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# General Arthur St. Clair

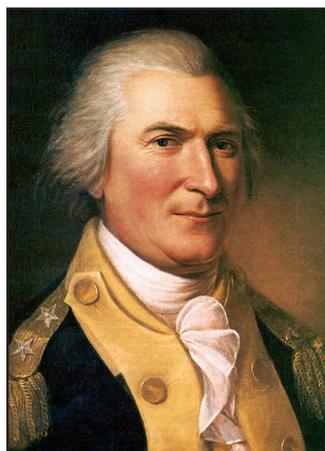
**By William S. Easton**  
*ThumbPrint News* Guest Writer

Southeastern Michigan has numerous places named St. Clair: St. Clair County and its city, St. Clair, the St. Clair River connecting Lake Huron with Lake St. Clair and the St. Lawrence Seaway leading to the Atlantic Ocean. Although there are other explanations for the use of that name, certainly General Arthur St. Clair, the first governor of the Northwest Territory including the present State of Michigan, deserves the honor.

Arthur St. Clair was born in Scotland about 1736. His father's name has been shown as William Sinclair. The change may have come about from the family's French Catholic affiliation before rising to prominence in Protestant Scotland. The family was landed gentry. Since William was not the eldest son, under the feudal system Arthur had no prospect of property inheritance. After a brief apprenticeship to a noted physician, at a young age he joined the military. His commission brought him to the New World. There he fought under General Wolfe against the French at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in Quebec.

Before the American Revolution, St. Clair had resigned his British commission and acquired 4000 acres of land in Western Pennsylvania. He learned surveying and became a land agent for William Penn. With that sponsor he received several important political appointments. Those experiences were to serve him well later when he helped draft the Northwest Ordinance. He returned to the military as a commanding officer in the Continental Army when the American Revolution began.

Joining General Washington's forces, he recruited soldiers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He crossed the Delaware River with Washington on Christmas 1775. Made a general, unfortunately St. Clair was commander of the troops that were badly outnumbered and defeated at Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York. For that retreat in disgrace he was court martialed. Although exonerated, he fought no



more battles in that war. Instead he became an aide de camp for Washington, accompanying him to the Yorktown surrender.

After the revolution St. Clair returned to civilian life in Pennsylvania with his New England born patrician wife and two daughters. (Her substantial dowry had been used for that large land purchase.) Although later his duties with the Northwest Ordinance took him far away to western locations, he always maintained his home in Greensburg near Pittsburgh. In fact from there he had helped negotiate the resolution of a border dispute with neighboring Virginia.

### CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

The first relatively short lived attempt at governing the fledgling nation was based on the Articles of Confederation. The "Experiment in Confederation" was developed on a strong legislative - weak executive rationale. This made the president of the Confederation Congress a nominal leader. It was a rotating position, selected by the other delegates, largely ceremonial, perhaps similar to a committee chair. Besides John Hancock, the bold signatory New Englander, only a few other men of prominence, such as Richard Henry Lee of Virginia and John Jay of New York, held the post. St. Clair presided from February 2, 1787 to November 4, 1787. A year later, with the ratification of the Constitution, the office and that congress were history.

### NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

The Northwest Ordinance drafted by St. Clair and others for the Continental Congress was adopted on July 13, 1787. Later it was ratified with minor changes by the new Congress. Its full title was "An Ordinance of the Government of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio", commonly known as The Northwest Territory. That vast land area (260,000 square miles) had remained under Britain's control even after the signing of the Treaty of Paris. Military rule continued ostensibly for the protection of the numerous Indian tribes, but of course the British helped the fur traders continue their prosperous enterprise as if still under King George III's domain.

Heretofore several of the original colonies had claimed

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Sunday, May 11, 2014 is Mother's Day. I think about my mother a lot. In June it will be three years since she passed away at the ripe old age of 91. Yet, I still hear her voice every day.....

### My Mother's Voice

*I don't ever remember wondering if a voice I faintly heard was my mother's voice or not. I always knew.*

*Just as the fledgling albatross can pick out its mother from the thousands of look-alikes that cling to the same rock, I could pick out my mother's voice in a crowd of hundreds.*

*Before I could talk or walk, long before I was consciously piecing the world together, my mother's voice was as integral to my world as the thunder of the surf is to the sea.*

*The sound of comfort, security and unconditional acceptance, my mother's voice was the serenade of my childhood, the song that began and ended each day.*

*Mom is now in her twilight years,*

*and the sun in my heaven is slipping toward the horizon.*

*But I suspect that when Mom is gone, I will still hear that sound.*

*And when I too return to the eternal soul of the universe I will be enveloped by my mother's voice which was,*

*and is, and always will be the sound of love.*

- Ken Nye, author



I hear my mother calling to me to wake me up so I won't be late to school. I hear her calling me to come in from outside after playing hide-and-go-seek with my neighborhood friends until the sun had almost set. I hear her comforting me when I was sick or had fallen off my skateboard and when I needed that sympathy more than I needed the Band-Aid on my scraped knee.

I hear my mother reading to me and telling me stories about when she was a little girl. I hear my mother singing softly as she worked in the garden. I hear her sharing her day's adventures with my father after I was supposed to be long asleep.

When my mother passed away, it was her voice I missed the most.

But, unfortunately, I did not hear my mother's voice during her final days on earth. My mother didn't speak a word for the last eight years of her life. A stroke took away that ability.

Now it was my turn to talk to her. I talked to her about things that were happening in my life. I told her stories about what my children and grandchildren were doing. I tried to reassure her that even though she couldn't talk anymore her voice would always be there in my mind and in my heart. I squeezed her hand and she squeezed back.

If you are fortunate enough to have your mother with you, talk to her. Let her share all of those memories of her life with you. Write them down. Record her voice. Believe me, someday you will be so glad that you did.

I still hear you, Mom.

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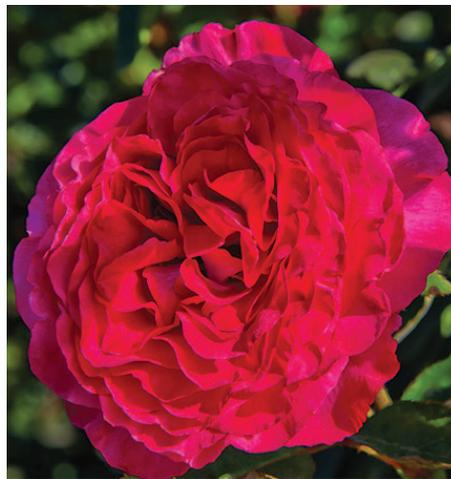
**By Kajsa Haracz**

West Grove, PA — Star® Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle, the introducer of The Knock Out® Family of Roses, brings new roses to gardeners across the country. This year's garden- and gardener-friendly introductions are all excellent additions to an already stellar lineup of roses.

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# HOUSE FOR LIFE

By Paul Welch

ThumbPrint News Columnist

May is here and it is almost time for Memorial Day picnics and barbecues. Some of you may be inviting family and friends over for good food and, hopefully, good weather. This is also the perfect month to make sure your deck is looking good. The cooler than summer weather is perfect for applying deck finishes. Taking care of your deck will keep it looking better longer and help it last. Not taking care of it will not only make it look bad, but will lead to rotting boards and a safety hazard for you and your family.

**That Dreaded Report Card** – The first step to yearly deck care is to assess the situation. What is the current condition of your deck? Are the boards sound or do some need to be replaced? Are the boards looking like new, good or turning gray? Is the old finish either peeling or worn off? Is the previous stain still repelling water? Is there mold or moss growing on the surface? Inspect your boards to make sure everything is structurally sound and replace any rotting boards. Throw water onto the surface of the deck. If it beads up, the previous finish is still good and staining is not needed. If it soaks into the wood, you need to stain it again. If the finish is peeling, remove any loose finish before you apply the finish again. If there is mold, moss or the boards are turning gray, use appropriate cleaning products to correct the problem.

**A Clean Start** – The most important part of deck maintenance is cleaning. Even if the deck was stained last year and is still repelling water, it should still be cleaned. If you have mold or moss growing on the surface, use either cleaner with bleach or non bleach based cleaner approved for killing mold, mildew and moss. Clean it using a deck cleaner and brightener if you need to apply a stain or sealer again. If you want to remove the old finish, the best way to start over, use a deck stripper followed by a deck brightener. The brightener neutralizes the stripper allowing the new stain to work. After cleaning your deck, allow the wood to dry at least three days. That means no rain. Many people use power washers to clean the deck because it is easy and fast. It isn't the best way to clean a deck because you put far more moisture into the wood than normal cleaning. If you use a power washer, give the deck five good days to dry out before staining. Not allowing the wood to dry will result in the stain failing prematurely.

**Which One is the Best?** – There are many different types of finishes for different looks and applications. Make sure you use a product made for decks or it will not hold up to foot traffic. Solid color deck stain applies like paint and looks like paint. You see the texture of the wood but you will not see any of the

wood grain. These kinds of stains work well if you have had to replace boards, or you just like the painted look. Using solid stains often require a primer first for best results. If applying over a previous finish, remove loose and peeling product before applying new product or the new stain will peel along with it. Applied correctly, these will last anywhere from five to eight years before needing to be redone.

Semi-transparent and semi-solid stains perform like wood stain. They soak into the wood while adding color and added protection from water and UV rays. While both allow the wood grain to show through, semi-solid stain hides more. These stains are available in a wide variety of colors as well as natural wood tones. These work best if you either have an older deck or like something that adds more color while letting the wood show. If applied properly, these kinds of stains will last two to four years.

Transparent stains add the minimum amount of color and allow the wood's natural beauty to show through while protecting it from water and UV rays. They come in a variety of wood tones including one called natural that deepens the natural color of the wood. These types of stain are good for brand new wood or wood that has been taken care of and still looks beautiful and where a natural wood look is desired. When applied properly, they will last two to three years before needing to be redone.

Clear all purpose sealers work to give water protection but that is about it. They give no UV protection allowing the wood to turn gray. They also only last for a season and need to be applied every year. They are the cheapest finish you can buy and not the best for your deck.

**No Maintenance Decking** – Some of you may have an alternative to wood decking such as composite decking. Composite decking is designed to look like finished wood but isn't actual wood. It will not turn gray from sun damage or rot from moisture if untreated. It is an almost maintenance free decking. It needs to be cleaned regularly to keep it from looking dingy but it does not require staining on a regular basis. The only time you need to apply any product is if you get tired of the color or the color is fading and you want to brighten it up. If you choose to do that, pick a product that is for use on composite decking, usually solid-color stain.

Taking these steps will keep your deck looking nice and keep it around for as long as possible. A deck taken care of will be there for your backyard barbecues as well as provide a place for you to relax with friends and family. You might even get comments from your neighbors about how wonderful it looks. If you have any questions or comments, e-mail me at thumbprintnews@comcast.net with House for Life in the subject. I will reply to all emails. 🌱



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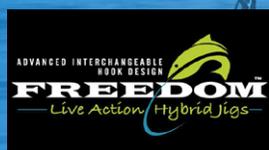


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## Michigan's First Statewide Fishing Competition

By Shannon Hitchcock

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"Our goal is to create a fishing competition that brings all Michigan anglers together no matter what fish species is their specialty," said FishMich.com creator, Karl Hitchcock. "In this system all fish are equal, so a 10" bluegill would actually beat a 30" northern pike."

This competition will be a first for the state of Michigan. Typical fishing contests give prizes for the best of individual fish species and are also

limited to fishing one body of water. FishMich hopes to draw more anglers with the two week fishing period. This provides the weekend warrior more time to fish and more options. Fish a small stream, large river, inland lake or the Great Lakes by boat or shore. Everyone is on an even playing field.

For more information on the competition or to register go to [www.FishMich.com](http://www.FishMich.com), call (231) 342-0391 or email [info@fishmich.com](mailto:info@fishmich.com).



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# I'm HEAR

By Liv Anne Lern

Dear Liv,  
How do I tell my best friend to quit complaining while we work out? I simply can't take another day!  
Fit and Frustrated

Well Sista,  
There's a couple of ways you can handle this. If it's convenient, just try switching your workout schedule. If that's not an option, you'll need to consider what we refer to as Plan B.

First of all, Identify The Issue. Ask yourself what exactly it is about her complaining that drives you nuts? Is it that she complains about the same thing over and over again? Is it that she tends to complain about absolutely everything? Or is it that she's complaining at a time when you just don't care to hear about it?

Secondly, Clarify Your Approach. Think about how you'd want to be approached about this. Figure out what needs to be said, and how you're going to say it. (Sensing empathy in your tone will reduce the chances of a defensive reaction).

Lastly, Await Your Opportunity. Often a single moment will present an ideal opening. For example, while walking on the treadmill, a news bulletin suddenly flashes a negative headline. Take full advantage of this! Casually reply with something like, "The world seems so negative these days, I've recently decided to make a conscience effort to become more positive." Hopefully, your friend will take your comment to heart. If this doesn't work, you can always try Plan C...move to the elliptical!

Live and Learn

Dear Liv,  
My life is in turmoil. I've recently separated from my husband, who's excessive and compulsive lying has finally brought our marriage to a halt. Although I do love him, I don't know if I can remain in a relationship in which I never seem to feel secure. Unexpectedly, I've met a new man. He's a truly wonderful person, and I really enjoy being with him. As each day passes though, I find myself feeling more and more confused.

Where do I go from here?  
Rachel

Rachel, Rachel, Rachel,  
STOP THE BUS and get off now. You're heading in the wrong direction! YOU'RE the one bringing on a good bit of this "turmoil." Isn't a marital separation enough drama for you? How can you sort through your true feelings about your husband if you've taken on another relationship? Hey, I'm not saying everything's going to work out all rosy with Lying Louie, but if you don't try to seek out every possible solution (such as a marriage counselor for example), then you just haven't given it your all. Remove the other guy from the calculation, as 1+1+1 doesn't equal 2. If a healthy, secure relationship is what you desire, focus on focusing. Once you discover who you are and what you want, you'll notice the diffusion of confusion.  
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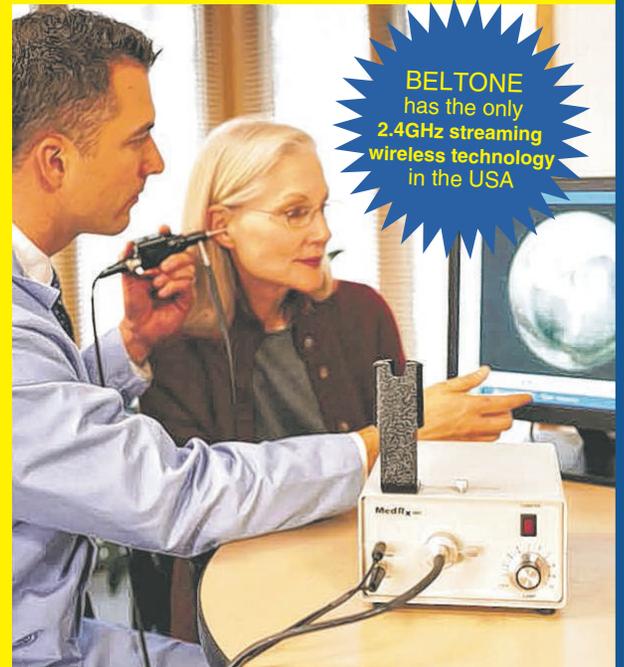
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# ThumbPrint News travels to Ireland!

ThumbPrint News has been traveling the world! Not only has it been seen in many areas of the Thumb of Michigan (over 1000 businesses in nine Thumb counties are now drop locations for the newspaper), but readers have also taken ThumbPrint News with them to many different states and countries (listed on the right on the bulletin board). 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! President Lincoln even enjoyed reading it! The newspaper has traveled to all of the seven continents.

This month, Marena and Ralph Markel of Sandusky, Michigan, took ThumbPrint News with them on their travels to Ireland. This is what they wrote about the pictures they sent in: "Hi. I am a reader from the Thumb (Sandusky) who traveled with your paper to Ireland last year. I am sorry it took me so long to send the pictures. I stayed in Kenmare for 10 days with my husband and daughter to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The picture was taken at the bookstore right by our hotel. The trip was fantastic and the scenery was beautiful. I will also send a couple pictures of the scenery from our tour with the Irish Rose from Lexington."

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. Please tell us a little 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 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? 🇮🇪

**Where Has Your ThumbPrint News Been?**

Kenmare is located at the head of Kenmare Bay (where it reaches the farthest inland), sometimes called the Kenmare River, where the Roughty River flows into the sea, and at the junction of the Iveragh Peninsula and the Beara Peninsula. It is also located near the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, Mangerton Mountain and Caha Mountains and is a popular hillwalking destination.

The entire area was granted to the English scientist, Sir William Petty by Oliver Cromwell as part payment for completing the mapping of Ireland, the Down Survey in 1656. He laid out the modern town circa 1670.

One of the largest stone circles in the south-west of Ireland is close to the town, and shows occupation in the area going back to the Bronze Age (2,200–500 B.C), when it was constructed. The circle has 15 stones around the circumference with a boulder dolmen in the center.

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**DOPPELGANGER** ('dap(ə)lgæŋər)

By **Scherryl Antoniadis**

ThumbPrint News Columnist



Scherryl Antoniadis

Like most people, I employ many of the communication methods that technology has now put at our fingertips; e-mail, Facebook and texting, to name just a few. But while I certainly appreciate the convenience these tools provide, I am beginning to worry that our increasing reliance on the shorthand that they have spawned (i.e., OMG, LOL, BTW) will ultimately result in the obsolescence of many of my favorite words in the English language.

For example . . . we all know that there isn't much chance that 'awesome' or 'basically' will fade away any time soon (although, in my humble opinion, their over-use borders on the criminal). But when was the last time you read or heard the word *doppelganger*? As I suspect it's been a while, let's refresh our memory.

*Doppelganger* is a noun of German origin. It literally means "double goer" or, in layman's terms, a person who very closely resembles another but with no biological relation between the two. It is also used to describe the sensation of having glimpsed yourself in your own peripheral vision with no chance of this supposed phenomenon being a reflection. In contemporary vernacular, *doppelganger* is often used in a more general sense to identify any person who physically -- or behaviorally -- resembles another (in the latter case, think Madonna and Lady Gaga).



Author Julie Woik and Ellen DeGeneres



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Jonathan Pryce and Pope Francis

Now, I realize that it may not always be easy to work a word like *doppelganger* into your everyday conversations, and that you most certainly have many of your own favorites that you would like to see revived. But if you could occasionally manage to slip it in when you're talking around the water cooler, it would be . . . well, *awesome*.

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## LAWN AND PLANT FERTILIZATION: Why is it so important?

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<h3>TICK ALERT</h3> <p><b>LYME DISEASE IS A BACKYARD DISEASE!</b> Contrary to popular belief, the deer is not the only host for deer tic. It is also carried into your backyard by chipmunks, mice and raccoons, to name a few. We can take back your yard from ticks and tick-borne diseases with our Tick Management System.</p>	<h3>CARPENTER ANTS</h3> <p>Spring is the time of year when carpenter ants become active in your home. Carpenter ants nesting in the home's structure require the services of a professional pest control company. They can severely damage the wood of your home.</p>	<h3>BATS</h3> <p>Bats are notorious for getting into places they shouldn't - our attics especially. Bat bugs are natural pests of bats, are almost identical to bed bugs and will soon spread into the living space of the home to bite humans once their natural host is gone. In addition to excluding bats from our home, we will eliminate the bat bugs. Most bat companies are not able to offer this combination service as a special license is required but ABC Bees can!</p>	<h3>SPIDERS</h3> <p>Spiders affect human health in three primary ways: annoyance or fear, allergic reaction and venom. Though each varies in its degree of seriousness and medical effects, each may affect one's health. In some ways, spider venom is similar to that of bees and wasps in that it contains a variety of the same chemical compounds. The following are a sample of species known to bite humans: brown recluse, violin, funnel web, spitting, yellow sac or running, two clawed hunting and wolf.</p>	<h3>GUTTER CLEANING</h3> <p>Heavy spring showers are coming! It can create debris build-up which can cause gutter and roof damage!</p>
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# ThumbPrint News Contest

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, email us at [thumbprintnews@comcast.net](mailto:thumbprintnews@comcast.net) and put "Contest" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name, phone number and full address. Of all persons submitting correct answers by the 15th of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of this year! On December 31, 2014, one winner will be drawn and the lucky person will be notified.

In the April 2014 edition, we asked our readers to identify what this object was:



Unbelievably **OVER 100** of our readers either called or emailed us with the correct answer – an old fashioned skate key! All of those submitting the correct answer were entered into a random drawing and, unfortunately, only one person can be the winner for the month.

Randomly selected from those submitting correct answers was Kitty Schoenherr of Columbus, Michigan. Kitty will be entered into our year end drawing for a wonderful surprise gift.

Here are some of the interesting comments from other readers who guessed correctly but who did not win the drawing:

Jenella Smith of Port Huron said, "I used one MANY times growing up."

Sheila Eddy of Harbor Beach states, "I still have my skate key!!"

John Patrick of St. Clair Shores also has one that says "Chicago Skate Company".

George Sam of Macomb recalls, "*The one end of the key was to tighten the clamps that held the skate to the sole of*

*the shoe. The other end of the key was to unfasten and tighten the joint of the skate to adjust to the size of the shoe that the skate was attached to.*"

Tony Sudney of Grosse Pointe Farms remembers, "*In Hamtramck during the 1930s and 40s almost all the boys had one in their pockets. A key would come in the box of a new pair of street roller skates, or could be bought at almost any hardware store for a nickel or a dime, or sometimes one was found in the street by the curb.*"

Kathy McNair of Chesterfield still has her skate key and states, "*I got them from my mother using Gold Bell stamps.*"

Diane Dyer of Armada says, "*I wish I still had mine. Thanks for the memory.*"

Beverly Gail of Cottrellville said, "*Those were the days.....*"

For our May contest we are asking the question, "What is it?" Identify what the object is that is pictured below and for what it is used. Email your answer to [thumbprintnews@comcast.net](mailto:thumbprintnews@comcast.net). Again, be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are correct and are entered in the random drawing at the end of the year for a wonderful surprise gift. Good luck!



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## Flower Psychometry

By Rennae Hardy

*ThumbPrint News* Guest Writer

Psychometry originates from the Greek combination of *psukhe* (spirit, soul) and *metron* (measure). Additionally referenced as psychoscopy or token/object reading, psychometry by definition is a form of extra-sensory perception characterized by the acclaimed ability to provide relevant associations from an object of unknown history by making physical contact with that object. Objects are affected by and imprinted with "charged emotions" as well as absorbing the energies of their surroundings. These imprints provide the information read by psychics practicing psychometry.

Flowers quickly absorb psychic impressions. Roses, irises and carnations are ideal choices for flower psychometry due to their strong connection to the emotions. Fresh, "just picked" flowers are best when performing flower readings. The various aspects of the flower itself will provide its own revelation. The stalk represents the individual's life path.

Oddities, imperfections, discolorations, leaves and additional stalks all carry their own significance. Buds represent plans regarding material matters which haven't manifested yet, while a solitary bloom indicates that the person is alone, either by choice or necessity.

The flower itself is indicative of the person's characteristics both in the world and within their dreams. If the bloom is tall and stately, this denotes a love of travel and/or restlessness. If the flower is still budding, then now is not the time to realize unfulfilled dreams. The type and color of each flower also contains meaning. Lavender roses convey "love at first sight", primrose promises eternal devotion, and the towering sunflower expresses dedication and adoration.

Flowers are majestic messengers capable of sharing many mysteries. Consider ... What motivates your choices when planting a garden? What are your feelings and impressions when presented with specific flowers? Flower psychometry can reveal the answers. 🌱

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**ST. CLAIR**

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ownership of large western tracts simply by sending out traders and a few settlers. As each state ratified the new Constitution, their claims were relinquished leaving it federal property. Substantial national debts had been incurred during the war, including loans by wealthy citizens such as St. Clair and bonuses promised to soldiers. So the federal land could now be sold at a very modest price per acre to pioneers heading west. The Ordinance required sales in smaller fixed plots instead of the earlier unrestrained land claims of the Colonies. The actual dimensions of the territory were to be all land west of Pennsylvania and north of the Ohio River. Eventually the modern states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were formed from this area. A part of eastern Minnesota lay within the original territory but that state was recognized separately. Perhaps this was because the Ordinance had set a limit of five new states from the territory. The Ordinance laid plans for new states to be recognized as soon as they had 60,000 people. When the population reached 5,000 property owners, a congressional district could be formed with a national delegate elected. William Henry Harrison, the ninth President, was the Territory's first delegate to Congress, and later become its governor. Harrison was an adversary of General St. Clair, having narrowly defeated his son Arthur, a lawyer, for that congressional position. The Territory of Michigan, with boundaries far beyond the present state, became part of the new Indiana territory. The delegates held non-voting positions similar to those now from Puerto Rico and other territories, yet the delegate strongly influenced the western policy. The territory was under the administration of a governor and secretary both appointed by the President with set terms.

The Ordinance provided for a court system and basic legal rights. Freedom of religion was guaranteed. Article VI of the Ordinance contained language that was

The French first sailed from Lake Erie through the Detroit River to a wide body of water that they called "Lac Sainte-Claire". Led by the noted explorer LaSalle and missionary Hennepin they arrived on August 12, 1679, which was the date honoring Sainte-Claire of Assisi, founder of a religious order for women and contemporary of St. Francis of Assisi. That name, sometimes anglicized to St. Clare and the current St. Clair appeared on old maps before Arthur St. Clair became the area's first governor. Today the Feast of Ste Claire is celebrated annually in Port Huron in May, not the actual August feast day.

Patrick Sinclair, a British officer, was responsible for the erection of a fort bearing his name near the present city of St. Clair where the Pine River flows into the St. Clair River. Born in Scotland, he was a career British officer, who supervised the removal of the French built Fort Michlimackinac on the south shore where Lakes Michigan and Huron converge to the better fortified Mackinac Island location. Similar to St. Clair's later experiences this army officer encountered financial disputes with his civilian superiors. Eventually bankrupt he returned to Scotland. (Although his name Sinclair was the same as Arthur's father, William Sinclair, I could find no relationship.) Nor, with the exception of one brief mention on the internet, there appears to be no reason to believe that the common use of the name St. Clair is traceable to Patrick Sinclair.

to create a political conflict continuing until the Civil War. Although it prohibited slavery in the Territory, runaways still had to be returned to their owners in the South. Harrison had lobbied for free choice as each became a new state, while St. Clair stuck to the Ordinance's language. As mentioned, St. Clair had learned surveying in Pennsylvania. Presumably that experience was reflected in the Ordinance outline for square townships, one hundred and forty acre sections that are common to this area of the Midwest. This was a marked improvement over the erratic land measurements causing earlier title disputes throughout the Ohio Valley.

St. Clair served as the first governor of the original "Old" Northwest Territory from 1787 to 1802. When Ohio became the first state carved from that area he then briefly served as governor of the Indiana Territory that included Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, along with Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. As each of them became independent states, the remaining territory stayed under his leadership, extending west to the Mississippi River for a short time.

Although the Ordinance envisaged a separate civilian rule, during St. Clair's

administration, while establishing civil law, he also had the dual responsibility as Commander in Chief of the territory's military forces. In those post-revolutionary days, the new country had retained very little military force. The veterans having returned to their homes and farms, kept their weapons only to hunt and protect their property. When they were called upon to battle the natives they came reluctantly or not at all. Numerous skirmishes broke out with the natives who were losing their hunting grounds and still had British support. One Chief, Little Turtle, with his own band and fierce Shawnee defeated General St. Clair and his sizable force in what has been called the worst in history to Indians. This was one of a series of battles in 1791-2 called The Northwest Wars or "Little Turtle War". After another commander had failed to end the conflict, St. Clair himself took command. Later General Anthony Wayne was able to kill that chief and end those Indian battles. Reportedly up to one thousand troops and civilians died, while only about fifty natives were lost. Unlike St. Clair's defeat at Ticonderoga, this time there was no court martial since he submitted his military resignation at President Washington's request.

The governor's term was three years. When St. Clair's term as governor of the smaller Indiana territory expired in December 1802, he was not reappointed by President Jefferson. Various explanations are offered as

to why. A simple one: that they belonged to different political parties. St. Clair was a Federalist, protégé of Washington. Jefferson led the new Democrat-Republican party influenced by Southern landowners. As governor of the Old North West Territory St. Clair had not been popular – too arrogant and autocratic in his insistence on legalities that had proved anathema to those recent revolutionaries. To retain executive control he delayed the separation and recognition of Ohio as the first state from the territory, denouncing the "Ohio Enabling Act" as "null". He had been offered the position as the first governor of that state which he declined. Harrison was from Ohio, had worked for its statehood and became its governor.

That was the end of St. Clair's public career. Unfortunately, from hindsight of over 200 years, his contributions have not been well recognized. Only a few books and articles cover his years of military and civilian leadership. The military defeats to the British at Ticonderoga and to the Miami chief Little Turtle, followed by Jefferson's dismissal, would not seem to be the basis for such widespread memorization of his name. In addition to southeast Michigan, there are numerous other locations named St. Clair in Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania. He should be remembered not only for his term as President of the Confederation Congress and Governor of the Northwest Territories, but more so for his contribution to the drafting of the Northwest Ordinance. As the blueprint for the establishment and governance for new states to be added



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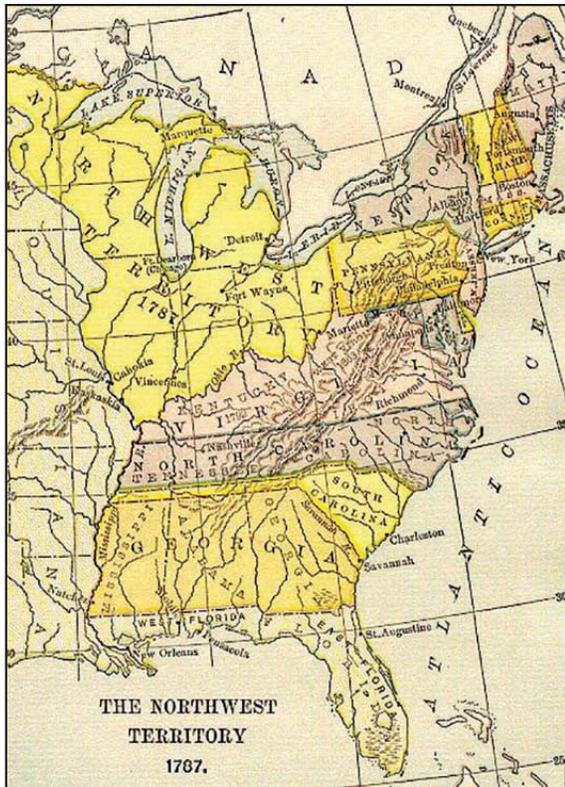
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to the original thirteen, that one page document ranks right up there with the Declaration of Independence and Constitution as the nation's most important historical documents. At the time of his dismissal, supporters complained of the manner of notification. Jefferson had directed Secretary of State James Madison to send a terse letter to the territorial secretary, Charles Byrd, also a political adversary. St. Clair's reply, while conceding that he had planned to retire, nevertheless continued to defend his fourteen year's rule. A statement of support appears in the biography of General Lewis Cass, a governor of the Michigan Territory. He said:

"General St. Clair was a most interesting relic of the revolutionary period; tall, erect though advanced in years, well educated ....abounding in anecdotes descriptive of the men and scenes he had encountered in his eventful career." (Smith, William Henry, *Arthur St. Clair Papers* (two volumes, 1882, p.256)

Arthur St. Clair, the resident and representative from Greensboro near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had retained

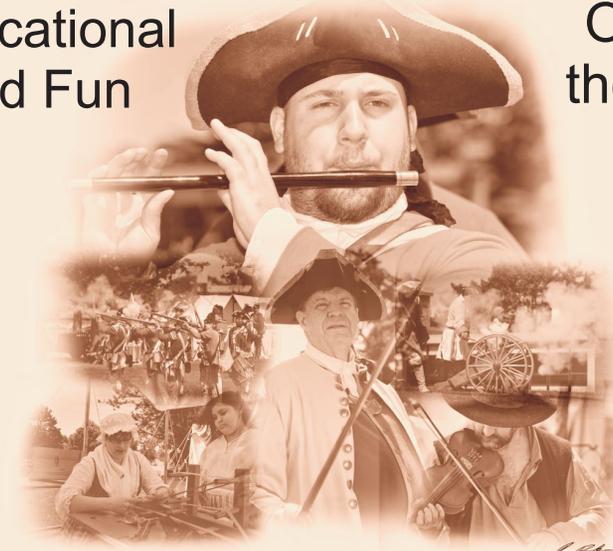


his home called "The Hermitage" during his government service in the Midwest. He died in 1818 at his daughter's house, having lost his home and fortune from bad business ventures and the failure of the government to repay him for loans made during his lengthy service for it. 🍷

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# COTTAGE LIVING

**By Pamela Grey-Pugliese**

*ThumbPrint News Columnist*

We endured the harsh winter and spring is here. It was slow in coming to say the least! Now it's time to get moving on the "things to do" list to officially open up the cottage! While it is work, I welcome and embrace the chores with pleasure.

First thing on my list is to air the place out, to open all the windows and let the smell of spring waft through the house. I turn on the local radio station and get to work! (Once the utilities are turned back on.) The



refrigerator gets wiped down and plugged in, ready to be filled for the summer. The anti-freeze gets flushed out of the toilet and pipes and I'll run the water for a few minutes to clear out the stagnant water. The hot water tank will be inspected thoroughly before it is filled and turned on. A septic tank clean out may be considered as well to avoid a nasty mess this summer. If not, care is taken to insure it functions properly for the season.

The inside inspection begins with checking the screens, windows and ceiling for any damages from the cold, wet weather. A good wipe down of all the counters, sinks and furniture is also in order. Linens and towels get unpacked and put in their proper places. Fresh sheets are put on and a dose of fabric spray and Lysol in each room works wonders! All rooms are vacuumed and floors are mopped. I always check the inside of the oven very slowly, since I have had a tiny, stubborn furry visitor taking up residence in there in the past! The oven gets disinfected too!

Once the inside is all good, it's time to move outdoors. This is a good time to stock up on firewood for a few months, since the evenings can still get a little chilly in Michigan in May. Chairs are taken out of the storage shed and wiped down and put in their proper places on the front porch. BBQ grills are inspected and

cleaned up, checking the propane tank as well. Fishing rods and tackle boxes are moved to the front of the shed for easy access. Before the landscaping clean up starts, the siding is checked for any wind damage, the roof is inspected, and power lines and trees around the property are given a once over, too. I have a small crawl space that is carefully inspected for any leftover visitors that may have rented space from me during the winter.

Decks and concrete are checked out for any cracks, splits or areas that need repairing. A little raking and debris

cleanup helps to clear the way for the spring shoots from the daffodils, tulips and plants starting to poke their way through the ground. If needed, a few bags of mulch are put down to spruce up the front yard a bit. Though it can cost a little more than regular garden mulch, I used the rubber mulch last year and I found it to retain its color and durability and it is longer lasting than the wood chips.

Trees and bushes get trimmed and pruned back and maybe fertilized if needed for their late spring burst of blooms. It sounds like a lot of work, and it can be, but I take such great joy in getting my little place ready for the season, something I have thought and written about all winter! I'm ready to get started and get my place in shape. So what if a few pipes need replacing! That is a small price to pay for enjoying Michigan's beautiful Thumb area this summer!

Once my list is completed, time for a walk down to Lake Huron to check on the thawing progress. Next, a fire is built, a chair is put in place next to it, and a sigh of relief is heard that we all survived this harsh winter and we are welcoming summer with open arms. Let the fun begin fellow resorters! Here's to a sunny summer cottage season filled with fun, laughter, starry nights and great memories! We undoubtedly deserve it! 🍷



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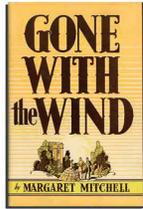
# What Happened on This Day in History?

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

## MAY

1. On this day in 1886, a U.S. general strike for an eight hour work day began.
2. On this day in 1920, the first game of the National Negro Baseball League was played in Indianapolis.
3. On this day in 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for Gone with the Wind.
4. On this day in 1846, Michigan ended the death penalty.
5. On this day in 1943, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker invented the Postal Zone System (zip code).
6. On this day in 1921, the American Soccer League was formed.
7. On this day in 1928, England lowered the age of women voters from 30 to 21.
8. On this day in 1749, the U.S. Post Office was established.
9. On this day in 1899, the lawn mower was patented.
10. On this day in 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was appointed the head of the FBI.
11. On this day in 1949, the first Polaroid camera was sold for \$89.95 (New York City).
12. On this day in 1792, a toilet that flushed itself at regular intervals was patented.
13. On this day in 1916, Indian (Native American) Day was first observed.
14. On this day in 1874, the first admission was charged at a football game. Harvard beat McGill 3-0.
15. On this day in 1672, the first copyright law was enacted by Massachusetts.
16. On this day in 1866, Charles Elmer Hires invented root beer.
17. On this day in 1883, Buffalo Bill Cody's first Wild West Show premiered in Omaha, Nebraska.



18. On this day in 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier.



19. On this day in 1796, a game protection law was passed that restricted encroachment on Indian hunting grounds.

20. On this day in 1892, George Sampson patented the clothes dryer.

21. On this day in 1985, the U.S. began broadcasts to Cuba on Radio Marti.

22. On this day in 1891, the first motion picture was shown to the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

23. On this day in 1785, Benjamin Franklin announced his invention of bifocals.



24. On this day in 1951, Willie Mays began playing for the New York Giants.

25. On this day in 1937, the first airmail letter to circle the globe returned to New York.



26. On this day in 1977, the movie Star Wars debuted.

27. On this day in 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was dedicated.

28. On this day in 1972, White House "plumbers" broke into Democratic National Headquarters at Watergate.

29. On this day in 1989, student protesters in China constructed a replica of the Statue of Liberty.



30. On this day in 1908, the first federal workmen's compensation law was approved.

31. On this day in 1991, the world's oldest bride, Minnie Munro, aged 102, wed Dudley Reid, aged 83, in Australia.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Woman's Life Chapter 855 Memphis would like to let your readers know that we are joining forces with The Friends of the Memphis Library! They are collecting Legos for educational purposes. Donations can be dropped off at the Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., Memphis, Michigan on Monday and Thursday from noon until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thank you very much!

Also, Woman's Life Chapter 855 Memphis is hosting a Bottle and Can Drive to benefit the Wings of The Harbor Transitional Living Program for homeless youth in Port Huron. For Can and Bottle drop-off locations, call (810) 392-5136. Collection ends November 30, 2014. Please donate today!

Diana Zhang

Dear Editor,

Cottrellville Historical Society is looking for any memories related to the Roberts Store Grocery & Gas Station at Roberts Landing, Michigan (pictured below). If you have any to share, please contact Pat Runyon, Secretary Cottrellville Township Hall at (810) 765 4730.

Thank you,  
Pat Runyon



Dear Editor,

Just finished reading your interesting April article on "The Thumb Area's Representation in Congress". As it was my honor and privilege to serve as a congressional secretary to



U.S. Congressman James G. (Grant) O'Hara for eight years, I note the photograph you provided is incorrect.

I have attached the correct photo and remember vividly how proudly he served the 7th District (later 12th) and demanded we work diligently on behalf of his constituents.

We can't forget his annual Shamrock Ball and how he respected all of the good people of the "Thumb".

It is also always good to see his name noting I-94 within Macomb and St. Clair County is posted as the James G. O'Hara Freeway.

Sincerely,

Betty L. Grader,  
Ray Township

Editor's note: Thank you for catching the error. This was not the fault of the author, William Easton, but of the editorial staff. Please accept our apologies. In addition, the editorial staff also notes that Candice Miller's name was inadvertently spelled wrong as well.

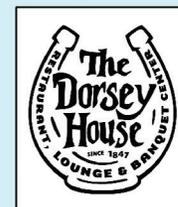
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Melanie Duquesnel

## What is the Better Business Bureau and How Do They Help Me?

*We often get questions from consumers and business owners about the Better Business Bureau regarding what we are and what we do for both communities, so we thought we would answer some of the most frequently asked questions.*

### Is the Better Business Bureau a government agency?

No, Better Business Bureau is a private, non-profit organization. However, BBB works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, providing them with valuable information on potential scams and frauds.

### What does BBB Accreditation mean?

If a business is accredited, it means BBB has determined that the business meets our accreditation standards, which include a commitment to make a good faith effort to resolve any consumer complaints. BBB Accredited Businesses pay a fee for accreditation review and monitoring for continued compliance and for support of BBB services to the public.

### Why do businesses become accredited by the BBB?

BBB Accreditation is important to many businesses as it shows prospects and customers that they are committed to treating them in a fair and ethical manner. In addition, BBB is in the Top 350 most visited websites in the US with 100 million unique visitors each year giving Accredited Businesses additional visibility. There are also many other benefits that help Accredited Businesses drive new business, save on overhead and advertise their business.

### What do the ratings mean? Do you have to pay to see them?

BBB assigns letter grades from A+ (highest) to F (lowest). In some cases, BBB will not grade the business (indicated by an NR, or "No Rating") for reasons that include insufficient information about a business or ongoing review/update of the business' file. Anyone can view a company's Business Review and rating on the BBB site or by calling the BBB. Consumers can also search for business types in order to find a business in their area. There is no fee for this service.

### Can a business simply pay for a better rating?

The short answer is no. As a nonprofit, BBB does not function on public funds but we do charge a fee to accredit businesses.

Businesses need to do much more than pay a fee to be accredited however. They have to show that they have ethical business practices; they respond to customer complaints/concerns; they advertise honestly and much more. The fee pays for monitoring the business and processing complaints, as well as for important consumer outreach programs.

Our BBB alone monitors, rates and reports on over 85,000 businesses in Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula and the standards for the rating are the same for accredited and non-Accredited Businesses.

### What Does the BBB do for consumers?

BBB provides a great deal of services for consumers including:

- **Unbiased reviews** - Consumers can use BBB to check out the trustworthiness of any business in our area so they can make informed decisions.

- **Accredited business directory** - A directory of only Accredited Businesses that can be searched by type of business or business name.

- **Dispute resolution** - When there is a dispute between a consumer and a business, we work cooperatively with both parties to reinforce good business practices and assist people in finding solutions.

- **Educational services** - We conduct important community outreach services such as BBB Military Line Program, Life Smarts Teen Educational Programs, Secure Your ID day, senior scam prevention seminars, and much more at no cost.

We have also recently launched a new website which will help both businesses and consumers get more from their BBB. Please visit us at [www.bbb.org/detroit](http://www.bbb.org/detroit) and let us know what you think! 🍀

*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/detroit](http://www.bbb.org/detroit).*

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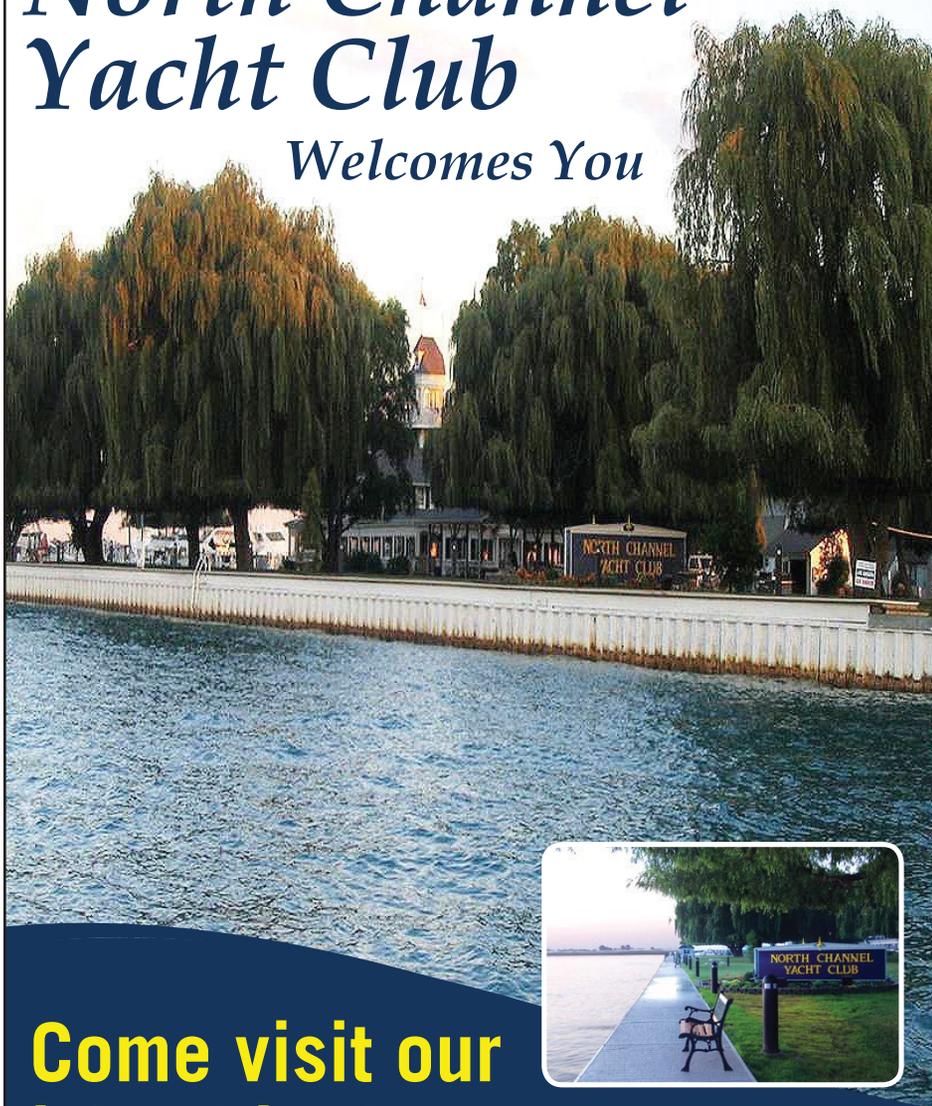
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### Being a Friendly Ambassador?

**By Gabriel Jones**

*ThumbPrint News Columnist*

A funny thing happened when I took my wife to a shopping mall the other day. I dropped her off at a store as usual and went on to park the car. I parked a little distance away and started to walk toward the entrance where I dropped her off.

As I started to get near the store, I noticed that there was a large group of men posing for pictures in front of a Japanese Restaurant nearby. I noticed that they were all oriental and thought that they probably were foreigners visiting our country.

Being an Army Veteran who was stationed in Japan, I thought that it would be nice to welcome them with a friendly Japanese greeting.

As I approached them, I

waved, smiled, and spoke to them in Japanese.

They heard, but they looked at me in an "inquisitive" way.

Thinking that they didn't hear me, I continued to approach them and again spoke out my Japanese greeting and also telling them that I was an Army Veteran who was stationed in their country of Japan.

They then laughed and looked at each other and said, "We're not Japanese. We're Chinese."

Surprised, I stated "Sorry about that."

They again laughed and said "That's all right. It happens all the time when we eat at a Japanese restaurant."

Another lesson learned by The Restless Retiree. 🍷

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**Cognitive Dysfunction in older pets**

By Dr. DiBenedetto *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) is a condition related to the aging of a pet's brain, which ultimately leads to changes in awareness, deficits in learning and memory, and decreased responsiveness to stimuli. Clinical signs of cognitive dysfunction syndrome are found in 50 percent of dogs over the age of 11, and by the age of 15, 68 percent of dogs display at least one sign. In cats, studies show 28 percent between the ages of 11 and 15 will show some signs and 50 percent of them over the age of 15 will show multiple signs.

Disorientation is one of the principal symptoms of cognitive dysfunction. Your pet can appear lost in the house or yard, get stuck in corners, under or behind furniture and have difficulty finding the door (standing at the hinge side or going to the wrong door). They may not always recognize familiar people, or fail to respond to verbal cues or their name. Activity and sleep patterns can be altered. Your pet may sleep more overall in a 24-hour period, but sleep less during the night. They can vocalize more throughout the night as well, especially cats. There can be a decrease in purposeful activity and an increase in aimless wandering and pacing. Dogs with CDS may also exhibit more compulsive behaviors like circling or you could see an increase in anxiety and fears. Housetraining is another area that suffers. Dogs may urinate and/or defecate indoors, sometimes even in the view of their owners, and may signal you less often to go outside. Cats may no longer use their litter boxes consistently. Interactions with family members can change as well. Pets may walk away when being petted and show less enthusiasm when being greeted by family members or they can become very clingy and want to be by a family member's side at all times.

Medical causes for the above behavioral changes must be ruled out in order to make a definitive diagnosis of cognitive dysfunction syndrome. Behavioral problems that look like CDS may include generalized anxiety, separation anxiety, fear-related aggression, pain-related aggression, noise or storm phobias, lack of housetraining, attention-seeking behaviors, and compulsive disorders. Often times there will be both behavioral and medical issues together because CDS can exacerbate a pre-existing behavioral problem.

There is no cure for cognitive dysfunction and the disease is progressive. Therapies include environmental enrichment in the form of daily exercise and using new and interactive toys to improve learning and memory. Dietary changes and supplements are needed to increase vitamin and antioxidant intake. Right now Anipryl (selegiline) is the only FDA approved medication for CDS. These therapies in combination have been shown to delay progression and improve the associated behavioral signs of CDS. Any therapy that is found to be effective should be continued for the rest of your pet's life. 🐾

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# MOTHER'S DAY: THE PERSONAL TOUCH

By Beth H. Macy, Author

Mother's Day is a perfect time to ask yourself how much you really know about your mother. It's a time to get to know the person that she is outside of her role as mother or wife. How much do you know of your mother's past? Do you know what interests her? Do you know what she did in life before she became a mother? What are your mother's skills, likes, dislikes and passions? Give her the gift of wanting to know her.

A good gift is thoughtful, such as a gift that shows understanding of the mother or wife outside of her role. Or a gift that gives back from you in return.

Here are six categories and example of gifts to give your mother (or any important female in your life) for Mother's Day that show love for and understanding of that special woman in your life:

1. Listening. Do you remember how you felt when you last had someone really attend to your spoken word? Do you really listen to what your mother says or do you block it out as things heard before? Do you hear what she is saying with curiosity and ask for more or do you get defensive and shut her words out? Are you thinking of the next thing to say or allowing yourself to get swept away into her story? Conscious listening is a gift to the other person. As you listen to her, ask questions. Show that you care enough to want to know who she was, who she has become and who she wants to be.

2. Something she has been asking for. Surprise her by painting the laundry room or cleaning the attic. Give the kids a ride to practice or pick them up after school. Spontaneously take out the garbage or wash the dishes. Watch that female flick on TV with her. Show that you have heard her by giving her something that is meaningful to her.

3. Recognition as a person (not just as a wife, mother, step-mother or significant other, or whatever her role is in your family). The gift of a vacuum

cleaner symbolizes housecleaner, whereas recognizing her as an artist by giving her a new tube of paint, or as an athlete, by

giving her a new yoga mat shows that you see her as more than just her household title. Even something as simple and inexpensive as new laces for her favorite running shoes could go a long way!

4. Something that she would not have bought herself. The vacuum cleaner is an everyday object that probably would have been purchased on another day. For Mother's Day why not pick up that silk scarf she has been touching at the store but not purchasing? Or that Nikon

point and shoot she has been admiring? For those with more means, jewelry often falls into this category, so that diamond bracelet she has been admiring might just be appropriate. Or how about that lovely wristwatch she keeps trying on at the jewelry store? Look at what possessions of hers are well worn and tattered and may need upgrading. Show that you notice her by giving what she admires but doesn't buy or something that taps into an interest of hers.

5. A handwritten note. Handwriting taps into a different area of the brain than typing does, allowing you to more fully express yourself. And the unique style of handwriting brings back to the reader a piece of who the writer is. It is in a way, a gift of who you are. These notes are often cherished for years to come. Write that note on something hand-made with the universal symbol of love by creating a heart shaped card, complete with white lace doilies on red construction paper! Give it to her with her favorite chocolate candies.

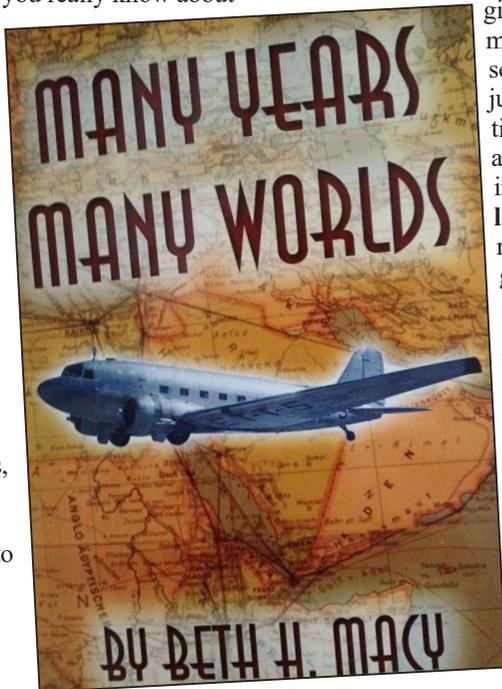
6. Something that transports her away from the daily grind. Show that you know what she likes by treating her to a special break in the daily routine. Breakfast in bed is something handmade, a symbol of caring, something she wouldn't have done herself, and is out of the ordinary. Cooking dinner or taking her out to dinner gives in this way too. Even better, why not take her on a magical

mystery tour. Spirit her away for a long walk or a drive that ends with viewing a beautiful sunset. Hand her that rose and handmade card at the end! A break in the daily grind doesn't have to be a lavish trip to Hawaii. It can be as simple as gifting movie tickets for her girls' night out.

These simple guidelines can help you say to that special female in your life on Mother's Day, "I see who you are," "I know what you like," and "I love you enough to pay attention to details about you." They are not things bought while rushed or purchased heedlessly. Instead they are gifts from the heart. What woman

wouldn't appreciate that level of effort and thoughtfulness? At the same time, gift yourself by getting to know who your mother is as a person this Mother's Day.

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## Activities & Events Calendar

### May 2014

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

## Genesee

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## Lapeer

**Imlay City - May 1**  
**All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner with Michigan's Own Chris Cakes**, Weston Elementary School, 275 Weston, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$7, children 2 and under are free. Pancakes served with sausage, coffee, orange drink, syrup and blueberry topping. *Featuring Guinness Book of World Records* record holder Chris Cakes and his flying pancakes. Also clowns, free face painting, balloons, raffles and children's crafts. Proceeds benefit the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Blueberry Festival and Weston Elementary. For more information call (810) 724-1361.

**Imlay City - May 31**  
**First Annual Artisan's Market**, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Antiques, 347 N. Cedar St., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be a tent show featuring local craftsmen and artists. For more information call (810) 724-1800 or email [antique4thstreet@aol.com](mailto:antique4thstreet@aol.com).

## Macomb

**Richmond - May 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10**  
**"The Importance of Being Ernest"**, Richmond Community Theatre, 69619 Parker St., Saturday shows at 8:00 p.m., Sunday shows at 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, \$5 for children. For more information email [richmondtheatermarketing@gmail.com](mailto:richmondtheatermarketing@gmail.com).

**Harrison Township - May 3**  
**Clinton River Clean-Up**, Pride of Michigan Dock, west side of North Star Sail Club, 32041 South River Rd. Everyone, boaters and non-boaters, are welcome to volunteer. A free lunch will be provided to all volunteers by Anchor Bay Yachting Association when you return. Check in from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Boats leave the dock at 9:30 a.m. sharp and return at 1:00 p.m. For more information call (586) 945-5800 or (586) 944-9334.

**New Baltimore - May 18**  
**New Baltimore Interfaith Choir Concert, "Proud to be an American"**, First Baptist Church, 52260 Washington, 2:30 p.m. Free will offering. Guest performers are baritone Ronald Hirschberger Jr. and flutists James and Chrissy Kandler, with Carolyn Natzke as accompanist and Bette Carrothers, Director. All former and present military honored at finale. For more information contact Bette at [wgcmusicbjc@webtv.net](mailto:wgcmusicbjc@webtv.net).

**Memphis - May 21**  
**Woman's Life Chapter 855 Breakfast Meeting**, Mom's County Kitchen, 81057 S. Main St., 9:00 a.m.

Stop in and join us for fun and community outreach opportunities. For more information call Diana at (810) 392-5136.

**Richmond - May 31**  
**"Rush for the Brush" Family Fun Ride**, Division Rd. and Main St., 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (check-in from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.). All profits will go toward the 2014 Richmond Habitat for Humanity "A Brush with Kindness" summer project. Minimum donation \$10 per person/\$20 per family. Ride from Richmond to Armada and back, or whatever distance you desire. All ages welcome. Helmets strongly encouraged. Additional free back/neck chair massage, blood pressure checks, pre/post stretching, refreshments and fun. Please pre-register by May 27 by calling (810) 543-3488.

## Oakland

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## St. Clair

**Marine City - May 1-30**  
**Snapshot of Marine City Photo Contest**, Take a picture of what you think best represents our town and turn in 4 x 6 photos no later than May 30 to the Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker. Voting begins June 2 - 30. Prize awarded. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

**Port Huron - May 1, 2 and 3**  
**The Fine Arts Department of New Life Christian Academy Presents "Bye, Bye Birdie"**, St. Clair County Community College Fine Arts Theatre, 323 Erie St., 7:00 p.m. (additional performance on May 3 at 2:00 p.m.). Ticket prices with reserved seating are \$12 adults, \$10 military and 60 years and over, \$8 for students. Tickets are available at the school or by calling (810) 367-3770 ext. 100.

**St. Clair - May 1**  
**Protect Yourself from Medicare Fraud**, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 6:00 p.m. The Medicare program and Medicare beneficiaries lose an estimated

\$70 billion dollars each year to health care fraud as older adults are increasingly targeted by scam artists. The Council on Aging will provide you with information needed on how to protect yourself from Medicare errors. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

**Emmett - May 2 and 3**  
**Emmett Lions Club's Annual Indoor and Outdoor Yard Sale**, Emmett Lions Hall, 10830 Mary St. For more information contact John at [ljcog@aol.com](mailto:ljcog@aol.com).

**Fair Haven - May 2 and 3**  
**Rummage Sale**, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 6745 Palms Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. - noon on Saturday. On Saturday fill a bag for \$2. For more information call (810) 765-8161.

**Marine City - May 2 and 3**  
**Marine City Library Book Sale**, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Starting May 5 - 9, books not yet sold will be sold at \$1 per bag. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

**Algonac - May 3**  
**American Indian Festival**, Algonac Elementary, 1300 St. Clair Blvd., noon - 4:00 p.m. Open to the public, free admission. American Indian traders invited. Powwow dancing, American Indian crafts, food sale. For more information call Sharon at (810) 364-8370 or Sue at (586) 725-0284 ext. 1425.

**Lakeport - May 3**  
**Mother's Day Tea**, Burtchville Twp. Library, 7097 Second St., 12:00 p.m. Invite the ladies in your family to a lovely multi-generational celebration of mothers and daughters. Enjoy snacks, tea, music and the company of other women. Registration requested by calling (810) 385-8550.

**Port Huron - May 3**  
**Project Restore Hope Bowling Fundraiser**, Blue Water Bowl, 2419 Lapeer, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., for the 2014 Cruisin' for Our Children Rally. \$20/ three games and shoes. Music by F Street Blues in the lounge. For more information contact Rene at (810) 858-1850.

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**Marysville - May 4**

**Port Huron Schubert Male Chorus 2014 Spring Dinner and Concert**, Alexander's Banquet Facility, 1195 Gratiot Blvd., doors open at 3:30 p.m., dinner at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5:15 p.m. Silent auction. Tickets \$30 (advance tickets only). Cash bar available. Call (810) 434-5587 for more information.

**Kimball Township - May 6**

**New Life Christian Academy Open House**, corner of Griswold and Wadhams Roads, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Classrooms will be in session during the school day for students and parents to visit, and the evening hours will be an opportunity to meet teachers and view curriculum. Tours of the school will be available all day and evening. For more information call (810) 367-3770 ext. 100 or visit [www.nlcaschool.com](http://www.nlcaschool.com).

**Capac - May 9 and 23**

**Small Wonders**, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 – 5 come and enjoy story time. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

**Kimball - May 10**

**Golf Outing to Benefit Special Olympics**, Fore Lakes Golf Course, 5810 Flinchbaugh Rd. 100% of all donations will go to Special Olympics. Cash donations, raffle prizes and sponsors are being sought. For more information call Jennifer at (810) 455-4439.

**Marine City - May 10**

**Third Annual Blessing of the Bikes and Poker Run**, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary, registration from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., followed by the Blessing of the Bikes at 11:00 a.m. Participants will meet back at the center by 4:00 p.m. for refreshments, prizes and Chinese auction. Cost is \$20 per vehicle and \$10 for an additional poker hand. All proceeds benefit the Center. For more information call (810) 765-3523.

**Port Huron - May 10**

**Meet Author Jean Alicia Elster**, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 2:00 p.m. Award-winning author Ms. Elster's most recent book is *The Colored Car*, a 2014 Michigan Notable Book Selection and a historical fiction novel for young readers. Book selling and signing following program. For more information call (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

**Memphis - May 12**

**Commit to the Mitt**, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:30 p.m. Students in grades K – 5 are invited to come to the library with their parents and learn about food products made in Michigan. Registration requested by calling (810) 392-2980.

**Algonac - May 13**

**Free Speaker/Concert Series: Americana Concert with the River Strings of St. Clair County**, Algonac High School Lecture Hall, 5200 Taft Rd., 6:00 p.m. Enjoy American folk music at its best with this popular mountain dulcimer band. Sponsored by the Algonac-Clay Library. For more information call (810) 794-4471.

**Fair Haven - May 16**

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

**Marine City - May 16**

**29th Annual Senior Prom**, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. \$15 for members, \$19 for non-members. Price includes catered COAST dinner with 2 entrees and live music by Closing Time. Tickets must be purchased at the Center no later than May 12. For more information call (810) 765-3523.

**Fair Haven - May 17**

**Teen Paracord Day**, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 2:00 p.m. Teens can come out to make a paracord survival bracelet or other paracord crafts. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

**Marine City - May 17**

**Flea Market, Riverside Plaza**, 6730 River Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rain or shine. Vendor registration is requested. Application forms are available from the Marine City Chamber of Commerce by calling (810) 765-4501 or by emailing [chamber@visitmarinecity.com](mailto:chamber@visitmarinecity.com).

**Port Huron - May 17**

**Project Restore Hope Spring Vendor Show**, 2700 Pine Grove, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shoppers free, vendor spaces \$30, with proceeds to the 2014 Cruisin' for Our Children Rally. For more information contact Rene at (810) 858-1850.

**Wales - May 17**

**May Fest**, Leaning Tree Golf Club, 7860 Smiths Creek Rd., 9:30 p.m. A celebration of faith, family, friends and music. Hosted by Leaning Tree Golf Club

and The Jetz Band. 50/50 raffle for St. Clair County Food Pantry. Free pizza and cake at midnight, kitchen open 'til 10:00 p.m. Classic and Top 40 Rock. For more information call (810) 367-3528.

**Algonac - May 18**

**The Cavalry Men Quartet**, Algonac Baptist Church, 1003 Washington St., 11:00 a.m. We invite you to experience the innovative sound of The Cavalry Men as they sing Classic Southern Gospel as well as cutting edge Progressive Gospel in their defining style. For more information call (810) 650-0431.

**Kimball - May 19**

**Decorate Your Own Mini Picnic Basket**, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 4:00 p.m. For ages 8 – 12. For more information call (810) 982-9171.

**Port Huron - May 22**

**Princess Night with Cinderella**, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 6:30 p.m. Put on your favorite princess dress and join us for lots of fun! Bring your camera! For more information call (810) 765-5233.

**Marysville - May 22**

**Blue Moon Concert Series**, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 6:00 p.m. Featuring Dean Barnett, acoustic guitarist with a rich baritone voice, who plays selections ranging from originals to James Taylor and Peter, Paul and Mary. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

**Port Huron - May 28**

**St. Clair Country Family History Group Annual Meeting**, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Reports will be given on the past year and plans for the next year will be discussed. For more information visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfchg> or call (317) 600-7813.

**Port Huron - May 31**

**2nd Annual Blue Water Sturgeon Festival**, Vantage Point Maritime Center, 51 Water St., 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This one-day event is centered on providing close encounters with lake sturgeon by featuring *Huron Lady* Sturgeon Cruises and indoor and outdoor displays with hands-on activities along the shores of the St. Clair River. For more information go to [www.SturgeonFestival.com](http://www.SturgeonFestival.com) or call Sheri Faust at (810) 987-5306 or (810) 730-5998. To purchase Sturgeon Cruise tickets go to <http://huronlady.com>.

**Sanilac**

**Applegate, Port Sanilac, Carsonville and Deckerville - May 8, 9 and 10**

**Poppy Days**. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8872 of Port Sanilac will be on the

streets selling poppies. Donations go only to help hospitalized veterans, widows and children of veterans and to commemorate the memory of our departed veterans. Please help by donating!

**Sandusky - May 10 and 24**

**Thumb Dance Club**, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome – bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends. \$5 for members, \$6 for guests (regular dances). On May 10 we will be entertained by Dick Hedrich & Sons (Armed Forces Night) and on May 24 by Melody Magic. For more information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

**Sanilac - May 18**

**Cadillac Phoenix Blues Band Concert**, Sanilac County Historic Village Church, 228 N. Ridge Rd., 3:00 p.m. The Band plays a mixture of electric blues ranging from early Fleetwood Mac, Eric Clapton, ZZ Top, etc. Tickets \$10, students \$5, under 12 free. All proceeds go to the Museum. For more information call (810) 622-9946.

**Port Sanilac and Surrounding Area - May 26**

**Memorial Day Cemetary Services by Port Sanilac Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8872**, All citizens are invited to attend these remembrance ceremonies for our departed veterans. Service times are 9:00 a.m. Ridge Cemetery, 9:15 a.m. Pine Hill Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. St. John Cemetery, 10:00 a.m. Washington Cemetery, 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Cemetery (M-46) and 11:00 a.m. Port Sanilac Cemetery.

**Tuscola****Mayville - May 7**

**Mayville Loose Threads Quilt Group Hosts a Day of Sewing "Hearts of Hope" Pillows**, Mayville United Methodist Church, 601 Ohmer Rd., 10:00 a.m. A potluck lunch is planned. Everyone who wishes to help is welcome. Materials for the pillows will be provided. Please bring your sewing machine if you can, along with sewing necessities and a dish to pass for lunch. The pillows are to be distributed to area hospitals for breast cancer patient's use. For more information email [witthers6147@sbcglobal.net](mailto:witthers6147@sbcglobal.net).

**Wayne**

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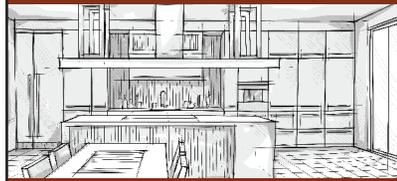
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## On the Radio

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

On another recent trip down memory lane, a young man I know recently asked me what I thought about a certain very popular police action series on television. He said he could hardly wait to see the next episode.

I explained that I didn't watch much television drama, especially when its so-called entertainment provided explicit blood, guts and gore leaving nothing to the imagination and a disgusting feeling in my stomach. I told him I actually get enough of that on the nightly news.

After my young friend left my company, stating as he did that I really didn't know what I was missing, I began to reminisce of another time when action and mystery were whatever your imagination allowed them to be. It was a time in the late 1940s and early 1950s when in-home entertainment centered on the radio. That was prior to everyone having a television and well before internet, DVDs, and smartphones.

We were fortunate to have two radios in our home, which seemed to be a luxury. The larger of the two was a combination

radio and record-playing Victrola that also served as a piece of furniture in the front room. They weren't known as living rooms at that time. The second was a small crème-colored plastic receiver that my mother kept in the kitchen.

Long before the action series we see on television today there was a program entitled "Gang Busters" featuring both fictitious and true stories about crime. As I recall, at the end of each presentation we were offered a profile of real-life wanted criminals.

Each show would begin with the sounds of police sirens, the firing of machine guns, the squealing of automobile tires, and the sound of marching feet, supposedly those of imprisoned convicts. The blaring sound effects would then be interrupted with a deep male voice introducing the evening's program, which ended with a shrill police whistle. I always enjoyed that introduction and the stimulation it provided my imagination.

Certainly there were other mysteries that offered a nurturing of visualization. "Inner Sanctum" was one of them.

For those who can recall, each program began and ended with its trademark opening of an eerie creaking door. The stories featured were of suspense and terror with the host's somewhat morbid comments throughout. He would always

end the show with a prolonged almost ghoulish question, "Pleasant dreams, hmmm?" The voices of actors like Peter Lorre and Boris Karloff added a scary depth and believability to the presentations.

Possibly my very favorite radio show was "The Lone Ranger" whose background music, the symphonic "William Tell Overture," was identified more with the show than its composer Rossini. This seemingly real former Texas Ranger was shot and left for dead, but secretly nursed back to good health by Tonto, his Native American friend who referred to his patient as Kemo Sabe. The two of them traveled the old west each week fighting crime and injustice. Who could ever forget the silver bullets made from the ore of the masked man's mine and his enduring iconic closing instructions to his horse, "Hi, hi oh Silver, away?" Not me!

There were scores of other long-lasting radio favorites, including drama, music and comedy. Do you remember "Amos 'n' Andy" or "Fibber McGee and Molly?" And, can you recall "Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy" who focused his patriotic attention on seeking World War II traitors and spies?

For those who are my age or better, you may remember a radio show with the opening sound of a mother calling to her

son: "Henreeeeeeeee! Henry Aldrich!" To which the young man would respond, "Coming, Mother!"

This was an ongoing saga of the Aldrich family, mom, dad, Henry and his sister Mary. And, of course, there was Henry's strange girlfriend Kathleen and best friend Homer, all of whom attended Central High School in Centerville somewhere in America.

Henry's father was an attorney and his mother a homemaker, now referred to as a stay-at-home mom. Each episode seemed to revolve around Henry's awkward attempts at maturity and misadventures with his friends.

Another favorite was "The Shadow," a story about a good, but scary guy who could make himself invisible in order to catch the crooks and bring them to justice. What I especially remember is the show-ending question that asked, "Who knows what evil lurks in the heart of men?" It was always answered with, "The Shadow knows!" Great stuff!

Oh, well, that was another time. It was a time when the sounds coming from that small plastic radio in Mom's kitchen truly captured the imagination of a young boy. To my young friend who advised that I didn't know what I was missing I can only exclaim, "You really don't know what you missed." 🐿

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