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In the Kitchen *with Chef Dennis*

BBQ Bean Soup

This is one of my wife's favorite recipes in her collection. This is the first time that I've made it. It's a recipe that can be adapted according to the spices you have on hand. Her original recipe calls for chili sauce. She used to can her own when she was living and working on their farm. In this bean recipe, like many, you can substitute various types of beans or even use a combination.



In this recipe, I used Michigan Navy beans. I'm fortunate that we live across the field from the Cooperative Elevator – Bean Plant. I buy most of our dried beans directly from our Co-op outlet in town. I used my Instant Pot for cooking this soup. Another first for me.

The next decision confronting me was "to soak or not to soak" the beans prior to cooking the soup. I choose not to pre-soak. I used the "kiss" method for this soup: "keep it simple stupid." I put all of the ingredients into the Instant Pot at the same time, closed the lid, set the cook timer for an hour, and waited to reap the rewards of my efforts.

Oops, one last thing I found interesting about this recipe is there is no BBQ sauce in it. Now on to making our soup.

Equipment:

- 1 - 6 qt. Instant Pot
- 1 - cutting board
- 1 - chef's knife
- 1 - vegetable peeler

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Guardians of Freedom

Saluting Those Who Served

The Ullmann Brothers, Remembered Karl and Ralph Ullmann in World War II Part 1

By Janis Stein

Join us as we pay tribute to the Ullmann brothers, who served their country in World War II. One brother made it back home while the other paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom.

Karl and Ralph Ullmann, sons of Adolph and Genevieve (Kramer) Ullmann, grew up in the southeastern corner of Huron County and attended White Rock School before going on to attend Harbor Beach High School, where they both graduated in the class of 1942. The



RALPH ULLMAN

Ralph Ullmann, as he looked in his senior year of high school when he graduated with the Harbor Beach Class of 1942.



KARL ULLMAN

Karl Ullmann, as he looked in his senior year of high school when he graduated with the Harbor Beach Class of 1942.

brothers were close in age; when they graduated, Karl was 19 years old, and Ralph was approximately two years his junior.

After high school and following in his father's footsteps, Ralph sailed on the Great Lakes as an able seaman for Interlake Steamship Company, though during

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Captain Ron's Chronicles

BY CAPTAIN RON BURKHARD



Captain Morgan's Mutiny Part 2

Join in the continuation to learn more about the unfolding tale of Captain Morgan's mutiny.

Equally important in this account is the type of surfboat used at the station at this time. Morgan stated they were testing a Gloucester-Mays (his spelling) built surfboat. They may have had a lifeboat, too. He also said they had an old surfboat. I believe this was the surfboat, which was not self-righting like the one they were testing, that killed the six surfmen in 1880. Also, I believe that during 1881, two separate boathouses had been built along the shoreline just east of the station's main building, for launching their boats. In pictures I have from the 1890s, these are identified as being for the surfboat and the lifeboat.

Lastly, there is one other item to be expanded upon when reading the above logbook entry. Historians like to come across little clues when doing research that can lead to other facts that need to be explained. Morgan wrote he was testing the

boat and instructing the surfmen, "...to dropping back into the surf stern first and keeping boat head to the sea..." The Service, in its annual reports and other instructions, had regulations that required the keepers to train their crews on how to land a boat in rough weather. The conditions were right this day for that type of training as Morgan stated that there was a north wind with moderately heavy surf.

Another logbook entry after the August 9 mutiny incident, signed by Morgan, is for December 11, 1882. It is the last day of the season for the year. His remarks read, "Day Watch Surfman Neal men worked storing away apparatus for winter there has been sixty cord of wood cut at this station stove length this season. There is forty cord remaining on hand this station. Went out of commission at sunset as instructed by Supt. Jerome G. Kiah. Quinton Morgan."

The last logbook page I have for Morgan was dated April 16, 1883. He was removed in September. He noted, besides the weather and surf, that the patrols were 2 to 2 ½ miles to the N.W. and 1 mile to the S.E. (That was the distance out to the patrol limit – but it may also be the round-trip distance.) He also noted the house was clean but not in good repair. The apparatus was in good condition. There were eight crew present, including the keeper. (Under his remarks, "Watch" refers to lookouts in a watch tower or on top of the station

lookout.) "Day Watch Surfman Neal this station went into commifision [Author's note: that is how double s's were written.] at midnight according to instructions from Supt. Jerome G. Kiah crew all present and in good condition, since the close of this station last fall the mens sleeping room living room and back bed room stairs and dining room floors have each received a coat of paint the reason for marking the house not in good repair is on account of the chimney in the mens room being so badly cracked that it is dangerous to use we are left without a fire in the mens room, one hour reciting lessons one hour drilled in boat one hour drilled with Lyle gun one hour improving around station. [Author's note: by April 1883 they had a Lyle gun and a Manby mortar at the station.] "Surfman Ashworth showed no signal to patrol from Station No 3 between midnight and four a.m. it being impossible to get out on Huron City dock the stringers torn down for repairs. Keeper Morgan accompanied Surfman Parker on N.W. patrol from 8 p.m. to midnight to note the condition of Huron City dock and succeeded in reaching a point where we could signal to patrol from Station No. 3 we signaled but received no answer. Quinton Morgan."

What good information on the building's condition and painting. There was no heat in the

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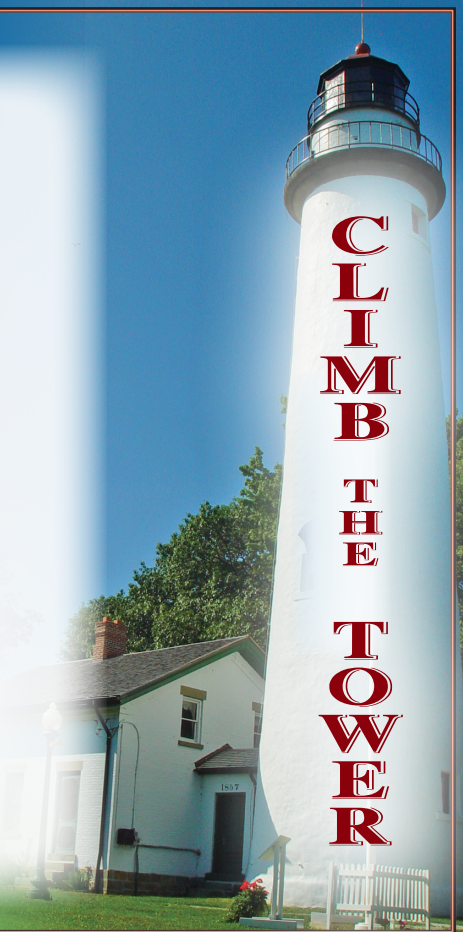
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– Helen Keller

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A Great Lakes Sailor

Catherine Schmuck
Part 5

By Janis Stein

Join us in the continuation as Catherine follows a new dream, this time in the restaurant business. Then, after working for a quarter of a century on land, in 2019, Catherine once more heard – and answered – the call of the lakes.

And so it was that Catherine's restaurant, aptly named Creperie Catherine, came to fruition. Catherine's sister, Lorraine, joined her in the creperie business, and for 24 years, they put smiles on their patrons' faces, one crepe at a time. When people came into the restaurant and learned that Catherine had sailed, they loved hearing all about the ships – and Catherine was delighted to share her stories about life on the lakes. Even though she loved her new, exciting life, she never missed an opportunity to talk about sailing, and at every bridge crossed, Catherine looked as far as she could see in hopes of spotting a ship.

If the creperie business fell flat, Catherine knew where she could always find work, but Creperie Catherine earned good publicity and turned into a great success. They made it in *The New York Times* and *Canadian Living* magazine, and when they made it on TV on the Food Network, word spread how great Catherine's crepes were! Before long, it wasn't uncommon for 80 people to be lined up, waiting to get into the restaurant, and the two-hour wait was worth it! And to think, the sailors aboard the *Desmarais* had needed only to swing by for their crepes at mealtime – with no waiting!

Catherine loved owning her own business, but after over two decades of long hours and the everyday challenges that came with being a restaurateur, it became less fun, especially when significant staffing issues arose. Plus, being located within a ski resort, weather dependency was a crucial and constant factor in bringing patrons to their door.

And Catherine knew what she wanted to do next. Catherine asked her sister if she thought they could still manage the restaurant if Catherine

returned to sailing, and to her credit, Lorraine was most supportive, despite the fact that Catherine was such a principal part of the business. In the end, the decision was made to sell the creperie, but when it became evident that could take a while, the sisters decided to just walk away from it all. Creperie Catherine closed in January 2019 by choice – 24 years had been a pretty good run.

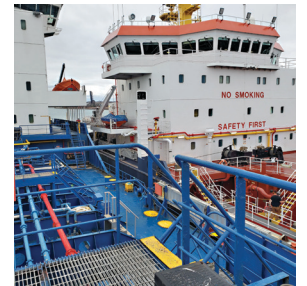
Catherine wasted no time. Sailing was in her blood. She completed the necessary refresher course to bring her first aid skills up to par, and then went to the union hall and got a job. By August 2019, she was back in the galley!

The *Algoma Hansa* was a tanker, not Catherine's favorite since there was no deck to walk on, but she was back on the water, and it was the best thing in the world. When the job came up on the board at the union hall for the *Algoma Hansa*, Catherine was more than a little skeptical about taking it because the last time she'd been on a tanker, some 25 years before, she'd been so incredibly sick. But her sister, Lorraine, was right there, encouraging her to try it. And so she did. Altogether, Catherine's been on about six tankers during her sailing career, and all the tankers were really small, with the exception of the *Algoma Hansa*. Though it was a thrill to be cooking for a crew again, it was easy for Catherine to see that whoever designed the tanker had never cooked anything. On top of that, they stuck the galley in the center, so the mess rooms had all the windows and the galley not a one. Catherine personally thought that was a waste. It took the crew 15 or 20 minutes to eat and leave while she spent the entire day in the galley – without a view!

Despite her initial concern about seasickness, her experience on the *Algoma Hansa* had been a good one. Rather than go to the east coast, the tanker stayed on inland waters, which made all the difference, and it had a dedicated run, visiting the ports of Nanticoke, Tracy, and Sarnia. Catherine worked 30 days on, followed by 30 days off, and it was a great way to reintroduce herself to sailing. Plus, the crew was fantastic, and



Our featured Great Lakes sailor, Catherine Schmuck, going ashore while off-duty on the Algoma Hansa.



The Algoma Hansa, alongside the Algoma Canada.



Saturday is steak night!

Schools of Yesteryear

By Janis Stein

Colfax No. 5 - Wakefield

Part 5

Join in the conclusion when Wakefield School closed its doors in the spring of 1939.

The history of Colfax No. 5, also known as Wakefield School, dates back to 1886 and was located about five miles northwest of Bad Axe as the crow flies. The location of the original log schoolhouse, as shown on the 1890 plat map, stood in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 18 or the southwest corner of the intersection of Pigeon (M-142) and Pinnebog Roads. A new brick school was built in 1895 in the same location in Section 18, Colfax Township, Huron County.

With the push toward school consolidation, more than one school closed its doors, as evidenced in the March 16, 1939, issue of *The Elkton Advance* in an article titled "Wakefield School Votes to Affiliate: Second School to Join Up With Elkton for Transportation of Pupils." The article, in its entirety, follows.

"School District No. 5, Colfax voted Monday evening in favor of closing the school next year and transporting the pupils by bus to the Elkton school. Forty-one votes were cast of which 28 were yes, and 13, no.

"This is the second school to become affiliated

with the Elkton school, Lake township district No. 2, having voted favorable last year and over sixty pupils have been transported to the Elkton school this year.

"The Wakefield school will send thirty-five pupils including high school students to the Elkton school. With the present enrollment remaining the same in the Elkton school next year the first six grades will be filled to capacity. However, quite a number of pupils can be accommodated in the grades above the sixth.

"Supt. Earl S. Eidt of the Elkton school, who was present at the meeting explained the purpose of affiliation and also the educational advantages offered by the Elkton school. Mr. Eidt also explained that the plan had the backing of the state in paying for the transportation.

"The meeting was in charge of Frank Armstrong, moderator, who acted as chairman. Other members of the board are Mrs. Charles Dukelow and William McCarty, Jr.

"The meeting was also attended by school Commissioner, W. H. Sparling and Pros. Attorney, Thomas McAllister.

"Supt. Earl Eidt, who was interviewed Tuesday morning, said that the Elkton school would accept more students in the seventh to twelfth grades, and that any school district may secure the advantages of having the transportation paid by the state, by voting, to send one or more grades. Mr. Eidt said he would be pleased to explain the plan to interested school districts."

"School Closed" was written in place of the teacher's name in the Huron County School Directory for 1939-1940. During the process to formally close Wakefield's school district, a school board needed to remain intact, and those serving through the spring of 1944 when Wakefield no longer appeared in the directory

included director William McCarty, moderator George Southworth, and treasurer Mrs. Nola Dukelow.

The district made the news two more times in 1944 with a voting update. The Thursday, May 25, 1944, issue of *The Elkton Advance* included a headline that read, "Wakefield School District Votes to Join Oliver." The details of the article follow.

"Voters of the Wakefield School, Colfax School District No. 5 approved the plan of joining the newly formed Oliver School district by a vote of 28 yes and 18 no, at a special election held Monday.

"The Wakefield school has been closed for the past five years, being affiliated with the Elkton school. The children of the district being transported to Elkton by bus.

"It will now be necessary for the Oliver School District to accept the Wakefield district. This will undoubtedly be done without a single dissenting vote."

The Elkton Advance reported an update in its June 8, 1944, issue. "The vote approving the joining of Colfax No. 5, the Wakefield School to the Oliver Township District was unanimous. The election was held Monday in the Elkton High School."

With the Wakefield students now traveling to Elkton, there remained only one piece of business left to attend, and that was the one-acre parcel where the schoolhouse stood. A June 19, 1945, deed offered the parcel back to Nola B. and Charles E. Dukelow; Nola Dukelow was Thomas Wakefield's granddaughter, the owner of the surrounding farm at the time.

"Whereas, Thomas Wakefield and Margaret S. Wakefield, his wife, made and executed their warranty deed dated January 30, 1892, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Huron, Michigan, on December 3, 1892 in Liber 47 of Deeds, Page 455, in which deed said Thomas

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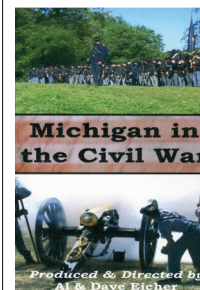
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Wakefield and Margaret S. Wakefield were grantors, and School District Number Five of Colfax Township, Huron County, Michigan, was grantee, and which deed conveyed one acre of land described as follows hereinafter, to-wit:

“One acre of land in the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Eighteen, in Township Sixteen North, of Range twelve east, ‘so long as the same shall be used for school purposes said acre of land being twelve rods wide east and west and thirteen and one-third rods long north and south. It being understood and made one of the conditions of this conveyance that whenever said school district Number Five shall cease to use said land for school purposes that said school district shall convey land back to the parties of the first part, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns. Said first parties to pay back to said district the sum of Forty dollars the price this day paid by said second party to the parties of the first part.’

“And whereas, said undersigned, Charles E. Dukelow and Nola B. Dukelow, husband and wife, are now the successors and assigns in interest and title in and to said northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of said section eighteen, township sixteen north, range twelve east in said Township of Colfax;

“And whereas, the above described premises have ceased to be used or occupied for school purposes by said School District Number Five of said Township of Colfax, and have not been so used for school purposes for the last past six years and more;

“And whereas, said School District Number Five of said Township of Colfax has been disorganized and disbanded and its territory taken into, absorbed by and consolidated with the territory and jurisdiction of said School District Number One of said Township of Oliver;

“Tender is hereby made of the aforesaid sum of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars to said School District Number One of said Township of Oliver and demand is hereby made that the above described acre of land be conveyed by said latter school district.”

Despite the above deed description, one Wakefield family source stated that evidently Charles and Nola Dukelow did not take the parcel back. Regardless, the consolidation of schools likely presented opportunities for some while invoking sadness in others who mourned the loss of their one-room school.

I would like to thank the individuals who shared photos, memorabilia, and information in an effort to document and preserve the history of Colfax No. 5. Information gleaned from the Huron Intermediate School District contributed greatly to this documented history. Special thanks go to the late Arthur Woelke, who shared his schoolhouse collection with me many years ago, which is now housed at the Woelke Research Center and operated by the Pigeon Historical Society; for those interested in learning more, please visit www.pigeonhistoricalsociety.com. Be sure to look for my column in next month's issue as I explore the history of Huron No. 5, also known as Lawitzke School.

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The Doctor's Corner

Enlarged Prostate

By Dr. Timothy Grondin



Researchers have been writing lately about an interesting phenomenon in men that kinda looks like PCOS (polycystic ovary syndrome) in women but instead affects the prostate gland in men.

The main causative factor for PCOS in women is chronically elevated insulin, and it's starting to look like that's the cause of enlarged prostate in males. PCOS is caused primarily by the influence of insulin on other hormones like testosterone, follicle stimulating hormone, and luteinizing hormone, as well as hormone binding globulin, while the male equivalent of PCOS-like symptoms would/could include male pattern baldness, erectile dysfunction, and benign prostate hyperplasia.

Insulin is typically thought of as the “blood sugar hormone” but in fact has numerous other roles. It's also an anabolic hormone, which means it facilitates tissue growth. It affects adipose tissue, so when you have too much insulin and insulin resistance, you see things like skin tags. The prostate gland is also not immune to the tissue growth effects of insulin and can become enlarged over time. There are several ways in which hyperinsulinism can cause BPH and numerous studies have confirmed the link.

So what to do about this condition? Well, there are surgical options, and there are medication options. It's interesting that the diabetes drug metformin is

being used more often for PCOS, and it's currently being studied for use in BPH. But as you know I rarely recommend drugs when there's a natural solution. Now this natural solution is not easy, but at least you don't have to deal with the side effects of metformin.

There's a YouTube video by Ken Berry, MD, called, “Shrink your prostate in 7 Easy Steps (2022 update).” I laugh because I don't think it's very easy but is indeed worth the effort if you're struggling with prostate issues.

Yours in health,

Dr. Grondin

If you have any questions or suggestions for future topics, feel free to email Dr. Grondin at docgrondin@gmail.com, or call his office at 810-984-3344.

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Michigan Tree Health Concerns

By Ryan Walker

The natural beauty of Michigan is on display year-round. Where else can you find such a diversified mix of water, forest, and agricultural eye-pleasing sights? The month of July is no exception, as it offers stunning waterfront scenes and breathtaking sunsets. Another visually palette-pleasing phenomenon that takes place in July is the different shades of green splashed throughout our forests and fields. It's estimated that Michigan has around 100 different tree species growing from its fertile soil. Those approximately 100 species equate to around 14 billion trees growing on nearly 20 million acres of forest. If you are wondering, nearly 53 percent of Michigan is covered in forest of same kind. With that many trees, the health of Michigan's forests is monitored by several state organizations. In addition, it's essential for individual landowners



This stump of an ash tree succumbed to the emerald ash borer.

and outdoor enthusiasts to remain diligent to threats that can impact our beloved natural environment. While there are numerous threats to Michigan tree health, we will examine four concerns that are currently present in Michigan.

The first species of concern is beech bark disease (BBD). With nearly 32 million American beech trees in Michigan, beech bark disease could serve as a significant problem for our forests. About 2.5 million beech trees have been killed by BBD so far. While much of the reported loss has been in the eastern Upper Peninsula, newly infested beech forests are found in the Lower Peninsula each year. BBD is caused by a sap-feeding insect and a fungus. The insect feeding allows the *Neonectria* fungus to take hold. The fungus kills the wood, thus blocking the flow of sap. Affected trees decline in health before eventually dying. We can do our part by not moving beech firewood or logs from infested areas to uninfested

areas. In addition, if you suspect beech bark disease, you can contact the Department of Natural Resources Forest Health Division at DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov.

The second problem area was first discovered in 2002 in Michigan. It is established in the Lower Peninsula and has been detected in the Upper Peninsula. Emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle that has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the state. Both the larvae and adult emerald ash borer will damage ash trees. The adults are bright, metallic green with purple abdominal segments. They are approximately one-half inch in length and can often fit on the

head of a coin. The larva looks like small worms, and they create a D-shaped exit hole in the tree. The adults eat the leaves of ash trees, while the larvae create tunnels and feed on the bark. The damage to the bark cuts off nutrients and water to the tree, ultimately killing the otherwise healthy ash tree. The biggest deterrent to slow the spread of the emerald ash borer is to not move firewood.



These healthy oak leaves have not been affected by oak wilt disease.

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The Way It Was ...How Did We Survive?

By Al Eicher

If you have read some of my articles over the years, you know I sometimes take a look at the past and make comparisons with current times. I have noticed children have all kinds of electronic gadgets to get through each day. They have their own personal iPhone and computer. Some older teenagers have a GPS in their car or on a smartphone. Now everyone reads books with their iPhone or iPads. The battery manufacturers and makers of battery chargers are making a fortune supplying power to all these devices. The kids tell me they need GPS, so they know where they are going. What's wrong with the "old road map"?



A tablet and an iPad.

If you are 65 years of age or older, you remember growing up without television, credit cards, cell phones, contact lenses, and copying machines. In the 1960s, we swallowed a sugar cube to combat polio. One telephone was enough for our household! How did we survive?

We survived because life was not so complex; we had to set goals to succeed, and there was a work ethic. If you worked hard, went to college, and/or learned a trade, you would enjoy life. I worked for various corporations, spending six to nine years at each company. People today spend two years, if that, and move on for greener pastures. Company loyalty is gone along with the work ethic.

The family unit was certainly one of the keys to success 60 years ago. Remember the slogan, "The family that prays together, stays together." Today, the divorce rate is greater than 55 percent. I remember our family always ate together at a set time. I don't think that is happening today!



A family at mealtime.

What was it about growing up in the Thumb area of Michigan? I must admit being a teenager after World War II was at a wonderful time when our country focused on recovering from the war. The government and the citizenry pulled together to create a strong economy. Back then, our lives were governed by using common sense, making good judgments, and following the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were not a multiple-choice option as some would practice in

lifestyles today. Today, all we hear on the TV cable news channels are police reports of looting of stores, roadway shootings, and prisoner releases. Crimes of murder are being committed by teenagers and adults. In the 1950s, our prisons were not full as most people of working age were employed. Women were just beginning to join the workforce in fields other than being a nurse or teacher. Back then, it didn't take two breadwinners to support a family, but it does today.

Looking back, if I recall, in the 1950s gasoline was 18 cents a gallon. Candy bars and gum were five cents, and soda pop moved up to 10 cents a bottle. We didn't have pop cans. A malted milkshake was 20 cents in that big metal container. Today, at McDonald's we pay \$1.50 or more for a shake that is half the size of that malt in the metal container. I know today, I will never see a 20-cent hamburger and 5 cents extra for cheese. Those days are long gone!

When I look at my days in grade school, I think of all the writing I did with a pencil and the many times going to the pencil sharpener. Where were those ball-point pens? I remember those hot summer nights sleeping in the second story of our house. But, I don't remember complaining about the heat. Where was the air conditioner? My mom washed dishes every night. Where was the dishwasher? We had a washing machine for our clothes, but our clothes were hung on the lines to dry in the back yard. Where was the clothes dryer? We had a telephone but no answering machine to record the calls. How did we survive?



An old pencil sharpener.

Have you noticed how much time we spend in a car and how little we walk? Today, a good car, new or used, with low mileage is an expensive ordeal. Have the government regulations on automobile manufacturers been good for the consumer and our pocketbooks? The only regulation I see as being most important was the seatbelt requirement. How did our children survive without seatbelts and car seats for the little ones? I have bought a few new cars in my life, but one purchase stands



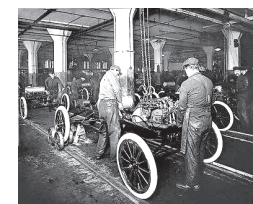
An old-fashioned malted milkshake.

out! In 1967, I bought a brand-new Camaro off the showroom floor, which was the opening day introduction to this new model. The total cost including tax was \$2,600. Compare that to a new Camaro today!



A 1967 Camaro.

We Americans have pursued a higher standard of living since Henry Ford first put America on wheels.



A 1910 Ford Motor assembly line.

It appears to me that cultural changes came into play as higher standards of living were sought. I think it is this cultural change that has changed our lives so drastically. I have produced many training programs on human behavior and value judgment. At my age of 87, the experts say that in my early years of working, I was motivated by money to get ahead. I have to agree!

I said to myself, "My children are going to have it better than my early years." My wife felt the same as she lost her father at age three when he died of polio, and I lost my father at age 13 due to divorce. I was most fortunate having a businesswoman for a mother and great grandparents. Divorce was rare in the late 1940s or '50s. Today, divorce is so common. Living together, unmarried, is becoming the norm. Why are so many people on welfare today? Could it be the family unit is disappearing? Do you wonder if all these changes in our American lifestyles will promote and develop a better way of life? Oh! How I wonder... and that's the way it was.

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Who Am I?

Researching Your Family History Writing an Interesting Story



By Grace Grogan

You have all the birthdates, death information, burial locations, marriage dates, etc., but those lists don't entice readers. If you want others to read and appreciate your family research, you need to write a story that draws them in and makes your ancestors real.

To accomplish this, dig beyond the statistics. Read newspapers to see if they or other family members are mentioned. Before the mid-twentieth century, a lot of miscellaneous information was printed as "news." Articles gave details of clothing people wore to events, if they were suffering an illness or injury, homes and property for sale or sold, accidents, arrests, places they traveled, visitors to their home, and more. If Uncle Arnie had a tooth pulled, it might have made the news!

These tidbits of information are what make your ancestors come alive. They may have lived through events that don't mention them, such as floods, wars, and tornados. Tell the story in narrative form, adding sentences full of details that help the reader picture your ancestor's experience in their mind.

If there was a significant fire, did all the townspeople assist with extinguishing it? What was the process? Was there a fire department, or did they use a bucket brigade? If the area had a flood, did everyone rush to make and stack sandbags? Tell your story in a manner that makes it historically accurate with some narrative fiction to show the reader what type of experience your ancestor may have had.

When skimming the papers, don't forget to check the advertisements. Those advertisements add another aspect to their story. They also make an excellent image added to your story. Maybe your ancestor owned a grocery store, livery, blacksmith shop, or restaurant.

Advertising shows the fashions in style, the type of furniture, appliances, and more that were available. The wording can be entertaining in describing items, their importance, or benefits. Reading the "health" benefits of ingredients in medicines is always fun; many are things we now know are dangerous.

Check out books on the history of the area where they were living. They or other family members may be named inside, or the book may key you into things that took place impacting your ancestor's life.

The key is to make your ancestor's story something people can relate to and want to read. Even if you never intend for anyone outside your family to read it, write as if it is for strangers. That will inspire you to put the emotion and reality into the story that pulls the reader in.

To help get you started, download a free family history writing project worksheet from Family Tree at <https://familytreemagazine.com/freebie/free-organize-family-history-writing-project-worksheet/>. It enables you to decide on the information and stories to include, moving your project forward. Here are some tips to get things moving along:

1. **Know your purpose**—what is your main objective in putting your research into a written story?
2. **Outline**—this helps you build your project, especially if telling the story of several people.
3. **Photographs**—pictures, graphs, newspaper clippings, maps, and other images help bring the story to life. Keep copyright in mind for anything you obtain from the internet or copy out of a publication.
4. **Organize**—gather all the information you want to use on each ancestor or event into folders before you begin writing. This will help when creating an index or footnotes.
5. **Get help**—search your area for writers' groups or classes that may be able to assist you with the writing process.
6. **Easy chapters first**—you don't have to start at the beginning. Write about what interests you the most; then, organize the chapters into chronological order later.
7. **Write naturally**—unless you intend your writing to go into a historical publication, write as if you are talking to a friend.
8. **Take your time**—don't set unreasonable deadlines; life gets in the way. You want a quality project, so don't rush.
9. **Edit, proofread, and rewrite**—Let the words flow on your first draft, read it, change things around to improve flow, and proofread. Seek out a critique group that can review your writing and give you pointers about areas needing improvement.

Try reading a book or two based on family research if you're still unsure. One I enjoyed is *Slaves in The Family* by Edward Ball. This is a historical account of his family research, which led Edward to learn his ancestors were owners of 25 large slave plantations in South Carolina. There were about 4,000 black people born into slavery on his ancestor's plantations between 1698 to 1865. Not only does Edward research his ancestors, but he also tracks down 100,000 descendants of his family's slaves, interviewing and meeting them. It's an interesting and inspiring read for conducting research and writing your family story.

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Legally Speaking

Blended Families



By Amanda Roggenbuck,
Attorney at Law

As is often the case, when a spouse dies, the surviving spouse remarries. In the event an appropriate estate plan is not in place, families can find themselves in a situation where a new spouse inherits everything, and children of the original family are left with nothing. It can be as simple as not receiving your parents' favorite ornaments to as substantial as the family farm or business being distributed outside of the original family.

This isn't meant to say new spouses should not be provided for; they are critical members of our families. However, most families want certain assets to remain in the original family for generations; without a complete estate plan that may be impossible.

The information in this article is not intended to serve as legal advice nor does it replace consulting a lawyer about your legal situation and questions. Amanda Roggenbuck, Attorney at Law, PLLC, is currently accepting select cases in estate planning, family law, business planning, and probate fields.



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SOUP from page 1

- 1 - large rubber spatula
- 1 - large bowl
- 1 - small bowl
- 1 - wire whisk
- 1 - colander
- 1 - food processor
- 1 - ladle

Ingredients:

- 1 - 1 lb. bag of dried Michigan Navy beans (bean of your choice)
- 7 c. water and or stock (I used 4 c. ham stock, 2 c. chicken stock, 1 c. water)
- 2 stalks of peeled and rough chopped celery
- 1 large onion, peeled and quartered
- 6 large peeled and rough chopped carrots
- 1 meaty ham bone or two large ham hocks
- 1 - 15 oz. can or a 10 to 12 oz. bag of frozen vegetables
- 1 - 10 oz. can Original Ro*Tel diced tomatoes
- 1 - 14.5 oz. diced tomatoes
- 8 oz. medium diced ham
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 2 Tbs. brown sugar
- 1 Tbs. salt
- 2 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. yellow mustard

Directions:

Place the beans in the bowl, and cover with cool or cold water. Agitate the beans to loosen any loose dirt or stones. Ladle beans into colander to drain; remove water from the bowl and set aside.

Place half the carrots into the food processor. Process until finely chopped. Empty carrots to the reserved bowl. Put the rest of the carrots and all of the onion and celery into the processor and pulse until finely chopped. Scrape into the bowl with the first batch of carrots.

In a small bowl, add the Worcestershire sauce, vinegar, salt, brown sugar, and mustard. Whisk until sugar is dissolved. Add to the carrot mixture, and toss with the spatula until combined.

Add stocks and water into the Instant Pot. Now



put in the rinsed beans and the ham bone. Then the tomato product, carrot mixture, mixed vegetables, and diced ham. Stir just to combine.

Secure and lock the lid onto the Instant Pot. Set to “high pressure” cooking and the cook timer to 1 hour. Also make sure to remove it

from the “keep warm” setting. When the timer goes off let it “natural release” (NR) for 25 minutes. If it hasn’t completely released by then, do QR (quick release). Then carefully remove the lid and place in holder. Remove the ham bone, and place it into a bowl to cool down.

Now it’s time to grab some bowls, ladle up some soup, and enjoy!



Chef Dennis Sturtz Sr.

This is Chef Dennis saying “Savor the Food You Eat.”

I look forward to your questions and comments.

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Chef Dennis Sturtz has worked in many venues in the restaurant business from owner to chef. With a degree from Macomb Community College’s Culinary Department, Chef Dennis has, in turn, taught at numerous colleges and institutions, thereby sharing his passion for cuisine.

Tips from Chef Dennis:

*Carefully remove the pot from the Instant Pot and ladle into a large shallow pan to cool. I use “ice bottles/sticks” to expedite the cooling process. The soup must be cooled to 45°F or below within 4 hours. The soup can also be frozen for up to 6 months if properly wrapped.

*Michigan ranks second in overall dry bean production. Michigan leads the country in Navy bean production accounting for 48 percent of the national total. Michigan also leads the nation in black and cranberry bean production.

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Footsteps on the Stairs: Time Traveling the 94 Steps of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse (Or History to Consider While Climbing the 94 Steps!) Part 2

By Kathy Covert Warnes

90 steps – Lighthouse Keeper George McDougall

I read my keeper's log today,
As I left my forever home of 17 years.
Home is a feeling, mine a lighthouse home,
Is a beacon and feelings,
Wrapped around my heart,
Like love for my wife, Martha.
The tower, conical, thirty-two feet tall,
Lamps, reflectors, (What wife would clean and
polish them all more than once a day? Martha would
and did!)

Like I have since August 1825.

I was glad when the temporary keepers Rufus
Hatch and Jean B. Desnoyers left,

I came home in December 1825.

Settled in, and took stock.

I complained more than Martha.

I wrote Mr. William Woodbridge, Detroit
Customs Collector.

Telling him about the steep stairs forcing me to
climb sideways,

I was nearly too fat to squeeze through the trap
door,

And once I got in the lantern room, I could barely
walk around the lamps without rubbing them like I
was trying to summon a genie to make a wish!

The light stood too far south to shine a path for
vessels on Lake Huron,

Finally, in 1828, a three-day storm blew my first
lighthouse home into the water,

But in March 1829, Congress came to my rescue
with funds for my new lighthouse home.

Lucius Lyon, later one of Michigan's first
senators, won the contract for the second Fort Gratiot
Lighthouse.

This new lighthouse home of mine, made of

brick, stood sixty-nine feet tall, and stood north of
the original tower so it could shine out onto Lake
Huron as well as the St. Clair River.

My age caught up with my health, and although
I still kept the light, I had to allow Martha to help me
more and more. But we still enjoyed the solitude of
lamplit evenings, and cries of the gulls and I listened
to the soothing sickbed voice of my wife, Martha.

Martha and I focused our pride and purpose on
the 1838 visit of Lieutenant James T. Homans, who
noted that he found the light clean and orderly and
said that during my years as keeper I had received
many reports of praise from ship masters navigating
the upper lakes.

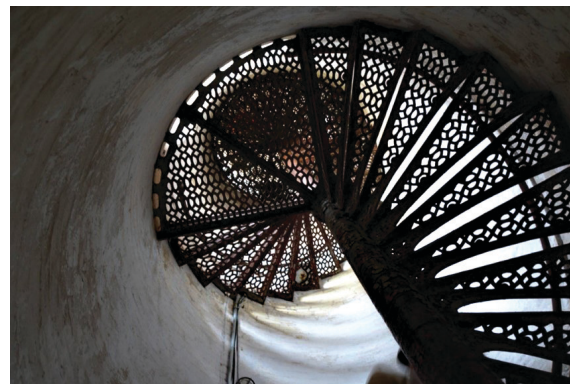
He also saw that several glass panes in the
lantern room were broken, and I told him that "gulls
or other wild fowl that abound in this neighborhood,"
were responsible. I told him that I had no spare panes
of glass at the lighthouse, so he or someone in the
Lighthouse Supply Depot would have to order them.

Then my dream shattered like one of the gulls
flying into a lamp pane and breaking it into hundreds
of tiny pieces. I read the last sentence of his report
over his shoulder.

It said, "McDougall, a bachelor..."

My imaginary wife no longer lived here in my
lighthouse, but I still did. Home is a feeling and I
felt at home in my lighthouse until my death in 1842.

The Last Four Steps – Judge Bunce and the Chippewa People



I, Zephaniah W. Bunce, arrived in Port Huron in
May 1817 and traded furs with Chippewa neighbors.
I learned their language and customs and made many
friends, one of them being Nimekance, a Chippewa
chief who lived on the reservation near Port Sarnia,

across the St. Clair River from Port Huron.

Nimekance had been a great warrior and joined
the English, fighting with General Sinclair in most of
his campaigns against the Americans. Rewarding his
services and bravery, the English gave him special
gifts, including the dress and uniform of a brigadier
general.

A year before Nimekance died at the age of
106, he walked several miles to visit Judge Bunce,
proudly wearing his English uniform. He made his
home near Fort Gratiot and when he died about
1800 at the age of over 106 years, he was buried in
his English uniform. Many of his Chippewa people
assembled to honor his memory as did Judge Bunce.

Instead of observing the Native people's custom
of burial above ground, Nimekance was laid to rest
in a burial mound with his father and some of his
warriors who had fought the Iroquois and other
enemies.

At the Top – The View



Reminder from Keeper McDougall
Don't climb sideways or side step skip,
Keep your eyes on the historical trip!

For more great articles and stories by Kathy
Warnes, please visit the following: *Magic Masts and
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Garden Guidance

Birds in our Backyard and Overhead

Carol Holtrop
Advanced Master Gardener

The Huron County Master Gardeners invited Trevor Edmonds to speak at the Huron Community Fair on Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the 4-H/FFA Building. Trevor will share information on the birds we see in our backyard and also those we see on their migrations.



Why are birds important to us? Who or what benefits most from their presence in the Thumb area or Michigan as a whole?

Trevor is a Michigan Master Naturalist and, pending final registration, certified arborist. Trevor holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University in environmental conservation and

has served the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) for 10 years. Trevor successfully managed a previous Sustain Our Great Lakes grant secured by the SBLC that focused on invasive phragmites control and lake plain prairie restoration in Arenac County between 2013 and 2015.

Trevor will be discussing the importance of birds in relation to the SBLC's work and portfolio of protected lands in the Saginaw Bay Watershed. Birds serve as a great focus for habitat restoration and outdoor recreation in our region, and the work of the SBLC has focused on both of these fronts extensively!

Everyone – kids, parents, grandparents and all interested – are invited to attend; there is no fee. Questions will be welcomed at the conclusion of the presentation.

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From the archives...

The Exam Retake

Introductory Chemistry at Duke has been taught for about a zillion years by Professor Bonk (really), and his course is semi-affectionately known as “Bonkistry.” He has been around forever, so I wouldn't put it past him to come up with something like this.

Anyway, one year there were these two guys who were taking Chemistry and who did pretty well on all of the quizzes and the mid-terms and labs, etc., such that going into the final they had a solid A. These friends were so confident going into the final that the weekend before finals week (even though the Chem was on Monday), they decided to go up to U Virginia and party with some friends up there.

They did this and had a great time. However, with their hangovers and everything, they overslept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Duke until early

Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they found Professor Bonk after the final and explained to him they missed the final.

They told him that they went up to UVA for the weekend and had planned to come back in time to study, but they'd had a flat tire on the way back, didn't have a spare, and couldn't get help for a long time, and so were late getting back to campus.

Bonk thought this over and then agreed they could make up the final on the following day. The two guys were elated, relieved, and very proud of their story. So, they studied that night and went in the next day at the time Bonk had told them. He placed them in separate rooms, handed each of them a test booklet, and told them to begin.

They looked at the first problem, which was something simple about molarity and solutions and was worth 5 points. “Cool,” they thought. “This is going to be easy.”

They did that problem and then turned the page. They were unprepared, however, for what they saw on the next page... WHICH TIRE? (95 points)



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A Place to Call Home: Greta's Story

Part 5

By Janis Stein

Join in the conclusion to share in Greta's most unexpected surprise when she discovers who else is aboard the ship bound for America...

Anna came in just then – something Father hadn't allowed her to do since the night he told her to leave – and I'm sure I looked shocked at the scene. Something was wrong. Father stood on Anna's left, and Adolph, holding Etta, flanked her right. I knew it would be a hard morning, but I wasn't prepared for what was to come. Everyone stood stock-still, and nobody was talking.

I asked what was wrong. No response. Something obviously was. Then Anna ran forward, threw her arms around me, and begged me not to hate her! Hate her? Whatever for?

Father came to me then, and in a most unusual display of emotion, he wrapped his arms around both of us. With tears in his eyes, he told me he was leaving Etta with Anna.

What? Why? Etta was part of our family. She was my family. I raised that baby girl from her first breath. Anna – who had shirked her responsibilities for months to spend time over at the Schmidts while I worked myself to the bone – was going to now raise Etta? I couldn't believe it. Was Father leaving Etta behind, so he'd have one less mouth to feed? Father would

need sons in America to clear, then farm, the land. The practical part of my mind knew – I certainly didn't agree – that we girls just weren't valued as much as the boys. Angry now, I asked Father if Etta was a boy, would he leave a son behind?

Father gave my shoulder a squeeze and walked out.

Through tears, I said my goodbyes to Etta as did the rest of my siblings. I gave Anna and Adolph each a hug though I could not bring myself to look at them.

I vowed that I would not look back, only ahead, and I set my sights on Father's grand dream of settling in a new land where there were many freedoms.

Later, much later, days after we boarded the ocean liner that would take us to America, I wondered if leaving Etta behind was Father's way of showing Anna he loved her still. I only knew I lost two sisters that day.

Heinrich and Hugo loved every minute of our voyage. Johann and Christian did as well. Truth be told Nettie and Maria did, too. And it was exciting! I tried to shelve my sadness over leaving Anna and Etta behind, at least for now. The children were on their absolute best behavior, and as soon as we acclimated ourselves, I began practicing my English lessons in the morning and taught my siblings as best I could in the afternoon. We were allowed on deck during certain portions of the day, and it was always a welcome break from our language lessons. And to see all that water, well God's creation was a sight to behold!

The second day we were on the ocean, Father was most surprised when Mr. Allardt showed up beside our assigned berths. We did not know he was sailing to America, and aboard our ship no less. His presence gave Father some much-needed confidence for the journey ahead. More surprising still, Mr. Allardt refunded Father the cost of Anna's ticket. Dumbfounded, Father said he didn't understand; he'd been unable to sell

Anna's ticket, and he'd lost the amount of Etta's as well, though her cost was much reduced since she was a baby. Mr. Allardt explained that a bachelor made a last-minute decision, showed up packed and ready to go, and with the needed coins in hand. The ship was full except for the open slot created by Anna's decision, so Allardt added him to the ship's passenger manifest and logged him in with our Saxony group.

Curious, Father asked what this bachelor's name was, so if he ran into him, he could thank him. Mr. Allardt turned and pointed to a man some distance across the ship, and I swear I almost fainted.

There stood Hans Gebhardt!

Hans looked our way then, and I ducked my head for having been caught staring. Mr. Allardt waved him over, and Hans headed toward us, stopping to talk to others here and there along the way. In a matter of minutes, he stood before us, and Father was thanking him. Hans was coming to America!

After the men were done conversing and Hans went on his way, Father said Hans would let me know when my next English lesson would be, explaining that Teacher Gebhardt would be holding structured sessions every day for several members in our party.

As Hans went on his way, Father shook his head in disbelief at the teacher's decision to buy into this deal of paying for a 40-acre farm. What could a schoolteacher possibly know about farming, Father asked. Without giving it a thought, I hurled words back at Father that he had been saying to me all year whenever I questioned anything: He will learn.

Father looked at me sharply, for never did I talk back. Maybe a bit of Anna's independence had rubbed off on me. I waited for Father's rebuke, but when none came, I gathered up my lesson and stored it in our trunk before accepting the twins' invitation to come up to the deck with them. Their excitement was contagious, and for the first time when I thought of America, I felt something that had been sorely absent in my life: hope.

Our ship docked in New York in August of 1873. I did not know what lay ahead for us, not really, in this land that was so foreign. We still had not learned of our final destination in this country, but suddenly, I felt so alive considering all the possibilities this country held for us. I knew the days ahead would be difficult, of course they would be, but I had such hope in my heart and a sincere gratefulness, too, for the opportunity to make America, with all its freedoms, a place to call home.

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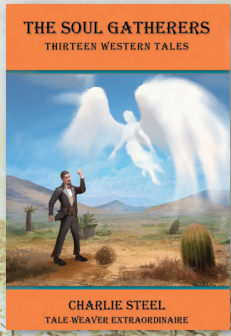
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Western writer Charlie Steel returns with an intriguing tale about a war-torn, ailing cowboy, a country doctor, and an unexpected partnership – along with the promise of hope.

Doc Evans cared about four things in this life: sitting in the hot sun and warming his old bones, smoking a pipe stuffed with Gallaher Irish Tobacco, a good cup of hot coffee, and paying patients. In that order.

A rider approached on a dusty mustang. He was hunched over and swaying in the saddle. Doc Evans' keen eyes saw the drifter was badly hurt. He also noted the scarred saddle, the run-down boots, and ragged dress. Here was a broken-down cowboy with no money. Doc firmed his lips around his smoking pipe. Under no circumstances would he work a charity case.

The cowboy stopped his horse under the faded "Doctor's Office" sign.

"You the doc?" asked the rider, holding the reins in one hand and his ragged coat closed with the other.

"That's what the sign says. What's the trouble?"

"A mountain cat jumped me back in the hills, tore me up pretty good. The claw marks are putrefying, and it hurts like Hades."

"Four bucks up front. If you need more doctoring, four bucks a day after that."

"Aren't you even going to look first?"

"Nope."

"What kind of doctor are you?"

"A poor one! Cause every broken-down case in the county has paid me with promises, sacks of meal, chickens, and all kinds of paraphernalia. If folks I treated had given coin for my services, I'd be retired out of this broken-down town and living my ease up in Denver. Four bucks!"

The doc puffed furiously and with pent-up anger. A cloud of smoke rose around his head and nearly obscured the old man's wrinkled face.

"Mighty hard dealings," said the rider.

"Four bucks! No more charity cases!" fumed the doctor.

"All right. I got my lucky twenty-dollar gold piece. Carried it since the conflict. Saved my life at Chickamauga...stopped a bullet..."

"Don't need no hard-luck stories. Let me see it."

The rider reached in his shirt pocket and pulled something out. He held the object in his hand, looked at it briefly, and then tossed it to the man on the porch. Surprisingly, the doc caught the heavy coin deftly with one hand and examined it. On one side of the bullet-pierced coin was stamped Clark Grubner & CO. 1860, and on the other side, barely legible, read Pikes Peak Gold, Denver.

"You fought at Chickamauga?" asked the doc.

"I did."

"What side?"

"Does it matter?" asked the rider gruffly.

"Suppose not. I was there. Treated men from both sides."

"Bet you made a pile of limbs..."

The doctor rose angrily to his feet.

"Sonny! I been accused of that all through and after the conflict! I never did nothing but what had to be done— with what I had to work with! If'n you want to be taken care of, don't insult the only medicine man in these parts!"

When the doc stopped shouting, he commenced to cough...he bent over in a fit of agony, and his wracking cough, deep down in his chest, revealed that he was very sick. It was some time before he recovered and stood up. A handkerchief held to his mouth revealed specks of blood. The young man on the horse saw it.

"All right, Doc," said the rider softly, now swaying weakly in the saddle. "As you say."

"This gold piece is damaged!" shouted the doc. "Give you fifteen dollars credit!"

"You're a hard man..." began the rider, and then he slumped sideways.

The cowboy caught hold of the pommel and weakly slid off the saddle and onto his feet. Then he fainted dead away and dropped to the ground. A barefooted kid,

skipping down the street, ran over to look at the prone man.

"Well, don't just stand there!" growled the doc at the boy. "Harvey, you git yourself up to the sheriff's office and bring him and that deputy back. Tell them I'm too old to be hauling drifters and hard cases."

The boy named Harvey grimaced at the mean-mouthed doc and ran up the street.

"You're a fraud, Doc," said the injured man lying on the cot. "You've got a soft spot in you a mile wide."

"Shhhhhhhh! Tarnation, man! Don't let anyone hear you!"

"How long have I been lying here?"

"Seven days, eight, if you count this morning," answered the doctor.

"You said four dollars a day. I figure I'm five days past that 15 dollars I paid you. And that Indian cook of yours has been bringing me meals since I woke up. How much do I owe you for that? How come you didn't throw me out?"

"That mountain lion tore you up pretty good," said the doc. "I sewed over a hundred stitches in your back! And you were all infected and clean out of your head with fever. I couldn't throw a sick man on the street."

"You could have, but you didn't." "Just say I got a soft spot for any soldier who fought at Chickamauga."

"If you say so. But as soon as I am able, I'll get a job and pay you back every penny I owe."

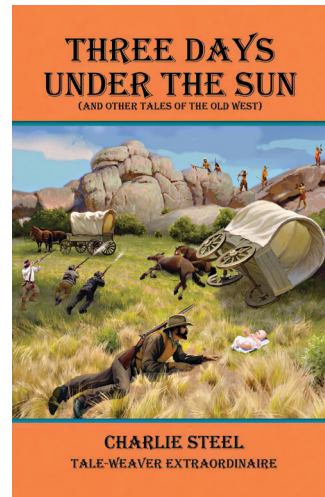
"You better, son. And you can start by telling me your proper name."

"It's Fisher, Doc. Daniel D. Fisher."

"Well, Danny, soon as you're up to it, I'll send you over to Pepe Lopez."

"Who's he?"

"He's my Mexican partner. He and I own a pig farm. We supply all the pork and ham this town can eat. I earn more off that place than I ever did doctoring. Seems people will pay up front for food."



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Wednesday, July 6, 2022

6 pm Harbor Beach Hospital 5K Walk/Run - Lincoln Memorial Park

Thursday, July 7, 2022*

Noon-6 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale - Community House Gym
5-11 pm Bocce Tournament - Lincoln Park
7-10 pm BNT Band

Friday, July 8, 2022*

Noon-6 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale - Community House
5-7 pm Band - Bernadette Kathryn and the Lonely Days Band
5 pm Corn Hole Tournament - North Beach
8-12 pm Band - The Sinclairs
9:30 pm/Dusk Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, July 9, 2022*

9 am - Noon Lighthouse Tours-Marina
10 am "Battle on the Beach" Strongman Competition
10 am - 2 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale - Community House
10 am - 5 pm Craft Show-Murphy Museum Lawn
10 am Co-Ed Beach Volleyball Tournament
10 am - Noon Sand Castle Contest
10 am Jet Ski Races - race machine is provided
10:30 am Pet & Bike Parade
11 am - 2 pm Kids Carnival
11 am - 2 pm Inflatables for Kids
2:30 pm Lake Huron Dance Performance - Tent
3:30 pm Pet Tricks & Frog Jumping - Tent
5-7 pm Band - Matt Besey Blues Band
8 pm - 12 am Band - Jedi Mind Trip
Dusk Fireworks

Sunday, July 10, 2022

9 am - 3 pm Beach Assault Basketball Tournament
9 am - 4 pm Car Show - Murphy Museum Lawn
9:30 am Ecumenical Worship Service
10 am - 4 pm Craft Show - Murphy Museum Lawn
11 am - 1:30 pm Zion Lutheran Fish Fry - Tent
11 am - 3 pm Dueling Pianos - Tent
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2022 Harbor Beach Summer Festivals

Harbor Beach offers many family-friendly events throughout the month of July and in early August! From the **Maritime Festival** and the **Cart Derby** to **Lighthouse Tours** and the **Biyakathon**, be sure to mark your calendars to take advantage of all Harbor Beach has to offer!

The **2022 Harbor Beach Maritime Festival** is scheduled **Wednesday through Sunday, July 6 – 10**, with numerous activities to enjoy! It's a weekend of fun for the whole family, plus amenities like the facilities at the James H. Lincoln Memorial Park, including restrooms and a concession stand as well as the beautiful bike path. There will be musical artists on tap throughout the weekend, and rustic camping will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Join the fun in Harbor Beach for the annual Maritime Festival!



The Harbor Beach Hospital will be hosting its annual Focus on Fitness 5K Walk/Run on Wednesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. at James H. Lincoln Memorial Park, with check-in prior to the event.

On Thursday, July 7, The Friends of the Library Book Sale will run from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Harbor Beach Area District Library. The Bocce on the Beach tournament action runs from 5 to 11 p.m. at Lincoln Park; register early to be included in the 64-team limit. New this year on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, guided historic walking tours will be available at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; meet in front of the library to participate. Be sure to enjoy Thursday evening's musical entertainment from 7 to 10 p.m. by *BNT Band*, and visit the beach, where

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concessions will be available all weekend long!

Friday, July 8, is filled with great entertainment. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will run from 12 to 6 p.m., and be sure to visit the Harbor Beach Farmers' Market from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Frank Murphy Museum lawn, where you'll find lots of farm-fresh offerings and handmade crafts. Get your team together to participate in the Corn Hole Tournament beginning at 5 p.m. on the North Beach. (Register early to be included in the 64 teams participating!) True to the maritime theme, check out the Lighted Boat Parade Friday night beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m.; decorate your boat with lights, and join the parade through the harbor at dusk! Enjoy music from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. by *Bernadette Kathryn and the Lonely Days Band*, and *The Sinclairs* will be playing from 8 p.m. to midnight. The evening – and all weekend long – will be filled with FREE live music, so be sure to visit Harbor Beach to enjoy the great bands lined up for this year's event!

Enjoy the musical talent while sipping on ice-cold refreshments at the American Legion Hall. Please note that the American Legion is open to the public for refreshments and is a family-friendly environment. Bring the kids and concessions, and enjoy your meal in the air-conditioned hall while taking advantage of their charging station; those under 21 can enjoy cold pop and water, and those over 21 can enjoy adult beverages – 20 varieties of beer along with your favorite mixed drinks! (For more information, call Al at 989-551-3503.)

Family entertainment abounds throughout the weekend, and Saturday will feature lots to see and do for all ages. Stop by the Marina from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for guided tours to the Harbor Beach Lighthouse, and swing by the Community House Gym between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Library's Book Sale! Saturday highlights include

a Craft Show located on the Murphy Museum lawn from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and check out the Co-ed Beach Volleyball Tournament beginning at 10 a.m., as well as the "Battle on the Beach" Strongman Competition, also at 10 a.m. Likewise, don't miss the Sand Castle Contest from 10 a.m. until noon; competitors will be showing off their creativity and handiwork in the sand!

Jet ski races are back again! Don't miss the Jet Ski Races on Saturday morning beginning at 10 a.m.; race machines are provided, and the event comes with a little friendly competition! Saturday, July 9, is also Kids Day! The Maritime Children's Bike & Pet Parade on Saturday morning begins at 10:30 a.m., and after the parade, children will have fun at the Kids Carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.! Children's Inflatables will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as well!

The Lake Huron Dance Performance will be showcasing their talent under the tent beginning at 2:30 p.m., and make your way to the tent at 3:30 p.m. for the pet tricks and frog jumping contest. Thirsty? Stop by the American Legion Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening for a few refreshments!

Enjoy the *Matt Besey Blues Band* from 5 p.m. to

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OLLH will be holding an online benefit auction July 18–25 through Albrecht Auctions (www.bidnow.us) and will be accepting items until July 11. You can register now or any time before the auction to get your bidder number. A preview day is slated for July 13 at the school, where those interested can view the auction items to determine what they’d like to bid on. See their ad on this page for additional auction details. In addition, be sure to save the date and make plans to participate in OLLH’s golf outing at Verona Hills on August 17 at 10 a.m. This will be the third year for the golf outing; it’s a fun event and a great way to support OLLH, a school steeped in history and rooted in Christ. For more information about the golf outing, please contact Ryan Ramsey at 989-553-3407.

For more information about OLLH Catholic School, call 989-479-3427 or visit www.ollhschool.org. Be sure to follow OLLH Summer Fundraisers on Facebook for updated information and to learn how you can help support this wonderful school!

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7 p.m., and *Jedi Mind Trip* returns to play from 8 p.m. to midnight, with an intermission to take in the Maritime fireworks display at dusk.

As the Sunday morning sun rises over Lake Huron, be sure to gather under the tent for an ecumenical worship service beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 10. Additional Sunday events include the Beach Assault Basketball Tournament from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Craft Show, the Maritime Festival Car Show, Dueling Pianos, and Zion Lutheran’s Fish Fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Concessions will also be available, and at approximately 3 p.m., be sure to see if you’re the lucky winner of the HBAA Community Cash Raffle Drawing!

Save the date! Saturday, July 16, is the annual Cart Derby when the best of the best will roll their way down Trescott Street to victory! This year’s cart derby features the following divisions: adults aged 18 and older; powder puff for women aged 18 or over; youth from 12 to 17 years old; and children 8 to 11 years. Registration must be completed by July 9. For more information, please contact Ron Kociba at 989-479-3880, and for an application and rules, visit www.harborbeach.com.

Save the date! Saturday, August 6, brings with it the Biyakathon! The Biyakathon kicks off at 8 a.m. at Lincoln Memorial Park and consists of a short course with a five-mile bike ride, a two-mile kayak race, and a 5K run, as well as a long course that swaps out the five-mile bike ride with a 12.1-mile bike route! Because the Biyakathon offers a short and long course, this event is fun for all ages and fitness levels. Contact Mike Parker at 989-712-0546 for more information. The Biyakathon is a fun event that new and returning participants enjoy year after year!

Harbor Beach is jam-packed with fun things to see and do in July and all summer long! Mark your

calendars today to enjoy all that Harbor Beach has to offer!

Visit www.harborbeachchamber.com or harborbeach.com for additional events throughout the year. For more information about the Maritime Festival, please visit www.themartimefestival.com or facebook.com/HBmartime. Event information is what was available at press time. To book your lighthouse tour, please visit www.harborbeachlighthouse.org.

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We will be accepting items until July 11th because of time restrictions to get items on the Albrecht website. Please drop off items at the OLLH School office or call Kristen Balcer LeGault at 989-550-3566 or Rachel Morell Roggenbuck at 989-551-0503 to pick up your item.

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Tropical Transformations for Michigan Gardens ~ Bringing Indoor Plants Outside



By Monica Sabella

Sprays of native grasses, colorful perennials and dazzling annuals are a Midwestern classic. But a pop of citrine or fuchsia from a tropical coleus, dracaena, or banana plant is the perfect way to add variety and a unique touch to your summer garden.

Michigan's humid summers and recent heavy rainfalls are great for a variety of tropical plants. The majority of concern lies deep beneath the surface; it's the root of the problem, if you will. First, consider the natural habitat of your desired tropical plant. For example, banana plants, native to parts of South America and our own paradise, Hawaii, do best in mixed soils with lava sand or lava rock. They thrive in organic matter such as peat, compost, coco fiber, and manure with a generous sprinkling of perlite or vermiculite. Another important factor is the amount of water needed. Being tropical and from rainforest-like habitat, heavy watering is essential to their health. The phosphorous (pH) level should be around 5.5 – 6.5, and the plant should be heavily mulched. In Michigan, our phosphorous levels tend to be high, so keeping the plant potted may be the easiest option.

Succulents, on the other hand, are a completely different story. Because of Michigan's geological history, our soils are too wet for a succulent to adapt well. For that reason, creating a container garden is a popular way to ensure these desert blooms present good results all summer long. When potting, Michigan State University recommends a lean, well-draining sandy soil. Unlike the banana plant, these do not require much organic matter and/or watering.

The vibrant coleus is another great addition to an American- or English-style garden. It creates a surprise element, which complements the already wild and lush garden display. The large variety of types within the species is also exciting and workable for both budget and styles, and these beauties can grow up to three feet tall and wide. They require well-draining, fertile soil, and although most thrive in a partially shaded area, there are varieties that can tolerate full sun.

The luscious South American bougainvillea can also thrive in Michigan, despite its off-putting home in zones 9 – 10. It may not drape rich pink buds across the scaling roof of your porch like it does down south, but the promise of its bright origami-like flowers is still there from May to October in the upper Midwest. Planted in well-drained soil, the bougainvillea will blossom until the first frost. This



vine likes full sun (at least six hours) and, like all of our other tropicals, should be brought inside once temperatures fall below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Ti plants, native to Hawaii, require lots of water and like light filtered shade but will tolerate anything from full sun to shade in a moist locale. They like deep, fertile, acidic, well-drained soils, high in organic matter and, like the banana, prefer a soil pH between 5.5 – 6.5. Also known as the cordyline, this tropical can grow up to 10 feet high with a spread of three to four feet. The ti plant offers a variegated option for its leaves and can come in any combination of green with red, pink, purple, maroon, rose, yellow, and orange.

A delicate beauty, the oleander (also known as Nerium and the Jericho Rose) is popular for its versatility. Decorating gardens from southern to coastal landscapes, it prefers full sun but will grow in partial shade at the cost of thinning foliage. It can tolerate heat, drought, wind, and coastal conditions, which is no surprise given its native home in Northern Africa and Southwest Asia. Careful, this beauty comes with a bite. Traditionally used in rat poisons, the Nerium oleander is toxic if its flowers, leaves, or stems are ingested.

A final addition to this series is the lovely dracaena, a tall, showy plant with its star-like crown makes it stand out in any crowd. Delightfully drama-free, it only asks for well-draining soil and temperatures between 65 and 95 Fahrenheit. Available in over 40 varieties, their light needs vary from partial shade to full sun, making them the perfect addition to any garden corner. Another benefit is their natural resistance to pests, except for the occasional scale or mealy bug outbreak. A heavy alcohol, Dawn dish soap, and water spray on the foliage should address the mealy and scale bugs.

Although the initial learning curve may seem overwhelming and the needs of these plants are more than your neighborhood hydrangea, there is no reason Michiganders can't have a tropical garden. Just imagine the sun setting as you take a seat on your veranda. The hummingbirds buzz around the mirage of colors as you sip a glass of Traverse City wine and drink in the tropical paradise you call home.

For a list of sources and to learn more about Monica Sabella, please visit her website at www.msabellamedia.wixsite.com/monicasabella.

Whispers of a Waterfall

By Allison Stein

The whispers of a waterfall,
The tiny ripples that flow,
Whispering in secrecy,
Things no one else will know.

Cascading from the banks,
Of the nearby creek,
All of the different whispers,
Seem surprisingly unique.

The whispers are beautiful,
And send a chill up your spine,
Trickling over the stones,
The waterfall seems divine!

So when you hear the whispers,
Cascading down the springs,
Lean in and listen closely,
You might just hear it sing!

Allison Stein is the author of three poetry books. She blogs about her journey as a writer and writing consultant at www.allisonsteinconsulting.com.

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The fun activities include pony rides, petting zoo, live music, face painting, hair braiding, carnival games, crafts, corn hole, balloon animals, giveaways, and so much more! All activities are free.

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Adolph's time on the lakes, he advanced to become a marine engineer. In March of 1942 while his sons were finishing up the last few months of their high school education, Adolph left for the season to sail aboard the steamer *Sherwin*. A year later, in April of 1943, Ralph left for Ashtabula, Ohio, to sail aboard the *Hemlock*, but his season was cut short. On Friday, July 9, 1943, Ralph Gabriel Ullmann and his brother Karl Frederick Ullmann were among the men from Huron and Sanilac Counties bound for Fort Custer. Adolph, a World War I veteran, likely counseled his sons before they left to do their duty in the Second World War.

By mid-June 1944, the brothers made the local newspaper once more, with an update on their service. "Corp. Carl [sic] Ullman [sic] and Corp. Ralph Ullman [sic] have returned to their camp in Nebraska after spending a 10-day furlough in Forestville and Detroit. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ullman [sic], Detroit, former local residents. They entered the service together and have completed their training as tail gunners in the Air Corps together."

With his training in place, **Ralph G. Ullmann** served in the Army Air Force with the 337th Bomb Squad, 96th Bomb Group, as a Technical Sergeant/Ball Turret Gunner, flying aboard a B17G nicknamed the *Reluctant Dragon*. The *Reluctant Dragon* had already seen heavy action in

May of 1944 when Ralph was training stateside.

On May 8, 1944, the *Reluctant Dragon* came under heavy Nazi cannon fire from fighters on its return journey after bombing enemy war plants in Berlin. The B-17 incurred severe damage, so much so that six of the 10-man crew bailed and would soon become prisoners-of-war; the six POWs included co-pilot Harry Kennett, navigator Royles Lay, radio operator Chas Willard, ball turret gunner Fred Korhonen, waist gunner Dempsey Wolfe, and tail gunner Harry Lusk. Meanwhile a seventh crewman, waist gunner Bob Blevins, was killed in action while manning his guns. Miraculously, the three remaining air crew limped the *Reluctant Dragon* home. Bombardier John Flanyak, age 21, navigated the B-17 home while Tech. Sgt. Leon Sweatt, a top turret gunner and engineer, age 24, served as co-pilot for the return trip, and the pilot, 2nd Lt. Jerry Musser, age 25, fought valiantly with the controls to correct the bomber's 10,000-foot dive.

An early November 1944 newspaper article under Minden City news updated the public that Ralph had recently completed an orientation course at an air service command station in England "designed to bridge the gap between training in the United States and combat soldiering against the enemy in Europe."

After repairs on the *Reluctant Dragon* were completed, the bomber once more returned to the skies – with a new crew. In November of 1944, Ralph Ullmann, working as a ball turret gunner, was among them.

Ralph's aircrew was on a combat mission to bomb the IG Farben Leuna location, which was the second largest synthetic oil and chemical plant in Nazi Germany. The plant, located near Merseberg, Germany, was well protected by the 14th Flak Division and had heavy protection by German fighters – the site was the most heavily defended industrial target in Europe.

And then another of the war's atrocities occurred: On November 30, 1944, the *Reluctant Dragon* was shot down by enemy fire.

The *Reluctant Dragon* was presumed to have been lost over its target near Merseberg, Germany, after taking on heavy – and accurate – antiaircraft fire. Returning crewmembers on other B-17s observed several planes going down but none could be identified with certainty due to a formation mix-up during the bomb run. One B-17 co-pilot with the Eighth Air Force would later state that the sky was so dark over the Leuna works that pilots had no idea how close their bombs even came to their target. The Eighth Air Force lost 1,280 airmen when they bombed Leuna between May 12, 1944, and April 5, 1945. During three separate attacks, the Eighth lost 119 planes.

All nine crewmen aboard the *Reluctant Dragon* – Fred Towle, Edward Lohmeir, Rinaldo Zona, Barry Grubb, John Sikich, Bill Panoski, George Doult, Bill Popolorum, and Ralph Ullmann were listed as missing in action. Later, the status for Doult, Popolorum, and Ullmann was updated to killed in action.

Be sure to look for the continuation next month to learn of an 18-year-old Dutch girl's letter to Mrs. Ullmann and her promise to look after Ralph's grave, where his body was buried in the American Cemetery in Margraten.

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Celebrate at the Ugly Homecoming!

It's that time of year again, and there's no better place to have fun than at the **Ugly Homecoming**, which runs **Thursday through Sunday, July 7 – 10!** There's great family fun for all ages during the extended weekend-long celebration!

Most of the events throughout the weekend will take place at the Veterans Memorial Park (village park), unless otherwise stated. Find great bargains during the village-wide garage sales Thursday through Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; maps are available at Sleeper Public Library.

On Thursday night, enjoy **Family Fun Night** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Veterans Park under the pavilion, and youth (ages four to 10) will enjoy the 1/2-mile **FUN RUN**; registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the race to follow at 6 p.m. In addition, the **Car & Tractor Show** starts at 5 p.m., and **Burn Outs** begin at 6 p.m. The Burn

Outs will take place on the east end of town; there's no charge to watch, and there's no charge to enter. Plus, cash prizes will be awarded to first-, second-, and third-place winners!

On Friday evening on July 8, get your fill at the various food vendors, which open for business at 4 p.m. and remain open until 1:30 a.m. Friday evening brings with it the **Tractor/Truck Pull** beginning at 5 p.m. (Those over 21 attending the tractor/truck pull get into the beer tent for free!) Try your luck at the 50/50 raffles throughout the weekend, and check out the Ugly Baseball Tournament at the Ugly High School field beginning at 6 p.m. The **Beer Tent** opens at 6 p.m., and don't miss the entertainment from 9 p.m. to midnight at the beer tent, where *Marabend* will be performing!

Rise and shine Saturday morning, July 9, to take part in the **Mud Volleyball Tournament** starting at 7 a.m. and the **5K Walk/Run** starts at 8 a.m. **Saturday is Free Kids' Day** at Veterans Park beginning at 11 a.m., with the Toddler Bounce, Double slide, Bounce Obstacle Course, Hungry Hungry Hippos, and more!

Don't miss the **Kiddie Parade** to Veterans Park at 11 a.m. (costumes optional), and prior to the "Marvel" themed-parade, kids participating in the parade should sign up for the bike drawing at the TVO Hall from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. After the Kiddie Parade, the bike winners will be announced!

Be sure to check out the **Junior Firefighter Activities** and the **Lions Project Kidsight** (free vision screening). There will be hands-on outdoor activities, and don't miss the kids' tractor pull scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 9, also brings the **Tractor and Truck Pull!** Saturday night's action begins with weigh-in from 4 to 5 p.m. with the pull to follow in these

classes: 5,500 V8 Hot Rods, 9,300 Super Farm, 6,200 Super Stock Pick-ups, Hot Diesel Pick-ups, 6,200 Pro Street Pick-ups, and Semis. Be sure to grab something to eat at the food tent at the tractor pull, and root your favorite pullers on to victory!

After the tractor pulls Saturday night, dance the night away with entertainment by *86 Noodles*, and enjoy the visiting and fun at the beer tent! Play it safe, and take advantage of a free ride home (Huron County only) via Thumb Area Transit; rides home will be available on Friday and Saturday nights from 11 p.m. – 1 a.m.

The fun continues on Sunday, July 10, with **Root Beer Floats** from 10 a.m. to noon, and don't miss the "Marvel" **Grand Parade** at 12:30 p.m. to see all the beautiful and creative floats! The Grand Marshals for this year's parade are Ken and Bonnie Ross!

The Ugly Historical Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m., so be sure to check out all the great history Ugly has to offer, and listen and dance to polka music by Benny Prill and Friends from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be plenty of action at the refreshment tent on Sunday, too, including the **Adult Corn Hole Tournament**, and check out the food vendors at the park!

Visit Ugly for some great entertainment, and enjoy a weekend of fun at this year's Ugly Homecoming!

For more information about the Ugly Homecoming, follow Ugly Homecoming on Facebook. Ugly's July events detailed above are listed, in part, subject to change, and are what was available at press time. While you're in Ugly and all year long, please support the Ugly-area businesses that made these pages possible! Let them know you saw their ads in The Lakeshore Guardian!



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A Kitchen on Wheels for the Troops

Part 5

By T.J. Gaffney

This month's topic, and the topic for the next few issues, continues to be the history, transfer of ownership, move, and eventual restoration of a former Maintenance of Way Kitchen Car of the Chessie System/CSX. Recently acquired via donation from CSX Transportation by the Sanilac County Historical Museum of Port Sanilac, Michigan, this car was originally built to feed soldiers headed to the warfront. After it and its sisters helped feed thousands of G.I.'s and win World War II, the car gained a second life feeding hungry railroad workers. Over the next 50 years it operated throughout the state of Michigan, including the Thumb Region, and is now a rare survivor of the era it was built in.

Welcome back to our readers. Our topic continues to be that of Troop Kitchen Car K102,



After the roadbed of aggregate was laid down for the railbed, ties were placed upon it and then leveled. The metal plates seen in the photo, called "fishplates" in railroad parlance, are there to help align the rails and allow for better and more accurate placement of the spikes that will attach the rail to the ties.

built by American Car and Foundry in 1944. Our kitchen car is believed to have been sold to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway sometime in 1949 and was used by them and successor CSX for a few more years until the car was parked on a side track behind the former freight house in McGrew Yard in Flint. There, it would remain for nearly two decades, until an abortive attempt by members of the Port Huron & Detroit Railroad Historical Society to preserve the car in Port Huron fell through. When we finished last month's article, the PH&DRHS had transferred ownership to the Sanilac County Historical Museum and the village of Port Sanilac, Michigan.

After a thorough inspection of the car by your author and a group of individuals from the Sanilac County Historical Museum in November 2021, the process began in earnest towards getting the car moved to the village. Museum member and volunteer Utz Schmidt was quickly appointed as project head, and he and your author began a series of several discussions about what

would be needed to complete the move. In Utz's own words:

"There is no doubt that the World War II

Pullman Troop Kitchen Car is a valuable addition to the museum. Our Sanilac County vets love the idea and generously support the project. Also, at this point the museum likes to express gratitude to all the donors, which contributed a large amount of money to bring the Pullman back to its original beauty. The museum is truly blessed to get this quite unique car, a car typical of those which fed our Sanilac County soldiers during their transport in World War II."



Workers use an excavator to bring the rails over to the roadbed and begin to align them.

First among the steps to prepare for the move was building a proper base for the eventual display track that the car would sit on. This was no small task, as it required building in an area that was notoriously susceptible to extreme weather fluctuations, from being as solid as concrete in winter and almost bog-like in spring and early summer. It required an enormous amount of fill, followed by a tightly compacted aggregate for the railroad ties to be set upon. Once this was completed, US Trackworks was contacted to help build the section of rail that the car would eventually sit on. This process not only required the laying of the ties that rails would sit on, but a careful placing of the metal stringers, called fishplates, that would both allow the rails to properly align themselves, but would allow for proper placement of the spikes that would hold the rails to the ties.

As the track panel was completed, the need for finding a trucking firm to transport the car moved into full swing. Long-time followers of this column will recognize the name of Marc Kalis. Mr.

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The finished panel track awaits the arrival of the Troop Kitchen Car.

Kalis and the author have partnered together on several different moves of historic rail equipment, including the DT&I caboose at Mt. Clemens and the Grand Trunk refrigerator car at Port Huron, amongst others. Unlike previous operations, we would this time be partnering with crane operators from Bad Axe and Bay City to help make the lift portion of the process both quicker and safer. Utz and Marc worked closely together to coordinate these many entities. As readers of this column also know, the use of low boy semis and cranes are often expensive endeavors, and so further funding would be needed to make the move happen than initially anticipated. All this said, between Utz's careful planning, some wonderful donors within the community who helped step up and fund the work, and finally the help of the dedicated contractors who worked hard to meet the deadlines needed, as a very wet spring 2022 came to a close, all seemed to be ready for what many at the museum were calling "The Big Move." Altogether, it would take eight months of planning, funding, building, and working to make it happen, but as May came to a close, the Sanilac County Historical Society would finally be welcoming the classic World War II US Pullman Troop Kitchen Car to the museum grounds. As the move date neared, all involved eagerly anticipated the event.

What will happen during the move of the kitchen car from Flint to Port Sanilac? Stay tuned to next month's Lakeshore Guardian to find out!

Gaffney is owner of Streamline Historic Services, and the author of Port Huron, 1880-1960. Images of Rail: Rails Around the Thumb, published by Arcadia Publishing, is also receiving accolades. Learn about the important contributions railroads made to the Thumb area; copies of Rails Around the Thumb are available through the author at 2747 Military Street, Port Huron, Michigan, 48060. Books are also available through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

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surfmen's room during the cold weather. When did that chimney get repaired? The station originally had a Manby mortar, and on April 26, 1879, a Lyle gun was delivered to the station by superintendent Joseph Sawyer. We now know for sure that the patrol to the N.W. went at least to the Huron City dock, about 2 to 2 ½ miles. Station No. 3 was the Grindstone City station.

Some other official information on Morgan I have pertaining to the Pointe aux Barques station was discovered while I was reading the U.S. Life-Saving Service's Annual Report for 1882 and 1883. Although the action reports do not name Morgan, they would have been written and sent by him to his superiors. They do describe the actions of the crew, which was under his command.

A report for October 30, 1882, described a sloop in trouble.

"At 1 o'clock in the afternoon a small sloop, bound from Long Point to Whiskey Harbor, Michigan, with a cargo of lumber was capsized through carrying too great a press of sail, and the owner, a man named Wilsie, thrown overboard. When the accident occurred the sloop was about three miles and a half to the eastward of the Pointe aux Barques Station (Tenth District), Lake Huron, and about two miles from shore. The crew of the station soon became aware of what had happened and put off at once in their life-boat to render assistance. Upon arrival they found the man was already safe aboard the barge Silver Martin, which was passing at the time and picked him up. As he was badly chilled from his ducking, the lifesaving crew took him as quickly as possible to the station, where he was furnished with dry clothing and warm food. They then went out again and towed the sloop to the station and righted and bailed her out, and after putting her in good order moored her safely for the night, the man proceeding to his home at Whiskey Harbor; as soon as he was able to travel, on foot, it being but a few miles distant. The sloop sustained no damage, but her cargo was lost."

A report dated November 2, 1882, detailed the crew helping tugs in distress.

"On this date as a couple of tugs with a large and valuable raft of logs in tow were proceeding down Lake Huron on their way from Black River, Alcona County, Michigan, to Toledo, Ohio, they were overtaken by a strong northerly gale, which raised such a high and dangerous sea that when they were off Pointe aux Barques at about 8 o'clock am it became necessary for their own safety to cast the raft adrift and turn to the nearest harbor for shelter. When abandoned the raft was five miles distant from the Pointe aux Barques Station (Tenth District). The keeper had observed the movements of the tugs and as soon as they left kept a sharp watch on the raft, knowing that it would now drift inshore before the wind and sea. As it came nearer he noticed something on it which he took to be a man. The lifeboat was immediately launched, but on approaching near enough the object was found to be a frame structure for holding signal lanterns. An attempt

was made to recover the tow line, a huge, fifteen-inch hawser, but the sea was too heavy for them. Later in the day, however, after the raft had grounded on a reef a few hundred yards from shore about a mile and a half to the eastward of the station, they succeeded after much labor in hauling it clear of the rocks where it was chafing badly. There was too much of it and it was too heavy for them to take it ashore. On the following (November 3), the gale having abated, the lifesaving crew pulled up the coast some two or three miles towards New River and recovered several hundred feet of lumber from the surf, and while they were thus engaged one of the tugs reappeared and made signal for their assistance in getting her hawser from the raft. She was unable to approach near enough to get it herself, so the station men recovered it alone, having to use two of their boats to carry it out to the steamer. During the following week the crew rendered excellent service, from time to time, in aiding whenever necessary a gang of men employed to float the raft off to the tug and also acting in concert with the crew of the Grindstone City Station, to the westward, in saving a quantity of lumber and laths which lay scattered along the beach between the two stations. Eighteen trips in all were made by the Pointe aux Barques crew in their boats in aiding to recover the property, from the time it was driven ashore until the tug finally took it in tow again on November 11, for its destination, one of the station hawsers being also used on two occasions when need to expedite the work."

This was a raft of logs, lathe, and possibly boards, and I am amazed at the distance this trip covered, which were many hundreds of miles over open lake and down the Port Huron and Detroit Rivers. It was the duty of the Pointe aux Barques lighthouse keeper and lifesavers to recover and store property from mishaps and shipwrecks until an owner or agent claimed it. Reading other accounts about these rafts in the lighthouse keeper's logbook and other sources, I learned that the log rafts were huge. The logs were chained together with logs stacked so high that the bottoms of some rafts were fifteen feet under water. When these came loose and broke up on the lakes, they were a great hazard to the vessels on the lakes; just one of these logs could hole a vessel, damage a propeller or side-wheel, and disable a ship and result in its sinking. Eventually, this practice was discontinued. Lighthouse Keeper Andrew Shaw noted in his logbook that he recovered and stored some of these heavy chains until they were claimed. This action also involved the lifesavers from the Grindstone City station located at Burnt Cabin Point.

Watch for the continuation in the August issue.

Captain Ron Burkhard is the author of The Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse: A Comprehensive History Written by a Native Son, which is available for sale at the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Museum gift shop. To share life-saving station information or article feedback, you may reach the author at 231-313-7085.



Minden City Tractor Pull

Join the Fun at the
Minden City Tractor Pull!

By Janis Stein

The Minden City Lions Club and the Minden City Fire Department invite one and all to **Minden City's Tractor Pull** with activities slated for **Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16!** Join the action at Francis Lautner Memorial Park in Minden City where everyone is welcome!

The fun begins Friday evening, July 15, at 5 p.m., when the **refreshment tent** opens for business, and mark your calendars for the **USA Demolition Derby** beginning at 7 p.m. From power wheels fun for the kids to stock and modified Bump 'n' Run Racing, this event will have you on the edge of your seats, and the crashing 4WD Derby Finale is

a must-see! Concessions will be available all night long, and enjoy the evening's entertainment in the tent by **Even Steven 360** at 9 p.m.!

On Saturday afternoon, July 16, the concessions and refreshment tent opens at 12 p.m., and don't miss the **corn hole tournament** that also starts at noon. Kids entertainment will be available as well. Be sure to come out to Minden Saturday afternoon, when the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association (TTPA) tractor and truck pulls return. **The Minden City Tractor Pull** is an annual event that draws a huge crowd!

Saturday afternoon's pull starts at 3 p.m. sharp, with weigh-in starting

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Tractor Pull begins at 3 p.m.

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at 2 p.m. The Semi Class also pulls Saturday night. Be sure to stop by the various food stands, check out the refreshment tent Saturday night, and enjoy the entertainment by *Whiskey Fixx* at starting at 9 p.m.!

Joshua Geiger lives in the Bad Axe area, and he will be pulling his John Deere 8345R dubbed *Bad News Deere* in the 9300 SuperFarm class.



Joshua Geiger, shown here at last year's pull, is looking forward to returning to Minden City, where he'll be competing with his John Deere 8345R, dubbed *Bad News Deere*, in the 9300 SuperFarm class. Photo courtesy of Joshua Geiger.

Geiger grew up with family members who enjoyed tractor pulls, and he started pulling in 2008. Geiger enjoys pulling at Minden for a number of reasons.

“Minden has a nice hard clay track, and it takes a lot of power. The crowd is very supportive. It doesn't matter how late it runs, people always stay until the last tractor has pulled,” Geiger said.

Geiger has learned a great deal over the years, such as the importance of good sportsmanship and the need to congratulate the winner at the end of any given night. And although Geiger doesn't typically experience the adrenaline



The Dekoski boys pose between their two Allis-Chalmers pulling tractors: *Miss Behavin* and *Xcessive Tinkering*. Front: Alex and Reed Dekoski (Mark's sons). Back: Eric, Terry, and Mark Dekoski. Photo courtesy of Mark Dekoski.

rush like so many do, during his run down the track, he enjoys something equally as energizing – the feeling of freedom.

“For the 10 seconds [you're pulling], you're free from everything. Nothing else matters but that moment,” explained Geiger.

Geiger also enjoys the camaraderie of his competitors and shared a bit of advice for those thinking of getting involved in pulling. “Everybody helps each other. [For those just starting,] don't be afraid to come in last; don't get discouraged. We're a lot like a family,” added Geiger. And everyone is ready to lend a helping hand.

Mark Dekoski of Ubly enjoys participating in

the tractor pulls with his father, Terry, and his brother, Eric. The Dekoskis run their Allis-Chalmers D21, named *Miss Behavin*, in the 9300 SuperFarm and their Allis-Chalmers One-Ninety XT, dubbed *Xcessive Tinkering*, in the 8000 Deisel ProStock Class.

For the Dekoskis, Minden is as much a hometown pull as Ubly, and with the knowledge that their Allis-Chalmers tractors came from the dealership that was once around the corner in Ruth, pulling in Minden feels like coming home.

Dekoski shared fond memories of his early days at the pulls. “The tractor in the 8000 class was originally bought for the farm. As it got older, it was repurposed for tractor pulling. In 2000, we made the official 8000 class, and we were charter members with that tractor in that class.”

The first time Dekoski pulled was during the summer after he graduated from

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Independence Day weekend kicks off with the Farmers' Market on **Friday, July 1**, with the **Port Sanilac Farmers' Market** offering products grown or made locally within Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron Counties. The Market is open every Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. through October. Stop by and pick up fresh produce and flowers as well as meet the farmers and artisans showcasing their wares. The Market is located at the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum.

The Independence Day celebration continues on **Saturday, July 2** with a good, old-fashioned parade beginning at 2 p.m. with all of the parade classics. Make your way to Harbor Park and Port Sanilac Marina on Saturday evening for Music in the Park where you can "Dance with a DJ" from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; bring your lawn chair! (Enjoy Music at Harbor Park every Saturday beginning at 7 p.m., weather permitting.) Get the best seat for the **Fireworks Show** at dusk; Port Sanilac's fireworks show is one of the best around!

Additional performances at **Music in the Park** during the month of July include Andy Dalton on July 9, Blue Ice on July 16, Middle Age Crazy on July 23, and the Luke Repass Band on July 30.

Port Sanilac celebrates their annual **Summer Festival on Saturday, July 30**, with tons of family-friendly fun! Start your day with the Port Sanilac Fire Department's pancake breakfast running from 7 a.m. to noon at the fire hall. Enjoy the food vendors at Harbor Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – be sure to come out to support the hot dog stand, courtesy of the Carsonville-Port Sanilac Robotics Team!

Bring the children for free inflatables fun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; from the inflatable pirate ship and the inflatable slide to the small kids' slide inflatables, all ages will enjoy. From noon to 3 p.m., the kids will be well-entertained with the carnival games for a nominal price (25 cents), plus there will be kids' face tattoos and more! Enjoy the DJ Music from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the corn hole tournament begins at 4 p.m. Stay the evening and take in the tunes by guitarist Luke Repass – the

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perfect end to an idyllic summer day in Port Sanilac!

Looking for a little culture all summer long? The Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum are among Port Sanilac's many gems! The Loop Harrison Mansion on the grounds of the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2022! Enjoy a private tea party with lunch and tea in a private dining room for groups of up to eight; reservations are required, and the ticket price includes a guided tour of the Mansion. Visit their website, follow them on Facebook, or call the Museum office at 810-622-9946 for additional information!

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Take advantage of all the great things to do and see in beautiful Port Sanilac during July and all summer long!

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high school – and his first time down the track was in Minden, so participating at Minden gives him a sense of nostalgia – and good memories with his family. Dekoski pulled in the 8000 class for his first pull while his dad at that time was in the SuperFarm.

“We’ve always been into tractors because we grew up on the farm, and it’s been fun having a hobby connected to the farm. We like the challenge of having things running and attempting to keep up with the advancing competition, despite our modest investment, and find that the experience of working on pulling tractors helps make any farm repairs easier to tackle. Plus, I get to spend time doing it with my dad and brother,” Dekoski said.

The Dekoskis know that tractor pulling – both the preparation for and the participation in – can be time-consuming, and it’s important to include upcoming pullers. “We do make a conscious effort to ensure pulling enriches our family time rather than consume it, and it is not uncommon for us to miss pulls for other family or farm obligations. We have learned a lot together as we ‘tinker’ and ‘misbehave’ with the tractors, and we are working to help the next generation grow up learning in a similar way,” explained Dekoski.

And then there’s the adrenaline rush. “Minden has a good, hard track. It takes a lot of power, and it’s nice to pull on a track like that. Going down the track doesn’t last long, but it sure is fun!” Dekoski added.

Be sure to visit **Minden City on July 15 and 16** for their **demolition derby and tractor and truck pull**, and join these pulling enthusiasts in rooting your favorites on to a win!

For more information about this event, please call **John Creguer** at 989-917-0025 or **Dale Halifax** at 989-670-0394. Be sure to follow **Minden City Lions on Facebook** for all the latest happenings.

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“You want me to work for this Lopez?”

“Well, you don’t have a job, do you? And you owe me money! Don’t tell me you’re too proud to slop hogs!”

“Well, Doc, a man does have his limits.”

“Tarnation fellow! There’s a drought on, the grass is sparse, and the cattle are dying. There’s not a job to be had in 50 miles! If you’re serious about paying me back, you’ll work for Lopez!”

“Like I said before, you’re a hard man.”

“Well, Pepe?” said the Doc. “Tell me all about it.”

“Señor, this young man you send me, he all the time work. He never sit still.”

“Good. Tell me what he’s done.”

“He drive me crazy, all the time fixing things – the fences, the pig pens, the cabin roof. When the pigs are fed, he look for other work and cuts and chops the firewood and then looks for more to cut. He works on the well and the irrigation ditches. All the time talks about plowing more land and planting and irrigating more corn.”

“Well?”

“He ask me questions and talk, talk, talk.”

“What does he talk about, Pepe?”

“Sometimes he asks about you. Questions I can no answer. He ask about our little ranch, how many pigs we raise and sell each year. He asks me about the well and the dry creek bed and how much water runs in the spring. Sometimes he ask me the same questions – who owns the land beyond the ranch and how much an acre costs.”

“What do you think of him, Pepe?” asked the doc.

“I think for a cowboy, he knows a lot about farming and pigs.”

“Is that a bad thing?”

“Sí Señor. Before he come, I sleep in the morning, take my siesta during the day, go to bed at night, and sleep in peace. This young man come, this Danny, all he do is work, work, work, and ask the questions. I think if he no go soon, then I go crazy.”

“All right, Pepe. When you go home, send him to me.”

“You promise he not come back? Before he come, Pepe happy, now he come, Pepe tired...want things like before. We shake hands Señor Doc, this Danny, he not part of promise...”

“All right, Pepe. I’ll see to it that he won’t bother you anymore.”

The doc shook Pepe’s proffered hand, and Pepe Lopez smiled in relief. Then the old man bent over in one of his coughing fits and did not stop for a long time. When Doctor Evans recovered and wiped the blood from his mouth, his Mexican partner was gone.

Be sure to look for the continuation next month.

Charlie Steel is a western novelist and internationally published short story writer. Find this story and other great western tales in Steel’s new book, *THREE DAYS UNDER THE SUN: (And Other Tales of the Old West)*, which is scheduled for release in late July and will be available in paperback (\$12.95), ebook (\$2.99), and hardback (\$24.95.) Learn more about Steel’s work at www.charliesteel.net.

Goodtimes in Deckerville!

By Janis Stein

The Goodtimers cordially invites one and all to join in the fun and celebrate **Goodtimes in Deckerville on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6!**

When the former Deckerville Homecoming was in need of new leadership last year, the Goodtimers stepped up to ensure this event not only stayed the course but resolved to add new life to it as well. Small-town festivals bring with it a show of community spirit and an opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors, and for those who have moved on, a chance to come back home, resurrect old friendships, and celebrate their roots.

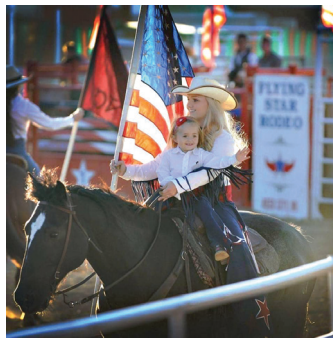
Goodtimes in Deckerville promises fun for the entire family. Community-wide garage sales will unofficially kick off the event beginning on Thursday, with garage sales throughout the village open all day Thursday and Friday! Follow residential signs to see



The women's volleyball tournament always draws a crowd! Volleyball photos courtesy of Kristie Baer (immediate left) and Misty Oldenburg (bottom left).

who's participating to find the best deals and treasures around, and be sure to check out the library book sale held inside the village hall (next to the fire hall) on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The first round of the Women's Volleyball Tournament will take place Friday at 5 p.m., and the biggest change this year will be **Friday night's main event, the Flying Star Rodeo**, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Rather than hosting the tractor pull this year, the Goodtimers are bringing the rodeo to Deckerville! Flying Star is



The Flying Star Rodeo is looking forward to entertaining the crowd in Deckerville this year on Friday, August 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.! Courtesy of Flying Star Rodeo Productions.

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According to Flying Star Rodeo Productions, they offer a variety of up to nine events, which could include bareback

riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, women's breakaway roping, women's barrel racing, tie down roping, mini bull riding, and bull riding.

True to their family-friendly reputation, a local equestrian team will also be involved in Deckerville's event, and a few locals are interested in amateur bull riding! Flying Star offers a Kids Boot scramble as well, whereby interested children are divided into age-appropriate groups. Then, each participant removes a boot and races across the arena and back; the first child who makes it back and gets his/her boot back on first is deemed the winner!

Thirsty? Celebrate summer at the **Beer Tent** at Wilson Park on Friday evening, and come back on Saturday afternoon to enjoy a few cold ones throughout the day and night. Be sure to come hungry! The Goodtimers **Food Tent** will be offering some great options to satisfy your tastebuds on Friday, or check out the various food trucks on-site both Friday and Saturday!

After the rodeo, enjoy the *Bob Marshall Band's* performance, beginning at 9 p.m. The musicians in the *Bob Marshall Band* have been performing collectively for over 200 years – now that's a lot of experienced talent! Listen to a sampling of their music on their site at www.bobmarshallband.com, where the group is purported to play "cowboy country music with a rock

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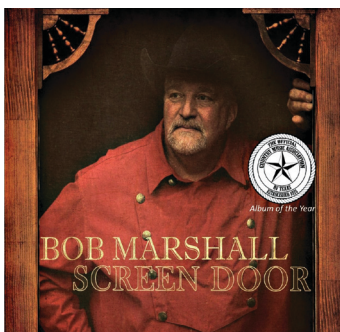
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and roll attitude”!

Look skyward Friday night at dusk for the spectacular **fireworks** display, sponsored by the former Deckerville Homecoming Committee, and after the fireworks, be sure to return to Wilson Park for more fun and entertainment.

The action resumes Saturday morning, August 6, with the **5K Run / Walk**, beginning at 8



The award-winning Bob Marshall Band will be performing Friday, August 5, in Deckerville at 9 p.m., following the rodeo. Enjoy their cowboy country music with a rock and roll attitude! Courtesy of the Bob Marshall Band.

a.m. (Contact Steve Linn at 989-277-8768 for more

information.) Also beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday is the second round of action at the **Women’s Volleyball Tournament** – don’t miss it!

Take a step back in time to appreciate the history of the area by visiting the **Deckerville Historical Museum** on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at 2485 Black River Street. Enjoy the many historical displays, and bring the next generation, so they can appreciate the history of their heritage. The Museum offers displays, research documents, information, and memorabilia about Native Americans, pioneers, the military, and more. (The Deckerville Historical Museum will have extended hours on August 6, but they are also open on Saturdays through September from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and by special appointment.) For more information, call 810-837-0257, and follow them on Facebook. The interior of the Museum has been remodeled – stop by and see what’s new!

Be sure to take the time to enjoy Deckerville’s **Grand Parade** on Saturday, August 6, beginning at noon. (Registration for the parade begins at 11 a.m.) Prizes will be awarded for the winning entries, with

the first-place prize set at \$500; second-place, \$200; and third-place, \$100. A Kids Choice Trophy will also be awarded. (Contact Brandon Stolicker at 810-404-7934 for more information.)

Food trucks will have concessions available at Wilson Park on Saturday throughout the day and evening, and don’t miss the **Trowhill Benefit Dinner** at the park immediately following the parade at 1 p.m. The **Corn Hole Tournament** begins at 2 p.m. and is another favorite event; come out and root your favorite players on to victory!

Wondering where you’ll take the kids for some summer fun? Goodtimes in Deckerville is the place to be! Stop by Wilson Park from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., where the **kids’ entertainment** abounds! The children will enjoy the petting zoo, face painting, the kids’ pedal pull, and more; plus, they can burn off all that energy by playing on a gigantic sand pile! They can also enjoy Treasure Mountain, where coins will be hidden in the dirt for children to find and keep. Best of all and new this year, the Goodtimers welcome **John the Magician**, who will be visiting Wilson Park from

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1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The magician will be wandering the grounds for the first two hours and performing individual magic tricks, and at 3 p.m., enjoy the one-hour magic show, which is free to the public and all ages are welcome!

Entertainment continues Saturday evening with music beginning at 8 p.m. by the ever-popular *Jedi Mind Trip*, a rock and roll band playing music from the '70s, '80s, and today, and the Beer Tent will be open for business! Celebrate at this year's Good Times in Deckerville where you're guaranteed to have just that! Enjoy!

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It is no longer necessary for individuals to report emerald ash borer activity as the predatory insect, unfortunately, has infiltrated our area.

In addition to birch bark disease and emerald ash borer, another tree concern is the hemlock woolly adelgid. These tiny insects secrete white wax as they eat the sap from hemlock shoots and branches. They can kill needles, shoots, and branches, which can result in the death of the tree after four to 10 years of the initial infestation. Not only are eastern hemlock trees native to Michigan's forests, they are often used in landscaping, windbreaks, and other residential settings. There are an estimated 170 million eastern hemlock trees in the state. Currently, the active populations of adelgids have been identified in Allegan, Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana, and Mason Counties in West Michigan. Certain insecticides are successful in treating hemlock woolly adelgid, but a qualified arborist should diagnose the problem. If you notice white, waxy material at the base of the needles on your hemlock trees, take some pictures and send them to a qualified arborist. Don't remove the possible infested material from the tree, as that could promote the spread.

A final tree concern we will examine is oak wilt disease. Oak trees are prevalent throughout both peninsulas and provide products for humans and wildlife. Oak wilt is a fungus that kills red oak trees once the infection takes hold. White oaks can be affected, but they are more resistant than red oaks and are less likely to die. There are treatments available that can save surrounding oaks; however, once wilt attacks red oaks, the treatments will not save the infected tree. Oak wilt moves slowly on its own through root systems. It can travel short distances when new spores are moved by beetles from an infected tree to a freshly injured tree. As with other tree concerns, not moving firewood from an infected area is key to slowing the spread of the fungus. Another step-in prevention is to not prune oak trees during the growing season. Don't prune them between April 15 and July 15. Suspected oak wilt in Michigan can be reported to the Department of Natural Resources Forest Health Division at DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov.

As we soak in the hues of green present during July in our great state, let's stay vigilant to the possible tree health concerns that threaten to diminish our outdoor experiences. Watching for beech bark disease, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, and oak wilt disease is the first step in slowing or stopping their spread. While we enjoy their shade-giving and oxygen-producing features, we can inspect their leaves, branches, bark, and trunks for any abnormalities that may indicate more serious problems. Being aware of these potential issues, may provide us with early intervention tactics to preserve the green in Michigan for future generations to enjoy.



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The Huron Community Fair kicks off on Sunday, July 31, with free parking all day. Check out the 2 p.m. grandstand event featuring **Harness Racing**, and the 4-H Horse Show begins at 5 p.m. The Opening Ceremony and Flag Raising is open to all at 5:30 p.m., followed by the 4-H Talent Show & Bean Queen Crowning at 6 p.m. and the Livestock Judging Contest at the Dennis M. Hagen Show & Sale Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The gate opens Monday, August 1, at 8 a.m. with the day kicking off with the Goat Show at 9 a.m., the 4-H and FFA Building and

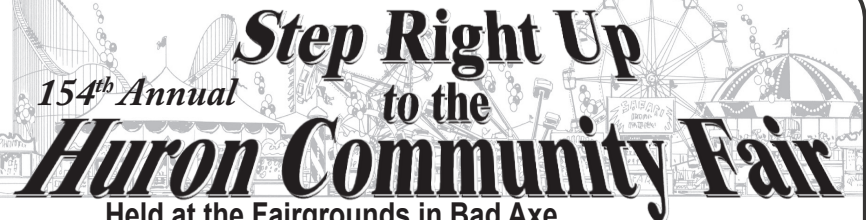
Merchant Building will be open, and the 4-H Horse Show begins at 1 p.m. Don't miss the grandstand event at 1 p.m., featuring **Harness Racing**; the Sheep Show begins at 3 p.m., while the Elkton Lions Bingo runs from 3 to 10 p.m.



Tuesday, August 2, offers the Rabbit Show, Swine Show, Horse Show, and Dairy Show, and the judging in the 4-H and FFA Building for food, flowers, vegetables, and crops. Beginning at 11 a.m., visitors can tour the 4-H and FFA Building as well as the Merchant Building. Be sure to stop by the Miracle of Life Tent from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday to see the wonder of newborn farm animals.

Tuesday is Kids Day with the Midway opening at 1 p.m. The Elkton Lions Bingo returns from 3 to 10 p.m., and be sure to stop by

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Step Right Up to the 154th Annual Huron Community Fair

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Sunday, July 31 - Saturday, Aug 6, 2022

Sunday: Harness Racing at 2 p.m.

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Monday: Harness Racing at 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Kids Day!

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the Communication Arts Contest at 4:30 p.m. in the 4-H and FFA Building. Don't miss the 5:30 p.m. Kids' Drawing for a free bike giveaway, and enjoy the chainsaw carver on the Midway, as well as the various performances of racing pigs – free entertainment at its finest! KOI participants will participate in their practice run from 5 to 7 p.m., with the **KOI Drag Racing** grandstand event beginning at 7 p.m. An additional Tuesday evening attraction is the 7 p.m. Adult Beef Show, which takes place in the

(while supplies last). Try out your luck, and stop by the Elkton Lions Bingo, which runs from 3 to 10 p.m., and don't miss the racing pigs and chainsaw carver! Wednesday's grandstand event will be the **Bump-N-Run with Demolition Derby** beginning at 7 p.m., and check out the free musical entertainment from 7 to 10 p.m. inside the Merchant



Building.

Thursday, August 4, features the Special Needs Kids Event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Is the thought of going to the fair with your special-needs child too much? Time has been set aside for children with special needs and their families to



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Show/Sale Arena.

The highlights for Wednesday, August 3, include the Prospect Feeder Show as well as the Poultry Show at 9 a.m. The Midway opens at 3 p.m., and the Senior Citizen Meal runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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enjoy the fair!

Also on Thursday, August 4, fair-goers will enjoy the Market Beef Show at 9 a.m. followed by the Beef Breeding Show; the Midway opens at 3 p.m., and check out the Elkton Lions Bingo from 3 to 10 p.m. Thursday's Grandstand Event begins at 7:30 p.m., which will be the **Super Kicker Rodeo!**

On Friday, August 5, the Junior Livestock Auction Sale begins at 9 a.m., and the Midway opens at 3 p.m., while the Small Livestock Sweepstakes Contest begins at 6 p.m. Be sure to look for the various free performances on the

Midway. Don't miss Friday's Grandstand Event, which will be the **Redneck Truck Race at 7 p.m.!**

The fun continues on Saturday, August 6, with the Small Livestock Association Sale and 4-H Craft Auction beginning at 9 a.m. On Saturday, the Midway opens at noon, and Elkton Lions Bingo returns from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Junior Livestock Sweepstakes Contest takes place at 3 p.m., and the SLA Adult Showmanship Contest starts at 4 p.m. Don't miss the kids drawing for free bikes and toys at 5:30 p.m. in front of the fair office, and Saturday night's Grandstand Event is the **TTPA Tractor Pull at 6 p.m.!**

Join in the action and in the fun at this year's

154th Huron Community Fair on July 31 – August 6! The Fair features numerous daily activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy! Come out to support the area's youth, and celebrate the Thumb area's agricultural heritage!

The Fair events mentioned were available at press time and are subject to change. For an updated event listing, please visit www.huroncommunityfair.com, or call 989-269-7542.

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there was one sailor in particular who turned into a cheerleader, praising her food and providing honest feedback from the crew that was sorely desired. Often, sailors were polite and thanked her, but those kind words still left her wondering. And again, Catherine peeked in the garbage can, which left little to wonder. The crew was eating all of her food, which meant they must have liked it; plus, once she was armed with her sailor-friend's insider information, she was all the more encouraged to make things the crew may not expect, such as falafels. When the crew became excited about new dishes, Catherine, in turn, became excited, and it made her want to fill their plates with love – and lots of good food!

When the pandemic hit in the spring of 2020, Catherine was back on the *Algoma Hansa*, and she couldn't help but think that destiny had guided her back to the lakes just in time. She was grateful that she didn't have the stress of trying to operate a restaurant in the middle of a pandemic, and for a while anyway, the *Algoma Hansa*

continued making her steady runs. The sailing life fit like an old glove, and even though she couldn't walk on the deck because the *Algoma Hansa* was a tanker, and even though she didn't have the opportunity to visit new places because of that dedicated run, Catherine would have stayed on; but destiny stepped in again and told Catherine there was still more out there, more for her to experience.

Catherine left the *Algoma Hansa* in September of 2020 when the



Mom's cherry loaf recipe.

tanker was forced to lay-up due to lack of cargo; she didn't know when the *Algoma Hansa* would be coming back out, so she grabbed another job, promptly joining the *Paul Martin* in October – and she loved it! Normally, Catherine worked by herself, but on the *Martin*, she worked with the second cook. When she worked alone, she had 12-hour days, and while it was tiring, she had enjoyed working by herself. She could play her own music and coordinate her meals with complementing salads. She could use leftovers in breakfast burritos. She could do her own thing and didn't have to concern herself with anyone else. She was doing it all.

But she quickly found that she really liked the second cook on the *Martin*, and those 12-hour days had been long! As chief cook, Catherine took care of making lunch, supper, the ordering, and preparing a few desserts just to help out sometimes. Meanwhile, the second cook made breakfast, the salads, and desserts, in addition to taking care of the linen and doing the dishes. Her 42-day stint aboard the *Martin* had been most enjoyable, and when her time was up, she hoped she'd have the opportunity to work aboard this vessel in the future.

Be sure to look for the continuation next month when Catherine continues her sailing adventures aboard the Thunder Bay. All images are courtesy of Catherine Schmuck unless otherwise stated.



Catherine, soaking up the sun while on a break and passing Brockville while aboard the *Algoma Hansa*.

If you would like to join Catherine as she sails through her day, follow her on Facebook at Ship to Shore Chef, and if you'd like to order her new cookbook, please visit www.shop.shiptoshorechef.com.

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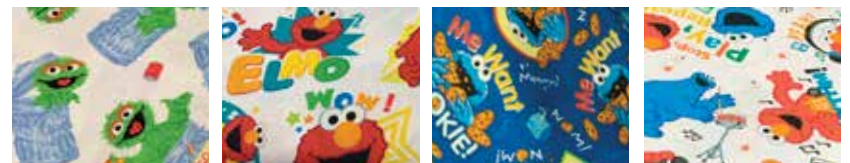
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018-21-0016 - \$179,000



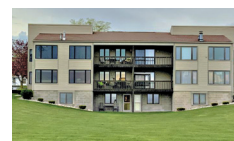
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018-22-0009 - \$579,900



Historical building with 1,500 sq. ft. of open floor upstairs and down. The wide open staircase makes for easy access to the basement. There is a 30' x 30' addition on the back of the building and a 30' x 50' newer garage plus 2 additional lots included. The building has a new roof on the front part and all the materials to do the back roof. Many new improvements have been made and some need to be completed. Endless commercial possibilities or make it your own private residence. Walking distance to the beach, restaurant, and park.

018-21-0009 - \$124,900



This 3-bedroom, 1-bath cottage in the village of Forestville is walking distance to Lake Huron. Open concept and extra sitting area in bedroom. There is new paint and flooring throughout. Enjoy the summer nights around the fire pit and the hot summer days under the back covered porch. There is a 13' x 16' storage shed and a little garden shed for all of your yard equipment and beach toys. This 3-season cottage is only a 1 1/2 hour drive from the Metro Detroit area. It is move-in ready and priced to sell!

018-21-0023 - \$109,900



Beautiful, high-quality, custom, cedar shake ranch home on 1.5 acres in a quiet country subdivision. This 2-bedroom, 2-bath home is absolutely gorgeous. The kitchen features Viking appliances, custom kitchen cabinets, and tiled countertops and floors. There are vaulted ceilings throughout, wood fireplace, large master bedroom with en suite, wrap-around deck, finished walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, and an RV/storage garage that is the perfect man cave. This home and property is absolutely stunning and has been well-maintained.

018-22-0008 - \$329,900



Great country views from this 2-bedroom ranch with basement on 3 acres, 1 mile from Lake Huron, Jelly Stone Campground/Water Park, and a public beach access. The home offers an updated kitchen and living area, a new pool, newer windows, and a large front and side deck. The master bedroom has a doorwall that leads to a back deck. The back yard has several fruit trees, and there are walking trails that lead to a large open area with a beautiful pond. It's all about the location!

018-22-0007 - \$189,900



PENDING! Cozy, 2-bedroom, 2-bath home within walking distance to all the amenities of Harbor Beach. This home has an open concept kitchen/dining area, downstairs bedroom, master suite on the second floor, bathroom with jetted tub, vintage woodwork, thermal double-pane windows, high efficiency furnace, and the electric has been updated. There is a back deck, brick-paver patio, and a newer 2 1/2 car garage, with heat, electric, and a cement floor, which was built to accommodate larger vehicles.

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