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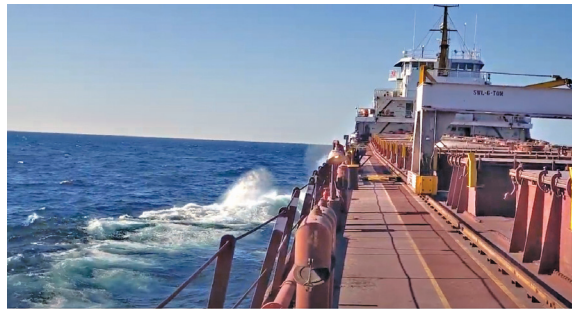
A Great Lakes Sailor

Catherine Schmuck
Part 9

By Janis Stein

Join us in the continuation as Catherine recalls life aboard the CSL Tadoussac when she joined the crew in November 2021.

Christmas dinner is a joyous affair, with prime rib taking center stage and a myriad of sides to complement it. While she could order lobster if she wanted to, she chooses not to because it doesn't give enough bang for the buck, and she needs to keep her budget in mind. Plus, the crews she's cooked for favor turkey. Once when she was doing a relief job and when the groceries came on that she ordered, one of the guys carrying the groceries exclaimed over the fact that she had ordered turkey. He said he'd been on that ship for four years, and they'd never had turkey once. For Catherine, turkey is a holiday staple, and



When she's not working in the galley, Catherine loves taking walks on deck, where she captured this image last November on the Tadoussac.

she always makes two. They were only a crew of 20, but most preferred dark meat, especially the wings, so she wanted to have enough to go around. The crew got what they wanted, and Catherine got the same – all those glorious turkey leftovers to make all kinds of great dishes, from turkey ala king and clubhouse sandwiches to turkey tetrazzini! Pies and desserts are a holiday must, and snack nuts and chocolate are important to the crew, too. As always, Catherine cooks

Holidays spent working on the lakes mean sailors are missing home and family, but Catherine puts extra effort into her themed meals,



which makes sailors' home away from home just a little bit better. Catherine also likes to offer sailors comfort foods on Sundays, reminiscent of home, such as this turkey dinner.

for her crew like she would her family – because that's exactly what they are.

Writer's note: The remaining portion of the article was written from information gleaned, with permission, from Catherine's Facebook page at Ship to Shore Chef. So well written and interesting are her posts that much of the text was pulled verbatim with adjustments made for sentence tense.

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Sunken History & Maritime Treasures

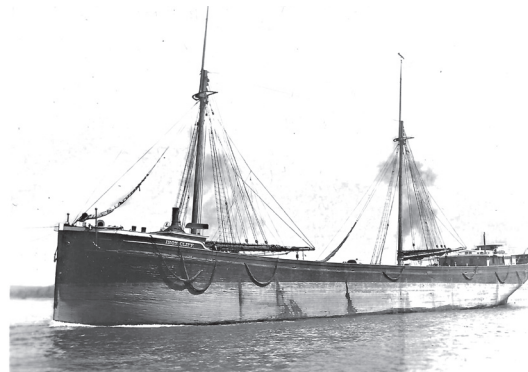
In the Wake of the Iron Chief
Part 3

By Robert McGreevy

Join in the conclusion to learn where one of the Iron Chief's nameboards ended up...

The Name Board

When the *Iron Chief* was sailing, her name was painted in bold letters on the bow and the stern. Along with the painted name, she would have carried at least two carved wooden name boards, usually fastened to railings around the bow or mounted on the wheelhouse. In some cases, these name boards would survive the sinking and break free. This was intended as a break-away identification feature in case of the vessel sinking. And it worked as intended.



The 1881-built barge *Iron Cliff* was identical to the *Chief* but never received an engine. The *Iron Cliff* was abandoned in Toledo, Ohio, in 1934. Courtesy of the Robert McGreevy collection.

Several years ago, while searching through glass plate negatives belonging to the Sanilac County Historical Society Archives in Port Sanilac, I came across some

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The Rise & Fall of the Osage

Part 4

By Janis Stein

Join us in the continuation as Bureau agents put their puzzle together piece by piece – but will they be too late? Mollie Burkhart isn't feeling too well...

Hoover assigned agent Thomas White to the case in July 1925. As the agent-in-charge, White took over the

Oklahoma City field office and became the face of the investigation. But it was what the public couldn't see that made all the difference. With dogged determination to unearth the truth and with an investigator's mind, White assembled a team of undercover operatives, a motley crew that ranged from a Texas ranger and a New Mexico sheriff to a former insurance salesman and a recalled agent, who was an American Indian and a rarity within the Bureau; the agent was formerly let go by the Bureau because he never filed his reports, despite the fact that he was a top-notch spy. In addition, White retained a Bureau agent, who had been on the case the past two years; he had an intimate and in-depth knowledge of the case, along with good relations with all the informants. This team of operatives went undercover, largely disguised as

cattlemen and ranchers.

White's first task was to separate the truth from all the rumors. Over the following months, White's team discovered that suspects paid off eyewitnesses, and private investigators were hired to plant evidence elsewhere to muddy the waters even more. White wasn't shocked to learn that the court-ordered guardians of the Osage had been stealing from their accounts, but when he discovered that the dollar amount stolen numbered into the millions, he couldn't help but raise an eyebrow.

More and more, the evidence pointed to William Hale, and when he examined the deaths in Mollie Burkhart's family, the order of those deaths was most curious; with each new murder, Mollie's bank account increased through both monies collected from insurance policies and inherited headrights. White grew increasingly worried over Mollie's safety; if she was slowly being poisoned with her "insulin," by the time he gathered enough evidence to try Hale for murder, it may be too little, too late, at least for Mollie.

White quickly discovered that Hale operated above the law, at least at the local level, and likely the state as well. Hale had moles planted everywhere; his network of informants was so robust and far-reaching that he knew the latest happenings almost before they happened. White was also keeping an eye on two of Hale's nephews, Mollie Burkhart's husband Ernest, along with Ernest's brother Bryan.

Piece by piece, thanks to the Bureau's undercover agents, the puzzle came together, and when White had enough evidence gathered, he hauled Hale in for questioning with the Burkhart brothers right behind him. From the very beginning, a cloud of suspicion had hovered over Bryan Burkhart, as he had been the last one to see Mollie's sister, Anna, alive.

Meanwhile, with Hale and Burkhart removed, Thomas White made arrangements for Mollie to be assessed at the hospital in Oklahoma City. She was worth a pretty penny, and White put her under armed guard until a doctor could evaluate her. Plus, with due diligence, White had to be certain that Mollie did not have a hand in the plot. Within 24 hours, White learned that Mollie's "insulin" was actually a poison designed to slowly kill her, and Mollie immediately dropped off the suspect list. Within a week, Mollie returned to the good health she'd known before her marriage to Ernest.

Back in the interrogation room, investigators hammered Hale with a barrage of questions, but Hale, it seemed, had an alibi for everything. Hale was smart and could talk fast on his feet, but White, although he didn't have a mountain of evidence yet, knew he had enough on Hale to hold him at least. When it became clear to the authorities that Hale would never confess, they started applying pressure on Ernest Burkhart – he was the most likely to break, or at least they hoped so. White and his team hadn't come this far to fail.

After hours of interrogation and after Bureau agents showed Ernest Burkhart their partial hand, Burkhart did, indeed, break. As the sweat poured off his forehead and stung the corners of his eyes, Burkhart scrambled to



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“Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half-times take 12 minutes. This is not a coincidence..”

—Erma Bombeck

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Thumb Rails

A Kitchen on Wheels for the Troops

Part 9

By T.J. Gaffney

This month's topic, and the topic for the last eight issues, has been the history, transfer of ownership, move, and eventual restoration of a former Maintenance of Way Kitchen Car of the Chessie System. 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. It and its sisters operated throughout Michigan, including the Thumb Region, and helped feed thousands of GIs who helped win World War II. After it and its sisters helped feed thousands more GIs returning home, the car gained a new 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 that era.

Welcome back to our readers! Those who have followed this column for the majority of this year know that we have been covering the restoration and preservation of Troop Kitchen Car K102, built by American Car and Foundry in 1944. A piece of railroad equipment with a significant relevance to the history of the Thumb region, it also has a place in our nation's past as a rare surviving example of the cars that fed thousands of troops heading to and from the warfront during World War II. As is often the case, these pieces of “rolling stock,” as they are known in the railroad industry, often have a variety of use across their operational history, and this car is no exception, later being used to feed Maintenance of Way employees on the Chesapeake & Ohio, Chessie System, and

finally CSX before being retired and given a third life as a military exhibit at the Sanilac County Historical Museum and Village in Port Sanilac, Michigan.

As we finished our last column, project supervisor Utz Schmidt and his crew of volunteers and subcontractors were continuing to push forward with the restoration of K102. Once the car arrived, and your author and others completed putting back items that had to be removed for the move, the next process was to prep the car for exterior metal work, and finally primer and paint. As we rounded out last month's column, contractor Jeff Conner of Railroad and Military Painting was applying the primer coat.

As is often the case in his work, Jeff had found some of the original stenciling and lettering underneath multiple layers of paint, which he then carefully traced to make sure it could be reapplied once the finish coat of exterior green was completed.

As previously noted, we had found evidence to indicate that the original scheme had used a gold leaf style lettering, similar to what had been applied to the Pullman sleeper cars of the same style. That said, getting the correct color of green proved to

be a somewhat interesting situation. One must understand that “Pullman” green is about as descriptive as saying “military” green; depending on locations, manufacturers, and types of pigment used, there were often several variations of the same color used to create the body color of the car. After careful study

and several applications of similar shades to other historic cars and military equipment, Mr. Conner had been able to establish, as best as we could verify, the

color that most approximated what the car would have worn when it rolled out of the factory. This color and scheme would have remained on the car throughout its military service, and the body color would most likely have remained the same through the earliest years of its use by the Chesapeake and Ohio. As the museum wanted to use

the car to honor the military heritage of those who had served from Sanilac County, restoring the car to this



An overhead view of K102 and the Deckerville Depot while under restoration.



The K102 with its newly completed handicap accessible ramp and stairway.



The handicap accessible entrance to the car, through the original service door, is shown above.

Schools of Yesteryear

By Janis Stein

Huron No. 5 - Lawitzke School

Part 4

Join us in the continuation with memories written and shared by Kathleen (Lawitzke) Hass, who attended this school in the late 1910s and into the 1920s.

The history of Huron No. 5, also known as Lawitzke School, dates back to 1882 when this new district organized just months after the Great Fire. The original school, as shown on the 1890 plat map, stood in Section 24 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Kaufman and Finkel Roads. The most recent schoolhouse, built in 1904 and documented on the 1904 plat map, was located one mile west of the first building, on the northwest corner of the intersection of Kaufman and Minden Roads, or the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of Section 23, Huron Township, Huron County.



Huron Township's Lawitzke School, as it stood on October 19, 1933. Teacher Irvin Marquardt is standing in the center of the back row with his charges in front of him. Note the bell tower, partially hidden by the chimney, and the two bicycles leaning against the back of the school. Courtesy of the Ethel Rupprecht Collection.

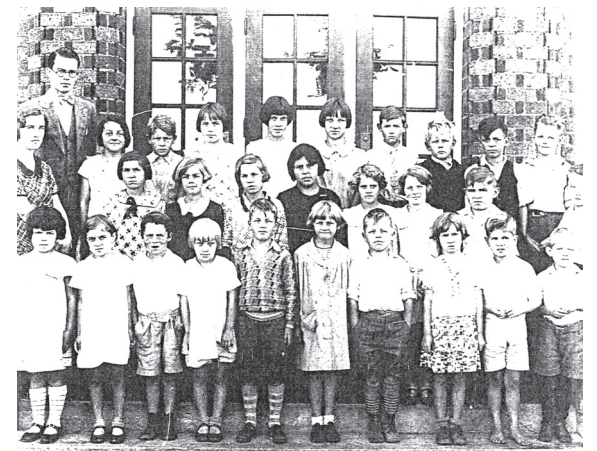
Stella Kilpatrick returned in the fall of 1920 to teach 30 students – 17 boys and 13 girls. She earned \$1,031 for the nine months of school she taught, and the students had an 85.5 percent attendance rate. Letitia Blackwell signed the teacher's contract for the 1921–1922 school year. She taught 33 students for nine months and earned \$100 per month for her efforts. The district purchased 19 library books, bringing the total volumes up to 147. The value of the school property leapt to \$3,000, up from \$1,600. According to the financial report, in part, \$3 in revenue was received, thanks to the sale of the old stove. Expenditures listed included \$19 for the library books and \$268.57 for general purposes. The school board included director Albert S. Fankhauser, moderator Albert Philipp, and treasurer Henry Maschke.

Ms. Blackwell returned in the fall of 1922 to teach 30 students. She had three students each in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, and seventh grade. She also had one third-grader, five sixth-graders, and six eighth-graders. Ms. Blackwell taught nine months of school and earned \$810 for the year. Four of her students received their eighth-grade diplomas at the year's end. The school board remained the same, with the exception of Arthur E. Lawitzke, who replaced Albert

Philipp as treasurer.

Bernice Walsh of Pinnebog came to teach at Lawitzke School during the 1923–1924 school year; she taught nine months of school to 24 students and earned \$110 per month. Two students earned their eighth-grade diplomas, and tuition was paid for one student to attend Port Hope High School.

After Walsh's year of guidance, Miss Letitia Blackwell returned to Lawitzke School to instruct the children during the 1924–1925 school year. Enrollment climbed back up to 33 students. She had five first-graders, seven second-graders, one third-



Lawitzke School's students and teacher, circa 1930s, standing in front of the school on the entry steps. Courtesy of the Ethel Rupprecht Collection, originating from Gib Rooney.

grader, two fourth-graders, four students each in the fifth and sixth grades, and five students each in the seventh and eighth grades. Ms. Blackwell taught nine months of school and earned \$945 for the year. Four students graduated from the eighth grade, and the district paid \$160 in tuition for four pupils to attend Port Hope High School. The school board remained the same as the previous few years.

Kathleen (Lawitzke) Hass, whose grandfather owned the land the school was built on, attended Lawitzke School during the late 1910s and into the 1920s and wrote of her experiences in her memoir, which she once shared for the purpose of documenting the history of this school. A large entry was built at

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the front of the red brick schoolhouse, and students made their way to the front door by climbing the steps from any of the three sides to the high cement platform. The bell tower was built on the southern end of the roof, and the bell could be heard from two miles away; many a child hustled to the school when they heard the clanging of the bell signaling the start of

school in the morning. Eight windows, four on the east side of the building and four on the west, allowed for adequate light throughout the day.

Hass recalled what the interior of the schoolhouse looked like. "The inside of the schoolroom was bright and cheerful. The walls were painted pale green, and the wainscot and woodwork were varnished a golden oak. At the far end of the room behind the teacher's desk were two large blackboards. Above one blackboard

was a picture of Abraham Lincoln portraying his kind compassionate mien; above the other was a picture of George Washington displaying nobility and loyalty to inspire each true young American. On the right side of the room above a smaller blackboard was a picture of 'Washington Crossing the Delaware.' To me it was the most interesting one because it told a story. Interested

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—An excerpt from the 1917 Annual Statistical Report. Courtesy of the Huron Intermediate School District.

SCHOOL CENSUS of District No. Five, of the Township of Huron, County of Huron, State of Michigan, for the school year ending July 19, 1917, as taken by Otto H. Marquardt in a house to house canvass, during the last fifteen days next preceding June 1.

Otto H. Marquardt above named, being duly sworn, says that the following is a correct list, as taken by him, of the names and ages of all children belonging to District No. Five aforesaid, five years of age and under twenty years, together with the name and address of parent or guardian, and that said census was taken in a house to house canvass during the fifteen days prior to June, 1917.

Subscribed and sworn to this 3rd day of Aug day of June, 1917. (Signed) Otto H. Marquardt
Before me John Ludlow

Clerk of Huron Township

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

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1. If the district is fractional, write the names of the children in *each township separately under the name of the township*, beginning with that township in which the schoolhouse or site is situated. A separate statement must be made to the clerks of the several townships in which the district is in part situated, *giving the number of children* five years of age and under twenty years residing in that part of the district lying within their respective townships.
2. If there is not space on this page sufficient to contain the names of all the children in the district, write the remainder upon blanks 2a, provided for this purpose. If these blanks have not been furnished to you, apply to your commissioner.
3. **The ages of the children must be given as they are on June 1, 1917.** If a child removes from the district during the fifteen days preceding June 1, he should be enrolled in the district in which he is resident June 1, 1917.

NAME OF CHILD	AGE	NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
31. Violet Maschke	6	Henry Maschke
32. Clara Lawitzke	9	Alex Lawitzke
33. Alfred Lawitzke	7	" "
34. Harold Lawitzke	5	" "
35. Lydia Kowalke	18	Aug. Kowalke
36. Fred Kowalke	14	" "
37. Gust Teschendorf	16	Aug. Teschendorf
38. Lizzy Brining	19	Alb. Brining
39. Joe Richardson	17	Martin Richardson
40. Martin Richardson	11	" "
41. Clarence Richardson	9	" "
42. Albert Philipp Jr.	15	Albert Philipp
43. Bertha Finkel	19	Emil Finkel
44. Cora Fankhauser	17	Fred Fankhauser
45. Lydia Fankhauser	15	" "
46. Robt. Lawitzke	10	Arthur Lawitzke
47. Arnie Lawitzke	5	" "
48. Gordon Kowalke	6	Richard Kowalke
49. Fred Luedke	19	John Luedke
50. Roland Marquardt	5	Otto H. Marquardt
51. Anna Meske	19	Chas. Meske
52. Hugo Meske	17	" "
53. Walter Meske	14	" "
54. Ben. Meske	13	" "
55. Olga Meske	8	" "
56. Flora Finkel	19	Aug. Finkel
57. August Finkel Jr.	17	" "
58. Anna Finkel	14	" "
59. Lena Finkel	13	" "
60. Robt. Finkel	11	" "
61. Albert Finkel	6	" "
62. Otto Lawitzke	17	August Lawitzke
63. Myrtle Lawitzke	15	" "
64. August Lawitzke Jr.	14	" "
65. Herbert Lawitzke	14	" "
66. Ruth Lawitzke	12	" "

NAME OF CHILD	AGE	NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN	NAME OF CHILD	AGE	NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
1. Mathilda Lange	6	Otto Lange	16. Walter Brining	17	Aug. Brining
2. Bertha Radatz	6	Fred Radatz	17. Gustav Brining	15	" "
3. Fred Jahn	19	Wm. Jahn	18. Agnes Scherret	12	Otto Scherret
4. Frank Jahn	17	" "	19. Arthur Scherret	7	" "
5. Willie Fuhrman	19	Albert Fuhrman	20. Irma Voelker	17	Fred Voelker
6. Philip Fuhrman	17	" "	21. Florence Voelker	13	" "
7. Theodore Fuhrman	15	" "	22. Anna Gee	14	Bruce Gee
8. Lydia Fuhrman	12	" "	23. Robt. Gee	16	" "
9. Edith Kisterkie	19	Aug. Kisterkie	24. Willie Gee	9	" "
10. Minnie Kisterkie	17	" "	25. Tena T. Gee	5	" "
11. Willie Kisterkie	14	" "	26. Tena Schlack	19	Ferd. Schlack
12. Elsie Kisterkie	12	" "	27. Allen Lawitzke	6	Leo Lawitzke
13. Walter Kisterkie	10	" "	28. Roy Friday	16	" " (Guardian)
14. Emma Scherret	10	Fred Scherret	29. Walter Maschke	11	Henry Maschke
15. Fred Scherret Jr.	6	" "	30. Irvin Maschke	9	" "

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 Doctor's Corner

The Benefits of Fasting



By Dr. Timothy Grondin

It's hard dealing with hunger pains but for many, the discomfort is worth it. If you have a chronic illness or chronic inflammation that has been unresponsive to traditional approaches, you might consider this option. (In the information below, please note

that HGH is a human growth hormone, and essentially, it's used for cellular repair. Autophagy basically refers to destruction of damaged cells.)

Hourly Benefits of Fasting

4-8 hours

- Blood sugar drops.
- All food has left the stomach.
- Insulin is no longer produced.

12 hours

- Food consumed has been burned.
- Digestive system goes to sleep.
- Body begins healing process.
- HGH begins to increase.
- Glucagon is released to balance blood sugars.

14 hours

- Body has converted to using stored fat for energy.
- HGH increases dramatically.

16 hours

- Body is ramping up fat burning.

18 hours

- HGH starts to skyrocket.

24 hours

- Autophagy begins.
- Drains all glycogen stores.
- Ketones are released into the bloodstream.

36 hours

- Autophagy increases by 300 percent.

48 hours

- Autophagy increases by another 30 percent.
- Immune system reset and regeneration starts.
- Increased reduction in inflammatory response.

72 hours

- Autophagy maxes out.

Immune system reset, regeneration starts, and reduces inflammatory response...Doesn't that all sound like really good stuff?

Yours in health,
Dr. Grondin

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

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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make a deal. He insisted he had not murdered a soul – but he knew who did. It didn't hurt the Bureau's case when word reached Burkhart in jail that some of Hale's henchmen, who executed the crimes on Hale's behalf, were turning up dead left and right. Hale was silencing those who had done his bidding, and it occurred to Burkhart that he might be safer with the feds than he would be with his dear old uncle. In exchange for guaranteeing Burkhart that he would be spared the death penalty, he started naming names.

And the dominoes began to fall.

Ernest Burkhart's uncle William Hale was behind it all, and by systematically murdering off Mollie Burkhart's family in an order that would guarantee she inherited all their headrights, after Hale did Mollie in, Ernest would become the richest man in Osage County – and Hale would have access to all that Indian money. Hale employed a huge network of informants and mercenaries. He had a magnetic personality, and he was shrewd; it seemed he had something on almost everyone. Blackmail – and cold hard cash – were powerful motivators to get most anyone to do his bidding. Hale hadn't killed anyone either, explained Burkhart; no sense bloodying his hands when he had trusted killers on his payroll.

One by one, Burkhart recalled the Osage murders that Hale orchestrated. And Burkhart told all regarding the deaths of Anna Brown, Charles Whitehorn, Lizzie Kyle, Henry Roan, George Bigheart, William Vaughn, Bill and Rita Smith, and the Smith's maid, Nettie Brookshire. Burkhart knew the plot hatched for each murder and whom his uncle Bill had hired to accomplish the killings. He even confessed Hale's blunders, particularly pointing out how angry Hale became when Bill Smith outlived his wife, Rita, by four days, thus making Bill's family the heirs to the estate and not Mollie.

After Burkhart's confession, agent Thomas White made sure Burkhart was placed in solitary. Hale had moles everywhere, and it would do no good to lose Burkhart before his case went to trial.

As the Bureau hauled in one culprit after another, each of those criminals, in turn, implicated Hale in the conspiracy of the century. No longer were these miscreants under Hale's control, and they spun their stories as best they could to save themselves. Their very lives depended on it.

When the case against Ernest Burkhart went to trial, Mollie, loyal to the end, sat stoically behind her husband. Day after day, Mollie, feeling much better after her misdiagnosed diabetes was no longer a problem, sat stock-still, her face expressionless, and her eyes, impassive. When the jury reached their guilty verdict and Burkhart was sentenced to life in prison, he smiled hesitantly at Mollie as he was hauled out of the courtroom. Perhaps, though, he had misread Mollie's presence during the trial, and it wasn't the show of support he assumed it to be.

Be sure to look for the conclusion next month when the case against William Hale goes to trial. What will the jury decide?

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Captain Ron's Chronicles

BY CAPTAIN RON BURKHARD



McDonald's Malicious Matter Part 2

Join in the continuation with Lieutenant Walker giving an accounting of his investigation regarding the wreck of the schooner Berlin, as documented in the U.S. Life-Saving Service's Annual Report for 1877.

"After a careful review of the evidence, the facts attending the disaster appear to have been as follows: The night of November 7, was dark, with a strong gale blowing from northeast and rain. The schooner Berlin, of Buffalo, with six persons on board, all told, grounded at the outer edge of Burnt Cabin Reef, several miles in a west-northwest direction from Pointe aux Barques light-house, at about 7 or 8 o'clock pm. During the night she gradually worked inshore, and at about daylight on the following morning (8th) commenced breaking up; the distance at which she then lay being about one-half mile from the shore.

"The course pursued by the unfortunate crew during the interval does not appear, although one man

perished while in the rigging. At daylight, the master, A. M. Johnston, of Buffalo, and another man were washed overboard and lost. Soon after daylight, the master's son, who was one of the crew, overcome with despair at the loss of his father, became an easy victim to the force of the seas that swept over the vessel, and he fell, entangled in the wreckage floating to leeward of what remained of the hull.

"In the meantime inhabitants of Grindstone City discovered the vessel, and Messrs. Roberson and Peer, after surveying the situation, called at the telegraph-office for the purpose of notifying the crew of Station No. 1 at Pointe aux Barques, a dispatch to that effect being forwarded by James Green. This action appears to have been absolutely necessary in order to apprise the station-men of the disaster, as the natural curvature of the coast-line, in a northerly and westerly direction would effectually prevent the discovery of a vessel ashore in the direction of Grindstone City at a much less distance from the station than where the Berlin struck; and any information of that nature must necessarily reach the station from persons living in that vicinity. The evidence of the telegraph operators continues the statement of Keeper McDonald that the message did not reach the station until almost ten o'clock, and disproves the charge that a message was sent at five o'clock, some time before daylight. At the hour the dispatch was received the sea was running so high and the prospect of pulling the boat broadside to the breakers a distance of eight or nine

miles so extremely hazardous that Keeper McDonald determined to transport his boat by land to the scene of the wreck. He therefore, in view of the uneven and heavy conditions of the roads, procured, as soon as it was possible, the use of two pairs of horses, one pair from Mr. Andrew Shaw, of the light-house nearby, and the other from Mr. Dixon, residing two or three miles distant. Personal observation of the roads traversed in order to reach the scene of the wreck leads me to the belief that McDonald's judgment in this course was correct. The boat arrived abreast the wreck at about 3 pm and was at once launched and pulled for it; there being but a portion of the bow above water; and that at the distance from shore previously indicated, viz, one-half mile. Two men were found clinging to the wreck in a benumbed and exhausted condition, and after taking them into the boat the body of the captain's son was also recovered and all conveyed to the shore. Upon landing active measures were at once taken to revive the survivors, one of the surfmen being sent to a neighboring store for some brandy as a stimulant.

"About this time, (3:30 pm) word was received from a messenger that a second vessel, the Triumph, was ashore nearly high and dry about one mile and a half west of the Berlin, and the surf-boat was at once placed on the carriage for conveyance thither; but upon arrival of a second person with intelligence that the crew were safely landed, the keeper started off

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Who Am I?

Researching Your Family History Family Research for Your Health



By Grace Grogan

Many researchers don't think about the benefit of creating a family health history tree. When most of us begin digging into our ancestors, it is for fun. We want to learn about our ancestors, their

lives, and more.

When you dig into your ancestors' lives, you obtain information about when they lived and died and what illnesses and diseases they may have had. Genetic factors tremendously impact things such as heart disease, some cancers, osteoporosis, high blood pressure, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and more.

You certainly don't want to skip the fun things you learn. Everyone enjoys hearing about your great-uncle participating in the sport of log rolling or Aunt Mable winning the county fair pie contest five years in a row. Just don't overlook the essential details of your family health history.

You may read the family Bible, correspondence between relatives, or the death certificate to find information about the cause of death. Suppose you learn that your grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather died because of a heart condition. In that case, you may be at high risk of developing a similar problem. Perhaps your mother, her sister, and grandmother all developed Alzheimer's at a certain age. That is something you may want to discuss with your doctor.

When you are creating your regular family tree, construct a family health tree at the same time. Lay out your ancestors in a tree-like fashion, along with their cause of death. You will see whether there is a preponderance of problems in one area that seems to pass from generation to generation.

The way to begin is by talking to your parents and siblings, then extending to half-siblings, grandparents, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces. Explain to them what you are trying to create, that you aren't just being nosy about their health.

Ask the person you are speaking with about their health and if they know about any extended family members with health conditions. This will help you piece together a good overall view of the family's health history. Questions to ask include:

1. What, if any, chronic health conditions do you have?
2. Do you know if our nonliving ancestors had any chronic health conditions?
3. Do you have any severe illness or disease, such as cancer, diabetes, etc.?
4. How old were you when you developed the health condition/illness?
5. Do you have any allergies? If so, what are you allergic to?
6. Do you know of allergies in our now-deceased ancestors, such as bee stings, mosquitos, pine needles, food, etc.?
7. When you learn of a nonliving ancestor's health problem, ask, "Do you know how old they were when they died?"
8. Do you know of any relatives with pregnancy or childbirth issues – stillborn, Down syndrome, breech birth, forceps, emergency c-section, etc.?
9. Has anyone in the family experienced learning disabilities, developmental disabilities,

congenital disabilities, or things such as ADHD, bi-polar disorder, autism, etc.?

10. Is there any other health-related information I haven't mentioned that comes to mind?

If you are concerned about people not wanting to share this information with you, consider offering to share all information you gather with participants, so they receive a bonus for their participation.

In a study by the National Library of Medicine, in assessing 180 children between 8 and 17 years of age and their parents, 41 percent felt that health research would benefit their child. Of those children in the study, 64 percent were found to have a chronic condition that was the focus of the target protocol, 12 percent had chronic conditions not the target focus protocol, and 23 percent did not have any chronic condition.

If adults are hesitant to answer your questions, point out how the information you gather may benefit young parents in the family seeking to provide the best healthcare possible for their children. Elderly relatives who don't want to talk about their health may be willing to share if they realize the potential to make things easier for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren's health.

You can learn more about collecting family history on the website of the Center for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov/genomics/famhistory/knowning_not_enough.htm?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Ffeatures%2Ffamilyhealthhistory%2Findex.html.

Create an online printable Family Health Portrait by entering information at: <http://kahuna.clayton.edu/jqu/FHH/html/fhh.html?action=create>.

Here's to combining fun with function by conducting healthy family research!

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In the Kitchen with Chef Dennis

Pan-Seared Wild Duck Breast with a Merlot Wine Sauce

Serves: 2

Here in Michigan, it's waterfowl hunting season. I haven't gone duck hunting since I was in my late teens, but I do have a friend who goes every year. Fortunately, I'm one of the lucky recipients of the fruits of his hunt.

Unfortunately, waterfowl in general has a reputation for being fatty. This is one of the main reasons it's not more popular for eating. Another reason is that waterfowl consisted of less favorable dark meat. There are other concerns with cooking and eating waterfowl but not worth going into at this time. If you would like more info, please feel free to contact me using one of the options at the end of this article.

Back to the topic at hand. I was a little disappointed with the package of duck meat my friend shared this time because the skin and fat had been removed from the breast. That's not the norm though. As I previously mentioned, duck breast is fatty, but that's a good thing when it comes to cooking it.

Another thing to consider is that it's wild and might have a "gamey" taste. This is something I hadn't considered since the skin and fat were removed. Gamey meat is almost always caused by the flavors in the skin and fat, but since the skin and fat were already discarded, I decided to cook the meat differently than I normally would have. In hindsight, I should have soaked the breast in milk for at least an hour and as long as 12 hours to remove any remaining gaminess. That's a prep method that works well for other types of game meat and even some seafood.

Ingredients for Dry Rub:

- 1/4 tsp. dry thyme leaves (1/2 tsp. fresh)
- 1/2 tsp. grated orange zest (I use the zest of one whole orange.)

- 1/4 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. fresh ground pepper
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 duck breasts (Mine were 5 oz. each.)
- Merlot wine sauce (recipe below)

I think the fat adds a nice flavor and helps protect the meat during the cooking process.

Directions:

- Stir together salt, freshly ground pepper, sugar, zest, and thyme in a small bowl. The mixture will look a bit like sand.
- Place the duck breasts on a platter and rub the spice mixture into them. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.
- If you didn't prepare the sauce (see below) in advance, do that now.
- About 20 minutes before cooking, remove the duck breasts from the refrigerator and return to room temperature. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Pat dry with paper towels. With a paring knife, remove the tenderloin, the thin strip of meat that runs lengthwise down the underside of each breast.
- Heat a cast iron skillet over high heat. When the pan is hot – it doesn't have to be smoking – put the duck breasts in non-skin side down. Let the breasts sizzle for about a minute or a minute and a half; then place the pan in the oven. After two and half minutes in total have passed, open the oven, flip the breasts over, close the oven, and cook for another two to two



Tips from Chef Dennis:

- Wild Duck breast vary in size. A good portion per person is 4–6oz., cooked.
- Most duck breast that you purchase commercially has the skin on. As I mentioned in the article, take a different method of handling and cooking. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.
- The duck also makes a great topping for a salad. The duck should be served warm but is good cold as well. The sauce makes a good dressing, too.

and a half minutes. Remove the pan from the oven, transfer the breasts to a platter, and let rest for five minutes. Turn your oven off.

- While the breasts are resting, finish reducing the sauce using as much as you'd like to for the amount of duck meat you have. Place your sauce mixture in a small saucepan or the cast iron skillet you fried the duck in and heat over medium-high heat. In no time, the sauce should start to thicken up, at which point you remove the pan from the stovetop.
- Slice the breasts, if desired, and pour your flavorful sauce over top.



Ingredients for Sauce:

- 2 cups of Merlot
- 1 medium shallot, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup unsalted homemade or canned low-sodium chicken stock

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Garden Guidance

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Dian McConnel
Huron County Master Gardener

Irises are so easy to grow that we gardeners tend to forget they need some TLC now and then. Although there are three times during the growing season that a little attention will keep them blooming every year, the most important time is actually in the fall!

By the end of summer,



iris foliage can look pretty tired and unattractive. Come September or early October, cut back the foliage to about four inches and discard the old leaves and any debris (including tree leaves) lying in or around the iris clump. Then, poke around the rhizomes and cut or pry out any that are soft or hollowed out. Last, pull any mulch away from your iris. These steps will prevent rhizome rot and the dreaded iris borer from over-wintering in the debris. Iris can take just about any heat or cold the weather can dish out but cannot survive prolonged dampness on their rhizomes.

Come spring, a quick check to clear out any leaves or dead foliage that have lodged in the clump



will get the iris off to a good start. And make sure those rhizomes are exposed to the sun!

July or early August is the best time to lift and separate a crowded and overgrown iris as the roots attached to the rhizomes die back and then re-emerge in the following weeks.

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Directions:

- In a heavy medium saucepan, combine the port and shallots and bring to a gentle boil over moderately low heat. Cook about 30 minutes, until the port has reduced to 1 cup.
- Strain into a small saucepan, and add the chicken stock. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer, and cook about 15 minutes longer until reduced to about 1/2 to 2/3 cup. Serve hot.



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: editor@lakeshoreguardian.com.

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.



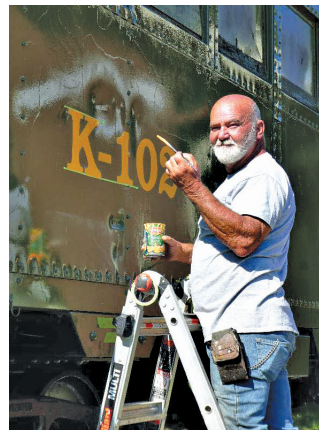
Chef Dennis Sturtz Sr.

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scheme seemed the logical choice.

After two solid coats of the Pullman green color, Mr. Conner began the careful application of the correct historical lettering and numbers to the car. While he had been fortunate in finding the ghosts of the numbers of the car under many layers of paint, we weren't as fortunate in determining the original location of the lettering on the top rail of the car. We were, however, able to obtain some period pictures of sister cars in service. These photos did show where the lettering fell on the sides of the car, which, by counting the rivets in the picture, allowed us to determine the spacing of the letters. Mr. Conner then created a stencil which approximated the size and style of the original lettering based upon the same method. He then used this stencil to help create the final letter board.

About the time that Mr. Conner was finishing the lettering on the car, construction of a new wooden deck and ramp to allow for ADA accessibility to the car began. The lack of wheelchair accessibility was another major reason for acquiring the car, as the previous military display at the village had been located on the second floor of the Loop-Harrison Mansion. To make the ramp properly ADA accessible, it had to rise gradually enough to allow a person in a wheelchair to be able to move themselves up the ramp without too much effort. To accomplish this, the ramp had to start on the short side of the depot and then gradually rise along the south side until it eventually reached the threshold of the baggage door of the K102. In turn, a flat extension of the deck was built along the rest of the car to make its side level with the bottom of the car, creating an area to turn around if the door to the car was not open. Finally, a stairway was built onto the eastern end of the ramp for pedestrian access from the depot's opposite side. By the time this process was



Jeff Conner, paint brush in hand, finished lettering the K102.

finished, summer was nearing its end, but one more aspect was yet to be completed.

As summer began to wind down, restoration of the car's interior began to be addressed. This process began with the removal of several interior fittings, including the removal of the former lunch counter that had been placed in it during its later use as a crew car. This took much more work than anticipated, as we did our best to salvage the counter so that it could be reused in the future. In order to do this, the counter had to be cut into four separate pieces, which meant careful cuts had to be made so that it could go back together in the future. The end result of this work was a car with two sides; one that showcased a portion of the original kitchen area that would have been used to feed the troops during World War II, and a more open area that could be changed occasionally to showcase the history of those who served from the Sanilac region in the Armed Forces. Most of the interior work is still in progress and will continue to be throughout the remainder of the winter of 2022/2023. As this progresses, we will update you in this column.

The SCHS continues to fundraise for the project and those interested can drop by or call the museum office at 810-622-9946 to make a donation.

How much work will it take to bring the car back to its former glory? How long will take to do so? Stay tuned to next month's article in The Lakeshore Guardian!

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

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The Way It Was

...Remembering Our Veterans

By Al Eicher

On November 11, we will celebrate Veterans Day, a federal holiday! We commemorate the ending of World War I, which was November 11, 1918. This was the “cease fire date” of this long war in Europe. At the time, a common expression was “the war to end all wars.” So, we Americans remember this war and other wars on this day.



A World War I battlefield.

The American Legion and the VFW have been reminding us of this war since 1924 as they continue the distribution of the poppy. The poppy symbolizes



Flanders poppy and gravesites.

the bloodshed during World War I battles. Major battles were fought in the Belgian provinces, called Flanders Field. A wartime poem was written and titled *In Flanders Field*, and in the poem the poppy flower is mentioned:

“In Flanders Field the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row that mark our place.” (See photo of the graves and poppies.)



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Poppy Day is celebrated in many countries around the world.

It will soon be 81 years ago, when World War II started with the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I remember it well as I was in a car with my parents on the way for a Sunday dinner at Bill Dormey’s Blue Water Inn in Caseville. We had the radio on and heard the news report. My father was greatly concerned about being called to duty having been in the Navy and just starting a new business in Pigeon. Would he have to serve now that he had a wife and two children? There was a draft call and America’s young men went off to fight around



Pearl Harbor after the bombing.



A female soldier with her baby.

the world. Some of the Pigeon High School seniors signed up right after graduation in May of 1942. Young men and many young women, all across America, joined the various branches of service. My father was not called, but he had a draft classification. This was a long and hard-fought war that will never be forgotten, and we are fortunate to still have some veterans from World War II to tell us about their times of service.

In developing this article, I thought it would be interesting to contact some of my friends who were in World War II and others who were in the many wars that followed. I heard about the places around the world where they served but very little about the battles they were in. Several mentioned the buddies they lost. I asked them what it was like getting out of service when the war was over and finding a job. Most of them took advantage of attending college or a trade school on the GI Bill or other programs such as the Berry Plan. Some doctors in post-graduate studies or other docs who just completed internships in the 1960s were offered the Berry Plan. They served two years on duty which filled the need for doctors at the various military bases or on-board ships. I took advantage of the GI Bill in the mid-1950s at the National Institute of Technology in Detroit for a career in television/broadcast engineering... This was a new industry needing engineers and technicians.



A soldier coming home.

All the guys I talked with indicated their military service taught them the need for discipline and the ability to focus on goals. Others stated, “My service time helped me to evaluate skills I didn’t know I had... It taught me to how survive!” All agreed it was a great experience! For some, they still have their contacts with a few of their old military buddies. My contact with Army Signal Corp buddies has been going on for 65 years.

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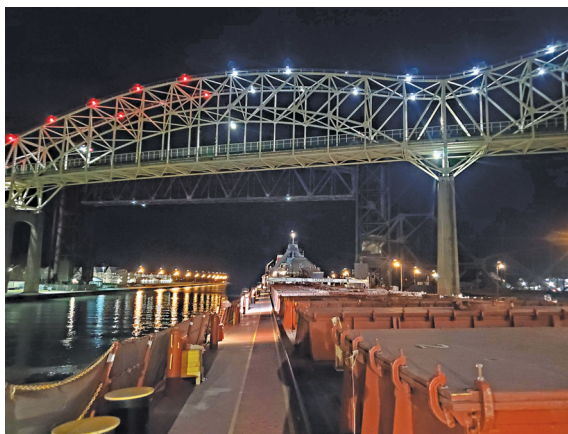
On November 1, 2021, Catherine joined the CSL *Tadoussac* in Nanticoke at 5 a.m. for a month-long tour. When she got to the ship, she noticed right away that the gangway was out, and the first step was a big one; it was also very close to water spraying from on-shore equipment. She was relieved when she made it on board, and two kind crewmembers carried her bags. As soon as she saw her spotless room with a beautiful dresser and mirror that reminded her of Snow White's fairytale, she knew the galley would be equally pristine. One of the crew said he remembered her from 30 years ago – because he remembered her food!

Groceries were scheduled to arrive at 9 a.m. so that was good news, and since Catherine was up so early, and the galley was equipped with a big mixer and a dough hook, she decided to start her day by making bread. She also made homemade tomato soup, and for lunch she made BLT's on homemade buns, spinach



Peanut butter cookies, warm out of the oven, and just like Mom used to make.

frittata, and a chef salad with a choice of chipotle dressing or maple mustard dressing. There was a good supply of turnips, and she always wanted to make turnip fries – they were delicious with the maple mustard dressing – and she roasted turnips as well. For supper, she made roast lamb with gravy or tzatziki, mashed potatoes, and fresh whole beets that she roasted herself; the second choice was baked



Catherine took this photo of the Tadoussac's afterhouse while approaching the Soo Locks in November 2021.

salmon with egg sauce and steamed rice. Her first day aboard the *Tadoussac* was a long one but a good one.

The next morning, Catherine was prepared for the scheduled boat drill at 9:30 a.m., so she got up a bit earlier to work on her plan for lunch. She was surprised the time had bumped up to 8:30 a.m., so she quickly altered her plans and worked a little faster. Of course, she made time for a cup of coffee – first things, first!

It was a cold, windy day, and the watchman had warned them to dress warmly. Catherine donned her red coveralls, yellow hard hat, and other items required to bring to the drill. The sailors mustered at their stations, and then came the fire drill. The sailors make their own firefighting team, and Catherine always feels better after a smoothly run drill.

Next came the boat drill with three blasts from the whistle, which were so loud and unexpected that Catherine jumped when the first blast sounded. Three blasts signified there was a man overboard, so the sailors went through the scenario of what to do. A life ring or floating object is thrown in the water to mark the spot and then a sailor sounds the alarm notifying the wheelhouse. A sharp eye must be kept on the sailor in the water.

Catherine recalled being on the *Algoma Hansa* two years prior. The ship has big, beautiful windows, and she noticed the ship was turning around. She asked the watchman if there had been a change of orders, and he said no, so they went into the control room and could see the path of the ship. They made a Williamson turn, a perfect cir-



Catherine, with her classic smile, making sub sandwiches on homemade buns last November while aboard the Tadoussac.

Legally Speaking

Advocacy

By Amanda Roggenbuck,
Attorney at Law



One important element of understanding the law is knowing when to advocate for change or a position you believe in. Ultimately, whether you work in a legal field or not, you can effect change. Attend local government meetings, ask questions, and run for local office. Write your state elected officials, go to the Capitol in Lansing, attend public meetings, and share your position with the elected officials. Write your elected officials in DC; attend rallies in DC if you are able.

The key is to be involved; no matter what your political position, you can impact future laws and policies by taking the time to share your position and reasoning. In all the years I have worked in various facets of the law, the most successful advocates were those who researched the issues, clearly and professionally stated their position, and allowed others to disagree with them.

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.

cle, before continuing on their way; it was a practice maneuver for man-overboard. The crew went through the life raft portion of the drill before gathering in the crew's messroom for a meeting. Safety and security are always on the agenda. With the meeting finished, for Catherine, it was back to the galley, where she cooked up a storm.

Catherine worked with a second cook aboard the CSL *Tadoussac*, and together they cooked for 24 people. Because there are watches, someone is always working. In addition to the regular meals with multiple choices at each, plenty of fresh fruit, cookies, and cheese for snacking are always available, plus eight kinds of cereal, and the second cook keeps sandwiches stocked in the crew's night lunch fridge, so no one goes hungry.

Be sure to look for the conclusion next month as Catherine catches work on the Paul Martin, one of her favorite ships.

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

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Pre-Rut Buck Strategies

By Ryan Walker

Christmas is a magical time of year, and I thoroughly enjoy all aspects of the holiday season. I also enjoy Halloween, Easter, Labor Day, Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and just about every other holiday officially listed on the calendar. But truth be told, the whitetail deer rut in Michigan is my favorite time of the year. While I try to get out and hunt deer during the first part of October, I focus most of my available hunting time during the end of October and the first part of November. So, when my oldest son hit the woods on October 2 in search of a mature whitetail buck, I encouraged him to have fun and be safe. I also declined his offer to join him and explained to him that the rut is my prime time.

As luck and proper preparation would have it, my son utilized one of his favorite pre-rut strategies that evening. Perched above a small food plot, he was watching a few does casually feeding in the early evening. Without warning, a brown shadow flitted the edge of the thick cover surrounding the food plot. A beautiful, mature Michigan buck materialized within bow range. Even though the buck was within range, it never offered an ethical shot angle. After nearly an hour of feeding and traversing the food plot, the buck finally turned broadside at a mere 12 yards. A well-placed arrow found both the buck's vitals, and within a couple of hours, he was hanging from our buck pole.

This was a reminder to Dad, as well as other whitetail deer hunters, that chasing mature bucks before the

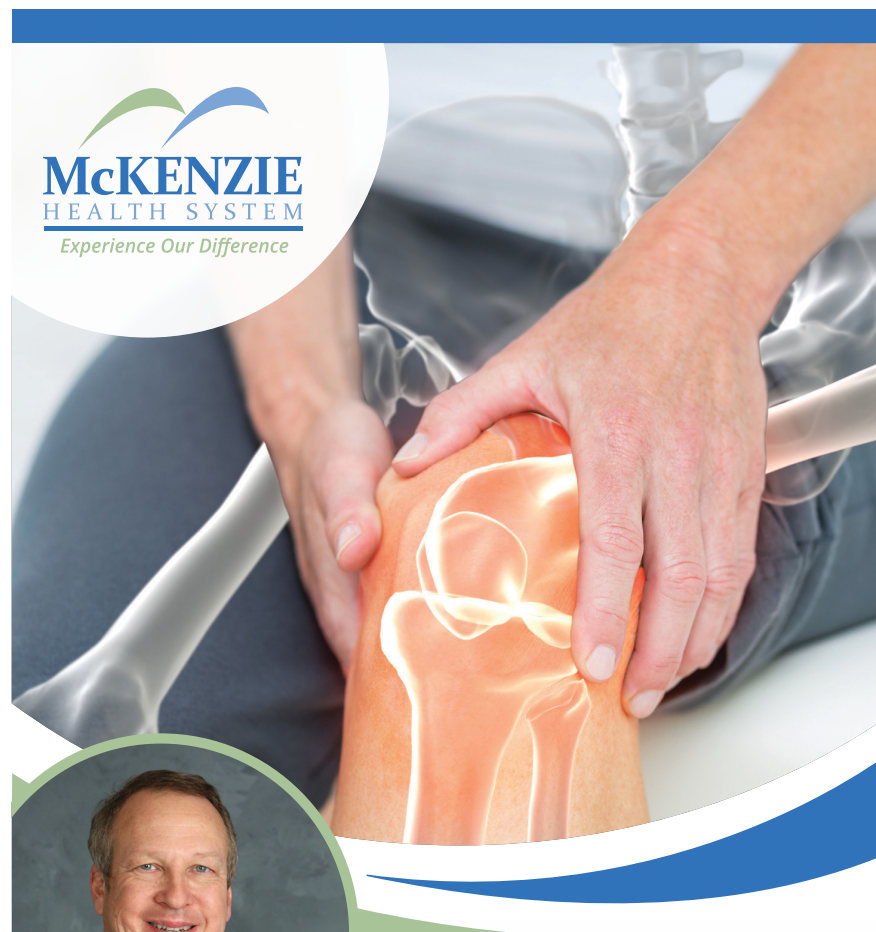
rut begins can result in success. The strategy my son employed was to target well-used feeding areas in an attempt to catch an unsuspecting buck off guard. The food plot in question was approximately 20 yards wide and 20 yards long. It was located a couple hundred yards from an alfalfa field that held heavy deer activity. The wary buck chose to satisfy his desire for a full belly by dining in the secluded food plot instead of venturing into the open field. There are multiple deer runways and tracks that indicate this food plot honey hole is visited on a regular basis. A perfectly placed trail camera can show a hunter when the food source is being visited by a buck or even multiple bucks.

In addition to targeting food sources, another tried and true pre-rut buck hunting strategy is to target scrape activity. A deer scrape is ground that has been torn up

by hooves and/or antlers in which deer will urinate and/or leave scent from bodily glands. Bucks will make regular visits to scrapes prior to the rut in attempts to find does that have come into estrus. After locating said scrapes, some hunters will hang drip bags filled with doe urine in an attempt to replicate a doe coming into estrus. Whether a hunter uses a drip or not, setting a stand within bow range of an active scrape can lead to prime whitetail action. Due to the fact that some scrapes are visited after dark, it's not a guarantee that scrape hunting will result in automatic success. It may take time to pattern the dominant buck in the area to figure out when he is



The author's son, with a mature whitetail buck he took during the pre-rut phase of this archery season.



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Saluting Those Who Served

John R. Stanley, Remembered Part 2

By Janis Stein

Join in the continuation as John's colonel gave the order: Save the hill at all costs...

Colonel Bell was in command of the 160th Regiment, and he had the troops stopped at the 38th parallel, telling them that it was their turn next, and he would lead them. Bell told the troops to smoke their cigarettes if they had any or pray if they liked. In 10 minutes or so, Bell came back with his orders: Save the hill at all costs. Bell told his men that as soon as Allied artillery started bombing the ridge, they would move out. The Air Force came, dropped their napalm, and waved their wings.

John's first 15 days in Korea were rough. The hills were steep – often straight down like a cliff. Soldiers used two ropes or chains, with men holding each end while two soldiers climbed or descended, depending on their goal. Once during those first two weeks while John was on patrol, he saw something shiny that looked like a school bell; he thought maybe he could send it home to Ruth Ann for a gift. A fellow soldier quickly told John to leave it – what John thought was a bell was actually a Chinese “Bouncing Betty.”

With four men to a foxhole, measuring approximately four feet by six feet, there was only room



A close-up of John in Korea after he received his sergeant stripes.

for efficiency. While two soldiers fired, the other two were loading, and when the first two ran out of ammo, the next two were ready. All the soldiers down the line did the same. The Chinese fought in waves, and at night they made a lot of noise; it sounded like they were beating on pots and pans all night long, and U.S. soldiers never knew what the enemy might do next. It was 25 degrees below zero, and John thought he found the coldest place on earth. Many soldiers lost their feet, and while the soldiers had gloves for their hands, their trigger fingers were covered but open.

When 250 soldiers in Company G went up the hill, the fighting was bloody, and only 50 lived to come back down – and 22-year-old John was among them. John served on Heartbreak Ridge in November and December of 1952 and in January of 1953. The MASH units there were exemplary, caring for the wounded and dying as they came in, and in their spare time, they found a cure for hemorrhagic fever that had been plaguing the troops; this mystery flu was biological warfare, courtesy of the Chinese.

After the battle was over, John wrote the following poem that captured the bloodshed.

On top of old Heartbreak
That bloody damn hill,
We lost a few buddies
They will now lay still.

We sweat and we waited
We stood and we prayed
That the Chinese wouldn't hit us

Until the break of day.

They crept up and waited
To catch us off guard.
Then right after midnight
They hit and hit hard.

Our men's cries were inhuman
Their bodies in pain.
They cried for the medics
But their cries were in vain.

We had just three medics
The kind you would like
They got it on Heartbreak
Just before the big fight.

Now we are back off of Heartbreak
No more shall we see
The brave men who died there
To keep us all free.

And this is the end of my story
I am telling to you
Of the brave men who died there
Were thinking of you.

Colonel Bell picked Company G to hold down the fort, with instructions to secure support, if needed, from Companies E and F, located just down the road. Bell then chose John to be a platoon leader, but John was only a private and didn't want the job. Bell told John he was now a platoon leader – there was no room for argument. When everyone else made PFC, John advanced to corporal. It wouldn't be too long when another opportunity arose for advancement; when John made a decision that saved the hide of his company commander, he earned the rank of staff sergeant and received the combat ribbons to be worn with his dress uniform.

John spent part of his Thanksgiving Day inside an Army kitchen built in the side of the hill, and inside, the priest said Mass. One soldier, whose sister was a nun, was slated to read the epistle, but no one could

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The light signals back, "Change yours, 10 degrees east."

The captain gets a little annoyed. He signals, "I'm a US Navy captain. You must change your course, sir."

The light signals back, "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir."

Now the captain is mad. He signals, "I'm an aircraft carrier. I'm not changing my course."

The light signals back a final message: "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

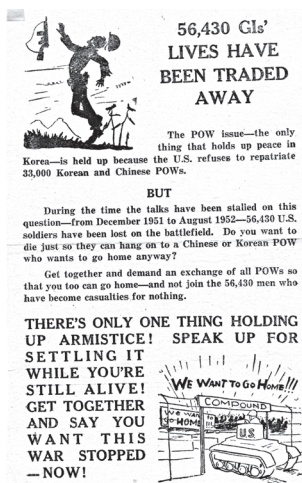
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wake the man up, so John filled in and completed the task. He had much to be thankful for. After Mass, they all sat down to a big turkey dinner – one that John never forgot. He and the other soldiers were grateful that Eisenhower and Truman kept their promises of a turkey dinner, and all enjoyed as they ate their fill.

In November of 1952, John made the following notation. "There are ships and airplanes and tanks, all made by man. But only God can make a soldier like the ones in Co. G., Korea, Nov. 1952, Cpl. John Stanley."

Be sure to look for the conclusion next month to learn how John spent Christmas Day in 1952, followed by his time at Koje-Do where he guarded prisoners from China and North Korea.

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American soldiers received propaganda like this leaflet that encouraged them to make their voices heard to end the war. One line reads, "Do you want to die just so they can hang on to a Chinese or Korean POW who wants to go home anyway?"

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on horseback alone to learn the particulars, after instructing his men to properly care for those saved from the Berlin. This done, the crew of the station in charge of the keeper remained in the vicinity until the afternoon of Sunday, November 11, in order to search for the remaining bodies, and such parts of the wreck as might be washed on shore; during which time one body was recovered on the 9th and decently interred by the crew on the day following. After doing all in their power to make the two survivors comfortable, and procuring for them transportation to Port Huron, en route to Buffalo, and placing the body of the captain's son in their charge, Keeper McDonald and his crew returned in their boat, under sail, on the afternoon of the 11th. The consequences resulting from the wreck may be summed in brief as follows; of six persons on board, two were saved and four lost, two of the bodies of the latter being recovered and properly cared for. It is to be deplored that assistance could not be rendered at an earlier hour, but I was informed by Mr. Robertson that he considered it very doubtful if more could have been accomplished even if the boat had reached the spot when the vessel was first discovered in the early morning light, as the mast fell and the vessel became a complete wreck about that time. Her speedy breaking up is explained by noting the fact that she was twenty-four years old in a very unsound condition. In view of the foregoing, and the additional fact that some difficulty was encountered in obtaining the statements of the two Cooleys and Frank Walter, I respectfully submit the opinion that the charge of dereliction of duty against Keeper McDonald has not been sustained, and that no just ground existed for the complaint. Before closing this report I would respectfully recommend approval and payment of the expense incurred by Keeper McDonald for hire of teams, as without such aid it is doubtful if the boat could have reached the locality of the wreck before nightfall, the result of which would have rendered the journey fruitless, as the two men were nearly exhausted when rescued. Absence from New York upon special duty in the third district under department order of November 8, 1877 has prevented the submission of this report at an earlier date. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, Thomas D. Walker, Lieutenant United States Revenue Marine"

Be sure to look for the conclusion next month to learn of the results of the investigation pertaining to the wreck of the Berlin.

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True Friendship

By Allison Stein

True friendship is that hand on your shoulder
when you're afraid
And that presence in your heart when you're
alone,
That peace of mind even while you are anxious
And that comfort you yearn for as you cry.

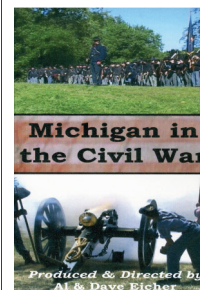
True friendship is the hope you need as you doubt
And the faith you lack when you are ready to
give up,
The courage you crave while you are scared
And the hug that warms your heart with love.

True friendship is the freedom to share your
wishes and worries alike,
The whisper of secrets and the music of laughter,
The first breath of spring air after a dreary winter,
And the tranquility of rushing water in a creek.

True friendship is as fragile as a rosebud
But as strong as a century-old oak tree,
As sweet as the first wild strawberry of the year
And as beautiful as violet lilacs showered with
sunlight.

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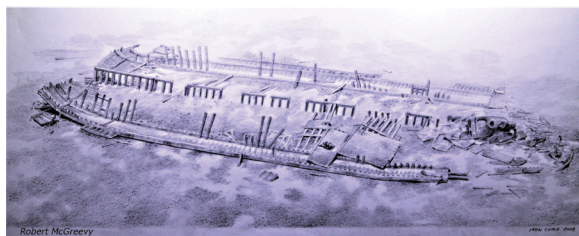
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early views of the Forestville, Michigan, dock. It was apparent that at least one of the *Iron Chief's* name boards had survived the sinking. When the glass plate image was enlarged, there mounted on the front of the Martens Fish Company's net shanty was the unmistakable carved name board of the *Iron Chief*. At some point after the October 1904 sinking, it was found washed up on the shoreline or possibly floating in Lake Huron and retrieved and was then displayed on the side of the shanty facing the shore, a curiosity for their customers.

However, it was not to be displayed for long. The building and the dock itself were wiped out by the Great Storm of 1913.

Once again, the *Iron Chief's* name board was returned to Lake Huron. Where it ended up the second time, only Lake Huron knows.



The Iron Chief wreck site as it is today; details include her massive boiler and the remaining anchor. Drawing by Robert McGreevy, from data provided by Chris Roth and Mike and Cindy Lynch of Michigan Diver in Port Austin.

The Anchor

As can be seen in photographs, the *Iron Chief* was equipped with two standard folding stock anchors. They were mounted on the upper forecastle deck with a removable bulwark panel that allowed for recovery and storage. The anchor was raised and lowered by a steam winch mounted under this deck, then hoisted in place by the heavy anchor davit.

One of these, apparently the starboard anchor, was recovered legally with a permit issued by the state of Michigan and is now displayed at the Grice House Museum in Harbor Beach, Michigan. The Museum also has other *Iron Chief* material obtained at the same time.



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An underwater image of the Iron Chief's anchor with diver Kevin Jimkoski in the background. Photo credit: Michigan Diver, Port Austin.

The Whistle

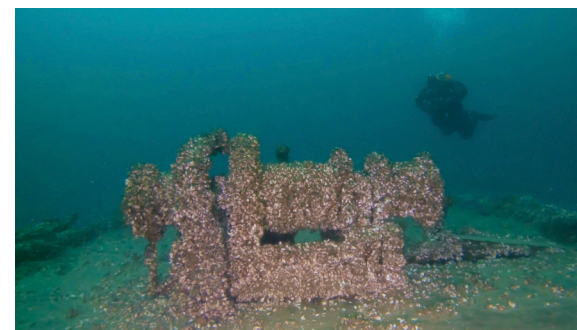
In the days before radio and wireless communication, the steam whistle was the voice of the ship. This is made obvious by the use of the *Iron Chief's* whistle to signal her intentions to the *Iron Cliff* at the time of her sinking.³ The *Chief's* whistle was mounted high on the forward top of her smokestack, and even though nothing remains of the stack, somehow her whistle survived the sinking. Apparently, it had fallen forward into the coal bunker; when it was recovered legally in the 1970s, it was crushed flat and encrusted with coal. After recovery, the whistle was stored in a nearby house for a number of years before an attempt was made to restore it for use at a live steam whistle blow held in Marysville, Michigan, in 1983. Enthusiasts worked several years to have it put in working order. It was during this restoration



The boiler is hard to make out in this underwater image, but its size is apparent. Photo credit: Michigan Diver, Port Austin.



A close-up of the Iron Chief fore deck showing her name painted on the side and the wooden name board fastened on the railing around the wheelhouse. Courtesy of the Robert McGreevy collection.



A powerful steam-driven winch mounted on decking is shown in this underwater image, with diver Kevin Jimkoski in the background. Its location on the wreck indicates it may have been used for mooring the ship; however, there is the possibility it is not in its original location. Photo credit: Michigan Diver, Port Austin.

that the name Galvan Brothers Detroit was found stamped in the top brass plate.⁴ The whistle was blown using live steam at the Edison Power Plant; a recording was made, and for the first time since 1904, the voice of the *Iron Chief* resounded over the St. Clair River.

Footnotes:

³ At this time, a standard system of vessel identification had gradually evolved. Each vessel had its own unique whistle signal, such as two long and three short. This was preceded by the fleet or owner's signal. This sequence was used to identify a vessel in such places as the Sault Locks. Lock attendants were expected to memorize each vessel's signal and enter this information in their daily logs.

⁴ Galvin Brothers was a Detroit manufacturing company that made brass and iron castings used in boilers and hydrants. *Marine artist Robert McGreevy is the author of Lost Legends of the Lakes, which is now available in paperback in select stores for \$19.95, or you may contact the artist for more information through his website at www.mcgreevy.com.*

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readers were often searching for the right book in the large bookcase in the northwest corner of the room. Beside the bookcase was a shelf with a very large well-worn Webster's Dictionary which settled many disputes. At noon all feet marched expectantly to the shelves in the back corners of the room which were filled with the girls' tin dinner pails on the right shelf, the boys' on the left."

Kathleen Lawitzke started school at the age of four. Her siblings, Allen and Pauline, both attended school, and little Kathleen begged her mother to go, too! Because the Lawitzke children lived only a quarter of a mile from the school, Mrs. Lawitzke agreed after gaining the consent of teacher Stella Kilpatrick. Kathleen recalled her classmates that first

year included Alvina Adler and her cousin Verner Lawitzke; having a classmate that was a cousin likely added to her comfort level. The teacher dismissed the younger children at 2:30 p.m. when the older students went outside for recess. Kathleen Lawitzke and Alvina Adler took the shortcut across the field on their route home.

These young students did not have books that year; rather, they read and learned from a large flip chart and were called "the chart class." Lawitzke wrote, "The picture and lesson on it that I remembered the best was a big black bug crawling near the top of a large jug and the words: 'See the bug. See the jug. The bug is in the jug. The big black bug is in the jug.' We never learned to print but learned to write our names in cursive and to copy pages in our tablets of the numbers one to ten."

In 1918, Miss Kilpatrick took a photo of Kathleen and Pauline Lawitzke as they arrived at school.

"We had on our hats, which Ma always made us wear as most girls did then. I don't know if Ma thought we'd be cold from the wind or overcome by the heat of the sun. Pauline had on her pink and plaid gingham dress, and I had on my blue and plaid dress which mother made. Pauline carried her worn out second reader which Ma had covered with the good tail of Pa's old blue worn out work shirt. I had a big tablet with a pretty girl and her dog on the corner. Miss Kilpatrick told me to show it in the picture."

Be sure to look for the continuation next month for reminiscences of Kathleen (Lawitzke) Hass about Christmas programs and holiday traditions in the good ole days.

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—An excerpt written by Huron County School Commissioner David Kaercher from the 1904 Commissioners' Manuscript Reports, presented in the Sixty-Eighth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Michigan.

(a) In November a three days' institute was held which was attended by nearly every teacher in the county. The interest during the entire session was better than at any previous institute held in the county. The teachers came to get help not merely to have a good time. They came, not to get petty devices and listen to funny stories, but to learn principles. I consider this a hopeful sign of improvement in the profession.

Four meetings of a county association were held during the year, two general at the county seat and two local. These meetings were fairly attended. Much interest was shown in the papers read and the discussions of the various topics.

Several meetings were largely attended by patrons. More meetings had been planned, but during the greater part of the winter the railroads and highways were so blockaded with snow that it was impossible to travel any distance.

(b) There is little sentiment in this county in favor of consolidation of schools. The need of it is not so great as in some other parts of the state. The majority of our districts are large and the schools large. In a number of rural schools assistant teachers are employed during the winter months. In several

townships consolidation would be a benefit but as yet there is little sentiment in favor of it. Local jealousies and neighborhood quarrels are the chief hindrances.

(c) In order that agriculture may be taught successfully in our rural schools, our teachers must first be prepared to teach it. Two-thirds of our teachers being ladies, they know very little about the subject.

Our course of study is already crowded and it will be difficult to introduce an additional study into the regular work. The need of this study is apparent. The teachers could teach much of the subject incidentally if they knew how.

(d) My teachers have done little in manual training. What has been done is in connection with the teaching of measurements in arithmetic. This and some work in hand weaving, paper cutting, drawing in the primary grades, is the extent of our efforts in this direction.

(e) There are few factories in this county so there is little employment of children as factory hands. Children of almost all ages are employed, however, on the farm and the attendance at school is consequently very irregular in many cases. Many children are kept out of school before they are fourteen. Scarcity of labor makes the employment of the children almost a necessity.

Feeling Stressed as a Caregiver?

Caro, MI - Human Development Commission has brought in two new Caregiver Advocates to help caregivers with training, support, and connecting to resources.

Toni Monville-Russell and Sara Cutsinger are the current Advocates for Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties. The two are set to continue with previously established support groups, but they also bring a new light with evidence-based training and wellness classes.

Monville-Russell has her Bachelor of Social Work degree and currently resides in Tuscola County; she has 4 children and lives on a farm with her husband. She enjoys working with seniors and children alike. Keep an eye out for upcoming evidence-based

programming at your local Senior Dining Center.

Cutsinger has her Associates of Social Work degree and is a current resident of Saginaw County; she is the proud owner of two dogs, Honey and Bear. She says her favorite part of social work is "the 'aha' moment when you know you've changed someone's life." Look for her at the upcoming Caregiver Support and Healthy Caregivers meetings.

Caregiver Advocacy programming can support you and your family through support groups that supply education and activities, as well as referrals to other services you may benefit from. The program provides education on physical and emotional needs of caregiving as well as support with daily and long-range decision making during the caregiving process. The Caregiver Advocates will help caregivers understand normal aging versus abnormal changes

and provide information on specific diseases and conditions.

Come out and meet your Caregiver Advocates! Huron County support groups are in Bad Axe the second Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Evangel Life Assembly of God Church, 1365 South Van Dyke, Bad Axe, and in Ubyly at the Sleeper Public Library, 2236 E. Main St., Ubyly, on the second Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Caregiver Advocates also help facilitate the Parkinson's Support Group on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in Bad Axe at the Evangel Life Assembly Church.

There are no income guidelines to participate in this program; all caregivers are welcome. To learn more or to talk to Toni Monville-Russell or Sara Cutsinger, please call 1-800-843-6394.

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Since 9/11 and the terrible horrors of that event, 2,600,000 American men and women served during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and on many support bases around the world. All of this was done without a draft. We have to thank our National Guard for their services beyond the call of duty. These men and women, many with families, served several tours in the Middle East. This not only disturbed family life but many times their civilian jobs were lost due to the many deployments. We can't forget the "sequestration" that took place to downsize our military some seven years ago. At the time 5,000 officers and 20,000 enlisted members of the service were forced to leave active duty. The job market wasn't good for these heroes coming home in 2015. Today, in November of 2022 there are more jobs available than people looking for jobs. Inflation is high! So, remember our men and women serving around the world. Say a prayer for them and remember those now gone – They Served To Keep America Safe!....And that's the way it is!

Photos courtesy of the Department of Defense and National Archives.

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visiting that particular scrape.

One of my favorite pre-rut strategies is what I refer to as "ridge running." For this method, I seek out a prominent ridge or series of ridges that demonstrate strong deer activity. I prefer to hang a tree stand approximately 20 yards from an active deer trail. As the rutting period in Michigan draws closer, bucks will begin to travel ridges seeking out prime scrape locations. I refer to this as ridge running because it might be necessary to move my stand along the ridge if it becomes apparent that mature bucks have chosen a different route for scrape placement. It's really a stroke of good fortune if the ridge I have chosen is also dotted with oak trees. Oaks provide acorns that fuel a pre-rut buck's appetite, which allows him to focus his energy on preparing to find a mate.

Even though the rut is still my hunting prime time, the pre-rut offers a chance to get out into the woods as soon as the October 1 archery season opens. Seeking an often-visited food source, hunting a line of scrapes, and/or visiting a ridge could increase your odds of taking that buck of a lifetime. While it's true that the rut is probably already on by the time you read this article, these three strategies can be filed away for next season's pre-rut hunting.

Anchor Hooks, Then Sinks, Whaleback Vessel

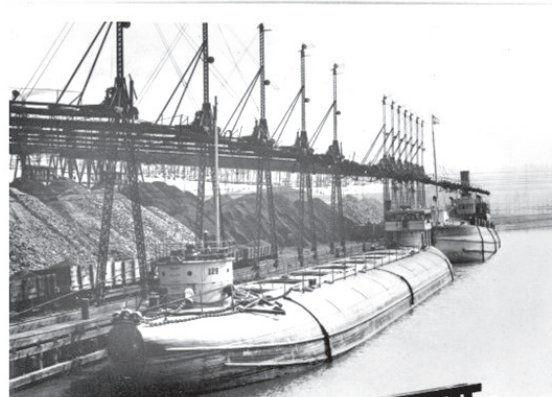
**Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society
discovers *Barge 129*, nearly 120 years after
accident**

WHITEFISH POINT, MICH. – The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society (GLSHS) is proud to announce the discovery of the 292-foot whaleback vessel, *Barge 129*. *Barge 129* was found in Lake Superior, 35 miles off Vermilion Point in 650 feet of water.

Barge 129 was found along with 8 other wrecks in 2021 by the GLSHS in partnership with Marine Sonic Technology using Side Scan Sonar.



Barge 129 sank 120 years ago on October 13. *Barge 129* was in tow of the steamer *Maunaloa*, downbound with a load of iron ore, when they ran into a powerful October storm. The heavy seas strained, and eventually snapped the towline connecting the two ships. *Barge 129* was then at the mercy of the storm. *Maunaloa* turned around in an attempt to reconnect the towline, but the wind and waves slammed the two ships together, with *Maunaloa's* port side anchor ripping into *Barge 129's* starboard side. As the barge began to sink, Captain Josiah Bailey and his crew moved quickly and struggled to launch their lifeboat. The crew of *Maunaloa* stood by, and eventually helped



the *Barge 129* crew onto their ship...just as the whaleback dived to the bottom of Lake Superior.

GLSHS Director of Marine Operations Darryl Ertel Jr. reflected on the discovery. "I've looked for this ship for so long because it was a whaleback. I was pretty excited. I couldn't wait to get the cameras on it." When the Shipwreck Society put their ROV down on the wreck site this past summer, they were surprised by the devastation of the ship. "It's totally destroyed on the bottom. It's nowhere near intact. It's at least four to five big pieces and thousands of little pieces. It's just disintegrated," Ertel said.



"The whalebacks were pretty unusual ships," stated Shipwreck Society Executive Director Bruce Lynn. "When we had the ROV on it, you could clearly see the distinctive bow with a part of the towline still in place...that was an incredible moment!"

There's much more to the discovery of whaleback *Barge 129*.

Photos courtesy of Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical society.

The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society was founded in 1978 by a group of divers, teachers, and educators to commence exploration of historic shipwrecks in eastern Lake Superior, near Whitefish Point in Michigan's scenic Upper Peninsula. Today, this nonprofit organization operates two museum sites on historic properties: The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Whitefish Point Light Station, Whitefish Point; and the U.S. Weather Bureau Building, Soo Locks Park, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. The Shipwreck Museum is open to the public seasonally from May 1 to October 31. For more information visit shipwreckmuseum.com.

Camp and Other Things

By Susan Hass

Please enjoy this whimsical essay pulled from the archives. Guest writer Susan Hass is a lifelong resident of Huron County and the author of Strictly Small Town; her memories of growing up in Sebawaing, Michigan, reflect the blissful and innocent era of the 1950s and '60s.

In the early twentieth century, a religious movement swept the nation whose main feature was an adventure in evangelism whereby families attended camp meetings for a week or so of revivals. They lived in simple, white tents and cooked over fires, sharing the gospel and fellowship. Sebawaing is home to one of these surviving camps.

This gem – or maybe rhinestone – is set in a paradoxical position between the industrial sugar factory and the picturesque Saginaw Bay. Its first incarnation was as a horse-racing track. It was turned over to the good folks in the Evangelical Church and was transformed. It existed in my childhood, offering week-long Christian experiences for kids all over the Thumb area. Run on a shoestring, it had acres of grassy space, woody copses, a ball field, a “mess hall” out of which the fragrance of cooking food lured us to early breakfasts and lunches suitable for sustaining loggers, all served by happy lunch ladies. My sister was the first to go to this camp. She came home all smiles with reports of the fun she had. I couldn’t wait to go myself. The next year I could go. I got a new cardboard suitcase, a new bathing suit in pink and blue, the required health check-up, and with the fee of \$7, away I went.

There were some miniature cabins lining the lane that led to the deepest point of the camp: boys on one side, girls on the other. I dearly hoped I would be assigned to one of those. But, no, they were reserved for experienced campers. I was instead placed in the “dorm.” Oh, well, close to the bath facilities and the “mess hall”; I was fairly philosophical for an eight-year-old. Ushered into the large room filled with iron bunk beds, I was shown my little area. Top bunk, yippee. The place reverberated with little girls

getting acquainted, already sharing secrets and going off in pairs, holding hands and whispering. I was sure I would find a kindred spirit as well. Not destined to happen.

I can’t say how my nemesis made her appearance, but it was that first day. Did she remark snidely on something I wore? Did she engineer an opportunity to rudely brush against my shoulder with hers? Did she mock something I said? Hey! Who did she think she was? She was so skinny she could hardly hold up her elastic-waist shorts and her eyes were slitty; plus she had stringy hair – had she never taken a good look at herself in the mirror? These were my less than charitable thoughts as I sized her up. I sensed in every cell of my body that whatever the week held for me and this girl, it was not going to be good. How right I was. I bit my tongue for several days. I avoided contact with her, but, wise as that tactic might have been, it was made considerably more difficult by the fact that we were assigned to the same small group. That meant that our every waking moment was spent together.

Nearly every minute was scheduled for us. We breakfasted; we took our Bibles and met in a remote setting for devotions with our little group. We set up a campsite, making a table by lashing twigs to a couple large sticks tied to tree trunks. We stopped for circle time and a Bible lesson. We had a prodigious lunch followed by an hour of silence in our bunks. (This was designed mainly for the adult counselors, who I’m quite sure needed a respite from a passel of children.) The “building” of the campsite was mainly intended to keep us busy as there was no camping as in sleeping-under-the-stars as most of us hoped for; instead, there was the cooking of one meal over little homemade stoves called “buddy burners.” These were ingeniously contrived from a large tuna fish can into which a coil of corrugated cardboard drenched in oil had been placed; an overturned institutional size can was positioned on top of that. When the oil was lit in the smaller container, the bottom of the large can made a six-inch cooking surface. Undoubtedly the most expensive part of camp was the food, and so I guess dining room essentials were recycled into service for other aspects of camping.

Clearly the most important part of junior camp

was providing Christian education in an environment of fun and outdoor life. We were never far from a Bible story, an important verse to memorize, a prayer, or a reminder that our lives be a reflection of our Christian virtues.

Into this mix, was this girl – by the third day more than an annoyance, rather a real and true enemy – and me – and you have at least one little girl with a conflict of values and actions.

On Thursday, the counselors had a brief meeting during which time all of us were on our own. Having four days of non-stop religious instruction, I suppose they felt we could be on our own for 20 minutes or so.

My small group was left to fend for itself in a recreation room that had a few balls, some board games from which many pieces were missing, and a ping-pong table, always in play. In short, there wasn’t much recreating, more standing around looking for something to do. A situation ripe for trouble.

As so often happens at critical intersections of our lives, we forget the circumstances which brought about a crash, and so it was in this instance. What was said, inferred, done, or proclaimed, I have no recollection, but it needn’t have been much, as I had been at the breaking point by Tuesday or Wednesday and what kept me in check, I can’t say, but the collision happened and there ensued a cat fight of biblical proportions! Hair was pulled, slaps were executed, fists flew, legs and arms were entwined, snarls were uttered, and skin was pinched. Equally unremembered is what stopped this outrageous behavior. I remember the other kids circling us and if no encouragement was given, no attempts were made to disengage us either. What I clearly recall is that no adult discovered it. The guilt associated with being found out would have been far more difficult to bear than the guilt of indulging in such a base and mean undertaking. My other very clear and lasting memory is that as wrong as my behavior was, I felt I had performed admirably and I experienced a visceral cathartic afterward. Not something I wanted to repeat, yet a sort of victory.

Thus, my one and only fist-fight occurred in the most unlikely of places. I’d like to think there is something prophetic or profound about this, but I don’t know what that would be.

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