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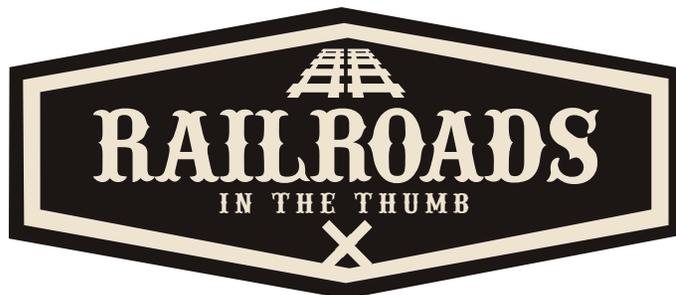
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By Alan Naldrett

ThumbPrint News Contributor

In 1859 railroad tracks were laid throughout the area by the Chicago, Detroit and Canada Grand Trunk Junction Rail Road Company, a name soon understandably shortened to Grand Trunk Railroad. The company laid 57 miles worth of track connecting Port Huron to Detroit. By 1865 a depot to handle the livestock and freight going through the New Baltimore area was built and called the "New Baltimore Station." Not long after, the depot began to be known as the "New Haven Depot" as the surrounding New Haven community prospered. This depot can still be viewed on Victoria Street in New Haven, preserved by the New Haven and Lenox Historical Society.



This DUR car lists the local stops on its side. This was the Northbound 7299 loading at Washington and Green Street in New Baltimore.

The Grand Trunk had stops at Detroit, Fraser, Mt. Clemens, New Haven, Ridgeway (Richmond) and Smith's Creek. The Smith's Creek Depot, which looked much like the New Haven Depot, was moved by Henry Ford to Greenfield Village.

Have you ever wished that instead of getting in the car, driving somewhere for an hour, you could just jump on a train, fall asleep for an hour, and wake up at your destination? Think about the

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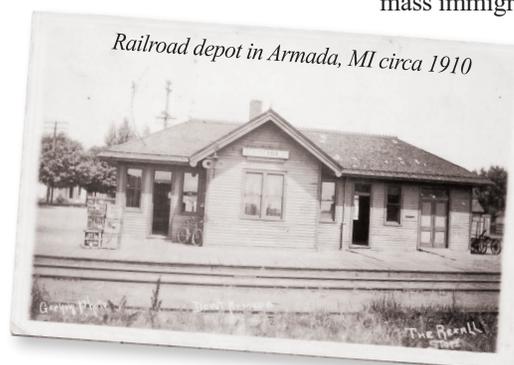
Spotlight on Armada

By David Odziana

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Reporter

Many different factors can determine why some settlements prospered, while others withered away over time. For Armada, much of its early success can be contributed to its location along a heavily traveled Indian trail.

Although the region looked identical to nearly every other place in the area when it was first surveyed in the 1820s, it quickly experienced immense growth once settling began. Large



groups of people began coming to the area after many Indian tribes moved west of the Mississippi River, as the result of a treaty. The mass immigration in the 1830s, known as the Michigan Fever,

resulted in new settlers pouring into the state and the population rising from 31,000 in 1830 to 87,000 seven years later. With land opening up after the Indians left, a small settlement developed at the present site of Romeo Plank and 32 Mile Road, known as Selleck's Corner. Originally known as Armada Corners, the area was renamed after a popular tavern keeper John Selleck, who was living there at the time.

Another town that began to prosper and eventually develop into Armada was known as Burke's Corner, named after Elijah Burke, who founded the area in 1833. Burke was responsible

for erecting two churches, as well as laying out a large part of the

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Letter from the Editor

—Diane Kodet—

October – my most favorite fall month. It is a feast for the senses. The smell of the autumn air – crisp, cool mornings, afternoons and evenings scented with smoke from burning leaves or bonfires – ah, nothing is better.

When I was in grade school, my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Davies, from Sugnet Elementary School in Midland, Michigan, was big-time into poetry. She not only read it to us, but she made us copy parts of the poems for penmanship practice. Each October I still remember one poem she read to us and how I loved the language of it, the unusual words of which I was not yet sure of the meaning.

It is the perfect October poem, in my opinion. I could not possibly describe October's "feast for the senses" as well as the author did and, therefore, I am reprinting it here this month as my gift to you, our readers. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have for many years. (The poem is reproduced with the author's original grammar and spelling.)



WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY (1853 - 1916)

*When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then the time a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.*

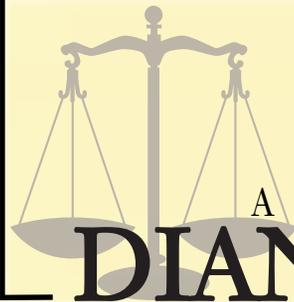
*They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmufere
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here-
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy autumn days
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock-
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.*

*The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves as golden as the morn;
The stubble in the furries-kindo' lonesome-like, but still
A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they grewed to fill;
The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;
The hosses in theyr stalls below-the clover overhead!-
O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.*

*Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps
Is poured around the cellar-floor in red and yaller heaps;
And your cider-makin's over, and your wimmern-folks is through
With theyr mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage too!
I don't know how to tell it-but ef such a thing could be
As the angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me-
I'd want to 'commodate 'em-all the whole-indurin' flock-
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.*



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Local Author, Alan Naldrett, Makes Sure Michigander's Don't Forget!

By Louise Allen
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Alan Naldrett of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, in addition to being a frequent contributor to *ThumbPrint News*, has authored several books including the Arcadia Publications' books on Chesterfield, New Baltimore and Fraser.

Alan is a life member of the Chesterfield and the New Baltimore Historical Societies as well. Alan's newest book, *Forgotten Tales of Michigan's Lower Peninsula*, took him approximately a year to write.

A large portion of the book deals with the Toledo War, where Michigan and Ohio both raised armies to fight each other over a small strip of land. Readers will discover that both armies got lost in the swamp and never engaged in anything more serious than yelling taunts across the river. But, according to Alan Naldrett, it DID lead to the great Michigan-Ohio rivalry, kept alive annually

by the football teams of the University of Michigan and Ohio State.

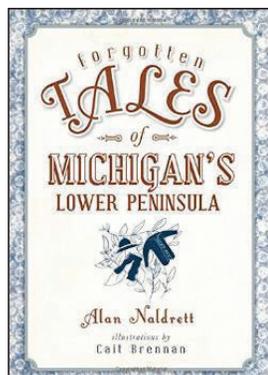
In addition, readers will learn about the Nain Rouge, a short, demon-like creature that appears whenever Detroit has had troubles, such as the Great Fire of 1805 and the riot of 1967. Some will be surprised to learn that there is still

an annual parade in Detroit dedicated to driving the Nain Rouge out of the city!

Did you know that in Wexford County the residents of Cadillac and Manton fought over which municipality would be the county seat? Learn how broomsticks, fists and alcohol all played their part in finally insuring that Cadillac would become the county seat and remain so until this day.

If you love reading about local history and the little

known facts behind it, this is a book you won't want to miss. It is available now at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and local bookstores for only \$12.99. 🍀



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TRAILING ALONG: WADHAMS TO AVOCA

By Gerald W. Nyquist
ThumbPrint News Contributor

I ride the trails. No -trails, not rails; I'm not a hobo, although I must admit to never passing-up a free meal. We "Thumb dwellers" are fortunate to have many fine bicycle paths to enjoy. *Michigan Trails Magazine*, free at Michigan Welcome Centers, provides everything one needs to know.

Cycling St. Clair County's Wadhams to Avoca Trail on my trusty quarter-century old mountain bike proved to be among my most pleasant pedaling experiences. The trail is a former rail line, straight as an arrow most of the way. My starting point was the trailhead at Wadhams Road, just north of I-69 - easy to find, with a good parking area and shopping and dining facilities a short walk away. The route is ten miles in length, directed northwesterly, with mile markers every half-mile. One passes two additional trailheads along the way. The first 2.5 miles are asphalt-paved and the remainder consists of smooth, crushed limestone. Horses are allowed on the trail, so one must dodge the occasional road apple.

The ride takes one through tunnels of trees composed of maple, willow, popple, birch and sumac, sometimes draped with wild grape vines. There are bogs,

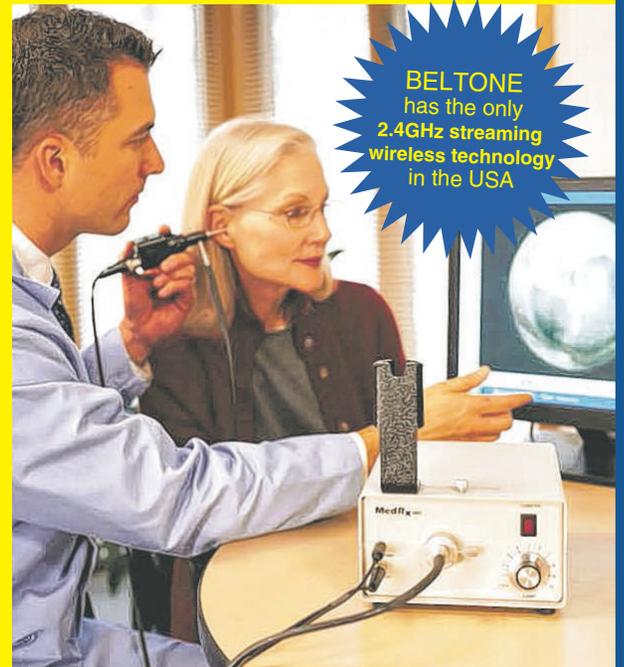
ponds and farm fields. My ride was during August; wildflowers proliferated, vibrant colors added to the enjoyment of the trip. I identified Queen Ann's lace, wild aster, black-eyed Susan, goldenrod and milk weed. There were several more varieties of flowers, and bushes too, that, alas, I'm not equipped to identify. The trail must be magnificent when Mother Nature puts on her annual fall color show. About 8.5 miles out one rides over Mill Creek on a bridge converted from an old railroad trestle, 640 feet long and 60 feet above the water. Recent heavy rains gave the creek genuine river status! The trailhead at Avoca provides a restroom facility and picnic benches in a roofed shelter. Modest shopping and dining facilities are close by. An advantage of starting one's ride at Wadhams, as opposed to Avoca, is the ever-so-slight rise of elevation along the way, and wind usually out of the west. This makes for easier pedaling on the return trip by which time one's body might start complaining of abuse.

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Dr. Nyquist is a retired biomechanical engineer. As a youth he participated in organized bicycle racing.

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Apples in the Thumb

By William Easton

ThumbPrint News Contributor

Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman probably never brought any of his seeds to Michigan. But others did.

There are reports that in 1825 future governor William Windham imported some 2000 trees for the Detroit area. As many as 130 varieties were transplanted from Rochester, New York, on Lake Ontario to an Ypsilanti, Michigan nursery.

Michigan's so-called "winter apples", displayed at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876, received the "best of show" award. Presumably that label was given by the newly formed Michigan State Pomological Society because those picked in November could survive through the winter if stored in a cool dark place.

In 1897, the apple blossom was recognized as Michigan's state flower with a Joint Resolution which called it "...one of the most fragrant and beautiful flowered species." However, it was mistakenly identified as native to the state.

The apple tree and its fruit (a member of the rose family) are quite resistant to weather and most diseases. There are an estimated 7500 varieties worldwide. Michigan's most common are: Cortland, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, Golden Delicious, Honeycrisp, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh, Northern Spy, Paula Red, Red Delicious, Rome and Winesap, according to the official Michigan Apple Committee appointed by the governor.

Michigan ranks third after Washington and New York in production of apples, and apples are the most financially rewarding fruit crop in the state.

Although Michigan leads nationally in production of cherries and blueberries, both crops provide less state revenue.

Dwarf apple trees are planted where land is limited but their fruit is not commercially profitable.

Orchards in southwestern Michigan along Lake Michigan produce the bulk of the state's apple crop, used for fresh eating, sauce, jelly, butter, cider and of course the national favorite, apple pie. In addition, proper aging of apple juice can result in hard cider with a kick. During the nation's brief Prohibition period (1920-1933) hard cider with a low alcoholic content enjoyed a statutory exemption. During early years of Michigan's territory and statehood travelers usually looked forward to a draft of the hard stuff after a long hot journey.

There are several commercial orchards in the Thumb area. Most are around Macomb, St. Clair,

Genesee and Lapeer counties rather than counties further north. Two nearby farms, McCallum's on Harris Road near the St. Clair and Sanilac counties' border and Pankiewicz Mill on 32 Mile Road in Casco Township reported by phone that the long cold winter didn't hurt their apple crops, as it did more sensitive fruits. Unlike those near Lake Michigan, the farms producing commercially in the Thumb are some distance away from Lakes Huron and St. Clair. However, our similar moderate climate permits a long growing season.

Apple picking may be good from late August through November. Frost during this time doesn't much damage the vine fruit, as it would the early May blossoms. According to the Michigan State Extension Service, apples can tolerate autumn temperature drops from 32 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit before the resulting freeze causes them to drop. Those on the ground are better used for sauce and cider. Crab apples grow on smaller trees and likewise are better for the same use.

As someone who has tried to plant and nourish an apple tree, I learned from experience that they must be cross-pollinated to produce fruit. That means that two different varieties of trees must be planted and bees must be present to carry pollen from one tree to the other. According to the unusually reliable source, *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, some of the best varieties to use for cross-pollinating

are: Grimes Golden, Golden Delicious, Red Delicious and Winter Burn. There are some varieties of apples that are self-pollinating.

For anyone wishing to plant their own tree, the cited *Almanac* advises a location with at least six hours of sun and a well-drained rich soil. While some varieties may grow better than others in Michigan's Zones 4-8 temperatures, one should be sure to avoid planting in a "frost pocket" where cold air settles. Besides transplanting a young tree by digging a hole twice the size and depth of the root stock, apple trees can also be grown from seed, as Johnny Appleseed showed.

A new variety can sometimes be developed by grafting a branch from one growing tree to another. That is probably how the internationally popular Red Delicious and Yellow Delicious varieties were developed before being acquired by the famous "Stark Bro's Nursery" founded in 1819 by James Stark in Missouri.

With so many varieties of apples, many people have their own favorites, depending on the taste and how they are to be used. Apples have always been a favorite gift from a student to a teacher. Bobbing for apples, apple picking and making cider are all

favorite fall activities.

Numerous references to the apple from the Bible to popular sayings can be found such as:

- "Eating an apple a day will keep the doctor away."
- "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree" (referring to family resemblance).
- One bad apple spoils the bunch."

My personal favorite quote also sums up the apple's cross pollination requirement:

"An apple tree is just like a person. In order to thrive it needs companionship that is similar to it in some ways but quite different in others." *The Orchard* by Jeffrey Stepakoff (2011). 🍏



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THE WITCH'S WARDROBE

By Rennae Hardy
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Halloween conjures up numerous images including ghosts, jack-o-lanterns and witches. Witches inevitably are dressed in black and wear pointed hats. Black does not denote evil or suggest powers of darkness as one might suspect; so what significance is there to the witch's ensemble?

The color black represents that which is hidden or unknown. According to color psychology, black provides protection from external emotional stress and negativity. It draws respect, and implies authority. Black is a powerful color in religious symbolism worn by representatives of many faiths such as priests, nuns and Hasidic rabbis. Witches wear black because the practice ties into an ancient esoteric truth. Black is the culmination of all things on the material plane. It operates like a solar battery drawing and absorbing energy and light. Wearing black allows the witch to tap into universal wisdom and become more psychic.

Originally, the tall, pointed, conical hat was a fashion statement worn by women of the court, as well as the upper classes during medieval times. The witch's hat was fashioned as a pyramid, and this shape is known to raise energy frequencies. The design funnels divine energies into one. The brim was added later to intensify the witch's own personal energies and transmit those energies in any direction to accomplish the witch's intent. Today the black pointed hat is considered optional attire.

Striped stockings may be depicted in art, and may add a nice flair when donning a costume; however they are not a part of the witch's wardrobe. Most witches do wear a pentacle. The pentacle is a five pointed star encompassed by a circle worn with the single point upwards. The five points represent the four elements of earth, air, fire and water, and the top point represents the Divine Spirit.

Happy Halloween witches! Black never looked better. 🍷

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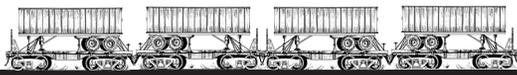
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RAILROADS

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winters where you have to clean snow off the car and de-ice the windows before you can drive, warm up the car for awhile, and then have to stop and gas it up in the freezing cold at some point. Now imagine, instead of all that and the car maintenance, insurance and auto loans, you could just jump on the train, read, and talk on the phone, e-mail, or surf the net all the way to your destination, without the worry of crazy drivers, tailgaters, speeding tickets or accidents!



Freight would be shipped from the docks of New Baltimore on Anchor Bay, across the plank road on what is now Washington/New Haven Road, to the New Baltimore/New Haven Station—and vice-versa.

wood and later steel. The trains would reach speeds of 55 miles per hour in the rural areas that had no stops.

The cars usually had a pleasant aroma due to Native Americans, who rode for free bringing their baskets, which they wove from sweet-smelling grasses (even while riding the train) to sell in Detroit.

If you wanted to smoke, there was a smoking car (a “smoker”) in the front of the train. At the back, near the bathroom, was a tin cup attached to a water cooler (this was understandably around the time that disposable Dixie cups were invented).

while the conductor coerced a cow or other farm animal off the tracks.

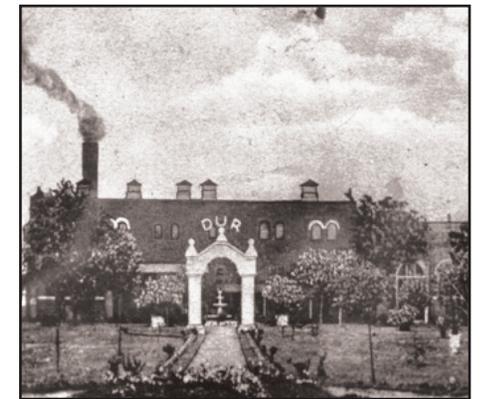
The branch of the interurban rail line that served Macomb County and St. Clair County had its power house in New Baltimore because it was midway between Mt. Clemens and Port Huron, the two county seats. The railroad company was called the Detroit and Port Huron Electric Shore Line Railway, the Rapid Railway, and the DUR, Detroit United Railway. The transformer was located in a flower-filled public park around their power house, with picnic tables, fountains, gazebos, and other sundries for the local train patrons and community. This area is now the Highview St. and Main Street area in New Baltimore.



Pesha photo of the Italianate style New Baltimore/New Haven railroad depot. Many of the Thumb area depots were of this architectural design.



The New Baltimore/New Haven depot as it looks today.



As seen in this postcard, the DUR power station was in the center of a tree-filled park in New Baltimore.

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		Thorndale		S. O'S	8.35	8.50	
10 1/2	29 1/2	London		5.25	9.10	9.50	
GALT BRANCH—BERLIN TO DOON.							
Inter. Distance.	Total Distance.	STATIONS.		No. 2	No. 4		
7		Berlin			10.20	6.30	
		Doon			10.50	7.05	
DETROIT DIVISION—PORT HURON TO DETROIT.							
CHICAGO TIME.							
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		Port Huron		P. M. 9.30	P. M. 3.20	A. M. 7.30	A. M. 9.30
10 1/2	10 1/2	Sault's Creek				8.12	10.05
18 1/2	21 1/2	Ridgeway				4.05	5.55
5 1/2	27 1/2	New Baltimore			4.17	9.17	11.00
10 1/2	37 1/2	Mount Clemens			11.00	4.40	10.00
5 1/2	42 1/2	Utica Plank			4.45	10.20	12.10
11 1/2	54 1/2	Milwaukee Junction		P. M. 5.20		11.00	
5	59 1/2	Detroit Junction		11.45	5.30	11.15	1.15
3	62 1/2	Detroit		12.00	5.45	11.30	
		M. C. R. Depot		A. M. 7.30	P. M. 5.30		P. M. 1.50
CROSSING STATIONS FOR UP TRAINS—GOING WEST. No. 2—Express—at Sault's Creek No. 21 failing to arrive at Detroit Junction at 5.30 a.m., keep clear of No. 3 and 5. No. 4—Express—at Port Huron No. 21 failing to arrive at Detroit Junction at 9 p.m., keep clear of Nos. 3 & 1. No. 6—Express—at Utica No. 11 at Detroit Junction No. 5. No. 8—Express—Factory—at Baltimore No. 11 at Utica No. 5. *Plus Station.							

Train Schedule for SW Michigan—Ridgeway became part of Richmond. Milwaukee Junction was where many of the early car companies were located, including the restored Henry Ford Piquette plant, birthplace of the assembly line and the Model T and since restored.

Sound at all like a future fantasy? This is actually the way it was in the early 20th century in Michigan and environs

(minus the cell phone and Internet)! Of course, even though they didn't have personal electronic devices, weaving, reading, knitting and sight-seeing were big. Newspapers and candy were hawked by Thomas Edison, later to become one of the most important inventors ever.

Rail travel progressed from moving freight and livestock to becoming the main way for people to commute and travel—besides the Grand Trunk Railroad, other rail companies formed and put tracks through the residential areas. The most prominent of these rail companies was the DUR, short for the Detroit United Railway. Although called the interurban railroad, it went through all the rural areas, as well as “urban.” The fare from New Baltimore to Mt. Clemens was three to seven cents, depending on the conductor. Later standardized to be five cents, the fare all the way to Detroit was a quarter. Even at 1905 prices, compare that to present-day gasoline prices!

The interurban cars in the Thumb area were usually colored red on the Port Huron to Detroit route and were at first made of



Dick Andrews map of interurban rail lines

The trains would provide service every half hour during regular hours. But this schedule didn't prevent trains from often letting people out at whatever corner they wanted.

Many families would pack a lunch and make a day of riding the train. Among other distractions would be the train stopping out in the middle of nowhere



Later, as other companies took over the interurban rail lines (such as Rapid Railways), the DUR name was no longer on the building.



The park at the DUR station included gardens, fountains and gazebos and was a popular picnic area.



There was a DUR turnaround at Green Street in New Baltimore near County Line for the interurban trains.



Interurban turnaround in background of Green Street of New Baltimore in the left of the photo.

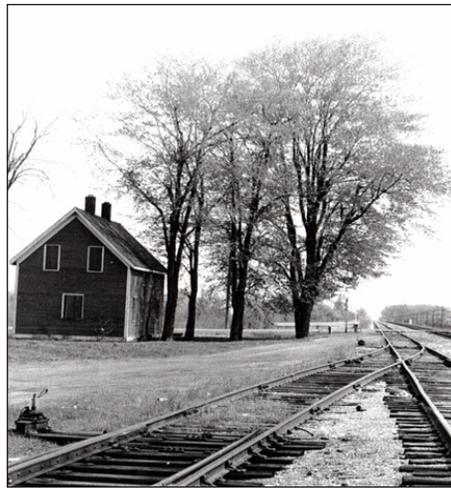
The interurban train went all through the area and many small communities had their starts or were given impetus to grow further by the railroads. Both the Grand Trunk and the interurban trains affected growth and commerce throughout the area—cities including Fraser, Warren, Algonac and Marine City were all stops. Some stops such as Robert's Landing (between Algonac and Marine City) and Orr's Crossing (at 23 Mile and Gratiot in Chesterfield Township) or Stewart (now Sass Road in Chesterfield), have mostly faded into memory, while other names of stops have remained in the community, such as Donner and Bay Court in Chesterfield which are now street names.



The Chesterfield Depot at 22 Mile and Gratiot



The Columbus station has been preserved and is in the Richmond Historical and Genealogical Society's Historic Village at Beebe Park in Richmond. An interurban waiting station for Pearl Beach can be seen at the Clay Township Park.



Railroad tracks near Masonic Street in the Fraser area.

In Anchorville the interurban split into a local and an express route at Short Cut Road, an old Native American trail. The express ran along Short Cut Road straight to Marine City and on to Port Huron. The local went along the route of M-29

along the shoreline of Anchor Bay, to Fair Haven, Pearl Beach, Algonac, Robert's Landing and on to Port Huron.

One of the first railroads in the Thumb area was the three and a-half mile Fair Haven Wooden Railroad, which generally followed the route of Palms Road in Ira and Casco Townships. It was a narrow gauge track built on four-by-four white oak rails laid on split-log wooden ties built by William and Edwin Jenny. The cars were pulled by teams of oxen and it was used to bring lumber from the Casco Township area around the settlement of Peters, named for farmer John Peters, to the stave mill in Fair Haven near M-19 and Palms Road in the 1850s.

When Michigan became a state, Governor Stevens Mason wanted to build up the infrastructure with canals and railroads. With congressional help, railroads were established across the state including many smaller railroad lines. The train lines were frequently bought by or merged with other companies and it was hard to keep track of them all without a scorecard. In the Thumb area alone,

the trains that at various times operated included the Grand Trunk Western, the Algonac Transit Co., the Port Huron & Detroit RR Co., the Detroit and Bay City RR, the Michigan Central, the Pere Marquette, the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern, and the Port Huron and Detroit Co.

One of the earliest railroads was used to haul logs to Farland's steam powered lumber mill on Milwaukee Creek, the area now known as Lakeport, in 1851.

There was a small train line from East China to Marine City operated by the Port Huron & Detroit Co. There was a small railroad company named the Michigan Air Line that began a line between Richmond and Romeo. The Port Huron and Lake Michigan Railroad laid tracks from Port



Anchorville residents by the interurban tracks

Huron to Emmet, a line which reached Flint in 1871. The Detroit and Bay City Railroad built a line from Detroit north to Bay City in 1872. In 1879, the Port Huron and Northwestern Railroad began with a line to Crosswell and later went up the Thumb along Lake Huron—with branches to E. Saginaw and Bad Axe and Almont. Today about half of its lines are in use as the Huron and Eastern Railroad. A stop on the railroad was Fargo, which became a settlement with its own post office in 1881 due to the railroad. The Fargo post office was around until 1959.



Train car #62 of the Port Huron & Detroit line

Another similar railroad, although a more conventional one with a steam engine instead of oxen for power, was the Algonac Transit Co. Railroad operated by the Chris-Craft boat company. The railroad went along the stretch of land that is now M-29, also known as Dyke Road and River Road in that area, and stretched almost to Chartier Road from Algonac. It was used to haul freight to the Chris

Craft manufacturing area in Algonac. The railroad operated from 1930 until 1957 and the tracks were removed the following year. In the course of the life of the train, it was powered by steam, electric and gas-electric locomotives. Before 1930, Chris Craft would ship via the interurban. When the interurban railroad went out of business, they purchased the seven-mile piece of track from the interurban that went from their Algonac location to Marine City.

The Port Huron and Northwestern Railroad, a narrow gauge track line, morphed into the Pere Marquette line, at first also a narrow gauge line, later converted to standard gauge. They had stations in small towns Almont, Berville, Allenton and Lamb, as well as Port Huron. The train was the main lifeline of Berville and Lamb and when the train disappeared, most of these settlements did also.



Lamb depot of the Pere Marquette Railroad, which was named for early explorer Father Marquette, pere being the French word for "father".

Today the northern part of the Thumb is served by the Huron & Eastern RR, while the southern Thumb has the Grand Trunk (Canadian National), CSX, and the Southern Bay Southern RR. Instead of the steam locomotives, today the trains are driven by diesel engines. Trucks have replaced trains for much of the freight that used to go by rail. The days when trains were the main way to travel and ship cargo have passed, but remnants of those days still remain. 🌱



Railroad tracks in Fair Haven

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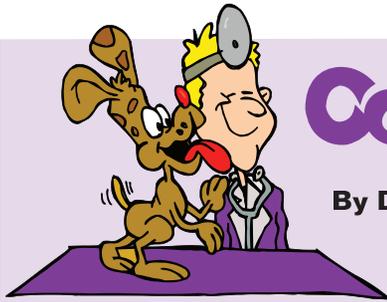
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Corneal Ulcers

By Dr. DiBenedetto *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

What is a Corneal Ulcer?

The cornea is the outermost, transparent layer of the eye. A corneal ulcer develops when there is disruption of the cells that comprise this surface layer. Corneal ulcers can be superficial or deep. Superficial ones can be compared to a scratch on the skin, while deeper ones are more serious and could progress to complete rupture and loss of the eye. Corneal ulcers are common in pets. Dogs and cats with prominent eyes, such as Pugs and Persians are more prone to corneal ulcers.

What Signs can You See with a Corneal Ulcer?

Eye conditions are painful and can change rapidly. Quick diagnosis and treatment can help prevent deeper damage to the cornea and inner eye. The most common signs seen are squinting, excessive blinking, increased drainage, as well as pawing at the eye, or rubbing the eye on furniture or on the ground. There can be cloudiness to the cornea or the third eyelid could be covering the eye. The conjunctiva that surrounds the cornea and lines the eyelids may be very red and swollen. Some pets can be lethargic and depressed from their eye being painful.

What Causes a Corneal Ulcer?

Corneal ulcers can be caused by a number of things, including trauma,

foreign bodies, eyelid conformational abnormalities, chemical or smoke exposure, tear production disorders and infection (bacterial, viral or fungal).

How Are Corneal Ulcers Diagnosed?

A special dye, called fluorescein, is used to check for ulcers on the cornea. If the cornea is damaged, the fluorescent green dye fills in the ulcerated area. A black light is then used to enhance the bright green stain that is taken up by the damaged corneal epithelial cells, making the ulcer clearly visible.

What treatments are used for Corneal Ulcers?

Treatment will depend on the severity and depth of the corneal ulcer. For superficial ulcers, eye drops that treat and/or prevent infection as well as reduce pain are used. For deeper ulcers surgery to help prevent rupture of the eye may be indicated. This involves making a conjunctival flap to suture over the ulcer or sometimes suturing the eyelid closed, leaving just a small opening to administer drops through. Using an e-collar to prevent pawing at the eye is extremely important to successful treatment! 🐾

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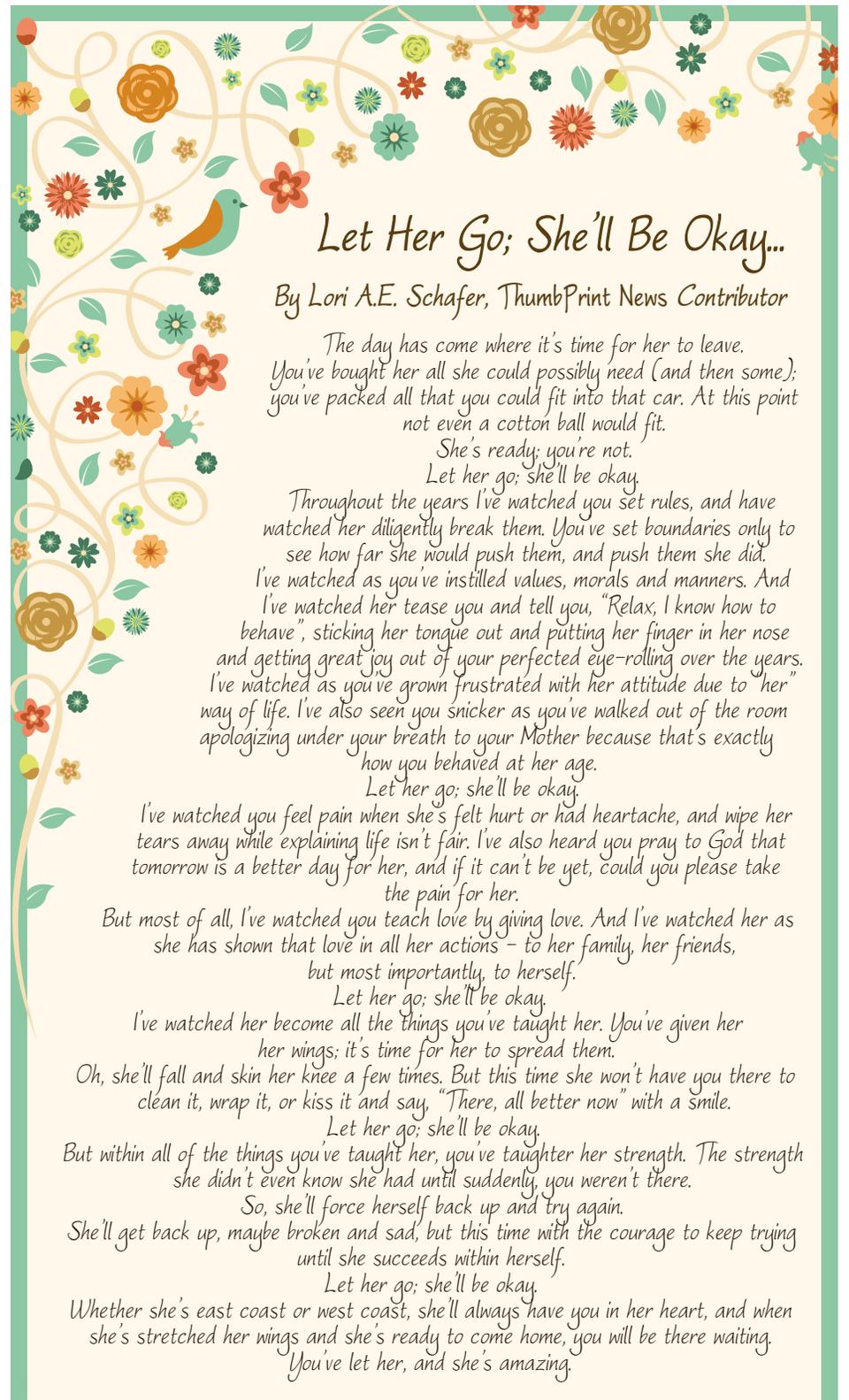
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Let Her Go; She'll Be Okay...

By Lori A.E. Schafer, *ThumbPrint News* Contributor

The day has come where it's time for her to leave. You've bought her all she could possibly need (and then some); you've packed all that you could fit into that car. At this point not even a cotton ball would fit.

She's ready; you're not.

Let her go; she'll be okay.

Throughout the years I've watched you set rules, and have watched her diligently break them. You've set boundaries only to see how far she would push them, and push them she did. I've watched as you've instilled values, morals and manners. And I've watched her tease you and tell you, "Relax, I know how to behave", sticking her tongue out and putting her finger in her nose and getting great joy out of your perfected eye-rolling over the years. I've watched as you've grown frustrated with her attitude due to her way of life. I've also seen you snicker as you've walked out of the room apologizing under your breath to your Mother because that's exactly how you behaved at her age.

Let her go; she'll be okay.

I've watched you feel pain when she's felt hurt or had heartache, and wipe her tears away while explaining life isn't fair. I've also heard you pray to God that tomorrow is a better day for her, and if it can't be yet, could you please take the pain for her.

But most of all, I've watched you teach love by giving love. And I've watched her as she has shown that love in all her actions - to her family, her friends, but most importantly, to herself.

Let her go; she'll be okay.

I've watched her become all the things you've taught her. You've given her her wings; it's time for her to spread them.

Oh, she'll fall and skin her knee a few times. But this time she won't have you there to clean it, wrap it, or kiss it and say, "There, all better now" with a smile.

Let her go; she'll be okay.

But within all of the things you've taught her, you've taught her strength. The strength she didn't even know she had until suddenly, you weren't there.

So, she'll force herself back up and try again.

She'll get back up, maybe broken and sad, but this time with the courage to keep trying until she succeeds within herself.

Let her go; she'll be okay.

Whether she's east coast or west coast, she'll always have you in her heart, and when she's stretched her wings and she's ready to come home, you will be there waiting.

You've let her, and she's amazing.



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By Gabriel Jones

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Now I ask you - how many seniors have ever gone to the laundromat? Or, should I say - how many seniors still do their laundry at home?

I also feel that there are many seniors, such as myself, that have never been in a laundromat.

We seniors are of a different generation in which the woman in the the house was always the caretaker of the cooking and laundry. We men just didn't interfere. And only lately, in my retirement, do I even help with the cooking of meals.

How, then, do you ask...did I get involved with such a thing as the laundromat? Well, here is how it happened.

It all started when I noticed that my wife was spending a lot of evening time in the basement alone. It bothered me that she was working down there by herself, when we should be together upstairs. I mentioned it to her and this is what she said:

Wife: "Gabriel, I know that there have been some evenings that I have been in the basement. But I'm working on the laundry. I can't keep going up and down the stairs several times taking the wash out and putting it in the dryer. I stay there so that I don't have to go up and down the stairs so often."

Gabriel: "Doing the laundry! Can't you do it during the day?"

Wife: "Well, Gabriel...you always keep me busy doing something else with you during the day; so then the only time I have for doing any laundry is in the evening."

Gabriel: "Does that means that we can't go anyplace during the day until you finish the laundry?"

Wife: "No - no - Gabriel! It just means that I have to start saying 'NO' to you once in a while, when you want us to go out someplace."

Gabriel: "That's not good. Now that I'm home all the time, I want to take you out with me to do things."

Wife: "Well... the laundry has to be done. But Gabriel, here's an idea! If we go to the laundromat together, we can get all the laundry done in a very short time."

Gabriel: "Me...going to the laundromat? Why would you want me to

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go? What would I do there?"

Wife: "Well, Gabriel, for one thing, I could really use your help in carrying the washing supplies and the bags of clothes."

Gabriel: "But, there's one thing you haven't mentioned...how much does this all cost?"

Wife: "It all depends on how much laundry we have to wash and dry. Let's just go and figure it out when we get there. Oh, and there's one more thing - the machines run on quarters. We have to be sure to take enough money with us so that we can get quarters from the change machine."

Gabriel: "They have that too?"

Wife: "Yes, Gabriel. They also have an attendant there if you need help with anything."

Gabriel: "Boy, they sure think of everything to get your money."

Wife: "GABRIEL! They are only there to help you if you need anything."

Gabriel: "Alright, I guess I'll go. But, here is the big question.

HOW MUCH WILL ALL THIS COST?"

Wife: "Gabriel, think of it as us going out for dinner."

Gabriel: "A BIG DINNER OR A SMALL DINNER?"

Wife: "GABRIEL!!! Let's just stop the quibbling and come downstairs and help me sort the laundry."

Gabriel: "Sort the laundry. Just put them all in a bag and you can sort them when we get there."

Wife: "No Gabriel, it's easier to do it at home where we have the room to do it."

Gabriel follows his wife to the basement where his wife is separating the whites from the dark clothing - the heavy from the light, etc.

Wife: "We have to put all the whites in one plastic bag and the colored clothes in another bag."

Gabriel: "So that's what you do. If I did the laundry, I would've just picked up a bunch of clothes and thrown them in the washer."

Wife: "Gabriel, I always did the wash and never asked you to help me. So now this will be a new experience for you."

Gabriel: "Ok, love. Let's go and do it together."

Gabriel and his wife load up the car and drive to the nearby laundromat.

After dropping off his wife and parking, Gabriel gets a cart, loads the laundry bags and cleaning materials in it, and walks into the laundromat. Once inside, he looks up and sees a TV set and a sign saying they have Wi-Fi.

Gabriel: "Hey! Love! Look! They've got

television and Wi-Fi. Also, magazines and newspapers to read while you wait. And over here - vending machines with pop and goodies to eat. Why didn't you tell me that they have all this stuff?"

Wife: "Well, Gabriel, I just wanted you to see it for yourself. So let's get started; Gabriel, bring that bag of white clothes next to you and put them in this machine."

Gabriel brings the white clothes, puts them into the machine and closes it.

"What now?"

Wife: "Here's the liquid detergent and fabric softener. Pour the detergent into the hole on top that says detergent, and then put the fabric softener into the hole called 'softener'."

Gabriel slowly pours in the detergent into the detergent hole, and then puts the fabric softener into the hole that says "softener".

Gabriel: "Now, what?"

Wife: "Look at the top of the machine. It tells you how many quarters to put in for a set amount of time."

Gabriel reads the information and then goes to the change machine to get quarters. He puts the needed quarters into the

machine and presses the button to start.

He then walks over to the vending machine which has his "goodies." Gabriel puts the quarters in and makes many selections. He picks up his treats and walks over to the table and chairs to enjoy his purchase.

Wife: "Gabriel, don't sit down yet. You have to get up to take the clothes out of the washing machine so that we can put them into a dryer."

Gabriel: "OK, but let me put this bag of goodies down first."

Gabriel then took out the clothes, placed them in the cart, and followed his wife to the dryers. This process continued until all the washing and drying was done.

Gabriel's wife then started to fold the clothes as Gabriel continued to sit, while reading his newspaper and eating his munchies.

After all the clothes were folded, Gabriel's wife said,

"Gabriel, we're all done. Let's take the laundry to the car."

Gabriel then surprised his wife when he said,

"You know what, love. It really feels good that we accomplished something today. That wasn't too bad. WHEN ARE WE GOING AGAIN?"

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COTTAGE LIVING

By Pamela Grey-Pugliese

ThumbPrint News Columnist

I'm not quite ready to write about closing up my cottage for the winter yet, but it's coming, sad to say. My recent weekend at my place in the Thumb made me aware of the differences of my feelings and thoughts as I am driving north. Such as, the excitement of pulling up to my place and figuring out what little "project" I intend to tackle up there, whether indoors or out, tends to flood my thinking.

I notice that my thoughts change to different things, not similar to those at my city home. Once at my place, I have good reason to let go of the worries, busyness, and crazy schedules that affect our lives. Being up north gives me an excuse to relax, sleep late and be a little lazy...I mean, c'mon, I'm up north!

Sure, the thoughts and issues of city life tend to creep in, but it is much more peaceful to think about and plan your weekly schedule when you are surrounded by nature. Soothing sounds of Lake Huron, birds of all types singing and a nice breeze help to clear my mind first. The stressful issues and daily obligations of life don't seem so bad when you're at a peaceful place that you love. Spending time up north gives me a reason to just "be".

Instead of rushing to the gym for exercise, a walk down the beach makes up for that. Returning phone calls, texts and emails become less frequent, and if my cell service happens to be spotty, no worries, those emails can wait. Sometimes I have to stop and realize

that the background sounds I hear when outside are those of Lake Huron, not the hum of traffic on I-696.

Concerns about how much firewood we have left for the weekend overtake thoughts of school schedules, appointments and work issues. Keeping the poison ivy under control and making sure the hummingbirds have enough liquid food for the week trumps worrying about paying the cable bill and what I need to grocery shop for once I get home to the city!

Thinking about what color to paint the deck next spring is more fun to think about than office and board meeting paperwork that I have waiting for me at home! Waking up at 3:00 a.m. to catch another glimpse of the full starry sky and moon is better than waking up in the city worrying if the doors are locked and what projects are due the next day.

Sure, planning on winterizing my cottage and getting it organized are on my mind as well, but I would rather think of these things than worry if the snow blower and ice melter are ready for the coming winter at my city home.

Next month, I'll research some easy tips and tricks on beginning to winterize our cabins, even though I will still be visiting my place at times during the winter months. The snow and cold weather can't keep me away no matter how hard it may try! 🍂



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I'm HEAR



By Liv Anne Lern

Dear Liv,

My husband and I hang around with a great group of friends who recently decided to take a vacation together. One of our friends has a very wealthy friend who owns a beautiful six bedroom "mini-mansion" in Florida. This gentleman kindly offered his home to all of us for nothing more than a few nice bottles of wine for his collection, so we jumped at the chance. Originally, there were six couples set to go, all of whom we love. We were so excited until we found out that one of the couples dropped out and that someone invited another couple whom my husband and I just don't care for. The husband is a pompous know-it-all, and his wife is a loud-mouth gossip, who "thinks" she's part of the queen's court. We've already paid for our airline tickets and we really want to go. However, I'm just not sure we can take a week with these two ridiculous people. Even my husband is a bit concerned, and he doesn't usually say anything about this kind of stuff. What do you think we should do?

Frantic about Florida!

Dear Frantic,

What a nice man to offer his house like that! It sounds like a wonderful opportunity. Well, I think you have a few options here:

- You can go and do your best to stay away from these two (as much as you can stay away from someone in the same house).
- You can give this couple another chance. Someone in your group likes these people enough to ask them to come along on a vacation, so perhaps you got the wrong impression in the past.
- You can go to Florida with the plane tickets you have, but put up the money to stay somewhere else in the area. That way you can still visit with those in your group, but don't have to be subject to being around the couple you don't care for.
- You can make up an excuse and change your plane tickets to another time, and get out of being with this group all together.

Any of these ideas are doable, but personally I would want to give the second one a try. Now, maybe this couple is exactly as you say. If that's the case, plan to do many things outside of the house. Go to the beach with your husband or another couple from the group. Go shopping, take a walk, or go sight-seeing. I'd suspect that a six bedroom house is going to be rather spacious, and that you could manage to be away from these people enough to get you through the week. And perhaps...just perhaps, you might find yourself alone chatting with this woman, and discover that maybe she's more real than you thought. Often our insecurities make us act or do things that aren't very flattering. I've found that people are much more vulnerable than we think, and that different environments and circumstances bring about different conversations, and offer up opportunities for people to be "real" – which in turn helps others to understand why they may act the way that they do. Compassion for what they've lived through in their life gives you a different perspective on this person, and can really change how you feel about them. Again, someone in the group of friends you love thinks these people are worth having as friends. This might turn out so much differently than what you're anticipating. Of course you can do what you want, but I think the HIGH ROAD will take you to the paradise vacation you're dreaming of...not the vacation from hell you want to avoid!

Live and Learn

Dear Liv,

My birthday is coming up, and I have a friend who almost every year pressures me into having a party. I don't like to be the center of attention, and I always try to discourage her suggestion. In past years, if I've chosen not to have one, she puts together a surprise one anyway. I'm getting to the point where I don't want to get together with her on my birthday, as I know she'll want to turn it into something I don't want. I know that she has the best intentions and she's doing this because she loves me, but I'm getting pretty sick of it. Please help!!

Jayden

Dear Jayden,

I'm sure your friend does love you, but if she's a real friend, she'll stop pressuring you to do this every year. It sounds like you'll have to be rather forward with her, as in the past, it seems like she hasn't taken your decline very seriously. You'll just have to tell her you appreciate her excitement regarding your birthday. However, it isn't what you want. If you're up for it, you may even suggest that you'll help her put a big party together for HER birthday, as perhaps it's the attention she

craves. (If she's putting together a party for you, most likely others are telling her what a "wonderful friend" she is for doing so.) Suggesting a party for her takes the focus off you, and may supply the attention she may be looking for. If this doesn't work, you may simply want to plan to sneak off to some fantastic vacation get-a-way for your special day!! Enjoy!

Live and Learn

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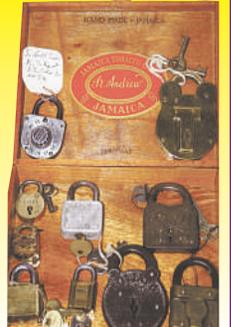


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ARMADA

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famous Armada Ridge Road, which was once an old Indian foot trail and ultimately became part of a network of roads immigrants frequented between Romeo and Port Huron. Once the road was laid out, the town began heading down a prosperous path. A stagecoach stop was also featured in the area on a street known today as Fulton, bringing even more traffic through the region. The corner was renamed Honeoye for a short period of time after many residents from New York settled in the area and changed it to honor their hometown. When Armada was incorporated in 1867, many names were turned down before a town elder suggested Armada, which was immediately adopted even though the meaning was never revealed.

When the large group of immigrants flocked to Michigan, the majority of them took one of two popular routes to reach the area, which made it possible for many new residents to settle in Armada. People who made the move by horse and buggy most likely traveled down the Hoxie Trail, which today is known as 32 Mile Road. If the move was made by waterways, which is the path many New Yorkers took to reach Michigan, most came up the Erie Canal. The opening of the canal in 1825 made it possible for New York residents to reach Michigan much easier and by 1850, those immigrants accounted for 1/3 of Michigan's population. Once more and more immigrants started arriving in Macomb County, residents became eager to establish separate townships. At the time, Armada was part of Ray Township, which later included Lenox, Richmond

and Macomb Townships, as well. When Macomb County first came about in 1818, it included all of St. Clair, Livingston, Oakland, Genesee and Lapeer Counties, as well as part of Shiawassee, Ingham, Sanilac, Tuscola, Huron and Saginaw Counties.

Settlers took it upon themselves to create and maintain the roadways by removing gravel from their property to fill potholes because road taxes were so high at the time. Before roads started to get a stronger base, the majority of roadways were impossible to navigate for a majority of the year due to the swampy land and large ruts. The swamps were so feared at the time that contractors, who were hired to build the roads, refused to take on the task. When laying out roads, such as Armada Ridge, many different forms were used before one was found that worked. Corduroy roads, which consisted of logs laid side by side, soon began to be built on top of the muddy rutted roads, but were not used for long because the uneven logs caused an extremely rough ride.

The rounded log roads soon gave way to plank roads, which brought more growth to Armada. The new streets were laid on top of the log foundations and were usually about 12 feet wide, but were often wider in downtown areas. Building these roads was very expensive, ranging from several hundred to several thousand dollars for each mile, depending on condition and wood availability. In order to pay for the new transportation paths, travelers were charged a fee for use of the roads, which often amounted to a cent or two per mile, per horse. While some thought the fees

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View of north side of Main Street in Armada circa 1910

snapshots OF ARMADA

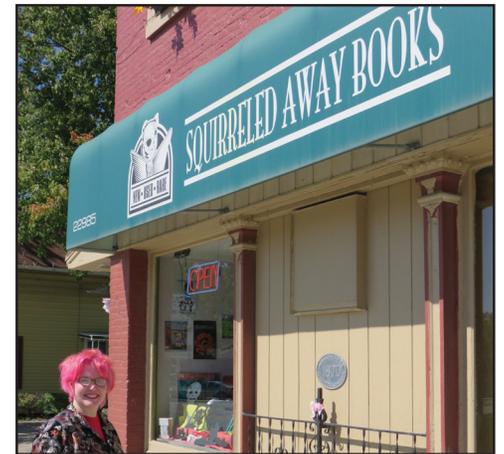


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for printing the article, "Sand Beach/Harbor Beach". I live in Macomb Township and was delighted to find this in my mailbox.

Karen Frazier

(Editor's note: Karen, we are glad you enjoyed the article. Karen had also requested that we email the story to her to send to family and friends around the world. We do not normally do this, as the author of the article retains the rights to it. However, readers are always welcome to send a link to ThumbPrint News' website, www.thumbprintnews.com, where anyone can read all articles and the entire paper online.)

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Sue Rutkofske,
Supervisor Digital Media Production
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Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you on your wonderful paper. Keep up the good work.

P.S. I love your stories on the small cities you write about.

Percy Sova,
Richmond, Michigan

Dear Editor,

The mission of RESA is to help each student in St. Clair County reach his or her potential. We achieve this mission by operating programs such as Woodland

Dear Editor,

The 2014 Frankenmuth Woodcarving Show will take place on Sunday, October 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The show is located at the Frankenmuth High School, 525 E. Genesee St., Frankenmuth, Michigan. Admission is \$3.00 per adult, \$5.00 per couple and \$6.00 per family. Children under 12 are free. There will be woodcarving of all kinds, carving supplies and tools to view and purchase. Demonstrations go on throughout the day. For further information contact Anita at aharr76@hotmail.com or call the carving club on Thursdays for 9:00 a.m. – noon at (989) 332-6385.

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Scherryl Antoniadis

ENIGMA (i' nigmə)

By Scherryl Antoniadis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Like many people, I love a good riddle - or *enigma* - in pretty much any way, shape or form.

[ENIGMA: Greek origin, a noun used to describe someone or something that is difficult to understand or explain; an obscure speech or writing; an inscrutable or mysterious person]

My predilection for the seemingly inexplicable means that I spend what many might consider an inordinate amount of time reading about, and watching documentaries on, murder mysteries. What fascinates me is not the commission of the crime itself, but rather the methods and techniques employed by law enforcement and others in their attempt to solve the case.

On a more cheery note, watching the Discovery and History channels, and poring over *National Geographic*, has given me some insight into the endless oddities of nature and animal/human behavior. I also love the challenge of crossword puzzles and other brain-teasers. (These kinds of activities are thought to help keep our memories sharp but I, personally, have yet to find any evidence of this.)

There are, and no doubt always will be, countless things in our vast universe that we mere mortals cannot fathom; below are just a few that have stumped experts for years . . . in one case for centuries.

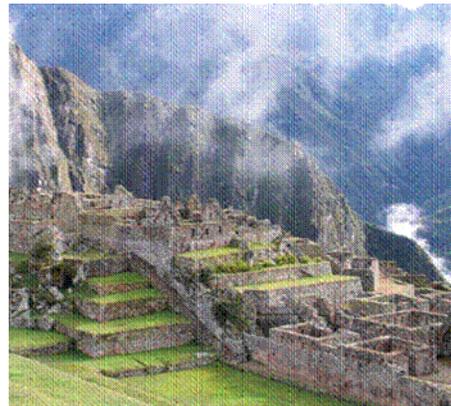
The Mighty Empire of South America

The Incan Empire of South America flourished between 1200 and 1535 A.D. The Incan people built drainage systems and canals to expand their crops, as well as stone cities atop steep mountains such as Machu Picchu (shown below) without ever inventing the wheel.

It is well established that the region around Tiahuanco, at 12,500 feet elevation, had been turned into a highly productive agricultural zone. This was achieved through the building of dikes, dams, canals, and raised beds that created microclimates to protect plants from frost. Despite its vast achievements, the Incan

Empire, with its 40,000-man army, was no match for 180 Spanish conquistadors armed with advanced weapons and smallpox.

The Piri Reis Map



The Piri Reis map was discovered, quite by accident, in 1929 in a museum in Turkey; and since then, no logical explanation for its illustrations has been found.

In approximate dimensions of 60x86 cm., the Turkish admiral Piri Reis designed, in 1513, a map of the world which included Portugal, Spain, West Africa, Central and South Atlantic, the Caribbean, the eastern half of South America and a part of Antarctica.

To explain countries that were not represented on the original map, Piri Reis indicated in his writings that he had drawn North America and the rest of the eastern half of the world on pieces of the map that were probably destroyed over the years.

The point is that this map is so accurate in detail that it raises a number of questions: How could an admiral of the 16th century model the entire Earth without the benefit of aerial observation? How was it possible for him to separate the continents and coasts in their correct distances without any knowledge of the Azimuthal projection or spherical trigonometry required for mapping? And how did he design the Antarctic when it had not even been officially discovered at that time?

The Voynich Manuscript

The *Voynich Manuscript* was discovered in 1912 in an Italian monastery. It is a book of mysterious pictorial content written in an incomprehensible language. Scientists believe that it was written centuries ago (approximately 400 to 800 years) by an anonymous author using an unknown writing code.

It's possible that it served as a pharmacy book (as it appears to describe aspects of medieval and early medicine), as well as an astronomical and cosmological map. Even stranger than its language are its images of unknown plants and cosmological charts, and pictures of naked women in a green liquid.

Dozens of cryptanalysts, scholars and scientists have tried to translate the manuscript but to no avail. Many have come to the conclusion that it is an elaborate hoax, that the encrypted words are random and meaningless, and that the unorthodox images are fantasy.

Today, the *Voynich Manuscript* is in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript

Library at Yale University; as yet, no one has managed to decipher a word of it.

It seems to me that in spite of all of the knowledge amassed by mankind over the years, there are now more, rather than less, things that we do not understand about the world around us. To prove my point, here are some of the many things that currently have me very perplexed . . .

What is up with the "Baby on Board" placards? Do drivers who display these signs really think people will drive more cautiously if they know who is in the car next to them? I don't, but in the off chance that they are right I'm going to put a "Menopausal Woman on Board" placard on my car. Better safe than sorry.

What, in the name of all that's holy, do we have to do to make the Kardashians go away?

Just when did guys wearing their pants around their ankles become "fashion" and when will it ever end?

Why do retailers have "buy one, get one free" sales, but steadfastly refuse to sell you just one item for 50% off?



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This month, ThumbPrint News traveled to Ireland with Linda Glaza-Herrington and Larry Herrington of Rockford, Michigan. Here is what Linda had to say about the three pictures she submitted:

Picture 1: This is the Visitor Center, Battle of the Boyne site, not far from Drogheda, County Meath, Republic of Ireland. The picture was taken at the site of the 1690 Battle of the Boyne which changed course of Irish history. Protestant William of Orange defeated Catholic James II at the battle and assured the Protestant ascendancy in Ireland.

Picture 2: This was taken outside Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom.

Picture 3: Pictured are Hildy Stewart, Larry Herrington and Linda Glaza-Herrington outside Titanic Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, a visitor attraction and a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the Belfast's Titanic Quarter. The combination museum / amusement park tells the stories of the ill-fated RMS Titanic, which sank on her maiden voyage in 1912, and her sister ships RMS Olympic and HMHS Britannic.

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WHERE HAS YOUR THUMBPRINT NEWS BEEN?

1 NORTHERN IRELAND ALONG WITH ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND ARE LEGAL JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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THESE THREE PICTURES WERE TAKEN IN TWO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH BOTH COUNTRIES ARE ON THE ISLAND COMMONLY KNOWN AS "IRELAND", PICTURED IN THE LOWER LEFT.

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Manners

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

I recently overheard a woman telling two children, "Mind your manners," and thought to myself when was the last time I heard someone say that? My guess is, because the woman appeared to be close to my age and the youngsters responded quickly to her gentle voice of authority, she was probably their grandmother.

The thought about manners came to me again while in a restaurant and finding I could not avoid watching two adults with two children at a table near mine. The children were eating much of what was on their plates without utensils even though nothing that had been served could be considered finger-food. The table napkins remained neatly folded next to the plates and their hands were occasionally wiped on their clothing. The kids, too, were carrying on a minor altercation without interruption from either of the adults, one of which was busing on a cellular telephone while attempting to navigate the food from his plate. I momentarily thought about the older woman suggesting that the children mind their manners.

I do often wonder if manners as I may have known them have mostly disappeared or have possibly just been modified to meet our fast-paced society? Some might suggest that more traditional rules of social etiquette are actually barriers to self-expression and infringe on our personal freedoms. I have even been told that they are stupid and don't mean anything anyway.

My old-fashion view regarding manners and courtesies is that they were not developed to make someone's life more difficult. The truth is they once had and I believe still do have purpose, making life more amendable and even bearable at times. They are a demonstration of consideration and respect for others. That caused me to recall some of the manners taught by my mother when I was not very old.

Table manners were difficult at first to learn, but easy to remember once you knew Mom was always watching, ready to coach you through your meal. We would receive advice that remains with me today: Don't chew with your mouth open; remember to use your napkin; no elbows on the table; and instead of reaching for something, ask politely to have it passed to you. We didn't eat with our fingers and always asked to be excused before leaving the table.

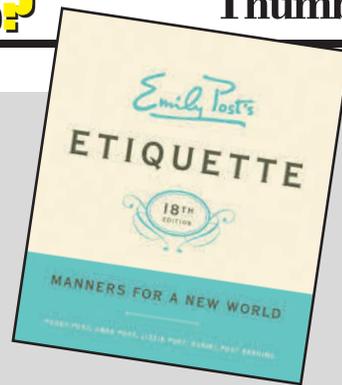
As a boy, the only one among five children, my mother thought I needed to be a "gentleman" following the guidelines created by others. As an example, she often reminded by that I was to open a door for women or older people and that I could expect a "thank you" in response. I still do that, but rarely receive the reply.

I learned too that it was courteous to always remove my hat when I entered a building, especially someone's home, and that I would never wear it in school or church. I was also advised that I should tip my hat slightly when meeting a woman. It still bothers me to see a male wearing a hat in church and forget about the doffing of one's hat upon meeting a lady.

Another aspect of my "training to be a gentleman" was learning to always remain on the outside or curbside when walking with a woman. I don't think Mom knew why and for many years I didn't either. It really related to protecting women from the splashing of water and mud causing by passing horse-drawn carriages. The buggies have long gone as has the practice, although this old man still does it.

Of course I must remember that time has passed. I do understand there's a cultural and socially-sanctioned element to everything causing behaviors to be modified. But, I wonder if words like thank you, excuse me, please, and you're welcome still mean what they used to. Is it more difficult to teach table manners when families rarely eat together or when many meals are served from a drive-through window? How much has technology impacted how we react to each other? Is it really too much to ask that men respectfully remove their hats or caps when entering a place of worship? How difficult is it to say thank you when someone opens a door for you? There are far too many questions in search of answers.

Having given the subject of manners and politeness then and now much thought, I have reduced my understanding to a simple realization that was best emphasized by the recognized lady of etiquette, Emily Post. She said, "Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use." With that in mind, I conclude my essay with a slight tip of my hat and a simple thank you for reading it. Now, please excuse me. 🍴



ARMADA

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were too expensive, farmers didn't mind paying the toll since it eliminated the need to rub down their horses as they did after a long trip on the previously rough terrain. Plank roads were chosen because they wouldn't wash away or break when the ground thawed, as well as the vast surplus of trees along the trails.

Plank roads became popular around the mid- 1800s and were the most used type of road even though asphalt or macadam surfaced roads existed 50 years earlier.

The new and improved roads did much more for Armada than just make it possible to travel places previously unreachable. Farmers were now able to make a decent living by traveling farther to different markets where crops sold for a higher price than they did locally. Before plank roads came along, many farmers weren't even able to get their crops to the local market because roads were impassible for a majority of the year, making it tough for farmers to make a living. Due to the higher quality roads, wear and tear on horses was greatly reduced and horseshoes and harnesses lasted much longer, saving farmers money previously spent on repairs. With transportation becoming easier, people were now able to converse and become social, which resulted in improved modes of farming, as well as the ability for physicians to reach a home if a family member became ill. Residents also noticed a rise in manners and residents began to dress better. With an increase in human interaction, family members were no longer spitting images of each other and started to become their own person.



Armada Free Public Library

Residents who owned land near a recently installed plank road experienced a large increase in property value because of the new convenience. While the new type of road did a great deal for the economy when they were first installed, it only took a few years of wear and tear to cause a great deal of damage. Plank roads started to be treated with pitch or tar to stop rotting, but rutting also occurred frequently due to the heavy wagon loads constantly using the roadways. Once the roads became deteriorated, gravel was used to patch the roadways, but resulted in a rougher and slower ride. Today, many plank roads still lie beneath the roads we drive on and the type of road is still used periodically to cross sand dunes.

As proof of how much the new roads boosted the economy, Armada housed more business around this time than it does today. During the town's prime, the area was home to seven grocery stores, a theatre, an opera house, a hotel, three hardware stores, a lumber yard, five doctors and several blacksmiths. Despite the fact that more businesses were located in town over 100 years ago, Armada is now one of the fastest growing places in the tri-county area and is home to nearly 1,800 residents and the famous Armada Fair. 🍴



Armada Congregational Church circa 1934



HOUSE FOR LIFE

I wish to start this article with a dedication. Although you will be reading this in October, I sit down to write it in August. During this month, the world lost a good man and I wish to dedicate this article to his memory. He was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and an employer. I dedicate my article this month to the memory of Gordon Birgbauer Jr. who passed away. He was my employer for the last three years and is a man who truly cared for his employees. He will be dearly missed.

By Paul Welch

ThumbPrint News Columnist

October is fire prevention month. I found myself wondering, "Why October?" and found the answer in my research; most house fires and house fire deaths in the U.S. occur during the colder months from November to March (www.esfi.org/index.cfm/page/Fire-Statistics/pid/12014). Common causes of house fires are cooking, smoking and electrical wiring, including extension cords. Since I have titled my column House for Life, it seemed fitting that I write about preventing and dealing with house fires. This information could not only save your home, but also your life.

Burning Dinner - Kitchen fires are common and are usually caused by grease, towels, or paper towels catching fire. While cooking, make sure that flammable objects are kept away from sources of heat. If paper or cloth catch on fire, water will aid you in putting it out. When cooking, use a spatter-screen to keep grease or oils from splashing out and hitting the burner. If grease in a pan catches fire, water is the worst thing you can do. Instead, baking soda will help extinguish the flames. While these remedies work, the best thing to do is to have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen to handle any possible fire.

Comfy Cozy - Candles and fireplaces are other causes of house fires. It is ok to burn candles as long as you do so responsibly. Keep them away from anything that can catch fire and blow them out when done. Fireplaces are a good source of heat in the winter and give a very cozy, sometimes romantic feeling to the home. Again, if you use one make sure you do so responsibly. Keep the chimney clean and a grate in front of the fire. Let the fire die down if you will be going to bed.

A Pack a Day - Even though I don't smoke, I understand that people still do. If you smoke, remember that you have in your hand a source of heat that can ignite your surroundings. Falling asleep while smoking is the most dangerous thing you can do. It is a deadly combination that will likely kill you.

Shocking - Electrical fires are the worst

because they can start when you are home or away, awake or asleep. It can be caused by faulty wiring, electrical devices or extension cords. Your fuse box or breaker box will protect you, but don't take them for granted. The risk can still be present even with good fuses and breakers. Make sure your wiring is up to code. Also replace faulty extension cords, electrical devices, switches, outlets and light fixtures. If a cord is frayed, replace it. If an electrical device is acting up, stop using it and replace it.

What's That Smell - Gas leaks are another dangerous health and fire hazard. Fortunately, natural gas companies have added something to make a leak detectable. It has a rotten egg smell that your nose will noticed pretty easily. If you smell a gas leak, refrain from using any electrical devices or using any sources of heat. If you know where the leak is and are able to, shut the gas off at the closest shutoff, open the windows to air out the house, and either repair the leak or have it repaired. If you are not sure, exit the house and call your gas company. Most have a number to report leaks and will be able to help you in that situation.

Better Safe than Sorry - These are all things that will decrease the chance of a fire happening, but sometimes it still happens. Most people who die in fires die from smoke inhalation because they don't get out in time, often because they are sleeping. That is why we put smoke detectors in our houses. They alert us and wake us up when a fire starts. For them to work effectively make sure you have one in each room. Make sure you test them every month to make sure they still work. Almost 2/3 of fire deaths happen because of not having smoke detectors or not having ones that work (<http://www.esfi.org/index.cfm/page/Fire-Statistics/pid/12014>). Change the batteries every year if they are battery powered or have a battery backup. If any of them are not working, replace them. If you have a family, make sure you have a plan to get out of the house and everyone knows it.

Ready, Aim, Fire - Having fire extinguishers in the house can help

minimize the damage if a fire happens. Keep them in locations where they are easy to get to. One should be kept in the kitchen, in a closet in the living room, in the garage, and other convenient places. They are available at your local hardware store and are worth the cost. Make sure they are rated for several types of fire. Pull the pin, aim the hose at the base of the fire, and squeeze the handle going back and forth in a sweeping motion. Do not take any risks when it comes to trying to put out a fire. Your life is more valuable than your home. Grab your cell phone if it is nearby, get out of there, and call 911 if the fire is spreading too fast. If your cell phone isn't

nearby, go to the neighbor's house and make the call. The house can be replaced; the lives of you and your family can not.

Have a safe and fun Halloween. If you have any questions or comments e-mail me at thumbprintnews@comcast.net and I will reply in a timely manner. 🍁

Editor's note: Paul Welch has 15 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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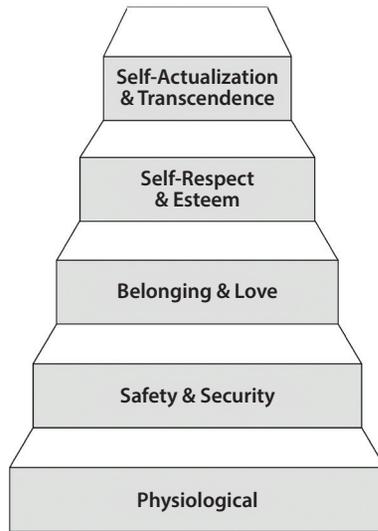
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The New Math of Relationship

By John Vincent Senkus

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Self-Respect and Esteem. This level of Maslow's needs hierarchy represents feeling worthwhile and being capable of mastering life's tasks and challenges. It also entails the recognition and pride that this can bring. Collectively, these components help perpetuate the confidence and energy necessary to keep us moving along our growth path. However, this level, more than any other, is the slipperiest to navigate through. For



many, instead of serving as the threshold to actualization—it ends up becoming a final destination. Often, it's all due to three letters—EGO: One small word that holds huge consequences. The ego has limited the possibilities of countless individuals and relationships. It has weakened many a society, and even country. Its misdirection has held back the positive effect of an endless array of humanity's potential.

So just how does the ego create so many obstacles, and why can it be so difficult to keep in check? *Much of the answer lies in the difference between needs versus wants* (they are definitely not interchangeable!). To optimize your growth path, and your relationship, you must know how to differentiate between the two. Fulfilling wants creates temporary happiness, while fulfilling and maintaining needs creates lasting satisfaction. Needs are the essential building blocks that lead to the development of our physical body, mental capacities, emotional depth, and ultimately our spirituality—connecting us step by step to our essential-self. Wants distract, divert, and feed the ego. They take away our focus and are terrific at proliferating as they try to compensate for our unfulfilled needs. In fact, that is their specialty. They love to disguise themselves and masquerade as needs, and much too often we may become very willing accomplices. We can become adept at turning the most frivolous of wants into “needs”. We spend disproportionate amounts of thoughts, time, and monies chasing those things that bring glancing contentment, only to repeat the cycle over and over again with something else. It's akin to forming numerous chain links, but

never connecting them.

Always keep in mind that *needs center and wants veer*. Needs are like a compass that points to self-fulfillment. Their direction keeps leading us back to our center. Wants lead to a spin cycle; just like the dog chasing after its own tail. Lots of energy is spent, but you just end up off course going round and round. Wants are a reflection of inordinate disproportion. Their over indulgence results in a starving of our higher

level needs. Because of wants, humankind is the only species that lives in excess. No other creature gathers more than they use. This contradicts the basic principles of Nature, and whenever principles are violated, there is a cost. The price of admission for wants is the compromise and dilution of needs. As more and more wants take up space in our lives—the less room there is for needs. For many, a house, a job, or even a car, become esteem and status symbols. No longer just a home, a way to earn a living, or transportation. They become a means versus an ends. The time and energy spent on “wallpaper wants” leaves little left over. This lost focus on the primary and the essential can leave our higher needs bare.

With all the “perils” of wants duly noted, none of us go through life without some propensity and degree of want. Therefore, what becomes vital is the equilibrium that is maintained between them. The intent isn't to live life bare boned without any fulfillment of want. When balanced and in the proper context, the fulfillment of wants can be enjoyable, restful, and a necessary pause from our normal routines (kind of like “pseudo-needs”). *But they are only beneficial when supplementing a needs path*. While a higher perk vacation; extra comfortable furniture; a sun roof and premium stereo; or acquiring more fishing rods, clothes, tools, cosmetics, etc., than really required—won't fall into the formal “needs” category—when moderately applied, these creature comforts can be somewhat helpful in our true needs path. However, when they start to replace, mask, divert, or get in the way of fulfilling needs,

then we have a problem. Because wants shift our energy away from true center, they create a horizontal and shallow path; lacking the roots for proper growth. We only grow when we move in a vertical direction, going deeper and deeper into ourselves.

We must also keep in mind that not all wants can be specifically identified and “categorized”. A particular interest or possession to one person may be a very articulated expression of a satisfied need. While for another, this same interest or possession could be a soon discarded want that was chased due to boredom or

compensation. It is the intent and linkage that will determine if a particular item will fall into the “needs” or the “wants” category. Remember, the ego is a major roadblock that not only impedes our own self-relationship—it minimizes the intimate relationship we have with our partner as well. When our thoughts are so absorbed by “me” ... it's hard to concentrate on the “we”!

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In our next column, we will look more closely at how to differentiate between needs versus wants. 🌱



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What Happened on This Day in History?

By Louise Allen
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

OCTOBER

1. On this day in 1908, the Ford Model T, the first car for millions of Americans, hits the market. Over 15 million Model Ts are eventually sold, all of them black.

2. On this day in 1964, scientists announce findings that smoking can cause cancer.

3. On this day in 1951, a "shot is heard around the world" when New York Giants' outfielder Bobby Thomson hits a home run in the bottom of the ninth inning, beating the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the National League pennant.



4. On this day in 1965, Pope Paul VI arrives in New York, the first Pope ever to visit the U.S. and the Western hemisphere.

5. On this day in 1921, the World Series is broadcast on radio for the first time.

6. On this day in 1995, astronomers discover 51 Pegasi is the second star known to have a planet orbiting it.



7. On this day in 1849, Edgar Allan Poe, aged 40, dies a tragic death in Baltimore. Never able to overcome his drinking habits, he was found in a delirious condition outside a saloon that was used as a voting place.

8. On this day in 1897, journalist Charles Henry Dow, founder of the *Wall Street Journal*, begins charting trends of stocks and bonds.

9. On this day in 1949, Harvard Law School begins admitting women.

10. On this day in 1971, the London Bridge, built in 1831 and dismantled in 1967, reopens in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, after being sold to Robert P. McCulloch and moved to the United States.

11. On this day in 1984, astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan, part of the crew of Space Shuttle *Challenger*, becomes the first American woman to walk in space.

12. On this day in 1970, President Richard Nixon announces the pullout of 40,000 more Americans troops in Vietnam by Christmas.

13. On this day in 1904, Sigmund Freud's *The Interpretation of Dreams* is published.

14. On this day in 2012, Felix Baumgartner breaks the world record for highest manned balloon flight, highest parachute jump, and greatest free-fall velocity, parachuting from an altitude of approximately 24 miles (39km).



15. On this day in 1989, Canadian hockey player Wayne Gretzky makes his 1,851st goal, breaking the all-time scoring record in the National Hockey League.

16. On this day in 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt incites controversy by inviting black leader Booker T. Washington to the White House.

17. On this day in 1989, the worst earthquake in .82 years strikes the San Francisco Bay Area minutes before the start of a World Series game there. The earthquake registers 6.9 on the Richter scale - 67 are killed and damage is estimated at \$10 billion.

18. On this day in 1967, a Russian unmanned .spacecraft makes the first landing on the surface of Venus.

19. On this day in 1949, the People's Republic of .China is formally proclaimed.

20. On this day in 1977, a charter plane .crashes in Mississippi, killing three members of popular Southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, along with their assistant road manager, the pilot and co-pilot.

21. On this day in 1879, after 14 months of testing, Thomas Edison first demonstrates his electric lamp, hoping to one day compete with gaslight.



22. On this day in 1918, the cities of Baltimore .and Washington run out of coffins during the "Spanish Influenza" epidemic.

23. On this day in 1952, the Nobel Prize for .Medicine is awarded to Ukrainian-born microbiologist Selmar A. Waksman for his discovery of an effective treatment of tuberculosis.

24. On this day in 1938, the Fair Labor .Standards Act becomes law, establishing the 40-hour work week.

25. On this day in 1962, Adlai Stevenson shows .photos to the UN Security Council that prove Soviet missiles have been installed in Cuba.

26. On this day in 1970, Gary Trudeau's comic .strip "Doonesbury" first appears.

27. On this day in 1997, stock markets crash .around the world over fears of a global economic meltdown.

28. On this day in 1904, .the St. Louis police try a new investigation method - fingerprints.



29. On this day in 2012, .hurricane Sandy devastates much of the East Coast of the U.S.; nearly 300 die directly or indirectly from the storm.

30. On this day in 1938, H.G. Wells' *War of .the Worlds* is broadcast over the radio by Orson Wells' Mercury Theatre. Many panic believing it is an actual newscast about a Martian invasion.

31. On this day in 1941, after 14 years of work, .the Mount Rushmore National Memorial is completed.

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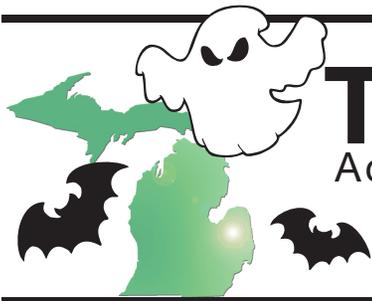
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Thumb Area Activites & Events Calendar October

If you have an event in November that you would like listed in the November issue of *ThumbPrint News*, email it to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net by October 12, 2014. There is no charge for the listing. Limited space is available for publishing events in this section. If it becomes necessary to eliminate some of the events that were submitted to us, we apologize. Events that were submitted earliest and non-profit events will be given the first priority.

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

Genesee

Flint - October 24

The Art of Video Games Kick-off,

Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley, 6:00 p.m. – 3:30 a.m. Kick-off this exhibition with an all-ages event. Adult presentation begins at 6:00 p.m., while kids enjoy a video game themed craft in the Art School. Afterwards, enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, music and more. For more information and cost visit <http://www.flintarts.org/exhibitions/upcoming/taovg.html>.

Huron

Bad Axe - October 11

Thumb Area Chapter of Pheasants Forever Banquet, Franklin Inn, 1070 M-145, 5:00 p.m.

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Richmond - October 2

Historic Richmond: The Churches,

Richmond Community Center, Beebe St. Park, 7:00 p.m. Program is offered by The Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society and is free and open to the public. For more information call (586) 808-2953.

New Baltimore - October 4

19th Annual New Baltimore Make a Difference Day,

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glaucoma, blood pressure and diabetes screening; free hot dogs, chips, beverage, pumpkins and candy and many activities for children, including crafts, face painting, a magician and a petting farm.

Memphis - October 11

Smoked Pork Dinner and Euchre,

Memphis Lions Hall, 34758 Pratt Rd., dinner 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., euchre starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$7 (7 years and up), \$3 (6 years and under). \$1 refreshments, \$10 euchre. Everyone welcome. All proceeds will go toward reroofing the pavilion. For more information email bebronson@frontier.com.

Richmond - October 25

17th Annual "Share the Gift" Craft

Show, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 67055 Gratiot Ave., 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Donation at the door of \$.50 or a canned food item for needy families. Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cookie Walk, homemade German potato salad and baked beans. For more information call (810) 392-2528.

Oakland

Davisburg - October 4 & 5

Michigan Antique Festival,

Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Rd., Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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St. Clair

Various St. Clair County Locations - All of October

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Kimball - October 4

Arts 'N Craft Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Free admission. Over 50 tables, bake sale and used book sale - something for everyone! Sponsored by K of C Ladies Auxiliary #95236.

Fort Gratiot - October 10

Free Blood Pressure and Body Mass Index (BMI) Screenings, Birchwood Mall Food Court, 4350 24th Ave., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Heart Healthy educational materials will be freely available as well. No registration required. For more information call (800) 326-1811 or go to www.partnersatheart.info.

Casco - October 13

QuarterMania, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 5322 Palms Rd., 7:00 p.m. QuarterMania is a cross between an auction and a raffle where people bid to win the item being offered. Items range from \$5 to \$20 in value, available for bid at 1 to 4 quarters per item based on the auctioneer's reset cost. A winning bid number is called until a qualifying bidder is determined. Fill a table with 8 - 10 friends for an evening of energetic fun. Bring \$10 in quarters or more. Each table hostess to provide dessert for buffet table. Cold beverages and coffee provided. Proceeds benefit the community services the church provides. For reservations call (810) 765-4808. For more information visit www.stpaulscasco.com.

Fair Haven - October 17

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East China - October 18

Fall Craft and Vendor Show, St. John River District Hospital, 4100 River Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Table rental \$25. A Health-A-Rama will also be held. Sponsored by St. John River District Auxiliary. For more information call Betty at (810) 765-4786 or (810) 434-5033.

Algonac - October 22

Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Catherine Activity Center, 1103 Washington, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Algonac/Clay Historical Society, with proceeds benefitting the Maritime Museum Complex. Tickets available at the door. \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 12 and under. For more information call Paula at (810) 794-9641.

Lakeport - October 22

Free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Body Mass Index (BMI) Screenings, Burtchville Township Library, 7093 Second St., 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Heart Healthy educational materials will be freely available as well. No registration required. For more information call (800) 326-1811 or go to www.partnersatheart.info.

Port Huron - October 22

St. Clair County Family History Group Meeting, Port Huron Museum, 1115 6th St., 7:30 p.m. Historian Charles Homberg of St. Clair will present "Fort Sinclair and The Pinery 1764-1785". He is the author of *St. Clair; Michigan*. After the presentation his book will be available for purchase and signing. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit our programs as a guest or become a new member of the group. For more information visit <http://www.rootswebancestry.com/~miscfgh/> or call (317) 600-7813.

Marysville - October 23

Pasta to Help End Polio, Alexander's Premiere Banquet Center, 1195 Gratiot Ave., 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by acoustic performer Cliff Erikson. Tickets \$25. To purchase tickets call Paul at (810) 334-5246 or stop at Mobil 1 at 3041 Kraft Rd. in Fort Gratiot.

Emmett - October 26

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Daughters of Isabella's Annual Turkey Dinner and Bazaar, Father Sirianni Parish Center, 10817 Brandon Rd., noon - 4:00 p.m. Come enjoy the fantastic dinner as well as several raffles, children's games, crafts, a cookie sale and more. For more information email peggy_mae_clark@yahoo.com.

Port Huron - October 28

Free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Body Mass Index (BMI) Screenings, Vantage Point Farmers Market, 51 Water St., 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Heart Healthy educational materials will be freely available as well. No registration required. For more information call (800) 326-1811 or go to www.partnersatheart.info. This will be the last screening at the Farmers Market for the 2014 season.

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Sandusky - October 11 & 25

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley Rd., 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. On October 11 The Natural Tones will play for our Sweetest Day Dance and on October 25 Melody Magic will help us celebrate Halloween. (Pumpkin pies!) For more information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Tuscola

Caro - October 3 & 4

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Wayne

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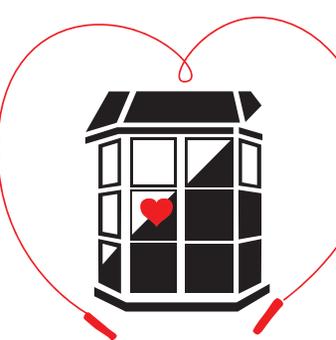


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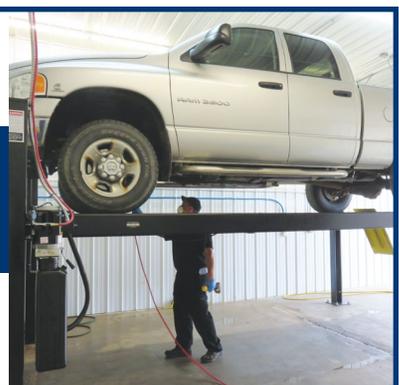
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In the September 2014 edition, we asked our readers to identify what the object pictured below was:

The September photo was supplied by Roy F. Rivard of the Chesterfield Historical Society who states this about a tenon cutter:

It was used to true up the ends of wooden wheel spokes so they could fit in the drilled holes on the wheel.

For our November contest we are asking the question, "What is it?" Identify what the object is that is pictured below and for what it is used. Remember – go to www.thumbprintnews.com if you know the answer. Good luck! 🍀



View from the front



View from top, with lid removed, looking down inside of object

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. L. Preston Orr of North Branch, Michigan, identified the above object as a tenon cutter. L. Preston Orr will be entered into our year end drawing for a wonderful surprise gift.

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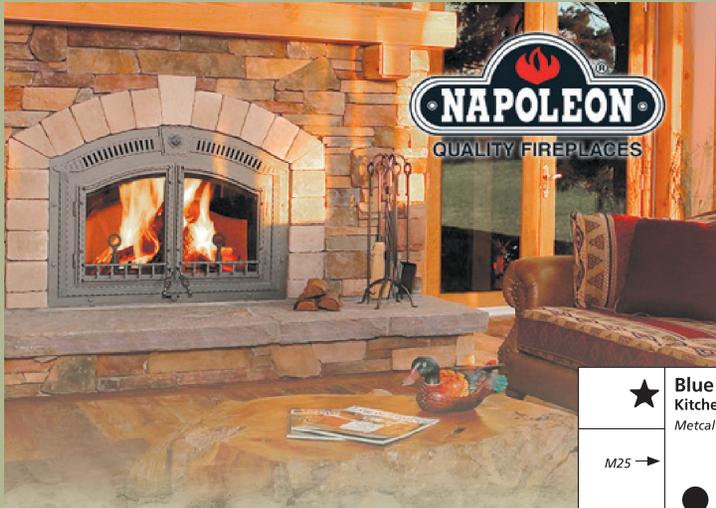
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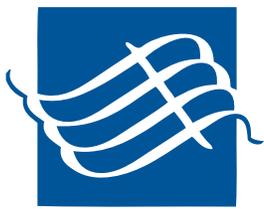
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