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## Honeybee Haven

By Ryan Walker

My eyes were locked on the forest floor in search of that Michigan springtime delight: the morel mushroom. I stumbled upon a few on our hunting property and was hoping to locate a handful more to accompany the venison backstraps on the grill. As I paused for a minute, a distinct droning sound caught my attention. It didn't take long for me to locate the source of sound: a large honeybee hive embedded in the center of a live cedar tree. The tree was abuzz with a moving swarm of nature's perfect pollinators. After slowly backing away, I quickly sought the rest of my family to be sure they didn't disturb the wild honeybees. My excitement didn't have anything to do with a potential honey haul. Instead, I was thrilled to have hundreds of helpers that would increase our fruit tree production. True to form, we had an exceptional apple harvest in the fall. Unfortunately, our winged visitors decided to seek out new lodging the following spring. While disappointed, we were also inspired to focus some of our yearly habitat improvements on creating a honeybee haven.



*A honeybee is covered in dandelion pollen as it extracts the essential nectar it needs to survive.*

While it's no secret that wild honeybee populations are on the decline, the causes of the reduction of honeybees are often up for debate. The most common theories among honeybee experts point to a combination of the following detrimental factors: pests, diseases, pesticides, and the loss of habitat. Our pollinator project focused on aiding honeybees with the loss of habitat. The loss of wildflowers and other nectar- and pollen-producing wild plants has caused significant nutrition deficiencies for the various honeybee species. By focusing on trees, shrubs, and plants that flower, we were

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## Captain Ron's Chronicles

BY CAPTAIN RON BURKHARD



*We are pleased to announce a new column authored by Captain Ron Burkhard, who has been a contributing writer with The Lakeshore Guardian since 2001. Captain Ron's Chronicles will largely focus on the history of life-saving stations along Lake Huron's shore and the people who served so valiantly to save ships, cargoes, and lives though other maritime-related topics may be featured, too. Our region's shoreline cultural heritage is unique, and we are grateful to Ron for his diligence in preserving its history.*

### Captain Morgan's Mutiny Part 1

*A mutiny by the lifesavers occurred on August 9, 1882, at the Pointe aux Barques U.S. Life-Saving Station under Captain Morgan. This station is located in Huron County's Lighthouse Park, near Huron City, Michigan. First, I will cover the details of this event, which I have never seen mentioned during all my research of the Life-Saving Service. Then, I will cover the details of the captain's service history, which included an attempted lynching by another crew and his carrying a firearm while out in the crew's lifeboat. He claimed he carried a revolver to prevent his being thrown overboard into Lake Superior.*

Through reading the Service's records, I knew that something happened at the station on August 9, 1882, under Keeper Quinton Morgan that resulted in five surfmen being discharged (out of seven present). I did not know what had occurred until I asked for, and obtained, a copy of a page in the Pointe aux Barques Life-Saving Station's logbook for that date. (The logbooks are located in the National Archives in Chicago, Illinois). The page listed answers to preprinted questions on the top half of the ledger page, and the bottom half of the page showed "GENERAL REMARKS" ("Under this header are to be stated

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## The Way It Was ...Remembering Our Heroes

By Al Eicher

Recently someone, about my age, said to me, "We used to have heroes; where are they today?" They were referring to the 1940s to the 1960s. During these times of a pandemic and threats of war around the world, it's hard to find heroes in the political arena or in world leaders. I called my daughter and son-in-law to find out who their heroes were in their teen years and into their twenties. I



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# events

**JUNE 2022**

## Harbor Beach:

11<sup>th</sup> – Truck Convoy, Show & Lighted Parade – Food Truck Fest – See Page 12 for Details

## Marlette:

4<sup>th</sup> – Marlette Regional Hospital Annual Hospice Walk – Registration at 8:30 a.m., Walk at 9 a.m. – Marlette Elementary, 6230 Euclid St. – Call 800-635-7490 or Facebook @marletteregionalhospital

## Port Austin:

11<sup>th</sup> – Bee Hotel Presentation and Mason and Bee Nest Craft – Huron County Nature Center, 3336 Loosemoore Rd. – Call 989-551-8400, Email hello@huronnaturecenter.org, or Facebook @HCnaturecenter

18<sup>th</sup> – Native American Artifacts – Kevin Roggenbuck, Presenter – 10:30 a.m. – Huron County Nature Center, 3336 Loosemoore Rd. – Call 989-551-8400, Email hello@huronnaturecenter.org, or Facebook @HCnaturecenter

25<sup>th</sup> – Birding in the Nature Center 18th – Tom Beachy, Presenter – 10:30 a.m. – Huron County Nature Center, 3336 Loosemoore Rd. – Call 989-551-8400, Email hello@huronnaturecenter.org, or Facebook @HCnaturecenter

## Sandusky:

Thumb Dance Club Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays – 4 – 7:30 p.m. – Knights of Columbus, 145 W. Wedge Rd. – Fun, Fellowship, Live Music, and Food – \$5 – 810-310-2715

*To have your nonprofit event listed here, include the name of the event, city, date, contact person, and phone number.*

*Deadline for event submission is the 15th of the month prior to month of issue. Mail to: The Lakeshore Guardian, P.O. Box 6, Harbor Beach, MI 48441, or email to editor@lakeshoreguardian.com.*

## Legally Speaking

### Is There a Cost for Not Having an Estate Plan?



**By Amanda Roggenbuck,  
Attorney at Law**

If you fail to make a complete estate plan, the costs may not only be financial but relational as well. Oftentimes, when a family walks into a lawyer's office after the death of a loved one when no estate plan is in place, it is to begin the painful process of an estate fight.

You should not assume that everyone will get along; often they don't. If one person who is legally entitled to make a claim to your estate chooses to fight over any asset, it can cause other beneficiaries to be involved in a legal battle as well.

There will be costs for attorneys, and often more than one lawyer is involved; there will be court costs, filing fees, service fees, witness fees, costs for depositions, and other costs associated with lengthy hearings and trials. Add in the cost of strained and broken relationships, and you can see that having a complete estate plan in place can avoid long-term and sometimes destructive situations.

*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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– Walt Disney

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## Guardians of Freedom

### Saluting Those Who Served

## The Stacer Brothers, Remembered Wilfred, Harold, & Quentin Stacer in World War II

Part 4

By Janis Stein

*Join in the conclusion as Harold Stacer's wartime experiences end, and details are shared about Quentin Stacer's service as a driver and courier in Italy.*

Harold's time was getting shorter. In all, he spent three years and nine days overseas. At the end of March, a local newspaper reported on his furlough home. "Cpl. Harold M. Stacer, of the Deml. [Detached Enlisted Men's List] branch of the United States Army, is home visiting with his mother, Mrs. A. Stacer and family at Ruth. He has just returned to Fort Sheridan, Ill., after 36 months overseas duty in the Southwest Pacific."

While Harold was home, his brother Wilfred made it home in time to see him, according to a Port Huron newsclip dated April 14, 1945. "Pfc. Wilfred Stacer is spending a furlough in Ruth. He is stationed in Oregon and has been in the service four years, of which he spent 28 months in the Aleutian Islands. He was home in time to see his brother, Cpl. Harold Stacer, who left Monday for Miami, Fla. Corporal Stacer has been in the service three years and was in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippine islands."

Harold, along with America and much of the world, celebrated V-E Day on May 8, 1945, and Harold spent the summer stateside, making plans to resume his life. High on Harold's list was his fiancé, Loretta Holdwick. When Harold was drafted in October of 1941, the couple thought they'd wait to get married because he would only be gone one year. With the onset of war, that year turned into almost four. Though Harold's points were accumulating and he was getting closer to being

discharged, the couple would wait no longer.

Harold came home in late summer on leave, and on August 18, 1945, Loretta Holdwick, daughter of Henry and Anna (Bischer) Holdwick married Cpl. Harold Stacer, son of Mrs. Anna Stacer and the late Anthony J. Stacer at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. Rev. Frank Kaufman officiated, and family and friends enjoyed the wedding dinner served afterward in the parish hall.

Corporal and Mrs. Stacer then traveled to Louisiana, where they lived near Camp Claiborne until Harold completed his service. He was honorably discharged on August 31, 1945.

It had been difficult being away from home during his service, and even though Harold hadn't been on the front lines, at times his Army experience during World War II had its own challenges and hardships.

The troop support in the back was important, too,

with sacrifices made that contributed to a most crucial victory. Harold was a man who always put a positive spin on things. He didn't want anyone at home to worry about him, and his letters were typically filled with positivity, right from the start. In a letter dated February 27, 1942, and written to Loretta, the girl who would become his bride, Harold wrote, "Sweetheart don't worry about me. We all knew this job had to be done. So the quicker it is done, the better it will be for all of us." In another such instance in a letter written when Harold was in the Philippines, he commented that his last two weeks had been relatively easy, and he was glad for the reprieve because for several months prior it had been tough, a simplified statement that meant his service at times was anything but easy. On another positive note, Harold's tour of duty enabled him to see the world, he made friends that came back to visit, and he learned a great deal along the way.

After the war, Harold and Loretta raised four children, and Harold worked at maintenance and repair for Booms Silo Company, Midwest Rubber, and Harbor Beach Schools. He was a member and former officer of Parisville V.F.W. Post #5740.

Harold died in 2002 at the age of 87.

His funeral service was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth, with burial in the church cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Parisville V.F.W. Post #5740.

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*Loretta Holdwick and Harold Stacer were united in marriage on August 18, 1945. The groom is shown in his Army Service Uniform, and the bride wore a gown of white satin and net, carried white roses and asters, and wore a veil of white illusion. The couple lived near Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, for a few weeks until Harold accumulated the necessary points for discharge. Photo courtesy of the Roman "Red" Holdwick Family.*



# Schools of Yesteryear

By Janis Stein

## Colfax No. 5 - Wakefield

Part 4

Join in the continuation to learn the names of the teachers who mentored their students at Wakefield School into the 1920s and beyond.

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.

According to the Huron County School Directories, Lee McCarty served as Wakefield's teacher in 1912 and returned in the fall of the following year for the 1913–1914 term; 10 months of school were taught each year, with Mr. McCarty earning \$600 teaching 52 students the first year he was on his own and \$650 for schooling 62 children during the latter term. Of those 62 children, 11 were between the ages of 14 and 18; three of the 62 were in the seventh grade, and three, the eighth. No new books were purchased, and the value of the school increased to \$2,000.

Mary McKenzie was next to sign the teacher's contract, and she taught at Wakefield for the next five years, serving from the fall of 1914 through the spring of 1919. During the 1914–1915 term, Ms. McKenzie taught 60 students and earned \$600 for the year.

The number of students enrolled remained nearly the same during those five years, with Ms. McKenzie's earnings increasing to \$720 in her last year at Wakefield. During the 1917–1918 term, of McKenzie's \$700 yearly salary, \$4.20 was applied to her retirement fund. In the spring of 1919, four students graduated from the eighth grade. Expenses for the year included \$112.50 for five students from the district pursuing a high school education; three attended high school in Bad Axe, and two, in Elkton. John G. Stirton served as director of the school board, with Earl McCarty serving as moderator and Jesse Ferris as treasurer.

The Annual Statistical Report for the year ending July 12, 1920, offered new questions and yielded additional information including an enrollment break-down by grade. The school census showed 76 children between the ages of five and 20 lived within the district's boundaries, and of those, 61 students – 38 boys and 23 girls – were enrolled at Wakefield School. Corda McCarty taught nine months of school to all those children and earned \$720. The 61-member student body included four kindergarteners, 10 first-graders, 12 second-graders, nine third-graders, zero fourth-graders, six fifth-graders, nine sixth-graders, five seventh-graders, and six eighth-graders. Tuition amounting to \$150 was paid on six students to attend high school, with five students attending Bad Axe, and one, Elkton. According to the report, there were no students under 20 years of age living within the district's boundaries who were "graduates of a 12 grade high school."

Detailed information on the building itself was included on the report. The schoolhouse was

comprised of one room and measured 36 feet long, 32 feet wide, and 15 feet high. Nine windows ensured the scholars had adequate light, and the "heating plant" was described as a "Waterbury furnace." The school board remained the same with the exception of Moses Shupe, who replaced John Stirton as director.

Teacher Nellie Whillans guided 68 students in their education during the 1920–1921 school year; she taught nine months of school, with the term running from September 6, 1920, to May 19, 1921. Ms. Whillans earned \$1,170 for the year, and the subjects she taught included agriculture, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, civil government, reading, spelling, and orthography.

Lewis Murphy signed the teacher's contract for the 1921–1922 school year, and he taught 57 students and earned \$1,170. The student body break-down included eight first-graders, eight second-graders, 12 third-graders, eight fourth-graders, nine fifth-graders, five sixth-graders, three seventh-graders, and four eighth-graders. Three students graduated from the eighth grade, and the district paid \$720 in high school tuition for 12 students.

According to the Annual Statistical Report for the year ending July 9, 1923, 81 children between the ages of five and 20 lived within the district, and of these, 46 students were enrolled at Wakefield School. The children had an 86-percent attendance rate under



A limestone marker for Colfax No. 5's second schoolhouse, built in 1895. Courtesy of the Arthur Woelke Collection.

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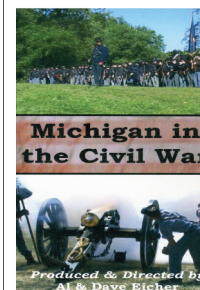
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—An excerpt from the 1925 Annual Statistical Report. Courtesy of the Huron Intermediate School District.

SCHOOL CENSUS of District No. 5 of the Township of Colfax, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Michigan, for the school year ending July 13, 1925, as taken by Moses Shupe in a house to house canvass, during the last fifteen days next preceding June 1.

Moses Shupe above named, being duly sworn, says following is a correct list, as taken by him, of the names and ages of all children belonging to District No. 5 aforesaid, five years of age and under twenty, together with the names and addresses of parent or guardian, and that the census was taken in a house to house canvass during the fifteen days prior to June 1, 1925.

Subscribed and sworn to this Third day of August 1925. day of June, 1925. (Signed) Moses Shupe  
Before me James H. Murphy

Colfax Township Clerk  
My commission expires April 1926.

(The census list must be sworn to, to entitle the district to public money.)

**READ THESE NOTES**

Fill out affidavit correctly and be sure that it is sworn to. Arrange the names alphabetically. Use form 2a for additional names that cannot be placed on this sheet. If a child is reported with one not the parent: 1. Explain why the child is not with parent. 2. Give residence of parent if living. Census of married people of either sex, who are of school age, shall be taken in district where husband resides. Names will be canceled if these explanations are not made.

Give ages of children as they are May 31, 1925. If a child moves from the district during the fifteen days preceding June 1, he should be enrolled in district where he is resident May 31, 1925. **Be sure that every name, age, date of birth if necessary, and full name of parent is given.** The omission of one of these items may cost the district at least ten dollars, when the primary apportionment is made.

NAME OF CHILD	AGE	NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN	NAME OF CHILD	AGE	NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
1. Marie	12	Armstead, Edd	25. Wilford	10	Ebert, Nelson
2. Howard	14	Armstrong, Frank	26. Cletus	8	" "
3. Gertrude	12	" "	27. Peter	6	" "
4. Norman	11	" "	28. James	5	" "
5. Arlington	8	" "	29. Williard	10	Feeakings, Hubert
6. Wilma	6	" "	30. Lee	8	" "
7. Avis	19	Armstrong, Mrs. Rob	31. Helen	15	Heaton, Wm.
8. Gerald	17	" "	32. Irene	13	" "
9. Vern	14	" "	33. June	10	" "
10. Lois	11	" "	34. Ethel	19	Hazard, Wm.
11. Everett	9	" "	35. Willie	15	" "
12. Leo	7	" "	36. Edwin	13	" "
13. Hazel	14	Baker, James	37. Milton	10	" "
14. Gladys	10	" "	38. Dortha	8	" "
15. Ilene	8	" "	39. John	18	Hoygen, John
16. Helen	19	Carr, Wm.	40. Helen	17	" "
17. Jack	10	" "	41. Lizzie	14	" "
18. Clayton	19	Dean, Melvin	42. Joe	11	" "
19. Ellen	17	" "	43. Alfred	7	" "
20. Blanche	14	" "	44. Albert	6	" "
21. Nola	12	" "	45. Clifford	7	LeRoy, Humphrey
22. Ada	10	" "	46. Leland	18	Lackenby, James
23. Zelma	8	" "	47. Carl	16	" "
24. Virginia	12	Ebert, Nelson	48. Donald	12	" "
49. Beulah	8	Lackenby, James			
50. George	13	Lackenby, Tom			
51. Albert	19	Lotter, Wm.			
52. Earl	17	" "			
53. Milton	13	" "			
54. Grace	5	" "			
55. Wava	13	Lotter, Samuel			
56. Wealthy	11	" "			
57. John	9	" "			
58. Willie	17	McCarty, Wm.			
59. Catherine	12	McCarty, Earl			
60. Tom	10	" "			
61. Richard	8	" "			
62. Stanley	18	Radomski, Joe			
63. Varonica	13	" "			
64. Joe	10	" "			
65. Valentine	8	" "			
66. Bertha	6	" "			
67. Bernice	9	Rapson, Harry			
68. Laurence	7	" "			
69. Gerald	6	" "			
70. Rose	19	Raffa, Joe			
71. Anna	11	" "			
72. Joe	8	" "			
73. Olen	6	Ramseyer, John			
74. Clare	5	" "			
75. Richard	6	Steinbach, John			
76. Osten	6	Rogers, Sterling			
77. Dortha	5	" "			
78. Olive	18	Shupe, Moses			
79. Alfred	15	" "			
80. Theatta	8	Shupe, Clyde			
81. Lovina	6	" "			
82. Anna	16	Tenzer, John			
83. Mary	14	" "			
84. John	13	" "			
85. Mildred	10	" "			
86. Helen	8	" "			
87. Clare	5	Ward, Joe			
88. Vivian	5	Wettlaufer, Dan			
89. Helen	9	Miller, John			
90. William	7	" "			
91. John	6	" "			

Author's Note: The above names were listed as spelled on the report; however, difficulty in deciphering a century-old document did exist. Some name errors may have occurred as a result.

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the guidance of teacher Elizabeth McLennan, who taught nine months of school and earned \$990 for her tutelage. Likely the children thrilled at the 42 new library books in which the district invested \$39.88.

Enrollment continued to decline; likely for the teacher, 50 students was a much more manageable number than the number of students that attended in previous years. Ms. L. Ewald taught nine months of school from September 3, 1923, to May 26, 1924. In

addition to the teacher's wage of \$900 and the high school tuition of \$456, another \$469.83 in expense was categorized as general purposes. The following items fell under general purposes: insurance, indemnity bonds, officers' salaries, interest on loans, lawsuits, rent, fuel, janitor, cleaning of schoolhouse, brooms, chalk, towels, soap, census, globe, maps, dictionary, free textbooks, care of library, bookcase, water supply or well, record and account books, care and grading of grounds, building fences, outhouses, and repair of the school building. The school board remained the same,

with the exception of William Heaton, who replaced Earl C. McCarty as moderator.

According to the Annual Statistical Report for the 1924-1925 school year, 91 children between the ages of five and 20 lived within the district, and enrollment climbed to 59 pupils. John McQuarrie taught nine months of school for \$105 per month, or a total of \$945 for the year. Likely, Mr. McQuarrie had his hands full – of the 59 students, 14 of them were first-

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## CAPTAIN from page 1

all transactions relating to house or service.”) and contained Morgan’s quill-pen written script. [Author’s note: “house” meaning the station building. Some of the text was hard to read, and there was almost no punctuation. Rarely does one page provide so much new information.]

“Surfman Neal absent to visit his Mother who is sick. At 7:30 am launched Gloucester-Mays built surf boat pulled off station three miles wind north moderately heavy surf wished to test her as instructed crew then lay on our oars and gave men instructions as to dropping back into the surf stern first and keeping boat head to the sea we was then in line with two tows of barges kept this position until abreast of the barge Burkhead when abreast of her asked for a line gave me a line we made surf boat fast after making fast the Capt. invited me on board dropped a line from the barges quarter which means I boarded her while on board the Capt. presented me with some reading matter amongst it a Catholic Bible staid on board until towed to windward far enough to make easy rowing back to the station I then got into the surfboat cast off and returned to station on about 12 am station visited by two gentlemen on or about 2:30 pm who requested patrolman Connors to ask the keeper if they could see the boat launched as I understood surfman Connors when he called me I answered yes call the men to bail out the old surf boat when I thought I had waited long enough for the men to come downstairs surfman Frahm came into the boat room and refused order to assist in launching the boat I immediately

went to the sleeping room asked surfman Eskesen if he would assist in launching the boat as there was two gentlemen wished to see the boat launched. (Author’s note: “dropping back into the surf” was a required part of the surfmen’s boat-handling training.)

“Surfman Eskesen refused. I then asked surfmen Barnes, Hanlon, and Cline they all refused to launch the boat upon which I suspended them.

“Surfman Neal returned at 2 pm and found keeper and one man present. Supt. Capt. Jerome G. Kiah at Station on or about 1:30 pm to investigate the reason surfmen Frahm, Eskesen, Barnes, Hanlon, and Cline refused duty Supt. Capt. Jerome G. Kiah was accompanied by surfman Ferris from LSS No. 1.

Quinton Morgan”

This account only shows Morgan’s side of the story. It seems incredible that these dedicated surfmen would refuse such an order. I don’t have Kiah’s report, but I do know that Morgan was asked by Kiah to resign on September 14, 1883. Kiah knew Morgan from his previous duties as a keeper at another station under Superintendent Kiah’s command. Kiah apparently knew enough of Morgan’s reputation to discharge him. I can find no further mention of Morgan as a keeper.

Surfman Frahm would go on to become keeper at this same station, and Cline would later return as a surfman here – and perhaps more of those discharged would eventually return as surfmen elsewhere.

Important to me are the many clues or new facts that further the history of this station. For one, I have many new surfmen names and can now verify them with this page. I now know the names of those discharged and who remained. I know that Kiah, who had just recently been keeper at this station, came to investigate. And, that he brought along surfman Ferris from Sand Beach/Harbor Beach, who would also become keeper at this station. I will continue my research to find Kiah’s report of his investigation although a look at the local newspaper and the annual reports of the Life-Saving Service revealed nothing.

Good men such as Frahm and the others must have chafed under the command of Morgan for reasons we may never know. This latest revelation just adds to the unusual incidents that occurred during

Keeper Quinton Morgan’s service.

Morgan was the fifth keeper at the Pointe aux Barques U.S. Life-Saving Station after his appointment on September 28, 1881. He took over when Keeper Gill was transferred to the newly constructed life-saving station near Grindstone City – which was actually located at Burnt Cabin Point. Morgan served at Pointe aux Barques until he resigned on September 14, 1883. It is unknown why he was asked to resign. He was succeeded by Henry D. Ferris. It is worth noting that Morgan took over just three weeks after the devastating Great Fire of 1881. While doing research on Morgan in 2010, I came across a Form 27—Division of Appointments, Employees of the 10<sup>th</sup> District Life-Saving Service, dated March 25, 1881. It lists Morgan as a keeper at Station No. 12 in the 10<sup>th</sup> District, under District Superintendent Jerome G. Kiah. This means he was a keeper at the life-saving station at Sucker River, Lake Superior. Further research revealed he was the first keeper at Sucker River, which was more commonly called Deer Park or Muskallonge Lake. Deer Park opened on May 15, 1877; Morgan served there from 1877 until his appointment at Pointe aux Barques in 1881. Another keeper from Deer Park, Captain John Frahm, would also serve at Pointe aux Barques.

The first log entry for Pointe aux Barques that Morgan signed is for December 15, 1881. He would have been keeper for less than three months and was closing the station for the “inactive season.” The first thing I noticed is that when asked if the house was in good repair, he wrote, “no, the floors are in bad condition.” He also noted that there were eight crew present, including the keeper. Then, under “GENERAL REMARKS,” “fifty cord of wood has been cut at this station since Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, ten cords consumed and forty remaining on hand stove length cut by crew drawn to the station by ox team, men storing away apparatus for winter, answered patrol signal from LSS No. 3. This station went out of commission at sunset as instructed by Supt. Jerome G. Kiah, Quinton Morgan.” The patrol was going three and one-half miles to the “NW,” which was further than the Huron City dock. They could see the lantern

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signal from the “SE” patrol from the newly opened Grindstone City station.

Morgan’s next entry is for March 20, 1882, when he opened the station for the “active season.” He noted that there were only six crew present and that two surfmen had not yet reported for duty. In the remarks section, he wrote, “*This station was put in commission at sunrise March 20<sup>th</sup> according to instructions from Supt., men worked placing the apparatus ready for immediate use. Ice closing this station in December 1881, there has been cut and drawn for eleven hundred feet of the log fence to replace the fence which was destroyed by the fire of last September. Also timber for a sea wall to launch the boat from the front of the wall to be thirty feet wide. The floors which I reported being in bad condition at the close of last season has been overhauled and received two coats of paint in the sleeping rooms, three coats the mens living room, two coats on the stairs and one coat on boat room and kitchen and cupboards. The floors now are in good condition with the exception of the kitchen which is in need of a new floor. Quinton Morgan.*”

There is good information here. The apparatus refers to the beach cart, breeches buoy, Manby mortar, Lyle gun, and all gear needed for a beach rescue. It is exciting to read of details, such as the crew cutting 1,100 feet of fence lumber to replace the fence burned down during the Great Fire of 1881. This adds to the validation that there was a fence around part of the lighthouse reserve for livestock, farming, and gardening. The life-saving station was only officially four acres in size at this time. I am somewhat confused by the addition to the seawall. I am not sure when the main part of the seawall was completed, but this sounds more like an addition to the existing seawall – as protection from the surf when launching the surfboat. It could also mean an original seawall, and the “wall” Morgan referred to could be the bluff along the shoreline.

*Be sure to look for the continuation next month to learn more about the unfolding tale of Captain Morgan’s mutiny.*

*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.*

## The Doctor’s Corner

### Nail Fungus

By Dr. Timothy Grondin



There are numerous treatments for nail fungus, and each has their own merits. Basically, there are three types of fungus that cause nail fungus, *T. rubrum* being the most common. No matter

what type of nail fungus you have, it’s very difficult to treat, and you need to be patient about it.

Let’s review some of the treatment strategies that are available. A common home remedy is Vicks VapoRub, and I’ve had patients who reported that it worked for them. A 2011 study found that the camphor and eucalyptus in the VapoRub would kill two of the three fungus that caused nail bed problems but not the *T. Rubrum*. So this approach can work, but most won’t see improvement.

Next, we have tea tree oil, or hydrogen peroxide, or apple cider vinegar. I lump all these treatment options together because some people have used various combinations with success also. Tea tree oil is applied topically although you would soak the affected toe in the hydrogen peroxide or apple cider vinegar. The vinegar is acetic acid, which kills many types of dermatophytes (fungus), so I could easily see this working.

One treatment I suggest is applying liquid iodine topically to the nail bed. It’s odorless and colorless, so no one knows you’re treating it, and it doesn’t stain the nail bed or your clothing. Iodine is a broad-spectrum antimicrobial, which means it kills fungus, bacteria, and multiple other organisms. It really is quite amazing, and I use it for many things in the office. Apply it to the nail twice daily, and let it air dry a bit before putting your socks on, or better yet, wear your open-toe sandals all summer while treating the fungus. You can get clear or “white” iodine anywhere and it’s

cheap. Keep in mind that no matter what treatment approach you take, be patient. It can improve in a few months but typically it’s six months to a year. I don’t recommend the medications like Lamisil as they are hard on the liver, so it has to be monitored with lab work. And also there’s this...fungus love carbs as much as you and I do, so cleaning up your diet will certainly help with a fungal problem. Hope this helps.

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](mailto:docgrondin@gmail.com), or call his office at 810-984-3344.*

*Dr. Timothy Grondin started his career as a medic (corpsman) in the Navy where he examined, diagnosed, and treated people for minor illnesses under the direction of an M.D. When Grondin left the military, he became a nurse and worked on the medical/surgical ward at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for a number of years. Though he began taking pre-med courses at Oakland University, Grondin changed his mind, choosing to become a chiropractor instead. Grondin graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1988 and has been in practice in Port Huron since 1989.*

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## Researching Your Family History

### Exploring RootsTech

By Grace Grogan



I recently stumbled upon a website called RootsTech by Family Research at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>. You may know that RootsTech is the largest genealogical conference globally, but did you know they

have become an online conference on steroids?

No more rubbing elbows with the tens of thousands of people that always attend in person. No more struggling to find a hotel room because they are all filled. The conference took place online March 3-5, 2022, but everything is available for viewing online for FREE for a year.

RootsTech has been in existence since 2011 and began as an annual in-person conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has taken things up a notch by becoming an entirely virtual, worldwide conference.

Here are various locations you can visit:

- Learning—more than 1,000 recorded classes in over 40 languages
- Innovation—an expo hall where companies showcase their cutting-edge technology
- Inspiration—the main stage of the conference with everything from educational to entertaining presentations
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You can watch a learning session, visit an exhibitor from the expo haul, watch a keynote speaker, or locate distant relatives.

When I connected with the website, I was impressed with the home page. There were plenty of presentations to keep me busy for a long time. When I clicked in April 2022, RootsTech was celebrating DNA month. The home page features classes: 1) DNA Basics, 2) What Can I Do with Ancestral DNA?, 3) How Can DNA Enhance My Family History?, and 4) Top Tips for Identifying DNA Matches.

If you feel a bit overwhelmed at the offerings, scroll

down that first page, and you can select something to watch from their collections: 1) Where Do I Start?, 2) Connecting with Living Family, 3) Discover, Tell, and Share Your Story, 4) Finding Ancestors and Homelands, and 5) Beginning Research in Your Homelands. When you click on a collection, it takes you to a selection of numerous sessions you can watch in several categories.

See something of interest but no time to watch? You can save it to a playlist. In the Discover, Tell, and Share Your Story collection, there are 45 different sessions you can watch. Far too many to watch in one sitting.

Go back to the home page and keep scrolling to any or all of the four keynote speakers you might want to listen to. Below the keynotes, you will find Celebrations. This area concentrates on the cultures, food, music, and dance from regions around the world.

The topics available are:

- 1) Origins of Our Native American Dances
- 2) Dance Discovery: Mexican Performance
- 3) Food Discovery: Tastes of Haiti
- 4) Origins of Polish Dance.

Being of Polish heritage, I clicked on that link to see the dances being performed and an explanation of the symbolism of the dance's message.

I scrolled farther down the home page and visited the expo hall. You can visit about 97 virtual booths individually, plus a virtual expo hall video.

I decided to click on a couple of individual booths to see what happened. The first one was for Ancestry. That takes you to a list of Ancestry sessions you can listen to.

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy link gives information about the institution and includes links for product demos, research tips, and promotions.

The Church History Library link is for the library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The library has many research resources if you are seeking information on your ancestors. You can participate in live sessions, watch product demos, take classes, learn research tips, and view promotions.

Before you sign off, don't miss the opportunity to subscribe, so you receive updates on the latest RootsTech information.

If, after visiting the RootsTech website, you are craving more conference action, check out the National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference. This premium U.S. conference is held in a different U.S. host city every year. The event will

take place May 24-28, 2022, and you can attend in person or online. You can participate in off-site trips to nearby genealogical libraries and records repositories when attending the conference. Special programs are being offered regarding the cultures of California and the West. Visit <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> for more information.

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research is an academic conference for those who wish to become experts. You can stay in local hotels or save money by staying in the school dorms. The conference runs for a week, and classes are on genealogical research at a high level. For 2022, you can attend the IGHR Virtual Institute, beginning with a free visit to the virtual expo center on July 23. Orientation is held from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2022. The official event runs from July 25-29, 2022, with classes beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Monday and ending at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. All times are EST. Registration for the event is open at <https://lighr.gagensociety.org/ighr-courses/>.

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## SCHOOLS from page 5

graders. The second-graders numbered eight; third-graders, three; fourth-graders, nine; fifth-graders, one; sixth-graders, six; seventh-graders, 12; and the eighth-graders numbered six. The school board remained the same, and life went on at Wakefield School much the same during the rest of the 1920s.

While the country fought its way through the Great Depression, students at Wakefield made the trek each day to the district's brick one-room school. Mrs. Frances Shupe taught 46 students during the 1930-1931 term, and the school board consisted of director Moses Shupe, moderator Frank Armstrong, and treasurer Charles Hagle. Mrs. Schupe returned the following year to teach 48 students, and the school board remained the same with the exception of James Lackenby, who replaced Moses Shupe as director. (Throughout the next few years in the school directories, the surname Lackenby was sometimes spelled Leckenby.)

According to the Huron County School Directory for 1934-1935, Fern English taught at Wakefield, and she returned every year until the school closed in the spring of 1939. The three-man school board from 1934 through 1937 included James Leckenby, Frank Armstrong, and Ray English, serving as director, moderator, and treasurer, respectively. During the 1937-1938 term, William McCarty replaced James Leckenby as school board director, and during the 1938-1939 school year, Mrs. Nola Dukelow replaced Ray English as treasurer.

*Be sure to look for the conclusion next month when Wakefield School closed its doors in the spring of 1939.*

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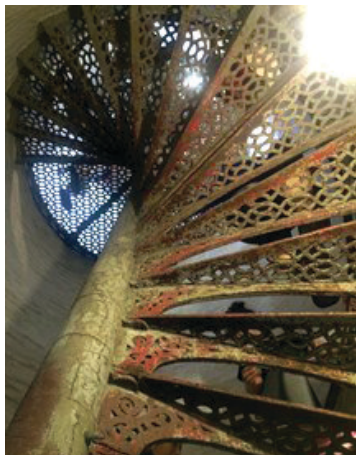


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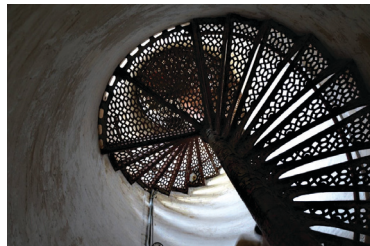
Time Traveling the 94 Steps of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse (Or History to Consider While Climbing the 94 Steps!)

By Kathy Covert Warnes



Time stair climbing travel pierce  
the distant fog years  
With shafts of sunlight lasering  
across the metal stairs  
Winding endlessly into a distant  
lighthouse horizon.  
The whispers begin, the voices of  
stair decade dwellers  
Telling their stories.  
Listen as you climb  
To their words resounding  
Above your footsteps  
And focused breathing.  
They hear your lives  
Compare your sound tracts  
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### Twenty Steps Hopewell Ancient Peoples



Norton Mound, near Grand Rapids. Credit: Robert Smith.

They lived the circular life,  
Couture Complex  
Birth, life, death,  
Death, life, birth.  
Making pots to hold  
Lake Huron water.  
Shellfish, seeds,  
Fashioning clay from  
The banks of the St. Clair  
Into signature pots  
Traded with the Ohio Adena.  
Building circles inside of rectangles  
Mounds to celebrate death and life,  
And living.  
Before time and plow  
Buried them in circular mounds  
inside of rectangles.

### Forty Steps – French Paddles



Voyageurs. Credit: Canadian Museum of History

Merci, to the Great Spirit-God,  
Merci, to our Ojibwe friends,  
Who risk the river winter St. Clair,  
To gather beaver skins,  
We gather our Ojibwe friends to  
trade,  
In Europe the beaver skins become  
hats  
For the rich.  
We bless the richness of waves  
Bearing us to mysterious shores,  
We bless the riches of canoes  
Leaving wakes of forgetfulness.  
Merci, to the Great God who gives  
us muscle  
To carry two 90 pound bundles of  
fur over portages,  
Some of we more blessed carry  
four or five bundles of beaver  
pelts.  
Merci, to the Great God who  
provides us voyages in our early  
twenties  
And extends them into our sixth  
decade.  
And most of all, Merci to the Great  
God  
Who spares us from hernias!  
After the hearty laugh,  
Remember Pierre, fellow  
voyageurs,

And his painful death.  
But also remember,  
The moon path across the St. Clair  
River,  
And the gentle lullaby of the  
waves,  
After a roiling storm.

### Sixty Steps – The Griffon



Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur La Salle. Credit: Wikimedia Commons.


The Griffon  
We followed the sunset,  
To find the sunrise  
To follow the sunset,  
After we built our ship, The  
Griffon,  
On one river, the Niagara, near  
Cayuga Island, New York.  
I, Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur La  
Salle, the sire  
She was born, large for her age,  
some say a 45 ton barque.  
For her time, the largest sailing ship  
on the Great Lakes.  
I was proud and unsurprised.  
I set sail with LaSalle and Father  
Louis Hennepin, and 32 crew,  
August 7, 1679.

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## LIGHTHOUSE from page 10

On our eternal maiden voyage.  
A birthday voyage across Lake  
Erie, Lake Huron, Lake  
Michigan  
Following canoe wakes, curiosity,  
and dreams.  
I sought a Northwest Passage to  
China and Japan  
I aspired to broaden French trade,  
Dreamed of founding a fur trade  
monopoly with the Native  
Americans  
The *Griffon* the center of my  
dream.  
We landed on a Lake Michigan  
island  
Local Indian tribes waded to us on  
the *Griffon*  
Ready to make furs in their arms  
French.  
On September 18, I went ashore,  
Sent the *Griffon* back toward its  
Niagara birthplace,  
Later they told me she disappeared  
on the Green Bay,  
Vanishing with six crew members

and French furs.  
I should have stayed on the Niagara  
shore,  
Or on the St. Clair River,  
Rivers are safer harbors,  
But ambition is a siren voyage!

### Eighty Step Rest – War of 1812, Fort Gratiot

Lieutenant Porter Hanks, reporting  
for duty, sir.  
I can't think about how I died that  
day,  
It is unbecoming to a soldier.  
I couldn't allow myself to be  
civilian and dread and speculate  
About the outcome of this War.  
I had to fight and guard Fort Gratiot,  
where the St. Clair River meets  
Lake Huron.  
The British wanted to hold on to  
Michilimackinac,  
We Americans will wrest it back.  
Fort Gratiot is our strategic key. We  
are small, about 200 troops, but  
we have two 18 pounders, two  
12 pounders, four six pounders,  
and a howitzer.

Sir, I was one of the prisoners the  
British took at Michilimackinac,  
and my men and I will guard  
this St. Clair River. We will  
recapture Michilimackinac.  
Upon my word of honor, sir,  
we will.

Suddenly, a cannon ball landed,  
fired from the Canadian side of  
the St. Clair River. It was as if  
the cannon ball had a map to  
my person.

Was it truly marked for me?  
It lands into the lobby where I  
stand talking to you, sir.  
It is marked for me and it hits its  
mark.

But my death made my men  
realize  
What close targets we are,  
Across this St. Clair River  
And how close we had to hold  
The goal of a victory in our sights.  
It opened their eyes to Fort Gratiot  
As a stopping point on the  
trail to recapturing Fort  
Michilimackinac.  
After the War of 1812 ended in  
1814,

The narrow ribbon river between  
Canada and the United States  
Eventually prompted Congress  
to approve the Fort Gratiot  
Lighthouse,  
Completed in 1825,  
It's light shines on both American  
and Canadian shores,  
But I still wish I could have,  
Dodged that cannon ball!

*Watch for the conclusion in the  
July issue.*

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By Janis Stein

Mark your calendars and save the date for this year's **Harbor Beach Truck Convoy, Show, & Lighted Parade** on **Saturday, June 11!** Enjoy the Convoy as it travels through numerous towns throughout Huron County, and then join the truckers in Harbor Beach for the Show and Parade.

New this year is the **Food Truck Fest** from **5 to 9 p.m.**, and visitors will also enjoy **live music from 6 to 10 p.m.** by the **Alan Turner Band**, where they'll be performing on stage in downtown Harbor Beach!

When Truck Show organizers revamped the event two years ago to include a convoy throughout the

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# FOOD TRUCK FEST

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county, they had no idea what a hit it would be for both the people and event participants. Last year, the convoy was back by popular demand, and since the convoy's creative pandemic debut, it is now a staple of the event.

"Everybody loves watching the convoy," said event organizer Robby Iseler, "and the participants enjoy it because they don't have to stay in one spot all day long. We had over 80 trucks last year, and this year, we're hoping for the same." A show of this magnitude – and all its moving parts – takes substantial planning to ensure a successful event, and Iseler credits the participants for making his job less challenging. "When everyone wants to take part and really enjoys the day, it makes organizing the event easy," said Iseler.

New this year, **Nikki's Kitchen** will be set up at City Hall with concessions available from **10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, a teaser for the evening's Food Truck Fest! At 11 a.m., the trucks will start lining up by Harbor Beach City Hall, and at 1 p.m., the convoy will leave Harbor Beach. The following convoy times are estimated; trucks may be earlier or later,

so please plan accordingly. The convoy will make its way through Port Hope (1:15 p.m.), Kinde (1:30 p.m.), Port Austin (2 p.m.), Caseville (2:30 p.m.), Bay Port (2:45 p.m.), and Sebawaing (3 p.m.) At 3:15 p.m., the convoy will take a break at Countryside Transportation Service in Sebawaing.

After their break at Countryside, the truckers will resume their convoy, traveling through Owendale (5:10 p.m.), Pigeon (5:25 p.m.), Elkton (5:45 p.m.), Bad Axe (6 p.m.), Ubyly (6:15 p.m.), Ruth (6:30 p.m.), and back to Harbor Beach (6:45 p.m.), where the trucks will be parked downtown.

Everyone is welcome to make their way to Harbor Beach to enjoy this outdoor event. **New this year** and in conjunction with the Truck Show is the **Harbor Beach Food Truck Fest**, with **five food trucks/trailers set up from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in downtown Harbor Beach.** (See the Food Truck Fest sidebar on page 15!) Grab a bite to eat from the various food trucks, to include the **Cheese Wagon, Top Dog, Sushi Remix Magic Poke Bus, Nikki's Kitchen, and M-25 Coffee Company**; then, take a stroll and check out the numerous trucks on display. Truckers participating in the Truck Show enjoy talking to adults and children alike. An important part

of this event is community outreach and education – it's a chance for truckers to communicate with drivers of smaller vehicles how vehicles of all sizes can safely share the road, and it's an opportunity for kids of all ages to get a firsthand look at the sheer magnitude of some of these trucks.

Wayne McCarty of Carsonville has participated in the Truck Show for four years and hopes to be in attendance this year with his 1999 Freightliner Classic XL, a black truck that took him two years to build for show purposes. McCarty is the owner/operator of Trent-Mor Transport, the name of his company derived from the names of his son, Trenton, and his daughter, Morgan.

McCarty is a huge advocate of the trucking industry, and his favorite part of any truck show – whether local or across the country – is educating the public and seeing how much joy kids get from seeing trucks up close. "Kids are always impressed on the size of trucks and the noise they make. When kids have the opportunity to come and sit in a truck, interact with the drivers, and interact with the physical truck itself, they get excited. And while they're pulling the

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air horn, truckers can educate and tell the kids more about the job itself,” explained McCarty.

McCarty typically hauls multi-axle flatbed loads, mostly lumber, throughout Michigan only, because Michigan is a heavy-haul state. McCarty enjoys being part of the trucking industry, which provides him a good living, and he’s proud of his ability to assist in moving freight in Michigan.

“I deliver lumber to a lot of local companies, and I enjoy the camaraderie of the people who look forward to me coming in, who appreciate that I took care in the delivery of their shipment and got it there safely,” McCarty said. “And I enjoy the looks on kids’ faces when traveling on the freeway. As big and bad as a trucker you



Wayne McCarty of Carsonville has shown his truck at the Harbor Beach Truck in past years and hopes to do so again. Pictured is his 1999 Freightliner Classic XL, a truck that took him two years to build for show purposes. Courtesy of Wayne McCarty.

are, if a kid does an arm pull, you blow your horn!” added McCarty.

McCarty also shared some of the challenges he and others working in the industry face daily, challenges that include



distracted driving and the public’s lack of knowledge – and respect – when sharing the road. McCarty has experienced drivers of cars entering an on-ramp who fully expect him to slow down and let them in, despite the weight of the full load he’s carrying. McCarty also finds drivers’ actions along M-25’s yard sale trail especially frustrating and takes every

opportunity he can to educate the public. People need to understand stopping distances and the amount of time it takes a truck to safely stop. “When a car pulls out in front of you, goes 200 yards, and puts the blinker on [to stop at another sale], you have no place to go,” explained McCarty, who also becomes concerned when he sees motorcycles riding alongside his truck. Often, motorcyclists don’t understand, or perhaps don’t realize, the deadly consequences of a truck tire exploding in such close proximity.

So important is educating the public on how to safely share the road with truckers, McCarty has taken his truck to the parking lot at Carsonville-Port Sanilac School to be used as a teaching tool; there, McCarty and a local driver education instructor taught students about a trucker’s blind spots and how to drive safely with trucks on the roads. McCarty added, “On the freeway, there might be a car about a thousand feet ahead of a truck. We don’t leave that gap in front of us to be nice. That’s a safety buffer. We need time to respond, time to react.”

Additional challenges that McCarty faces include industry regulations and distracted drivers.

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**The Cheese Wagon:** Cheese anyone? The Cheese Wagon offers a breakfast and lunch menu, and their signature sandwich, the Firehouse – complete with Swiss cheese, bacon, jalapenos, and grape jelly sandwiched between grilled Texas toast – is a must-try! The Porky Pineapple is also a popular sandwich made with grilled Texas toast, Swiss cheese, deli ham, pineapple slices, and BBQ sauce. Try the Big Momma, the Porky Pickle, build your own bagel, and more!

**Top Dog:** These aren't your mother's hot dogs! Top Dog specializes in gourmet hot dogs, loaded pork nachos, fresh lemonade, and Guernsey ice cream. Their Dearborn natural casing franks make dogs like The Lexington extra tasty, especially when topped with grilled peppers, grilled onions, bacon, sharp cheddar, and spicy aioli! Their Pork Nachos are a best-seller and it's no wonder – everything is made from scratch

using fresh ingredients. They make their own nacho cheese, pork rubs, shred their own cabbage, and even make their coleslaw dressing from scratch! Need dessert? Try their Waffle Nachos, created using waffle chips (a waffle cone in chip form), two ice creams, pick a sauce, and add two toppings, or try one of their fabulous sundaes!

**The Sushi Remix Magic Poké Bus:** An Uptown Bay City restaurant, Sushi Remix, also takes its show on the road! But just what is Poké (pronounced "poh-kay")? Bowls of deconstructed sushi topped with all the fixings! Try their most popular signature bowl, the Californication, (which contains no raw fish), and comes complete with sushi rice, double shrimp, double imitation crab, avocado, cucumber, yum yum sauce, masago, and tempura flakes, or try the Volcano, which consists of sushi rice, double spicy tuna, shrimp, seaweed salad, sweet onion, pineapple, jalapeno, spicy mayo, sriracha, masago, and nori flakes. Like it your way? Build your own bowl! Choose a base of sushi rice, spring mix, or ½ and ½; then choose your protein (tuna, salmon, spicy tuna, tofu, shrimp), your mix-ins, a sauce, and your toppings – yum! Burritos and bubble tea are also available! Visit [www.sushiremix.com](http://www.sushiremix.com) for more menu details!

**Nikki's Kitchen:** Tex-Mex never tasted so good! Nikki's Kitchen offers all the classics, and

while their nachos are their bestseller, everything else comes in at a close second! Nacho options include ground beef, chicken, and steak, smothered in toppings, such as queso, salsa, sour cream, and shredded cheese! Nikki's beef or chicken tacos are also wildly popular, and their taco salad, complete with ground beef, Doritos, lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa, and Catalina dressing, is a must-have! In addition, menu options include steak fajitas and chicken fajitas, and their beef burritos are made with ground beef, beans, queso, and shredded cheese – delicious! Cheeseburgers and fries are also available, and they are oh-so-good!

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Truckers face huge responsibilities and make a big impact on Michigan’s economy. Learn more about the trucking industry and chat with the truckers about the trucks they drive at the **Harbor Beach Truck Show on Saturday, June 11**, and be sure to stay the evening for the **Lighted Truck Parade!** And, while visiting Harbor Beach, take the time to do a little shopping, enjoy a walk on the pier overlooking the world’s greatest manmade, freshwater harbor, and put your feet in the sand on one of the shoreline’s finest beaches! Enjoy!

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able to create a symbiotic relationship that benefits our wildlife habitat while providing for the honeybees that transport the pollen vital for producing fruit, vegetables, and nuts.

As we remember from our elementary science classes, pollinators pick up pollen from one flower and move it to another, thus fertilizing that flower, which will yield fruit and/or seeds at a later date. There are estimates that a single honeybee can visit 50 to 1,000 flowers in one trip. The timeframe for that one trip is anywhere from 30 minutes to four hours. This demonstrates the value, both economically and aesthetically, a honeybee has on the natural world. As outdoor enthusiasts, we have a chance to be a positive part of the natural process.

One way that humans, especially conservationists, can help the honeybee is by planting flowering trees. Obviously, fruit trees like apple, plum, and cherry can produce massive amounts of springtime flowers. Those flowers provide forage for honeybees through the sweet nectar they contain. Other trees that produce fruit that maybe aren’t as common in our wildlife planting plans, but are also effective, are crab apples, pears, peaches, and mulberry trees. It’s important to resist the urge to spray fruit trees with a pesticide. No one likes tent worms or other pesky pests attacking their fruit trees, but pesticides also hurt the honeybees that frequent the same fruit trees. Two other Michigan tree species that help honeybees are maples and

willows. In fact, willow trees produce a protein-rich spring pollen that helps bees transition from winter to spring. A little-known native tree ranks as one of the best nectar producers, American basswood. Reflecting on the hive that graced our property for a year, there were several large basswood trees within a 50-yard radius of the cedar tree that housed the bee colony.

Another consideration to ponder as you improve your hunting habitat this spring is windbreaks. We plant several windbreaks throughout our property to provide cover from predators and the weather. Windbreaks are simply rows of trees or shrubs planted to reduce the negative effects of the wind. Our windbreaks are almost always created by planting shrubs. By focusing our shrub selection on sumacs, high bush cranberry, and American hazelnut, we are able to create windbreaks that flower in the spring. Those flowers help feed the local honeybee residents.

The final spring planting we do that can benefit bees is our many food plots.

Selecting crops that produce flowers while also enticing whitetail deer and wild turkeys will also provide honeybees with nourishment. Alfalfa and clover are great for grazers and pollen gatherers alike. For variety, we will also plant soybeans whose short-term flowers provide food for pollinators at a time when other plants’ flowers have peaked. Here’s an idea while you are planting your food plots in anticipation for fall: consider planting the edges or a strip of wildflowers in said food plot. The bees that visit those wildflowers will help pollinate your food plot and fruit trees.

When working this spring to enhance your little piece of heaven, let’s not forget the winged wonders who fly under the radar while providing a necessary service to nature. It’s possible to pull in whitetail deer this fall with habitat that also serves as a perennial honeybee haven. Without pollinators, the landscape of our outdoor adventures will surely drastically change.



*An apple tree blossom is visited by several honeybees.*

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Part 4

By Janis Stein

*Join in the continuation as Greta's family makes the necessary preparations to travel to the New World, but Anna...well, Anna has a mind of her own...*

Anna told me she had confided in Mrs. Schmidt that Adolph had asked her to marry him. She also asked me if I would tell Father for her about this new development. No, I couldn't do that, wouldn't do that, but I would stand with her when she broke the news to Father in an attempt to garner his blessing. In my naivete, I asked Anna if Adolph had enough money saved; maybe Adolph could join our group going to America. Anna, though, cried all the more. Between hiccups, Anna whispered that Mr. Schmidt was a weaver – not a miner nor a farmer – and he could not see how any of these Germans going to America would ever survive. No, the Schmidts would take their chances in Germany, despite the oppressive rule they lived under.

It hit me then. I was going to lose my closest-in-age sister as surely as I had lost Otto.

The next day we made arrangements for all the children to go over to Mrs. Schmidt's house as soon as Father got home from the mine. He could tell by the looks on our faces that something was amiss. Anna barely got the words out, and I thought Father would all but disown her. Father heard there were plenty of German bachelors going to America who would need wives; if Anna wanted to be a wife so badly, she could do so in America. Anna was too young, he said. She was going to America, and that was the end of it.

Father turned his back on my sister and would not so much as look at her. I had never seen him look so hurt and angry all at the same time. Where she found the courage, I do not know, but Anna spoke up once more and told him they would be married the next week when the pastor who served as a circuit rider traveled to our town. Father, always a strict German Lutheran, looked aghast at this daughter he did not

recognize. She would defy him?

Mr. Schmidt and Adolph showed up at our door then, and the vein in Father's neck looked ready to explode. Anna and I made a hasty retreat outside, leaving the men to talk. Poor Adolph.

We could hear Father's raised voice and Mr. Schmidt's calmer one, but we could not make out what they were saying. Perhaps that was for the best. Despite my own sadness, my heart ached for Anna, whose love was firmly divided by the family she was born into and the one she wanted to build.

The Schmidts made a hasty departure, but I saw Adolph look over his shoulder and exchange a look with Anna. Never had I seen so many emotions on a

man's face. Anna and I went inside then, not knowing what to expect. Father was sitting at the table, head bowed down, almost in defeat.

Barely above a whisper, Father told Anna if she married Adolph next week, he would not be there, nor would any of us, Anna's siblings. Father simply forbade it because, he said, to attend would mean to condone, to offer our family's blessing, and that he would not do. Anna cried harder still when Father told her that if the Schmidts were her choice, she could pack her bag and get out.

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**Quentin Stacer** was born in 1918 and was drafted on June 8, 1944. Quentin was stationed in Italy and served as a driver and courier; he spent most of his time driving one truck or another. Quentin had very flat feet and had to have special inserts in his boots for them. After wearing the inserts completely flat, his officer claimed that Quentin had hammered the inserts flat. He received steel inserts after that, and the problem was solved. At some point, he injured his foot while jumping out of a moving truck. Italy had a severely cold winter that year, and Quentin developed asthma while there. He also served in Germany near the end of the Rhineland Campaign. Quentin was then stationed in Northern Africa from June 6, 1945, through September 30, 1945; he spent 10 months and 18 days overseas. Little else is known about the details of his military service. Quentin was honorably discharged on June 6, 1946, with a rank of Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

In 1953, Quentin married Lucille Kranz at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. After his marriage, he farmed in Sanilac County until his retirement in 1974. Quentin and Lucille did not have any children thus family stories of his service did not get passed down to the next generation. He was a life member of the Parisville V.F.W. Post



*Lucille Kranz and Quentin Stacer, on their wedding day, April 11, 1953. Courtesy of Richard and Cathy Stacer.*

#5740 and the Sanilac County D.A.V. Chapter #75. Quentin died in 1997 at the age of 78, with his burial at St. John's Chrysostom Catholic Church cemetery in Forestville. Military rites were conducted by the Parisville V.F.W. Post #5740.

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All three of the Stacer brothers who served during World War II made it back home. They completed their patriotic duties, contributing an approximate combined total of 10 years of military service.

*Special thanks to the grandchildren of the Anthony and Anna Stacer family for sharing oral history, available documentation, photos, and the scrapbooks of Wilfred Stacer in order to piece together the history of the Stacer brothers' military service during World War II.*

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### Unknown Facts

1. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in linoleum blown apart.
9. Two silkworms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. A backward poet writes inverse.
11. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.



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## Garden Guidance

### Fertilizers: Organic vs. Synthetic

Carol Holtrop  
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As gardeners we have choices these days, more and more choices, as we care for our yards and gardens. Do we want to go organic in our yards or stay with the commercial (synthetic) varieties in our fertilizer choices? Which is better? Do we need to choose one way, or can we use a combination of the two?



Before we decide, we need to know how each type works. Synthetic fertilizers usually act quicker and can contain just one ingredient, like nitrogen, while organic fertilizers may take several weeks to accomplish the same benefit, and they usually contain three ingredients and some micronutrients as well.

Plants don't care which is applied – organic or synthetic – they just need the nutrients accessible to use. Water soluble synthetic fertilizers provide their nitrogen in a “ready-to-go” form and so we see benefits quicker...like a greener lawn (that we need to mow more often) or taller, bushier vegetable plants. If you use organic – like manure or compost – it first needs to be broken down by microorganisms, which will then release the nutrients into the soil; after that, the plant's roots can absorb them. This takes time, no instant gratification for us, but organics also make the same nutrients available steadily over a longer period of time. With synthetic, the nutrients could be washed down below the root zone with the next big rain.

It is always in your best interest to get a soil test to see exactly what nutrients you need and which you don't. There is no sense in applying nutrients that your plants will not be using. MSU Extension has soil test information and supplies available. “Don't guess! Soil test!” as the saying

goes. You can also have them run a test for organic matter; 4 to 6 percent is good here in Michigan's Thumb.

If there is a drawback with organics, it is that it takes time to “fix” your problem. You will have to wait to see results in your plantings and your improved soil structure. After you start with organics, continue on and keep it in the condition you want.

Some of the more common organic fertilizers available in our area of the Thumb are alfalfa pellets (5-1-1), blood meal (10-1-0), composted chicken manure (.5-.3-.5), composted cow manure (.5-.3-.5), kelp meal (2-1-3), corn gluten meal (10-0-0), soybean meal (7-1-3), and Milorganite® (6-2-0).

As you can see, their nutrient levels are quite a bit below the synthetic varieties we're used to seeing for their N-P-K (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) levels. Another drawback with organics is that they are bulky compared to chemical fertilizers. To apply 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn with composted cow manure, you might need 200 pounds. This is the general nitrogen limit recommended on lawns per treatment. [Analysis of cow manure is .5-.3-.5 so  $1.0\# \text{ nitrogen} \div .005 \text{ N} = 200\# \text{ product}$ .] You would also get the corresponding amount of phosphorus and potassium, whether you needed them or not.

If your garden is low in potassium, you may wind up overapplying the nitrogen. I did that one year and had a forest in my garden of five-foot-tall broccoli plants, but no broccoli heads – just very big, tall, green plants! I learned! I had applied too much nitrogen.

In short, there are great benefits to organics. They give you a gradual release of nutrients. This gradual release could last all season long. No need to fertilize every two weeks like some recommendations given on the commercial bag. Gradual release also means the nutrients might not be lost during rains. Organics also contribute to soil health by holding on to water and improving the uptake for plants. They keep microbial action going and improve soil structure. Earthworms will appreciate your efforts and so

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Friday, June 24, brings with it some excellent entertainment you won't want to miss! Stop by the Sandusky Firefighters Beverage Tent downtown, and enjoy a few cold drinks, with a great line-up of entertainment and fun activities! Another exciting Friday evening event is the return of Sandusky's popular Lawn Chair Music Series; come on out to Sandusky, and join your neighbors for music and more at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn starting at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair! (See the sidebar for more information on this year's Lawn Chair Music Series.)

Saturday, June 25, is chock-full of activities. The Craft/Vendor Show on the courthouse lawn runs from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Take a stroll under the beautiful shade trees on the east side of the Sanilac County Courthouse, located on W. Sanilac Road (M-19), and check out the vendors' wares and the many handmade items crafted by local talent and artisans. Need some refreshments?

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The Firefighters Beverage and Entertainment tent is where the action is at, or check out all the restaurants and eateries in Sandusky!

Sandusky's Thumb Festival is family-friendly, so be sure to bring the kids for the numerous activities created specifically for the little ones to enjoy. In addition, Tri County Equipment will be hosting events from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., including an antique tractor show and a kids' pedal pull; plus, they will be offering free ice cream sandwiches!

Many more activities will be taking place on Saturday, June 25; be sure to follow "Sandusky Thumb Festival" on Facebook for all the details! Stay the evening in Sandusky, and enjoy the spectacular fireworks at dusk for the perfect ending to a great day!

Sunday, June 26, brings with it fun for the whole family. Enjoy a great end to a fun weekend with the Thumb Festival Parade at 1 p.m. (The parade line-up will be in the parking lot of West Park Plaza, and the route goes east on M-46 to Morse Street and ends in the city parking lot behind Ace Hardware.) The parade is a wonderful reflection of all things Sandusky!

Be sure to put Sandusky's Thumb Festival on your calendar, and enjoy all of their offerings during the last weekend in June!

*While you're in Sandusky and all year long, please be sure to support the Sandusky-area businesses that made these pages possible. Let them know you saw their ads in The Lakeshore Guardian! For more information about Sandusky's Thumb Festival, please call the Sandusky Chamber of Commerce at 810-648-4445, visit [www.SanduskyChamber.us](http://www.SanduskyChamber.us), or visit Sandusky Thumb Festival on Facebook. Event information is subject to change and reflects information available at press time.*

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## HEROES from page 1

certainly knew who my heroes were when I was that age. I guess I wasn't too surprised to hear them say they didn't have any in the 1970s and '80s. My daughter made me feel good when she told me my grandson had to do a composition on his heroes when he was in the seventh grade. She said, "Dad, he wrote about you." I think I know why! I was always there to repair and install things at their house, plus fix his toys when broken, and I took him fishing!

My Webster's dictionary describes a hero as "a man or woman of distinguished valor or performance, admired for their noble qualities." So how and why did these heroes and heroines become a fascination in our young minds? In the 1940s and early '50s, my heroes were baseball players and two cowboys, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. I went to the movies on Saturday night and the cowboy shows were part of the double feature. When I played sand lot baseball, I had several bats with the names of Hank Greenberg, George Kell, and Hal Newhouser inscribed on each bat. I was a pitcher, and so I had to have the Dizzy Trout baseball glove. As a seventh- and eighth-grader, I admired one or two of the junior and senior football and baseball players. They were so good playing in their sport they became my heroes. I had the occasion of talking to two of my high school heroes at one of our school reunions where all the classes get together. When I told Eddie he was one of my teenage heroes, he gave me a big hug. I hope you, too, have a few pleasant reflections on heroes during your younger years.

What about heroes in our early adult years? At age 20, I was in the Army Signal Corp, and the war in Korea was then winding down. General Dwight Eisenhower was our new president – and a national hero. When World War II ended, throughout the United States, there were many parades for the returning troops. In New York City, there were big parades for Eisenhower and the other great generals. The American public needed heroes to help get the country back on solid ground and get the factory humming again. In 1955, the Summer White House was in Augusta, Georgia. Since I was stationed at Fort Gordon, I had three or four occasions to march in parades when "Ike" was commander in chief. General Eisenhower was certainly one of



my heroes, along with Abraham Lincoln.

My dad once told me he had visited the "Buffalo Bill" museum out West. He must have been impressed because he remembered in detail what was exhibited. Buffalo Bill Cody became a hero in the eyes of many Americans because he did things that created legends. William F. Cody was born in Iowa in 1846. In his teen years, he herded cattle for the drives across the plains and worked as a driver on the wagon trains westward. He mined for gold, was a fur trapper, and a rider for the Pony Express.

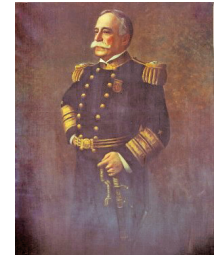
In the 1870s, Buffalo Bill's show business career got started. The newspapers promoted him as the greatest showman of the times. He hired cowboys and cowgirls from western towns to be in his Wild West Shows. Headliners in the show were Texas Jack and Wild Bill Hickok, his close friend. Native American Indians were part of his show, and he treated them with great respect. Annie Oakley was also in his show. She was nicknamed "sure shot" by Sitting Bull, who also appeared in the Wild West Shows. Buffalo Bill liked children and gave free tickets to orphanages when the show was in their town. He was also a champion for women's rights and paid the women in the show comparable to the pay of men. Buffalo Bill was a national hero in my dad's time, and I think Amelia Earhart would have been a hero for my mother.



Jesse Owens seen after winning a gold medal.



Major events in American history seem to create heroes. For example, Charles Lindbergh and his flight over the Atlantic; Jesse Owens, a black man, came home a hero from the 1936 Olympics in Berlin; Rosa Parks, for her "sit in" on a bus; and Joe Louis, the boxer, was certainly a hero here in Michigan.



Several years ago, I read an entry in the log of the keeper at the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse north of Port Austin. It was dated May 6, 1898. At Manila Bay, Commodore Dewey destroyed 11 Spanish gun boats with the loss of few men, and it was noted, "The Greatest Naval Battle now achieved in our history." This lighthouse keeper was so impressed he entered this historic event in his log, recognizing a new national hero.



Well, what about heroes of the last 35 years? Mother Teresa, for her humanitarian efforts, and Dr. Michael DeBakey, the heart surgeon, are certainly in my book. I have met a few astronauts over the years, and I would recognize some as heroes. You might be interested to know there are

12 African American astronauts, three of whom are women. I think we Americans had a great hero on January 15, 2009, when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger piloting the U.S. Airways plane with 155 passengers landed in the Hudson River with no loss of life!



There are many heroes out there; just look into your own families, past and present...No doubt in this day and age, it is a struggle for many to manage the family needs due to the pandemic. Raising a family is a feat of heroic effort for parents in our ever-changing American culture. If you can't think of a hero close to you, think of someone whose birthday we celebrate in December. And That's the Way It Was...

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# Thumb Rails

## A Kitchen on Wheels for the Troops Part 4

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. In the process of being 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 Michigan, including the*

*Thumb Region, and is now a rare survivor of the era it was built in.*

Welcome back to our readers. For those who have followed and read the first three columns in this most recent set of articles, our topic continues to be that of Troop Kitchen Car K102, 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 to replace wooden cars that had been downgraded into Maintenance of Way service years before. We believe our kitchen car was quickly rejuvenated in the C&O's shops in Wyoming, Michigan, and sent out into its new service for the railroad soon thereafter. As we indicated in the last article, the car was used throughout the system for a period, but as time wore on, the K102 was increasingly kept in and around Michigan. By the early 1990s, the car had been renumbered by C&O

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# PORT HOPE Fourth of July CELEBRATION

## Port Hope - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival - 2022

By Janis Stein

Port Hope welcomes one and all to their 36<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 1, 2, and 3. Activities this year will once again take place at two neighboring locations: the Port Hope Activity Center (former school and grounds at 7840 Portland Avenue) and the Port Hope Area Historical Society (the old lumberyard east of M-25 at 8016 Portland Avenue). This year's festival

features Ford Tractors and Gas Engines. As always, tractors of every color and size, farm equipment, and all engines are welcomed! The Port Hope Festival is a time-honored tradition and a wonderful way to celebrate Independence Day weekend in the little town with the big welcome!

The gates open Friday morning at 8 a.m. at both event locations. Unexpected treasures await at the giant outdoor flea market, located at the old lumber yard; the flea market (\$4 daily admission) will be open for business all three days of the festival, plus an additional bonus day on Monday, July 4! Numerous vendors offer a variety of must-have gems at the flea market; there's plenty to peruse, and it's fun to walk through and see the great variety of merchandise offered. The cost for vendors wishing to rent a 20 by 20 spot is \$20, and primitive camping for exhibitors only will be available on the grounds (no electricity). Food will be available all weekend long, so come hungry! For more information, please contact Elaine

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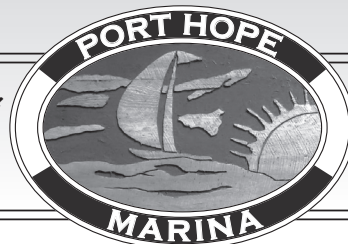
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# A Great Lakes Sailor

## Catherine Schmuck Part 4

By Janis Stein

Join us in the continuation to learn more about Catherine's experiences as chief cook aboard the Louis R. Desmarais during the late 1980s.

Catherine instinctively knew that a well-fed crew was a happy crew, and sailors came from every part of Canada; some were meat-and-potatoes people while others were more adventurous. Catherine made attention to what the sailors liked – and didn't – and she made two or three choices so that everyone would have something to eat that they enjoyed. Catherine felt that her responsibility was not just working as a cook but cooking for the crew. She took her job seriously and really did cook for each and every individual; though she wasn't making 30 different made-to-order meals, she ensured that for each meal, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Years later, Catherine communicated with someone who worked in the office for CSL, and he said there was a big difference in morale on ships whose crew enjoyed the food. That statement reinforced Catherine's already-formed belief. On a ship, there's nowhere else to go but the galley, and for Catherine, that's what she brings to the table: as long as she's in the galley, she'll be taking care

of the sailors she feeds. And, with a permanent position on a steady ship, Catherine brought more personal items, from herbs and spices to kitchen equipment. All those little extras made a difference, both for her ease in working in the galley and more subtly to those eating her creations.

During those early days as chief cook, Catherine realized that one of the best measures of determining what the sailors liked or didn't was by what they left behind – and she wasn't afraid to peek in the trash to look. It didn't take long to learn about the likes and dislikes of the crew. She paid attention, and if a new sailor joined the ship, she would ask them specifically if they

had any allergies, anything they didn't like, or if they had any special requests. Now when she joins a vessel, she always introduces herself with a note on the board and asks those same questions. In addition, she tries to accommodate sailors who have requests for special holiday recipes, especially for Christmas.

During this era, the chief cook made lunch and supper, took care of the galley and the other three people in the galley, and did the ordering. The second cook made breakfast, desserts, and salads, and took care of the two rooms belonging to the captain and the chief engineer, as well as serving these two men their meals. The porter did the dishes, took care of four rooms, and changed the linen weekly; the porter also cleaned the floors, and filled up anything on the tables that needed refilling from condiments to cookies. The night cook peeled vegetables and provided two meals during the nightly watch changes; the night cook also took care

of the rooms occupied by the first mate and the second engineer, as well as any tasks requested by the chief cook.

Catherine learned from the mistakes she made along the way – and was most understanding when those under her tutelage missed the mark. Not everyone was used to a chief cook who liked everything homemade. When she first started as chief cook, she left a ham bone on to boil and asked the night cook to leave it boil for a few hours, strain it, and put it in the fridge. The next morning when Catherine came out, she asked where her ham broth was. The night cook mistakenly threw the broth out and put the bone in the fridge! It was a lesson learned, not only for the night cook, but for Catherine, too, who knew going forward to be a bit more specific with her instructions!

During the five years that Catherine served as chief cook aboard the *Desmarais*, her parents would meet her at Iroquois Lock and deliver her mail. Tucked in with the envelopes was a flyer detailing a new development at Mont-Tremblant, a ski resort she and her sister, Lorraine, had previously visited in the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec. As Catherine was reading the flyer, an idea took root: This would be a really cool place for a restaurant. Never shying away from a new endeavor, she called for an interview and was told they were starting them the next day. When Catherine explained she was on a ship, and it might be three or four weeks before she could get off, they said she could come and interview at that time.

And so it was that Catherine left the ship and traveled three hours from Brockville, where she was from, to Mont-Tremblant, where she pitched them a delicatessen. Unfortunately, they told her they already had a delicatessen; what they were looking for was a creperie. Catherine's entire face lit up as she exclaimed how much she loved crepes! (She'd never had a crepe in her life!) She hadn't a clue how to make crepes – but she believed she could – and promptly asked the gentleman the location of his favorite creperie. He told her he liked one in Quebec City, so Catherine went for a drive. Upon arrival, she went inside to have a look and thought, *I could do this.*

Catherine returned to the ship – and practiced. The galley offered her the ideal place to perfect a few crepe recipes. When crepes made their debut aboard the *Desmarais*, all the sailors had the same question. What is this? Catherine explained they were crepes, and she wanted to open this restaurant in Mont-Tremblant. The consensus among the sailors was that Catherine would never make it. Why, they wondered, would she leave the financial stability of the sailing life? She hadn't gone to university but was pulling in \$60,000 a year, a lot of money in the 1980s – and now. Catherine ignored the nay-sayers, developed a business plan, and worked at the art of making crepes!

Catherine took her next holiday in October and



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prepared for her follow-up meeting at Mont-Tremblant; she made her appointment right before lunch so that she could make her food pitches and make them hungry. And it worked – she got it!

She left the *Desmarais* with very fond memories. At the age of 32, it wasn't that she was tired of the work she'd been doing, nor that she'd stayed at a job too long or that she was tired of sailing. Rather, she was leaving a job she loved and embarking on the next exciting phase on her journey – the *Desmarais* would always have a special place in her heart. For Catherine, this restaurant endeavor was almost a replay of becoming a chief



**Peach and custard pizza to satisfy every sailor's sweet tooth.**

cook without having ever cooked anything! Likewise, she'd never owned her own business, but she believed she could, and her time sailing helped her in a myriad of ways; specifically, it helped her secure the financing for her creperie.

But that financing didn't come easily. Catherine had money saved, of course, but the bank didn't think it was enough and thought it best to involve her parents. Catherine didn't think that was necessary. After being rejected at four banks, it became a bit clearer to Catherine what the real problem was – she was a woman. And it greatly discouraged her that they were so completely dismissive. But Catherine wasn't one to shy away from turning a dream into reality, and that's what this new business venture became. When she tried the fifth bank, she found out a woman was in charge of the decision to approve the loan. After Catherine told the lady she'd been sailing, within minutes, the loan was approved, and not only was the amount requested approved, but the banker also authorized an additional \$10,000 because she knew it was likely some unexpected expenses would arise with the launch of a new business. Much later, Catherine asked the banker why it was she approved her loan. The banker said she recognized that if Catherine could work on a ship seven days a week for months on end, she knew she could run her own business.

*Be sure to look for the continuation next month as Catherine follows a new dream, this time in the restaurant business. Then, after working for a quarter of a century on land, Catherine once more heard – and answered – the call of the lakes.*

*All images are courtesy of Catherine Schmuck unless otherwise stated.*

*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](http://www.shop.shiptoshorechef.com).*

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## Protecting Our Environment and What to Do with Pesticides



By Monica Sabella

*Please join us in welcoming guest writer Monica Sabella, who has worked for almost 10 years as a journalist and photographer. Her writing career took her abroad to Latin America, where she worked for an international news media company, writing news as well as medical, environmental, and Indigenous rights stories. Now she is expanding her career into horticulture, combining her passions for gardening and writing. She currently helps manage 15 gardens at an estate in Franklin, Michigan, and has gardened most of her life.*

With the season springing into gear, the anticipation of a healthy harvest can drive eager gardeners to do whatever it takes to protect their crops. A quick spray is fast, easy, and cheap, but disposing excess chemicals and containers requires a little more care and forethought if we want to protect the things we love.

A few drops sit at the bottom of a fertilizer container. It's about five years old, gathering dust on the shelf in the back of your garage and it's finally time to throw it away. Like the good citizen you are, you dump the bottle in your sink and toss it in the recycling bin. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Sound familiar? The only problem is, those last drops of chemicals are now flowing through the waterways, contaminating the ecosystem before arriving in your neighbor's cup. While on the way to a landfill, the container gets snatched out of the garbage to be used as a water bottle.

Newton said it first, "Every action has a reaction." For that reason, it's vital to the health of our communities and the environment to be

mindful of where we dispose pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides when we're done. Here are some good practices and tips to add to your toolbelt and prepare you for this growing season.

While stocking up for your spring and summer needs, it's good to remember chemical efficacy is based on timeliness. The sooner you use it, the stronger it will be. According to Michigan State University, pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides have a two-year shelf-life, unless otherwise stated on the label. So as tempting as a sale sticker may be, bargain hunters should avoid buying in bulk when shopping for chemicals.

While out shopping, you'll also want to grab some disposable gloves and a pair of goggles to reduce skin exposure to harmful chemicals. A disposable coverall would also be helpful, especially in the case of spills, although it's not always necessary.

When mixing chemicals, less is more. Start by making a small batch, following the instructions found on the label. If you do have extra, ask your neighbors or reach out to a community garden to see if they can use your leftovers. During the process, if a spill occurs, use kitty litter to absorb the liquids while wearing proper protective equipment (PPE) like gloves, goggles, and plastic coveralls before cleaning up the mess. The litter, your disposable gloves, and

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## In the Kitchen

### with Chef Dennis

### Sirloin Pork Steak

With the price of “everything” going sky high, with groceries being no exception, we need to shop smarter and watch for the bargains. I bought two boneless pork sirloins steaks at \$1.99 per lb. The total weight was 1.55 lbs., with a total cost of \$3.09.

I served this dish with orange-ginger-glazed carrots and brown rice. Got a bargain on the carrots too, just \$2.99 for 5 lbs. I’ll give you the recipe for the glazed carrots in another article. This makes dinner for four or two “healthy” eaters. But this is plenty for four people. In our case two dinners for two.

**Yield:** 4 portions

#### Equipment:

- 1 medium size, oven-safe fry pan. I prefer cast iron for this recipe.
- 1 one-gallon zip-top bag or lidded container for marinade
- 1 small bowl
- 1 set measuring spoons
- 1 wire whisk
- Paper towel
- Aluminum foil (for tenting)

#### Ingredients:

- 1½ lbs. sirloin pork steak (marinated)
- Marinade
- 2 Tbs. coconut oil

#### Marinade:

- 3 Tbs. soy sauce
- ½ c. sesame salad dressing
- ¼ medium onion (medium diced)
- ¼ c. almond oil (You can substitute oil of your choice.)
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 2 Tbs. white vinegar
- Salt & pepper

#### Pan Sauce:

- 2 Tbs. salted butter (room temp.)

- 3 Tbs. cornstarch slurry (1 Tbs. cornstarch + 2 Tbs. cold water)
- ⅓ - ½ c. Rosé wine (I used Bai coconut-lime flavored water. I wanted that special flavor.)

#### Steps:

1. First, use some paper towel to pat dry the pork; then season with salt and pepper. Place all of the marinade ingredients into the bowl and mix well. Add marinade to the bag or container with the pork. Zip up the bag, taking out as much air as possible. Rotate the bag side to side, making sure the pork is completely coated in the marinade. Refrigerate for at least two hours. You can do this up to 24 hours in advance.
2. Preheat oven to 400°F.
3. Remove pork from marinade. Scrape off as much of the excess as possible. Reserve the marinade for the sauce. Place fry pan over med-high heat. Pat off the excess marinade, and add the coconut oil to pan. Oil should start to shimmer almost immediately. Carefully lay pork into pan. To avoid getting splashed with the hot oil, place pork closest to you first then slowly continue laying it away from you.
4. Don’t try to move the meat. Let it stay until browned, about 3-4 minutes. The meat will release from the pan when it’s ready. Once it’s browned, turn them over and place into the oven. Cook another 2-3 minutes until an internal temp of 165°F is reached.
5. Remove from the oven. Place the pork on a towel-lined plate or a platter. Tent with aluminum foil and let rest while you make the pan sauce.
6. Remember that the handle of the pan is very hot; remove any excess oil. Place pan back over medium heat and add ¼ c. of the Bai (wine if you’re using it) to remove the fond, all of those tasty bits on the bottom. Use the silicone to scrape the fond. Now add

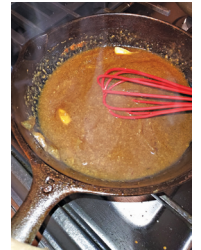


### A Tip from Chef Dennis:

For the marinade, you can use the herbs and seasonings of your choice. Balsamic vinegar, almond oil, and some orange zest make a tasty marinade for pork.

the reserved marinade; stir frequently until boiling. Then add the slurry, and stir continuously with whisk to prevent clumping. Whisk until desired consistency. If necessary, slowly add some of the reserved Bai or wine. Remove from heat; salt and pepper to taste. Whisk in butter and pour into a bowl or gravy boat.

7. Slice pork shingle style (layered). Place just off the edge of the rice (see photo below). Spoon sauce over the pork, add some veggies, grab a fork, napkin, beverage, and enjoy!



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

*I look forward to your questions and comments.*

*You can visit me online at my website, <https://YouCanCuisine.com>, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. You can also contact me at The Lakeshore Guardian: <https://lakeshoreguardian.com/contact-us/>.*

*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.*



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successor CSX Transportation into the 940000-series, which was designated primarily for cars used in employee training. With a new number, 940203, and a new colorful paint scheme, she was a favorite of the crews and railfans alike.

As we ended last month's article, your author and then-Port Huron & Detroit Railroad Historical Society president Chad Thompson were completing an August 13, 2019, inspection of the former "Spirit of Pere Marquette" at the former CSX freight yard in Flint, Michigan. Although we both found ourselves thoroughly impressed with the car, and agreed that it was worth saving, political issues within the society, coupled with the world-altering issues brought on by the Covid pandemic throughout the remainder of 2020, destroyed any opportunities on making further progress on acquiring this important piece of rail heritage from CSX. And although communication did continue with CSX, the implosion of the society over the course of 2020/2021 meant that saving the car was out of the question, at least by the PH&DRRHS. Sadly, the kitchen car would have to continue to remain in limbo in Flint through early 2021.

Our story might have ended there, or worse, with the car as razor blades, if not for a set of fortuitous circumstances starting in the middle of 2021. Port Sanilac's Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum president Dawn Malek contacted your author asking if I knew of any railcars with a history of operating in our region that might be available. I mentioned to her the fact that the Troop Kitchen Car might still be available. Excited at the news, Dawn quickly put a committee together to see about the possibility of acquiring the car. After some discussion again with both CSX Transportation and representatives of Lake States Railway, it was decided that a trip to Flint was in order to inspect the car. So it went that committee members Utz Schmidt, Gail Nartker, Dawn Malek, and Shirley Schmidt, along with myself, took a road trip over to the CSX Rail Yard in Flint to inspect our new Troop Kitchen Car.

November 8, 2021, dawned quite dark and dreary, with a light rain falling and some chilly temperatures to deal with to boot. As all of us who had driven to Flint piled out of our vehicles, we all quickly donned our foul weather/rain gear and climbed out to find the car in a similar condition to what Chad Thompson and I had seen two years before, albeit a bit more weather-beaten. As we crawled up into the car, we found it was none too worse for the wear, with the original items from the car's past still intact. After a final look around, the group posed next to the car, as seen in the photo in the article.

Soon after the tour, the PH&DRRHS announced



*"The Spirit of Pere Marquette" lettering can still faintly be seen on the sides of the car, where it was hand-painted by a CSX employee over 30 years ago.*

that they were transferring their gift of the Troop Kitchen Car to Sanilac County Historical Museum. As November progressed, the society also announced the exciting news that a donor had come forward to help finance the move and the restoration cost of the car, bringing the historical society one step closer to realizing their dream of having a train car sitting at the historic Deckerville depot on their grounds.

Make no mistake, just because the donation of the car and some dollars have been secured, this would be no simple task that was being undertaken. It still remains a huge project, and as spring 2022 rolls around and the ground becomes more stabilized for the move of the car, a lot of help is going to be needed from the community. The intention is to move the car on site by the end of May and then begin restoration of the exterior of the car soon after, so it will eventually look like it did when it was new. The interior will be used to house military displays, which have sat in cramped quarters on the second floor of the mansion/museum. Also, having the military display moved to the car would allow it to be made accessible to everyone, including those in wheelchairs. All in all, it's an exciting project, and one that is truly beginning to move forward as your author writes this!

So...Do YOU want to help The Sanilac County Historical Society with the restoration? "Hop on the

Troop Train" to help them reach their goal of funding this very important project!

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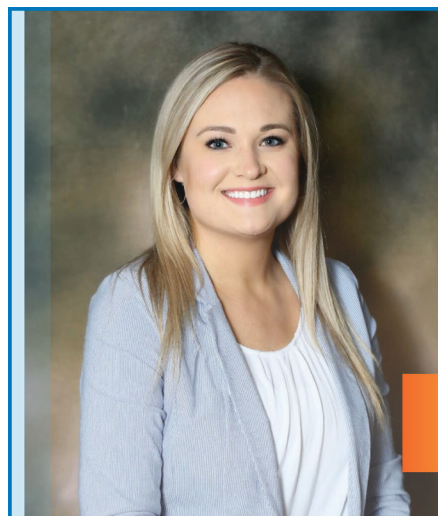


*Sanilac County Historical Society's "Kitchen Car Committee" posed after inspecting the car on November 8, 2021. Left to right: Utz Schmidt, Gail Nartker, Dawn Malek, Shirley Schmidt, and your author (T.J. Gaffney).*

*Now that it has found a second group of saviors, how will the folks at the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum go about bringing it to their site and restoring it? What further issues might arise during the process to save it from becoming razor blades? Stay tuned to next month's article in The Lakeshore Guardian!*

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*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](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com).*



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coveralls should be gathered for joint removal.

Although some pesticide containers are recyclable, always check the labels before doing so and punch holes in the container to prevent reuse. Burning pesticide containers on your property is illegal in Michigan.



When cleaning, never dump excess chemicals on the ground, into or near storm drains, water, or septic tanks. It can poison the groundwater, fish, or

animals that live in and around the area as well as the waterways. Local water systems are not equipped to filter out fine pesticides, and it can easily stay to pollute our drinking water.

To safely dispose of those last drops of fertilizer we talked about, you'll want to dilute them by adding roughly 20 percent of water to the container. Close and swish the liquids around in multiple directions. Collect the rinsate, and repeat a total of three times. The rinsate can be added to your pickup with any used gloves, coveralls, or containers left over from the season's chemical sprays.

Now it's finally time to make the call. Everything is sprayed, you've contacted your neighbors, cleaned up litter, and still have chemicals in your garage. Now what?

Michigan is a leader in agriculture, producing the most asparagus, black and cranberry beans, cucumbers, tart cherries, Niagara grapes, and squash in the U.S. Thankfully, with that title comes a number of state-funded resources for proper pesticide removal.

In 1996, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) introduced Michigan Clean Sweep Program to prevent agriculture pollution. It has since successfully and

properly removed over 3.3 million pounds (1,650 tons) of pesticides from circulation. These services are free to residents and businesses and perfect for agribusinesses, greenhouses, nurseries, and golf courses.

Both the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) and the Association of American Pesticide Officials (AAPCO) offer a list of other alternative options, which are either free or affordable for gardeners around the state. Small amounts can sometimes be brought in and dropped off at local offices, while others require an appointment to allow for proper staffing and removal. However, solid waste agencies also offer chemical removal if free pickups are not available in your county.

Like anything, there are pros and cons to using synthetic pesticides in your garden. The benefits can yield a strong, healthy harvest. The cleanup may seem tedious, but it's important to protect our environment, our loved ones, and the surrounding ecosystem to keep it safe for generations to come.

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

## The Lone Flower

By Allison Stein

The lone flower  
Tinted light pink  
Quavered in the breeze,  
Made me forget to think.

Even from a distance  
I envied the flower's grace:  
The center looked like satin;  
The edges portrayed lace.

The stem held lush leaves  
Like a pretty vine;  
The leaves began to twist  
As I watched them entwine.

The flower tilted slightly,  
Turning with the wind.  
The hibiscus changed direction;  
I swear the flower grinned.

Allison Stein is the author of three poetry books. She blogs about her journey as a writer and writing consultant at [www.allisonsteinconsulting.com](http://www.allisonsteinconsulting.com).

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The Schmidts took Anna in that night, of course they did, and I was grateful that Anna would have Mrs. Schmidt in her life, but it was devastating to know I would probably never see my sister again after our ship sailed for America. How could I leave my sister? It gave me little consolation in knowing that truly Anna was the one who made the choice to leave us.

I do not know why Father chose to concede, for in my mind that's what he'd done; I was so certain Father would force Anna to come with us, but he did not. In the weeks ahead, Father would not let us speak of Anna or mention her name in his presence. Despite his bluster, I knew he was hurting, too, and at least he did not forbid me from seeing her. I took Etta over to Mrs. Schmidt's place whenever the opportunity allowed. Poor Etta would never understand the loss of Anna; I made sure they shared every available minute together during the weeks leading up to our departure. Adolph was a good man, this much I knew; he worked hard alongside his father learning the trade of weaving. Father didn't know it yet, but the Schmidts were also seeing to it that Adolph and Anna would take our house over after we left. For me, that was the best news, knowing Anna would at least have the memories of all of us surrounding her. Plus, Mrs. Schmidt was close by.

Thoughts tumbled through my mind over Anna's future. I couldn't believe that she would not be coming to America with us, but I knew even if she changed her mind now, Father would never allow her to join us. No, Anna had made her bed. I fell asleep that night

with Anna on my mind but awoke in the middle of the night with a shocking realization: Anna had never really taught us much English. Till now, it hadn't been too big of a concern to me; we were all too busy to be bothered to dedicate any structured time to the task, and we reasoned there would be plenty of time for English lessons on the boat. But not anymore...

One good thing happened to me that came out of all of this. Father told me I would be going to the schoolhouse every Saturday morning until we departed, and I would be joining a handful of others from the Saxonia group for English lessons. The Saxonia Board stressed again how important it was for some to learn English; any knowledge of the language at all could be helpful. It was bittersweet, of course, to see Hans, knowing that he once cared for me, knowing that Father refused him. Still, those English lessons were the highlight of my week, and I'm sure I blushed clear to my toes when Hans told me I was a quick study when it came to such a confusing language. I only wished I could have started sooner; there was so much to learn.

I fell asleep Saturday afternoon sitting at the kitchen table, my English lesson spread before me. There was so much to do and too little time to do it; when I awoke, I was so mad at myself that I had fallen asleep, but the house was rarely quiet. Anna asked for Christian and all three girls, Nettie, Maria, and Etta, to spend the afternoon at the Schmidts' house. Father did not acknowledge Anna when she asked, but he didn't refuse her either. Johann, now six years old, spent more and more time with the twins. With the house to myself, it's no wonder I fell asleep. Still, I berated

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myself, for now, not only was I behind in the kitchen, I hadn't made any progress in my lesson either.

Pound! Pound! Pound! What in the world? I followed the noise out to the lean-to, and there was Father, bent over Johann, helping him saw the boards they needed to build our trunks. Heinrich and Hugo were busy assembling the other, the source of all that pounding. Because there were nine of us traveling, we were allowed two chests for our freight, and Father learned they needed to be built well and bound with iron bands because they would take some abuse once we arrived in America's New York. What would it feel like to step foot in America?

We would soon find out as our departure date was growing near.

Father had given me a list of what items we should pack, and we discussed at length what should be packed in each trunk. Father thought all of our tools, like the hammer and the saws short enough to fit, should go in one trunk along with anything else that we would need to start building our shelter once we arrived at our final destination. The other trunk could be filled with our bedding and the extra food we would need on the ship. Father learned that tea, coffee, and meals were provided on the ship, but word came back from other travelers that the offered food was never enough, so it was best to take provisions along to supplement the meals.

Heinrich made a good point when he asked what would happen if one of our trunks got lost in the shuffle. It would be very bad indeed if all of our tools were lost. Would it be better to split up our tools putting some in each trunk? Would we have access to both trunks during the journey? Where would they be stored? Father said he would make some inquiries and let us know all he learned; it would be my responsibility to pack all of the necessary household supplies.

Father had another problem, one that weighed heavily. He already paid for Anna's fare, and if he could not find someone to pay him to go in her place in the group, Father would forfeit the money. That thought rankled Father to no end. Everyone who planned on going in the second group had already paid to secure their spot. Father needed to find a bachelor to make a last-minute decision to try his luck in America.

Within two weeks' time, I was packing the trunks. I must have packed and repacked a hundred times, trying to fit everything in just so. Pickled herring, smoked sausage, onions, and cheese would round out our meals, and Father brought me a sack of potatoes he planned to use for seed, reminding me to bury them deep, so we didn't mistakenly eat them. I tucked in the coffee pot and a frying pan along with our tin plates and cups. Our bedding was tucked in to cushion the contents, and Heinrich rushed in with both butcher knives. I wrapped Father's gun that hung over the door all my days in an extra wool blanket and tucked it in. Father walked in and handed me a tin chamber pot, saying he traded some hay for it; he was leaving the porcelain one behind for Anna. I looked up sharply when he said her name

because he hadn't breathed her name since she married Adolph. I couldn't help but notice his eyes were glassy. Oh, Father.

That night, Etta kept us all awake. I could not determine what was wrong, nor could Father. She had no fever, her diaper was dry, and she ate well for supper. But she was inconsolable, heaving big sobs and letting out tears the biggest I'd ever seen. Even Heinrich, who always had his nose in one of the midwife's medicinal books, could not figure out what ailed her. After two hours of wailing, I asked Father if Anna could maybe help. Father donned his coat and helped me into mine, which I slipped over my nightdress, and Heinrich passed Etta over to me; the three of us went next door, not knowing what Mrs. Schmidt would think of our calling at such a wee hour. After a few knocks, Mr. Schmidt came to the door and when he saw it was us, he called for his wife, who said she'd hurry upstairs to fetch Anna. Meanwhile, Etta only stopped screaming to gulp air enough to start all over again.

Mrs. Schmidt wasn't gone long because Anna was already halfway down the stairs; Etta's cries had her running out of reflex. And then I saw something akin to a miracle. I handed our baby sister over to Anna, and Etta immediately stopped crying. Immediately. Oh, there were a few residual sobs as she caught her breath, but in effect, as soon as Etta was in Anna's arms, she stopped crying. Within minutes, she was sleeping on Anna's shoulder – and in her sleep, as if she was having the most pleasant dream, Etta even smiled! Anna went to hand her back to me, but Father told Anna to keep her for the night. He needed some sleep and didn't want to risk Etta making a repeat performance!

The next morning, our house was a flurry as we packed the trunks for the final time with the items we were using up until our departure, such as the coffee pot and the rest of our bedding. What bedding didn't fit, we'd have to strap to ourselves. Father had disappeared over to the Schmidts, I assumed to retrieve Etta, and I have to admit I was glad Etta wasn't underfoot this morning. There was so much yet to do.

*Join in the continuation as Greta's family learns all they can about what will be needed to survive in America...*

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will beneficial insects.

Synthetics allow you to target your application for a particular outcome or problem you are experiencing. You can purchase just the nutrient you need, but you will also want to remember to work compost or plant residue into your soil to improve its health.

Timing of your application and all related yard tasks (raking leaves, mowing/weed removal, irrigation, pruning of trees and hedges for air circulation) are important to the success of your garden and lawn. Using organic techniques means your timing is extra important. Organic means you want to stop a problem from occurring rather than trying to cure it after it has materialized. It is a long-term approach to your gardening that can be maintained.

Whichever you decide, the Master Gardeners of Huron County wish you well.

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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 roof, 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**



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 counter tops 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**



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**



**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.

018-22-0002 - **\$132,900**



Move-in ready, year-around house or your summer getaway on 1.55 acres. The main house has an open concept, which makes it great for entertaining. 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, and open loft area. The large sunroom is perfect for your morning coffee or that afternoon nap! The 2-car, unattached garage is great storage for all of your toys or a perfect man cave. Across the street is a 1-bedroom, 1-bath guest house. There is also a storage shed. Close to town and the beautiful Lake Huron!

018-21-0022 - **\$179,900**



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**



**SOLD!**  
2-bedroom brick home in the village of Port Sanilac. Move-in ready with fresh paint, Corian counter tops, newer appliances, Andersen windows, and an attached garage. This home is very clean and well kept. The yard is very spacious with an additional side lot and a fire pit in the back yard. The 14' x 24' 2-story barn and 10' x 10' shed give you plenty of storage for all of those beach toys. The stores, restaurants, marina, park, and beaches are all within walking distance.

018-22-0004 - **\$154,900**



Prime piece of real estate in the village of Port Sanilac. This 2.2 acres is the perfect investment property. There are multiple possibilities, housing units, offices, you decide. Lot size is 300' x 320'. Multi-residential or commercial. A survey is available.

018-21-0004 - **\$154,900**



**SOLD!**  
Beautiful 2-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch home with 2-car attached garage on 2.6 acres. This well-maintained home features: Andersen windows, newer gas furnace, central a/c, steel roof, new drilled well, large out-buildings, lean-to, 12' x 16' covered porch off the back of the home. This property is beautiful and serene, a great place to raise a family. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase this home; there are not many out there like this!

018-22-0006 - **\$224,500**



Unique home on 3 acres, with pond, outbuildings, and a helpal! The upstairs living area has hardwood floors, a sunroom, large master suite, and a full bathroom. The first floor has a kitchen, dining area, and 2 bedrooms. There is also a full bath, laundry room, and a mud room. Outside is a large 2-car garage/carport, 2 sheds, and a pole barn. Clean and move-in ready! All potential buyers need to show a pre-approval letter or proof of funds before viewing the property.

018-22-0005 - **\$269,000**



This beautiful brick building has been an icon in Forester for many years. It is currently being renovated and needs to be completed. The downstairs floor plan includes 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, and living room with an open floor plan. Upstairs area could be a 1-bedroom studio apartment with a separate outside entrance. You can get a peek at Lake Huron and the private fenced-in back yard from the upper deck. There is also a 24' x 32' pole barn and a 10' x 14' utility shed. You are just steps away from a beach access.

018-21-0016 - **\$179,000**

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