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## Huron County: Home of the World's Largest Fresh Water Harbor

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

The western shore of Lake Huron in the Thumb of Michigan has observed ships navigating the waters since the 1600s; when the lake experienced terrible storms, this area became the final resting place for many ill-fated ships.

The story of one main city along this shore begins in 1837 at a small settlement, which was known as Rock Falls. The Ludington family, along with a few other settlers, came to the area to fish and start a lumbering operation. As much of the area was impassible at the time, Mr. Ludington used a small row boat to search the shore for the best spot to build a permanent home for his family. He soon came across an area about a mile north with beautiful white



*Harbor Beach Lighthouse (contributed by Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society)*

sand; he quickly decided to build there. The first settlers named it Sand Beach because of the stunning rock-free beach; once the township was organized, the same name was applied. Most of the lumbering took place in Rock Falls, but once all the timber was depleted, Sand Beach became a town in 1855, as well as the main settlement in the area.

Lake Huron, like the rest of the Great Lakes, has been known to host sudden treacherous storms ever since the first boats began sailing them. Starting in the 1870s, the Federal Government recognized the need for a place for sailors to stay during the frequent squalls. Even though the Saginaw Bay and the St. Clair River were lit by lighthouses in Fort Gratiot in 1825 and in Port Hope in 1848, the 115 mile stretch of water between them was without a lighthouse or harbor for ships stuck in a storm. This forced captains to either continue through the storm or turn around and retreat to the closest harbor. On October 20, 1871, a Board of Engineers was assembled to determine the best location for a much needed harbor. When the first survey failed to identify an ideal area, a second survey was conducted two years later with a focus on Sand Beach and Port Hope. It was found that 7,000 feet of breakwater was required to construct a harbor at Sand Beach,

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## KING OF BEERS SURVIVES THE DARK YEARS

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

Although the first industries established in America usually consisted of mills and lumber, breweries followed close behind, with some sharing much of the same success as the other businesses thriving during the time period.

Even though the men who started the company weren't even alive when the first brew house opened in New York in 1612, a company known today as Anheuser-Busch would one day become the leading beer company in the country. Adolphus Busch and Eberhard Anheuser are the two men responsible for one of the most popular beers in the world, which got its start in the early 1860s. Anheuser, who was a successful soap manufacturer at

the time, purchased the Bavarian Brewery in 1860 – shortly after, he and Busch became friends and went into business together. The first year the company struggled to produce 4,000 barrels of beer, but after Busch approved a new malt house, storage cellars and brew house, the company's output grew to 25,000 barrels a year – continually increasing every year after. After the company switched owners, the name was changed to E. Anheuser & Company, lasting until 1879, when it was changed again to Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. The two quickly began taking over the local beer market, which some say was caused by the large concentration of German and European immigrants in the St. Louis area. The population boom also helped the company, rising from about 16,000 in 1840 to over 450,000 just 50 years later. When Anheuser passed away in 1880, Busch



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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Circa 1959

It is August and the end of summer is fast approaching. For many families with children still in school, this month is the time to enjoy a vacation together before the routines of homework and after school sports and enrichment activities once again become a reality.

I have been fortunate in my lifetime to take a lot of vacations to most of the 50 states and to do a lot of traveling worldwide, but I think it is the memories of some of those summertime get-aways right here in our good old state of Michigan that have stuck with me for all of these years.

Our family liked to go camping. In the earliest years of my remembrances, we camped in an old-fashioned tan-colored canvas tent. The windows had pieces of canvas that could be rolled down and tied back with canvas ties that would allow whatever breeze there was to waft in through the cloth screen windows, giving some relief from the late summer heat. Of course, it was also important to choose a camping spot where tall pine trees provided some shade as well.

We didn't camp at places that had waterslides, activities for the kids, and shops for the adults, such

as some campgrounds have today. The kind of places we camped in could only be described as rustic. We were lucky if there was a community restroom with a shower. Usually the campgrounds our family chose were located in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula or in the Upper Peninsula, on Lake Superior. Nature

and whatever form of water there was in the vicinity provided us with our daytime entertainment (and nighttime baths, if no community facility was available).

We could swim for hours in water that was only a few degrees above freezing, pick wild huckleberries in the clearings in the woods all afternoon, and sit motionless as a deer with her young fawns cautiously moved across the path we would soon be following. The bumps from the unforgiving mosquitoes and black flies were minor compared to all of the fun we had.

We usually camped with at least one other family; the adults were friends of my parents and also had children. Sometimes, the kids were about the same age as my sister and I; other times, we camped with a family who had two teenage daughters. We liked that the best – especially since we could hide in the bushes and watch them as they found a couple of teenage boys in the campground to flirt with.

We spent the whole day away from our parents without a care in the world until the one thing that could always remind us of our family ties drew us back to our lot – the thought of dinner. My mother would tirelessly have something

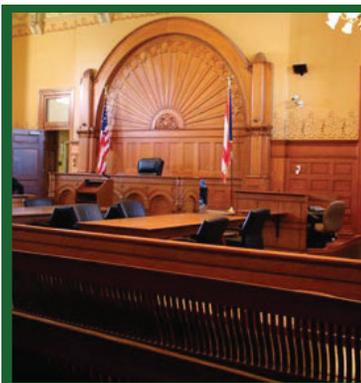
yummy prepared, using only the old Coleman camping stove. Somehow everything tasted better when eaten outside.

Every evening there was the campfire. An hour after dinner meant time to gather sticks and wood to start the evening's fire. Everyone – adults and children alike – sat as close as we could to the leaping flames on old, half-rotted stumps, and sang songs, told stories and, sometimes, even had an impromptu talent show. I remember my sister and I singing "A Travelin' Man" by Ricky Nelson. Of course s'mores were a must! By the time we crawled into our sleeping bags, we couldn't have been more tired or more content.



Today as August rolls around and Michigan's all too short summer comes to an end, I think about those happy times when life was carefree and memories were made that have lasted until this day. They are right up there with drive-in movies and catching fireflies in a jar as the all-time best.

David Gillis in his column this month writes about "the lazy, hazy days of summer" that occur in August. I hope all of our readers have the chance to take some time off to enjoy those this month and, if children still grace your household, to take the opportunity to create some vacation memories right here in the great state of Michigan that will last a lifetime, just as my memories from many years ago remain vivid in my mind to this day. 🍷



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# Signs & Synchronicities

**By Rennae Hardy**  
ThumbPrint News Columnist

The universal language of symbolism is both profound and powerful. Symbols are illustrative representations of the universe's building blocks (sacred geometry) and speak to our subconscious mind. Throughout history, numerous secret societies used symbols to cloak or protect esoteric knowledge and many cultures revered "signs" as divine guidance.

Observable messages can present themselves in a variety of ways: through nature (stones, plants, cloud formations), animals (totems), feathers (angels), coins (departed loved ones), numbers (numerology), and dreams (revelations). Omens can be obvious, or subtle, and appear when we are most receptive. The significance of a "sign" is relative to our perception at that moment. A coin could be a denomination of money or a hello from heaven. Our intuitive mind discerns the true meaning of a sign.

Signs and synchronicity are intrinsically linked. It is not unusual to experience an unexpected and seemingly random act that amazingly provides us with an answer, direction or welcomed blessing. Synchronicities are spiritual interventions - universal gifts



offering us the opportunity to reconnect with the flow of life and move closer to our soul's desire.

Repetition can definitely earmark a sign. Any numerical sequence that repeats (111) or any image appearing three or more times is "communicating" a message. For instance, a hummingbird visits the feeder at an unlikely time of day, the sweater on the person in front of you at a check-out is covered with hummingbirds, a commercial you happen across while channel surfing spotlights the hummingbird, etc. The sign would be the repeating hummingbird. Initially we rely on our intuition to interpret the message; however, reference material can prove very helpful. One correlation to the hummingbird as a totem (animal spirit guide) suggests the need to savor the sweet nectar of life and to live one's joy. If this interpretation resonates, then this is the intended message.



Signs are mystical messengers, and gratitude will multiply their numbers. Take time to acknowledge the meaningful coincidences in life. When you do, synchronicities will increase in frequency and life will become more magical. 🌱

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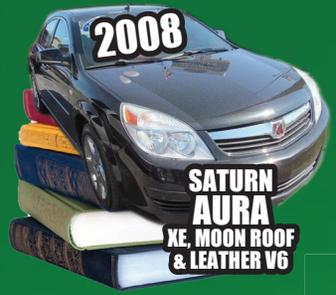
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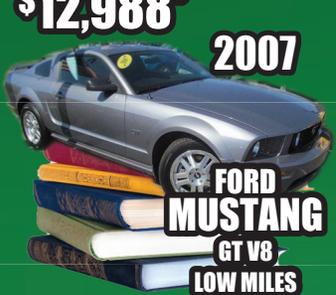
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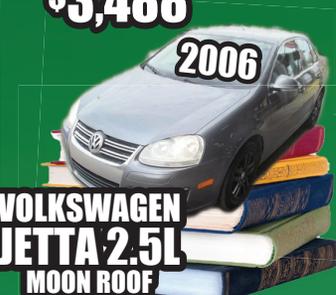
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**By Tim Muir and Shawn Elliott,  
Lake St. Clair Walleye Association  
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**Tim:** Life Jackets save lives! I know because recently it most likely saved mine. Normally, I am very nonchalant about wearing one. They are inconvenient, can be uncomfortable, and "not cool". For whatever reason on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, I had one on. Thank God I did. This is both my account and my fishing partner for the day and friend Shawn Elliott's account of the almost unthinkable happening to me that morning.

Shawn and I were out in the lake pre-fishing for the May Madness tournament over in Canadian waters far from shore. The air temp was in the 60's, water temp a cool 56 degrees. We had just set up and had only been fishing for a short while. My memory is a bit fuzzy, but what I do remember is that a rod was trying to escape the boat. As I reached out to grab it, somehow I either slipped, lost my balance, or whatever, and my momentum carried me right over the stern and head first into that 56 degree water! It happened so fast. I know it sounds cliché, but it was the absolute truth; I went from standing on the deck, to being in the lake, in a blink of the eye.

After the "holy crap" moment of realizing I was in the water, I began to panic for a second or two, until I surfaced. At that point, I realized the life jacket I had on was doing its job. Thank God for that because over the course of the next minute or two, as my clothing became heavier and heavier by the weight of the water, I was unable to really make any type of life saving swimming motions. My arms and legs were so heavy it was nearly impossible for me to swim. I was able to talk to Shawn and tell him I was alright. I could see the fear in his eyes, as he feverishly tried to reel up the lines and turn the boat around to get me.

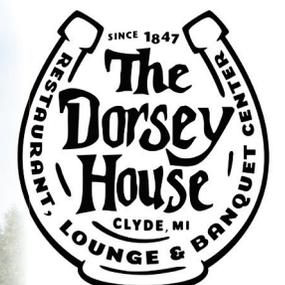
Once I was within reach of the boat, I became scared when I was having trouble getting up onto the swim ladder. After about a five minute swim in cold water with heavy, wet clothes, I had real trouble getting onto the ladder. It took every ounce of energy I had to get up there and back onto the boat.

Once safely back aboard I think a little shock set in. I really wasn't that cold and was more mad at myself for putting Shawn and myself in a terrible spot. I feel extremely lucky to have survived and would like to thank Shawn for saving me and pulling me out of the water. I can't imagine the fear he had going through him during that time...

**Shawn:** I knew that the weather was going to be a challenge that morning, as the forecast called for increasing winds each hour and rain. With that, I felt really confident having an experienced boater like Tim on the boat, as my regular fishing partners are nine and six years old. With the kids, we all always wear our life jackets. We ran to our first way-points and didn't see a boat since leaving the ramp in Algonac, stopping in the massive "Stoney Point" area. Then we set up and weren't fishing long. I was adjusting something on the graph and out of the corner of my eye, Tim flew off the back of the boat as we are trolling. I was shocked because it happened so fast. My first thought was that he has his jacket on and then quickly remembered not to take my eyes off of his location. Then I threw my safety personal floatation device, but the wind took it the other way. After Tim climbed back on the boat, I had enough gear to get him dry and we kept fishing. Always wear your life jacket; in this case, it gave the extra time to get to Tim safely! 🇺🇸

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## Don't Forget About Cool Weather Crops

**By Holly Baird**  
 ThumbPrint News  
 Guest Writer

For many with gardens, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and green beans are the summer go-to plants. They start planting these crops when the ground has warmed and this is gardening to them. There is nothing wrong with this type or mind set of gardening, but gardening can be so much more and you can have so much more taste and color from your garden if you understand what you can grow, outside of those summer staple plants.

Spring and fall are the times to get more produce out of your raised garden beds and containers. Growing in early spring and into late fall does have its risks. Cool weather crops can tolerate some frost but not long periods of hard freeze as we do get from time to time. Small plants are more susceptible to frost than more mature plants. There is also a risk of having very hot periods in the weather where the plants can react differently as well. Starting in the spring with good strong seedlings is key and the same holds true in the fall. Both can be started indoors and then brought outside and some can be direct sowed in the garden. Knowing when your last and first average frost occurs is important in knowing when to plant these cool weather crops. In the spring cool weather crops can be planted by seedlings or seed a number of weeks before the last

frost of winter has occurred. To find this information you can call your local extension office or go to a search engine online and put in "first and last average frost dates" for your zip code. You can also extend your growing season by growing in hoop tunnels.

There are many cool weather crops that you can grow, from lettuces to greens to peas, carrots, beets, kale and cabbage, to name a few. One thing you want to keep in mind in the spring is where you are planting, as many of these plants can handle partial shade. However, in the fall as the days get shorter, these same crops should be planted where they will get more sun. A little frost on these plants is not a bad thing. Some cooler weather will make the vegetables sweeter - this happens when the plant release more sugar into the plant to protect it from freezing. Too much sugar when you make popsicles causes them not to freeze very well, and the same thing applies here. Growing cool weather crops is no different than warm weather crops - good soil, water, time and a little TLC - and you can open up your table to a whole new world of vegetables that you once only bought from the store. It can take time to master the tricks to get cool weather crops to grow.

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while 10,000 feet was needed for Port Hope, so it was decided to build at Sand Beach.

Work on the piers began in 1873, with the construction of 10 wooden cribs used to support the pier under water. These cribs were built on land and towed to the pre-determined location; once the correct coordinates were located, they were sunk in place by filling them with stones collected by local residents from farm fields and the lake shore. Two years after the work commenced, there were still two separate contractors working on the project, one on each pier. With construction well on its way, work on the lighthouse began in 1875, at the elbow of the main pier. It was built with an open timber frame, and when the light beamed for the first time on October 25, it was visible up to 13 miles away. Three years later, the piers were three quarters complete and vessels were now able to dock when needed.



Postcard of the original North Breakwall Light erected in 1875

Although ships were now permitted to tie up in the harbor, many issues arose from the lack of organization inside the refuge. Steamers were allowed to come and go as they pleased, often entering with up to six smaller boats. The boats would frequently tie to the steamers in all directions, which resulted in many collisions, sometimes sinking ships right in the harbor. Order was finally brought to the harbor when Captain Robert M. Wagstaff was named Harbor Master in 1882. Even though he laid out a set of rules for visiting ships, most didn't pay attention to them until Wagstaff partnered

with a local judge who assessed fines for violators.

By 1881, eight more support cribs were in place; the breakwall now stretched 5,205 feet and encompassed over 150 acres of water 12 feet deep. At this time in construction, the project had already used 48,000 cords of stone, 15 million board feet of wood and a million tons of iron, with the cost exceeding \$900,000. Work was progressing very well for the circumstances, since work was only permitted for a few months out of the year because the other months were filled with heavy winds on Lake Huron, causing waves to frequently crash over the cribs. This often caused the cribs to shift, forcing the engineers to realign them when weather permitted work to continue the next season. Even though the harbor wasn't completely finished, over 1,000 vessels already sought refuge in the safe haven, which was expected to increase the next year.

The builders faced a setback in May of 1883, when a big storm swept across Lake Huron, resulting in numerous portions of plank boards being ripped off the pier, as well as snapping many breakwall timbers. The keeper in the lighthouse was terrified during the storm because the lighthouse was attached to the pier, which swayed back and forth when waves crashed into it. He was almost certain the tower was going to topple over into the water. Luckily, he made it out unharmed, but with the pier expected to be completed within two years, it was decided to construct a new cast iron tower on its own foundation crib to avoid swaying during heavy storms. The work started



View of the harbor (contributed by Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society)

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View of Harbor Beach Lighthouse in 1919 getting light signal serviced (contributed by Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society).

on May 19, 1884. The new tower and fog signal were completed the next year, which included four decks, the first serving as a common area and kitchen, the second being the assistant's living quarters, the third as the keeper's living quarters and the fourth a watch room and work area.

From the day the project was completed, the harbor was an engineering marvel, earning the claim of being the largest man-made fresh water harbor in the world, a title that remains to this day. The finished product stretch over 8,000 feet and encompassed 650 acres of water at a cost of \$1,205,781, quickly earning the nickname *million dollar harbor*. In the first 25 years of the harbor being open, nearly 50,000 boats waited out storms in the harbor. The huge structure brought a great deal of people to Sand Beach, which is evident by the petition sent to the government in 1899 requesting to be

incorporated as a city; at the same time, it was decided to change the name from Sand Beach to Harbor Beach because it was thought the name Sand Beach gave the impression the land was worthless. On April 4, 1910, Harbor Beach was granted the charter and incorporated as a city.

Although it's impossible to determine an exact number, the harbor has saved countless lives from the treacherous storms on Lake Huron even a few years before its completion in 1885, continuing to do so until its usefulness declined with the development of new technologies and larger vessels during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. While it serves less commercial use today, the harbor is still enjoyed by many boat owners. This project did a great deal for Harbor Beach during its time of progress and continues to do so to this day. 🍷



Postcard showing street view of Harbor Beach in 1911.



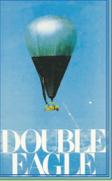
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## WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY August

By Louise Allen  
ThumbPrint News Staff

- On this day in 1834, slavery is abolished throughout the British Empire.
- On this day in 1790, the first U.S. census begins enumerating the population.
- On this day in 1882, Congress passes the Immigration Act, banning Chinese immigration for 10 years.
- On this day in 1952, helicopters from the U.S. Air Force Air Rescue Service (the Hop-a-long and the Whirl-o-way) land in Germany, completing the first transatlantic flight by helicopter in 51 hours and 55 minutes flight time; six stops in 21 days.
 
- On this day in 1914, the British Expeditionary Force mobilizes for World War 1.
- On this day in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act, outlawing the literacy test for voting eligibility in the South.
- On this day in 1936, the United States declares non-intervention in the Spanish Civil War.
- On this day in 1844, Brigham Young is chosen to head the Mormon Church, succeeding Joseph Smith.
- On this day in 1859, the escalator is patented. However, the first working escalator appeared in 1900. Manufactured by the Otis Elevator Company for the Paris Exposition, it was installed in a Philadelphia office building the following year.
- On this day in 1949, the National Military Establishment is renamed the Department of Defense.
 
- On this day in 1929, Babe Ruth hits his 500<sup>th</sup> major league home run against the Cleveland Indians.
- On this day in 1922, the home of Frederick Douglass in Washington, D.C. is dedicated as a memorial.
- On this day in 1910, British nurse Florence Nightingale, famous for her care of British soldiers during the Crimean War, dies.
 
- On this day in 1457, the first book ever printed is published by a German astrologer name Faust. He is thrown in jail while trying to sell books in Paris. Authorities conclude that all the identical books meant Faust had dealt with the devil.
- On this day in 1945, gasoline and fuel oil rationing ends in the United States.
- On this day in 1861, Union and Confederate forces clash near Fredericktown and Kirkville, Missouri.
- On this day in 1978, three Americans complete the first crossing of the Atlantic in a hot air balloon.
 
- On this day in 1939, the film *The Wizard of Oz* opens in New York City.
- On this day in 1957, the first hot air balloon flight to exceed 100,000 feet takes off from Crosby, Minnesota.
- On this day in 1953, the U.S.S.R. publicly acknowledges it tested a hydrogen bomb eight days earlier.
- On this day in 1942, U.S. Marines turn back the first major Japanese ground attack on Guadalcanal in the Battle of Tenaru.
- On this day in 1945, the conflict in Vietnam begins when a group of Free French parachute into southern Indochina, in response to a successful coup by communist guerilla Ho Chi Minh.
- On this day in 1966, *Lunar Orbiter 1* takes the first photograph of the earth from the moon.
- On this day in 1891, Thomas Edison files a patent for the motion picture camera.
- On this day in 1981, *Voyager 2* spacecraft makes its closest approach to Saturn.
- On this day in 1429, Joan of Arc makes a triumphant entry into Paris.
 
- On this day in 1912, Edgar Rice Burrough's *Tarzan of the Apes* first appears in a magazine.
- On this day in 1981, John Hinckley Jr. pleads innocent to attempting to assassinate President Ronald Regan.
- On this day in 1966, the Beatles give their last public concert (Candlestick Park, San Francisco).
- On this day in 1976, Tom Brokaw becomes news anchor for the *Today Show*.
- On this day in 1990, East and West Germany sign the Treaty of Unification (Einigungsvertrag) to join their legal and political systems.



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# HOUSE FOR LIFE

By Paul Welch

ThumbPrint News Columnist

So far it has been very rainy as well as up and down temperatures. We go from a warm few days to rain and much cooler weather and back to warm. With all the rain we've had, it is easily becoming a very wet year. The Belle River in Marine City is closer to the top of people's seawalls than it has been in years. With all the talk of lower water levels in the years before, all this rain may seem like a good thing. Water is necessary for life, but it can also be very damaging as well. It can cause a multitude of problems if not dealt with properly.

**An Itch I Can't Scratch** – Having a wet spring and early summer means you have many mosquitoes to bite you and cause you to itch. These little vampires are annoying and can potentially transmit disease. The reason they are more abundant in wet seasons is because they lay their eggs in water where their larvae grow and become adult mosquitoes. The more standing water, the more options they have for laying eggs. Be sure to get rid of any standing water around the home after it rains. Any standing water you can't get rid of, drop in a chemical to kill mosquito larvae before they can mature.

**What a "Fun Guy"** – Fungi like moisture and a wet year means a greater chance of them growing. This could be on your deck, your roof, or on your siding. Moss and algae also can grow in these conditions, usually on the north end of the house. It is unsightly and makes these surfaces look dirty. The best bet is to use a bleach-based cleaner to kill all of these pesky organisms. You can create your own by mixing one part

bleach with three parts water. The trick is to leave it on the surface long enough. Even if the cleaner says it works in 30 seconds, leave it on for about 5-10 minutes. If you do less than that, the mold will look like it died but will come back a few days later. After rinsing and drying, apply a mold preventive solution to keep mold from returning.

Sometimes the excess water will cause your grass or plants to develop a mold that feeds on it. This can cause damage to both and undo all your hard work of gardening or caring for your lawn. When this happens, apply the appropriate fungicide for the type of plant. Use a lawn fungicide on lawns and a fungicide for garden plants in the garden. Make sure to use these products according to the instructions.

**In the Gutter** – Make sure those gutters are clean. They not only prevent you from getting a shower when water runs off the roof, they also direct the water away from the house to prevent it from going where it can damage your home. Keep them clean and in good repair so they can do their job.

I hope you are all having a wonderful and safe summer. Remember to recognize your limits and hire a professional when you are out of your league. If you have any questions or comments, e-mail me at [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) and I will reply in a timely manner. 🍀

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

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## THUMBPRINT NEWS CONTEST

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object, place or person for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, go to [www.ThumbPrintNews.com](http://www.ThumbPrintNews.com) and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 31, 2015, one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and the lucky person will be notified.

In the July 2015 edition, we asked our readers to identify who the following person was (shown here as a young child): Of all of those submitting the correct answer, Shirley Hoard of Applegate, Michigan, was randomly chosen to be entered into the year-end drawing. Shirley identified that this young child was Johnny Cash.



Wikipedia tells us that "J.R. 'Johnny' Cash (February 26, 1932 – September 12, 2003) was an American singer-songwriter, actor and author, widely considered one of the most influential musicians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although primarily remembered as a country music icon, his genre-spanning songs and sound embraced rock and roll, rockabilly, blues, folk and gospel. This crossover appeal won Cash the rare honor of multiple inductions in the Country Music, Rock and Roll and Gospel Music Halls of Fame."

For our August contest, we are once again asking our readers to identify a child (pictured to the right) who grew up to be famous. Remember, go to [www.ThumbPrintNews.com](http://www.ThumbPrintNews.com) if you know the answer. Good luck! 🍀



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you for your article on the Bunert-Weier farm. What a surprise to see the picture of the farm house. I played there as a little girl with my cousin Ida. I can still hear Grandma Bunert-Weier call out, "Don't eat the little green apples!"

The only correction I would add is Mrs. Weier's son, Robert, owned the house across the street. This was a working, viable farm until the college wanted the property. Robert's house was condemned, so he was forced to sell (not because of hard economic times).

My Aunt Clara was Robert's sister. She is now 101 and is living with her daughter.

Thanks again for all the history I didn't know about.

Sincerely,

Carol Hogg

P.S. I talked to my cousin last week and she was very interested in this article. I am sending it on to her.

Dear Editor,

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the Warren article written by David Odziana in the June edition, specifically the information about the Bunert-Weier farm. The Indian mound he was referring to was called "Haunted Hill" or "Gilligan's Isle" by us kids when we grew up in the surrounding neighborhood. What's not mentioned in the article is that the entire mound was surrounded by what seemed to be beach sand. As a kid, I always had the impression that it might have been a small oasis in the swamp that was surrounded by water at one time, perhaps very long ago.

I'm also pretty sure that the Bunert-Weier farm was the last operating steam-generated saw mill in Michigan. Occasionally, Mr. Weier would even bring one of those steam engines on the street and give the local kids hayrides during the 60s when our shiny new subdivisions were just being built. Thanks again for the memories!

Tim Carrie

## 1 + 1 = 3 The New Math of Relationship

By John Vincent Senkus

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Relationship success is predicated upon the expansion and emergence of *satisfied* needs. When this cumulative effect occurs, loving partnership becomes more enriched and joyous by awakening higher levels of growth. Understanding the evolving needs of your love life, and which needs are being fulfilled versus those that are not, can help you ascertain the state of your relationship. Fortunately, relationship needs are not too complicated or mysterious. When broken down, their linkage is intuitive and easy to understand. As you become familiar with them, they can seem like stepping-stones—creating a path leading toward your relationship potential.

The first stage in the relationship journey is the Liking Level. Often times because this level is so "basic", its importance is too easily overlooked. That's a big mistake, since this is where either a solid or a wobbly foundation will be established. Let's now look at the ten needs that comprise relationship's starting point:

1. *Being Myself is the fundamental need to be comfortable with ourselves when first entering a potential relationship.* This means you embrace the elements that define you, inside and out, regardless if these characteristics are quirky or out of the norm (of course this doesn't imply you shouldn't try and improve yourself in a meaningful direction). You have thoughts, perspectives, ideas, and expressions that are solely your own. Being true to yourself is an elemental requirement for tapping into your essential qualities. Exploring new relationship possibilities should not diminish or thwart this dimension in any way.

2. *Initial Emotions reflect the need for us to evaluate how we first feel about our new potential partner.* As relationship begins, so does assessing the initial feelings that develop as you spend more time with your new companion. Their behavior, personal

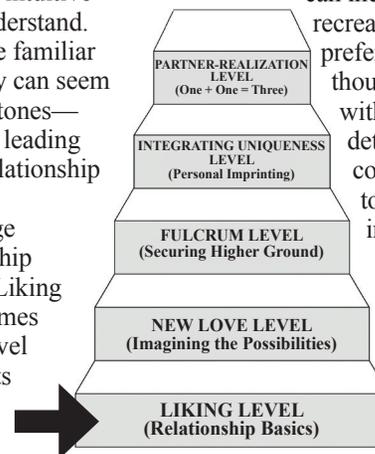
characteristics, attractiveness, attitude, perspectives, and even the sound of their voice will start triggering a plethora of different feelings and senses within you. These preliminary impressions will be a major factor as you determine the potential for attraction and compatibility as well as long term relationship fit.

3. *Relaxed Intimacy signifies the need to determine more about our potential partner through the beginning phases of intimate sharing.* These encompass aspects that are beyond casual conversation, but those that are still conveniently and easily exchanged. This can include the sharing of perceptions, recreational activities, aesthetic preferences, opinions, and intellectual thoughts. Exploring these facets with your potential partner will help determine if there is enough spark, common ground, and attachment to further develop higher levels of intimate connection.

4. *Beginning Commitment demonstrates the need to create ample time and safe space for exploring our new relationship's potential, without the threat of unfaithfulness.* Even though a formal commitment has not been established, you agree (sometimes unspoken) to loyalty and fidelity, therefore dating or seeing others will not be considered. This provides a more secure and non-threatening environment for relationship dynamics to progress within.

5. *Contrasting Differences exhibit the need for our partner to have characteristics and traits that are significantly different from our own.* So often, what first attracts you to a potential partner is the manner in which they are different than you. After all, this is where the biggest potential for excitement (but also friction) may come from. Some differences can cause apprehension while others will entice. It is those that you gravitate toward that will consume most of your focus. These differences attract at a conscious and unconscious level, mainly because they reflect perspectives, qualities, or activities that you are lacking, and they may also represent the chance to resolve past experiences and issues.

6. *Attraction triggers the need to satisfy established criteria for what "draws" us to a potential partner.* It is the combination of characteristics that you find inviting, attractive, and lean toward, a heightened magnetic mixture at the





physiological, conscious, and unconscious levels. Adequate attraction is a vital necessity, otherwise, there would be little to distinguish a potential partner from the rest of the flock. Evaluate the features and characteristics you are attracted to, and make certain there is adequate depth and variance (not just physical). If attraction factors are not balanced with other dimensions, the allure will more easily wane over time.

7. *Common Interests satisfy the need for stability and predictability in our relationship.* Just as there is attraction in differences, there is also gravitation toward sameness. The two balance each other. When evaluating potential partners, shared interests are a binding property, for they allow the establishment of common ground. This is vital because it automatically adds an infusion of security, a safe harbor while you explore and evaluate relationship differences. If your relationship continues to develop, commonality will create a fulcrum for balance, a comfortable place to retreat—especially when your differences lose some of their symmetry.

8. *Communication initiates the need for understanding and being understood. It begins the process of sharing information and getting to know our potential partner better.* Exchanging your thoughts and feelings (as well as reading between the lines) builds the bridge toward higher understanding. You begin to see how the two of you relate, and what kinds of dynamics are generated as a result. Generally, your first communications will be more superficial, things like ideas, events, and peripheral thoughts. Exchanges concerning your deeper feelings and thoughts may develop, but will be proportionate to the confidence level you have regarding how poised the relationship is to advance.

9. *Integrity defines the intrinsic need to be the best we can be, not only in our relationship, but in our life as well.* Integrity values have everything to do with human responsibility and the

principles of responsible choice. We can only align with our soul's intention by integrating these qualities fully. Integrity is the most important ideal on which a relationship foundation is built upon. It consists of the fundamental values and traits that define a person's innermost character (honesty, trustworthiness, ego balance, responsibility, accountability, respectfulness, etc.). Since these traits are already ingrained (or excluded) before a relationship begins, relationship will usually have a minimal influence on permanently changing someone's integrity attributes. This is precisely why it is so critical that your potential partner's value parameters align with yours.

10. *Friendship is the critical building block that precedes love, and represents our need for companionship.* If your new relationship escalates you begin spending more time with one another. This allows further exploration of each other's dynamics along with glimpses into a potential future together. Friendship occurs when the superficiality of being "casual" starts cracking and peeling, and portions of your inner most self start becoming visible. You begin to feel at ease sharing thoughts and emotions that you normally hold close. The importance of a strong and deep friendship with your partner cannot be overstated—for it will provide a lifetime buffer for the trials and tribulations that ultimately develop if the relationship advances.

Remember, honesty is always the best policy—especially during this first jump into relationship. It can become too easy to gloss over any red flags that arise because of wanting the relationship to work out. And it can also be too convenient to not expose our own character weaknesses, not wanting to scare off our potential partner with the "lesser" parts of ourselves. However, it all will come out in the end, so being candid upfront is the best way to go.

Thanks for reading! Please send any questions to [1and1equal3@gmail.com](mailto:1and1equal3@gmail.com).

*In our next column, we will examine the level of New Love more closely.* 🐾

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took over as president of the company.

Busch started right where Anheuser left off, continuing to grow the company into the beer producing powerhouse we know today. During the early years of Anheuser-Busch, it was realized their beer was subpar, so Busch took continuous trips to Europe, receiving guided tours to learn of innovations which were yet to reach the United States. Along with the new innovations, Busch began making some major changes to the company, as well. One of the issues the company faced was producing 16 different beers, which actually took away from each other's sales. The decision to develop one dominant brand, instead of multiple different kinds, proved to be a prosperous decision.



One of the most important inventions the company introduced was pasteurized beer, which made it possible to ship the beverage to far away markets – becoming the first to produce bottled beer for shipment. To ensure his products arrived around the country, Busch founded the Refrigerator Car Company at the end of the 1870s, which grew to a fleet of 850 railcars by 1888. The reason his refrigeration cars were so innovative was they lasted longer due to tubing and special containers compared to the old process of putting ice blocks in the boxcars, which eventually rotted out the floor boards. Busch supplemented this by becoming involved in numerous other business ventures, such as railroads, ice factories, coal mines and bottling plants to ensure his beer production and distribution were as cost effective as possible.

The company continued to profit for many decades – that was until the dreaded day of October 10, 1919. The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, or the Volstead Act as it came to be known, left all the brewers in the country wondering how they would remain in business when their only



product was now illegal to produce? For Anheuser-Busch it meant getting creative. During the time alcohol was illegal in America, Anheuser-Busch produced more than 25 products that weren't alcohol related, such as truck bodies, ice cream and soft drinks. Although they made many different items during this time, only two truly helped the company, with one responsible for its survival. A drink they brewed was known as Bevo, which was an alcohol-free beer that peaked in the early 1920s, selling more than 5 million cases a year.

While the near beer helped, the other item they sold proved to be a savior for the massive business. A loophole discovered in the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment made it illegal to brew, transport or sell alcohol, but didn't prohibit production of the raw materials. With the realization of this, the company began selling everything that was needed to brew beer at home, such as hops and barley. They also sold five pound cakes of brewer's yeast, which was marketed as Budweiser Yeast. This idea proved to be successful, selling six million pounds of the unfermented malt extract annually. August Busch, chairman of Anheuser-Busch at the time, explained the company as being the *biggest bootlegging supply house in the United States of America*.

Busch also headed the *wet* movement, spending a great amount of time speaking with political leaders in attempt to end prohibition. Along with his allies, Busch became desperate and began bribing legislators and elected officials, as well as newspaper editors to write stories in favor of appealing prohibition. One of the more interesting tactics they used was to pay the poll tax for African American and Mexican voters because it was thought they were more likely to vote in favor of beer. Many brewers also turned to advertisement in an attempt to sway public opinion. Companies would print pictures of mothers stating beer consumption while pregnant would produce better babies. They also marketed beer as a safe and healthy drink, claiming it to be liquid bread, even saying babies should sip beer. Although many of the products brewers produced proved to be unsuccessful, such as most of the non-alcoholic beers, Anheuser-Busch believed it was a good business decision because it kept their brewery supply lines in place while waiting for a repeal of prohibition.

The day all beer lovers were waiting for came on April 7, 1933, via the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment, legalizing beer with 3.2 percent alcohol by weight. The legalization of wine and liquor didn't

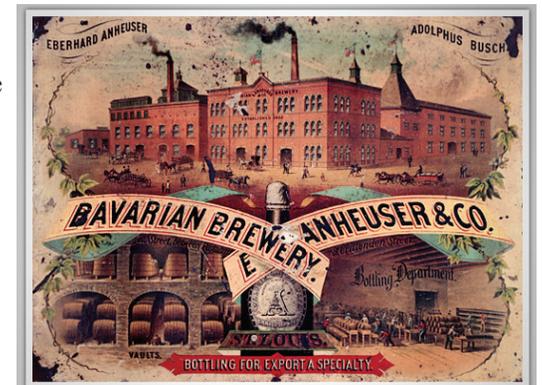


come until December of that year. Luckily for Anheuser-Busch, a majority of the brewers did not survive the dreaded 14 years of an alcohol prohibited society, giving them more power over the market. Adding to the reason Anheuser-Busch was in the perfect position once prohibition ended was their ability to keep 2,000 skilled workers employed, as well as all of their equipment up to date – giving

them the capability to start brewing as soon as the clock struck midnight. At 12:01 a.m. beer trucks were unleashed on the streets, with one case receiving a police escort to the St. Louis airport destined for President Roosevelt's personal consumption. One issue Anheuser-Busch faced following prohibition was people had become accustomed to the sweet taste of homemade beers. While many brewers altered their beer to better match the taste people became use to, Anheuser-Busch gave people a five

day challenge. The company guaranteed that if a person drank Budweiser for five days then tried a sweet beer, Budweiser would always be the favorite. The campaign was so successful it lasted into the 1950s.

Although a majority of the brewers existing prior to prohibition didn't survive the first few years after it was implemented, there are many reasons why Anheuser-Busch remained in business. Despite the fact that company leaders were innovative with diversifying products to sustain the years beer was illegal to produce, they also knew the importance of public image and a quality product. Every president found ways to overcome obstacles that arose, which is the reason the company has been prosperous for nearly 150 years. 🍀



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**By Patricia Cosner Kubic**

*ThumbPrint News Guest Writer*

Last year was the first time I heard about a "supermoon". I found out that supermoons have been around for a while and that I was just then hearing about them.

The name alone immediately intrigued me. What is a supermoon? Apparently, while gliding along on its orbital path, there are a few nights that the moon reaches a point putting it, dare I say, super close to the earth causing it to look uncommonly big. I could not keep this newfound tidbit to myself, so I fired off a text message to a few friends alerting them to this event. However, I did feel the need to include one of those pesky disclaimers warning them that there was a chance of rain that night. But, we Michiganders know very well that it could

rain in our backyard and be delightfully sunny in another yard just a few miles away.

Looking back, I remember when daylight was dimming in my neighborhood and the clouds started rolling in. The less blue there was in the sky, the smaller I knew my chances would be of seeing anything super that night. I caught myself checking the skies every few minutes, hoping this would be one of those times in which I did wait the obligatory five minutes for the Michigan weather to change. Nope, nothing but mucky skies. Nothing super about that.

Then my phone started to chirp with text messages. The first one was from my friend, Paul, in Ann Arbor. He quickly put a beautiful image in my head telling me the moon in his backyard sky was fantastically huge and full of autumn colors like pumpkin, yellow, orange and even a bit of pink. Then Jenny, my friend from mid-state, said she saw that big bad boy and it was stunning! I was excited for them; but inside I felt bland.

I can still remember being really frustrated knowing that my friends could see it, but that my view on that night was completely blocked by concrete colored clouds. And that's when I felt that stabbing reflex of knowing that I missed out.

I know that worrying can sometimes feel like a second job; and, all I wanted for my friends and I was to look up that night and see something that would settle down those noisy thoughts for just a moment. I knew that would happen because that is precisely what happens when we see beauty. It is so powerful, it can melt our fears. Yes, only temporarily, but on some days that's enough.

I think that jolt helped me to remember that there is beauty that doesn't require an astronomic alignment or even clear skies. Truly, a favorite song, a summer breeze, a key hit in your kid's game...any of those moments can cool down the day for one blissful, necessary moment.

Well, as luck would have it, we get another chance on this one. According to [www.earthsky.org](http://www.earthsky.org), a supermoon is scheduled for this month on August 29<sup>th</sup>. But, should your backyard be covered in grey, no need to fret. You are home, and there is beauty waiting for you to stop, linger and get lost in it. For me it could be my bright white Shasta daisies or the golden face of my orange tabby cat. For you, of course, I don't know. But what I do know is that the simple beauty in your backyard is every bit as powerful as an oversized moon and even better at calming your heart. And that is super. 🌱



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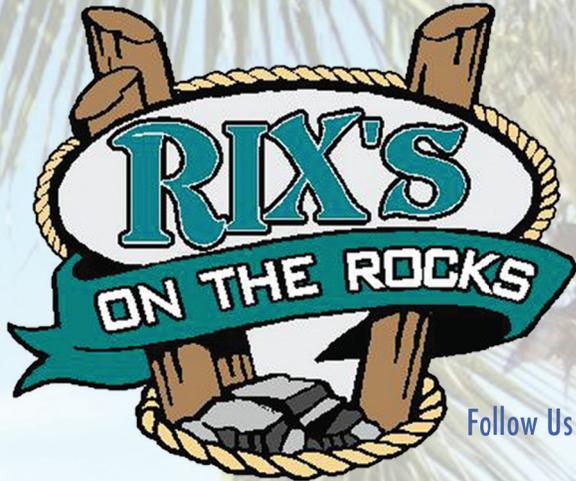
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- In China and Japan, watermelon is a popular hostess gift.
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- Watermelon is very healthy, as it helps with inflammation that contributes to conditions such as asthma, atherosclerosis, diabetes, colon cancer and arthritis.

## Michigan City Buried in Time



Map showing where Singapore, MI, once existed (contributed by "A Place Called Roam" blog)

**By David Odziana**

ThumbPrint News  
Writer and Field Reporter

People intrigued by legends of lost cities and buried treasure often dream of traveling the world to visit these sites and search for artifacts.

What many Midwest mystery buffs may not know is a buried city from the 1800s resides on the west side of Michigan.

A speculator from New York by the name of Oshea Wilder came to the western side of Michigan in 1836 with the dream of building a port town that would overshadow Chicago and Milwaukee – the city would be known as Singapore. The first settlers explained the area as an *oasis in the woods*, claiming only two or three points around Lake Michigan had more value. In the beginning years of Singapore's existence, the area was used as an entry port from all over, much as Ellis Island was. Around 1850, a local boarding house was said to host families from Canada, Norway, Germany, Holland and Ireland.

Singapore was explained as being a labor town, with the main industry based around lumber and shipbuilding. Although most residents or members of their families were mill workers, the city boasted several hundred residents and 22 buildings at its peak, which included two hotels, three mills and a general store. Singapore was one of the

first shipbuilding towns, constructing two of the earliest schooners in Michigan history – the *Octavia* and the *St. Louis*. The city is also responsible for the smartest and fastest schooner of its day – the *O.R. Johnson*. While the city was built on the sand dunes along Lake Michigan, it was quite large, encompassing almost 41 acres, with dunes sometimes towering over 50 feet. The city was flirting with extinction in November of 1842, when a 40-day blizzard pounded the settlement. Saving the people was the *Milwaukie*, a ship that washed ashore in the Saugatuck Harbor – nine men lost their lives in the wreck. The unfortunate event saved the people of Singapore as the cargo replenished the population.

One of the most interesting businesses in Singapore was the wildcat bank, named for being as hard to find in the forest as the elusive feline. Legend says one bank was found in a sawmill, while another was discovered in a hollowed out tree stump. The institution in Singapore had printed over \$50,000 of the



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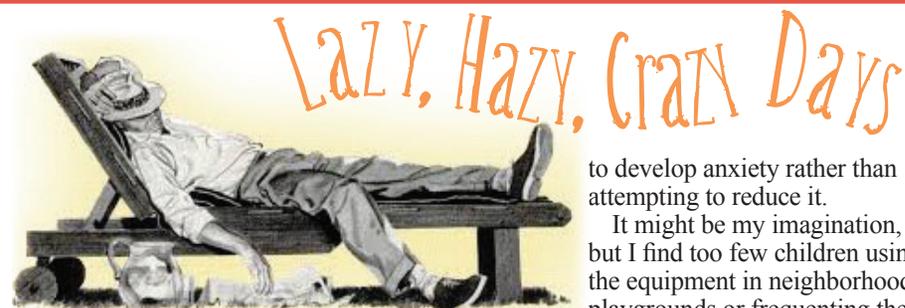
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**By David Gillis**

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Certainly when Nat King Cole sang, "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer," he was referring to the month of August. As I recall from my youth, August was the month of almost perfect idleness, a time for leisure and a well-deserved period for lethargic behavior. Although, as a child, I found those indolent periods in life boring, as an elder I look forward to them.

I am a member of the American population that still remembers August as the vacation month, regardless of whether you journeyed elsewhere or simply remained at home. It offered days when your greatest decision might be what flavor of ice cream you would have and whether it would be in a single or double-dip cone.

August was that summertime respite when holidays didn't get in the way of doing nothing. There was no reason to rush or even plan your day. The corn was in season, watermelon was sweet, the rain was gentle, and you could be assured the weather would be consistently warm and humid. Cooling down meant an evening automobile ride with the windows opened.

This eighth month of the year offered a time when baseball scores were less important than they were the previous month or than they would be in September. Hardly anyone ever got married in August. It was a time when sitting for hours mesmerized by passing freighters and boats on the St. Clair River was an acceptable pastime. This was a time when the word "picnic" had meaning and kids actually looked forward to one. Even our state and federal legislators didn't work in August, a practice they have continued that we may want to consider beneficial.

I wonder now, however, whether we have progressively ruined the month of August. It seems that leisure now means something you do rather than something you do not do. It requires extensive planning and research as well as subtractions from the savings account or additions to the credit card. The act of lingering has been replaced with impatience and where well-defined quality of life activities are more desirable than just letting it happen. I question whether we are now working hard

to develop anxiety rather than attempting to reduce it.

It might be my imagination, but I find too few children using the equipment in neighborhood playgrounds or frequenting the community swimming pools.

How many kids do you see on bicycles anymore? Aren't those the things that August was created for? Take a look at your neighborhood this August and see if you can find the answers.

Many of our youngsters today, unfortunately, can be found amusing themselves at an air conditioned shopping center without purchasing anything, but I guess they may consider that leisure. You may find them walking the streets with necks bent as they stare at the text messages on their smartphones or deeply engrossed in the music finding its way through earphones. These and other technical advancements, by the way, do not allow for the recognition of anything else happening around them. Possibly that's a new way of looking at doing nothing. During summer months, some teenagers may find computer time in their bedrooms or the basement more

desirable than anything outside. Hey kids, come on outside and enjoy a lazy, hazy August day.

The adolescents of today are not the only ones affected by the newer definition of summertime. In years past, you could find families involved in

summer activities together. Is that really happening today? At one time you would find families in church services when the temperatures exceeded 80 degrees. Today, even though most churches have air conditioning, there's a decreasing attendance during the summer months. I guess, for some, worship needs a vacation, too.

Surely, some reading my opinions will place me in an "old fogey" category of senior citizenship and, possibly, that's where I belong. Maybe the words leisure and languor need to be redefined in our contemporary lexicon. Perhaps we no longer need the time to just do nothing by ourselves or with each other. Or, it could be that I have just forgotten the adversities of those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer? Let's see, what were they? Regardless,

if you knew of the Augusts of which I write, you might join with Nat and me in singing, "You'll wish that summer could always be here." 🌿



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city's extravagantly ornate bills. This form of bank did not exist for long because they were poorly backed. Banks were supposed to have enough currency to cover one-third of the



circulated bills, but Singapore found a way around this. When a bank examiner would arrive at the Bank of Allegan, word of this, along with gold, would be sent to Singapore to pass the inspection. Adding to the allure of the lost city is a story of a canoe carrying the gold to Singapore, which tipped over in a deep part of the river, losing the gold. Some treasure hunters believe the gold still resides somewhere in the Kalamazoo River, while other say it was retrieved that day.

In late 1871, a massive fire swept through a large section of the northern Midwest, devastating cities, such as Chicago, Manistee and Holland. Singapore's mills were constantly working to produce timber to rebuild the cities, especially

Chicago. In an attempt to rebuild the large city in Illinois, Singapore's forests were completely depleted - leaving the city open to the elements. It wasn't long after the sawmill closed that people began leaving to find more work.



The sands shifting upon a Singapore dwelling in early 1900s (contributed by "A Place Called Roam" blog)

Residents started to load up dwellings on logs to pull across the frozen river by horse to Saugatuck in hopes of a new start. Without the original vegetation of the land, the sand began to shift from the heavy winds off Lake Michigan, and with the relocation of the main mill to St. Ignace in 1875, the town became vacant. It is said that the city's last resident was a fisherman who refused to leave. He resided in a three-story structure, moving up a floor as the shifting sands began to slowly fill up each level, until he was finally forced out when the sand levels became too high in the early 1890s. It only took four years after it was deserted for the city to be completely buried.

There has never been an archeological investigation conducted on the buried city, and to this day it is unknown how many buildings remain under the sand. It wasn't until the 1970s that high water levels eroded the land to expose the floor of a sawmill, as well as dock supports. Today, the remains of the city resides at the mouth of the Kalamazoo River near Saugatuck - depending on how the sand settles, mounds may be detectable where buildings once stood. While people are not legally allowed on the city grounds because it is now private property, remnants can still be viewed in Saugatuck with history living on through a few houses that were moved from Singapore. Even more interesting is the Singapore Bank on Butler Street in Saugatuck, which is one of the most famous wildcat banks in the country from the 1830s. 🐾

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## AMAZING CANYON FALLS' TRAILS ON THE STURGEON RIVER

By Gerald Nyquist and Charles Kroell

ThumbPrint News Guest Writers

It was the end of September, time for a foursome of Trolls to head north and enjoy Mother Nature's annual fall color extravaganza in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula. While there were several memorable attractions during our trip, walking the trail along the Sturgeon River in the Ottawa National Forest to Canyon Falls was particularly noteworthy.

Canyon Falls Roadside Park is located along Federal Highway 41 just south of the hamlet of Alberta, in turn south of Baraga, which is

more easily located on a state map. The trail commences here, and following a few minutes' walk things got progressively more interesting...even a bit eerie...until reaching the falls. Rock formations and, one might say, grotesque trees suggested that we somehow had been

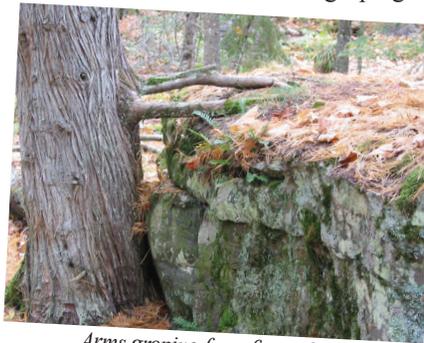
transported into the Mirkwood Forest of J. R. R. Tolkien's fictional, heroic adventure tales *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Our photos provide a taste of what one can experience without ever leaving the trail. There is a leaning tree with a pair of roots (not branches) extending from its trunk several feet above the ground

like outstretched arms with hands groping for a finger-hold on the adjacent rock (or, if you prefer, giving its rock friend a back scratch). There are the Siamese tree twins, forever

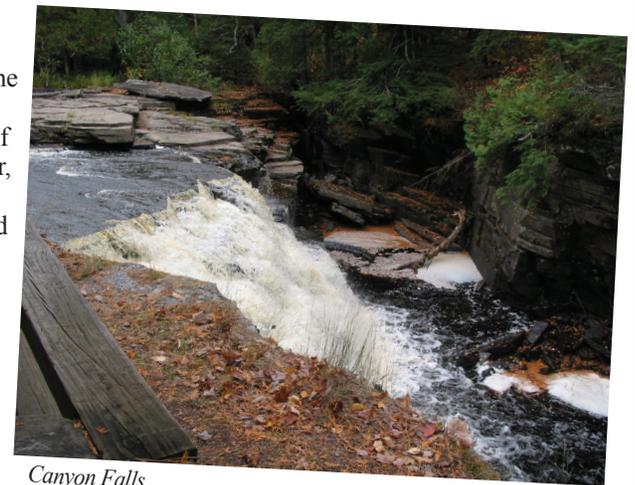
joined together by a robust, horizontal growth near ground level. A tree with tentacle-like roots may reach-out and grab you; and there are very close friends, conifer and birch, sharing a patch of Mother Earth. Finally, there is an orifice on a tree, the function of which it's best that you decide for

yourself. At the end of the trail one is rewarded with a close-up view of beautiful Canyon Falls. Be sure to include a visit to this fascinating twist of nature when in the area. 🌲

*Editor's note: Gerald Nyquist and Charles Kroell are retired biomechanical engineers residing in southeastern Michigan.*



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After graduating, Dr. Ryan attended Northern Michigan University before heading off to Life University in Georgia, to pursue his doctorate in Chiropractic - graduating in 2015. While at Life University, he was active in the University Thompson Club, and focused on Chiropractic Pediatrics. Dr. Ryan is a member of the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association and is continuing his studies towards a diplomat in Pediatrics.

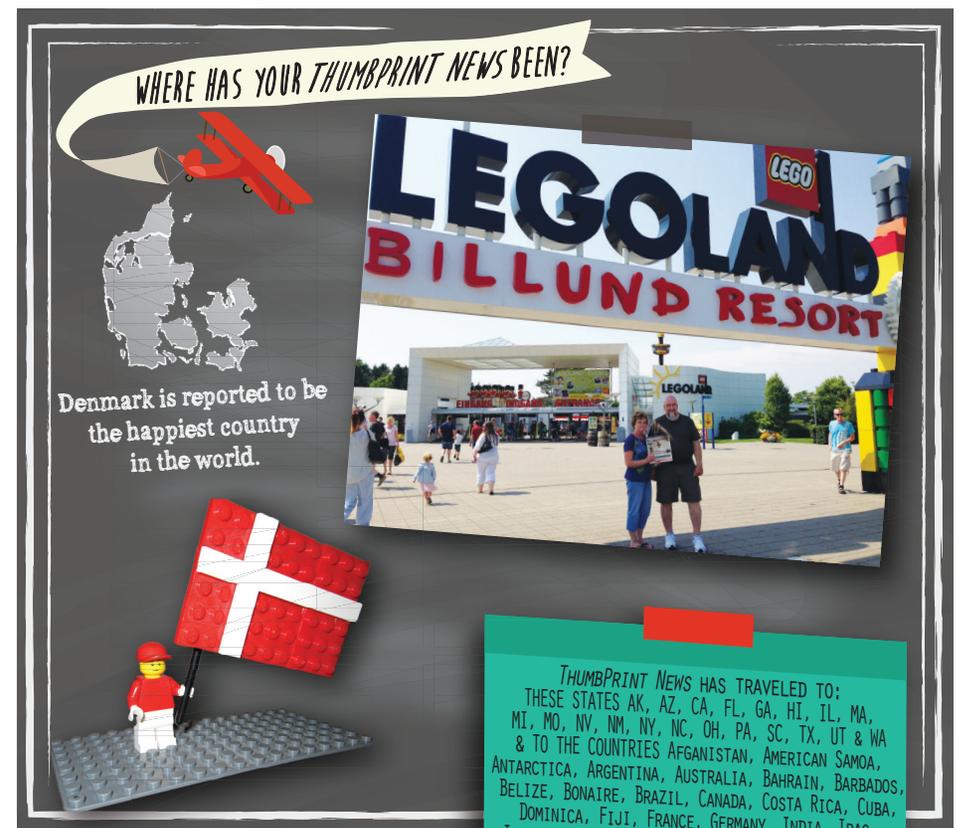
Coming back to the area was an easy decision. He is the son of Scott and Collene Fordt, who have enjoyed living in Marine City for over 50 years. His fiancé, Karie Lynn Schmid, also graduated from Marine City High School. A true outdoorsman at heart, Dr. Ryan enjoys hunting, fishing and hiking in the area. He looks forward to giving back to the community that has helped shape him. He wants to see Marine City thrive again - and believes that a healthy community starts by being well adjusted.

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

This month we are featuring *ThumbPrint News* when it travelled to Denmark with Linda and Roy Snyder of New Haven, Michigan. They sent in the photo on the chalkboard and this is what Linda wrote:

*Hello! My name is Linda Snyder and my husband is Roy Snyder. We traveled to Denmark to visit our daughter and son-in-law who are currently working for the company LEGO. We visited several cities in Denmark, including Billund where the company and LEGOLAND are located.*

Here are some interesting facts about LEGO's:

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If you are a reader of *ThumbPrint News* and have taken our newspaper with you on a vacation or to an unusual place - or if you have been able to get a famous person or character to be photographed with our paper, you may submit an email and photo to us at [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) (jpeg format preferred). Please write a paragraph or so about the photo and include your name, address and phone number. Please be patient as you wait for your photo to appear in *ThumbPrint News*. When it does appear, we will send you a complimentary copy of the edition. There are many places where *ThumbPrint News* has not yet been - and lots of famous people to track down. Who will be the next person to help us in our quest? 🐾



## SUMMERTIME THRILLS FOR FARM KIDS

By Robert L. Christensen

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

When I was a kid on the farm, summer was when there was no school, lots of work growing crops, plus some fun things like playing baseball and going to "Fairs". The fairs that stick in my memory are the county fair in Greenville, the "Homecoming" in Lakeview, and the "Ionia Free Fair" in Ionia. These events occurred in late summer

as the harvest season arrived because (except for "Homecoming") most of the fairs had a strong agricultural component with exhibits of livestock, fresh fruits and

vegetables, and the products of the farm, including those of the farm wife. Farmers and farm wives participated in these activities and many competed in the contests that accompanied the exhibits. Most just enjoyed seeing the products.

There were commercial interests supporting the fairs: equipment dealers and merchants displaying and selling their products and services. Their exhibits and displays were an attraction to farmers who could see and compare in one place the competing pieces of equipment without having to travel from town to town to visit the dealerships. Farm wives could similarly view such items as home appliances, furniture, and specialty items for the home. Banks, insurance companies and car dealers might also have representatives on hand. All in all, it could be likened in its time to a shopping mall for rural America.

For kids, however, there were other more compelling attractions. There were food stands offering everything from hot dogs to cotton candy, and perhaps even some more exotic fare. There were carnival rides and games of chance, and there was the lure of the side shows. For the older boys and girls there were the contests and exhibitions sponsored by 4-H and FFA.

My mother would go to the exhibits of cookery and handcrafts while Dad would spend time looking at the livestock and crop exhibits. He liked seeing the farm equipment but I doubt it influenced him much. His real enthusiasm was reserved for the horse pulling contests. He cared little for horse racing or tractor pulling. Of course I tagged along with him as he

watched and gave his personal critiques of the horses and teamsters.

The midway rides had the greatest attraction for us kids. That started with the merry-go-round and Ferris wheel, progressed to the stomach turning tilt-a-whirl, and by the age of 10 or 12, to bumper cars. Those were great fun but never lasted long enough. The games of skill? They were tantalizing but it was clear even to a kid that it was very hard to win one of the prizes. The rifle range with the decoys running on a track was

tempting to me, but I knew I was a better shot than my results would show. The rifles were clearly junk. The real killer was the balloon board where you threw darts in hopes of winning the prize in the balloon.

Somehow the balloons would manage to dodge the darts.

The midway shows were fascinating, but the only one I ever went in was the "fun house" which was fun for once. Many of the other shows catered to the more adult clientele. The freak show was something I was forbidden to go into. They would have a couple or three of the "freaks" out in front to attract customers. They were kind of sad people, and I had no desire anyway to see more of the same. A related trailer would have the two-headed calf, the five-legged dog and the hairless horse. Growing up on the farm I had already seen some of these unfortunate animals.

The largest fair in our area of central Michigan was the "Ionia Free Fair". It had horse races, including harness races, which Dad had some interest in. (I have no idea if there was betting on the races. Dad would never have bet anyway.) There were stock car races which created a lot of noise and dust. One of the noisiest shows involved motorcycles that would race around the inside of a silo-like structure. The centrifugal force allowed them to remain horizontal as they raced around the inside, which seemed death defying. The Ferris wheel seemed very tall, and you could see some distance up and down the river that the fairgrounds bordered. In the



last years of my memory of the fair, there were tractor pulling contests which were of interest to me. It had lots of midway attractions with many rides and food booths galore. It would go on for the better part of a week. We always went for one day. It took an hour travel time each way which was a big trip for us at that time.

Our hometown Lakeview Homecoming, though much smaller than the fair in Ionia, was a major local social event of the year. It featured a smaller traveling carnival, local exhibits of vegetables, animals, crafts and food stands. It was held on Main Street and covered perhaps 400 yards in total. I think there was a rope pulling contest, and I remember the volunteer fire department would have a contest with a department from another town in which a four-man hose team would try to knock the opponent's team off their feet with the high pressure fire hose.

The highlight of the day came at dusk - the balloon ascension. A hot air balloon was spread out on one end of Main Street. About an hour before dusk the fire would

be lit and the hot air would start filling of the balloon. As it began to fill, the ropes fastened to the sandbags holding it down would begin to tighten. Once the balloon was off the ground, the gondola or basket for the pilot would be revealed. As the hot air continued up the funnel, the balloon would rise and the gondola would lift off the ground. When it was clearly ready to fly the pilot would climb into the gondola and give the signal to three or four assistants to release the ropes tethering it to the sandbags. With



a great cheer from the spectators the balloon would rise and sail away. The show was then over for that year as far as homecoming was concerned. I believe in later years a skydiving demonstration was substituted for the balloon ascension, but I never saw that event.

The fairs marked the end of summer for the country folks. It coincided with the harvest season, which has for centuries been an occasion for celebration in many countries throughout the world. For kids, this marked the time for returning to school. Anticipation would now turn to thoughts of feasting at Thanksgiving and the joyous holiday season of Christmas soon to come.





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# “A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words”

**Contest Winner!**

In our April issue, we invited our readers to submit up to three photos that they felt best represented the statement, “a picture is worth a thousand words”. After the May deadline for submissions, our staff voted on the eight pictures they liked best and we published them in the June edition for our readers to vote on until July 15. We are happy to announce that Ashley Cefali of Armada received the most votes and wins a \$50 Darden Restaurants Gift Card. Pictured below are all eight pictures with the name of the photographer and their city, with the winner on the far left. We want to thank the many more readers who submitted pictures. We will be printing some of these in future editions, so watch for them to appear!



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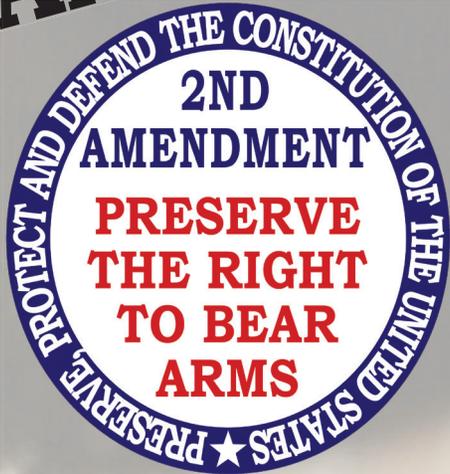
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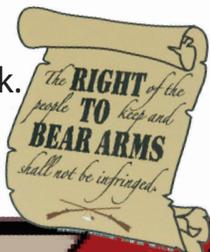


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# RINGWORM IN PETS

**By Dr. DiBenedetto**  
ThumbPrint News Guest Columnist



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Ringworm is not a worm, but a fungal infection that affects the skin and hair. The kinds of fungi that cause ringworm are called dermatophytes, and the most common one in pets is called *Microsporum canis*. Ringworm is highly contagious to humans, especially to children, the elderly and anyone with a compromised immune system. Your pet can contract ringworm directly through contact with an infected animal or person - or indirectly through contact with bedding, dishes, brushes, toys and other materials that have been contaminated with the skin cells or hairs of infected animals or people. Ringworm spores are notoriously hardy and can survive in the environment for more than a year!

In people, ringworm is commonly identified as a red, raised and itchy skin lesion in the shape of a ring. While these lesions can also occur in cats and dogs, they are harder to identify due to the hair coat covering the skin. In milder cases of ringworm your pet may not show any symptoms at all but are able to transmit the disease to other pets and people. These pets are called asymptomatic carriers and can be a challenge to diagnose. In more significant cases you may see scaling or crusting of the skin with circular patches of hair loss. These lesions mainly appear on the head, ears, chest, forearms, tail or back.

Diagnosing ringworm requires a thorough clinical examination and testing. One test is the Wood's lamp test; we use an ultraviolet (black) light in a darkened room to see if the affected area will fluoresce to a yellow-green. While this quick and non-invasive test will help diagnose some cases, it only picks up a small percentage of *Microsporum canis* infections, so a negative result does not rule out a ringworm infection. We will sometimes gently pluck a small sample of hair surrounding the lesion and view the hair shafts under the microscope. This may allow the visualization of fungal spores attached to the hair shafts. Ringworm is best diagnosed by doing a fungal culture - adding some hair and skin scraping material to a tube of growth media (culture) and seeing what grows on it. This can take several days to a few weeks. A fungal culture is necessary if results of the other tests are inconclusive or if the particular species of ringworm needs to be identified. We also need to rule out any other causes of the skin lesions, such as allergic skin disease or skin mites.

Depending on the severity of the ringworm infection, treatment can be as simple as applying antifungal creams or ointments directly to the affected areas, using antifungal shampoos if there are multiple lesions or using oral antifungal medications for more severe infections. Either way treatment needs to be continued for at least six weeks or more. Killing the fungus and ridding it from the environment can be difficult. Confining any pet that is being treated can help decrease environmental contamination. Doing a thorough cleaning, which includes deep vacuuming and washing all pet bedding and toys, can also help to reduce the risk of spreading the disease. 🐾

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

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# Groups that Inspire

BY DAVID ODZIANA  
**THUMBPRINT NEWS**  
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 EAGLE SCOUT

**SCOUTS INDISPENSABLE**  
 during the  
**WORLD WARS**

When America became involved in World War I and II, daily life in the United States was turned upside down. Women and children were expected to assume responsibilities they never had to before.

Once the able men went off to serve, women were called on to work in factories, while children often collected money to aid in the war effort. Aside from raising money, there were many other important duties that needed attention. Since many of the adults were either on the front line or working, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts stepped up to help their country in a time of dire need. The two organizations took on anything that was asked of them, which made a huge impact on how the wars played out.

Although the Boy and Girl Scouts were in the developing stage when America became involved in WWI, they did a great deal to help the soldiers, citizens and government. The groups began creating Scout Farms or Victory Gardens in order to help provide food for the soldiers. In two seasons, 12,000 farms were managed by the scouting organizations. Beyond growing fruits and vegetables for the troops, the importance of food conservation was stressed. One unique way this was implemented involved the inedible part of a fruit. The Boy and Girl Scouts collected peach pits, which were ground up and used to produce filter material to manufacture gas masks. Another critical activity performed by the Girl Scouts was working in hospitals, while the Boy Scouts collected black walnut wood used for making gun stocks and airplane propellers. In all, they collected 21 million board feet of wood.

Over 20 years later, the United States became involved in WWII after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. During this time, both scouting organizations were well established and had a troop presence in a majority of the communities across the country. In 1942, the Federal Government called on the Boy Scouts to carry out an important task—hanging up posters in nearly every town and city in America. The posters changed every two weeks and many of the sketches for the posters were sent to the Boy Scouts

for approval. By 1943, President Roosevelt asked the Boy Scouts to be the official Government Dispatch Bearers for the Office of War Information, which was the branch responsible for the poster distribution. Throughout the war, the program employed 1.6 million children to inform citizens of the latest information about the war through the posters.

While the boys were hanging posters, the Girl Scouts were doing their part to aid the country in as many ways as possible. Among the numerous tasks they performed, some of the main ones were collecting scrap metal, cans of animal fat, as well as selling war bonds for no profit. In addition to conserving food, the Girl Scouts also vowed to eliminate candy twice a week and wheat products for one meal a day. While the girls were selling their famous cookies prior to the outbreak of war, the combat caused a shortage of flour, butter and sugar. The Girl Scouts then began selling calendars to raise money instead. Although the group did a great deal for the people in the United States, they also helped overseas, as well. The Girl Scouts conducted clothing drives to help aid victims of war and collected 1.5 million articles of clothing in the process. Another way they helped was by making trench candles for the soldiers, which they used to read or heat up soup and coffee while in the field. These were given to the Red Cross for distribution.

With these two organizations present in the United States at the time of war, they helped to keep the troops fed and the people informed of what was happening on the front line. The Boy and Girl Scouts were a vital part of every community in America back then and continue to be to this day.

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

# THUMB AREA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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

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

## Genesee

**Mt. Morris - August 24 - 30**  
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## Huron

**Bad Axe - August 1 & 15**  
**Tip of the Thumb Dancers**, Huron County Senior Center, 150 Nugent Rd., 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Admission \$5. Bring finger foods and friends. Cancellations on WLEW and WMIC radio. On August 1, entertainment will be provided by The Natural Tones; on August 15, it will be Hawaiian Night with Dick Hedrich. For more information call (989) 269-6348.

**Port Austin - August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

**Huron County Nature Center Program**, Loosemore Rd., 10:30 a.m. Each Saturday a different presentation on a nature theme will take place; August 1 will be "Birding for Beginners", August 8 will be "Michigan Reptiles and Amphibians", August 15 will be "Invasive Species", August 22 will be "The Great Bug Hunt", and August 29 will be "Mushroom Identification". For program specifics visit [www.HuronNatureCenter.org](http://www.HuronNatureCenter.org) or call (989) 551-8400.

## Lapeer

**Imlay City - August 7 & 8**  
**Goodland Township Library Book Sale**, 2370 N. Van Dyke Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information call (810) 721-2110.

**Almont - August 8**

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

**Almont - August 11**

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

**Lapeer - August 14**

**Sweet Dreams Lapeer Dance**, Lapeer County Center Building, 425 County Center, doors open at 7:45 p.m.; dance starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information call (248) 228-4876 or check out [BurtonDance](https://www.facebook.com/BurtonDance) on Facebook.

## Macomb

**Memphis - August 1 - December 7**  
**Woman's Life Chapter 855 Memphis Bottle and Can Drive.**

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**New Baltimore - August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**New Baltimore Farmers Market**, Washington St. in the heart of downtown, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. The market features fruit, vegetables, baked goods, homemade salsas, jams and a variety of other locally made products. August 9 is the giant corn roast and summer fun for the entire family. Special events, music and yoga

in the park as well. For more information email [ldhuff1231@att.net](mailto:ldhuff1231@att.net).

**Memphis - August 4**  
**Women's Life Chapter 855 Meeting**, Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division Rd., 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend and join us. See how being a part of something special can change the way you feel about yourself and your community. For more information call (810) 392-5136.

**Washington - August 17**

**Manicures for Seniors**, 57880 Van Dyke, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Washington Senior Center welcomes you to join us for a manicure provided by a licensed manicurist for a small nominal fee. Please call (586) 786-0131 to make an appointment.

**New Baltimore - August 22**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**, Cedar Glen Golf Club, 36860 25 Mile Rd., 9:00 a.m. shotgun

start. \$70 per golfer, includes fees, cart, continental breakfast, drink tickets and dinner. Lunch sponsored by Mt. Clemens Transmission and Tire. For more information call Bonnie at (586) 634-0233, Wayne at (586) 344-7644, St. Paul's office at (810) 765-4808 or visit [www.stpaulscasco.com](http://www.stpaulscasco.com).

**Harrison Twp. - August 29 & 30**  
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## St. Clair

**Algonac - August 1**  
**Craft and Vendor Fundraiser for Women's Life Chapter 883**, Clay Twp. Park, 4710 Pte. Tremble Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Algonac/Clay Historical Society. A variety of goods will be available, along with a bake sale and refreshments. The waterpark is available for children. Parking is free. For more information call (810) 794-9641.

**Algonac - August 1**  
**Superhero Costume Contest and Photo Op**, Algonac/Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 11:00 a.m. Come in as your favorite superhero or create a new hero. Use your imagination. Prizes, games and refreshments for everyone under 12. Registration requested. Sponsored by the Algonac Lions Club and the Friends of the Algonac/Clay Library. For more information call (810) 794-4471.

**Marysville - August 1**

**Be a Part of Ceiling Art**, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 10:00 a.m. Join us for outdoor painting fun as we experiment with different techniques such as splatter, drip, squirt, roll and press paint on ceiling tiles. Your masterpiece will become part of the ceiling artwork in the kid's section of the library. Ages 0 - 10. Registration is requested by calling (810) 364-9493.

**Yale - August 2 & 16**

**Yale VFW Flea Market**, 4 W. Mechanic St., 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. A large variety of items is available including rummage sale merchandise, craft show items, jewelry, baked goods, sporting goods and much more. Food, beverages and sweet treats are available. Please join us as a seller or buyer. Proceeds for table rental support the VFW. Tables are \$15 for the first and \$5 for each additional. For more information call Mark at (810) 334-3799.

**Port Huron - August 3**  
**Kids for Safety - 72 Hr.**

**Preparedness**, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorrان Blvd., 11:00 a.m. Learn about different ways to be safe in our community. These fun and interactive programs are designed to strengthen children's knowledge about safety. Partnering with SCC Homeland Security Emergency Management. Ages 5 - 12. Registration requested by calling (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

**Kimball - August 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Farmer's Market, Flea Market/Arts and Crafts Market**, Knights of Columbus #9526, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Plants, vegetables, arts and crafts, garage sale items, baked goods, etc. Concession

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**Marine City - August 7 - 9**  
**Antique Yard Sale Trail Outdoor Vendor Space Available**, Marine City Lions Club, 545 Ward St. Cost is \$15 per day or \$40 for all three days. Call (810) 765-9121 to reserve space or for more details.

**Memphis - August 7 & 8**  
**Used Book Sale and Quilt Raffle**, Memphis Community Center, 34830 Potter St., 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on August 7 and 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on August 8. Admission is free. Saturday is \$1 per bag day. Sponsor: Friends of the Memphis Library. For more information call (810) 384-6121.

**Kimball - August 8**  
**Back to School Bingo**, Kimball Twp. Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 12:00 p.m. Win some items you might need for school. Lots of fun. Ages 5 - 18. Registration required by calling (810) 982-9171.

**Fair Haven - August 10**  
**Kids for Safety - Family Safety**, Ira Twp. Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 6:00 p.m. Learn how to make a family emergency and communication plan, how to build a family emergency kit and how to help others be prepared for an emergency. Find out when you should call 911. Partnering with SCC Homeland Security Emergency Management. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

**Lakeport - August 12**  
**Basic Card Making**, Burtchville Twp. Library, 7097 Second St., 1:00 p.m. Join Cindy Hillman as she helps you utilize one pattern to create two different cards, a birthday card and a thank-you card. Supplies provided. Adults. Registration requested. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

**Capac - August 13**  
**Kids for Safety - 72 Hr. Preparedness**, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 3:30 p.m. SCC Homeland Security Emergency Management is presenting a program for kids about safety. Children will earn patches after completing each segment and will be given a certificate. This week's presentation is on being prepared for emergencies and disasters. Geared toward elementary-aged children, with a craft or story after the presentation. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

**Memphis - August 13**  
**Craft of the Month**, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:00 p.m. Craft book

page roses for gift wrapping or decorating. Explore fun ideas from Pinterest. Adults. Registration required by calling (810) 392-2980.

**Casco - August 15**  
**Perch Point Conservation Club Steak Out**, 7930 Meisner Rd., doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. \$15 per person. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, baked beans, tossed salad, roll and dessert. Cash bar or a \$10 bracelet for open bar may be purchased at the door. Entertainment, 50/50, raffles. For tickets call Harry at (810) 278-5630 or Chuck at (810) 278-1595.

**Marine City - August 15**  
**Marine City Chamber of Commerce Flea Market**, corner of Parker (M-29) and Chartier. For more information call (810) 765-4501.

**Marine City - August 17**  
**Waterfront Concert**, Broadway Park, 7:00 p.m. Free. Lasts approximately one hour. Bring a chair, soda, ice cream cones or a snack and hear a variety of music performed by local musicians for your enjoyment. For more information visit [www.visitmarinecity.com](http://www.visitmarinecity.com) or call Jean at (810) 329-3361.

**Yale - August 18**  
**Teens Back to School Bingo**, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 3:00 p.m. Teens, play Bingo and win cool back-to-school prizes. Registration required. 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

**Marine City - August 22**  
**Kids for Safety - Home Safety**, Marine City Library, 11:00 a.m. Join us for this "kid friendly" information about how to be safe in your home. This lecture will include recognizing harmful poisons, strangers and what to do when you're alone or on the computer. Partnering with SCC Homeland Security Emergency Management. Ages 5 and up. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

**Memphis - August 22**  
**Memphis Lions' Euchre Tournament**, Lions/Youth Center, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. \$10 donation. Snacks and drinks available. Top three players will be awarded prizes. For more information call Frank at (810) 392-3717 or email him at [fravis53@comcast.net](mailto:fravis53@comcast.net).

**East China Twp. - August 26**  
**St. Clair County Family History Group Members' Picnic**, Sue Rau's home, 480 Margaret St., 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass, beverage, table settings and dimes for the Shoot-the-Box Game after dinner. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit

one of our programs as a guest or become a new member of the group. For more information, visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfhg/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfhg/) or call (317) 600-7813.

**Port Huron - August 29**  
**Rockin' the Dock Fundraiser**, Seaway Terminal Bean Dock, 2336 Military St., 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. This event benefits the Visiting Nurse Association and Blue Water Hospice Adult Day Care Program. Music of the 1950s and 1960s will be featured, with entertainment by The Dynasty, as well as a catered barbecue dinner by Chef Mike's Catering and a cash bar catered by The Raven. Classic cars will be on display and a live auction will take place as part of the fundraising. Tickets are \$40 each, or two for \$75. For more information or to provide a sponsorship call (810) 984-4131.

**St. Clair - August 29**  
**Adult Macramé Bracelet Workshop**, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 10:00 a.m. Come on in and macramé a hemp bracelet with beads. Instructions will be provided for those who need it. Adults and seniors. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

**Sanilac**  
**Port Sanilac - August 1 & 2**  
**Civil War Days**, Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 South Ridge St., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Blue and the Grey are set to clash once again as re-enactors, both military and civilian, set up camp on the museum grounds to help convey the sights and sounds of that pivotal era. Visitors will be able to tour the Union and Confederate camps, as well as the tents of sutlers, or merchants who sold provisions to the armies in the field. Admission is \$6 per adult, \$3 for students and children, with a max for a family of \$20. For more information visit [www.sanilaccountymuseum.org](http://www.sanilaccountymuseum.org) or email [Sanilacmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:Sanilacmuseum@gmail.com).

**Sandusky - August 8 & 22**  
**Thumb Dance Club**, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome! Bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends. \$5 for members, \$6 for guests, \$10 membership per year. On August 8, entertainment will be provided by Dick Hedrich and Son, and on August 22, by Lighthouse Three. For more information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

**Port Sanilac - August 14 - 16**  
**Antique Fair and Thumb Yard Sale Trail**, Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 South Ridge St. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Takes place on mansion lawn. For more information visit [www.sanilaccountymuseum.org](http://www.sanilaccountymuseum.org) or email [Sanilacmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:Sanilacmuseum@gmail.com).

**Sandusky - August 15**  
**"They Came to America from Scandinavia" Home Dinner**, 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, these dinners are in private homes with limited seating. Advance reservations are a must. \$45 per person for non-members of the Society or \$40 for members of the Society. Call (810) 622-9946 for more information or to make reservations.

**Brown City - August 18**  
**Sanilac County Genealogical Society Meeting**, Brown City Library, 4205 Brown St., 7:00 p.m. Speaker will be Lois Johnson who will present "Lifeboat #15 and He Kept the Colors". Meetings are open to the public. For more information call Karen at (810) 705-1680 or email her at [bootstransinc@yahoo.com](mailto:bootstransinc@yahoo.com).

**Brown City - August 22 & 23**  
**3D Archery Shoot for the Michael Knox MDA Memorial**, Mid Thumb Bowmen, 2080 Stimson Rd., registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Food and refreshments available. All welcome, youth to senior, beginner to pro. All proceeds go to the fund. For more information email Johnny at [carter1031@icloud.com](mailto:carter1031@icloud.com).

**Tuscola**  
**Caro - August 7 - 9**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association Show**, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 188 Park Dr. Working exhibits, flea market, live music, children's activities and food vendors. Children 12 and under are admitted free; \$4 donation for adults. For more information visit [www.carotractorshow.com](http://www.carotractorshow.com).

**Caro - August 25**  
**Movie - Fly Away Home**, Caro Area District Library, 840 West Frank St., 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information call (989) 673-4329.

**Wayne**  
**Detroit - August 1**  
**Antique/Vintage Outboard Motor Show**, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle, 100 Strand Dr., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Any and all classic outboards are invited to participate in this landmark event in the middle of the Detroit River. The theme is "Made in Michigan" outboard motors. Those that display any classic outboard motor (bring your own stand) will receive a beautiful special commemorative award. Free to display and free to attend. There will be areas devoted to free sell, swap and trade related items. Sellers and vendors must reserve a space prior to the meet. Visit the Dossin Museum at the same time for free. For more information call Charlie at (586) 463-4456.

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## DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY SAVES SNAIL SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION

### Three-decade collaborative breeding program returns *Partula nodosa* to the wild

Submitted By Patricia Janeway

One hundred *Partula nodosa* snails bred at the Detroit Zoo are en route to Tahiti, effectively restoring a population that was extinct in the wild.

For nearly three decades, the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) has been breeding this species of Tahitian land snail as part of a collaborative effort credited with saving the species from extinction. The work began in 1989, as a project with 115 snails of five species, with the DZS concentrating its efforts on this one species and engaging other institutions to focus on the remaining four. At one point, all the *P. nodosa* in the world lived at the Detroit Zoo.

“Our efforts and successful breeding of the snails resulted in the rescue and recovery of the species,” said Scott Carter, DZS chief life sciences officer. “Currently there are six thousand individuals living in North American zoos, all descendants from the Detroit Zoo’s original small group.”

Partulid snails like the *P. nodosa* were once found across Tahiti and other south Pacific islands in an array of more than 125 different species. These striped snails were used in ceremonial jewelry and decorations of indigenous islanders, and the snails served as a study group for scientists to learn more about the evolution of diversity.

Much of the Partulid snail diversity was lost due a botched attempt at “biological control”, or the control of a pest by the introduction of a natural enemy or predator. In 1967, giant African land snails were introduced to Tahiti and other south Pacific islands to serve as a source of protein for local residents. Some of the African snails escaped,

bred very rapidly, and began eating farmers’ crops, threatening the local economy. To control the African snails, Florida rosy wolf snails were introduced a decade later, but the wolf snails preferred to eat the *Partulid* snails, which caused the extinction of many of the *Partulid* species.

Before complete extinction, *P. nodosa* snails were placed at several zoos including the Detroit Zoo, where they have been maintained off exhibit in a carefully controlled environment.

“With the sufficient growth of the captive population and the establishment of a protected area on Tahiti, this species is officially on the road to being saved,” said Carter.

The Detroit Zoological Society – a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo – is recognized as a leader in conservation, animal welfare and sustainability as well as providing sanctuary for animals in need of rescue. With an annual regional economic impact of more than \$100 million, the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak is one of Michigan’s largest paid family attractions, hosting more than 1.3 million visitors annually. Its 125 acres of award-winning naturalistic habitats are home to more than 2,500 animals representing 280 species. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo sits on a 5-acre site surrounded by undisturbed forested wetlands on Belle Isle State Park in Detroit and provides year-round educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities for the community. For hours, prices, directions and other information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).



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## Vetting Your Vendors: Ways to Avoid Wedding Woes

Wedding season is upon us, and as more couples tie the knot, scammers that are looking to target couples have more opportunities than ever. Problems with wedding vendors led to more than 1,800 complaints filed with BBB last year. That's just for vendors who specialize in weddings exclusively, not those who sell flowers, transportation or catering service for all types of events. Weddings can be costly and fraught with emotion, but brides and grooms can reduce unwanted surprises by consulting Better Business Bureau reviews and tips:

- **Beware of fake vendors:** Couples often pay DJs, photographers and bakers who never show up. Before choosing a vendor, vet the companies on review sites like bbb.org. Also ask around – maybe a friend or a co-worker with a bad experience can warn you before it's too late.

- **Read the fine print:** While not every vendor will have a contract for you to sign, some – like caterers – might. Read all the terms and conditions. Some caterers, hotels or reception venues try to charge extra for "plate splitting," "cake-cutting" or "corkage" fees, especially if you bring in a cake or liquor purchased from another source. Ask, and get in writing, whether any fees apply beyond the cost per person, gratuities or room rental.

- **Watch out for home burglars:** Would-be thieves sometimes watch for wedding announcements in newspapers and on wedding websites to find out when couples won't be home. Couples can limit the risk of a burglary by locking up valuables before leaving for their honeymoon and asking a neighbor to stop by regularly. Also be mindful of social media posts about your honeymoon adventures. It's another way thieves are looking for the empty house opportunity.

### Tips for Dealing with Specific Vendors:

- **The Gown:** Brides are sometimes sold counterfeit gowns – imitation dresses that look exactly like designer gowns online, but are made with cheap materials and are poorly constructed. Sometimes, the dress never arrives. To avoid fakes, check the designer's website for authorized retailers. Or, walk into a wedding dress shop and buy it in person. Make sure your order specifies new merchandise, sized to fit you and your bridesmaids. Call the shop to remind the staff

of your schedule if you don't hear by the promised time.

- **The Florist:** Fresh flowers are a perishable commodity, and the final bouquet or arrangements may need to change depending on what's available on the wedding day. Write out the plan you and your florist agree on. Both you and your florist should sign the plan, and come up with alternatives for items that aren't available. Make sure you spell out a minimum size or number of stems in each bouquet or arrangement. Ask how the florist will handle any last-minute substitutions and charges.

- **The Limo:** Complaints about limousine service include poor customer service and rigid cancellation policies. Get details in writing. Ask how the company handles problems if you aren't satisfied and what they will charge if you need the vehicle longer on your wedding night. Don't pay the entire amount in advance and don't pay the limousine service or driver in cash.

- **The Photographer:** A common complaint is that the photographer a couple hired doesn't show up for the wedding or fails to deliver pictures until months after the wedding. Find out what happened when the photographer doesn't show up on time. Get it in writing with all pertinent contact information, heaven forbid if it's necessary to find the backup photographer. Determine when and how pictures will be delivered.

- **The Band:** Couples shouldn't rely on a website, demo tape or phone conversation when hiring a band or other music service. Find out where you can hear the musicians play before you hire them. Ask who will actually perform at the reception and get a written commitment from the band or musician, including the amount of time they will play and costs to extend the time the night of the event.

**For more information and tips, visit** [www.go.bbb.org/wedding](http://www.go.bbb.org/wedding).

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



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