchased the building and moved it to its present location of 405 S. Main Street. It has served as a private and public school, a community hall, a jail, a hose house, a church, a library and is now the home to the Marine City Museum.

In 1870 the Union School was



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built, at a cost of \$15,000. The first principal was George R. Whitmore.

In 1874, the first newspaper published in Marine City was called the *Gazette*.

In June of 1887, the village had again grown in population and was re-incorporated as a city. The second half of the 19th century was a period of rapid growth. Most people were employed in either the lumber or the shipping industries. Huge amounts of lumber filled the St. Clair River each spring, to be processed in mills either at Marine City or in Detroit.

Marine City's shipyards built some of the greatest ships that crossed the Great Lakes. In the days of the wooden freighters, it was known as a ship building center. Many sailors and captains made their homes here because of that reputation. Grand, elaborate, lavish Victorian homes, many of which remain standing, are a reminder of Marine City's days of prosperity from lumbering and ship building.

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KING OF STORMS: Perfect Storm

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to break through the milder air of Indian summer. The warm waters of the lakes only add extra fuel to the storms. Generally, these storms pass through after a few hours, doing little harm. However, occasionally there are times when multiple low fronts combine. When Arctic cold fronts touch them off, they can produce storms of awful intensity.

In 1913 there were no satellite weather forecasts, only barometers, telegraph reports from other ports, and the weather wisdom of sailors.

Great Lakes author Fred Stonehouse said the storm was caused by multiple low fronts, but added it was not a hurricane. "It was most likely a cyclonic storm. There were probably three low-pressure systems over the Great Lakes. One from the Mississippi Valley, one from the plains, and one from Canada," he said.

Author and shipwreck historian Les Oleszewski agreed. He said the storms intensity was caused by three low-pressure systems, the third one being the crucial ingredient for disaster. He said the third system swung through the south and made it as far east as Virginia. Then in a freak of nature, it bounced back westward, possibly deflected by a strong high-pressure system parked over Bermuda. As the front headed west, it gathered energy from the cool air over the lakes; by the time it neared Buffalo it was a monster. This front also blocked the other two low fronts from heading east, their normal course.

"Had it not been for this system moving back towards the lakes and blocking the eastern movement of the other two low pressure systems that were headed eastward

across the lakes, the entire event likely would have blown over." Oleszewski said.

But when the three systems combined their powers, all hell broke loose.

False Lull

On Saturday, November 8, the gales on the upper lakes seemed to let up. Captains waiting in port began to head out into the open water, eager to get their cargoes into port.

Captains of the lakes are well aware of the dangers of sailing in November but they must also get their last runs finished before the ice builds up and shuts down the shipping lanes for the winter. They also have to answer to shipping company executives. Shipping companies generally make more profits for every late season load that's delivered. Captains who seem overly cautious during this late season rush may find themselves without a job at the season's end, especially if their actions affect profits.

It is rumored that one of the reasons the *H.B. Smith* went down on Lake Superior was because its captain left port before his crew could get the ships hatches properly secured. It's probable he was in a hurry for fear of being fired if he didn't deliver his cargo to the next port on time.

Captains and their crews are a hardy breed. Their reputations and their self-image of manhood could be tarnished if they stayed in port during every high wind. When the weather appeared to settle on November 8, many vessels headed out onto Lake Huron. They came out the St. Clair River on the south end, the Saint Mary's River at the north, and east through the Mackinaw Straits from Lake Michigan. As a result several vessels were out on the open water when the storm hit.

November 9-10

The storm saved itself for Sunday, November 9, later known as Black Sunday. The day didn't start out that way. In the morning there were light winds coming off shore near Port Huron at around 15 mph. The weather had been mild and it didn't seem ready to change just yet. But as the ships headed out onto Lake Huron the barometric pressure dropped rapidly and the weather began to deteriorate. The

winds increased and switched directions and the waves were building with every passing hour, punishing ships and making their steel hulls groan. By late afternoon, there were blinding snow squalls which decreased visibility and formed ice on the ships. This added deadly weight to them.

Unlike the open ocean, there is little maneuvering room on the lakes. A ship cannot just change course and sail hundreds of miles to avoid storms. They must stick to their course. If a ship turns around in heavy weather there is always a danger that it may get caught in the trough of a wave and capsize, which was the fate of many of the 1913 wrecks. Besides, fresh water is heavier than salt water. Because of this, lake waves are more powerful when they slam into vessels. If the waves are big and strong enough, they can cause structural damage, which can make ships break up in rough waters.

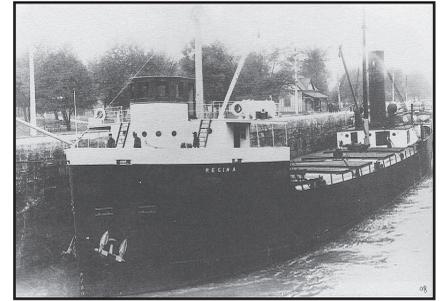
Captain Iler, of the steamer *Crawford*, was heading north on Lake Huron Sunday afternoon when the storm intensified and he reported the conditions in his log.

"I passed up by Fort Gratiot Light on November 9, 3:15 am. At that time the wind was light west. Weather cloudy but clear. At 10:20 am. I passed Pointe Aux Barques. The wind was N.W. and blowing hard. At 11:00 a.m., wind north and increasing in force. At 2:00 pm., blowing a gale and increasing in force. At 4:00 pm. the sea was running so high and wind so strong that we were not going ahead. At 4:30 she blew around in a trough and I could not get her to head to wind again . . . could not see anything. Snowing very hard."

For sixteen long hours the storm battered the ships braving it out on the lakes.

The steamer *Howard B. Hanna* was grounded off the top of Michigan's Thumb and broke in two on a reef. The crew was rescued with the help of local farmers and fishermen.

The steamer *Hawgood* was headed up Lake Huron when the captain, recognizing the danger of the storm, turned the ship around and headed back. On the way down the lake her crew sighted the steamers *Scott*,



The Regina

Price, and the *Regina*, all of which went missing. The *Hawgood's* wheels man, Ed Kanaby, recalled seeing the *Regina* about three miles east of his ship, struggling with the waves. Then it disappeared.

"I looked to the east and I didn't see that little boat anymore. It must have tipped over and sank. I think it was headed for Goderich (Ontario), but it never got there. Then it started to snow, and oh, how it snowed. What a blizzard. Couldn't see nothing."

Kanaby, seeing how dangerous the storm was becoming, disobeyed his captain's order to head the ship out to deeper water and beached the *Hawgood* north of Sarnia, Ontario, with no casualties.

The steamer *Matthew Andrews* ran aground north of Port Huron while following the beacon of *Lightship #61* through blinding snow squalls. What the captain and crew of the freighter didn't know was that the lightship had broken away from its chains hours before and was beached. When they followed its light they were guided towards disaster instead of safety. Luckily, there were no fatalities.

All along the shores of Lake Huron, small vessels sank or ran aground, while shore property was hammered by huge waves. What no one on shore knew yet was the damage being done to ships out on the lakes, but there was much concern.

In 1913, there were no ship-to-shore radios. Once a ship disappeared over the horizon it was basically on its own unless there was another vessel nearby that could assist it if it was in trouble. If a ship was overdue at port during bad weather, the owners assumed the Captain sought refuge someplace until the storm passed. The lakes are full of islands, bays,



The Henry B. Smith

and peninsulas where ships can seek shelter in heavy weather. If a ship went missing for too long, there was usually a search party sent out. If there was evidence of a wreck on shore or on water, such as debris like life jackets, lifeboats or oil slicks, then the worst was assumed.

On Monday, November 10, the storm abated. On the same day the *Port Huron Times Herald* ran this report.

"Many minor accidents were reported throughout the affected region, but no lake disasters were learned of. There is nonetheless considerable apprehension for ships out in the lakes and overdue at ports."

What is That out There?

That Monday morning, Captain Plough was scanning the horizon from the tower of the Fort Gratiot lighthouse at Port Huron when he spotted something. About eight miles out on the lake there appeared to be a ship floating without its smokestacks or deck houses intact. When a tugboat was sent out to investigate, the crew found a rather large, capsized freighter. Its ice-covered bow was visible but its stern was submerged. The water was too rough and murky to send a diver down to look at it. Its identity remained a mystery for a week as the hull drifted around the lake driven by the dying winds.

There was much speculation about the 'mystery ship.' Some thought it might be the *Wexford*, a missing British steamer. The *Wexford's* owners said that was impossible because the *Wexford's* hull was dark green while the bottom of the capsized ship was black. There was also a rumor that another vessel was

trapped beneath the hull of the ship, which kept it above water.

Captain Ried, master of the tugboat *Sarnia City*, went out to see the capsized wreck. Upon coming back to port he said cryptically, "I think it is one of the big fellows."

Evidence of Disaster

In the next few days, the bodies of sailors began washing up on the Canadian shore of Lake Huron. They arrived in singles, pairs and frozen clusters. They were battered and blue from the waves and their hair was frozen like icicles. The first were from the *Wexford*. Then there came some from the *James Carruthers*, then the *Argus*. All during that week, more and more showed up, along with overturned lifeboats and other wreckage from the missing ships. It was becoming apparent that the disaster was far worse than anyone imagined.

The bodies were collected by local authorities and taken to nearby towns on the coast such as Grand Bend, Goderich and Port Franks. They were hauled in by wagons to makeshift mortuaries set up in those towns, often in local furniture stores. Then the long, sad process of sorting them began.

Telegraph lines in the area were still down but some trains had resumed service. A conductor arrived into Sarnia from Thetford, a small town where some of the bodies were gathered. He told the story of the bodies and the disaster on the lakes. As soon as the telegraph lines were up, the word was sent out to the region, then the rest of the U.S. and Canada. Soon the families and shipmates of missing sailors made their way up to help identify the dead.

Among those heading north was Milton Smith, the engineer

An estimated 250–265 sailors were lost in the storm, the largest loss of life in any Great Lakes storm.

<i>Argus</i>	436 ft.	24 dead	Lake Huron
<i>Charles S. Price</i>	524 ft.	28 dead	Lake Huron
<i>H.B. Smith</i>	545 ft.	18 dead	Lake Superior
<i>Hydrus</i>	436 ft.	18 dead	Lake Huron
<i>Issac M. Scott</i>	524 ft.	28 dead	Lake Huron
<i>James Carruthers</i>	550 ft.	24 dead	Lake Huron
<i>John A. McGean</i>	452 ft.	24 dead	Lake Huron
<i>Leafield</i>	269 ft.	18 dead	Lake Superior
<i>Lightship #82</i>		6 dead	Lake Erie
<i>Plymouth</i>	225 ft.	7 dead	Lake Michigan
<i>Regina</i>	269 ft.	25 dead	Lake Huron
<i>Wexford</i>	270 ft.	18 dead	Lake Huron

who had walked off the *Charles S. Price*. When he arrived, he was shown a number of drowned men and recognized the body of John Groundwater, the chief engineer aboard the *Price*. The authorities asked Smith if he was sure about the body and he said yes, he was absolutely sure, he'd know his old boss anywhere.

"If he was from the *Price*, why then does he have a life jacket from the *Regina* on him?"

Smith had no answer for that. Indeed, ten of the *Price's* crew were found with *Regina* lifejackets on. Yet no one from the *Regina* was found with a *Price* life jacket on. This became a great mystery of the storm.

The answer remains an enigma for the simple reason that no one survived from these two ships to tell what happened (or from any of the other missing ships for that matter). It gives sailors, historians and authors a great riddle to contemplate and debate.

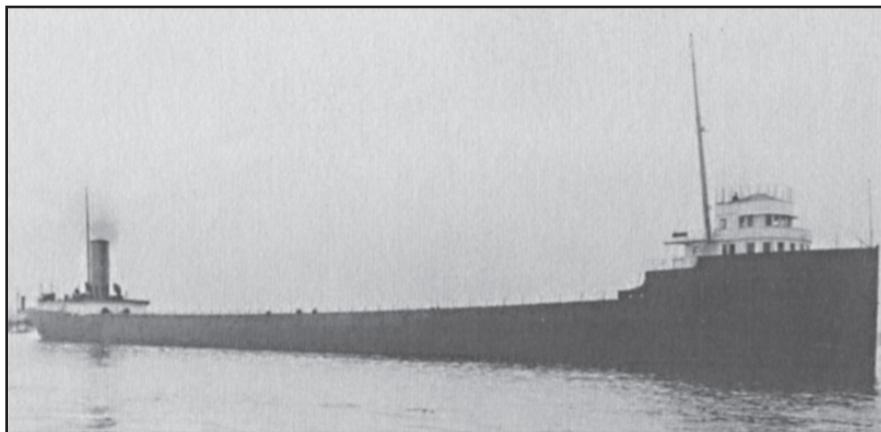
Or does it?

Actually, there are other factors that can easily explain this mystery. During the week after the storm there were, unfortunately, many cases of looting on the beaches. Some locals, after hearing about bodies washing up on shore, went down and rummaged through the wreckage. Some even picked through the pockets of dead sailors, making it harder to identify them. Others stole life jackets off the bodies and took them home as

ghoulish souvenirs. When local police heard of these outrages they announced mandatory three-year jail terms for anyone caught with loot from the wrecks. It's possible that the life jacket John Groundwater was wearing had been found by a looter, then hastily returned to the shore when they found out the about the stiff penalties they might face. The looter probably put the jacket back on Groundwater's body because it was a handy way to get rid of the evidence. Groundwater just happened to be lying nearby.

Another Case of Mistaken Identity

John Thompson was a young sailor aboard the *Carruthers*, one of the missing ships. His father went to one of the temporary mortuary's to identify his son's body and thought he'd found it. The young man he identified had roughly the same build and facial features. He even had a tattoo on his arm with the initials 'JT'. The father brought the body back to Hamilton, Ontario to prepare it for the funeral. Little did the family know that Thompson had switched ships and was aboard the *Maple*, which was safely docked in Toronto during the storm. Thompson read about his death in a Toronto newspaper and arrived at his family's home in time to attend his own funeral Tom Sawyer style. The body that was mistaken for him was never identified.



The *James Carruthers* before the Great Storm of 1913.

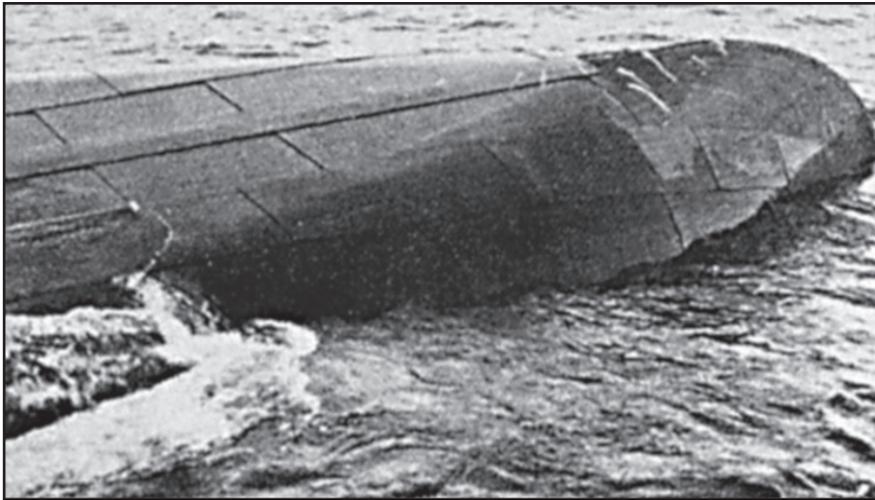
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The End of the Mystery

For a week after its first sighting, the capsized 'mystery ship' remained in the water north of Port Huron. Driven by the wind, it drifted back and forth across the lake, and created a hazard to other ships in the area. It took a whole week for the water to calm down enough to send a diver

to investigate. When the diver came back up he identified the ship as the *Charles S. Price*, the ship that had figured into the story from the start. The diver saw no other ship, dispelling the rumor that there was another vessel caught beneath the *Price*. It was the air trapped in its bow that had kept it afloat. Finally, a week after its discovery, the air ran out of the ship and it settled on the bottom.



The capsized freighter Charles S. Price in the murky waters of Lake Huron.

Dead Men's Tales and a Captain's Chivalry

In the end, no one survived from the 13 vessels that sank. However, some messages got to sailors' loved ones on shore through unusual means.

Lightship # 81, anchored off Buffalo, New York went down on Sunday, November 9. It was the only fatal wreck on Lake Erie. Captain Williams, realizing his ship was doomed, scrawled a message to his wife on a door panel in pencil.

"Goodbye Nellie. Ship is breaking fast. Williams."

On Lake Michigan, the barge *Plymouth* was cast adrift near Gull Island by the tugboat *James Martin* when it proved to be too difficult to tow in the crashing waves. The barge sank after being battered by the waves for over 30 hours, taking its crew of seven with it. One of the crew, U.S. Marshall Chris Keenan, put a message in a bottle for his wife. Keenan was so shaken with fear he had another

crewman write the note for him.

"The Martin has left us here without saying goodbye. We lost a man yesterday. Goodbye. Please pray for me."

The note went on to remind Keenan's wife to make sure to collect the \$35 the shipping company still owed him.

A similar message in a bottle washed up on Lake Superior's shore, supposedly from the lost steamer *Henry B. Smith*, but was later revealed to be a cruel hoax.

One of the bodies washed up on the Canadian shore of Lake Huron was Mrs. Smith, the stewardess aboard the *Argus*. She was found with a life jacket and Captain Paul Gutch's overcoat. When Gutch was found he had no life jacket.

The Final Tally

All in all, the 1913 storm was the worst to hit the lakes. Thirteen ships went down with all hands, eight of

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Anthony F. Glaza

Editor's Note: When Dave Wak submitted his well written article "King of Storms: The Great Storm of 1913" for consideration for publication in ThumbPrint News, my first thought was that the word count was too long for the typical length of an article. However, when I started to read it, I became fascinated and thoroughly absorbed. I have always thrived on learning as much as I could about local history and this piece certainly fit the bill. However, something else was churning in the back of my mind. At first, I wasn't exactly sure why I found this article so compelling, but slowly the reasons began to unfold.

The descriptions of the horrific storm reminded me of photographs I possessed from my great uncle, Anthony F. Glaza, who was a career member of the Coast Guard in the Upper Peninsula. In fact, he was a member long before it became the Coast Guard. At that time, they were called the Life Savers. Anthony was born in 1892 and died in 1966.

Anthony was also an avid photographer. Like many photographers of the day, his photos were also made into postcards. I still have a small collection of those and almost all of them show scenes of ice and snow during storms on Lake Superior – both on land and on the water.

I also knew that he had received the highest award possible from the U. S. Coast Guard, the Gold Life Saving Medal, but I wasn't sure why or when it was received.

Something about Dave's article made me want to look further into that mystery. What I found out was amazing and just too much of a coincidence. Anthony had won his medal during the great storm of 1913! Below is his heroic story.

The U.S. Coast Guard Awards Gold Lifesaving Medal to Anthony F. Glaza

By Diane L. Kodet

ThumbPrint News Editor

Anthony F. Glaza was a commanding figure at only 21 years of age, standing six feet three inches tall. He was a thoughtful man, quick to shoulder responsibilities and just as quick to give credit to others for a job well done.

November was always a treacherous time on the Great Lakes. As a member of the Life Savers on Lake Superior, he had more than his share of opportunities to witness its dangers. In William Ratigan's *Great Lakes Shipwrecks and Survivals* he states, "The families of men who sail the inland seas never plan a Thanksgiving celebration until the day arrives and the sailor is safely home."

Such was the case on November 8, 1913, when a fierce winter storm was pummeling all of the Great Lakes. The steamer *Waldo*, which was nearly 5,000 tons, was battling 70 mile per hour winds and very rough waters. Eventually, the ship was driven onto Gull Rock, off Keweenaw Point, in Lake Superior. The high waves broke the vessel in two and the crew took shelter in the cabin for 90 hours without food, all the while fearing for their lives as the fierce storm raged on.

The next day, news of the wreck reached the Eagle Harbor Life-Saving Station and the crew, including Anthony F. Glaza, made a brave attempt to reach the *Waldo* in a power surfboat. The storm, however, was relentless and quickly covered the small boat with ice, forcing it to return to the station.

A larger, more powerful lifeboat was launched at 3:00 in the morning on November 11. The *Waldo* was 32 miles from the station. Because of the freezing winds and gale-like

The *Waldo* on Gull Rock during 1913

snow, it took over four hours in the rough seas to reach the *Waldo*.

The Portage Life-Saving Station also responded and sent a tug boat to the scene. Arriving first, they began chopping the thick ice that was encasing the *Waldo*'s cabin. When the crew from Eagle Harbor arrived, both its boat and the tug were ice-logged. Despite hazardous and difficult conditions, all persons on board the vessel were safely removed and transported to Houghton, Michigan.

Anthony F. Glaza, along with 16 other members of the Eagle Harbor Station, were awarded the highest possible medal from the U. S. Coast Guard – the Gold Lifesaving Medal.

Anthony went on to an illustrious career with the Coast Guard, including another heroic rescue with the *City of Bangor*, when it also became a victim of the terrible November storms in 1926. Accounts of this rescue were later written up in the magazines *Reader's Digest* and *Michigan History*.

Today, Anthony, along with many other brave Coast Guard members, are honored at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point in Paradise, Michigan on Lake Superior. 🌿



The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point

What Happened On This Day in History?

By Diane L. Kodet

ThumbPrint News Editor

November

1. On this day in 0079, Pompei was buried by Mt. Vesuvius.

2. On this day in 1976, Jimmy Carter (D) defeated Gerald Ford (R) for President.

3. On this day in 1917, first class mail became three cents per ounce.



4. On this day in 1841, the first wagon train arrived in California.

5. On this day in 1639, the first post office in the colonies was set up in Massachusetts.

6. On this day in 1850, Hawaii received its first fire engine.

7. On this day in 1874, the first cartoon depicting the elephant as the Republican Party symbol appeared.

8. On this day in 1789, Bourbon Whiskey was first distilled from corn.



9. On this day in 1944, the Red Cross won the Nobel peace prize.



10. On this day in 1960, the Senate passed the landmark Civil Rights Bill.

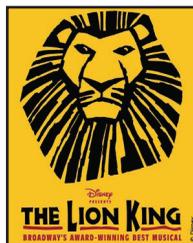
11. On this day in 1868, the first American amateur track and field meet was held (NYC).

12. On this day in 1912, Robert Scott's diary and corpse were found in Antarctica.

13. On this day in 1865, the first US gold certificates were issued.

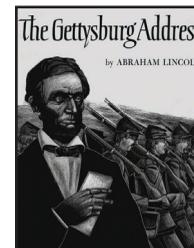
14. On this day in 1896, the power plant at Niagara Falls began operation.

15. On this day in 1997, Disney's "Lion King" set a Broadway record of \$2,700,000 in daily sales.



16. On this day in 1676, the first colonial prison was organized in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

17. On this day in 1863, Lincoln began the first draft of his Gettysburg Address.



18. On this day in 1805, Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific Ocean, becoming the first Americans to cross the continent.

19. On this day in 1861, Julia Ward Howe committed the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to paper.



20. On this day in 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

21. On this day in 1871, Emilio Onra became the first person to be shot out of a cannon.

22. On this day in 1995, Dow Jones closed above 5,000 for the first time.

23. On this day in 1863, the patent was granted for a process of making color photographs.

24. On this day in 1871, the National Rifle Association was organized (NYC).



25. On this day in 1792, *Farmer's Almanac* was first published.

26. On this day in 1865, *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll was published in the U.S.

27. On this day in 1885, the earliest photograph of a meteor shower was made.

28. On this day in 1932, Groucho Marx performed on radio for the first time.

29. On this day in 1775, Sir James Jay invented invisible ink.

30. On this day in 1940, Lucille Ball wed Desi Arnaz.



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them on Lake Huron alone. Twenty two others ran aground or were severely damaged. On shore the damage was evident. In port, all over the lakes, seawalls and docks were pulverized, shoreline homes were flood damaged and telephone lines were down for weeks. The total estimate of the storm's damage was around 3.5 million dollars, a huge cost by 1913 standards. On November 13, the *Port Huron Times Herald* read:

"All along the lake and riverfront damage was severe. Docks were torn away, houses near shore flooded, fisherman's outfits destroyed, and boats ripped from their moorings."

But the highest toll came in human life. An estimated 250-265 sailors were lost in the storm, the largest loss of life in any Great Lakes storm.

After the storm, the Great Lakes Carrier Association put out this report:

"No Lake Master can recall in all his experience a storm of such unprecedented violence with such rapid changes in the direction of the wind and its gusts of such fearful speed. Storms ordinarily of that velocity do not last over four or five hours but this storm raged for 16 hours continuously at an average velocity of 60 mph, with frequent bursts of 70 and over."

The Wrecks Today

Since the storm, five of the eight missing ships on Lake Huron have been located. The first one was the *Price*, found a week after it capsized.

But for 53 years none of the others were found. Then the *Argus* was discovered in 1972 off Kincardine, Ontario. She was broken in two. In 1976, the *Issac M. Scott*, the sister ship of the *Price*, was discovered around Thunder Bay, near Alpena, Michigan. It was found upside down in the mud at the bottom, an indication it capsized. All of the wrecks except the *Wexford* have been found upside down, which seems to indicate that they all capsized.

In July, 1986, the *Regina* was found off Michigan's Thumb near Port Sanilac. It was discovered when commercial fishermen snagged their

nets on it. Diver Gary Benecki went down and confirmed its identity. The wreck lies in 80 feet of water and is in good shape except for a 10 feet hole in its side. Some divers believe the hole indicates the midsection was rammed during the storm but there is no agreement on this.

In the spring of 2000, the British steamer *Wexford* was discovered off Grand Bend, Ontario. It lies upright in 80 feet of water and appears undamaged. The *Hydrus*, the *John McGean* and the *Carruthers* (only six months old when it disappeared) still lie beneath Lake Huron somewhere.

Diver's Tales

Divers have explored all the discovered wrecks, but the two most popular are the *Price* and the *Regina*. This is partially because they are part of the Sanilac Shores Underwater Preserve and are located in clear water. They lie within six miles of each other.

Diver Tom Mercier has explored both wrecks extensively. He described his first dive on the *Regina*.

"Dropped down on the stern. The prop and rudder up at about 60 feet. Huge. Wow. The wreck was pristine with a light algae covering. No zebra mussels. Lots of artifacts, cables, pulleys, cans of tomato sauce in a box, champagne and scotch bottles broken or intact and empty strewn about... Smokestack lying on the eastern side of the wreck. The ship is turned turtle on its starboard side. Swam a bit into the split in the center... Time to go, low on air and leaving this wonderful lady."

The split in the center of the *Regina* remains a puzzle. Some experts claim the hole indicates the *Price* rammed it.

Author Les Oleszewski disagrees with this theory. He said there was a pile of coal found three miles north of where the *Price* was found floating on November 10, suggesting that's where it capsized. Also, the *Price* showed no signs of collision. The *Regina* was found six miles north of the *Price* and three miles north of the coal pile. The *Regina* was anchored when she sank and the split in the hull was probably caused by stress from the anchor chains. However, there is another angle to the story.

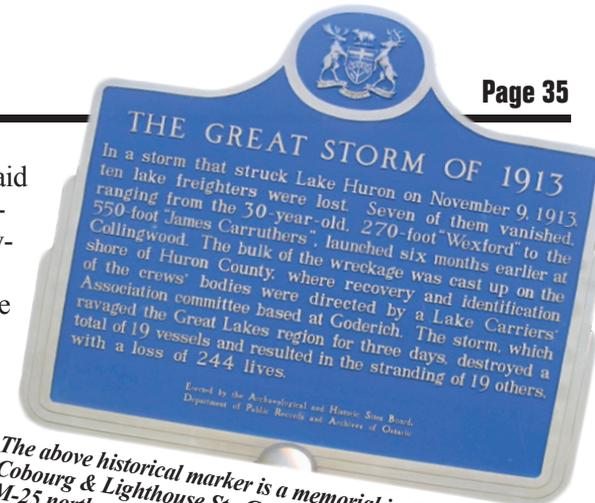
Tom Mercier has heard that divers made the hole in its side. According

to him, some older divers said the *Regina* was actually discovered in 1966, but the divers kept it a secret and used it as their private wreck. The older divers claim the hole in its side was caused by a dynamite charge used to get into a sealed compartment. Whether the story is true is debatable, but it does add one more mystery to a story that's full of them.

Two Memorials

There are two memorials dedicated to the victims of the storm on each side of Lake Huron. On the Canadian side there is a mass grave in a cemetery in Goderich. It's the final resting place of some sailors who were never identified. The grave is marked with a red obelisk simply marked "Sailors."

On the Michigan side of Lake Huron is a historical marker on M-25, just south of Port Sanilac, at a small roadside park overlooking the lake and close to the wrecks of the *Price* and *Regina*.



The above historical marker is a memorial in Canada located at Cobourg & Lighthouse St., Goderich. The historical marker on M-25 north of Port Sanilac reads: THE GREAT STORM OF 1913. Sudden tragedy struck the Great Lakes on November 9, 1913, when a storm, whose equal veteran sailors could not recall, left in its wake death and destruction. The grim toll was 235 seamen drowned, ten ships sunk, and more than twenty others driven ashore. Here on Lake Huron all 178 crewmen on the eight ships claimed by its waters were lost. For sixteen terrible hours gales of cyclonic fury made man and his machines helpless.

Two memorials, the memories of the survivors and the testimony of the wrecks are all that remain to remind us of the awesome horror of this storm. That and the whisper turned roar of the November wind. 🌿

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Huron County

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Christmas Town Lighting, downtown area. Call (989) 453-7400.

Bad Axe – November 27

Christmas Parade, downtown area, 5:00 p.m. Call Tammy at (989) 551-7921.

Lapeer County

Dryden – November 7

Country Style Breakfast, St. Cornelius Church, 3834 N. Mill St., 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, more. Adults \$6, children 4-10 years \$4. (810) 796-2926.

Almont – November 13

Almont Lions Euchre Night, Almont Lions Hall, 222 Water St., 6:00 p.m. Starts at 7:00 p.m. Two sets of five games. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Prizes are awarded to the top three points holders. \$15 donation at the door. Call Don at (810) 798-9609.

Macomb County

Richmond – November 4

Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society Presents, "Historic Richmond: The Early Businesses", State Police Post, 36725 Division, 7:00 p.m. Our own historical researcher will present the second in her series of historic Richmond programs. Contact Christine at crowley50@comcast.net.

Richmond – November 6

Richmond Area Historical & Genealogical Society Presents, "Preserving Historic Structures", Richmond Community Theatre, corner of Churchill and Park Streets, 9:00 a.m. Join us as a Michigan State University faculty member, who is a widely known and acclaimed expert on restoring structures, shares his knowledge with us. (586) 727-7773.

Fraser – November 7

Christmas Decorations Sale, Baumgartner Museum, 18577 Masonic, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Event is sponsored by the Fraser Historical Commission.

Mt. Clemens – November 7

Children's Etiquette Class, Crocker House Museum, 15 Union St., 1:00 p.m. Every child will learn the essentials of proper etiquette with Certified Etiquette Instructor Marguerite Humes. This interactive presentation will teach your child everyday etiquette, introductions, handshakes and table manners. All guests will receive an etiquette booklet and table setting map. Class will begin with a Cookie Tea. Cost is \$12 per person. Please make your reservations early. Tickets are limited and non-refundable. Call (586) 465-2488 or visit www.crockerhousemuseum.com.

New Baltimore – November 7

Flea Market, New Baltimore Civic Club, 36511 Main St., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tables are \$10.00. There will also be lunch, a raffle and a bake sale. Call Dorothy Mahoney at (586) 329-4291.

Romeo – November 11

Ladies Night Out and Holiday Open House, downtown area, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Event is sponsored by the Romeo MRP Association. While he is off hunting, ladies come and shop! Lots of shops, galleries and eateries amid a historic, authentic Midwest small town will be open – all decorated for the holidays. Visit www.romeomrp.com or call (586) 752-1170.

Richmond – November 13

Holiday Market, St. Augustine Parish Center, 68035 Main St., 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Celebrate the start of the holiday season. Shop, eat, meet with friends and enjoy the craft and vendor extravaganza. Admission is free and there will be raffles every hour. There will also be kids' games, face painting and a gold buyer ready to buy your unwanted gold for "Christmas Cash." For information or to become a vendor call Barb at (586) 727-9062.

Oakland County

Royal Oak – November 21

9th Annual Holiday Magic Parade, downtown area, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The parade features musical acts, performances, floats and more from over 55 parade units. After the parade, visit with Santa. New this year is the Santa Scamper before the parade, a fun run through the parade route for kids and families at 9:15 a.m.

Holly – November 27

Dickens Festival, downtown area, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For over 30 years, the sights, smells and surprises of the Dickens Festival have been delighting excited holiday revelers in historic downtown Holly. Join in the fun as Charles Dickens' merry old England comes alive in the atmosphere of turn of the century buildings, welcoming shopkeepers and crafters. (248) 634-9571 or visit www.mainstreetholly.com/DickensFestival/homePage.php for a calendar of events.

St. Clair County

Algonac – November 2

Genealogy Circle, Algonac-Clay Branch Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. Registration is required. Support fellow genealogy searchers in their quest to trace their family history. Share your knowledge, success and pitfalls as you do your research using library resources. Call (810) 794-4471.

Fair Haven – November 2

Cozy Mystery Book Club, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 2:00 p.m. Discuss favorite mysteries with others! November's book selection is *Pray for Silence* by Linda Castillo. Ages 17 and up are welcome. Call (586) 725-9081 for more information.

Marysville – November 2, 9 & 16

Learn the Basics of Sign Language, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The staff from the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services will be teaching the class. Registration is required. Call (810) 364-9493.

St. Clair – November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Fellowship Bridge Club, St. Clair Community Center, 308 S. Fourth St., 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. No partner is needed and all skill levels are welcome. The first visit is free and then the cost is \$1 per session. Call (810) 326-0121.

Kimball – November 3, 10 & 17

Bingo, Marysville Knights of Columbus Hall, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 6:30 p.m. Doors open two hours prior to the start of Bingo. Call (810) 364-6800.

Port Huron – November 4

Dinner with the Doctor, Port Huron Senior Center, 600 Grand River Ave., 5:30 p.m. Our guest will be Vernon Dencklau, DO, Section Chief of Partners at Heart. We will enjoy a dinner of chicken parmesan, tossed salad, spaghetti, banana cake, Italian bread and a beverage. After dinner, Dr. Dencklau will share a presentation and have a question and answer session. Please RSVP with a suggested donation of \$8 by Monday, November 1. Call (810) 984-5061 for more information.

Port Huron – November 4

Food Wars, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorrin Blvd., 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., for ages 10-19. We've got food stations with pretzels, donuts, drinks and other

stuff for you to pig out on. Be the first to eat to the end while finishing mindless tasks between stations! Are you in the game? Prizes will be awarded. Registration is required. Call (810) 987-7323.

Lakeport – November 5, 12 & 19

Small Wonders, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 10:00 a.m. Let us introduce your child to the world of literature. This rich assortment of stories, poems, nursery rhymes and simple crafts stimulate children's imaginations and enlarge their world. Ages 3-5. (810) 385-8550.

Smiths Creek – November 5

Fish Fry, Smiths Creek American Legion Post 525, 7150 Smiths Creek Rd., 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All you can eat baked or deep fried Alaskan pollack, baked potato, rolls, deserts, coffee or tea. Soft drinks available for purchase. \$6.50 for adults.

Capac – November 6

Family Christmas Craft, Capac Branch Library, 111 N. Main, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Decorate a ceramic ornament. Registration required. Call (810) 395-7000.

St. Clair – November 6, 13 & 20

Chess Club, Burger King, 200 S. Clinton, 10:00 a.m.-noon. All skill levels are welcome. Instruction is available. There is no cost for this event. Call (810) 326-0121 for information.

Wales – November 6

French Toast Breakfast, Lamb United Methodist Church, 1209 Cove Rd., 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Breakfast includes ham, sausage, cinnamon buns, egg casseroles, juice, coffee and French toast. Donations accepted. Take outs available. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women's Group. Call (810) 392-2294.

Marine City – November 7

Annual Holiday Expo, Holy Cross School, 618 S. Water St., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Holiday gifts, a variety of vendors including Mary Kay, Lia Sophia, Discovery Toys, Tastefully Simple and many more. Chinese raffle, 50/50 and bake sale. This fun fundraiser supports the local economy. Bring a friend and get a jump start on Christmas. Call (586) 725-7980. Space is still available.

Marysville – November 7

All You Can Eat Bacon, Egg and Pancake Breakfast, Marysville Masonic Center, 1569 Michigan Ave., 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Adults are \$5, children 4 and under are free. For more information call Al at (586) 907-7125.

St. Clair – November 9

Friends of the Library First Thursday Series "The Fun of Flying", St. Clair Branch Library, 310 S. Second St., 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dave Shirley will share his love of flying and building airplanes and reveal what goes on at the airstrip.

Marine City – November 11

Veteran's Day Celebration, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 6:30 p.m. Join us as "The Mood Swings" performs some of the greatest hits from the 1940s. Tickets

are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Refreshments will also be available. All are welcome to join us to celebrate our veterans, great music and good company. Call (810) 765-3523.

Avoca – November 13

Christmas Bazaar, Avoca Community Hall, 5396 Kilgore Rd., 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tables are available. Call (810) 324-2257 or (810) 324-2895.

Port Huron – November 13

Holiday Craft Show, Port Huron High School. Come in through the main doors off Court St., 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Show is sponsored by the Port Huron High School Athletic Boosters. The cost is \$1 (under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult). A concession stand will be available for lunch. Door prizes, raffles and free parking. Visit www.home.comcast.net/~pshsathleticboosters/index.htm.

Marine City – November 18

Sax Appeal, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 5:30 p.m. Dave and Maria Kujat from "Sax Appeal Entertainment" will provide a variety of music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Advance ticket sales are preferred and are \$10 per person. At the door tickets will be \$14. Refreshments will be available. Call (810) 765-3523.

Port Huron – November 18

Public information seminar, St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron, 2601 Electric Ave., 5:00-6:30 p.m. Free seminar exploring the advanced benefits of new minimally invasive knee resurfacing procedure offered exclusively at St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments served. For location and to reserve your spot call 1-888-637-2963.

Port Huron – November 19 & 20

Annual Holiday Bazaar, Port Huron Senior Center, 600 Grand River Ave., 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Free admission. Many vendors and crafters will be available to shop from with a great selection at affordable prices. Call Karen at (810) 984-5061 for table rental.

Algonac – November 20

Wreath Decorating Workshop, Foxfire Farm Country Store, 8061 Marsh Rd., 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Our talented floral designers will help you decorate a real Christmas wreath that can be displayed throughout the holiday season. Decorations can be customized to fit any décor. Florists will give a bow making demonstration and teach you how to attach items to the wreath. This event requires pre-registration. There is a cost of \$25 for the wreath. Decorations will be individually priced during the workshop or you may bring your own decorations to add to the wreath which you will take home with you. Registration and payment must be received by November 15. Call (810) 794-5108 for information or to register.

Memphis – November 20

Scrapbooking, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bring your materials and have fun scrapbooking together. Teens and adults are welcome, registration required. (810) 392-2980.

Port Huron – November 20

Blue Water Jazz Society Fundraiser, Black River Country Club, 3300 Country Club Dr., 7:00 p.m. The event will highlight guest artists, The Paul Keller Trio, and will be featuring the music of Nat King Cole. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be raffles and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased by calling (810) 300-5079.

Sanilac County

Brown City – November 5

Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale, United Methodist Church, 7043 Lincoln St., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A luncheon will be available from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Donations accepted. (810) 346-3312.

Lexington – November 6 & 7

Holiday Market Open House Weekend, downtown area. The village and the shops are decked out for the holidays. Come enjoy special values, refreshments and entertainment while shopping in a traditional village environment. Visit www.lexingtonmichigan.org.

Lexington – November 12

3rd Annual Ladies Night Out (Deer Hunting Weekend), downtown area. Grab your girlfriends and come to this fun night out. Each group receives a passport of the businesses participating. Each business will have you do something (try a drink, put on a lotion, play a game, etc.) The cost is \$10 and includes dinner and prizes. A cash bar is available. Call Diana at (810) 966-0137 or visit www.lexingtonmichigan.org.

Port Sanilac – November 27

Christmas Party for Everyone, Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 S. Ridge St., 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Donations accepted. Call (810) 622-9946 for more information.

Tuscola County

Vassar – November 7

Victorian Tea and Vintage Fashion Show, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., 2:00 p.m. Tea and desserts served on vintage china by the Broken Teapot Shop of Mayville. Fashion show of vintage clothing, 1860-1960, from the collection of the Flint Community Players. A red, white and blue patriotic quilt, made by the Cass River Quilters' Guild, will be raffled. Other prizes include a Charity Island Dinner Cruise and a DVD player. (Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.) Tea and Fashion Show tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Call (989) 823-2171.

Caro – November 12 & 13

Used Book Sale, Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday. This is a great chance for book fans to build up their libraries! The event is sponsored by FOCAL (Friends of Caro Area Library). Call (989) 673-4329.

Sudoku *ThumbPrint News Sudoku*

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Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square. Good Luck!

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ThumbPrint News Contest

Each month, ThumbPrint News prints a photo of an object or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, email us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net and put "Contest" in the subject line. All correct answers received by the 15th of the month will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to 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 will be announced in the December edition as well as information about the object or place. In October's edition, we asked our readers to identify where they could find the spooky tree pictured above. No one correctly identified the location of the tree as being near General Squier Road in Dryden, Michigan.

This month we are asking the question, "Where is it?" Identify where you can find the burglar alarm in the photo on the right. Send an email to thumbprintnews@comcast.net if you think you know the answer. 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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Obituaries

William (Bill) Scott DeKeyzer



William (Bill) Scott DeKeyzer, age 45 of Clay Township, Michigan died suddenly on October 2, 2010 in his home. Born January 24, 1965 in Detroit, Mr. DeKeyzer is survived by his eight children, Ronald, Sandra, Leah, Christina, Theresa, Michelle, Gabrielle and John Paul; his beloved parents, William Roger Sr. and Diane DeKeyzer; his grandson, Landon; his siblings, Ronald (Helen), Cheryl and

Tracy (Arthur) Cook; and his fiancé, Joyce Burden.

Bill graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1983 where he was active in the marching band and the concert band. He attended tech school where he learned how to be a car mechanic. In college, he obtained certification as a heating and cooling technician. At the time of his death, Bill was employed at ABC Home & Commercial Services in Clay Township in the heating and cooling division.

Bill enjoyed being on the water and loved jet skiing with his children, his brother and his fiancé. He and his son, John Paul enjoyed fishing together. Bill had many plans for the future and will be sadly missed by his parents, his family and his fiancé.

Arrangements were by Gilbert Funeral Home in Algonac.

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Inspecting Your Home

Welcome to our new column! *Inspecting Your Home* will be featured regularly in ThumbPrint News.



By Mitchell J. Kuffa Jr.
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

ThumbPrint News is the perfect place to discuss the many facets of home building, ownership, maintenance and repair. So, what is this column going to be about and why should you read it? Here are some of things we are going to cover:

1. There will be a large dose of valuable homeowner information. As the seasons change, we will inform you of how this affects your house, things you need to do and problems that you may incur. We will talk about everything on your property, from the foundation up to the roof and everything in between. We will discuss energy concerns, venting, fireplaces, health and safety issues and how the economy in general impacts your largest investment.
2. In addition, we will talk about things indirectly related to your home such as: how to economically design an addition, understanding basic blueprints, the proper order of construction, how to hire and/or fire a contractor and renovation financing available today.
3. We will include a little bit of consumer advocacy. We will discuss Michigan laws and how they relate to your builder. We will discuss your rights as a homeowner. We will explain liens, waivers, sworn statements and what is a fair payment schedule between you and your contractor. We will reflect upon licensure and does your home improvement bid include everything you want. How about a discussion on what to look for when shopping for a house or how to prep your house for sale (especially through the eyes of a building inspector)?
4. Finally, we will invite you to participate in the ever popular question and answer scenario. We want to hear from you! We need your input and want to hear about your home and construction related problems.

What credentials do I have that would make my advice worth listening to? I've been in the construction industry all of my professional life, was a general contractor for many years, am a licensed builder, have built approximately 3,500 houses, have been inspecting homes since 1981 (where I performed approximately 15,000 home inspections) and teach construction-related classes. In addition, I enjoy what I do and love sharing it with you.

We have now introduced the column and let you know a little about myself. I hope that you are as excited about it as I am. In the next issue, we will discuss the property your house sits on, things we look for as inspectors and the impact it has on your home investment and you. 🌱

Editor's note: Mitchell Kuffa Jr. is a licensed builder who performs private home inspections. All questions or correspondence should be directed to Mitchell at (810) 329-4052 or by email to InspectionsbyMJK@comcast.net. His website is www.spectionbymjkuffa.com.



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- 4) A plugged filter
- 5) The field

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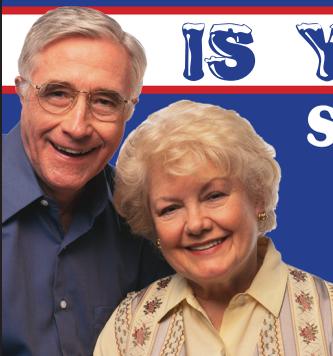
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Lisa Bont stands next to the Liberty Bell with a copy of *ThumbPrint News*.

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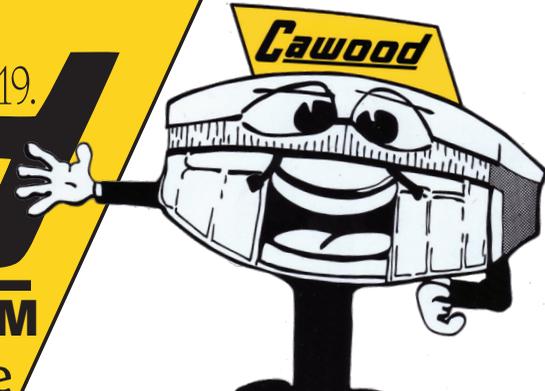
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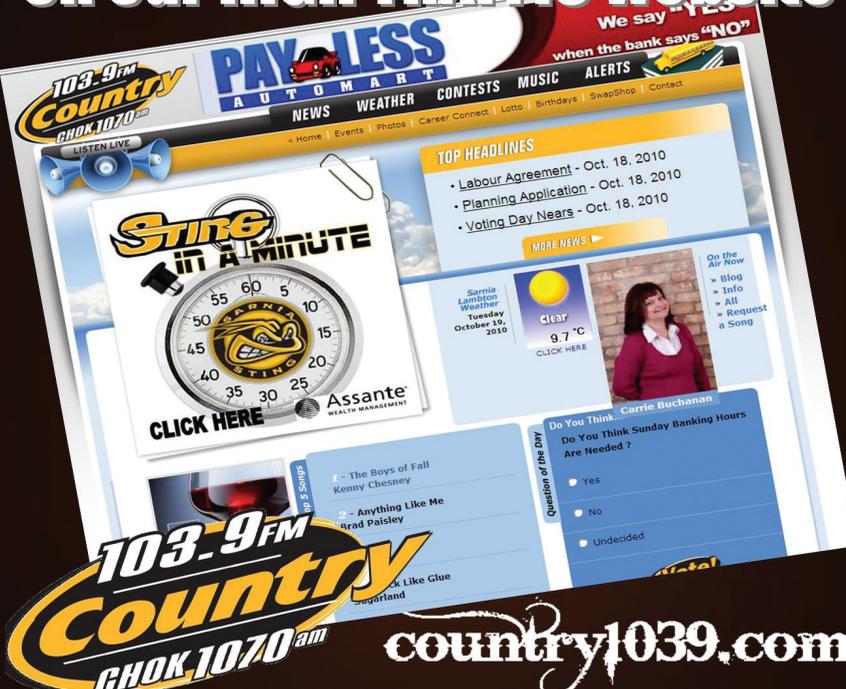
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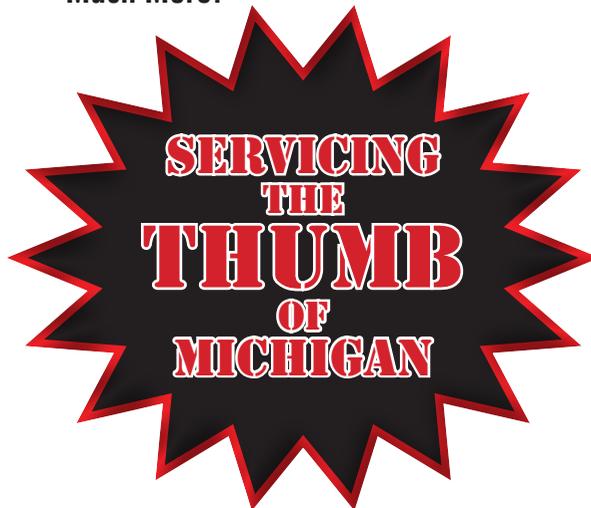
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Sheriff's New Dog Will Sniff Out Arson Fires

By Deputy Steve Campau

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The St. Clair County Sheriff's Office in Port Huron has a new member. His name is Gunner and he is a golden lab/golden retriever mix, who along with his handler, Sgt. Scott Braun, will respond to suspicious fires.

According to Sheriff Tim Donnellon, Gunner is a new tool to assist in determining whether a fire was accidental or deliberately set. "We have been concerned for some time about the number of arson fires here in St. Clair County," said Sheriff Donnellon. "The difference



St. Clair County Sheriff
Tim Donnellon

in using a K-9 versus just a trained fire investigator in determining the location of accelerants used to start a fire is staggering. With just the investigator

trying to determine the exact location of accelerants, positive findings from the crime lab is 30-40 percent. By using Gunner, who is trained to locate accelerants at a fire scene, the positive findings grow to 80-90 percent. I am very pleased to have Gunner as a member of our department and I know Sgt. Braun will do a great job as his handler. Scott is also supervisor of our Fire Investigation Unit, which has 10 deputies trained in arson investigation. We will work hand in hand with fire departments throughout the county and even in surrounding counties if requested and available."

The funding for the dog came from a grant from State Farm Insurance Agency. There are currently about 250 State Farm sponsored dogs in 43 states, the District of Columbia and Canada trained in accelerant detection. The program was established in 1993 through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Sgt. Braun and Gunner went through a four week training program in Maine to become certified. 🐾



Gunner with his handler, Sgt. Scott Braun




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HUNTING: Minden City Swamp

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that the loggers had left on the north side of the clearing that we climbed up on and nestled in for the hunt. I was on the south side of the pile and Sean on the north; we would be able to cover the whole area this way. By the time we were settled in, munching on frozen fruit roll-ups, we had about two hours of daylight left. Every bone in my body was tired, I was wet and sore, but it had been a beautiful day! After not seeing anything but a tom turkey, we headed back the half mile or so to the car. We only saw one deer that day, a doe that had seen us first and wasn't sticking around to see what we were up to. We were walking back to the clear cut to sit for the night's hunt. We saw squirrels, raccoons, partridge, rabbits, a turkey and that one scared little doe.

That day in the Minden City Swamp will always be fresh in my mind. It just so happens that the day we picked to go up there was about the clearest, nicest day of that whole winter, not a cloud in the sky, not a breeze in the air, three



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You know what though, Sean, we still haven't made it to the north end of the swamp. Sounds like we need to give it another try, say Saturday December 18th? I'll pick you up at about 6:30 a.m., buddy. As always, be safe and good hunting! 🐾

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