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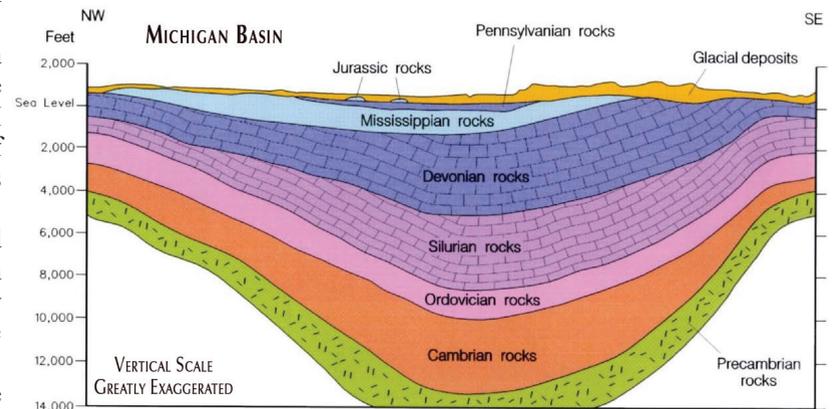
Ask geologists about the Detroit metropolitan area and they're likely to change the subject. "Frankly, I don't spend much time there," said one from the University of Michigan, who studies the state extensively. "It's not one of the most scenic parts, I must say," another added. "Being from the north part of the state," said a third, who now lives near Detroit, "this is pretty dull."

And yet there's something to be said for backyard geology. "Once people learn geology," said Kenneth Van Dellen, professor of the subject at Macomb County Community College, "they look at things a little differently than they did before."

To the geologically minded, for example, Lake St. Clair, Lake Huron and Lake Erie are not just fishing and boating playgrounds, but the fingerprints of the last Ice Age. Pine Knob is not just a ski resort, but evidence of where the last glacier stopped to melt thousands of years ago. The International Salt Company is not just some of the nation's largest salt-mining companies, but an indication that the area was once part of a warm, salty sea. Natural gas wells in Macomb County not only offer a source of energy, but also mark the site of underwater reefs formed some 400 million years ago, during the Silurian Period.

Let us delve, then, into millenia past. The most striking thing about the geology of the Detroit metropolitan area is the earth's flatness. This is because the area was once the bottom of a lake. And the lake happened because glaciers passed through.

Most geologists start with the Ice Age in explaining the Detroit area, even though by the time the glaciers came – beginning about one or even two million years ago – 99 percent of the earth's five-billion-year history had passed. Before the time of the earliest glaciers, the bedrock of the state was laid down, but that foundation is rarely visible except in such areas as scattered parts of the Upper Peninsula, especially in the west, the ledges at Grand Ledge, the tip of the Thumb



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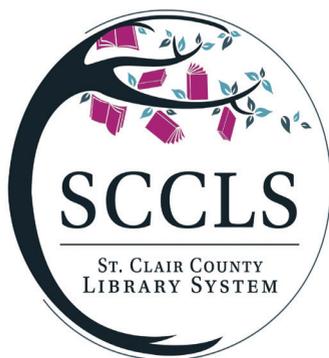
and Ocqueoc Falls near Onaway. It is known mostly from quarries or in rock samples brought up from drilling for water, oil and gas.

The rock under the state is in a series of layers that has been described as looking like a stack of mixing bowls. From about 450 million years ago to about 315 million years ago the Michigan area was slowly sinking, forming a dimple in the earth. As it sank, muck and sand and salt and lime were deposited in the sea water that covered the area at that time. As a result, the oldest layers are bent down the most, and the youngest are nearly flat. Also, the oldest rock is closest to the surface at the edge of the state, such as in Detroit, and buried most deeply in the center of the Lower Peninsula. The salt that is 1,000 feet down in Detroit, for example, is several thousand feet down in the center of the state. Some of Michigan's younger rock formations are found only in the center of the Lower Peninsula.

Compared to this time of rock formation, the last Ice Age, which began about two million years ago and finally ended in the Great Lakes region only about 10,000 years ago, was only yesterday.

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Sarge & Miss Frisk

By Theresa Nielsen, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Miss Frisk and I talked over the fence lots of times when I would go out to hang my laundry on the line. “What are you sewing today?” she wanted to know. And I would tell her about the latest doll project or a quilt that I had started. We always got along so well and enjoyed our backyard visits. My dog, Sarge, a terrier mix, loved these visits as well.

Our relationship shifted one day with some unexpected help from the rain. I had decided to make a quick run to the grocery store. While I was gone, Sarge, who had a nice bed inside the garage, started to fuss – loudly. About twenty minutes later when I got home, Sarge was not waiting for me in the garage. Before the panic could set in, Miss Frisk came by to tap on the window, letting me know where he was. Once I got the groceries put away and went to bring him home, I found it wouldn’t be so easy. You see, once I stepped inside her door, the aroma of a roast beef dinner and apple pie greeted me, and I knew it was all my sweet boy needed to calm down. And there he was curled up in the chair, staring at me with one eye open.

“On the furniture?” I asked.

Her quick response to me was, “My house, my rules.”

I chuckled at the two of them. Miss Frisk asked if I had time to see the quilt she was working on. Since it was clear Sarge was in no hurry, I said I did. I followed her to the basement where she had her quilt frame set up, it was a wood frame and on it was a partially quilted Log Cabin quilt in shades of blue and maroon, along with an ivory fabric. It was simply stunning. I tried not to stare at the quilting but had to since it was perfect. When women quilted in their homes or with friends back in the old days, they used a wood frame, most likely made for them by their husbands. The women would gather around these

frames and quilt, passing the time, talking about the children, school days and so on. What fun that must have been. Miss Frisk explained to me that she enjoyed quilting in her basement on really hot days. She didn’t have air conditioning and she didn’t use a fan.

The more I got to know her, the more I found her to be so interesting. And then, of course, there’s Sarge, whom she adored. After that rainy day, she began to invite me over now and again, and I sometimes wondered if she only did so since she knew Sarge would come along, giving her another chance to pet him and offer a snack. Once, soon after she helped me with some rag dolls, she was hoping I had some extra scraps of pink fabric left from that project. I went through my stash, which was minimal at the time, but she said those shades wouldn’t work for her. She wouldn’t tell me what she was working on though.

A few nights after that, when I couldn’t sleep, I got out of bed and decided to read beside an open window for a bit. A cool breeze blew in, followed by some yelling. It was Miss Frisk. I poked my head out the door to see her sitting in her chair on the porch listening to a ball game on the radio. The Detroit Tigers were in the bottom of the ninth, the score was tied, and the bases were loaded. They only needed one run to win the game, and they did it. “Yeah!” she cheered. She loved those Tigers. The next time I saw her over the fence, I was not at all surprised to learn that she loves staying up late to enjoy the night air. Soon after that conversation, she asked me to come over when I had time.

I took over a plate of freshly baked sugar cookies and, of course, Sarge. She was always happy to see him. He jumped in her lap, and we chatted for a bit. When I got up to leave, she



reached down next to her chair and handed me a brown paper bag.

“Don’t open it until you get home,” she said.

“Uh-oh, what could it be?” When I opened the bag, I just cried happy tears. Inside the bag was the most beautiful hexagon quilt. It was a lap size or what she called a crib size back then. I wiped away a tear. In many of the hexagon centers was that pink fabric she had been looking for. This was her secret project! She had made it just for me, it was hand-pieced and hand-quilted. Oh, my goodness! I absolutely loved it. I placed the quilt on the back of my antique rocking chair where I can enjoy it.

I wrote her a thank you note, and I told her in person more than once how much I treasured the quilt. She would smile back at me. Today, I’m sure she’s smiling down on me, the woman who taught me so much about life and quilting and never leaving Sarge alone in the rain. Of course, my Sarge, my sweet dog is smiling too, up there with Miss Frisk and a wee bit of pot roast. 🐾



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School may be right around the corner for you, or the college student in your life, and chances are, whether those classes are being held in person or online, technology is going to play a major role. Shopping for new technology isn't always the easiest task.

Shopping for different types of technology can get expensive, and you want to make sure you are getting the right devices to meet your family's needs at the best price possible. Finding items that won't break the bank, while at the same time, will last as long as possible can be tricky, that's why it is important to make sure you are shopping with a trustworthy source. We know sites like Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace can be tempting because of the good deals, but always make sure you know who you are dealing with and what condition the product is in before you make that final purchase.

One consumer reported to BBB spending \$140 on a laptop they saw on Facebook Marketplace and never receiving the item. The consumer was given a tracking number, but when they contacted the shipping company, they had no record of the package. They were only corresponding with the "seller" via email, and they just repeatedly kept telling the consumer the laptop was on the way.

Better Business Bureau® Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula offers these tips when it comes to buying technology for the school year:

- **Shop with familiar retailers.** Laptops, tablets or other tech accessories can be a major investment. Shop with businesses you know and trust to ensure you're getting a quality product and good customer service.
- **Don't buy from impostors.** Fraudsters may use the name, logo and other characteristics of brands you trust. Closely examine the website to verify that they are who they say they are.
- **Approach low prices with caution.** Low prices and short-term sales could be a sign you've encountered a scam. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- **Some companies rarely offer sales.** Do more research if a company that rarely discounts products is offering a huge sale. The products may be used or refurbished, or it could be a fake website.
- **Know what you're shopping for.** Set a budget, identify what capabilities will benefit your student and compare your options. Then, shop around for a reliable seller. Researching the best product for your needs will help you avoid scams and buyer's remorse.
- **Ensure you know who the seller is.** Some big-box retailers allow third-party sellers to list items on their sites, and those items can be hard to distinguish from the rest. Read all the fine print to ensure you're comfortable with the seller.
- **Finish your shopping early.** Supply shortages are possible, especially as large numbers of consumers begin shopping for the same products. Do your shopping now to avoid paying higher prices or falling victim to a scam.

To find trustworthy retailers, or for more back-to-school tips, visit bbb.org.

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Melanie Duquesnel

Helping vs. Enabling Loved Ones with Hearing Loss

If you have a loved one that suffers from hearing loss, you have probably experienced the daily struggles and difficulty communicating with them and them communicating with others. Many people with hearing loss don't realize just how much they're missing out on, because we tend to try to overcompensate for them and become their ears. However, it takes only a short time for them to realize that they need our help and often they become reliant on our help. But is our help doing them justice or enabling their hearing loss?

Yes, we should absolutely support them and ensure they are safe, but more importantly we should assist them in seeking the proper treatment to address their condition. Treating the condition will allow them to be much more independent, have a feeling of self-dignity and become less reliant on us. In addition, there are many negative effects of untreated hearing loss. When we experience hearing loss, the brain is not being properly stimulated, which has been directly linked to other health conditions, such as cognitive decline, Alzheimer's, dementia, increased risk of falling and social isolation and depression.

DO:

- *Communicate how their loss is affecting your relationship*
- *Let them know that waiting won't make the hearing loss go away or get any better*
- *Explain the negative effects of untreated hearing loss such as: Alzheimer's and dementia*
- *Encourage them to get a complete hearing health examination*
- *Accompany them to their appointment and be their biggest supporter*

DON'T:

- *Repeat yourself time and time again*
- *Raise your voice or yell so they can hear you*
- *"Translate" conversations for them*
- *Act as their messenger over the phone*

The best way that we can truly help our loved ones is to assist them in seeking the proper treatment for their condition. One of the best forms of treatment for hearing loss is hearing aids. With the advancements in technology, approximately 90% of hearing loss can be treated with hearing aids. There are many different types of hearing aids to fit one's need, lifestyle and budget. Many models are even Bluetooth-compatible with most phones, tablets and watches that allow the user to take phone calls, play music and listen to GPS directions directly into their hearing aids. Help your loved ones take



the first step and get them scheduled for a hearing health evaluation today! 🇺🇸

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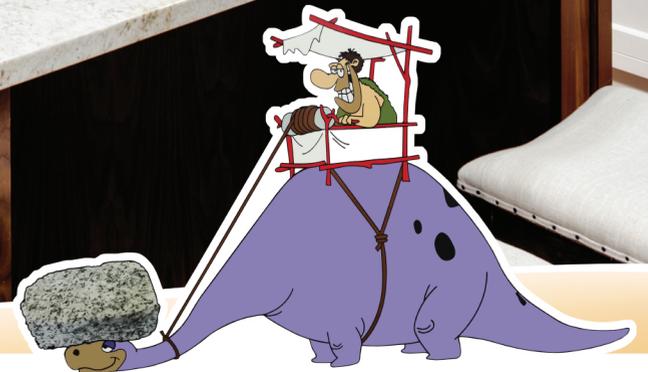
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the rest of the home is maintained and studies show that houses with excellent curb appeal command a pricing premium.

There are so many things you can do. Depending on your ability and your budget, here are a few quick enhancement ideas – see what works for you.

- **Clean! Front Porch, Walks and Driveways** – This is where buyers linger while their agent is opening the door for them. New light fixtures are a quick enhancement. No cobwebs, clean-swept porch, walks and driveway, no weeds or unsightly debris.
- **Plants, Mulch, Shrubs** – Have attractive plantings or flowerpots framing the porch, refresh or place new mulch in the gardens, neatly trim the shrubs, and renew planter beds by pulling weeds and
- planting new flowers. Add a tree or trees, clean hardscape; and, of course, be sure to have a nicely maintained lawn.
- **Paint or Replace the Front Door** – A pop of color, replace old hardware, update house numbers, or a brand-new door can really refresh and give a new look to your home. A black front door may also be a good new look.
- **Add Some Lighting** – Add some solar lights along the front walkway, patio or near your front flower beds.

MARKET MATTERS



Housing costs continue to go up with the combination of rising new and existing home prices and mortgage interest rates impacting affordability. The average cost of materials to build a new home reportedly rose 42% between 2018 and 2021.

MiRealsource shows Closed Sales were down 6.8% for Residential homes and 9.4% for Condo homes in the periods January through May 2022 compared to January through May 2021.

Pending (under contract but not yet closed) Sales decreased 1.8% for Residential and 11.8% for Condos; Inventory decreased 3.0% for Residential and 18.3% for Condos.

The Median (midpoint) Sales Price increased 7.6% to \$260,000 for Residential homes and 14.4% to \$235,000 for Condo homes.*

As of July 10, 2022, bankrate.com reported current rates in Michigan were 5.78% for a 30-year fixed (compared to just under 3% one year ago), 4.99% for a 15-year fixed, and 4.31% for a 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM).

Additional Federal Reserve rate hikes are expected in the coming months and the coming months in effort to bring inflation under control.



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At least three of the Ice Age's four major glaciations – The Kansan, the Illinoian, and the Wisconsinan – passed through Michigan. What is seen in the landscape now are the remnants of the last glaciation, the Wisconsinan. In each case, the ice was centered in the Hudson Bay region of Canada and spread out from there like cold pancake batter, as snow accumulated and changed to glacial ice that spread out under its own weight, each time moving into what is now Indiana and Ohio before beginning to retreat. In between glaciations, the climate was as moderate as today's, or moreso.

Sometimes the edge of a glacier moves forward and sometimes it melts back. Sometimes there is a balance between the forward movement and the melting back so the edge of the ice remains stationary for a long time.

This standstill has great effect on the ground around it. When the margin of a glacier is in the same position for a while, the rocks, boulders and other debris that has been picked up along the way pile up and ridge parallel to the ice. This is known as an "end moraine", or simply "moraine". Because the amount of debris in the ice is uneven, so is the ridge that results – that's what formed the line of hills that runs from mid-Oakland County southwest through Washtenaw County. This line is called the Defiance moraine, and geologists believe it reflects the movement of ice out of the Lake Erie basin.

Even though a melting glacier deposits the rocks and boulders that make up the moraine, other meltwater pours over the moraine and forms a flat area of land called an "outwash plain". In general, the area nearest the moraine has the gravelly arc, such as the Oxford gravel pits. Farther away from the moraines are finer sands and silts; clay soils are farthest out.

In textbook examples, this outwash plain is like a gentle slope in front of the moraine. In fact, such smoothness is relatively rare. Chunks of ice break away from the main glacier and are buried by the outwash sand and gravel. When the ice melts, a hole or depression results. These are called "kettle holes" and "pits", those that fill with water and become lakes are called "pit lakes". One of the greatest concentrations of pit lakes in the state is in the broken belt called a "pitted outwash plain" that extends from north of Pontiac southwest to Jackson, including the lakes in the Waterloo and Pinckney recreation areas, Lake Orion and Orchard Lake. Many previous lakes have already been filled and are marked today by swamps, peat bogs and dry lands.

Meltwater sometimes washes sediment into a pile at the margin of the glacier. These piles will form elevated hills of sand and gravel called "kames" after the glacier melts away. Pine Knob is an example of a kame. So are Temple Hill near Highland and Clarkston Hill, off Interstate 75 near Clarkston.

In this area of the country, rock and debris trapped on the bottom of the thick ice layers scoured away at the ground as they passed over, digging holes that were later filled in as lakes. Geologists say it is more likely that the glaciers followed already existing valleys, broadening and widening them. This formed the basins of today's Great Lakes. The lakes were formed as the ice melted back and the meltwaters filled in what had been a low area of land. In some cases, the old moraines – those rocks and soils that marked how far the glacier had moved became shoreline of the new lakes.

That is how, geologists assume, glacial Lake Whittlesey came to cover the site of Detroit. The lake included parts of lakes Huron, Erie and St. Clair of today. One shore of the lake was in the Rochester-Pontiac area; according to Van Dellen, Macomb geologist, the Armada Ridge Road running from Armada to Richmond today is on the ridge that was once the Lake Whittlesey beach, and Lake Whittlesey was south of the road. (Usually, however, the location of the beaches cannot be found without taking soil samples.)

Detroit was once the lake bottom, which accounts for the clay soil. Clay, because it is so fine, is carried suspended by streams and does not usually settle out of water until it is far from shore.

The retreat of the lake shore lines to the current Great Lakes shorelines was gradual, with many clues left along the way in areas that now seem remote from the lakes. For example, the water level dropped, streams that had been emptying into the lake cut down through the deltas they had formed, or through their own stream beds, to the new lower lake level. The bit of the higher delta that remains are bluffs today. You can see them on the Clinton River between Rochester and Utica and along the Huron River near Ypsilanti. The toboggan slide in Rouge Park in Detroit was created on such a bluff.

In addition, the edge of today's Lake St. Clair offers clues to the higher lake levels. Lake Shore Road is on a lake terrace, a flat area that most recently was lake

bottom itself; the soil there is a rich black sediment. When you turn from Lake Shore onto Moross, Moran or Kerby, you go uphill. The old beach is at the break in the slope.

No one was around to see the glaciers pass by, of course, and although geologist today accept the idea that glaciation is responsible for Michigan's land forms, this theory is only about 150 years old and was first pieced together from clues found in the mountain areas of the Swiss Alps, where there are still numerous patches of glacial ice.

Here are some of the geological clues that distinguish an area like Michigan that has been affected by glaciers.

The Michigan soils are relatively young and often contain everything from clay to boulders, two indications that a glacier has passed. In non-glaciated regions, by contrast, the soil is formed from decomposition of the bedrock below, and is more ordered and layered.

The soils in Michigan today are similar to that found around existing glaciers. The bedrock is covered by an average of 200 to 300 feet of "till" or "drift", a mixture of rock material of all sizes that was carried along the bottom of the glacier. In some places, according to the Michigan Geological Survey, the layers of till reach more than 1,200 feet.

Cobbles and boulders included in the drift are from widely scattered geographical areas. Because they are so obviously out of place they are called "erratics". An example sometimes found in the Detroit area is the jasper conglomerate, or pudding-stone, which could only have come from a region in Ontario, north of Lake Huron, where it is exposed on the surface. Its finding is considered proof that there was movement between the two regions. Similarly, rocks found in the southwest corner of the state have been traced to the copper and iron sources in the Upper Peninsula.

The glaciers scratched the bedrock as they passed. In places where the rock is exposed, such as part of the Upper Peninsula, or the Bass Islands and especially Kelly's Island in Lake Erie near Sandusky, one can see grooves or scratches, called "striae", and gouges

Glaciers leave behind a unique hilly landscape of moraines, knobs and kettles, kames, pit lakes and sag and swell. Most of Michigan except for coastline areas, including Detroit, is characterized by these formations.

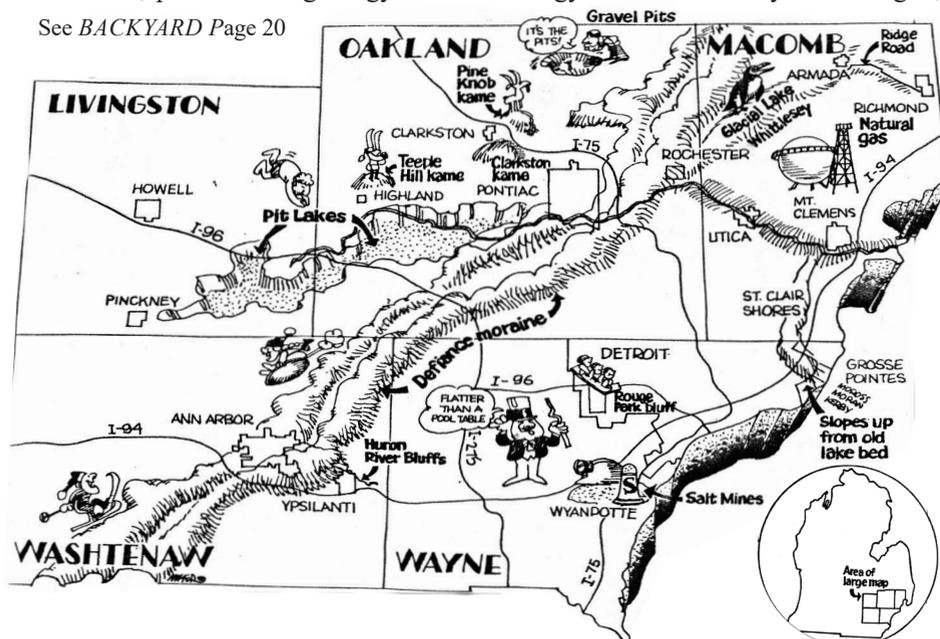
But when it comes to a geological beauty contest, the southeast corner of Michigan loses. Nonetheless, geologists can, when pressed, think of some favorite spots.

Richard Ward, associate professor of geology, Wayne State University: "The salt mines." Why? "It shows that a very long time ago, the climate was much different here, and the area was covered by a warm, salty sea that evaporated."

Donald Eschman, professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Michigan, coauthor of the textbook, *Geology of Michigan*; "The morainic country that cuts from Plymouth up through Bloomfield Hills. That's because I'm a glacial geologist."

John Dorr, professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Michigan,

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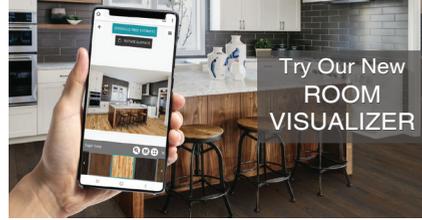
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IS A CHURCH REALLY NECESSARY?

By David Gillis, *ThumbPrint News Columnist*

For several months, I have wanted to share some thoughts with the readers of *ThumbPrint News* but have hesitated. I am confident that the focus of my message will elicit various comments, but this is one I feel needs to be offered. Some may want to share the message with others, while some may just disregard it as meaningless. The choice, of course, is always yours.

The consequences of the recent COVID-19 pandemic have caused many to avoid church attendance for fear of contracting the virus. That is understandable and many have since returned to their churches. A sizeable percentage, however, have not and that should be a concern. Have they become "inbetweeners"?

It seems when a number of professed believers are asked whether church attendance is necessary or if we even need a church, the responses are often mixed. Some may reply that, while they are faithful believers, they do not feel an allegiance to a church. Many of these people might not really be believers and just do not want to discuss the subject further. Others might indicate a strong need for the church in their lives. Why is there such a gap between these

two groupings? And what are the thoughts of the "inbetweeners"?

Between those who never attend church and those who regularly are in the pews, are those that might say, "Why can't I just be spiritual on my own - maybe going to the forest, mountains, beach or some other special place and feel close to God?" Well, that certainly is a good thing. You can feel close to God wherever you are. However, our Heavenly Father has so much more to offer you than a generic spirituality. God wants you to be the very best you can be. He wants you to inherit all He has and to gain eternal life with Him. He has a specific plan that will guide you to being your very best and to experience all He has to offer. The question must be asked: "Are you able to do that on your own?"

Space and time could be devoted here to addressing so many of the reasons given by the "inbetweeners" for not being connected with a church but will not be. Certainly, there are those who are not able to attend worship services or even leave their homes, and that is understandable. However, comments about not believing in organized religion, in relationship to hypocrisy within the church, decrying misleading

doctrine, or just not wanting to invest finances and time in something unnecessary are just excuses. Possibly they had a bad experience in a church years ago and, as a reason, have exclaimed that they will never return. They cannot be justified by honest examination. So why is that what we hear so often? Why is that too often the focus of numerous media commentators?

The church is an ordination by God as a fellowship of the flawed yet faithful believers for the purpose of carrying out His purpose and will in the world. If we consider the biblical teachings on the church, we will clearly realize the church is vitally important for the growth and maintenance of a strong faith. As professed believers, we are like the branch of a tree that remains strong and grows if it is attached to the tree. We, too, remain strong and grow while we are connected to the church.

As a former "inbetweeners" I am able to attest to the importance of church involvement in life. But this is not about me; it's about you. As an "inbetweeners" if you sincerely believe you are fulfilling your purpose



in life, don't change. If you truly think you will have eternal life in heaven without a greater understanding of how that is accomplished, don't change. If you honestly feel that there is absolutely nothing to gain from fellowship with strong believers, then don't change. If you are firmly committed to not wanting to invest your time in church-related instruction and stronger spirituality, then by all means do not change. However, if you have some doubts as to the conclusion of life; if you think you can experience more of the good life; if you desire greater confidence and personal security for yourself and family, you may possibly need to begin "shopping" for a church. Why remain an "inbetweeners"? It's just something I ask you to ponder. 🙏

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Big Lake Fishing

By Bob Jones, *ThumbPrint News Columnist*

My eight-year-old frame was sitting on my uncle's Lyman Islander fishing boat in his slip at the marina. We were preparing to journey out onto the Big Lake to once again troll for that elusive monster whitefish or lake trout. My uncle peppered me with facts and his own experiences trying to lure those big clunkers on to the line.

He would tell me that if the wind was blowing from a certain direction and the sky was gray or the air temperature was such and such, the water temperature would be a certain warmth then we would head northeast past Deepwater Point and due north toward French Point. However, if other conditions prevailed, the game plan would change.

He and I would troll these waters long before sonar or any other sophisticated tracking devices were invented.

It was his general consensus that now, in the middle of summer, spoons were the best bait. Each season, he claimed, required a different type of lure.

My uncle gained his knowledge of these fishing patterns from the "old timers" who trolled endless hours, often into the middle of the night and who hung out at the Wilkie Marina spinning yarns of gigantic whitefish and trout of record lengths and weight that broke their lines or snapped their poles in half.

There were times, however, when these geezers would come in with a string of jaw dropping whitefish and trout and weigh them out at the marina. When this happened in the middle of the night, my uncle would come wake me up so we could rush down to the marina to view this weighing ritual. He knew each boat by the certain sounds they made as they came lumbering in under the swing bridge to the marina.

Each summer, for about ten years I came to my uncle and aunt's resort and each summer went trolling for those big lake trout and whitefish. We caught a few keepers over the years, nothing gigantic, however there were many lessons learned over the years. My uncle taught me to have the patience to plan for activities and to be flexible enough to make changes to the plans if the situation warranted. These trips created a close bond between my uncle and I.

Now having two grandchildren of my own, I am planning our first fishing outing. I may not have the Lyman Islander – a simple rowboat will do – nor will I take them out on that Big Lake, a small Mud Lake or Round Lake will suffice; nor will we be trolling for the BIG one – we will simply throw out a line and hope to catch a few tasty panfish using crawlers or red worms.

The bonding will be there and memories will be made to last a lifetime. The generations will blend together and Gramps will be there to plan the day. The experience will be spontaneous with much laughter and fun. We will live in the moment, enjoying the day and I will take much pleasure in the making of new memories while relishing those of my youth spent up north fishing in the Big Lake trying to catch those elusive big clunkers. 🐟



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Heartworm Disease in Dogs and Cats

By Dr. Elizabeth Gray, ThumbPrint News Columnist

'Tis the season...for mosquitos that is. While there are many wonderful aspects of summer, bug bites aren't one of them. These pesky insects are responsible for the spread of several life-threatening diseases including heartworm disease. Several species are affected by heartworm; it has been diagnosed in dogs and cats in all 50 states. It is estimated that over a million dogs and cats have heartworm disease in the United States. In

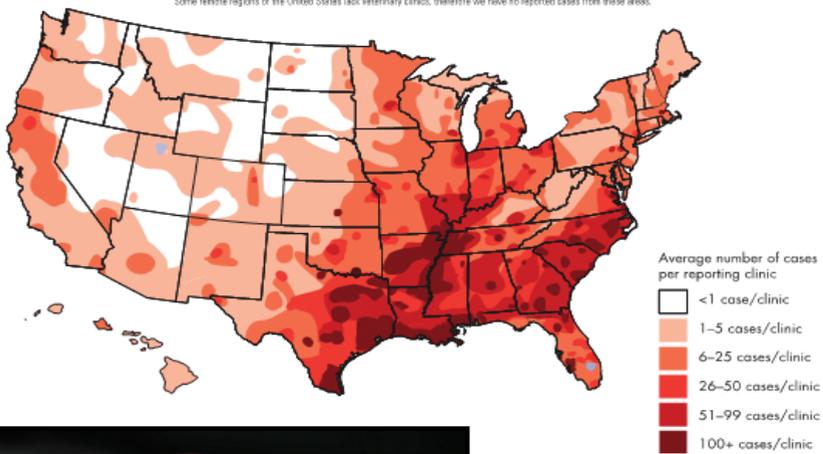
most veterinary clinics in the U.S., a minimum of 1 in 5 heartworm cases per clinic were diagnosed in 2013. This number doesn't include all the pets who do not receive routine veterinary care.

Below is the most recent incidence map from the American Heartworm Society. Every three years, they gather data on heartworm testing to understand the impact heartworm is having nationwide, as well as in specific regions. To see how things have changed over time, visit heartwormsociety.org. We can expect a 2022 map soon.

2019 HEARTWORM INCIDENCE



© American Heartworm Society. The severity of heartworm incidence as shown in this map is based on the average number of cases per reporting clinic. Some remote regions of the United States lack veterinary clinics, therefore we have no reported cases from these areas.



When a mosquito bites and takes a blood meal from an infected animal, it picks up baby heartworms. After several days of development, the worms are ready to be deposited into a new host through the mosquito's bite wound. These worms set up residency in the heart, lungs and pulmonary blood vessels of pets causing damage to these important systems. This damage can be fatal to both dogs and cats.

Treatment is possible for some dogs; however, it comes with severe risk, as well as a heavy price tag. Heartworm treatment includes a series of deep muscle injections to kill the heartworms living in your pet. These injections can cause lasting pain. Long-term oral medications are also prescribed in addition to these injections.

Strict rest is required for months during and after treatment to decrease the risk of complications. Any activity increases blood flow to the lungs which increases the possibility that dead worms will block blood flow. This can result in severe complications and even death.

While treatment is available for dogs, there is no reliable and readily available treatment for heartworm disease in cats. Treatment is usually aimed at decreasing symptoms. Since cats are not the preferred host for heartworm, the disease progresses in a different fashion. There are no clinical signs noticeable in most cats. Some will develop chronic respiratory diseases, such as intermittent coughing and increased respiratory effort. Severe symptoms are possible including respiratory distress, collapse, seizures or sometimes sudden death.



I could tell if my dog had heartworm disease.

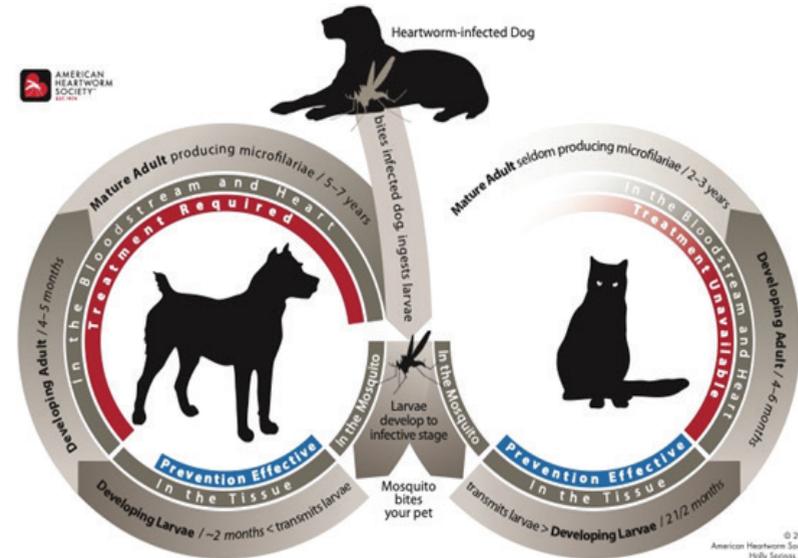
Grounded or Unfounded?

FACT: Most dogs show few or no signs of heartworm infection in the early stages of the disease. As the infection progresses, the affected dog can develop a cough, fatigue, decreased appetite, weight loss or all four, but the reason for any of these signs

is unclear without specific testing and x-rays by your veterinarian. **BEST STRATEGY: Start your dog on lifetime preventive medication 12 months a year from the time you become his or her owner.**

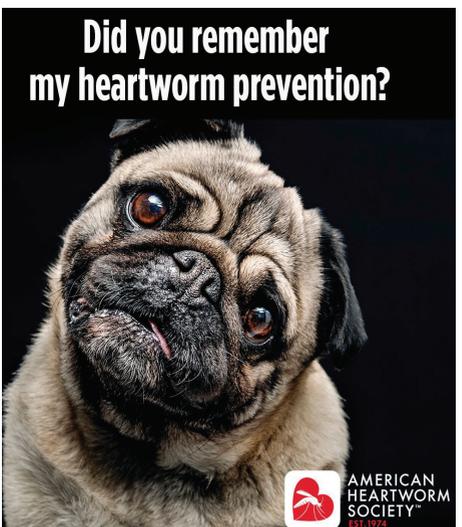


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We can't protect our pets from every bug bite. That's why heartworm prevention is key. Through annual monitoring with your pet's veterinarian and heartworm prevention medication, you can keep your pet safe and healthy. Heartworm prevention is highly effective and can be administered orally, topically and even by injection. Several products also include coverage for other common parasites. Make sure your pet is protected!

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August is here, and unfortunately, that means aggressive and territorial yellow jackets are too. These flying insects are becoming more active and increasingly protective of the nests they've spent time building up and have been known to attack those who get too close. An attack from them can be scary since just one sting can be extremely painful, made worse by the fact that they do not lose their stingers, meaning you can get stung over and over again. Not only that, but each colony can grow to upwards of thousands of workers. Because of this, attempting to remove one of their nests without proper knowledge and gear can be very dangerous.

Now that you know to stay away, maybe it would be helpful to understand what to look for? Yellow jackets themselves look very similar to the European paper wasps, but with a few distinct differences. First, their antennae are black, whereas the European paper wasps' are a yellowish-orange color. Second, yellow jackets are noticeably smaller measuring on average a 1/2 inch long, as opposed to the 3/4 inch length of the European paper wasp. Third, the type of nests built by yellow jackets are very different than those of the European paper wasp. A description of a visual nest is usually enough for a professional to identify which insect you have over the phone.

Yellow jackets have three main nest types they build: an aerial paper nest, ground nests or a wall void nest. The aerial paper nest will almost always be attached to a tree branch and look to be mostly enclosed with a single entry/exit hole at the bottom. Construction of the nest will normally begin in early spring, but they generally remain unnoticed until they're the size of a basketball this time of year.

Ground nests can be dangerous since they aren't easy to spot, but they will have one or two entry/exit holes. If you start to see several insects constantly entering or exiting one area of your yard, it is a safe bet there's a ground nest. The activity will be constant due to the fact that they need to be out hunting for food and materials that aid

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in expanding their nests. Despite the constant flow of activity, these nests can be hard to spot and are often discovered inadvertently by disrupting them. Stepping on it or running the nest over with a lawn mower will cause these stinging insects to attack! It is important you know not to start swinging your arms; they will feel more threatened and call for help from others in the nest to aid in the attack. RUN! Put as much distance between you and them as possible until they stop following you.

Perhaps the most disturbing place for yellow jackets to build their nest is in a wall void. They will find gaps or holes in, around and underneath siding or even cracks in bricks that can lead into a wall void of your home or garage. This can be exceptionally unsafe because yellow jackets have chewing mandibles, which means they are able to chew through drywall. Blocking the nest entry hole will cause them to search for an alternate escape route which just may be directly through the drywall into your home. Alternatively, using over-the-counter products can also worsen the situation. By law, over-the-counter products are required to have a smell. If you can smell it, they can smell it! The scent will push the yellow jackets further into the wall void to get away from the bad smell, and in their attempt to escape, they may possibly chew through your drywall and pour into your home by the hundreds or thousands.

So, what can you do? Unfortunately, there is no preventative treatment for yellow jackets. You have to treat them as they appear. Due to the high number of insects in the colony by this time of year, their nests are exceedingly difficult to eliminate completely. Couple that with the fact that each insect can sting repeatedly, and you have a potentially perilous situation. Nevertheless, calling for professional help is the best way to proceed. Self-treating these nests can be much more dangerous for you! If you notice yellow jacket activity in your yard or home, call immediately because the longer the nest goes untreated, the larger and more aggressive the colony will become. At ABC Bees, we understand how dangerous yellow jackets are. Give us a call at (810) 794-5678 to set up treatment, letting our trained technicians tackle your yellow jacket infestation! 🐝



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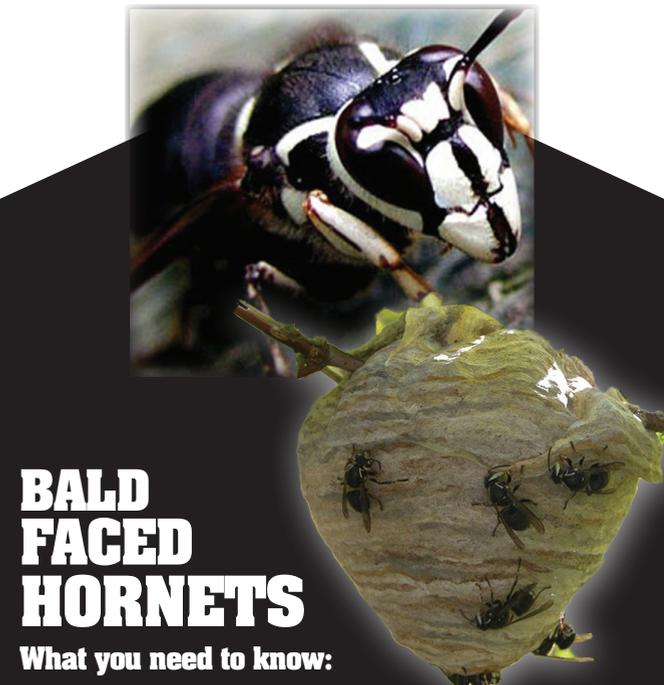


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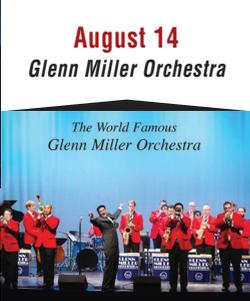


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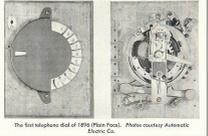
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<p>7 On this day in 1939, millionaire Howard Hughes is presented with a Congressional Gold Medal for "advancing the science of aviation".</p>	<p>8 On this day in 1992, Metallica singer and guitarist, James Hetfield, suffers second and third-degree burns during a pyrotechnics explosion on stage at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.</p>	<p>9 On this day in 1974, Richard Nixon resigns as President of the United States, and Vice President Gerald Ford swears the oath of office to take his place as the 38th U.S. President.</p>	<p>10 On this day in 1948, ABC enters network TV at 7:00 p.m. in New York.</p> 	<p>11 On this day in 1978, <i>C'est Chic</i> second studio album by Chic is released featuring the single "Le Freak".</p> 	<p>12 On this day in 1883, the last quagga (zebra subspecies with less slashes) dies at the Artis Magistra zoo in Amsterdam. The quagga was extinct in the wild by 1878.</p> 
<p>14 On this day in 1040, King Duncan I of Scotland is killed in battle against his first cousin and rival, Macbeth (not murdered in his sleep as in Shakespeare's play).</p>	<p>15 On this day in 1057, King Macbeth of Scotland is killed in battle (not by the hands of Macduff as in Shakespeare's play).</p>	<p>16 On this day in 2008, Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt sets a new world record of 9.69 seconds to win the coveted 100m gold medal at the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics.</p>	<p>17 On this day in 1947, The Radcliffe Line, the border between Union of India and Dominion of Pakistan is revealed.</p>	<p>18 On this day in 1926, a weather map is televised for the first time, sent from NAA Arlington to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C.</p> 	<p>20 On this day in 1896, the application for the patent on the dial telephone is filed.</p> 
<p>21 On this day in 1942, Walt Disney's animated movie <i>Bambi</i>, based on the book by Felix Salten, is released.</p> 	<p>22 On this day in 1862, composer, Claude Debussy, is born in Sanit-Germain-en-Laye, France.</p> 	<p>23 On this day in 1942, Walter Johnson pitches to Babe Ruth in a pregame attraction that draws 69,000 for the New York-Washington MLB doubleheader at Yankee Stadium.</p>	<p>24 On this day in 1869, American inventor Cornelius Swarthout patents the stove-top waffle iron.</p> 	<p>25 On this day in 1804, Alicia Thorton becomes the first female jockey in England, riding at Knavesmire (now York Racecourse) in Yorkshire.</p>	<p>26 On this day in 1971, Bobby Orr signs a five-year contract with the Boston Bruins worth one million dollars, the first million-dollar contract in NHL history.</p>
<p>28 On this day in 1965, Bob Dylan is booed for playing an electric guitar at his concert at Forest Hills Stadium, in Queens, New York City.</p>	<p>29 On this day in 1825, The Treaty of Rio de Janeiro, recognizing Brazil's independence, is signed by Brazil and Portugal.</p>	<p>30 On this day in 1993, the Eiffel Tower welcomes its 150,000,000th visitor.</p> 	<p>31 On this day in 1909, AJ Reach Company patents the cork-center baseball.</p> 	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>What Happened On This Day in History?</p>	

Editor's note: This calendar's purpose is to provide entertainment for our readers and to mention lesser-known historical events. We are aware that there also may be well-known events that have happened on these days, and not listing them does not indicate that we are unaware of their importance.



By **Renee Szczepanski**
ThumbPrint News Staff

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE IS FROM
GERMANY
BIENENSTICH
-BEE STING CAKE-

Thus far with this column, we've visited Trinidad, Japan, Uruguay, South Africa, Romania, Latvia, Wales, Scotland, Norway, Sudan, New Zealand, Canada, India, Switzerland, France, Ireland, Paraguay, Burundi, Comoros Island and Thailand. We're looking forward to trying new dishes from even more countries around the globe.

We're still hoping to receive some international recipes from readers! If you have a recipe from any country that hasn't yet been shared – whether you've made the recipe or you think we should, please submit it to us.

Recipes can be submitted to thumbprintnews@comcast.net in Word Document form. If you have a photo you took of the dish you made, include it as well in high-quality jpeg format. We'll be sure to share some of these recipes in future editions so that we may all take a journey around the world through the recipes that are shared.

This month, we are heading to Germany for Bienenstich, the "bee sting cake". We weren't able to find a definitive origin of Bienenstich, but we've decided to include the two most popular tales we came across. The first is that a German baker was trying out a new recipe with the honey topping and attracted a bee, which then stung him, resulting in the name. Another possible origin comes from a German legend from the 15th century. According to Wikipedia, "German bakers lobbed beehives at raiders from a neighboring village, successfully repelling them, and celebrated later by baking a version of this cake named after their efforts."

No matter the true origin, we were very excited to have our excellent TPN accountant, Renee, make this and bring it in for us to try! 🐝



WE GATHERED SOME OF THESE FACTS ABOUT GERMANY:

- Germany has a population of over 83 million, making it the 2nd most populous in Europe.
- It has 16 constituent states and covers 137,847 square miles.
- Germany has the largest train station in Europe, Leipzig Hauptbahnhof (seen above).
- The first known magazine was launched in 1663 in Germany, *Erbauliche Monats-Unterredungen* (Edifying Monthly Discussions).
- Approximately 70% of highways (the Autobahn) in Germany have no speed limits (a portion of it can be seen in the photo below on the right).
- University is free for everyone (including non-Germans).
- The Christmas tree tradition originated in Germany.
- The narrowest street in the world is located in Reutlingen, Germany.
- There are over 1,000 varieties of sausage in Germany.



INGREDIENTS

CAKE LAYERS

- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup sour cream

(When using gluten free flour we have found that adding sour cream to the batter helps with the moistness of the cake. Can omit if using regular, all-purpose flour.)

- 2¼ cups gluten free flour (1 to 1 ratio)
- pinch of salt
- ½ cup milk
- 1 Tbsp unsalted butter

TOPPING

- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1½ Tbsp honey
- 1½ Tbsp heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup slivered or sliced almonds
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

FILLING

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 Tbsp instant vanilla pudding powder
- 2 Tbsp powdered sugar



Author's note: A few months back, my teenaged daughter was spending some of her free time baking, so I volunteered her to do a Traveling Tastebud recipe if the TPN staff could find a cake for her. Once they found this fun and delicious sounding recipe, she became too busy between classes ending, babysitting her nephew and summer activities to bake the cake. It fell to me to complete the task.

The recipe was fairly simple, though a little more time-consuming than I had planned out for since I had to fully wait for the cake to cool before cutting and filling it. I felt the hardest thing was cutting it into two layers since it was already a thin cake and had the sticky topping. The assembly tip to put the bottom layer back into the springform before putting the cream layer on and then cutting the top into wedges before placing it was very helpful.

It is a dense cake balanced out with the light, fluffy, slightly sweet delicious filling. All the staff who tried it loved it!

DIRECTIONS

CAKE LAYERS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F
2. Into large mixing bowl, mix eggs and sugar until thick and creamy.
3. Mix in the vanilla and sour cream.
4. In another bowl, stir flour, baking powder and salt together and before adding into egg mixture.
5. Heat milk and butter to just about boiling (I microwaved for about 30 seconds), stir and mix into batter.
6. Let sit in bowl for 30 minutes – this allows the gluten free flour to absorb the moisture and reduces graininess.
7. Pour into greased 9-inch springform pan. Bake for about 20-30 minutes until firm to touch and wooden toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.
8. While waiting for the batter/when the cake is baking, make the topping.

TOPPING

1. In a small pan, melt butter over low heat. Add sugar, honey and heavy cream, stirring continually.
2. Bring to a simmer and simmer gently for 5 minutes, stirring continually.
3. Stir in almonds and vanilla.
4. Carefully spread topping on cake immediately as it comes out of the oven. NOTE: if the topping has gotten too firm, add a bit more honey or cream and reheat before spreading.
5. Set oven to broil.
6. Broil cake for a few minutes until the top is nicely browned, being careful it doesn't burn!
7. Place the cake on a wire rack and allowing the topping to set and the cake to cool completely before removing the outer ring of the springform pan.

FILLING

1. Whip cream, powdered sugar and instant vanilla pudding powder until stiff.
2. Set in the fridge until ready to use.

ASSEMBLING

1. Cut the cold cake into 2 layers.
2. Place the outer ring of the springform pan around the bottom layer in order to neatly spread the filling on top of the layer.
3. Cut the top layer of cake with the "chewy" topping into wedges before placing them atop the filling in the springform pan. (The topping makes it difficult to cut without the cream filling squeezing out.)
4. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

Influenced & Inspired

By **Rita MacDonald**, *ThumbPrint News Columnist*

Right now, I'm sitting alone on my porch listening to the birds in the trees singing away without a care in the world. I still miss my old neighborhood, the friends who were close by and the hustle and bustle outside, but I have really come to love sitting out here and enjoying these chirping melodies! It's nice to leave the phone in the house, and just sit here and listen. And think. And with all of the recent twists and turns in my life, I've really been thinking about so many different things lately - some that I wish I didn't have to think of, and others that I'm curious why I'd never thought about before! But I do love to sit and think about some crazy stuff. (Just ask my sister! When I pull out the list of questions to think about, I think she wants to pretend that she's fallen asleep.)

So, while my phone stayed inside, I had to run back inside to get my laptop 'cause tonight I'm thinking about all sorts of people - people who influenced me in the past, or recently, or some that even influence me every single day! I'd like to tell you about just a few of them.

Well, first of all, there's Johnny. Johnny is a homeless man who my friend April and I frequently bring a meal to or other items he needs. There are days we don't have anything for him. And we know that he sees us, but he keeps his head down or looks in the other direction so that we don't feel bad. And he prays for us. He remembers our names. That's pretty impressive.

We recently had a patient who received her very last chemotherapy treatment. On her last day, she came in with a big gift basket full of items she knew would be encouraging and comforting to someone else with a cancer diagnosis. She waited until the end of her three-hour treatment, looked around and chose which patient she thought needed encouragement the most, and then she walked over and gifted her with it. She didn't have to do that, but she did anyway!

That patient was so touched by her kindness, that she is now planning to do the same on the day of her last treatment! She doesn't have to do that, but she's going to do it anyway!

There's a pharmacist at the CVS inside of Target on Hall Road. His

name is Keith. He always asks me how my grandchildren are and how my new job is going. He doesn't have to remember those things, but he does anyways.

There's another patient I get to take care of once a month, and each time, she takes my hands and prays over myself and whoever is with me, thanking God for the nurses and caregivers - "ministers of healing," she calls us. She doesn't have to do that, but she does it anyway.

My kids and I had to go downtown once for an event, and I got lost (long before GPS). I pulled over on a street that was apparently in a not-so-safe area, and a gentleman pulled up alongside me and asked if I needed help. I told him I was lost, and he told me where I needed to go, and he told me to follow him. I trusted him, and he got us where we needed to go safe and sound in a matter of minutes. He didn't have to do that, but he did anyway.

My friend Mary sends me cards in the mail just to remind me that she prays for me. She doesn't have to do that. Emailing or texting is so much easier, but receiving bright, colorful, encouraging handwritten cards and letters is so much more fun! She doesn't have to do that, but she does it anyway.

A sweet couple I know have their car trunk full of bags with items

for homeless people. If they see someone on the streets who needs one, they jump out at a red light, grab a bag and drop it off really quick. They don't have to do that, but they do it anyway.

There's a lady named Susan who checks people into a particular building I frequent, probably more than 100 people a day, and she never forgets my name. She sees me coming down the hall towards her and hollers out, "Hi Rita! How are you today?" And I hear her remember others' names as well! How DOES she do that? I want to be more like Susan! She doesn't have to remember my name, but she does!

And I could tell you a dozen or more stories like these!

Every day I come across the most unlikely influencers, who inspire me to want to do something I don't have to do, for no particular reason, and with no expectation - even if it's as simple as remembering someone's name! You just never know who (or what) you're showing kindness to. 🌟

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- Hebrews 13:2



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VOCABULARY VOYAGE

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xenolith xe·no·lith | \ 'zē-nə-, lith

A noun meaning a fragment of foreign rock of different composition within a host rock. First known use: 1894, from Ancient Greek *xenos* (foreign) and *lithos* (stone). *Ex.* Although the term *xenolith* is most commonly associated with igneous inclusions, a broad definition could include rock fragments which have become encased in sedimentary rock.

igneous ig·ne·ous | \ 'ig-nē-əs

An adjective meaning 1: a rock or mineral that solidified from molten or partly molten material, i.e. from a magma; also, applied to processes related to the formation of such rocks. 2: of, relating to, or resembling fire : FIERY. First known use: 1664 as in sense 2 from Latin *igneus*, from *ignis* fire; akin to Sanskrit *agni* fire. *Ex.* A few places to find igneous rocks in Michigan are Horseshoe Harbor in Copper Beach and Black Rocks Volcanic Formations in Presque Isle.

drumlin drum·lin | \ 'drəm-lən

A noun meaning an elongated hill or ridge with a shape resembling an upside-down spoon or a half-buried egg that was formed out of glacial till that was shaped by the movement of a glacier. First known use: 1812 from Irish *druim* back, ridge (from Old Irish *druimm*) + English *-lin* (alteration of *-ling*) *Ex.* One of the largest drumlin fields in the midwest lies on the NW Lower peninsula of Michigan, in Antrim and Charlevoix Counties. The Leelanau and Mission peninsulas also contain significant drumlin fields.



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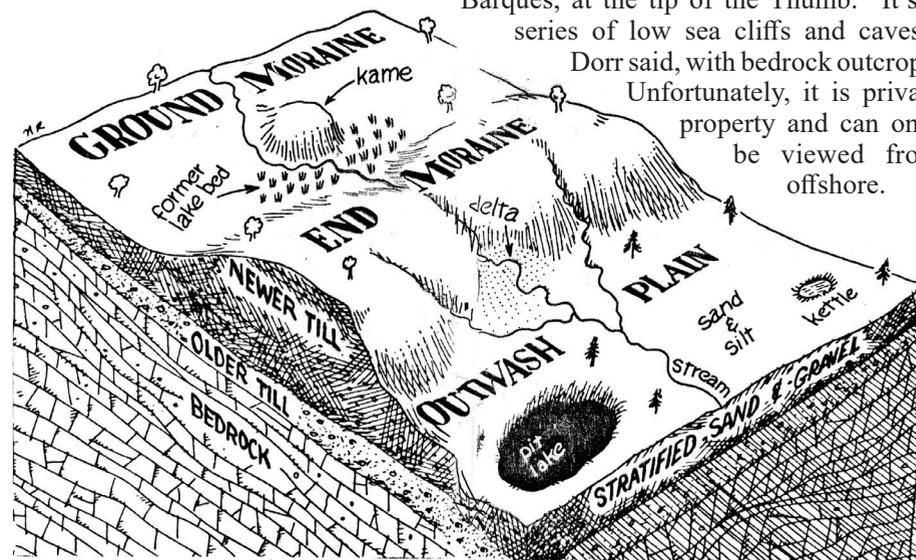
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BACKYARD

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the coauthor of *Geology of Michigan*: “The Irish Hills are really pretty. That’s an example of glacial topography.” If he can range farther, Dorr said he would choose Pointe aux Barques, at the tip of the Thumb. “It’s a series of low sea cliffs and caves.”

Dorr said, with bedrock outcrops. Unfortunately, it is private property and can only be viewed from offshore.

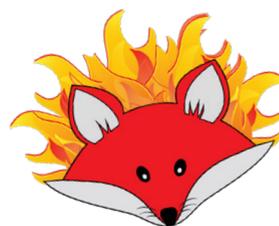


Grahame Larson, assistant professor of geology, Michigan State University; “The only thing that I would say is really significant, it’s a textbook kind of thing, is the St. Clair Delta,” where the St. Clair River enters into Lake St. Clair. “It’s a young delta, not more than 10,000 years old. It’s the largest delta east of the Mississippi.”

Kenneth Van Dellen had the most poignant answer: “The hills of Bloomfield Hills and Farmington.” Perhaps, he said, because he’s from northern Michigan. “They remind me of home.” 🌱

Editorial note: Leo Schaefer, the District Governor of the Lions Club of Michigan, District 11 A-2, brought us this interesting article. He told us he once used it in his real estate business to inform his clients of the geology in their future backyard. He thought that it would be of interest to our readers, and we agreed!

Seeking permission to reprint it in our paper, we reached out to Ken Van Dellen, mentioned in the article as a professor of geology at Macomb Community College. Now emeritus, he was surprised by our call but receptive to our request for assistance. Diving into his memories, his first guess, and the only one so far, was that the author was his former student Elizabeth Buzzelli, now a best-selling writer of mystery books. However, when he showed Elizabeth the article, she denied being its author. In addition to writing numerous mystery books, Elizabeth teaches writing at Northwestern Michigan College and Skidmore College for the International Women’s Writing Guild. She writes for Northern Express Magazine and is on the Michigan State Library’s committee to choose the best Michigan books of the year. We have decided to publish the article as “author unknown” and will be happy to post an appropriate acknowledgment if the author comes forward.



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

GENESEE

None submitted this month.

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August 4 – Hadley

Mrs. Lincoln Visits Hadley, Hadley Township Office, 4293 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. Mrs. President Abraham Lincoln will be visiting the Hadley Township Historical Society to talk about her "Early Years"; childhood, courtship, marriage and politics leading to Lincoln's presidential election. Public welcome. All ages. Free. Vernor's ice cream floats will be served! Pre-registration encouraged at HadleyHistorical.Eventbrite.com.

August 13 – Hadley

Cars and Quilts! Hadley Mill Museum, 3633 S. Hadley Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be something for everyone! Cars and Quilts galore! Free event. The Pontiac Car Club and others will be displaying antique and classic cars. A collection of new and vintage quilts will be on display across the street at the Hadley Community Church. Visitors can explore the three floors of the Museum which are full of artifacts from Hadley's Township's past. Those who wish to exhibit their autos or farm equipment may call Gary at (810) 797-4302 to arrange for space. More information can be found at HadleyHistorical.Eventbrite.com or the Hadley Township Historical Society Facebook Page.

August 13 – Metamora

Indoor Yard & Craft Sale, The Historic Old Town Hall, 26 E. High St. (Dryden Rd.), 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There is no fee to shop! Hosted by the Metamora Historical Society. Got something you want to sell? Table rental is \$20 for an 8 ft. x 2 ½ ft. table. Space is limited. For more information or to book a table call (810) 417-1587.

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All of Macomb County

Woman's Life Chapter 855 Bottles and Cans Drive, helping those in need in our community. Make a difference today by donating. For larger donations, we have a pickup service.

Call (810) 392-5136 for pickup or drop off places in Memphis and Richmond.

August 1 & 15

All of Macomb County Confident Communicators Club Toastmasters Meetings, via Zoom, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. CCC provides a fun, safe and encouraging setting where members can practice speaking and try out new techniques. Register at confident-communicators-club-meeting.eventbrite.com. For more information contact vpm-1196053@toastmastersclubs.org or visit the CCC website at bit.ly/cctoastmasters.

August 2 – Richmond

Woman's Life Chapter 855 Meeting, Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division Rd., 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are a friendly group of women who enjoy doing charitable acts for those in need in the community. We are looking for new members to help us in our cause. For questions, please call (586) 872-3867.

August 4 – Ray Twp.

Follow that FARM! Ray Township Public Library, 64255 Wolcott Rd., 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The Wolcott Farm Center is on the MOOve! Follow it to the Library where Farmer Annika will be bringing her miniature horses for a fun storytime! Meet the horses and be sure to give them a good scratch under the mane after the story. Clip clop your way over to the library for this special event. For more information visit raylibrary.org or call (586) 749-7130.

August 7 – Shelby Twp.

Vintage & Handmade Summer Market, Packard Proving Grounds, 49965 Van Dyke Rd., 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presented by Chic & Unique Market. 100+ amazing and unique small businesses, many delicious food trucks and so much more here! Outdoor event, happening rain or shine. \$5 entry fee (kids under 12 free). Parking is free. For more information call (734) 250-2328.

August 7, 14, 21 & 28

New Baltimore Farmers Market, 50976 Washington St., between

Main and Front Streets, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The market will run every Sunday through October 30. For more information call (586) 215-7484 or email marketmanager@newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com.

August 8 & 22 – New Baltimore

St. Clair River Club with Toastmasters, MacDonald Public Library, 36480 Main St., 6:30 p.m. This meeting is Hybrid, so it can be attended either in person or through Zoom. Open to all interested parties. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. For more information call Paul Burger at (734) 837-5807.

August 10, 17, 24 & 31

Washington

The Loren Andrus Octagon House Summer Open House, The Loren Andrus Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for self-guided tours. Docents are on-site to assist visitors in the exploration of the three-story house. Admission is \$5. On August 17, we'll also have a Fairy Garden Craft for kids for an additional \$3, includes supplies. All age appropriate. No reservations required for this craft event. For more information visit octagonhouse.org or call (586) 781-0084.

August 12-14 – Richmond

St. Augustine Festival, 68035 Main St. We'll have exciting events all weekend: entertainment, a beverage tent, food trucks, a flea market, country store, kid's events and games, a craft and vendor fair, a cornhole tournament, a golf outing, a classic car show and raffles! Entertainment by The Gobies, Ted Pavlik & The Melody Makers, The Family Tradition Band and Drive Duo. Full list of event times and information can be found on our website staugustinecatholicparish.org or by calling (586) 727-5215.

August 13-14 – New Baltimore

Vietnam Era Reenactment, The Chesterfield Historical Village Green, 47275 Sugarbush, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presented by the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 for adults or \$2 for a family. For more information email micki35@wowway.com.

August 18 – Roseville

DNA Testing Companies: Pros and Cons, Costs and Features! Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6:00 p.m. Join us via Zoom as Eric Migdal, a family researcher with 26 years of experience will detail how DNA testing can be used and explain

the differences between the types of DNA testing available. Registration began July 28. Also, please note the Library will be closed Friday, August 26 for a Staff Development Day. For more information and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

August 20 – Washington

Mom to Mom Sale, The Loren Andrus Octagon House Barn, 57500 Van Dyke, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Admission \$1 donation. Space is available for \$20. For more information call Jan at (586) 337-9400 or email info@octagonhouse.org.

August 21 – Washington

The Loren Andrus Octagon House Open House with Presentation A Walk Through Time, The Loren Andrus Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for self-guided tours. Docents are on-site to assist visitors in the exploration of the three-story house. Admission is \$5. At 2:00 p.m. join us in the barn for the presentation. Learn about the art and time pieces that are on display in the Octagon House. They span periods from late 1700s through the 1900s. After the lecture you will have time to visit the Octagon House and see the items up close. We also have a large assortment of books, games and puzzles for sale in the Milk House. No reservations required. For more information visit octagonhouse.org or call (586) 781-0084.

August 22-26 – New Haven

Vacation Bible School at First Congregational Church, 58801 Main St., 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. each day. Ages 5 through 11 are welcome! For more information call (586) 749-9857.

August 23 – Roseville

Upcycle Craft Drop-In, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., drop in anytime between these hours. All ages welcome. We are going to turn your trash into treasure! We will have containers and decoration materials, but feel free to bring your own to. Make whatever you like or follow provided steps to make the sample crafts. Also, please note the Library will be closed Friday, August 26 for a Staff Development Day. For more information and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

August 24 – Roseville

Tween Water Gun Painting, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 2:00 p.m. Ready, Set and Paint! Use water guns filled with paint to create fun works of art in this outdoor event. This event is for tweens going into grades

5 through 8. Registration is required and begins August 3. Also, please note the Library will be closed Friday, August 26 for a Staff Development Day. For more information and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

OAKLAND

All Month Long (Wednesdays through Saturdays Only)
Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook on the Green,
Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., 11:00 a.m. – sunset.

The Museum invites visitors to experience a “hole” new experience at their historic campus. They now have an artist-designed miniature golf course on the grounds outside the Museum. The course is open to the public until September 25, every Wednesday through Sunday.

Visitors are highly encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance. Each ticket includes admission to the galleries to explore other exhibitions also on view. \$15 for adults, \$10 for ArtMembers and Detroit residents and \$8 for children under 12. For more information or to buy your tickets visit cranbrookartmuseum.org/mini-golf.

August 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Oxford
Friday Fish Fry, American Legion Post 108, 130 E. Drahner Rd., noon – 8:00 p.m. Average cost is \$10/person. We have walleye, cod and shrimp, combo plates and have carry out available. Every Friday! Building is sanitized daily. For more information call (248) 628-9081.

August 6 – Royal Oak
10th Annual Woodward Memories Car Show, Royal Oak Historical Society Museum, 1411 W. Weber Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Museum. Car show registration is \$15 and can be done on their website. You can also check out the Automotive Concept Art Exhibition running from August 6 to September 10. For more information visit royaloakhistoricalsociety.com.

August 13 – Clarkston
All Corvette Show, Everest Academy, 5935 Clarkston Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Corvettes America is celebrating its 21st anniversary this year! It is an all volunteer effort staged by members of America's Corvette Club of Michigan, sponsored by Bowman Chevrolet of Clarkston. It is one of the largest Corvette clubs in Michigan.

This year's All Corvette Show will have a silent auction with proceeds being donated to Clarkston SCAMP, a charitable organization dedicated to serving children and young adults with special needs. Event will be held rain or shine. Spectators: \$10 per car. Register online (August 7) or by mail (July 31) for \$30 per Corvette, or \$35 at the gate if there are still spots available (200 Corvettes total). For more information visit americascorvetteclub.org, email showchair@corvettesamerica.org or call (248) 884-3812.

ST. CLAIR

All Month Long (Mondays through Saturdays Only) – Port Huron
Blue Water Area Transit's Historic Trolley Service, starting point is Downtown Blue Water Transit Bus Center, 720 McMorran Blvd., noon – 5:00 p.m. The trolley follows a one-hour route that features over 50 local points of interest. Passengers can get on and off the trolley at 17 points along the route, including hotels and marinas. It costs just 10¢ per person, just 5¢ for senior citizens (60 and up) and persons with valid Medicare cards and handicapped people. For more information call (810) 987-7373 or visit bwbus.com/blue-water-trolley.

All Month Long – Port Huron
Diaper Drive by the St. Clair County Health Department's Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP), drop off point St. Clair County Health Department, 3415 28th St., during their regular business hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Donations of new packages of baby diapers (all sizes), including baby wipes, rash creams or baby hygiene items are being requested. 100% of donations will be given to

eligible MIHP participants. Monetary donations can also be made via St. Clair County Treasurer's PayPal at paypal.com/paypalme/sccmittreasurer. For more information or to schedule a donation pick-up, call (810) 987-4903.

August 1-5 – Port Huron
Young Writers' Guild, St. Clair County Main Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Published author JK Allen guides you through the writing and editing process in this intensive 5-day workshop. Take your story from idea spark, through rough drafts and into a crafted manuscript. Registration required – space is extremely limited. For more information or a full list of library events, visit stclaircountylibrary.org/events and select your local library or call (810) 987-7323.

August 3 – St. Clair
St. Clair Kennel Club General Meeting, Murphy Inn, 505 Clinton Ave., 7:30 p.m. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant. Come to see what we're all about! **Mark your calendars now for our All-Breed Dog Shows & Trials on September 16, 17 & 18 at Goodells Park!** More information can be found on our website stclairkc.org. For more information email stclairkennelclub@gmail.com.

August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Marysville
Knights of Columbus #9526
Wednesday Bingo, Knight Club, 1195 Gratiot Blvd., 6:15 p.m. start time. (Doors open 2 hours prior.) For more information call (810) 300-4891.

August 3-6 – Memphis
Friends of the Memphis Library
Annual Book Sale, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., Preview night is August 3: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (entrance fee \$2), August 4: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., August 5: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Buck-a-Bag Day) and August 6: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Memphis Library programs. For more information or a full list of library events, visit stclaircountylibrary.org/events and select your local library or call (810) 392-2980.

August 5 – Smiths Creek
All You Can Eat Fish Fry, American Legion Post 525, 7150 Smiths Creek Rd., 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. First Friday of every month! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for 12 and under. For more information call (810) 367-3244.

August 7, 14, 21 & 28
Port Huron

Operation Transformation's Faith & Family on the Plaza, 701 McMorran Blvd., 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Stop on downtown Port Huron every Sunday night for great Christian concerts the whole family will enjoy. Concessions will be available. Please bring your own seating. Entertainment schedule can be found at optrans.org. For more information call (810) 966-8660.

August 9 – Kimball
Dinner & A Movie, G. Lynn Campbell Library, 1955 North Allen Rd., 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Join us for pizza and a show! Tonight's film will be *Death on the Nile*, rated PG-13. Sponsored by the Friends of G. Lynn Campbell Library. For more information or a full list of library events, visit stclaircountylibrary.org/events and select your local library or call (810) 982-9171.

August 13 – Algonac
Algonac Clay Historical Society
Craft, Vendor and Classic Car Show, Clay Township Park, 4768 Pointe Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This will be our 10th year for the craft show and 3rd year for the car show. Vendors still being accepted! We can't wait to see you there! For more information email paulaburgess@comcast.net.

August 13 – Goodells
Celebrate Summer with our Walk and Talk Book Club, Goodells County Park, Center Parking Lot, 8264 County Park Dr., noon – 1:00 p.m. This is event is put together by the St. Clair County Library System. Read this month's selection, *The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock* by Imogen Hermes Gowar, or just talk about what you are reading in general during a pleasant stroll through one of our county's



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August 16 – Port Huron Port Huron Elks Lodge #343's 41st Consecutive Blood Drive, Port Huron Elks Lodge #343, 3292 Beach Rd., noon – 6:00 p.m. We have been supporting the American Red Cross since our first blood drive on January 7, 2013, and have collected over 160 gallons of blood. To make an appointment, please call (800) RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: porthuronelks343. For more information call (810) 982-8531 or email elks343@comcast.net.

August 18 – Marine City Algonac-Clay Historical Society Fundraiser Night, Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd., 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Foxfire Fixin's will donate 20% of all food purchases (excludes alcoholic drinks, taxes and tips) to the Algonac-Historical Society! Come on out and help raise some funds to benefit their day-to-day operations! To view the current menu visit foxfirefixins.com. For more information call (810) 794-9015.

August 26, 27 & 28 – Goodells All American Lumberjack Show, in conjunction with the St. Clair Farm Museum's Fall Harvest Days. 8310 County Park Dr., Friday at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Free with Harvest Days admission, \$6 for adults, 12 & under are free with adult admission. For more information call (810) 325-1737 or visit stclaircountymuseum.org.

SANILAC August 5, 12, 19 & 26 Port Sanilac Port Sanilac Lighthouse Tour, Port Sanilac Lighthouse, 81 S. Lake St., noon – 4 p.m. This event is presented by the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum and goes through the first Friday of September. Tours are just \$5 for adults, and children 12 and under are free with paid adult admission. No reservations or tickets necessary.

Closed-toe shoes are mandatory. Kids must be 36" in height. There are additional packages available too! For more information call (810) 622-9946.

August 7-13 – Sandusky Sanilac County 4-H Fair, Sanilac County Fairgrounds, 210 N. Dawson St. We'll have many events all week long! Carnival on the midway Tuesday through Saturday, Figure 8, Bump-N-Run, Tractor & Truck Pulls, Demo Derby and Rodeo, Livestock sale, silent auctions, horse shows and more. Admission: Monday \$10, Tuesday – Saturday \$15, Senior Citizen & Veterans \$7 before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Kids 0-6 years old \$5 before 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. For more information visit sanilacounty4hfair.org or call (810) 648-9297.

August 11 & 25 – Sandusky Thumb Dance Club, Knights of Columbus, 145 W. Wedge Rd., (1 ½ miles south of downtown on M19), 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dances will now be on the second and fourth Thursdays! Please join us for fun, fellowship, live music and good fun for only \$5. Please bring a snack to share or a dish to pass. This is a smoke and alcohol-free environment. The dance is a nice place to celebrate a birthday or anniversary with friends and family. Hope to see you there! For more information call (810) 310-2715.

August 14 – Port Sanilac "Live from the Carriage Barn Stage" Concert, Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum, 228 S. Ridge St., 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Join us for this open-air concert by Brian Wood and the Troubadads, with special guest performance by Mike Tremblay and Friends. Sponsored by DTE, Michigan Humanities Council and Sanilac Consortium for the Arts. Tickets available at the door. For more information call (810) 622-9946.

August 20 – Applegate Applegate Summer Festival, Downtown Applegate, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be a car show, old tractors and plowing. Craft vendors, kids games, dunk tank and food! Come on down, take a walk around and check out our little town. For more information email cochriill@gmail.com.

HONOR FIRST
redefining mental health

Submitted by Sara Beane

HONOR FIRST LLC

Bringing Mental Health Services to Underserved Rural Communities

Honor First LLC, a leading provider of telehealth mental health services, has announced the creation of new mental health resources intended to reach underserved communities in rural America. In the wake of all the recent horrible events across the country and around the world comes the renewed focus on the importance of mental health services and whether enough is being done to provide these important services. Honor First has specifically designed programs to prevent crisis situations that have devastated families and communities.

"Our goal is to offer preventive mental health services that address the causes of crisis situations," said Dr. Jaschon Proctor, CEO of Honor First LLC. "We intend to be boots on the ground in supporting families in need, especially in rural communities that may not have access to mental health services."

Honor First is comprised of more than 75 mental health professionals including Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW), Clinical Therapists and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP). The organization offers mental health services both virtually and in person.

Honor First also provides mental health services to businesses and their employees. If you are a business that would like to inquire about partnering with Honor First to provide these services to your employees, you may contact them at info@honor1st.org.

Honor First is redefining mental health and reducing the stigma of mental illness. Based in Michigan, Honor First makes it easier for people of all ages to see a therapist by offering virtual therapy with experienced mental health professionals for individuals, groups, families, and couples. The services are available in all 50 states and Canada. Honor First also offers therapeutic workshops through their nonprofit, Queen Shirley Foundation (QSF), which was founded by Dr. Proctor, and was named in honor of his mother who had her own journey through mental illness which was eventually alleviated through a holistic therapeutic approach.

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World Mosquito Day honors the date in 1897, when Sir Ronald Ross, a British Army surgeon working in India, proved that mosquitoes transmit malaria by identifying pigmented malaria parasites in mosquitoes that fed on an infected patient. Ross won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1902. No vaccine has yet been created to prevent this disease.

Malaria has affected every continent, except Antarctica, and remains a widespread problem in some parts of the world, with over 200 million people contracting the disease each year. It has been found in historic texts as far back as 1000 BCE and in the remains of mosquitoes that are over 30 million years old.

In 1946, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, born from a prior organization called Malaria Control in War Areas (MCWA) began focusing heavily on controlling and eliminating the disease.

JUST THE FACTS:

- A single bite from an infected mosquito can lead to disease.
- Mosquitoes cause more deaths than any other animal on earth.
- Only the females bite – and only during breeding. They need to feed on blood for the protein. When not breeding they feed on flower nectar.
- Mosquito season begins when temperatures rise above 50°F.
- Mated pairs synchronize their wingbeats.
- Mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide, not lights.
- The proboscis of the mosquito inspired the design of improved, less painful hypodermic needles used in medicine.
- Mosquitoes are most active during early morning before the sun has fully come up and at dusk. Direct sunlight can dehydrate them.

Native American Words of Wisdom

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“All the same people anyway, God say.”

Quanah Parker, the last Comanche Chief

Quanah Parker (Comanche *Kwana*, “smell, odor”) born c. 1845 – February 20, 1911, was a war leader of the Kwahadi (Antelope) band of the Comanche Nation. His parents are recorded as Comanche chief Peta Nocona and Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured at the age of nine during a raid on her home near Fort Parker, Texas, in 1836. During his time as a war leader and trying to preserve his people’s way of life he had several run-ins with American military forces as well as European-American bison hunters. Eventually surrendering, he led his band to the reservation at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Quanah became the founder of the Native American Church. Quanah Parker’s most famous teaching regarding the spirituality of the Native American Church: “We do not go into ceremony to talk about God, we go into ceremony to talk with God.”



Quanah Parker, c. 1890
Last Comanche Chief

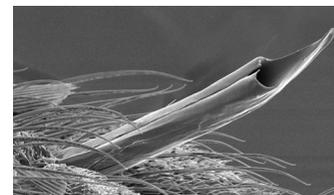
THUMBPRINT NEWS CONTEST

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object, person or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, go to our website www.thumbprintnews.com and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 12th of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year, and announced in our January 2023 issue!

For our July contest, TPN reader (and last month's contest winner) Dave Loersch submitted the photo to the right to see if any readers could identify it. He was able to stump everyone! It is an electric olive and nut rake. (Also, we want to apologize to Mr. Loersch for misspelling his name in our previous issue!)

The website olivegevy.com tells us:

- The botanical name of the olive is *olea europaea* which means “European olive”.
- Even though we think that the olive is a vegetable, it is technically fruit!
- The olive tree starts to bloom after four years with the first harvest expected after 15 years!
- Fossil evidence indicates the olive tree had its origins 20-40 million years ago in the Oligocene region corresponding to Italy and the eastern Mediterranean Basin.
- Eating olives improves the appearance of wrinkles by 20% since they contain oleic acid, which keeps skin soft and healthy.
- About 90% of all harvested olives are turned into olive oil and only about 10% are used as table olives.
- In addition to California, U.S. olives grow in Texas, Georgia, Florida, Arizona, Oregon, Alabama and Hawaii (on the island of Maui).
- The ancient Greeks smeared olive oil on their bodies and hair as a matter of grooming and good health.
- It takes approximately 7 liters of olives for the production of one liter of olive oil.



For our August contest, we are asking our readers to identify the object pictured to the left. If you know what this item is, let us know by visiting www.thumbprintnews.com. GOOD LUCK!



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