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COUPLE'S VISION CREATES NATIONALLY RENOWNED INSTITUTE

By David Odziana, ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Field Reporter

While some newspapers are struggling to stay afloat today, the industry was a lucrative way to make a fortune beginning in the late 1800s. Many of those businessmen used their fortunes to live lavish lives, but one man invested in an unprecedented passion that continues to serve the state of Michigan to this day.

Born in Toronto, Canada, in 1864, George Gough Booth became a successful entrepreneur after establishing an iron company in Windsor. On June 1, 1887, Booth married Ellen Warren Scripps, whose father founded *The Detroit News*,



The Booth family in Detroit: Grace, George, Ellen holding Henry, James and Warren (seated), 1898. Cranbrook Archives, Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research.

known back then as the *Detroit Evening News*. The couple moved into a home they had constructed in Detroit on Trumbull Avenue, and it wasn't long before George began working with Ellen's father in the publishing industry. When the two began working together, the newspaper quickly became the largest daily in Detroit, and as Booth began to branch out by purchasing other newspapers outside of Michigan, those too became very popular in their respected states.

As the years passed, both he and his brother began purchasing other Michigan-based newspapers,

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WELCOME TO AMERICA'S OLDEST AQUARIUM OPENED AUG. 18, 1904

America's Oldest Aquarium Resides in Michigan

By David Odziana, ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Field Reporter

At the same time the automotive boom in Michigan brought numerous innovations to the world of motors in the beginning of the 1900s, the birth of a new venture was also being established, which wasn't just unique to the state, but to the country as a whole.

During a visit to Naples, Italy, former Detroit chief assistant attorney David Heineman visited the Anton Dornh Aquarium and fell in love with the building. Once he returned to the states, Heineman worked to pass a bill in order to secure funding for



Anton Dornh Aquarium, Naples, Italy



Belle Isle Aquarium

not only an aquarium, but also a conservatory to be constructed on Belle Isle. The legislation was passed on May 26, 1899, but still needed to receive a majority of the public's support in order to become official – after a vote from the community, the bond of \$150,000 (more than \$3.5 million today) was issued on March 1, 1900.

A competition was held to see who could produce the best design, and after receiving drafts from all over the world, it was decided that Albert Kahn would be in charge of constructing the building. Kahn formed a new firm with another Detroit architect, George Mason, which only lasted a short time before they ended the union. The aquarium was of Beaux-Arts design and incorporated numerous objects found in lakes and rivers on

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LETTER from the EDITOR

The United Nations' (UN) *International Day of the World's Indigenous People* is observed on August 9 of each year. It is a UN day of observance, but is not a public holiday. On December 23, 1994, the UN General Assembly decided that this day would be celebrated annually for a decade to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. However, as the decade neared its end, the Assembly voted to continue the observance annually. This event spreads the UN's message on the protection and rights of these indigenous peoples, promotes their cultures and recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous peoples make to improve world issues, such as environmental protection.



Photo courtesy of United Nations Photo Gallery – Heiltsuk chiefs ceremoniously inviting each canoe ashore during the Qatuwas Festival, an international gathering of maritime indigenous nations of the Pacific Rim. Qatuwas is a Heiltsuk word meaning "people gathering together in one place". 27/Jun/1993. UN Photo/John Isaac. www.unmultimedia.org/photo/

This year's observance will take place on August 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber at the UN Headquarters in New York. Events will include messages from high-level UN officials, governments, indigenous peoples and other key leaders. There will also be performances by indigenous artists and group meetings on emerging issues. Other events will also be held around the world.

The accepted common definition of indigenous peoples is "those who inhabited a country or a geographical region at the time when people of different cultures or ethnic origins arrived." According to a UN document, "The new arrivals later became dominant through conquest, occupation, settlement or other means." In North America the accepted definition is, "those peoples living in North America before the arrival of Europeans in the late 15th century, their ancestors and their descendants to the present day."

According to the UN, there are an estimated 370 million indigenous people today living in approximately 5000 different groups in more than 70 countries around the world. They represent over 4,000 different languages of the 6,700 known languages that exist today. Indigenous people account for only about 6% of the world's population, but 90% of its cultural diversity.

This is a day when others can learn to accept and appreciate the indigenous peoples' distinct social, economic or political systems and their unique languages, cultures and beliefs. We can develop an understanding of how they often are neglected segments of societies, with lack of political representation and participation, economic marginalization (treatment of a person, group or concept as insignificant) and poverty, lack of access to social services and discrimination. We can become proactive in becoming involved in ways to protect their rights and their uniqueness. There are some of the oldest cultures in the world and, as such, demand respect and consideration from us daily. As some of these groups slowly face extinction, the rest of the world is primed for losing some of its greatest treasures.

"Through consciousness, our minds have the power to change our planet and ourselves. It is time we heed the wisdom of the ancient indigenous people and channel our consciousness and spirit to tend the garden and not destroy it."

~Bruce Lipton

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On this day in 1960, Aretha Franklin has her 1st recording session.



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On this day in 1847, William A. Leidesdorff launches the first steam boat in San Francisco Bay.

3

On this day in 1958, the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart premiers.



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On this day in 2015, Muppets Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog announce the end of their relationship on Twitter.

5

On this day in 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe dies under mysterious circumstances.

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On this day in 1911, Lucille Ball, American comedienne and actress, is born in Jamestown, New York.

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On this day in 1971, *Apollo 15* returns to Earth. The mission to the moon had marked the first use of the Lunar Roving Vehicle.

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On this day in 2007, an EF2 tornado hits Brooklyn, New York, the first in that borough since 1889.

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On this day in 1975, the Louisiana Superdome hosts its first NFL game; Houston Oilers defeat New Orleans Saints 13-7.

10

On this day in 1954, the groundbreaking ceremony for the St. Lawrence Seaway is held at Massena, New York.

11

On this day in 2003, temperatures rise to 112° Fahrenheit (44° Celsius) in Europe; over 140 people die in the heat wave.

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On this day in 1979, massive book burnings by press censors begin in Iran.

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On this day in 1892, the first issue of the *Afro American* newspaper is published in Baltimore, Maryland.

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On this day in 1947, Pakistan becomes an independent country.



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On this day in 1971, U.S. President Richard Nixon announces a 90-day freeze on wages and prices in an attempt to halt rapid inflation.

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On this day in 1987, the astrological alignment of the sun, moon and six planets marks what believers maintain is the dawning of a New Age.

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On this day in 1903, Joe Pulitzer donates \$1 million to Columbia University and begins the Pulitzer Prizes in America.

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On this day in 1974, *Luna 24*, the USSR's final major lunar exploration mission, soft-lands on moon.

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On this day in 1950, Edith Sampson becomes the first African-American representative to the United Nations.

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On this day in 1965, The Rolling Stones release "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" in the United Kingdom.



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On this day in 1944, the Dumbarton Oaks' conference, which lays the foundation for the establishment of the United Nations, is held in Washington, D.C.

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On this day in 1901, Cadillac Motor Company is founded.

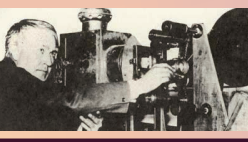


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On this day in 1900, Booker T. Washington forms the National Negro Business League in Boston, Massachusetts.

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On this day in 1891, Thomas Edison patents the motion picture camera.



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On this day in 1765, in protest over the stamp tax, American colonists sack and burn the home of Massachusetts governor Thomas Hutchinson.

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On this day in 1920, The 19th Amendment to the Constitution is officially ratified, giving women the right to vote.

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On this day in 1894, the United States Congress passes an income tax law as part of a general tariff act, but it is found unconstitutional.

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On this day in 1986, U.S. Navy officer Jerry A. Whitworth is given a 365-year prison term for spying for the U.S.S.R.

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On this day in 1964, Walt Disney's *Mary Poppins* is released.



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On this day in 1617, Rosa de Lima of Peru becomes the first person born in the Americas to be canonized as a saint.

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On this day in 2006, Edvard Munch's famed painting *The Scream* is recovered by Norwegian police. The artwork had been stolen on Aug. 22, 2004.





By **Patricia Cosner Kubic**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

I know that I'm embarrassingly late coming to this realization, but under the category of "it's never too late", I am declaring that I am Mae West's newest fan. While browsing through a magazine I rarely give time to, I came across an ad with a picture of a very fit cliff diver on the verge of a pinpoint entry with his mirror image reflecting on the water's surface. If that image wasn't eye catching enough, the caption, compliments of Mae West, is what stayed with me, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

If those words aren't true, I don't what words are. Mae's philosophy echoed with me for days. I wondered what kind of woman would preach that idea. I wondered if it would echo in the thoughts of others who read her words for the first time. That's the thing about truths – they stay with us. I had to find out more about her.

It turns out that Mae is one of the original strong, trail-blazing women on a list of others I deeply admire and endlessly appreciate. Yes, she was full of controversy by publicly owning minority opinions – such as supporting women's rights, accepting the gay society and promoting comfort with sexuality – and despite that these ideas made most people uneasy back then, she held tight to them. I get the feeling that doing anything less was something that never entered her mind. When the lights dimmed on Vaudeville, she didn't whine; she found another route to express her artistry and began writing and starring in critically acclaimed Broadway plays. She held so tight to her opinions that she went to jail for moral corruption instead of editing her play *Sex*. I wonder if sitting in jail was when she realized that doing her life right meant she only needed one life.

Anytime someone holds on to something so dearly despite legal action, social backlash and financial risk, they inspire me to protect my beliefs more intently. Her rousing idea of "doing our life right" makes me want to put some muscle behind my beliefs. For many people, it's easy to write a check to the Humane Society, but handling those discarded and injured animals is something entirely different and very difficult, to say the least. But using our time to get into the thick of things could be a decision that allows us to sleep sounder knowing we are heading toward the goal of "doing it right".

After Mae's presence on Broadway, it didn't take long for Hollywood to come calling. She signed a contract with Paramount, and in 1932, she earned critical acclaim by re-writing her lines and starring in the movie "Night After Night". Next, she brought her Broadway character "Diamond Lil" to the big screen, which not only was a financial success, but saved Paramount from bankruptcy. Not bad for someone who barely finished the third grade.

By that time, Mae had acquired a small fortune and was dating a black man. She lived in the Penthouse of Ravenswood Hotel, which did not allow black people in the building. She did the only thing she could think of – she bought the building and changed the rules. Now, there are only a few of us with those resources, but in some way, what we can do is take a lesson from Mae and figure out a way to right a wrong – or do our earnest best to do so. Many times that is enough.

A few more successful films, and this time it was the censors who knocked the door down. Because of them, her next films became bland, didn't make much money and left Mae feeling unfilled, I'd imagine. Her contract was up and she walked. She left piles of dough behind because of the censors, yet left with her beliefs in tow. For the fourth time in her career, she created a new chapter by writing, producing and starring in big productions in Las Vegas. She had to be the original diva in that town, the starter of a trail that lead Celine, Jennifer, Britney and more to that same glitzy town.

I have a small, but growing collection of books about strong women. I can't wait to add Mae's autobiography to my collection. I have a feeling her story is one that I'll only need to read once, and like our one lifetime, it can be enough. 🌱

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BACK TO SCHOOL SALES *Melanie Duquesnel*

While kids may not want to think about summer's end, the new school year is right around the corner. "Back to School" sales have been popping up for the better part of the summer. While it may seem as though there is a never-ending supply of great deals, now is the time for parents to take advantage of the offers and save money.

Preparing for the first day of school can be a daunting task. Buying everything your child needs can also be expensive. To help relieve some stress, Better Business Bureau has some tips for consumers to take advantage of all the savings possible.

Create a budget. A budget will help control your shopping list by limiting your purchases to items you need. Knowing your budget will also allow you to put money towards larger items or a special purchase.

Create a shopping list. Make a list by child or by store to avoid multiple trips. Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions, a BBB Accredited Business and National Partner, suggests starting by shopping at home to see if you have items left over from last year before pulling out your wallet.

Research major purchases. When shopping for laptops, calculators, dorm refrigerators and other large purchases, do your homework. Research the brands you're looking for to see what meets your expectations.

Check for educational discounts. Some computer and software companies offer discounts to students and teachers with .edu email addresses. Some of these can be quite substantial, so check around.

Don't miss sales. To find great deals, sign-up for email alerts and download shopping apps for your favorite stores. There are a number of apps that help you find coupons and discounts.

Buy in bulk. Some schools ask parents to buy items that will be used by the entire class (tissues, hand sanitizer, etc.). Get together with other parents to shop in bulk. Parents of college students can also buy in bulk for snacks, toiletries and other items for future "care packages".

Save your receipts. You'll need them if you want to make an exchange or return an item. Remember, some items are non-refundable or have a limited return period. Consider creating a free email account just for e-receipts; that way you can keep them all in one place and easily search when you need one.

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While George and Ellen enjoyed living in the city with their five children, they always had a dream of building a sprawling estate, which wasn't possible within the city limits. In 1904, the couple purchased a rundown farmhouse, from Samuel Alexander, in Bloomfield Hills that sat on 174 acres. They named the homestead Cranbrook, after the town the Booth lineage had originated from in England. George wasted no time in making changes to the landscape, such as planting numerous trees, grading the land, laying roads, digging lakes and constructing buildings for farming purposes. While he continued to plan out his new property, his family used Cranbrook as a summer retreat and stayed in their Detroit home during the winter for the first few years.

With the death of Ellen's father, James Scripps, in 1906, the couples' plan to permanently move to Bloomfield Hills was pushed up a few years. Their Detroit residence was sold to the Scripps' estate, which was eventually donated to the Detroit Public Library. George then called upon his friend and famed architect Albert Kahn to draw up plans for the Cranbrook House. Work started at the beginning of 1907, on the English Arts and Crafts style home, which became home for the Booth family in June of 1908. Most people would consider their home and property to be finished,



Cranbrook Farm, 1911 (courtesy of Cranbrook Archives)

but in George's mind, the improvements were just beginning – he continued to create gardens, construct more farming structures and establish additions on existing structures. Booth employed many local and well-known artists to complete this work at Cranbrook. The attention to detail didn't go unnoticed; the homestead soon became nationally renowned for the amazing craftsmanship and extensive collection of prized possessions.

One of the first buildings constructed, other than an outbuilding or dwelling, was the Greek Theatre, which was designed by Marcus Burrowes in 1916 – the first play performed was *Cranbrook Masque* by Sidney Coe Howard, put on by a 132-member cast. During the performance, a storm passed through the area, which caused the audience to disperse. This led Booth to construct a pavilion on Lone Pine Road for a place to seek shelter during bad weather. While the Cranbrook estate was originally constructed for personal use, the Booth family began exploring other uses for the property starting in the early 1920s. The couple considered numerous options, including offices for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, a science and art museum and even a girls' junior college. As years went by, the property's uses became clear to the family, but it was also ever-changing.

In the early years, the property largely resembled a working farm with a huge emphasis on landscaping and cultivating as many fruits and vegetables as possible to sustain the Booth family and all the workers. Throughout the continuous construction of Cranbrook, the Booths planted more than 150,000 trees. Eventually, George noticed some issues with farming and began shifting the property more and more for public use. The building known as the Meeting House was constructed in 1918, which was intended as a social center to be used for everything from religious to recreational to social gatherings. In 1922, community members organized a meeting in the hopes of creating a private school in Bloomfield Hills. The Booths generously offered the Meeting House for \$1 per year – the Children's School Trust was created by the couple in 1925, to supplement the school with income. The name was changed to Brookside School Cranbrook in 1930, so it wouldn't be confused with the other public schools in Bloomfield Hills.

In 1926, the Booths began obtaining collections to be showcased throughout Cranbrook. The first was purchased while on vacation in Denver after stopping in a mineral store, which helped in the creation of the science institute on campus. A few months later this collection was expanded after Levi Rowland approached George regarding his extensive accumulation of 23,000 geological items – Rowland, who was now 89 years old, wanted his collection used for educational purposes, prompting Cranbrook to purchase it. After spending a few years on its construction, the Cranbrook School for Boys was finally ready for use and was formally dedicated in 1927. The same year the Booths made the decision to make the entire Cranbrook property into a trust to ensure the care of the institutions they established, as well as those that would come in the future. The following year the Christ Church Cranbrook

was completed and the couple continued to make plans for expanding the campus. George remained president of his newspaper business until 1929, when he decided to only retain his position as director, a title which he held until the day he passed away.

With more time to focus on his true passion, the construction of the Institute of Science was approved on May 13, 1930. The same year ground was broken on the Kingswood School Cranbrook for girls, which materialized after Ellen Booth expressed the need for a school her granddaughters could attend – it was completed in September 1931. George made sketches of how he wanted the science building designed and Eliel Saarinen based his construction off those illustrations. Several additions were made to the original structure and the building was completed in 1936 and used to showcase the recently purchased collections. Work on the Cranbrook Academy of Art Library and Museum began in 1939, and was completed three years later, but informal art classes had been taking place at Cranbrook since the late 1920s. The same year the Cranbrook Academy of Art Library and Museum was completed, the institutions' art academy became recognized as a Michigan foundation of higher learning. In 1944, the Booths made the decision to donate the entire Cranbrook property and all of its contents to the Cranbrook Foundation. While this donation did include the Cranbrook House, the couple remained at the home until they each passed away, at which time the home was eventually transformed into the administration building. Ellen Scripps Booth passed away on January 24, 1948, and George Gough Booth, who was still continuing his passions of expanding and fine-tuning Cranbrook, passed away on April 11, 1949 – both were 84 years old at the time of their passing.

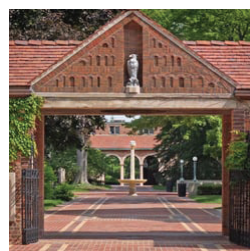
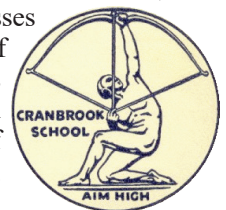
With the trust in place, the Booths' vision continued to be carried out by the committee even after their deaths. One of George's most innovative plans for the campus – in the making since the late 1920s – was the installation of a planetarium. Unfortunately, the designated area on top of the school's tower was problematic because it collected condensation on the dome from warm air rising and was even more of an issue during the winter months when ice would form. At the time of Booth's vision, it is believed only two schools in the country offered astronomy classes and because of this it was assumed they also had observatories of some kind. Sadly, George wasn't able to see the completion of his concept, which was finally installed in 1955, and became known as the McMath Planetarium. As the years passed, the Institute of Science building was expanded with the Skilman wing in 1962, and a larger wing in 1998.

Prior to transforming the Cranbrook Home into the *Historic Cranbrook* administration headquarters, there were talks of demolishing the building and dividing the property because of the extensive upkeep required. Thanks to George and Ellen's youngest son, Henry Scripps Booth, the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary was created in 1971, which is comprised of volunteers whom help maintain the historic home. With the generous donations to the Cranbrook Institute slowing down and operating costs increasing, the organization had to change certain aspects of their operations. A huge change came in 1973, with the creation of the Cranbrook Educational Community, which transferred the entire campus into a community trust. This resulted in Cranbrook being divided into three entities—Cranbrook Academy of Art, Cranbrook Schools and the Cranbrook Institute of Science. Each division had their own president who had to report to a board of trustees.

Today, Cranbrook continues to have a massive influence on the surrounding communities. Each of the schools, as well as the museum, produces students who are well-rounded socially, physically and mentally. The site is now a National Historic Landmark and is often described as "one of the most enchanted architectural settings in America." As a testament to how passionate the Booths were about the institution, the couple spent their entire acquired wealth from their time in the newspaper business on creating Cranbrook, which was \$12 million. Countless artists, designers, architects and other dignitaries have graduated from the school since its creation in 1930, and today more than 200,000 people a year come to visit one of the largest museums of natural history. 🌿



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MARKET MATTERS

Continued good news for sellers, but for buyers – not so much – they are still battling the housing inventory shortage. We are beginning to see some upward movement in the numbers of new listings. There may not be massive increases in inventory from week to week, but this longer-term trend upward toward more new listings is a good sign.

Mortgage rates continue trending up, recently reaching a seven-year high. A 30-year fixed rate mortgage is currently around 4.6%. The last time rates were at this level was the spring of 2011. With interest rates going up, less people could be entering the market, meaning buyers will have less competition when they go in to buy. Real estate experts are saying the healthy economy and job market are keeping buyers in the market for now, even as they face rising mortgage rates.

New listings will be key in maintaining sales growth and moderating the rapid price increases we've seen throughout this past year. Our current market situation makes it crucial that a buyer has a buyer's representative. Moving quickly and knowing how to negotiate with a purpose is what will get buyers into the homes of their dreams.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS TO HELP YOU WITH THE HOME BUYING/SELLING PROCESS

When buying or selling a home, it's impossible to avoid real estate terminology. Everyone uses it, from your real estate agent to your bank loan manager and title company. To avoid unfortunate misunderstandings, you need to understand the language by learning the lingo. These are some of the common terms you will hear:

Appraisal — This is an estimate of the property's current market worth/value. Lenders will require an appraisal from a qualified appraiser that they select to determine the market value of your desired home.

Appreciation — Over time, your house should gain in value due to increased marketing demand and inflation. The increased value of your home from when you purchased it is considered its appreciation in value. Depreciation refers to a decrease in value.

Assessed Value — This is the dollar value that a public tax assessor assigns to your home for the purpose of city/state taxes. This value is separate from a home appraisal value or market value.

Closing Costs — These refer to miscellaneous expenses to close the deal. Expenses can include mortgage fees, recording fees, title insurance, transfer taxes, credit check fees, commissions, inspection fees, appraisal fees and more.

CMA — CMA stands for Comparative Market Analysis, also referred to as "comps." This analysis, that your Realtor® prepares, looks at similar homes in your area that were sold or are currently on the market and can help you determine an accurate value for your home.

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Equity — This is the difference between your home's fair market value and the value of your unpaid mortgage.

Mortgage — A lien of claim against your property that the buyer gives to the lender as security for the money borrowed.

Multiple Listing Service (MLS) — When selling your home, an MLS is an organization that collects and distributes home sale information to popular listing sites.

Principal — The amount of money you borrowed to buy your home that you must pay back with interest.

Real Estate Agent — A professional with a real estate license who has passed a test as required by the state.

Realtor® — A real estate agent who is also a member of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), meaning they uphold certain standards and codes of ethics.

Sales Agreement — Also referred to as an agreement of sale, contract of purchase or purchase agreement. This is the contract in which the seller agrees to sell and the buyer agrees to buy under specific terms and conditions.

Title — The title is a document that refers to your right of ownership and thus your ability to sell.

Selling your home should never be confusing. Work with real estate professionals who can make the process as easy as possible and help you understand all the real estate terminology that you need to know. 🏡

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Informational Tips and Advice on Common Household Pests
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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 we learned about back in June, 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 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 Home & Commercial Services, we understand this and will respond to yellow jacket calls within 48 hours. Give us a call at (810) 794-5678 to set up treatment, letting our trained technicians tackle your yellow jacket infestation! 🐝



A PIRATE BOLD

By **Gerald Nyquist**, *ThumbPrint News Contributor*



For many years each fall, friends Marijean, Charlie and I embark on a fall color tour, often in good old Michigan where the color is hard to beat. Our 2017 itinerary took us across Lake Michigan on the Badger car ferry, then northward through Wisconsin to Michigan's western Upper Peninsula.

Driving through the town of Ontonagon, Michigan, we came upon the Ontonagon County Historical Museum that looked to be entertaining for us three very-senior citizens. Among their extensive collection of artifacts, a small picture thumb-tacked to a column caught our eyes. In small print, the picture was titled "A Pirate Bold"; there was no further identification. The picture is a reproduction of hand-drawn artwork, probably from the 19th century when such renderings were common. We just had to have a copy! Out came the digital camera, and thus we can share this delightful picture with all of you. Note that our little pirate sports a hand gun in his boot, a cutlass at his side and, of course, an anchor and other mysterious images tattooed on his forearm. Has he just rescued a fair damsel from some horrendous fate? Has he just reunited with his adoring sweetheart on the wharf when his ship returned from pillaging and plundering at some far-off land? Alas, this swashbuckling young lad's secrets will always be a mystery. 🏴‍☠️



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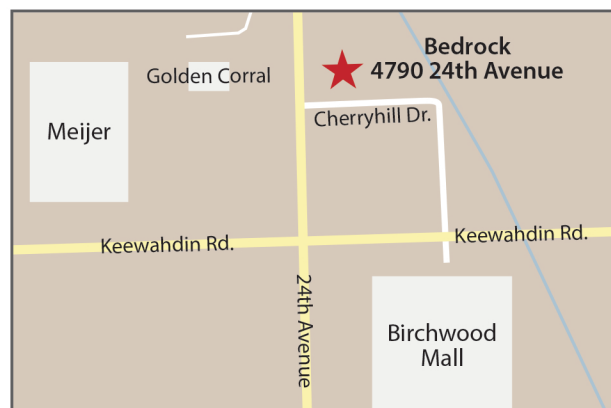
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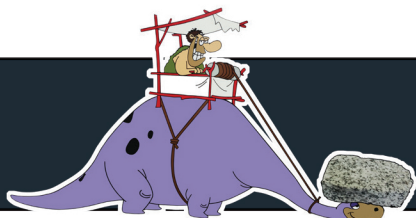
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This month Cheryl Duhadway of East China sent us a picture of ThumbPrint News with her friend Heather in Australia. This is what she had to say about the picture:



This is a picture of my friend, Heather MacDonald, who has lived in Australia her entire life. She has been my pen pal since second grade, when I picked her name out of the Weekly Reader Magazine. I chose her because she has almost the same birthday as myself. We actually got to see each other face-to-face in 1978 when she came to the States just before my wedding. My "something borrowed" was a pair of her shoes. We've been corresponding monthly for 55 years and I mail her almost every edition of ThumbPrint News. I encouraged her to have her picture taken with ThumbPrint News so we could participate in TPN Travels. She was happy to do so and here is the picture she took in front of the Murray Bridge welcome sign, the namesake of her hometown.

Here are a few interesting facts about Australia:

- Australia is home to 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.
- Australia has the world's longest golf course, which measures more than 850 miles long.
- The first police force in Australia was made up of the most well-behaved convicts.
- It would take around 29 years to visit one new Aussie beach every day; there are 10,685 of them!
- The Great Barrier Reef is the planet's largest living structure.



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I HOPE

By Rita MacDonald, ThumbPrint News Columnist

The tablecloth on my kitchen table is not changed very often anymore because there is rarely a meal served on it. It stays quite clean! I eat alone now and admit – I often sit on the couch with my plate on my lap! But today I did sit here, writing out a few cards to send in the mail. The summer is coming to an end, and the temperature is dropping just enough to shut the air conditioner off. The road construction is finished, so dust is not flying in the windows and the obnoxious sound of cement mixers is not drowning out my thoughts. The doors and windows are open, and dinner is on the stove.

I can hear the sounds of lawn mowers cutting grass. That sound always makes it feel like dinner time. Dad always came home and cut the grass after dinner. Sometimes after he cut the grass, he took all the kids in the neighborhood for a ride around the block in the back of his pick-up truck. We had great fun waving to everyone as we went by once...twice...sometimes three times!

I hope my granddaughter gets to ride in the back of her dad's pickup truck ;)

An ice cream truck even pulled into the court, played its tunes for a few minutes, stopped for two little girls in the front of my place, and then made its way down the street. I remember chasing the ice cream man down Hemingway on summer evenings. I still remember the coconut-covered chocolate ice cream bar I always bought. It was just 15 cents!

I hope my granddaughter gets to chase the ice cream truck ;)

Barley soup is on the stove. It smells just like my childhood did. Like home.

I hope I get to teach my granddaughter how to make barley soup ;)

I have some great childhood memories, and today each one of my senses reminded me of the simplicity of life when I was young and running around barefoot from sun up until the street lights came on. I can pray all sorts of things for my granddaughter, who is due to make her way into this world a month from now – but the things I pray for most are the simple things.

I hope my granddaughter is blessed with memories of sounds and smells that remind her how much she is loved. I hope she gets to hear her dad cut the grass, and smell her mom's home-cooked dinner on the stove. I hope she gets to make memories at my kitchen table with me.

I know this sounds silly. But if you know me, and you know the story about my kitchen table – then you know I have had all sorts of silly ideas and thoughts while I sat here. But, I really wonder if God gave us the ability to hear and see and feel and smell so that we could remember all of the little things that really matter... And I wonder, if after all, it's those little things to us that are a big deal to Him.

That's all...just a random thought, at my kitchen table. 🌱

SLOW COOKER

BEEF BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (3 pound) beef chuck roast
- 1/2 cup barley
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables
- 4 cups beef stock or 4 beef bouillon cubes mixed with 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (28 ounce) can chopped stewed tomatoes
- salt and pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS

In a slow cooker, cook chuck roast until very tender (usually 4 to 5 hours on High, but can vary with different slow cookers). Add barley and bay leaf during the last hour of cooking. Remove meat, and chop or shred into bite-size pieces. Discard bay leaf. Set beef, broth and barley aside. Heat oil in a large stock pot over medium-high heat. Saute carrots, celery, onion, and frozen mixed vegetables until tender. Add beef stock, sugar, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, chopped stewed tomatoes and the beef/barley mixture into the stock pot with the sautéed vegetables. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer 10 to 20 minutes. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste.

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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 15th of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 16, 2018, one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and the lucky person will be notified.



For our July contest, we asked our readers to identify what the object pictured to the right is. Of all of those submitting the correct answer, Chuck Avendt of Rochester Hills, Michigan, was randomly chosen and will be entered into the year-end drawing. Chuck identified that the object is a vintage roller skate key.



Those good ol' fashioned metal roller skates that strapped onto your shoes were useless if you didn't have a skate key on hand to adjust them. The hexagonal loop on top was used to turn the bolt that adjusted the length of the skate and the tubular end fit on the pin that tightened the toe grips.

For our August contest, we are asking our readers to identify what the object pictured to the right is. Remember, go to our website www.thumbprintnews.com if you know the answer. **Good luck!**



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ACROSS

1. Had, with "thou"

6. Leaves in a bag

9. " _____ good example"

13. Chilled

14. Hole punching tool

15. John du Pont, e.g.

16. "Private Parts" and "Miss America" author

17. Hawaiian garland

18. Faster!

19. "Highest grossing movie

21. "Popular 1990s communication device

23. Digital location marker

24. Sty cry

25. Homer's exclamation

28. Ticket leftover

30. Perform onychectomy

35. International Civil Aviation Organization

37. Please get back to me

39. Andean pack animal

40. Aldous Huxley's drug of choice

41. Willow twig

43. Cain's unfortunate brother

44. Like Desmond Morris' ape

46. Of low density

47. Cosa Nostra and such

48. Entertained

50. Yanks

52. U Rah _____!

53. "Put that in your _____ and smoke it!"

55. "Swedish pop group, _____ of Base

57. "Human _____ Project

60. "Grunge fabric

64. Panthers

65. "Uh-uh"

67. Indian cuisine yogurt staple

68. High society

69. Genesis vessel

70. Audience's approval

71. '70s hairdo

72. "Pamela Anderson's husband

73. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

DOWN

1. "Conan debuted as one on NBC in 1993

2. Against

3. Weight watcher's plan

4. Garbage disposal fodder

5. "Anna Kournikova's domain

6. Barber's supply

7. "Dolly

8. Cover story

9. a.k.a. porgy

10. Dublin land

11. Millimeter of mercury

12. Take your pick

15. Israeli monetary unit

20. Preface

22. "Emma Thompson in "Howard's _____"

24. Eliminate

25. "Royal car crash victim

26. _____'s razor

27. 3-line poem

29. "This socialist state is no more, acr.

31. Chowder ingredient

32. "Robert Reich, Secretary of _____

33. Single-cell animal

34. "Brandon or Brenda of "Beverly Hills, 90210"

36. Lyric poems

38. Paddington's home country

42. Like something fit for a king

45. Remove from the throne

49. Not bright

51. Frightens

54. Prison-related

56. Perform in a play

57. "1991 war site

58. Arabian chieftain

59. "Operation Joint Endeavour mastermind organization

60. Type of fish net

61. Cairo's waterway

62. Et alibi, abbr.

63. "'Late Night" becomes " _____ Show"

64. One in a pod

66. Second person of be

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Answer Key
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This Summer, Make Room for Chillable, Gulpable Reds

By **David White**, ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Greetings from Ocean City, New Jersey. This past Saturday, I checked into a rental house for the week with some friends. Since Ocean City is a dry town, we came with plenty of beer and wine, along with ingredients for a few basic cocktails.

While prepping dinner on the first night, we opened our first wine – a rosé of Pinot Noir from Pascal and Nicolas Reverdy, two brothers who produce some of the best wine in Sancerre.

After sitting down to eat, we decided to open a red. So we pulled the cork on a bottle of Refosco from Matthiasson Wines, a small, family operation in Napa Valley. It had been in the refrigerator for about two hours and so was quite cold. But nothing about the serving temperature struck any of us as wrong; it was lip-smackingly delicious.

This time of year, light reds deserve a spot in the fridge and on the table.

Such a concept might seem foreign. After all, when consumers think of chilled wines, they tend to think of whites and rosés. And for most Americans, a light, brisk red is an oxymoron. Reds are supposed to be dark, powerful and served alongside steak. But plenty of reds shine when chilled.

Take Gamay, the red variety from Beaujolais. Famed wine importer Kermit Lynch once described the wines of Domaine Diochon, a producer there, as "juicily delicious," praising them for having "a lush, supple, swallowable texture."

This description can be used for virtually every top Beaujolais. The best examples effortlessly combine vibrant acidity with depth and complexity. And they sing when served slightly cold. (If you're scratching your head, then you're probably thinking of Beaujolais Nouveau, the easy drinking, fruity wine that floods ashore every November and is almost always insipid.)

Elsewhere in France, the Jura's reds – which consist mainly of Poulsard, Pinot Noir and Trousseau – demand to be chilled. This region is becoming quite popular with wine enthusiasts.

Beaujolais and the Jura are both quite cool. On the viticultural edge, grapes struggle to ripen, so it's nearly impossible to produce big reds. Consequently, the indigenous grapes tend to be light-bodied, supple and energetic.

Take Zweigelt and Blaufrankisch, Austria's all-star reds. They're spicy and brooding, yet light on their feet. Or look at Lagrein, which hails from Alto Adige in northeast Italy. It's deep and plummy but rarely heavy. Refosco, which hails from Friuli-Venezia Giulia, the northern Italian wine region that borders Slovenia and Austria, is similar.

All these grapes take to a chill. And notably, they're all low in tannins. If a wine is too tannic, that's all you'll taste once it's cold. So don't stock your refrigerators with Barolo and Napa Cabernet. If you're looking for something with a bit more oomph, Grenache, Barbera and even some Zinfandel can handle a brisk serving temperature.

When the mercury rises, wine enthusiasts in France cry out for "vins de soif," a term that describes wines that are thirst-quenching and gulpable. Plenty of reds fit that description. And they belong on the summertime drinks menu.

Editor's Note: David White is the founder and editor of Terroirist.com, which was named "Best Overall Wine Blog" at the 2013 Wine Blog Awards. His columns are housed at GrapeCollective.com



Vocabulary Voyage

By **Laura Irwin**, ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

We continue our quest for new words to increase our vocabulary. Why? A good vocabulary makes communication simpler and allows us to be better understood, and in the words of Albert Einstein, "Once you stop learning, you start dying."

We would love for our readers to submit some of their favorite words.

mondegreen [mon-di-green]

A noun meaning a word or phrase resulting from a mishearing of another word or phrase, especially in a song or poem. Word origin: 1954; coined by Sylvia Wright, U.S. writer, from the line "laid him on the green", interpreted as Lady Mondegreen, in a Scottish ballad

excoriate [ik-skawr-ee-eyt, -skohr-]

A verb (used with object) meaning to denounce or berate severely; flay verbally; to strip off or remove the skin from. *Ex: He was excoriated for his mistakes.*

Ex: Her palms were excoriated by the hard labor of shoveling.

First known use: 1375–1425

irremediable [ir-i-mee-dee-uh-buh l]

An adjective meaning not able to be remedied; incurable or irreparable

Ex: irremediable conduct. First known use: mid 15th century

For future Vocabulary Voyage columns, we would love to have words submitted by our readers. If you have suggestions, please email the word(s) and meaning(s) to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net, along with your first and last name and the city of your residence. Emails not containing all the requested information will not be considered.



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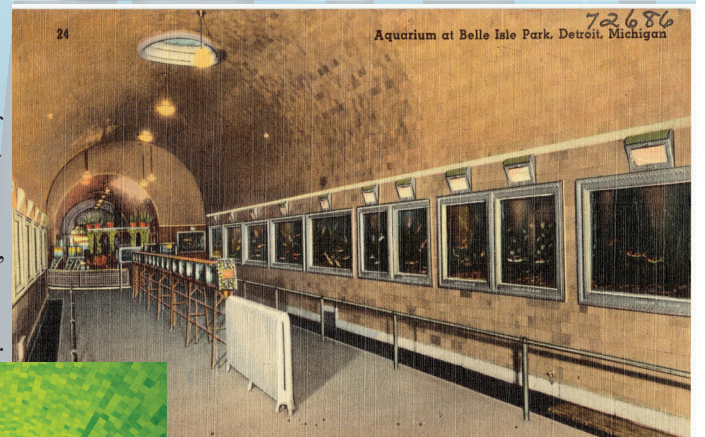
the exterior of the building to show visitors what to expect inside. The interior was equipped with some of the most technologically-advanced features, making it possible for the aquarium to host both fresh and saltwater fish, which had to be kept at different temperatures. Since it was believed that fish thrived more in water they've lived in previously, the water was recycled back through the tanks. The walls were lined with sea-green tiles, which were intended to give visitors the feeling of being underwater while admiring the 44 tanks lining the walls. Once patrons entered the door, a massive main tank surrounded by a railing was situated in the middle of the building filled with more than 8,500 gallons of water that were filtered through five miles of pipes. When the building was finally completed, the total came to \$165,000, which is equivalent to more than \$4 million today with inflation.

On August 18, 1904, the Belle Isle Aquarium, along with the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, was opened to the public, giving the island between Detroit and Canada the distinction of being home to the country's first aquarium – it was often referred to as the finest aquarium in the world and was recognized as one of the six largest. After much anticipation leading up to the grand opening, people began lining up before the sun started rising.

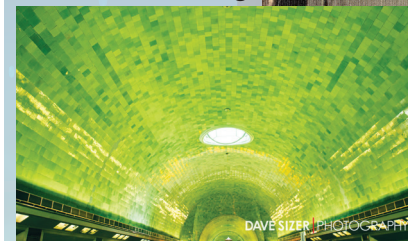


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Aquarium at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, Michigan



DAVE SIZER PHOTOGRAPHY

Green tile ceiling (contributed by Dave Sizer)

1940's postcard of the interior of the aquarium

By the time the daylight came, so many people were waiting for the doors to open that the line stretched from the aquarium, across the bridge to Belle Isle, back to East Jefferson Avenue – more than 5,000 people viewed the new aquarium on its first day and by the end of the first year, 500,000 visitors viewed the building. By the 1911-12 season, the number of visitors continued to climb, with nearly 2,400 people coming to view the wide variety of fish per day, with 370,000 more people frequenting the aquarium than did during the first year it was open.

Despite the Depression striking the United States, the Belle Isle Aquarium was able to remain open, but unfortunately they had to cut down on some displays to save money. During this time, the saltwater fish had to be sold because it was too expensive to give them the proper living conditions, which required thousands of gallons of ocean water. In the spring of 1954, the Belle Isle Aquarium closed its doors for more than a year in order to complete a \$200,000 renovation, which upgraded the tanks to make them more energy efficient and give the 51-year-old building a fresh look. After reopening in 1955, the aquarium increased the amount of fish housed in their tanks to 3,600, up from just 2,000 seven years earlier – this gave the aquarium one of the largest collections of fish available for viewing in the country with everything from electric eels to piranhas.

Attendance continued to decline throughout the 1970s and '80s, but despite the

drop in visitors, a shark tank was added in 1981, which held nurse, horned and leopard sharks. Talks began in 1986 to build a new aquarium on the riverfront, but because of financial issues, nothing ever materialized from this. By the mid-1990s, only 113,000 people visited the aquarium, which was nearly cut in half by 2004, compared to more than 1.8 million in 1931. Sadly, on March 3, 2005, it was announced that the city would close the doors of the Belle Isle Aquarium in order to save money for the struggling city of Detroit – at the time it shuttered, it was the only aquarium in Michigan and the longest operating aquarium in the country. With more than 4,000 fish at the aquarium



Current interior of aquarium
(contributed by Bryan Debus)



(Contributed by Bryan Debus)

when it closed, the marine animals were shipped off to other aquariums, water was removed from the tanks and the doors were chained shut. Seemingly the day after the aquarium was no longer welcoming guests, supporters began working to reopen the building. In the summer of 2009, the city was given a \$40,000 grant in order to fix the roof, which was the first step to reopening, but unfortunately this was only a small percentage of the \$195,000 required to make it structurally stable. After years of relentless effort from volunteers and numerous generous donations, the Belle Isle Aquarium finally reopened on September 15, 2012. So many people showed up to the reopening that workers were forced to extend the hours in order to allow for every visitor to take in all the aquarium has to offer – it is now estimated that around 6,000 people visit the historic aquarium each weekend during the summer months. Hopefully, this patronage will continue for many more years to come. 🇺🇸



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Below you will find a photo of the Thumb Dance Club '50s dance held on June 23, 2018. We would appreciate seeing it in your newspaper! Great fun was had by all 51 dancers as they did line dancing, square dancing, ballroom, polka and a bit of rock and roll to music provided by a band named "Lighthouse Three" led by Arnie Besonen. This is a fun-loving group where the dancers feel like a family. We dance twice a month at the Maple Valley School in Sandusky, have a great Christmas dance and a terrific balloon-breaking New Year's Eve dance. Call (810) 404-4250 for information or email rugbug1300@gmail.com.

Dorothy Warner of Sandusky

Editor's note: Keep an eye on our Calendar of Events each month for the Thumb Dance Club's monthly dates and entertainers!



From left to right, Rick and Linda Fey from Applegate, Shelby Combs from Sandusky, Dorothy Warner Echlin and Bill of Sandusky, Leola Rickett of Carsonville, Judy Varosi of Sandusky, band leader Arnie Besonen of Port Austin, Delores Pickard of Clyde and Mary Ann Booth of Clyde.

Dear Editor, Al Kodet, David Oziana and Staff,
On behalf of our entire "Blankie Group", I send along our heartfelt thanks for the feature



article in your June publication. What a great job on reflecting the history and purpose of our founder, Lorraine Suva. So nice to have a "good news" publication help in our efforts!

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Contributed by Lisa Hartman, Branch Director, Grace Hospice, Marysville, Michigan

The first thing that comes to people's minds when they hear "hospice care" is often medical. They think of nurses and physicians that are providing end-of-life care. Hospice is so much more. We have many supportive services that people are not aware of. One of those services is volunteer services.

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RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING

By **Laura Irwin**, *ThumbPrint News Staff Writer*
Edited by Bethany Wolf

What would happen if suddenly curbside garbage pick-up was no longer an option? Where would you put all of your household trash? Would you dig a hole out back and bury it? Dump it in waterways? Burn it all, even the plastic? Store it, then cart it out to your local landfill weekly or monthly? Do you know where the closest landfill is to your residence? Or would you take the necessary steps to reduce your household waste products by sorting the trash into burnables, recyclables and compostables?

Lately, I've found myself becoming more and more concerned with the process of recycling and making sure I am setting a good example. But I know I'm not going to be able to do it alone; it truly needs to be a grassroots effort. Every individual – me, you, your grandmother, my nephew, our neighbors, businesses large and small – all of us need to be taking this into our own hands on a daily basis to alleviate litter and promote recycling of harmful plastics in order to protect our planet, Mother Earth. With a bit of research and a lot of thought, I've decided to share with you some small ways we all can do our part in helping out, before we are all buried in everyone's household trash.

When hosting an event at home, ever notice how many recyclable items your guests go through? For an upcoming event, I plan to put out separate, clearly marked bins for returnables, recycleables and trash. I could take it one step further and split up the trash bin to subcategories including compostables, but for the convenience of my guests, I've decided to skip that for now. With the three separate bins I plan to use, my hope is to get my guests to think about their own usages while saving my little corner of the planet at the same time. Try doing the same the next time you're the host.

Have you ever thought about how many single-use plastic water bottles or disposable coffee cups you throw away in a week? A few months ago, we noticed it was a lot in my house, so all four of us made an effort in using reusable cups, wide-mouth glass jars and bottles with lids for our various drinks throughout the day, both at home and on-the-go. We've been able to all but eliminate that beverage waste with this method. It can mean spending a little extra on a reusable cup or two and a little more on a water filtration system, but you'll be saving on buying cases and cases of water bottles. If you're not into making your coffee at home and want it from a shop, try taking a travel mug with you; most places will fill it with no problem. If you need a little more incentive, some places might even offer a little discount. Again, these are small changes, but they will benefit both your wallet and our lovely planet.

Another super easy way for each of us to make a difference is to say no to those convenient plastic and paper grocery bags. Instead, start taking cloth bags to the grocery store with you. This alone will help reduce plastic consumption and plastic production and produce less litter on our streets and in our waterways. Some grocery stores will also offer a discount for the use of reusable bags, just like those coffee shops.

These sturdy cloth bags are just what I need for buying the largest size of many items instead of the individual serving containers. I repackage the bulk items at home, often using those glass jars I mentioned before. I've found them to be perfect for food storage since they are easy to clean and with the lid, they are airtight and portable. There's also the added bonus of them being see-through so I always know what's inside. Buying in bulk not only saves money, it also creates fewer items in the recycling bin each week, and reminds me of one of my dad's favorite sayings, "Don't be pennywise and pound foolish!"

Speaking of recycling bins, even with my smart shopping ways, the four of us in my house can easily fill up three curbside recycling containers each week. The bins we use were provided by our waste management company at some point years ago. Because we do fill up all of them, I would love to get one of those large, wheeled cans so I'd only have to take one trip down my 200-foot driveway each week, especially in the winter, but they are pricey. For now, I'll just keep counting the multiple trips as my bonus exercise.

We are able to use the same waste management company for our garbage and recycling pick-ups at our house. They allow for all of our recyclables to be combined into one bin without sorting, and they accept #1, #2, #4, #5 and #6 plastics. Even

though I don't need to sort our items, I do make sure to take the time to rinse everything that needs it before going into the bin, otherwise it would end up stinking and attracting pests by the time it goes out to the road at the end of the week.

The list below will give you an idea of what each recycling number represents. These numbers can typically be found on the bottom of the plastic container. Also, it is important to note that not all waste management companies accept all recycling numbers. Make sure to check with yours before proceeding, but please do proceed!

#1 – Plastics typically used for water, soft drink, juice, beer, wine, mouthwash or salad dressing bottles, peanut butter/jelly jars, oven-ready and microwaveable meal trays, detergent and cleaner containers.

#2 – Plastics that generally include plastic bags (grocery), opaque milk, water and juice containers, bleach, detergent and shampoo bottles, garbage bags, dishes, yogurt and margarine tubs, cereal box liners and some medicine bottles.

#3 – Vinyl (not included on my waste management company's list of items) has high toxicity and some examples are toys, clear food (e.g., take-out) and non-food packaging (e.g., cling wrap), shampoo, mouthwash and squeeze bottles, cooking oil and some peanut butter jars, detergent and window cleaner bottles, loose-leaf binders, shower curtains, blood bags and medical tubing, "pleather" clothing, Naugahyde upholstery, wire and cable insulation, carpet backing and flooring. Rigid PVC used for blister packs and clamshell packaging, credit cards, piping (e.g., for plumbing), vinyl siding, window frames, fencing, decking and other construction materials.

#4 – Plastics that are mostly film applications like bags (grocery, dry cleaning, bread, frozen food bags, newspapers, garbage), plastic wraps; coatings for paper milk cartons and hot and cold beverage cups; some squeezable bottles (honey, mustard), food storage containers, container lids.

#5 – Plastics used as food containers (ketchup, yogurt, cottage cheese, margarine, syrup, take-out), medicine containers, straws, bottle caps, Britta filters, Rubbermaid and other opaque plastic containers, including baby bottles. Other uses include disposable diaper and sanitary pad liners, thermal vests, appliance parts and numerous car parts (bumpers, carpets, fixtures).

#6 – Polystyrene, perhaps the most offensive, can be used in the form of: Styrofoam food containers, egg cartons, disposable cups and bowls, take-out food containers, deli food plates, packaging, packing peanuts, bike helmets, disposable cutlery and razors, CD and DVD cases, hangers, smoke detector housings, license plate frames, medicine bottles, test tubes, Petri dishes, model assembly kits. Styrene is a known brain and nervous system toxin that has adverse effects on genes, lungs, liver and the immune system, especially when the contents are hot or oily.

I'm pleased to say that recycling and the awareness of it has come a long way these past few years, not only at the consumer level, but also with a small number of manufacturers making changes to their products and some industries using biodegradable packaging. However, there is still quite a long way to go. Seeing properly utilized recycling bins next to each trash bin in hospitals, office buildings, restaurants and on street corners would be an incredible step in the right direction.

Until then, remember that every little bit adds up to a big step forward. Recycle – it's the right thing to do! ♻️

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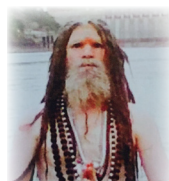
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LUXATING PATELLAS IN DOGS

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

Patellar luxation is a common musculoskeletal disease seen in toy and miniature dog breeds such as Yorkshire terriers, Pomeranians, Pekingese, toy poodles, chihuahuas and Boston terriers. This condition can also be seen in larger breeds and short-legged breeds like great Pyrenees, basset hounds and dachshunds.

The patella, also known as the kneecap, fits comfortably in a groove at the distal end of the femur or thigh bone, called the patellofemoral groove. The ridges of this groove hold the kneecap in place, and as long as the ridges are deep enough, the kneecap can only move up and down as nature intended. The quadriceps muscle of the thigh is attached to the lower part of the leg by the patellar ligament. So, when your dog flexes and extends the rear legs, the kneecap slides up and down and helps to keep the patellar ligament that sits just over the kneecap in place. To luxate means to "pop out of place" or "dislocate". So when a patella is luxated, it pops out of the patellofemoral groove.

Toy and miniature breeds tend to genetically have shallow patellarfemoral grooves, causing the kneecap to luxate, most often medially (to the inside). Typically in larger dogs and short-legged dogs, the kneecap luxates laterally (to the outside). When the patella luxates from the groove of the femur, it usually cannot return to its normal position until the quadriceps muscle relaxes and increases in length.

Symptoms associated with patellar luxation vary greatly with the severity of the disease. This condition may be an incidental finding detected by your veterinarian on a routine physical examination or may cause your pet to be lame in the affected leg. Most dogs affected by this disease will suddenly hold the limb up for a few steps, and may be seen shaking or extending the leg prior to regaining its full use. So while the muscles are contracted and the patella is luxated from its correct position, the joint is held in the flexed or bent position. A loud yelp can sometimes be heard just prior to the leg being held up. This is from the pain caused by the kneecap sliding across the bony ridges of the femur. Once out of position, the animal feels no discomfort and continues his activity. Once the quadriceps muscle relaxes, the patella will pop back into its normal position and your pet will return to normal function.

Most dogs present with a history of intermittent (on-again-off-again) lameness in the affected rear leg(s). The diagnosis of patellar luxation is essentially based on palpation of an unstable knee cap. Radiographs of the affected leg help to rule out any other orthopedic issues that may be causing the luxated patella. Over time, the knee cap may dislocate more and more often out of its groove, eroding cartilage and eventually exposing areas of bone, which leads to arthritis and associated pain.

Patellar luxations that do not cause any symptoms should be monitored, but do not typically warrant surgical correction, especially in small dogs. Surgery should be performed if your dog has recurrent or persistent lameness or if other knee injuries occur secondary to the luxating patella. Surgical repair generally involves three steps: transplanting the point of attachment of the patellar ligament to the tibia to its proper location, deepening the groove in the femur so the patella will stay in place and tightening the joint capsule – which tends to stretch with chronic luxating. Post-operatively, the recovery period is usually very rapid, especially with appropriate pain management.

Long term prognosis is good, as long as there is no significant arthritis in the joint. Once arthritis is present, then your pet may need long term anti-inflammatory medications and joint supplements like glucosamine. 🐾

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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

No events were submitted for Genesee County this month.

HURON

Bad Axe – August 4 & 18 Tip of the Thumb Dancers,

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Lapeer – August 7

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Clifford – August 12

28th Annual Heritage Day Dinner and Festival, St. Patrick Chapel, 9851 Main St. Roast beef and pork dinner with all the fixin's served from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$9 per adult, \$8 per senior, \$5 for children 5 – 11 years, under 5 free. In addition, there will be Bingo with cash and prizes, a flea market, a country store, a free kid's tent with games and activities and the Clifford Library live. For more information call Donna at (989) 670-2644, Thea at (989) 683-2539 or Marie at (989) 635-2776.

Lapeer – August 14

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Lapeer – August 21

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Memphis – August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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Washington Twp. – August 1, 8 & 15

Confident Communicators Toastmasters Club, Washington Township offices in the upstairs boardroom, 57900 Van Dyke (between 26 Mile Rd. and West), 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 1st three visits are free. For more information contact Kim at (586) 933-3286.

Richmond – August 7

Woman's Life Group Chapter 855 Meeting, Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division Rd., 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Melissa at (810) 305-2245.

Richmond – August 10 – 12

St. Augustine Parish Festival, St. Augustine Church, 68035 Main St. Visit staugustinecatholicparish.org for details, visit the St. Augustine Parish Festival Facebook page, call the Parish at (586) 727-5215 or Greg and Brenda at (586) 255-6967.

Washington – August 19

Octagon House Chat – The Toledo War, Loren Andrus Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke, 2:00 p.m. Alan Naldrett will share with us the interesting and sometimes funny aspects of the Toledo War – the war between Michigan and Ohio over the Toledo strip. Admission of \$5 includes presentation and a self-guided tour of the Octagon House. For more information visit octagonhouse.org or call (586) 781-0084.

Memphis – August 25

Euchre Tournament, Memphis Lions Club, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. \$10 per player. 50/50 drawing. Prize money for 1st, 2nd

and 3rd places. Everyone welcome. Snacks available. For more information email Frank at memphismichlions@yahoo.com.

Lenox – August 26

23rd Annual Heritage Day, Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association, 35800 28 Mile Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Event sponsored by National Rifle Association and Waste Management. Heritage Day offers many exciting events, including shooting sports with certified instructors. Admission is \$5 per car. Each child (age 16 and under) will receive \$10 in tickets for use at events. Food and refreshments are available. All proceeds benefit education, promotion and protection of our outdoor heritage. For more information call (586) 598-8018 or visit huronpointe.org.

OAKLAND

Rochester – August 5, 12, 19 & 26

Coffee, Cake and True Islam, Masjid Mahmood (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center), 1730 W. Auburn Rd., 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is an ongoing weekly event for an informal and candid conversation about Islam intended for neighbors, academia, students, media and anyone else interested in learning about the faith from its followers. Join us for a warm cup of coffee, cake and some engaging conversation. Events are free and open to the public. For more information call (248) 677-1316.

White Lake Twp. – August 25

Haven Hill Festival, Highland Recreation Area, 5200 Highland Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Watch an 1860-era baseball game played on the former Edsel Ford Estate. See Mary Moore throw out the first pitch; she played on the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Visit the Gate House Garage to learn the history of the estate. Visit the barn for antiques and treasures. Enjoy a simple lunch of food and beverages. Take a guided hike. See antique Fords on display. The non-profit Friends of Highland Recreation Area is hosting this free event. Michigan DNR passport required for park entry. For more information visit fohrvolunteers.org.

ST. CLAIR

Algonac – August 1

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. This is a group of support, understanding and shared information for those caring for loved ones experiencing Alzheimer's/dementia. Meets the 1st Wednesday of every month. Registration requested by calling (810) 794-4471.

Kimball – August 1 – October 12

Crafters Wanted to Sign Up for October Craft Show, McGiveny Banquet Center, 4521 Ravenswood Rd. Craft show will be on October 13. Tables are \$25 and are on a first come, first served basis, so reserve yours today. For more information call Ann at (810) 434-2924 or Rita at (810) 364-8547.

Port Huron – August 1 Let's Dance: Movement and Music Class

Port Huron Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 9:30 a.m. Experience the joy of dance and movement with dance instructor Miss Devin. Students ages 6 – 12 will build skills in movement patterns through introduction to different dance styles and musical genres. This is a no-pressure, no-recital series. Register for one or all sessions. For more information call (810) 987-7323 ext. 124.

Fort Gratiot – August 2 Blue Water New Horizons Band – FREE CONCERT

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 5235 Lakeshore Rd., 11:00 a.m. Our band is celebrating 20 years together with a free concert. All are welcome. We also welcome anyone who would like to become a member of our band's orchestra – if you are out of high school. Our members range from 29 to 90 years old. For more information call Malinda at (810) 985-6136.

Kimball – August 3

Fish Fry, Smiths Creek American Legion Post #525, 7150 Smiths Creek Rd., 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 10. Fish (deep-fried) dry batter or beer batter, also baked (no batter), baked potato, coleslaw, tossed salad, dinner roll, water, coffee and a piece of cake for dessert. Pop also available for \$1 per can. For more information email John at hayman11@comcast.net.

Marine City – August 3, 17, 24 & 31

Kenny Lang Live at Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd., 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and/or a drink from our complete bar with liquor, wine, beer and moonshine while being entertained by Kenny playing acoustic Americana music. No cover charge – Kenny plays for tips! For more information and to see a full menu for Foxfire Fixin's visit foxfirefixins.com.

Marysville – August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

10th Annual Farmer's Market, Marysville Park waterfront across from the old boat launch, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Vendors wanted – all are welcome. Hosted by Marysville

Knights of Columbus #9526. For more information call (810) 364-6800 or (810) 824-7435.

Harsens Island – August 4 Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association Annual Field Day and Family Picnic

Browns Field, 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information call Linda at (313) 671-6663.

Yale – August 6

Rock Jeopardy, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 1:00 p.m. Have fun playing a Jeopardy-type game while demonstrating your knowledge of rocks and rock music. All ages welcome. Registration is requested, but not required. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

Capac – August 8, 15, 22 & 29

Read to Chief, the Reader Dog, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 2:30 p.m. School-age children drop in to read to Chief, a German Shepherd therapy dog. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

Kimball – August 9

Teens – Giant Water Balloon Slingshot Wars, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 5:00 p.m. Team up to win prizes for the farthest fling, most dramatic splat, heaviest environmental danger pile and more. Bonus points if your team manages to not get soaked! Ages 12 – 18. Registration requested by calling (810) 982-9171.

Marine City – August 10, 11 & 12

Homemade Ice Cream from a 1920s Antique Fairbanks-Morse Engine, outside of Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd. This will be taking place during the Yard Sale Trail and all profits will benefit the MORA (The Museum of Off Road Adventure). For more information call (877) FWD-MORA (393-6672).

Memphis – August 10

Compact Disc Art, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 3:00 p.m. Turn an old CD into a beautiful work of art using your own unique design. Materials provided. Please sign up at the circulation desk. For more information call (810) 392-2980.

St. Clair – August 10

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 382 9th Annual Classic Car Show, American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., registration starts at 2:00 p.m., show time 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. \$10 fee to enter car – dash plaques to first 75 cars. Raffles, food, beverages and music. For more information call Vern at (810) 329-2569.

Clay Twp. – August 11

Craft and Vendor Show, Clay Township Park, 4710 Pointe Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Also enjoy scrumptious goodies at the bake sale. Proceeds will benefit the Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society. For more information email Paula at paulaburgess@comcast.net or call her at (810) 794-9641.

Port Huron – August 12 Blue Water Horizons Band – FREE

CONCERT, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, 2802 Omar St., 2:00 p.m. Our band is celebrating 20 years together with a free concert. All are welcome. Bring chairs, family and friends. We also welcome anyone who would like to become a member of our band's orchestra – if you are out of high school. Our members range from 29 to 90 years old. For more information call Malinda at (810) 985-6136.

Smiths Creek – August 12

Breakfast, Smiths Creek Masonic Lodge #491, 335 Henry St., 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$7 for adults. Pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, toast, potatoes, orange juice, coffee and white or chocolate milk. For more information email John at hayman11@comcast.net.

Kimball Twp. – August 14 New Life Christian Academy

Open House, 5517 Griswold Rd., 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Families of prospective students are encouraged to visit the school, meet the teachers, view the curriculum and textbooks, and ask about extra-curricular opportunities. Come and see what makes us different! Classes are offered for students preschool through twelfth grade. Information and enrollment packets will be available. For more information call (810) 367-3770 ext. 100.

St. Clair – August 16

Detroit Jazz, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 6:30 p.m. The Jazz Foundation of America presents Phil Hale and Paul Carey. Phil will speak about the history of Detroit jazz and blues roots and will illustrate with musical examples. This is a perfect warm-up for those new to jazz or longtime fans, in addition to the Third Annual St. Clair Jazz Festival. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

Lakeport – August 18

PaleoJoe, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 10:00 a.m. Paleontologist, author and storyteller PaleoJoe will take us on a wild ride through the ancient world of fossils and dinosaurs. This high-energy program brings to life creatures of long ago. Sponsored by Friends of the Burtchville Library. Registration is requested by calling (810) 385-8550.

Marine City – August 18 Read Like a Rock Star Magic Show

Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 11:00 a.m. Michigan magician Jeff Wawrszek will have you laughing in a high-energy, interactive program. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

Marysville – August 18

Ice Cream Social, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 11:00 a.m. Drop in and enjoy a refreshing ice cream treat and play an old-fashioned game as we wrap up the summer reading program! Everyone is invited. Sponsored by Friends of the Marysville Library. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

Port Huron – August 18

Boats4Vets, River Side Marina, 525 River Rd., kick-off at 10:00 a.m. This 4th annual event is a simple day of fun for any veteran who wants to attend. The day starts off with coffee and donuts, followed by a boat ride out on Lake Huron. As the boat rides come to an end, a friendly cookout and presentation of gifts will be awarded to veterans. For more information call George at (810) 304-0883.

Marine City – August 20 Fundraiser for the Algonac-Clay Historical Society

Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd., 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come in and enjoy a great meal while helping out a worthwhile cause. 20% of all food sales that night will be donated to the Historical Society by Foxfire Fixin's. Bring your friends and make the night a fantastic success for the Society. Complete lunch and dinner menu will be available. For the menu, go to foxfirefixins.com. For more information call (810) 765-9255.

Goodells – August 23

St. Clair County Family History Group Annual Potluck, Goodells County Park, 8264 County Park Dr., 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, a beverage and table service. Following the potluck, we will have a barn tour and talk about "Life at the Poor Farm". In case of extreme weather, we will meet at the Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware Ave., instead. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family history is welcome to attend as a guest or may become a member. For more information contact (810) 984-3322 or email grannyfran21@sbcglobal.net.

Marine City – August 25 Comedy and Cocktails 4 a Cause

Marine City Banquet Center, 6385 King Rd. All-inclusive evening of fun – dinners, drinks and the show! Benefits Day Dreams Farm. Tickets now on sale at comedyandcocktails4acause.com. For more information email extralou@gmail.com.

Fair Haven – August 27
Ira's Color and Chat Club, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 6:00 p.m. Take some time for yourself. You deserve it. Relaxation is the key, so join us on the 4th Monday of each month to color and chat. Bring a friend or make a new one. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

SANILAC

Port Sanilac – August 11
Class Reunion Like No Other, Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 S. Ridge St., 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Past students, teachers and descendants of students or relatives of students who attended any rural school in Sanilac County, at any time, are welcome to attend in the Huckins One Room School House at the Village. Bring photos, memorabilia and stories. This is a project of the Rural School Committee of the Sanilac County Genealogical and Sanilac Historical Societies. For more information call Dick at (810) 359-8608, Ella at (810) 679-3816 or the Museum at (810) 322-9946. It would be helpful, but is not required, to RSVP to the Museum.

Sandusky – August 11 & 25
Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple St., 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Everyone welcome –

bring finger foods (for 8:30 p.m.) and friends. Admission \$6 for members and \$7 for guests (regular dances). \$10 membership per year. On August 11 entertainment provided by Lighthouse Three and on August 25 by Dick Hedrich and Son. For more information call Dorothy at (810) 404-4250 or Gordon at (810) 712-1427.

Applegate – August 18
Applegate Summer Festival, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Car show, tractors and tractor plowing, games, food and more. For more information call Jeff at (810) 404-7844.

TUSCOLA

Caro – August 10 – 12
43rd Annual Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association Show, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 188 Park Dr. Gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day and admission is \$5 for adults, children under 12 admitted free. Farm Toy Show and Sale held on Saturday, August 11. For additional information call (989) 673-3430 or visit carotractorshow.com.

WAYNE

No events were submitted for Wayne County this month.

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ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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11 am - 3 pm

Face Painting by Brenda Roberts
11 am - 5 pm

"Rosco The Clown"
12 pm - 5 pm

SATURDAY

LifeCare Martial Arts Demo: 2 pm - 3 pm

NORTH END	SOUTH END
Bill Bundy 10 am - 2 pm	Randy Proctor 10 am - 2 pm
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SUNDAY

NORTH END	SOUTH END
Blue Ridge 10 am - 2 pm	Bill Bundy 10 am - 2 pm
Guy Louis 2 pm - 5 pm	Matt Gabriel Band 2 pm - 5 pm



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