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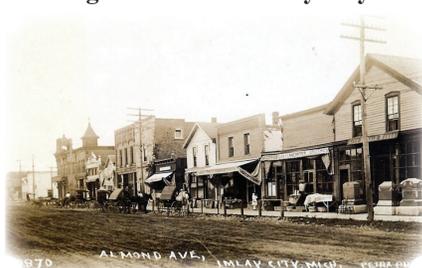
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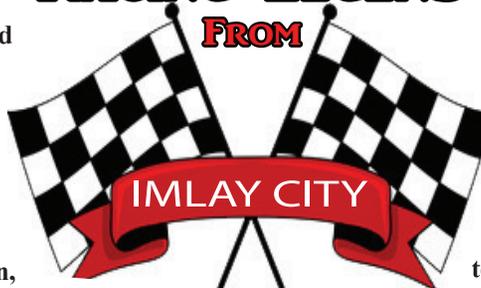
ThumbPrint News Writer and Field Reporter

The village of Imlay City was settled in 1870, quickly bringing many new people to the recently formed area in eastern Lapeer County. While the territory was still in its early years of growth, a child was born who would soon achieve worldwide fame as a racing pioneer.

That child's name was Bob Burman, born on April 23, 1884, spending his childhood running the streets of Imlay City. He lived in the town with his family before leaving as a teenager to trade in the farming life for his love of motors.



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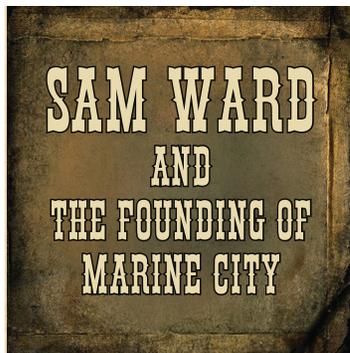


He made his way to Jackson, Michigan, where he began working at the Jackson Automobile Company.

In 1906, Burman convinced his boss to loan him a stock car that he entered into a 50-mile race at Grosse Pointe Racetrack. During his first race, Burman faced off against the likes of Barney Oldfield and Henry Ford, two racing legends - Bob beat them both. Those familiar with early automobile racing understand how impressive it is that Burman beat Oldfield in his first race because many consider Oldfield to be the pioneer of racing; although if enough research is conducted, some would argue Burman deserves that title. Following the race, Oldfield was quoted as saying, "Bob took awful chances on the turns, but he won the contest beating Ford and me." Shortly after his first win, Burman entered a partnered 24-hour endurance race in St.



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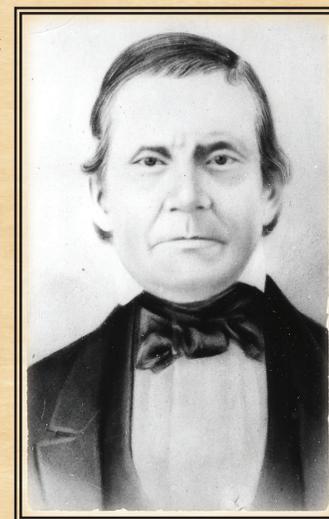


By Charles Homberg ThumbPrint News Contributor

The small community of Marine City is the second oldest settlement along the St. Clair River. Located at the mouth of the Belle River, it was originally known as Yankee Point, a name that referred to the settlers who were coming to the area from New York and New England. In 1818, Samuel Ward arrived at Yankee Point aboard the *Salem Packet*, a small schooner he had recently built and now captained. To Captain Ward, the newly developing lands in the Michigan Territory offered opportunities for a ship owner and trader.

Samuel Ward was originally from Wells, Vermont, where he was born in 1784 to a Baptist minister. His father also was a farmer, so Sam and his five brothers and four sisters had many farm chores.

Their schooling was limited to short three-month winter sessions. At nineteen, Sam and his older brother Eber began a fourteen-year career working in the salt industry in Syracuse, New York. During the War of 1812, the brothers operated a small boat on Lake Ontario that carried supplies for the U.S. Army. Unfortunately, their boat was captured by the British, but the brothers had gained valuable experience that they put to good use later. After the war, Sam and Eber moved to Conneaut, Ohio, which was then called Salem. Sam soon built the *Salem Packet* and entered the package freight business, carrying all sorts of household and farm goods to the small settlements from Buffalo to Green Bay.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year to all of our readers! Thank you for making *ThumbPrint News* one of the most talked about newspapers in nine Michigan counties! We promise that we will continue to provide interesting articles during 2016 – and we even have a few surprises in store for the upcoming year!

It seems like when the new year rolls around, many of us start thinking about resolutions. We have things we want to change or improve upon. It seems, as I get older, that many of my resolutions are quite similar each year and that probably is a result of my lack of discipline in following them for more than a few months! At least my intentions are good!

This year I want to focus on my health. I, for one, enjoy life and hope to live to 100 or beyond. I am amazed by those folks who do make it that far and always wonder what their secrets are. Of course we all know that it is also part luck, as none of us can control tragic things that can occur to us at any time, such as car accidents and natural disasters.

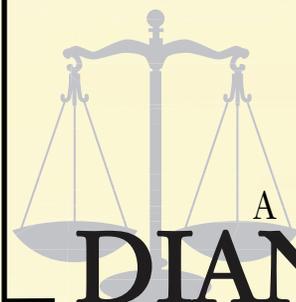
We hear every day new research suggesting that certain types of foods will help to keep us healthy – and also ones we should avoid. My husband has been an inspiration to me this past year as he partook on an eating regimen to improve his overall health. I am amazed at the improvement I have seen – and the energy he has. I am sure, God willing, he will make it to 100 or more, and it sure would be nice if I could remain at his side during that journey.

So, other than focusing on my eating habits, I also did a little research to find out what those who have obtained 100 years of age or more credit that awesome feat to. Here are a few I found helpful (or sometimes amusing as well):

- Jean Calment, who lived to be 122 years old, used olive oil extensively. She rubbed it into her skin to keep her youthful appearance and poured it on all of her food. Her daily diet also included port wine and over two pounds of chocolate each week. (I think I can do that!)
- Christian Mortensen, who lived to be 115 years old, gave this advice for living past 100, “Friends, a good cigar, drinking lots of good water, no alcohol, staying positive and lots of singing will keep you alive for a long time.”
- Emiliano Mercado Del Toro, who also lived to be 115, credited his longevity to funche, a boiled corn, codfish and milk cream-like dish, which he ate every day as a habit. (I am not sure I could do that!) Mercado also claimed that his sense of humor was probably responsible for his long life, and he would tell jokes and humorous anecdotes almost to the end of his days. (Positive, fun-loving people certainly are more enjoyable to be around.)
- Besse Cooper, who reached the age of 116, said, “Mind your own business and don’t eat junk food. Treat everyone the way you want to be treated, work hard and love what you do.”
- Dr. Laila Denmark, who obtained the age of 114, stated, “Eat right and do what you love. Whatever you love to do is play; doing what you don’t like to do is work. I have never worked a day in my life!”
- Winifred Thomas, upon reaching the age of 101, gave others this advice for longevity, “When you live for God, talk to him, go to church, have nice people around you; that is the best medicine. God provides for you. Sometimes you don’t know when it is coming, but it is coming.”

So, as I try my best to figure out what I can do to reach 100, it is my wish for all of our readers that they too figure out what is going to keep them happy and healthy for many years to come! 🍀

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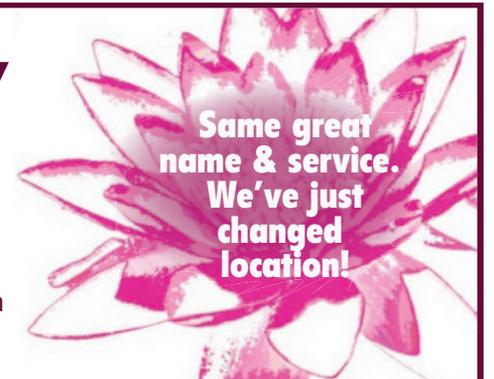
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selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 31, 2016, one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and the lucky person will be notified.

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

Of all of those submitting the correct answer, Patricia Kreft of Algonac, Michigan, was randomly chosen to be entered into the year-end drawing. Patricia identified that this object is an antique hand warmer. Lit pieces of coal were put inside to provide warmth.

For our January contest, we are asking our readers to identify what famous person is shown to the right as a young man. Remember, go to www.thumbprintnews.com if you know the answer. 🍀 **GOOD LUCK!**



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SUBTERFUGE (suhb-ter-fooj)

By **Scherryl Antoniadis**
ThumbPrint News Columnist

Sadly, we live in a time when it seems that whether you get your news from the internet, TV, radio or newspaper, much of it is not encouraging. It seems to me that rarely a day goes by without some sort of scandal -- be it political, financial and/or sexual -- breaking out.

Inevitably the investigations into these scandals reveal subterfuge on the part of the perpetrators. Subterfuge is an all-purpose noun used to describe an article or expedient to evade, escape or conceal something. Subterfuge can be employed over a wide spectrum. For example, if you have ever stolen a cookie from the kitchen cabinet and tried to shift the blame to your baby brother by scattering cookie crumbs on his high chair, you have committed subterfuge on a relatively small scale. On the other hand, if you were one of the Watergate burglars, you are guilty of subterfuge on a very large scale indeed.

Although I am sure that I tried to avoid taking responsibility for my mistakes many times while growing up, there is one instance that I fear I will never live down. In fact, it has made me infamous among my family and friends.

It all started on a sunny, summer day. My folks had gone away on a day trip. They did not plan on returning home until late in the evening; so I was put in charge of my three younger siblings. I started washing the dishes (being the good daughter that I am), while my youngest brother and sister

were amusing themselves by rolling my dad's beautiful new bowling ball across the kitchen floor. On a whim, I picked up the ball and announced to the two of them that I would show them "how Dick Weber would do it." As I began to demonstrate my bowling technique, I suddenly realized - much to my horror - that my hands were still soapy. Too late . . . the ball slipped out of my hand and hit the corner of the kitchen wall, leaving a large, half-moon shaped dent in its wake.

As the ball made impact, pictures on the wall fell to the floor and particles of dry wall began floating in the air (our home was newly-built and the walls were not yet painted). The three of us instantly froze as our faces turned white and our young lives flashed before our eyes. We desperately formulated our options: entering the Witness Protection Program didn't seem feasible; we were too young to join the Merchant Marines; and fleeing to Canada or Mexico would be too expensive. We had just about given up all hope of getting out of our predicament, and began resigning ourselves to the fact that we would be grounded until our mid-40s, when our sister Kathy came home. After sizing up the situation, she immediately claimed that she had the answer to our prayers. She went into the garage and returned with a putty gun. She then announced that "this is the stuff they used to build our walls; we just need to fill the dent and Mom and Dad will never notice."

Although Kathy was only 11 or 12 years old at this time, I wanted to believe she was right with every fiber of my being, so

we began to fill "our" dent with the putty. For good measure, I paid each of my youngest siblings (who witnessed my mea culpa) 50 cents for their silence (mind you, this was not a shabby bribe in 1967).

After many hours had passed, the putty was nowhere near dry; yet Kathy insisted that by morning it would be dry and would match the color of the drywall. I was not confident that I was home free, but I continued to pray for the best and went to bed. In spite of the all of the excitement of the day, I slept soundly and did not hear my parents come home.

The next morning dawned; Mom and Dad greet us like it's just another day in our home -- happy and harmonious. In fact, they start telling us what a wonderful time they had on their day out; not a word was said about the drama of the previous day, until . . . I begin getting ready for a girls' night out when Dad calls out from the kitchen, "You know Honey, if your mom

and I ever want a hole in our bedroom wall, we're going to call you because you did a beautiful job in the kitchen." Needless to say, I was a deer in the highlights with nowhere to run. Realizing the jig was up, I simply replied, "Oh, you saw that?" Through their laughter, my mom said, "Scherryl, your father and I were out all day and most of the evening, had a couple of cocktails, and came home very tired, and still the first thing I said to him when we walked into the house was, what the heck happened to our wall?"

As you may have already surmised, when it comes to parents, my siblings and I won the lottery. Not only were they not angry with me, my indoor bowling career (while short-lived) has become one of their absolutely favorite family stories.

On a final note, in spite of my generous pay-off to them, both my little brother and sister eventually rattled me out. So much for family loyalty!

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HOUSE FOR LIFE

By Paul Welch

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Winter time comes every year and we pretty much know what to expect. There will be cold, snow and trying to stay warm. Winter was so much more fun when we were kids. Then we grow up and some of us start to dislike winter. We want to stay warm inside our homes as we battle the cold.

Not Cool – Remember when icicles used to be cool? We would wake up on a winter morning and look out the window to see the icicles hanging from the roof. We would hope to snag one of the icicles when we ventured out to play. When we grew up we realized that they are actually a bad thing. They are a sign of poor insulation and can cause even more problems. Fortunately, there are ways to deal with them.

The Circle of Life – Icicles form from repeated melting and freezing of snow on the roof. As heat escapes the house, the snow on the roof melts and refreezes as it drips down. Repeated over and over again, you will get an ice dam, which is a mass of ice in the gutter. This stops the flow of water in the gutter and can cause it to back up under the shingles and freeze. Over time this leads to roof damage. The first step to preventing this is proper insulation.

R Matey – Above your ceiling you should have a good amount of insulation. This helps prevent heat loss, saving you money and saving your roof. How effective insulation is refers to its R value; the higher the number, the better the insulation. Fiberglass insulation that is 3.5-inches thick is usually rated as R-11, while 12-inch thick has a rating of R-30. These vary by manufacturer and type of insulation, but always remember that thicker is better. R-40 is good, but you can go as high as R-60, if you desire. You might use the attic for storage and are unable to put thick layers of insulation up there. Just make sure you have as thick of a layer as possible. Here are some tips for adding more.

Let Me Count the Ways – If you are adding insulation to what you have, here are some methods to do so. First,

it is recommended that you only put the same type of insulation over what you have; fiberglass over fiberglass, cellulose over cellulose and so on. With fiberglass, layer your insulation perpendicular, so it crisscrosses the insulation you have in there and do the same with additional layers. Only use unfaced when adding additional layers. Faced insulation is used as the initial layer and the paper facing faces the drywall. You can also use “shake and rake” fiberglass that you dump out and distribute with a rake. Another alternative is cellulose, which you can just blow as thick as desired. Mineral wool or stone wool is installed like the fiberglass and is fire-resistant.

Shoveling the Roof – The next step to preventing icicles is to get the snow off your roof. We always think about shoveling driveways and sidewalks, but who would think that you would have to get the snow off the roof? Taking the snow off helps prevent damage from the natural melting and freezing cycle caused by temperatures going up and down. Use a roof rake to get the snow off the roof so what is left can flow easily off the roof when it does melt. You can also put calcium chloride ice-melt on the roof to melt it and keep the snow and ice from staying. You can use the pellets or round pucks that are specifically made for roofs and last longer. As long as the water can flow through your gutter, you will be right as rain.

Fall Prevention – Keeping gutters clean helps to prevent an ice dam from forming in the first place. Gutters clogged with leaves will prevent the water from flowing and keep most of it near the roof. Clean gutters allow the water to flow and move away from the roof, so when it freezes again, it will not cause damage to the roof.

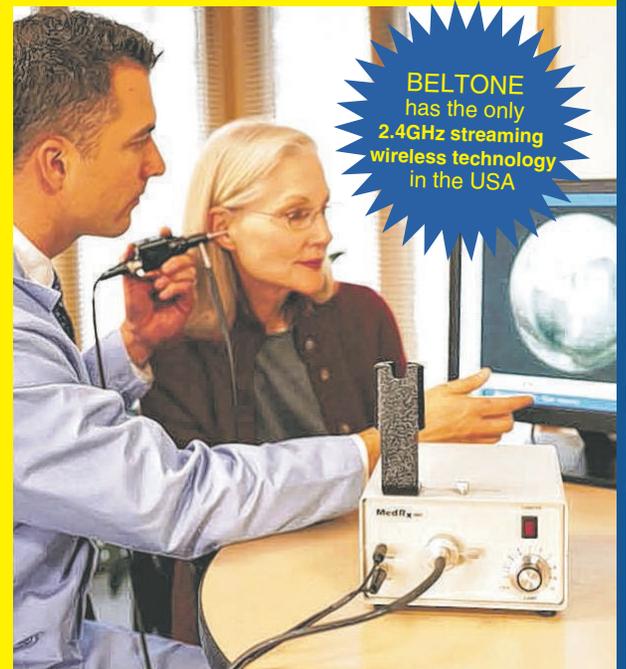
I hope everyone is staying safe and warm this winter. Remember that when you are working with insulation, be sure to wear the appropriate protective gear. Wear a dust mask designed for protection from insulation particles. Also wear long sleeves and gloves. Always know your limits and hire a professional when a task is beyond what you can do yourself. 🍀

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Relief for Painful Muscles

By Renae Hardy

ThumbPrint News Columnist

The muscular system is responsible for the movement of the human body. Attached to the bones of the skeletal system are approximately 700 individual muscles contributing to one-half of a person's body weight. Each muscle is a discrete organ constructed of skeletal muscle tissue, blood vessels, tendons and nerves. The functions of the muscular system include movement, posture and body position, movement of substances (in relation to organ muscles), and the generation of body heat. One separate muscle is composed of up to 2,000 muscle fibers, and each fiber is two to five inches in length. The strength of a muscle depends on how many strands it contains.

Muscles are often over-worked and can lead to muscle fatigue, strains and sprains, bruising, contusions, and even muscular tears. These conditions are almost always accompanied by physical pain. Internal causes that create discomfort and can lead to muscular pain may include a magnesium deficiency, mineral imbalance, spinal misalignment,

circulatory disorder or rheumatic disease.

Regardless of the origin, aching muscles can find relief by implementing water treatments, including baths and hydrotherapy, dietary changes, herbal teas, mineral supplementation, hot and cold applications, massage and utilization of essential oils. Pain relieving essential oils include lavender, eucalyptus, peppermint, clary sage, rosemary, juniper, yarrow, ginger, sweet marjoram, wintergreen and helichrysum.

Some essential oil treatments to try are: 1) Epsom salts bath ... Place two cups of Epsom salts into a very warm bath. Add four to six drops of an essential oil into a small amount (1oz.) of a carrier oil, then pour the mixture into the bath. 2) Massage oil ... Add 10 drops of an essential oil into one ounce of a carrier oil and massage into the sore muscles. 3) For muscle cramps ... Mix five tablespoons of St. John's wort oil, one tablespoon arnica oil, one teaspoon eucalyptus oil and one teaspoon rosemary oil together and massage into the aching muscles. 🌱



A New Year's Decision.

By Patricia Cosner Kubic

ThumbPrint News Contributor

Forgiveness.

I can't think of a better word to start off the New Year. Sure, there is plenty of talk about losing weight, stopping smoking or spending less - all admirable and necessary goals, for sure. But, forgiveness to me seems much more serious than a typical resolution that most people forget about by February.

However, offering forgiveness isn't a simple pledge; it is a full-fledged decision. You either do it or you don't. All in or not at all. Maybe you've been thinking about it for a while, knowing you should do it; but, actually doing it - yikes, now that will take some doing.

The goal is not to just ease the hurt and anger that many people carry around. I read somewhere that forgiveness is really the need to purify our hearts by filtering out the hurt and filling it up with love, completely ridding ourselves of that specific ache. In the end, we want to stand up taller with our heart unburdened and feel brighter that we made this important choice.

In my case, I was hurt too often years ago as a child. No, there was nothing physical or super dark, just enough noise where the negative tape still goes off in my head too often. Listening to all the New Year's resolutions' chatter got me thinking about how hollow my previous resolutions have been and that made me wonder what I really needed to do for myself.

As revelations go, mine came quietly to me while in the laundry room. It occurred to me that I never formally forgave the person who used too many wounding words toward me, unknowingly chipping away at my self-esteem with each one. The trick now is that person probably has no clue or memory of what he did while I was a kid. I sorted a few more socks and thought to myself that his limited ability didn't matter. And, during a mundane weekly chore, I said out loud, for the first time, "I forgive you, Dad." I'm telling you that the absolute very second I said it out loud, I felt relief. It was instant. My suspicions were right; it turns out that he didn't have to hear my personal pardon; I just had to say it which, much to my surprise, allowed me to feel it.

So, it is the first week in January and I decide that I am going to try something that those self-help TV people suggest and do the same thing each day for 30

days. The way I see it, I'm not forming a habit; I'm sealing a decision and putting it in motion. Ok, out loud each day, for 30 days, I'm going to say, "I forgive you, Dad." I'm so curious as to how I will feel. Will the negative tape in my head stop playing? I hope so.

Well, we can fast forward because the truth is that this story is now a year old. It was January, 2015, when I said those four hard words in my laundry room. It was 30 days in January, 2015, that I said out loud in a room by myself, "I forgive you, Dad". I thought about the name calling and realized like all of us, he is limited. I realized that I can allow the negative tapes to keep playing or I can unplug the tape recorder for good. And, the only

way to unplug it forever is with forgiveness. So for a month straight, everyday, I repeated those four words out loud.

I started saying it so much that I started doodling an acronym: IFYD and would trace it over and over when I was on hold with a customer or other idle moments. IFYD. IFYD. IFYD. Sometimes I even caught myself exhaling as I traced those letters, each time feeling relived and disconnected from those upsetting memories. Pretty soon it became clear to me that giving forgiveness is like a muscle; the more you use it, the stronger it and you become.

My dad, like many parents did many things right; but a few things not so good. Does that make him a bad guy? Naw. After all, the guy taught me how to work hard and to love the Detroit Tigers. He gave me and my siblings loads of fun memories that many kids in the world can only hope for. And, now I am one of his protectors, who tries to make sure he gets the care he needs. Did I mention that giving forgiveness may cause confusion?

So it's been a year since that revelation in the laundry room. Is the hurt gone? Almost, I'm getting there. But, when the noise tries to creep back into my heart, the response is honest and effective: IFYD.

The thing is my hurt heart is no different than your hurt heart. All you need to do is to make the New Year's decision to fill in the blank: IFY _____. And when you do, tell the home appliance of your choice all about it. When you do that, I promise you relief awaits you.

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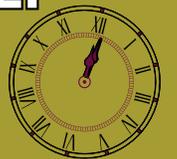
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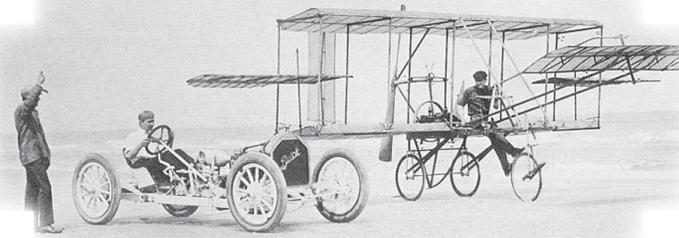


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Louis, Missouri, with Earnest Kelly. Not only did the duo win the race by 82 miles, but Burman drove for all but an hour and a half.

When Billy Durant bought the struggling Buick Motor Company, he quickly took notice of Bob's racing ability. Durant was in the process of establishing General Motors and wanted to build a racing team for Buick. Durant offered Burman a very lucrative offer to captain the squad, becoming a salaried racer. Other members of the team included Louis and Arthur Chevrolet, as well as Lewis Strang. The first competition he participated in for



1909 Daytona Beach race: Bob Burman (Buick) versus Carl Bates (biplane)

Buick was the 187-mile Garden City Sweepstakes in Long Island, resulting in Burman taking home the checkered flag. In February 1909, Burman participated in the Mardi Gras Festival race in New Orleans, setting a world record on his way to another victory, finishing the 100-mile race in one hour, 42 minutes and 39 seconds - he bettered that time in July, finishing in one hour and 41 minutes flat. Later that year, Burman won the first race held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Prest-O-Lite Trophy race, giving him enough points to finish fourth overall in the American Automobile Association standings. The year of 1910, Burman set numerous records, such as covering 81.65 miles in one hour, the fastest 20



and 50-mile beach runs and capturing the 10-mile Speedway Helmet, which earned him \$50 a week as long as he held the title. The Buick team raced together from 1908 until 1911; throughout that time they won over 90 percent of their races, with Burman leading the way. "They absolutely

thrashed the competition from one end of the country to the next," said Terry Dunham, Buick Racing Team historian. "They were an incredibly aggressive group and they were extremely knowledgeable when it came to building a race car. They were miles and miles ahead of their time." To this day, they are still considered by many to be the greatest factory team ever assembled.

The year following the dismantling of the racing team, Burman had one of his most monumental years throughout his career. Following the suspension of Oldfield for staging a race against boxer Jack Johnson, the famous Blitzen Benz Oldfield had driven was now Burman's to drive. Oldfield used this vehicle to set the land speed record of 131.72 mph in 1910. With "Wild" Bob Burman

behind the wheel on April 23, 1911, he smashed the world land speed record by reaching 141.73 mph, breaking the one-mile, two-mile and kilometer records at the same time in Daytona, Florida - this car was the fastest form of transportation in the world, twice as fast as any aircraft in existence at the time. A month after Burman's historic run, he was the center of attention when Harvey Firestone presented him with a gem and pearl encrusted crown said to be worth \$10,000, which was modeled after the crown worn by King George V. During the ceremony, Firestone named Burman the *Speed King of the World*, a title he would hold until 1919.

At the beginning of the 1912 racing season, Burman experienced a few unfortunate setbacks, but by the end of the year he was able to continue his success. During the Indianapolis 500, Burman was in second place on the 153rd lap when he blew out both rear tires simultaneously, causing the car to flip and resulting in a week-long hospital stay for Burman. Racing at this time was extremely dangerous and it wasn't uncommon for sponsors to withdraw from their racing involvement, often

stating it was suicide. This was correct in many aspects because drivers lacked even simple safety aides, such as helmets, roll cages or seatbelts. It was also a common occurrence for drivers to get sprayed in the face with hot oil or struck by a flying rock - rollovers frequently proved fatal. Between 1904 and 1911, over 200 drivers and mechanics throughout the country died racing, not taking into account the fans observing from an unsafe distance, who were killed by flying debris. Despite the dangers, Burman was described by Durant as being "happiest when hazard was the greatest." He later took a trip to San Diego where he was clocked at 129 mph on the beach before the car caught fire, forcing Burman to drive the vehicle into the ocean to extinguish the flames. Following his two close calls, Burman went on to finish out the year participating in 43 races, resulting in 33 checkered flags and eight second place finishes. This is believed to be Burman's most successful season, winning the *Driver of the Year* award, with many of his victories coming on dirt tracks.

The Imlay City native and his wife Lue had two children, Eugenia and Florence; the couple moved to Detroit

in 1914. It is said that Burman often spent time away from the racetrack fishing or catching up with childhood friends in Imlay City. There are also many reports that throughout the years he piloted the famous



Bob Burman set world speed record in 1911 at Daytona Beach, reaching 141.73 mph.

Blitzen Benz, Burman tested the car on the country roads around Imlay City while visiting his parents, who still lived in the city. In 1914, the racer became involved in the car building process, purchasing a Peugeot power plant. The following year, Burman continued his racing success, which began on his way to the Indianapolis 500. In route to the big race, Bob stopped in Oklahoma City on April 29, 1915, and participated in a 200-mile race. Halfway through the event, a piece of glass from his goggle stuck him in the eye, but he was able to finish the race in first place despite being in terrible pain. At the Indy 500, Burman was now driving a Peugeot, instead of the Buick he previously raced, and was able to finish the best he had throughout the five attempts in his career, clinching the sixth position even after spending several laps fixing mechanical issues.

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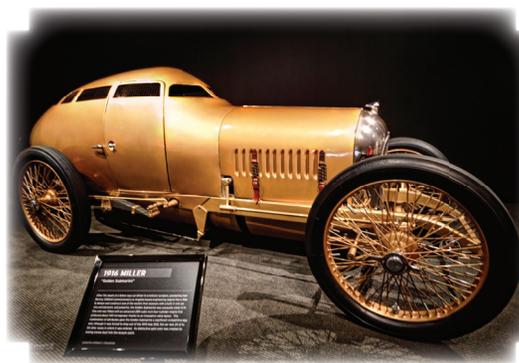
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victories of the year was on July 9, which was on the first ever half-mile track sanctioned by the American Automobile Association. The 100-mile race was held in Burlington, Iowa, where Bob was able to hold off three Duesenberg cars to capture the checkered flag. Burman was now making big money, bringing in \$18,000 in winnings plus money from other sponsorships at a time when the average yearly salary was \$687. His prosperity continued into the 1916 racing season as he prepared to race a road course in Corona, California, on April 8. On the 97th lap of the race, Burman, along with his riding mechanic Eric Schroeder, were fighting Duesenberg driver Ed O'Donnell for the lead when tragedy struck. The car suddenly blew a tire while traveling over



1916 Miller Golden Submarine

100 mph, causing the car to slam into a culvert before flipping numerous times, striking two telephone poles and a group of spectators, seriously injuring five of them. Schroeder and a nearby track guard were killed instantly and Burman was rushed to Riverside Hospital with a severe head injury, which would take the young driver's life.

Burman was 31 years old when he lost his life tragically, leaving behind his family, as well as his career while in his prime. Burman was buried in Imlay Cemetery with a tombstone reading, "A Buick race driver without peer, on the track he knew no fear". His death resulted in some major changes in the racing world in terms of safety. Two of Bob's friends, Harry Miller and Barney Oldfield, joined together to build a car

with a roll cage - the car became known as the *Golden Submarine*. This vehicle was built by Miller for Oldfield, who was much more concerned with safety than Burman ever was, which is believed to be the reason he survived the deadly era of racing. The car, which was completely enclosed, was finished in 1917, at a cost \$15,000 to Oldfield. Interestingly enough, this car almost cost Oldfield his life when it tumbled into a pond, with Oldfield narrowly escaping a death by drowning.

Bob Burman was a pioneer during

the early years of auto racing, holding 13 records at the time of his death, six of which were on dirt where he truly excelled. Nearly 70 years after his passing, Burman's contribution was recognized when he was inducted into the Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame in 1983, then again in 2011, when he became part of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame. Aside from all the records Burman held, his most valued contribution to the racing world is arguably the safety aspect of the sport, such as neck restraints, seat belts and roll cages, making racing much safer than it was during the early 1900s. 🍀



Burman's car after the accident that killed him.

Student Privacy Must Be Protected

Submitted By Sen. Phil Pavlov, 25th Senate District

Today's sophisticated education technology is a blessing for both schools and students. It helps teachers deliver more information in a variety of ways. It creates new efficiencies. It facilitates better communication between parents and educators, and can make learning more exciting to students.

But as education delivery moves more and more into a digital realm, and the ability to collect, store and share vast amounts of data becomes easier every day, student privacy has become a growing area of concern.

Student data can contain highly sensitive, personal information. Not just things like names and addresses, but children's academic records, study habits, online browsing activities, and other material that must be carefully safeguarded.

Concern has escalated recently with the troubling allegations of companies data-mining student emails and gathering student information for commercial purposes. Lawsuits are pending in California and other states.

To give families a trusted online learning environment, we must agree that student data is for educational purposes. Period.

Of course companies should be free to innovate, to develop and refine their products and services. But protecting student privacy must be our first priority.

Many people believe federal law provides adequate safeguards through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Unfortunately, the law is woefully outdated and fails to address 21st century needs like digital data privacy. For that reason, many states are setting their own policies.

I've sponsored two bills that are currently progressing through our state Legislature. Together, they make a strong, comprehensive law to protect student privacy and regulate how data is shared for students here in Michigan.

Senate Bill 33 would establish a very basic, common sense requirement for school districts and state agencies that collect student information. The bill would prohibit the selling of personally identifiable information in a student's education record to any for-profit business. It would also allow parents to see if and why their child's information has been shared with a third party.

My second measure, Senate Bill 510, would create the Student Online Personal Protection Act to regulate operators of K-12 Internet websites, online services, online applications and mobile applications. Among other things, it would prohibit these operators from using collected data to target advertising toward students or amass profiles on them. It would limit the student data that operators and Internet service providers can access and share with others, but without obstructing the effective use of online services in the classroom.

Students, families and educators deserve a safe online environment where they are able to use cutting-edge digital learning tools with confidence and without fearing that personal information could be exploited or used for the wrong reasons.

These bills strike a healthy balance between fostering innovation and protecting kids' privacy. The Michigan Senate has passed them unanimously, and they now await action in the House Education Committee. 🍀

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1 + 1 = 3 The New Math of Relationship

By John Vincent Senkus

ThumbPrint News Columnist

"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far." This quote from philosopher Swami Vivekananda illustrates the power of thought. Your life is not predetermined. Rather, your life's path will be formed by your outlooks and the choices you make, which are predicated upon how you think. You cannot grow, expand your awareness, or come close to reaching your potential when your mind is thinking about the wrong things. You and you alone are the architect of your life. Therefore, regardless of what goes on around you, what low vibration energy is being cast, or what others and society say and do—it is still entirely your call in how you respond to the world around and within you. When your life is dictated more by fear than by love, your views and perspectives automatically tilt in a negative direction. However, to invite, attract, and manifest love, abundance, trust, and happiness, you must first be filled with positive thoughts (energy). And this same principle applies to your love life as well! So if poor thoughts dominate what flows through your head, then poor relationships will surely follow.

Then just what are the types of thoughts and emotions that we allow to rob and drain us ... or build us toward our possibilities? While there is no universal definition, David R. Hawkins, a renowned psychiatrist and spiritualist in his book, *Power vs. Force*, came up with an excellent way to view the differing stages of consciousness along with their corresponding emotions. He distinguished seventeen varying levels with shame/humiliation as the lowest and enlightenment/ineffability as the very highest. The tipping point where negative energy begins to crossover to positive is courage/affirmation (because those are required for you to begin to take control of your life's choices). While I'm certain there could be debate on the specific terminology, related synonyms, or their order, the real point is the principle of ascending and descending emotional energies, and of their impact to your overall emotional and relational health. Since your reality

Level of Consciousness	Corresponding Emotion	Energy Form	
17. Enlightenment	Ineffable	Highest and Most Positive	
16. Peace	Bliss		
15. Joy	Serenity		
14. Love	Reverence		
13. Reason	Understanding		
12. Acceptance	Forgiveness		
11. Willingness	Optimism		
10. Neutrality	Trust		
9. Courage	Affirmation		Tipping Point
8. Pride	Scorn		
7. Anger	Hate	Lowest and Most Negative	
6. Desire	Craving		
5. Fear	Anxiety		
4. Grief	Regret		
3. Apathy	Despair		
2. Guilt	Blame		
1. Shame	Humiliation		

is formed by the basis of your thoughts (which ultimately dictate your emotions and actions), essentially these thoughts become your world. Obviously then, it is so important that you are cognizant of just where your emotional energies emanate.

Generally speaking, positive growth, as indicated in the top half of the chart, comes about from constructive thoughts and choices. Negative or non-growth, as indicated by the bottom half of the chart, comes from destructive thoughts and choices (or doing nothing). Keep in mind that the origins of negative energies aren't always so obvious, but their symptoms usually are. Outside of those listed, these can include resentment, jealousy, spite, bad attitudes, rudeness, deflection (nothing is my fault), pettiness, being critical, arrogance, excessive worrying, and so on. Some become energized through malice while others take form through more benign measures such as safety and fear of change. The gap of "what is" versus "what could be" can manifest into a variety of self-defeating behaviors including alcohol and substance abuse, gambling addictions, anger issues, excessive wants and spending habits, inflated egos (trying to compensate), avoiding intimacy, compulsiveness, control problems, or excessive reliance on recreational activities (TV, Internet, video games, sport obsessions, pornography, sexual

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fixations, empty sex, etc.). These are all means that can develop to cope with the unconscious pain of knowing that we have lost our balance and are falling short of our intended abilities.

Unfortunately, for some it is easier to be miserable than to make changes toward being joyful. Living life filled with any amounts of low energy subtract from the whole of happiness. And talk about a WASTE! Imagine spending the time to dig a large hole, and then having to fill it back again (or worse yet, to just start on another hole). All the energy and time that had to be expended just to get you back to where you started, and then to repeat the cycle over and over again. Too many lives get stuck in this negative pattern where so much energy is expelled—but there is too little to show for it! Wouldn't this time be much better spent on higher conscious thoughts and building toward your potential?

The paths to higher energy levels of consciousness, self-actualization, and partner-realization are all closely aligned and linked, as what happens in one affects the others. To the proportion the self (love) is under developed and the ego (fear) is overly developed, is the same degree to which you rob your self

to fully develop and flourish. Successful partner relationships can only happen when they are fused with strong self-relationship, which require the higher energies of growth. Philosopher James Allen stated, "You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you." As such, any time spent in the "negative zone" strips you of the growth opportunities to develop the positive energies that will make your life more fulfilling. Take a very hard and close look at your perspectives and their underlying basis. Then ask yourself at what levels does your consciousness spend most of its time, and is this ultimately helping or hurting you and your relationship. And most importantly, what can you do to improve those areas that are holding you back? Remember, regardless of where your life is, you have the power to improve it—and it all starts in the manner of which you think.

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In our next column, we will look at some tools that can help uncover why you think as you do (and improve your relationship along the way). 🌱

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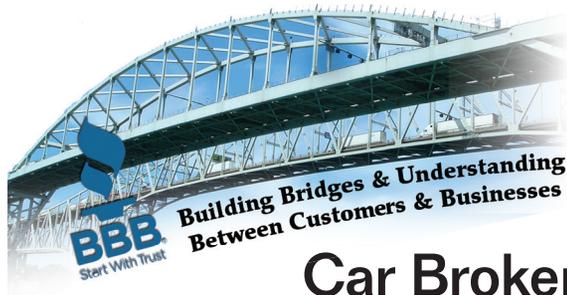
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Car Broken? Now What?



Melanie Duquesnel

Car repairs, whether expected or not, can be very stressful. Where do you go? How do you know you're getting great service and parts? All of these situations can really throw a wrench into what to do next. The Better Business Bureau has a step-by-step guide to the before, during and after of the car repair process.

BEFORE

1. Know your options before you need the repair.

- The BBB's Auto Resource Center is a great place to start when looking for trusted auto mechanics, body shops or auto dealerships.
- Ask family, friends and colleagues for recommendations now rather than when you need it most.
- Auto repair shops that maintain current automotive industry certifications provide evidence that staying on top of current repair standards is important to them.

2. Shop around.

- Don't shop on price alone. A mechanic may be the cheapest for a reason. If the work isn't done right the first time, you could end up with bigger problems later.
- Find a shop with a customer satisfaction guarantee. If they're not willing to back their work, they're probably not going to treat you or your car right.
- Make sure they can service your type of vehicle. Get references.

DURING

- Write down all issues with your car and your expectations to repair. The service manager is generally not the one repairing your car. Having a written explanation of your problems can avoid unnecessary repairs.
- Require a written estimate, before performing any repair(s), identifying the cost of labor and all materials, including all warranties.
- Beware of unexpected "overcharging": Add on repairs that you didn't need or authorize, phantom repairs that never happened, or charging for repairs covered under warranty.

AFTER

- Have the mechanic review all repairs with you.
- Pay by credit card so if the repair didn't fix the problem, you may have the ability to get a refund.
- If you cannot get your car repaired to your satisfaction, file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau. www.bbb.org/consumer-complaints/file-a-complaint/get-started.
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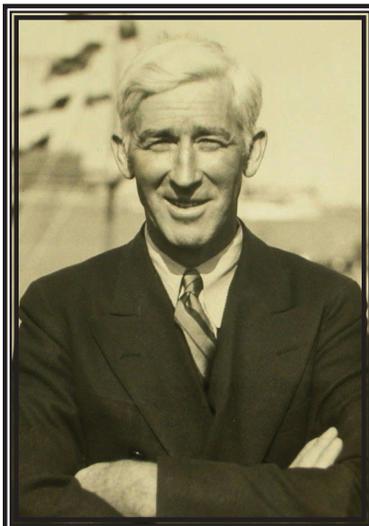
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Garfield Arthur Wood was a boat pioneer who will be eternally remembered for constant innovations that always exceeded what was thought possible on the water.

Gar, as he was better known, was born in 1880, named after President James Garfield and Vice President Chester Arthur, which seems fitting since

his father ran away at a young age to be a drummer boy in the Union Army. As a child, Gar worked with his father on a ferry in Minnesota, which is where his passion for racing bloomed. Many ferry boat operators on the lake would often begin racing each other because it was good for business to be known as the fastest on the lake; this showed Gar at a young age that speed brought respect and fame. Gar was later quoted as saying, "I still feel the thrill of winning those races. The engines driving those paddlewheels fascinated me. I resolved right then that someday I was going to build race boats of my own." Beyond getting his first taste of excitement that racing brought him, he also learned many invaluable mechanical skills while working with his father, and

he became very skilled at creating ways to solve multiple motor problems.



Gar spent a large part of his teenage years running Army boats, which carried inspection engineers from job to job, later stating this particular job greatly influenced his life. During the first decade of the 1900s, Gar got married and had a son, Garfield A. Wood Jr.; they soon moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. There he worked in a machine shop and became involved with boat enthusiast William P. Cleveland, who sponsored the construction of a boat dubbed Leading Lady, which was completed in 1910. Although they didn't have adequate funding to compete for very long, the duo was able to win a few trophies and broke the record of doing a 10-mile run at 30 mph. Gar later said the thrill of setting a record never left him.

While Gar soon became involved in the booming industry of automobiles, he was unable to obtain monetary success from it up to this point. In 1911, while on his way to pick up parts for one of his first inventions, which was a lightning rod, he came across a truck unloading five tons of coal. At the time, this required the driver to crank up the bed high enough for the coal to slide out, which was a very strenuous ordeal that took about half an hour. The sight got the innovator thinking of an easier way to unload the truck.



Winning the 1924, 150-mile sweepstakes race (contributed by Antique Boat Museum)

Gar put his family's life savings into his new idea, finding a Pierce-Arrow truck dealer who was

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willing to fund the idea if his prototype worked. When he completed the project, he demonstrated it for the dealer, as well as many pedestrians on their way back from a party; the people climbed into the bed and Gar started to hoist it up. His invention worked perfectly, shooting up so fast that it sent all the riders tumbling to the ground – after proving the effectiveness of his invention, there was an instant demand. This breakthrough resulted in the creation of Wood Hydraulic

Hoist Company, which lasted until 1913, when Gar and his family moved to Detroit.

When he arrived in Detroit, Gar started a new company producing hoists, which he named Wood Hydraulic Hoist and Body, located near the Detroit River. After his wealth continued to grow from his extremely successful product, he eventually turned control of the company over to his eight brothers and started focusing on his true love of



Example of one of the first Gar Wood hydraulic lifts (contributed by Antique Boat Museum)

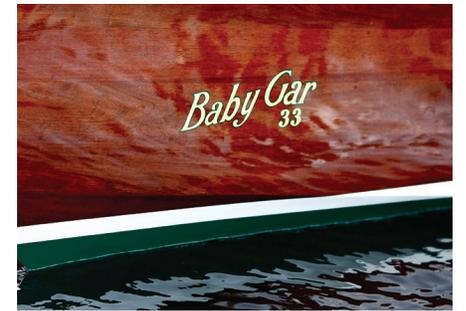
boat racing. This began with the purchase of the Chris Smith and Sons Boat Company in Algonac, as well as the Miss Detroit, which was built there. They then constructed Miss Detroit II and entered into the 1917 APBA Gold Cup, which he won. He won the same race the next year with the same boat. Then, in 1919, Gar raced the Miss Detroit III, built by Chris Smith, which brought home another Gold Cup trophy. Gar next had the innovative idea to equip his boats with aircraft engines, believing there was a smaller margin for error in those engines - they were rebuilt to work in the water and put on the Miss Detroit III. He was told by experts that there was no way it would work, but once again, Gar would prove them wrong.

The Smith and Wood duo would then start building a line of Miss America boats, which were as successful as their predecessors; it is said that Smith and Wood together contributed more to the creation of hydroplane boats than anyone else. The Miss America I had a busy year in 1920, when Gar first took another APBA Gold Cup, and followed it up with his first win at the international motorboat race, known as the Harmsworth Cup, in England. As Gar returned to the United States following his victory, the streets of Detroit were flooded with people from Belle Isle to Randolph; Gar Wood was quickly becoming one of the most famous names in the country. Gar returned to the Harmsworth Cup race, which was held in Detroit, the next year with the Miss America II and defended his title. In 1921, Wood caught the attention of the entire world as he raced his Gar Jr. II against the Havana Special train from Miami to New York, which he

completed in 47 hours and 23 minutes - 12 minutes faster than the locomotive.

In an attempt to derail Gar's dominating win streak, the American Power Boat Association made major changes to the engines and hull sizes allowed in races. Gar then began working on a completely new boat around 1922, and the result was the 33-foot Baby Gar. The next year, Gar Wood and Chris Smith broke ties because Smith wanted to start a production line to make the boats more affordable, which became Chris-Craft Boats. Gar acquired Nap Lisee to replace Chris Smith as a designer for the new Baby Gars. His newly built boat was an instant success, with some of the country's wealthiest people, such as P.K. Wrigley, Edward Noble and John Dodge, quickly acquiring them. Before long, Gar was forced to designate a whole section of his Algonac plant to construct all the special order Baby Gars. For the next four years, Wood had plenty of time to spend on his boat building business, as no Harmsworth Cup races were held from 1922 until 1925. Again, Gar wanted to accomplish a feat that was thought impossible, deciding to race the world's most famous train, the 20th Century Limited, from Albany to New York; Wood won the race by 22 minutes. When the Harmsworth Cup was held again in 1926, Gar and Lisee had finished the Miss America V, which brought Wood his third straight Harmsworth Trophy. At this point, Gar's Algonac plant was producing so many boats that it was at maximum capacity.

Wood continued his Harmsworth Trophy streak for nine straight years until 1933, and after his final victory, Gar retired from racing undefeated in the



Decal on Baby Gar 33 (contributed by Antique Boat Museum)

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1930 Gar Wood racing boat the Miss America IX

Harmsworth Cup. Throughout his historic victories, Gar also accomplished many never before seen milestones. In 1931, Gar set one of the most impressive records of his career with the Miss America IX, in which he became the first person in the world to go over 100 mph on the water, reaching 102.256 mph. Only one year later, he blew that record out of the water on his Miss America X, which was said to be his greatest designed feat, equipped with four 1,800 horsepower Liberty engines that achieved 124.86 mph - not only setting a new speed record, but also becoming the first person to travel two miles in one minute. While Gar was breaking numerous records, his shipyard in Algonac became unable to produce the growing demand for his boats, so in 1930, he picked up and moved.

The new factory was located in Marysville and was able to construct 1,200 boats a year; the new factory opened just three months after the stock market crashed, which started the Great Depression. Along with his new building came a larger variety of boat models, which continued his success. Beginning in the late 1930s, Wood began expanding the products he produced. He went on to make oil burners, air conditioners, oil fired water heaters, as well as lightweight buses, scrapers, blades, crane shovels, refuse compactors and various truck bodies.

When World War II broke out, many factories around the country were transitioning from their everyday production to produce items for the war effort - Wood's Marysville factory was no different. Wood was still making boats, unlike in WWI when he produced dump bodies and hydraulic hoists for the Army, but instead of recreational boats, he was making tug and target boats. As World War II commenced, Gar's factory returned to producing new models of boats. The company was under new management, which decided to give the Gar Wood boats a completely new look that brought high set up costs. Even though the war was over, the after effects were still felt for acquiring material for some time, which caused multiple shipment delays, and as a result, many customers began buying other available boats. The next year at the 1947 boat show, a shocking change of four new models, all painted white, instead of the Gar Wood's signature varnished mahogany, were unveiled. This proved to be the death of Gar Wood boats, as production completely ceased less than six months following the boat show.

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6. ON THIS DAY IN 1921, THE U.S. NAVY ORDERS THE SALE OF 125 FLYING BOATS TO ENCOURAGE COMMERCIAL AVIATION.



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11. ON THIS DAY IN 1980, HONDA ANNOUNCES IT WILL BUILD THE FIRST JAPANESE-OWNED, PASSENGER CAR ASSEMBLY PLANT IN THE UNITED STATES - IN OHIO.

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14. ON THIS DAY IN 1942, PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ORDERS ALL ALIENS IN THE U.S. TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

15. ON THIS DAY IN 1920, THE DRY LAW GOES INTO EFFECT IN THE UNITED STATES. SELLING LIQUOR AND BEER BECOMES ILLEGAL.

16. ON THIS DAY IN 1920, ALLIES LIFT THE BLOCKADE ON TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

17. ON THIS DAY IN 1939, THE REICH ISSUES AN ORDER FORBIDDING JEWS TO PRACTICE AS DENTISTS, VETERINARIANS AND CHEMISTS.

18. ON THIS DAY IN 1902, THE ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON SHIFTS ITS SUPPORT FROM NICARAGUA TO PANAMA AS A FAVORED CANAL SITE.

19. ON THIS DAY IN 1915, THE FIRST GERMAN AIR RAIDS ON GREAT BRITAIN INFLECT MINOR CASUALTIES.

20. ON THIS DAY IN 1930, CHARLES LINDBERGH ARRIVES IN NEW YORK, SETTING A CROSS COUNTRY FLYING RECORD OF 14.75 HOURS.



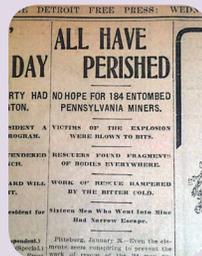
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22. ON THIS DAY IN 1930, ADMIRAL RICHARD BYRD CHARTS A VAST AREA OF ANTARCTICA.

23. ON THIS DAY IN 1950, JERUSALEM BECOMES THE OFFICIAL CAPITAL OF ISRAEL.

24. ON THIS DAY IN 1639, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE CONNECTICUT TOWNS BAND TOGETHER TO WRITE THE FUNDAMENTAL ORDERS, THE FIRST CONSTITUTION IN THE NEW WORLD.

25. ON THIS DAY IN 1904, 200 COAL MINERS ARE TRAPPED IN THEIR PENNSYLVANIA MINE AFTER AN EXPLOSION.



26. ON THIS DAY IN 1969, CALIFORNIA IS DECLARED A DISASTER AREA AFTER TWO DAYS OF FLOODING AND MUD SLIDES.

27. ON THIS DAY IN 1941, THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN BEGIN HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

28. ON THIS DAY IN 1915, THE U.S. COAST GUARD IS FOUNDED TO FIGHT CONTRABAND TRADE AND AID DISTRESSED VESSELS AT SEA.

29. ON THIS DAY IN 1929, THE SEEING EYE, AMERICA'S FIRST SCHOOL FOR TRAINING DOGS TO GUIDE THE BLIND, IS FOUNDED IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

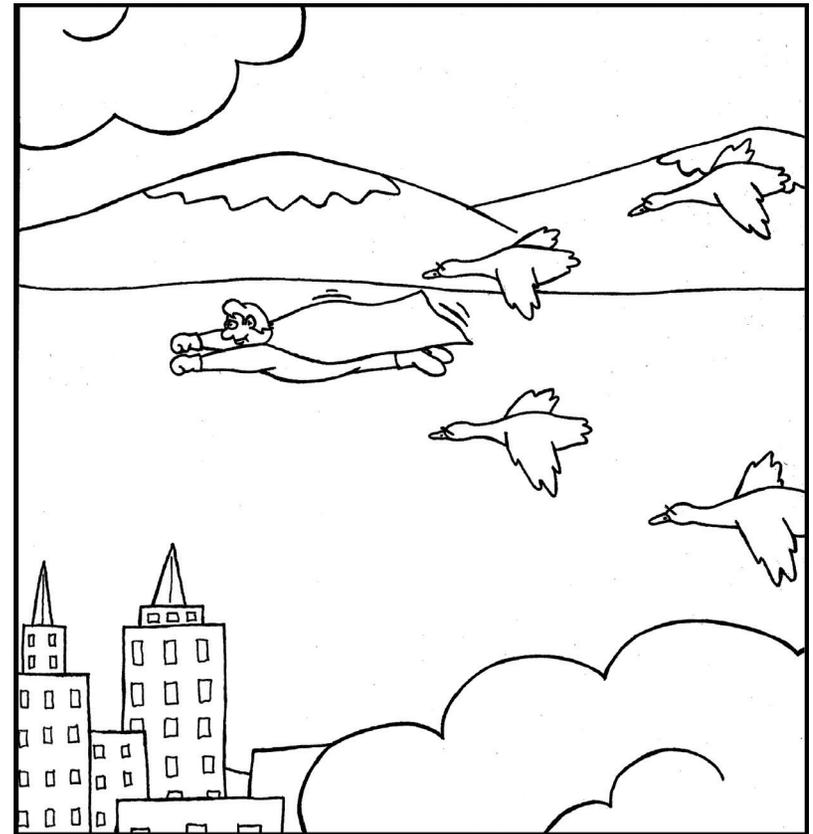
30. ON THIS DAY IN 1901, WOMEN PROHIBITIONISTS SMASH 12 SALOONS IN KANSAS.

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A Guide for Fledglings

By R.L. and C.L. Christensen

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It's finally happened: you have graduated. You are on your own! You're ready to wave goodbye to the old homestead. Mom is choked up and Dad has hugged you or shaken your hand; your siblings see more room for them. Your bedroom has already become the spare room. Your goal now is to have YOUR OWN PLACE. Are you ready?

If you're lucky, you have some money in a *nest egg*. Suddenly that word has meaning. It means a place to live. It also means the Lexus may have to take a lower priority – unless you intend to live in it. (A better bet for that purpose would be a 10-year-old minivan. It's possible Grandpa and Grandma may have done just that when they were young.)

Of course you may decide to occupy Mom and Dad's guest room for a while longer (if they haven't already rented it out). That way you can enjoy the necessities of life: their cell phone, iPad, stereo, cable TV and open fridge, while accumulating some cash. Yeah "cash", meaning real green stuff in a bank (even a piggy bank). If you had a credit card, it was probably provided by Mom and Dad. You might want to check with them about keeping it, because getting one of your very own might be a problem.

It would be a great idea for you to learn how to manage credit card debt, like paying it off, getting a credit rating and avoiding late payment penalties. Also, how about paying off any student loan debt? Get some advice on how to make a budget, and stick to it. It's possible that a local community college offers a course in money management. Take it if you can. I bet Dad might even be willing to give you the money to take the course. You need to learn to prioritize and economize. At this point we offer a principle that will become a mantra - THE BARE NECESSITIES.

Let's assume you have jumped the first hurdle and have a job - or even two or three part-time jobs. Here a second principle applies - BE NOT PROUD. Not everybody lands a first job at Merrill Lynch or Yahoo. Burger flipping can supply some cash until that happens. Waitresses and waiters in popular restaurants can do well with tips. The point is a job is a means to an end, not the end.

Earned income means a paycheck once a week, twice a month or monthly. You may have a shock when that first check comes and you find out that the stated salary or hourly pay is not quite what you thought it was. There are deductions - withholding taxes, dues, insurance, etc. The \$15 an hour is now \$11.25. The anticipated \$525 per week for living is now closer to \$400.

The annual income of \$27,300 has already shrunk to \$20,800. Bummer!

So here you are. You've got a job or jobs. You're now poised to live on your own. You may even be in another town or another state far from home and Mom and Dad. Mom's not doing the laundry and cooking, and the open fridge is not just down the hall, along with the free sodas and snacks. Suddenly stuff casually taken for granted has a real price tag. Remember that word "**budget**"? It now assumes real meaning. Two things rank first in your needs as an independent person: a roof over your head and food in your belly. Social life activities, like bar hopping, a weekend at the ski lodge or tickets to the rock concert, have a lower priority.

You need to find a place to roost. You may aspire to a three bedroom, two bath cottage, but that is in the future - unless Grandma died and left you a quarter of a million bucks. As a matter of fact, if you are under 30, you probably have a minimal credit rating (if any), so buying a place to live at this stage of your life is out of the question.

So what are your options? Starting near the bottom (but not all the way because that defines vagrancy) you could rent a furnished room. We're not talking about the Ramada Inn, understand. Most towns have a newspaper with a classified ad section. Among those ads will very likely be listings of rooms for rent in private homes at a quite nominal cost per week or month. There will be expectations and limitations imposed by the landlord, and the quality of the habitation varies. But, it is a place to sleep and spend time at relatively low cost. Usually **no cooking** in the room is allowed, but if you are a nice person and behave yourself, quite often the landlord might loosen the rules. It may be assumed that the rental of a furnished room is a temporary situation allowing one time to accumulate funds, which will permit a future transition to more desirable accommodations.

Another alternative often not considered by the newly independent college graduate is the rental/lease of a trailer (mobile home). These exist in the ubiquitous trailer parks found on the outskirts of most towns and smaller cities. Unfortunately (for you) the best of these places are populated by older people who often do not welcome those under 55.

Moving on, let's assume you have found an accommodation of some kind for a reasonable rental - say \$750 a month. Getting the roof over your head has shrunk your disposable income from \$1,600 per month to \$850. Your new living space, if furnished, will probably not be quite what you envisioned and, if unfurnished, will need some basics. Either way, you need to learn

the smart way to get those basics.

At this point, remember the principles in frugality - BE NOT PROUD and THE BARE NECESSITIES. These are especially important as you begin to fund your own life.

It looks like this place might be possible but there is a big problem: the owner wants the first and last month's rent and a security deposit up-front. That means that in order to move in you need close to \$2,500 in cash. UH OH! Of course you will use the first and last month's rental and receive the refund of some or all of the security deposit when you leave, but that's then and the cash is now. This is where those birthday and graduation gifts you hoarded come in handy. It's possible, too, that Mom and Dad might give (or loan) some bucks in return for your vacating the spare room.

Even if the space is furnished, you will probably need to purchase a few items. If it is not furnished, **BE NOT PROUD** rules. But equally important is **THE BARE NECESSITIES** rule. Begin with the minimum - bed, chair(s), a table or two, bookcase and lamps. (I do not mention major kitchen appliances because they are usually part of the unfurnished rental package). You will need a can opener, coffee maker and maybe a microwave - also a plate or two and assorted glasses, cups, bowls and knives and forks. Forget espresso machines, big-screen TVs, sound systems, Dyson vacuums and the like, unless received as gifts.

BE NOT PROUD includes not only your parents but also Goodwill, Habitats for Humanity ReStores, yard sales, thrift shops and the like. This hunt can be fun as well as educational. You can learn the art of "haggling", meaning never pay the first asking price unless you absolutely have to have that purple lava lamp!

At this point your decent income has shrunk considerably. MacDollarBurgers become dinner entrees instead of snacks. Have you given thought to roommates/housemates? Finding compatible folks to share costs (not necessarily beds!) can become an option to consider, if allowed in the lease. Compatibility is important, but equally important is dependability. Sharing of costs and household chores is critical to the success of apartment sharing. If your name is on the rental or lease agreement, you have the legal and financial bottom-line responsibility. This is not to be considered lightly. You should have a simple, written contract between yourself and any housemates, which clearly defines exactly what costs will be shared and the dollar amounts each will pay per week or month. (Another option, perhaps more desirable, is to find someone who already has a place and is looking for someone - like you - to share the apartment. You still need that written contract, though.)

Another point: as a tenant you need to

follow some rules laid down by the landlord. First, you are expected to pay the rent when due. Second, you are expected to maintain the property in decent condition. Third, certain activities are frowned upon (no need to suggest them). Fourth, you are responsible as signer of the lease, for anything your guests may do to the property or on the property. That beer party when barbecue sauce was dripped on the carpet and cigarette burns charred the table was fun at the time, but will have consequences. While you may leave with unpaid rent or charges or be evicted, this kind of history can follow you for the rest of your life and cost you in the long run.

Who, or what attributes to look for in roommates/housemates is hard to define. Neatniks and slobs do not mix well (think "The Odd Couple"). Also, since a major purpose in sharing is to cut costs and since a major cost of living involves food, you should decide how this is to be handled. Will each person manage their own food needs or will food planning and preparation be a collective, or family style, activity? Sort this out in advance, and agree how to deal with food choices, preparation and responsibilities. If you are lucky, at least one of the "family" will have some cooking skills that go beyond putting a frozen meal-in-a-box in the microwave.

You don't have to be an economist to quickly learn that home cooked meals are much less costly than buying the same thing at a restaurant. (Although, it's amazing what a buy the "whole rotisserie chicken" is at most large supermarkets.)

If you are smart, you are going to do much of your own cooking, whether you are alone or have roommates. But, before you buy a food processor, a big mixer, a countertop grill or a waffle maker, your first two purchases should be a can opener and a cookbook. Do NOT buy a gourmet cookbook! Instead buy a "**Betty Crocker**". You need simple detailed basic instructions that use the everyday ingredients found in most supermarkets. Steer away (at first) from recipes that use exotic ingredients and ones that take a lot of time to prepare. Another **BE NOT PROUD** suggestion - Mom will be flattered if you ask her to give you cooking tips and favorite recipes.

CONGRATULATIONS! You've made it. You have your own place to live. You are within budget and can even afford the occasional night out. You can boil water, cook a burger and make your bed. Maybe you even dare to invite Mom and Dad for lunch to see what you've done. Go for it!



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SAM WARD

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In 1818, Sam Ward and Father Gabriel Richard jointly bought two sections of land at the mouth of the Belle River. Father Richard was a well-known Roman Catholic priest from Detroit. The southern part of section 1 became Catholic Point and the home of Holy Cross Church. The northern part of section 1 was developed by Sam Ward. By 1819, Ward had erected



Newport Academy

a log home and brought his wife, Betsey, and his son, Harrison, to live there. Soon, Sam built a store near what is now Water Street and Broadway. When St. Clair County was separated from Macomb County in 1820, Ward lobbied to have his little settlement become the county seat. In this fight, he lost to St. Clair and its developer, James Fulton.

Sam Ward set the foundations for the village's future industrial prosperity. He built a sawmill and grist mill, a tannery and a brick yard. However, his greatest achievements were in shipbuilding and his line of ships. Ward brought many of his and his wife's relatives to work in his various business ventures. The most notable were Eber Brock

Ward and his sister Emily, who were the children of Sam's brother Eber. Eber Brock Ward became Sam's partner in the shipyard and the steamship line. Eber B. Ward later owned iron mines, steel mills and sawmills in Michigan. Emily Ward was a teacher when she came to Marine City. In 1847, she built the Newport Academy, which is now the Marine City Pride and Heritage Museum.

Emily was also a very shrewd businesswoman, who directed the finishing of the interiors of the Ward Line ships and became her brother's most important advisor.

The first ship built by Sam Ward in Marine City was the *St. Clair*, a 28-ton schooner. The ship was built under the direction of William Gallagher, who was married to Mrs. Ward's sister. The *St. Clair* was built near the foot of Broadway, but later Ward ships were built at the Ward's Shipyard at the foot of Pearl Street,



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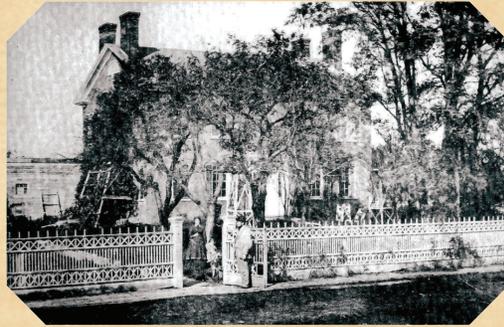


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which is now the city beach. Under Captain Sam Ward's direction in 1826, the *St. Clair* was the first ship to sail from the Great Lakes through the Erie Canal and back to the Lakes. It was a very profitable venture, but Ward did not attempt it again. Profits were put into building more sailing ships. Altogether, they built seven, including the *General Harrison*, which became a common sight on the St. Clair River.



Sam Ward's house

Over the next century, more than 250 ships were built in Marine City, and the city's five shipyards employed hundreds of workers in the late 1800s. Many more became sailors on Great Lakes' vessels.

Steamships were rapidly replacing sailing vessels on the Great Lakes by the 1830s, so the Wards built their first steamboat, which was completed in 1839, and named the *Huron*. It was put on the Detroit to Port Huron route with Eber B. Ward as its first captain. By 1854, the Ward's had built and sailed twenty-five steamships, in addition to seven sailing vessels. Among their steamships were the *Champion*, the *Franklin Moore*, the *Samuel Ward*, the *Ocean*, the *Pearl* and the *Pacific*. The Ward Line made a fortune carrying thousands of settlers from Buffalo to western ports aboard their ships, as well as much cargo.

In the 1830s, carpenters in Sam Ward's shipyard were paid much like workers in company towns. They earned \$1.50 per day, but could not collect the cash for six months. In the meantime, Ward supplied them with the goods they needed from his store and deducted the cost from their wages. After six months, they were given notes for any cash they were still owed by Ward. However, to cash the notes they had to go to Detroit to Ward's broker, O. H. Thompson, who charged them a fee. These were not uncommon practices.

Sam Ward platted the village in 1830, under the name of Newport. The village retained this name for more than thirty years, but the post office did not adopt it. In 1831, a post office was established under the name of Belle River with Samuel Ward as postmaster. He wanted the post office to be called Newport, but there already was a Newport post office in Monroe County. In 1865, the village was incorporated with the simple name of Marine, which the state legislature changed to Marine City in 1867.

Sam Ward served as the Cottrellville Township supervisor and member of the County Board of Supervisors. He also was a justice of the County Court. It was said that, though he could be a kindly man, he insisted on control of his community and businesses.

From the Ward's simple log house, they soon moved to a frame house nearby. In 1832, Sam Ward built his family a grand house of locally made brick. The house still stands at 433 N. Main Street opposite the St. Clair River. After Sam Ward's death in 1854, the house remained in the Ward family until 1872, when it was sold to Robert Holland along with the shipyard. Holland built ships in Marine City for some years and his family lived in the house for more than a century.

Because of Sam Ward's efforts, Marine City grew into the largest builder of wooden ships on the Great Lakes. Its shipyards thrived until the 1920s. A beautiful diorama of the Belle River and its shipyards in the late 1800s can be seen at the Marine City Pride and Heritage Museum located on S. Main Street in Marine City. 🌿

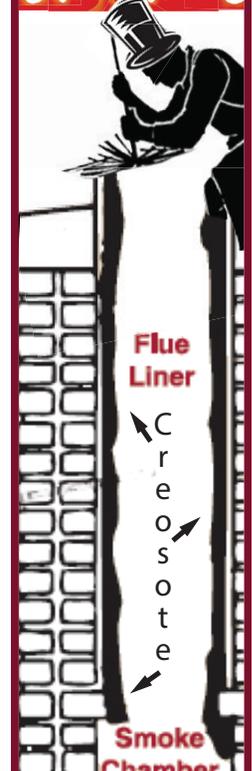
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Treatment of Diabetes in Our Pets

By Dr. DiBenedetto, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

The goal of treatment for clinical diabetes in both cats and dogs is to achieve minimal clinical signs while giving the patient a good quality of life. Lowering insulin demands on the body and balancing your pet's diet and exercise are the most important factors leading to successful management of diabetes. This is done by initiating insulin therapy and modifying your pet's diet and exercise. Oral anti-diabetic medications are not effective in dogs, but will occasionally work in cats. Managing diabetic pets is very time consuming at first. It requires owners and their veterinarians to work very closely together. It can take several months for a newly diagnosed diabetic to become well controlled. Once we get the appropriate dose of insulin that maintains good glucose control, our diabetics maintain a good quality of life.

Diabetes is managed long term by insulin injections being given twice a day. There are three general types of insulin used in dogs and cats. Short-acting insulin (also called regular insulin) is used in sick ketoacidotic diabetics until they are eating again. NPH and Lente are intermediate-acting insulins; these types of insulin are used most commonly in dogs. Humulin and Vetsulin are the major brands. Ultralente and PZI are long-acting insulins used most commonly in cats. Lantus and PZI are the most common. In recent years, Vetsulin has been approved for use in cats and from my experience, appears to work well at a twice a day dosing in both dogs and cats.

Next is learning how to handle and administer insulin at home. Insulin needs to be refrigerated to maintain its efficacy. Insulin is referred to as either U-100 or U-40. It is very important to know what type of insulin you have and match it with the correct syringes in order to dose the insulin correctly (i.e. U-100 insulin must be administered with U-100 syringes). Insulin must be given at meal times. If your pet does not eat, no insulin should be administered. This is so the blood glucose is not dropped too low. Low blood sugar is called hypoglycemia and can be life threatening. To help avoid this complication you can purchase a veterinary glucometer to do glucose readings at home. This meter gives us accurate blood sugar levels for both dogs and cats. Like human glucometers, it requires a minimal amount of blood that in most cases can be taken from the ear flap or paw pad areas. This allows us to monitor our patients much closer and eliminates the stress of having to come into the clinic for frequent blood draws. Stress can falsely raise blood sugar levels, making it difficult to get accurate readings when taken at the clinic.

The next big step to successful management of diabetes is diet modification. A diabetic's diet should include a good-quality protein, in addition to complex carbohydrates and dietary fiber, to help slow absorption of glucose from the digestive system. It also should have a low fat content.

A diet with these factors will minimize fluctuations in blood glucose and help your pet maintain a healthy weight. Consistent daily exercise also helps maintain a healthy weight and steady blood glucose levels.

Once your pet is stable, routine monitoring with your veterinarian every three to six months is vital in helping to prevent secondary complications and maintaining a happy pet. 🐾

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



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Limburger the STINKY Cheese

By William Easton
ThumbPrint News Contributor

If you have never tasted – or even smelled Limburger cheese, you have an experience coming. Whether perceived as good or bad depends on whether your enjoyment of

this ancient milk product overrides your olfactory (smell) sensation. This import from the former Duchy of Limburg has the well-deserved reputation of emitting a “footy smell”. One expert still advises that after handling it one should wash one’s hands several times to rid them of that odor.

Why does this otherwise soft creamy cheese with an orange rind smell so bad? Without getting too technical, it comes from the process of making it. Of course, all cheese comes from milk, with the calf’s rennet and live bacteria also being essential ingredients. By federal law most cheese is made from pasteurized milk, although some producers are allowed to use their unpasteurized product, if they wait the required 60 days. The threat from using raw milk includes Salmonella, Listeria and E. coli from the animal’s bacteria. But the minority of natural makers claim that “good” bacteria is actually beneficial to the production of some kinds of cheese, including Limburger.

And just what does all this information about a smelly food mean to the readers of *Thumbprint News*? The nexus to me is that a columnist – for

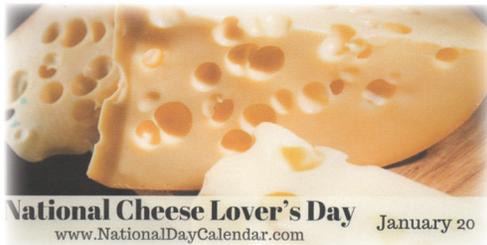


another publication - has reported that authentic Limburger is produced in only two places in the U.S., and one in Canada. One of those places was Linwood, Michigan, thus sending this investigative reporter to that small community on the Saginaw Bay, at the western most edge of the Thumb. (The other U.S. producer is located in Monroe, Wisconsin, the Dairy

State, home to the Green Bay Packers’ “Cheeseheads” and perennial nemesis of the Detroit Lions.)

Unfortunately, I learned Linwood’s Williams Cheese Shop does not make Limburger cheese in its usual brick form. A Limburger spread is made there. The Wisconsin Limburger brick sold there under the label of “Amish Country” carries this warning: “The aroma is unmistakable-powerful, outspoken and impossible to ignore.”

The Linwood market, founded in 1945, and still in the same family according to



National Cheese Lover’s Day January 20
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its website, has a modest display area with choices of many, but not all kinds of cheese - some of which they do produce. They carry the well-known Pinconning cheese, produced nearby. (But where, I wondered, was the cream cheese produced in my New York State hometown?) When I arrived at noon on a weekday, all free samples had been devoured by other cheese lovers. I was informed that my order of Limburger was its first in-store sale that day. They do a thriving mail order and online business as well. The unincorporated community of Linwood is an attractive seaport, although the cheese shop is a bit inland on Michigan Highway 13.

Concluding on a personal note, I have not yet sampled my purchase. Small quantities were mailed to my older brother and his son. The brother has recalled times when my father was exiled to the cellar where he could enjoy Limburger’s taste and smell, along with crackers and Canadian Ale. That practice probably came to an end when we three adolescent sons discovered his cache of cheese and adult beverage. 🍷

Editor’s note: January 20, 2016, is National Cheese Lover’s Day! Did you know that the average American consumes about 31 pounds of cheese each year? There are more than 900 known cheeses in the world. Perhaps on that day, if you have not yet tried Limburger cheese, you might want to have this experience at least once in your life!



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

Genesee

No events were submitted for Genesee County this month.

Huron

No events were submitted for Huron County this month.

Lapeer

Lapeer - January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Flea Market, Lapeer Center Building, 425 County Center St., 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Up to 75 booths inside and outside sell a huge variety of items to the public. No admission charge. For information on space rentals, contact (810) 347-7915.

Macomb

New Baltimore - January 16 & 17
Radiant Beings Arts and Wellness Expo, VFW Hall, 35011 23 Mile Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on the 16th, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the 17th. \$5 admission per day. Free raffle. For more information email radiantbeings0112@gmail.com.

Memphis - January 23

Euchre Tournament, Memphis Lions Club, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. \$10 per person. Snacks available. Everyone welcome. Prize money awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. For more information contact Frank at (810) 392-3717 or fravis53@comcast.net.

Oakland

Pontiac - January 17
"Behind the Mic", Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, 405 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., 2:00 p.m. This is a part of the Small Talk Lecture Series that takes place each month in the Carriage House. A retired broadcaster, reporter, anchor and news director, Robert Dustman, will be talking about his book and journey in radio and television broadcasting. \$5 includes refreshments. For more information call (248) 338-6732 or visit www.ocphs.org.

St. Clair

Capac - January 4, 11 & 25

Monday Night Knitters, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 6:00 p.m. Drop in and join this lively group of veteran knitters. Interested in learning how to knit or crochet? These ladies will gladly instruct you. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

St. Clair - January 4, 11 & 25

Cribbage, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Did you ever want to learn how to play cribbage? Come on in and learn. Adults and seniors. Refreshments served. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

East China Twp. - January 6

Low Vision, Legally Blind and Blind Support Group, St. John River District Hospital, 4100 River Rd., room 2, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Limited transportation now available for \$2 round trip for Port Huron and St. Clair areas only. Please call (810) 987-7373 at least 24 hours in advance for a ride. Guest speaker will be Sue from Sue's Coffee Shop. We meet the first Wednesday of every month. For more information contact Paul at (810) 329-5172.

Lakeport - January 7

Food for Thought, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 6:30 p.m. This group meets once a month to discuss a pre-determined book. Adults. Please call (810) 385-8550 for more details.

Marysville - January 7

Cruising the Upper Danube Part Two with Michael Artman, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 6:00 p.m. In part two of this travelogue, experience European river cruising by sailing up the beautiful Blue Danube, beginning in Hungary and ending in Germany. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

Fair Haven - January 8, 15, 22 & 29

Tot Time, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 10:00 a.m. Stories, music and crafts for children 0-5 and their

caregivers. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

Port Huron - January 11

Create-A-Card, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorrin Blvd., 6:30 p.m. Learn how to create your own handcrafted cards. Ages 6-12. Registration requested by calling (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

Kimball - January 12 & 26

Kid Kreations, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 3:30 p.m. Make a different craft to take home each week. Ages 3-12. Registration is requested by calling (810) 982-9171.

Algonac - January 13, 20 & 27

E-Reader 101, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Do you have an e-reader device and are not sure how to set it up to download free books from your library? Scott is available to help guide you, step-by-step. Registration is requested by calling (810) 794-4471.

Avoca - January 16

Euchre Night, Avoca Community Hall, 5396 Kilgore Rd., registration begins at 6:30 p.m., play begins at 7:00 p.m. \$25 per couple or \$15 per individual. A light meal is included. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest scores. Door prizes. A grand prize will be given to the player with the highest total monthly scores at the end of the season. For more information call (810) 324-9433.

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Secret Agent: Librarian, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 1:00 p.m. Learn about spies and secret agents as you decode hidden messages in order to discover a hidden secret deep within the library. Registration is requested by calling (810) 765-5233.

Yale - January 16

Teen Tabletop Role-Playing Game Day, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 2:00 p.m. Play with fellow teens aged 12-18. Spend the first half-hour setting up characters for new players and then start the campaign at 2:30 p.m. Registration requested by calling (810) 387-2940.

Memphis - January 21

Third Thursday Book Club, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:30 p.m. Book discussion for adults. For more information call (810) 329-2980.

Yale - January 31

Winter Beef Stew Dinner, Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Larry Dunn Hall, 310 N. Main St., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adults \$10, ages 6 to 12 \$5 and ages 5 and

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Lexington - January 30

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Tuscola

No events were submitted for Tuscola County this month.

Wayne

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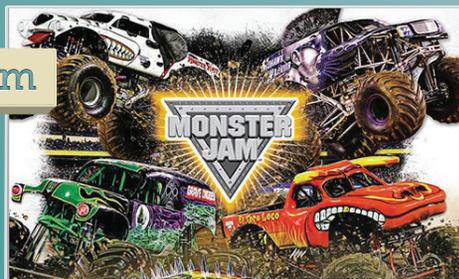
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"Bird Stone"

Zoomorphic Effigy Found in St. Clair County, Michigan
Submitted By Rev. Lynn White

During the pre-Columbian, Paleo Period, there was a "Bird Culture" that spread across East/Central, North America. The history and evidence of it was left flaked and shaped in stone. Here in St. Clair County, Michigan, the labor of the Paleo people in countless stone effigies (*art expressions*) is proof of their presence and of their artistic culture. The "Bird Stone" is believed to have had some spiritual significance to Ice Age people. These Paleo (*first people*) lived along the area where the glacier had receded.



I watched as the earth movers scraped off the top soil in preparation of a building site. While watching the dozer, I took a step and tumbled over a stone half buried in the hard clay subsoil. As I looked down at it, I immediately recognized it as a "bird stone", a piece of pre-Columbian, Paleo art, formed by human hands thousands of years ago. It was as if the history of the past events on this site were calling for my attention. Someone, thousands of years ago, stood in this field, where I was standing and lived on this site and for some reason left this Paleo Art Bird Stone.

The stone material is granite and it has been shaped and formed, removing some of the cortex (*exterior surface*) of the stone, giving it the bird appearance. It has been ground down, leaving the surface smooth. The beak and the eye has been recessed. The "Bird Stone" effigies are thought to have been associated with the "Mound Builders". They were a group of people who lived along the edge of the glaciers that once covered our state. The reason for the "Bird Stones" is somewhat mysterious. There are those that say the "Bird Stone" was used in connection with burials. Others say they could possibly represent the spirit/soul of a human or even the spirit of life given by God. I have found many "Bird Stones", but only one in St. Clair County. 🍀



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Antiquities

By David Gillis, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Recently, while walking in a local downtown area, I passed a row of antiques and collectibles shops. These purveyors of antiquities or, at least, old stuff, has always interested me, especially since I grew up with most of it.

What caught my eye was a collection of jelly glasses. I recall as a child and well into my adolescence that jelly glasses were what we drank from. A few of them matched, but most did not. All those that were kept in our kitchen cupboard had various images on them. I had my favorites as did my siblings and each had the words, "Welch's Jelly" on the bottom.

Jelly preserved in jars is not new and has been with us for several centuries. However, when jellies and jams were sold in grocery stores, they were of a size a child could hold and, consequently, were kept long after the contents were consumed. For many families they became the primary drinking vessel and, certainly, the cost was very reasonable. For the cost of the jelly you had a free drinking glass.

Possibly what attracted me the most as I stood examining the collection of eight jelly glasses was the asking price. The attached tag indicated that I could take them home for \$48 - without the jelly.

Now, the focus of this essay is not jelly glasses, although their discovery in the little shop of "old stuff" caused me to wonder how I could explain them to the teenagers of today. I have the privilege of working with several of them on a weekly basis and have often struggled attempting to explain the past.

The word "antique" or a reference to "antiquities" has many meanings and may be defined as "matters relating to the life or culture of another time or as something belonging to an earlier period, style or fashion." Some may use these words to compare old ways of doing things to new ways in a manner that suggests an old-fashioned idea is an antiquity that goes against modernity.

Many readers may agree with what I've written, but won't fully understand the difficulty unless they put it to the test. Allow me to offer this demonstration; invite some of your teenage grandchildren and their friends to sit in a circle with you as you discuss concepts that existed 60-years ago, but possibly not today.

Tell them about what it was like paying 24 cents per gallon for gasoline and not having to leave your car to get it. Explain how the service station attendant hurried from his warm garage on a cold winter

day to pump your gas and clean your windshield before collecting \$2.40 from you for the ten gallons of gas you received. Today, gas pumps are almost second thoughts to the mini-markets the proprietors depend on. And about getting the gas pumped for you, well, let's not even go there.

I have shared with young people how my first real job was as a "pearl-diver" or dishwasher at a major restaurant near my home. I was thrilled when I was even allowed to work, but even more so when I was paid \$1.25 per hour, which was 25 cents more than the minimum wage. Some of the comments I have received include, "Why would you work that hard for so little pay?" When these young people watch television reports of workers striking fast-food restaurant chains for an increase in minimum wage to \$15 per hour, it is hard for me to begin explaining the excitement of just getting a job.

Attempt to tell your grouping of youngsters about fixing a flat tire by removing the inner tube, patching it, returning it to the tire, and filling it with air. Explain to them that's what people did. And, in 1958, when it could not be repaired another time, you could purchase a brand new Goodyear tire for about \$15.

There's so much more that kids don't even know about that existed just five or six decades ago. Try telling them what a pinball machine is or about using a telephone booth. Describe a 45 rpm record with a single song on one side and one on the other. Don't forget to tell them about the record player you needed to hear the music.

How about explaining that the student parking lot at your school had space for only 20 cars and some were not used each day. Or, that the same school did not have vending machines, but did have a "sock-hop" once each month. You might even try explaining what a "sock-hop" was and why it was called that.

Well, I guess this ends my most recent journey down memory lane. Oh, there's just one more thought I will share. I did return to the little shop of collectibles and noticed that the jelly glasses were gone. They are probably now in someone's curio cabinet of memorabilia. However, I did notice in the large display window the reflection of another antiquity - me. 🍷



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about a book I have written entitled *Catalyst*, and I want to tell you a little bit about the book and about myself.

Catalyst is about a man named Mark Layton who discovers that he has the ability to remove fat from a person's body by touch alone! Deciding to offer his services to the public, Mark discovers that his work can be rewarding, but has its share of challenges as well...challenges that threaten the stability of his family!

I think that there are several reasons why readers will enjoy *Catalyst*, one of the main reasons being the message that you have to accept and appreciate and LOVE yourself, even if few others do. Being overweight is an unhealthy condition and one should attempt to lose weight for improved health, but being overweight does NOT make a person unworthy or unacceptable, and it certainly does not give anyone permission or even reason to abuse a person! I think people on both sides of the issue need to hear that message. Every other week someone releases a video talking about how disgusting fat people are... personally, I find people who have nothing else to do but ridicule others more disgusting than carrying around extra pounds!

My bio...I was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 26, 1962, the last of four children born to Edward and Mattie Bibbs. I was always interested in entertaining others, with writing/story telling being my preferred avenue. While attending Wayne State University, I met Aleen, whom I would later marry and reside with, in Clinton Township. Aleen was actually the one who suggested that I share my stories with the public. I am also an actor and have written a screenplay which will be filmed in the near future. It started out as a novel about a privately-owned prison run by a warden with a Batman-like attitude towards criminals. It's called *Tartarus*, and right now I am trying to obtain funding for production. Michigan has a wealth of talented actors, and I have already recruited several of them for the film...all we need now is the funding!

Catalyst was published through Balboa Press and is available on their site...a link can also be found on my webpage, www.waynebibbs.com, as well as through Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other retailers.

Wayne Bibbs
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Dear Editor,

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Bill Marquardt
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Dear Editor,

I wanted to share with your readers this photo of the buck I shot in St Clair County, Michigan, on my family's property on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.!

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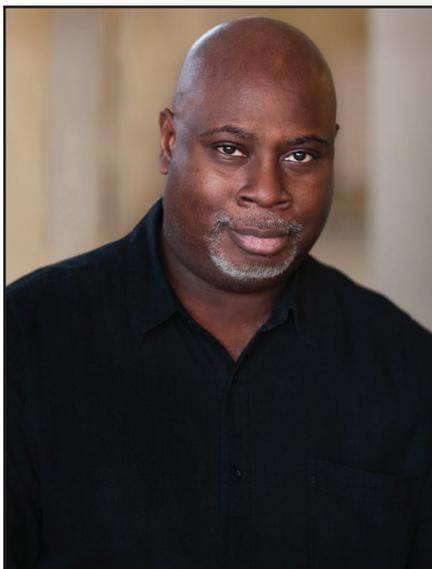
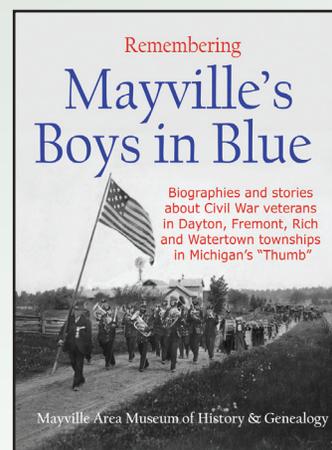


Dear Editor,

We have some good news to share from the Mayville Museum. In December, Mayville Area Museum of History in Mayville, Michigan, introduced its new book, *Remembering Mayville's Boys in Blue*, a 278-page book about the men from Mayville, Dayton, Fremont, Rich and Watertown townships who fought in the Civil War. The authors are Loraine Anderson and Lynn Freeland. Both Loraine and Lynn grew up in Mayville and are Mayville High School graduates – Loraine in 1967 and Lynn in 1969. The cost of the book is \$25.

Loraine and Lynn have been a godsend to the Museum in the completion of this endeavor. The research/writing project started in 2010 and was almost derailed when coordinator Marilyn Patterson lost most of her eyesight to macular degeneration. Loraine and Lynn volunteered in 2014 to help finish researching and writing the book. A copy of the book can be reserved by contacting Fran Campbell at (989) 843-0011. It is also available at the Mayville Library, The Robins Nest or Mayville Mercantile.

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