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Investigation finds meth lab in Greenbush Township

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A dog whined, then barked as it paced on the front porch of a home lit up by spotlights in the evening hours of Tuesday, Aug. 18.

The home, located on East Cedar Lake Drive, Greenbush in Alcona County north of the Iosco County line, was the alleged site of an active methamphetamine laboratory and the residence of John Ray Cox.

According to the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT), Cox, 44, had been the subject of an investigation spanning several months. Cox was arrested on August 18 and his home was searched. He was charged with six felony counts including operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of minors, child abuse second degree, laboratory involving hazardous waste, and operating/maintaining a laboratory in specified place.

Cox was arraigned in 81st District Court where a bond of \$250,000 cash surety 10 percent was set. He is lodged

in the Alcona County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing and, according to a HUNT press release, "additional arrests are expected pending review by the Alcona County prosecutor."

HUNT was assisted by the Michigan State Police (MSP) Emergency Support Team, troopers from the MSP post in Alpena, the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the MSP 7th District Methamphetamine Response Team and the Greenbush Township Fire Department.

A week earlier, on August 12, another drug laboratory was confirmed in Hubbard Lake after a search by HUNT and other federal law enforcement agencies.

According to HUNT, a joint investigation in conjunction with HUNT, the Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) and U.S. Customs Border Patrol, began in late July in relation to the alleged delivery of illicit narcotics via parcel to a Hubbard Lake resident.

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A home on East Cedar Lake Drive in Greenbush Township is the alleged location of a methamphetamine laboratory (above).

(Right) chemicals taken from the home are suspected ingredients for making meth. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



Harrisville State Park cancels events this fall

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Harrisville State Park will be canceling its Hunters Education classes and limiting the Haunted Halloween Weekend events happening in September and October.

Park Supervisor Eric Ostrander explained the event cancellation and altering were the result of COVID-19 restrictions and were instituted to keep people safe and limit budget spending.

Ostrander said the Haunted Halloween Weekend will still take place from October 9 through October 11 but will be limited to campers only. "There will be no trick or treating and no kids games this year. Also, we will not have a haunted trail ride this year. No public will be invited to the park including businesses typically invited to set up sites for the haunted

trail. The only thing we will have is a contest for the best-decorated campsite," Ostrander said.

The Hunters Education, which was scheduled for September 12 and 13, is normally an opportunity for individuals to earn their Hunters Education and International Bow Education Program (IBEP) certificates.

The course typically offers both classroom and hands-on safety on various hunting techniques with several knowledgeable instructors. Since the beginning of the program, more than 1,000 people have been certified.

According to Ostrander, the Hunters Education is usually led by the law division and because of COVID-19 restrictions, they are discouraging classroom participation. "I think they may have some kind of online

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High lake levels play havoc on local sites

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

While Lake Huron offers scenic sunrises and plenty of recreation opportunities, the abnormally high lake level has been causing issues up and down its coast, including Alcona County.

High waters caused considerable damage last winter to the Harrisville Harbor docks when winds blew water and ice over the sea wall, according to Bruce Weber, president of the Harrisville Harbor of Refuge Committee. He estimated the damage to be somewhere around \$200,000.

Weber said the harbor was set to finish its fifth and final phase of restoration through a state grant last spring, so the harbor board chose to repair the damage using the grant funds. Phase five included replacing all the floating piers, some of which were damaged, extend the north dock and provided more suppression equipment along with other minor work.

Unfortunately, before any work on phase five began,

COVID-19 closures struck Michigan and all state funding including the harbor's phase five grant was cut off.

"Now we are in a holding pattern. Even if the funding is released there are a lot of unanswered questions. Will the contractor still be available? Will the prices he quoted be the same? We have no word on when those funds will be available again," Weber said.

According to Weber, the harbor has been able to secure an emergency state grant for about \$90,000 in which the City of Harrisville has agreed to provide the requested 30 percent for the grant with in-kind participation. Still, he wasn't sure the work could get done by this fall.

He said some of the damaged floating piers will have to be removed because they can't be made secure. "With the high water, there is still just as much chance of wave and ice action this coming winter as there was last winter," Weber said.

Even though the harbor

has been down six or seven slips because of the damage, it has still had a successful summer, despite COVID-19 restrictions and shutdowns, he said.

Alcona Township's Black River Park, which includes a couple hundred feet of beach on Lake Huron, has lost about 120 feet of beach frontage due to the high waters, according to Alcona Township Supervisor Marlena MacNeill.

"We've moved our benches twice now and lost our volleyball court. We've also had to move trees back. Now the water is seeping into our pavilion area and we may have to raise it," MacNeill said. The pavilion houses a very large hand-hewn picnic table that was donated to the park and may have to be moved to higher ground.

She explained the park, which is where Black River and Lake Huron meet, is property leased from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In exchange for the lease, the township takes care of it, including any

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Obituaries



James E. Kelly

James E. Kelly, 81, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 at home.

He was born February 28, 1939 to Clifford and Helen (Cordes) Kelly in Berkley, Mich.

He was a life-long resident of Alcona County.

On May 5, 1962, he married Faye Walker in Oscoda.

Mr. Kelly managed the Alcona Seed Growers and Lumber Mill in Harrisville.

He was a proud member of the Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years and served as a member of his beloved Harrisville Goodfellows for over 30 years.

He enjoyed woodworking, golfing, bowling, and working in his yard.

Mr. Kelly is survived by his wife, Faye; one son, Jim (Jackie) Kelly of Harrisville; one grandson, Walker Kelly



of Harrisville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Private services have been held. Memorial donations are suggested to the Harrisville Goodfellows, P.O. Box 1, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

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On August 12 HUNT and HIS executed a search warrant at a residence on Hubbard Lake Road in Hubbard Lake in Alpena County. As a result, an active dimethyltryptamine (DMT) and psilocybin manufacturing laboratories were found.

Scott Michael Henning, 29, of Hubbard Lake was arrested and charged with 13 felony counts by the Alpena County prosecutor including, operating/maintaining a laboratory involving a weapon, attempted delivery/manufacture of ecstasy/MDMA, felony firearm and possession of firearm without a license.

Henning was arraigned in 88th District Court in Alpena and is being held in the Alpena County Jail on a \$150,000 cash bond.

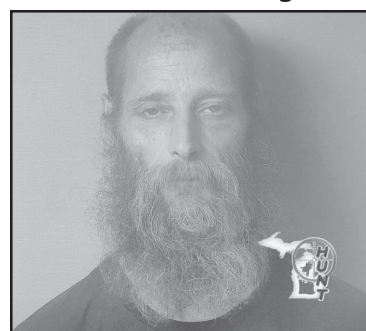
The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are pending review by the prosecutor's office.

HUNT was assisted by troopers from the MSP post in Alpena, 7th District Methamphetamine Response Team and the Hubbard Lake Fire Department.

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force that operates in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle. Citizens are encouraged to contact HUNT with tips regarding drug dealing at (800) 573-DRUG. Callers may remain anonymous.



Scott Henning



John Cox



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
To the person/persons that abandoned some 30 kittens/cats on south Poor Farm Road in Greenbush, you should really be ashamed of yourselves. Some of the kittens didn't even have their eyes open yet.

Thanks to some of the residents on Poor Farm Road, some 25 kittens/cats were rescued. Especially a big thank you to the Button family and the Kerezsis for all their efforts in finding homes for these precious creatures.

To the guilty people that left these cats to die, just remember "what goes around, comes around!" We will find you some day.

Nancy Perry
Greenbush

To the Editor,
One hundred years ago on August 18 marked the culmination of a 70-year long fight for women to be regarded as United States citizens by the passage of the 19th Amendment.

The right to vote was synonymous with citizenship. Black men had been given that right by Amendment 15, but black and white women were denied that right of freedom.

Women were beaten, ridiculed and jailed for peacefully parading for just wanting the same rights as men who rented homes, former male slaves and any indigent male who could find themselves to the polls on voting day. President Wilson met with the leaders of the movement to patronize them and try to send them home to continue as property of their husbands.

Going against the status quo has never been easy, but this fight for human rights for women carried more than just the right to vote with it and that was what scared 19th century men off. Especially if they thought that giving women the right to vote would sway the majority vote against their party's candidate.

River AuSable Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) encourage all women to show their support to the candidate of their choice by voting this November. We fought hard and long for this right, ladies. Don't throw it away.

Jaye Martz
Media Secretary
River AuSable Chapter
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training for that, but they will still need a field day. We usually supply both the classroom and field time. With the restrictions we are under, we just couldn't do that," he said.

Ostrander explained there were costs the park covers during the Hunters Education program including employees who collect overtime during the event. "Currently, all state parks are under a spending freeze and may only purchase bare minimums for their parks. Anything beyond that we have to get approvals for, even our spending from donations, such as pop-bottle returns, is on a freeze," Ostrander said.

Most of the park's plans for summer and fall activities had to be canceled or modified this year, so Ostrander wasn't surprised when the division wanted to step away from the Haunted Halloween weekend. Ostrander said it is up to the

individual parks as to what they could offer during that weekend, but they had to abide by social distance guidelines and executive orders. "For us, that meant no kids games, no trick or treating and no haunted trail.

"Our one attempt to do something fun this summer didn't have the social distancing results we wanted. We thought we could still celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday and have him go around the park in a parade just for campers, but 20 kids started following him on bikes, wanting to go up to him for pictures. There was no social distancing, so that wasn't what we wanted," Ostrander said.

He explained the campground draws people from all over the state and they were very concerned about the spread of the virus. "Typically, during the Haunted

Halloween weekend we have two or three hundred people gathering around elbow to elbow. There just wasn't any other way we could control that," Ostrander said.

For more information on state park events and cancellations, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Local Notes

New Arrival

Alexander Joseph Prince is the new son of Nathan and Pamela Prince of Baton Rouge, La. He was born on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020 at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, La. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 19 inches long. His grandparents are Nancy Stoops of Harrisville, William and Jennifer Prince of Waynesboro, Pa. and Michael and Robin Ledet of Mandeville, La.

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Mystery seed packets sent to Alcona County resident

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Mysterious, unsolicited seeds from China were delivered in Alcona County this month. Fortunately, the resident they were delivered to was aware enough to know about the seeds and to send them to the proper authorities.

Jan DeFour of Harrisville said she had heard about the unsolicited seeds and the dangers they could possess, such as plant disease and pests that could be detrimental to agriculture and the food chain if planted or improperly disposed of, on a national news channel.

She figured at the time of the news report the seeds were probably mass mailings across the nation to large cities like Detroit, Mich., and would probably never be delivered to anyone in rural Alcona County.

She realized quickly, however, that anyone anywhere could receive the seeds when not just one strange package from China came in her mail, but two within a week.

DeFour said the small packages looked as if they could contain guitar strings. Both came from China with markings that they were approved for mailing and both packages were delivered to her home address instead of

her post office box where she normally receives mail.

"One package stated 'wire connection' on it, the second package stated 'ring.' When I received the first one, I knew exactly what it was, I could feel the seeds inside. I knew not to throw them away and Googled unsolicited seeds and up popped pictures of packages people received all over the nation. Some misleading labeling even used the word 'toy' on the package to deceive people," DeFour said.

Through the Internet, DeFour was directed to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) where she found a form to fill out.

Within 48 hours of emailing the form, she received a phone call from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and an email from a USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Safeguarding Specialist.

She said the email thanked her for reporting the unsolicited seeds and explained that seeds from another country may produce plant pests and diseases that do not occur in the United States and could have devastating effects on the agriculture industry.

It went on to say that the USDA is aware of people

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Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority (OWAA) is requesting bids from qualified and authorized dealers for a new 2021 GAS POWERED PICKUP, STANDARD TRIM PACKAGE, FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, HALF TON, EXTENDED STYLE CAB WITH A STANDARD 6 1/2 FT. PICK-UP BOX

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Contact Jack Brown for a detailed request for qualifications. The deadline for submitting Proposals and Bid Pricing is no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2020.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville City office. This meeting is called to hear the request filed by Michael Baird owner of 500 Huron St., Harrisville MI to purchase the garage and property across Huron Street owned by Norma Rust at 5609 Huron. Said variance to allow Baird property to and maintain the garage across Huron Street on the Rust property.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
 Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person, via Zoom, and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. The link will be posted on the library's website (<http://www.alcona.lib.mi.us>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary>). Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
 The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking

lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
 Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
 A Vender Fair will be held at the Mikado Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of vendors will be selling items including Thirty One bags. Social distancing will be practiced, and masks are required for vendors and shoppers. This is a fundraising event for Alcona Helping Hands which provides school supplies and Stockings4Students in Alcona County. Money raised will go toward Stockings4Students.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

8/19 & 8/26

A meeting will be held September 1, 2020 at the Township Hall from 7:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. for information and comment on the transfer of the HTRA site to the City of Harrisville.

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 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library in the Reading Garden from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All levels are welcome, call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
 The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required.

The virtual showing of Project Shiphunt will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. The film will show how Five high school students undertook the adventure of a lifetime during Project Shiphunt: hunt for a shipwreck, investigate its identity, and document it in 3D for future generations. Accompanied by a team of scientists and historians from the NOAA, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and other partners, the students conducted a full-fledged research mission, as they searched the deep waters of northeastern Lake Huron. Join Tirrea Billings to learn more about this experience and how it helped shape her love for film and storytelling. Register online at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2160293366302456334>.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service.)



SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to prevent in-home falls during a pandemic

Dear Savvy Senior,
My 80-year-old mother, who lives alone and is self-isolating during the coronavirus pandemic, has fallen several times. Are there any extra precautions you recommend that can help prevent this?

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Falls are a common concern for many elderly adults and their families, especially during the coronavirus pandemic when many seniors are sheltering at home alone.

Each year more than one-in-four older Americans fall, making it the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those age 65 and older. But many falls can be prevented. Depending on what's causing your mom to fall, here are some different tips that can help prevent it.

• Encourage exercise: Weak leg muscles and poor balance are two of the biggest risk factors that cause seniors to fall. Walking, strength training and tai chi are all good for

improving balance and strength, as are a number of balance exercises your mom can do anytime like standing on one foot for 30 seconds then switching to the other foot, and walking heel-to-toe across the room.

For additional balance and leg strengthening exercises, see AgeBold.com.

• Review her medications: Does your mom take any medicine, or combination of medicines, that make her dizzy, sleepy or lightheaded? If so, make a list or gather up all the drugs she takes – prescriptions and over the counter – and contact her doctor or pharmacist for a drug review and adjustment.

• Get a vision test: Poor vision can be another contributor to falls, so your mom should get her eyes checked once a year and be sure to update her eyeglasses if needed. Also be aware that if your mom wears bifocal or progressive lenses, they too can cause falls, especially when walking outside or going down steps. These lenses

can affect depth perception, so she may want to get a pair of glasses with only her distance prescription for outdoor activities.

If your mom is concerned about a trip into her eye doctor during the pandemic, she can get her vision tested online. Put a call her eye doctor about this option, or consider some online vision testing sites like Essilor.com or 6over6.com. And to buy eyeglasses online, some popular options include WarbyParker.com and ZenniOptical.com.

• Fall-proof her home: There are a number of simple household modifications you can do to make your mom's living area safer. Start by helping her arrange or move the furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through and pick up items on the floor that could cause her to trip like newspapers, shoes, clothes, and electrical or phone cords.

If she has throw rugs, remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them.

In the bathroom buy some



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non-skid rugs for the floors and a rubber suction-grip mat or adhesive non-skid tape for the floor of the tub or shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower for support.

Also, make sure the lighting throughout the house is good, purchase some inexpensive plug-in nightlights for the bathrooms and hallways, and if she has stairs, put handrails on both sides.

For more tips, see the NIA "fall-proofing your home" web page at NIA.NIH.gov/health/fall-proofing-your-home.

• Choose safe footwear: Going barefoot or wearing slippers or socks at home can also cause falls, as can wear-

ing backless shoes, high heels, and shoes with smooth leather soles. The safest option for your mom is rubber-sole, low-heel shoes.

• Purchase some helpful aids: If your mom needs some additional help getting around, get her a cane or walker. Also, to help ensure your mom's safety, and provide you some peace of mind, consider getting her a medical alert device that comes with a wearable emergency button that would allow her to call for help if she were to fall or need assistance.

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Third Street factory to see improvements

By Cheryl Peterson
 Editor

The very large, abandoned, former factory at the end of 3rd Street in Harrisville is under new ownership, with plans for future improvement.

The new owner of the 4.2 acres of property at 605 S. Third Street is Ed Chrumka of Black River. He purchased the property on August 6 from Robert Harris Jr. of Texas who had purchased it on a delinquent property tax sale many years ago.

Prior to purchase, Chrumka's research found the property was an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Super Fund site that established prior contamination by the dumping of various solvents. He explained there was a cleanup done in 2006 and test wells were installed to test ground water. He has hired an environ-

mental company to help him follow state requirements to ensure the cleanup was successful by taking soil samples and locate any "hot spots" that may still be on the property. He also plans to demolish the oldest building (closest to Third Street) of the two-building structure. "This building (Building A) is a big hazard for the community and for me," Chrumka said. The southern portion roof has caved in and it is continually being vandalized.

The Building A was constructed in the 1940s. Building B, the structure to the east of it, was built in the late 1950s. Chrumka will be approaching this project in phases, the first phase was the purchase, second is completing environmental requirements to ensure it is safe; the third phase is demolition of Building A; phase

four - use of the building - has not been determined. Chrumka said he wants to keep his options open.

With the demolition will come the closure of the gravel drive that many residents use to walk, ride bicycles, run their dogs and drive through as a short cut. Chrumka understands this may not be popular with those that have been using it, however, he hopes that the improvements he plans to make, and the future use of the property will outweigh disappointment that may come from securing the property from trespassers.

"My wife, LuAnn, and I are retired and looking at this as a business opportunity, and (finding) other things, to get more involved in the community," Chrumka said. "Whatever we do here will be family-oriented and be part of the community."



The former factory building on Third Street in Harrisville (which is just north of the Harrisville State Park property border) will see demolition to the building in the foreground (Building A) and the closure of the gravel road to pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

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dredging and heavy work needed to be done.

“Unfortunately, that has become too much for us. We are just a small township. We can’t do the old-fashioned dredging anymore because there is no place in the water for a dredger to sit. We are in the process of getting a new

ron in Harrisville because high waters have washed out the rock and sediment underneath, caving in part of the cul-de-sac.

Mayor Jeff Gehring said they probably will not address the issue until the water recedes and funds become available to repair it. “We’ve lost

near the new bathhouse facility, there is 20 feet of beach and they are keeping a close watch on the area.

An outdoor shower at the bathhouse had to be closed because the water from it was creating a gully and was washing away even more of the beach.



Alcona Township supervisor, Marlena MacNeill, navigates her kayak past a high sand bar created by Lake Huron high water level encroaching Black River. She said the high water level of the lake is affecting property owners upstream because the water from the river is unable to go out into the lake. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

lease stating the DNR will do the heavy lifting and we just take care of the park,” MacNeill said.

She explained the river requires dredging again because of the high water and only very small craft, such as kayaks, and very experienced boaters with small craft can get by it safely to get out to the lake.

“The DNR did come and dredge it last year, but they have this problem all up and down the region. It’s very important for the DNR to maintain the egress for boaters.

“The high-water level is affecting property owners upstream too, because the water can’t get out to the lake. It’s an issue and they are voicing concern about the water level affecting their property, septic systems and houses,” MacNeill said.

The Harrisville State Park and the City of Harrisville have also sustained some damage and inconvenience by the high waters.

Currently, barricades are up at the cul-de-sac where Main Street meets Lake Hu-

some flower pots and property there. There just isn’t a lot we can do about it right now. Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you can’t beat mother nature,” he said.

Gehring is concerned about a deficiency in the break-wall at the harbor, but explained repairs for that would come from the federal government and that Harrisville is “a small piece in a very big puzzle.”

Harrisville State Park Supervisor Eric Ostrander said they had to close several campsites which line the Lake Huron beach because of encroaching high water. “We knew in mid-May we wouldn’t be able to open those sites. Most of the people who had rented them just changed sites or canceled,” he said.

Ostrander explained parking curbs were put up at those sites to keep campers from parking cars on them. “The campers who had sites across the street from the closed sites are now enjoying a better view and easier lake access because of it,” he said.

According to Ostrander where the park used to have about 80 feet of beachfront

“Even though the Army Corps of Engineers has said the lake has reached its peak this year, I’m still leery about late fall storms which could raise water levels,” Ostrander said.

Weber said it was hard to know what will happen next year. “The Army Corps of Engineers is saying this won’t be cyclical anymore because of the warm atmosphere able to contain more moisture. If it holds more, there might be more precipitation. If it’s warm and not wet, it could cause more evaporation and the lake level could go up and down, but their projection is it won’t be a 20 to 30-year cycle anymore. My projection is the lake will do what it wants.”

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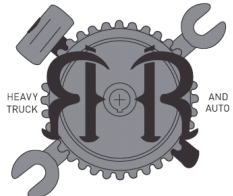
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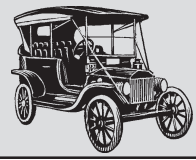
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Alcona County's register of deeds recognized statewide

August 30, 1995

~ By Cheryl Peterson

Alcona County's Register of Deeds was overwhelmingly nominated at the State Register of The Year during a local association conference.

Doris Gauthier, register of deeds for the last 31 years, was given two plaques and the honor at the Michigan Association Register of Deeds conference on Aug. 22.

Ginny McLaren, secretary of the association, said nominations are provided to a committee from association members all over the state, then the committee selects the recipient.

Nominations are made on and the committee considers which nominee made significant contributions to the association and the amount of service given to the organization.

This year, the selection committee had an easy choice, only one name was nominated time and time again by association members all over the state — Doris Gauthier.

Gauthier has been a former president of the association, served on several committees and was chairman of several.

She is active on the education and legislative and action committees. While serving on the education committee five years ago she was instrumental in revising the Register of Deeds Manual.

Gauthier was presented the award by Linda Lee Morrison-Mathews, register of deeds for Branch County. Morrison-Mathews said Gauthier was exemplary in all her duties as register of deeds for many years. "She has outdone herself," Morrison-Mathews said.

"She has served her county well. She's very deserving of this award.

"I look up to Doris. She's a good role model and a lot of people respect her highly.

Gauthier said a lot of people who come into her office are dealing with property sales or procedures for the very first time, or who aren't aware of new laws.

"I enjoy serving and helping people," Gauthier said. A register of deeds is the 'keepers of history.' They are responsible for recording all of the records of organization of the county and all real estate — oil and gas leases, mortgages etc.) and personal property records within the county. The real records are kept indefinitely, and the personal property are kept for five years."

Lady Tigers ready to roll into the season

August 30, 1995

~ By Rich Mills

After months of basketball camps and Macker tournaments, Alcona's Lady Tigers are anxious to kick off their season.

Coach Joell Krejcarek and her 13 girls make their season debut with an Aug. 25 game at Tawas.

The Lady Tigers finished with a 15-5 regular season record last year. They only graduated three seniors, so everyone involved is excited about the upcoming season.

Coach Krejcarek begins her 29th year of coaching with the same enthusiasm she had in 1967. Despite more honors than you can shake a stick at, she still enjoys just working with the girls.

This year's squad is talented and experienced. They have an excellent inside game, talented guards and they can play defense. If they have any weaknesses it would probably be their lack of depth at key positions and a number of girls who have not played at the varsity level.

Coach Krejcarek and the girls have set some pretty lofty goals. They want to win their conference, win the Districts and go undefeated at home.

"I'll go out on the limb," said Krejcarek, "we are going to win our conference, but I don't think it will be easy!"

The Lady Tigers were 5-3 in the conference last year, losing twice to highly rated

Whittemore-Prescott and once at Grayling.

The Lady Cardinals graduated all-staters Jill Tunney and Stacy Perrin but Jodi Barriger and Jena Tunney return. They should be the team to beat.

Both Grayling and Rogers City should be improved from a year ago. Onaway appears to be the weak sister in the league.

The non-conference schedule has not changed. After opening the season at Tawas, the Lady Tigers host Atlanta, Oscoda and Hillman. They will also face Hale and Mio later in the season.

At this point, Coach Krejcarek has four solid starters. A number of girls are battling for the fifth spot.

Senior Rachel Goddard will direct the offense from the point guard position. Rachel averaged 8.6 points per game last year. In addition to her offensive skills, she usually draws the assignment of guarding the opponents best guard. Rachel is unselfish, runs the floor well and is a solid shooter.

Junior Alicia Kilbourn returns for her third year on the varsity. She led the team in scoring last year (12.8 points). Alicia can score consistently from outside and nobody works harder than she does.

Junior Shawna Stewart also returns. She averaged 9 points per game last year and

was Alcona's leading rebounder. Coach Krejcarek says Shawna is quicker than a year ago. She is an excellent inside player. Everybody expects big things from this talented junior.

Sophomore Michelle Unkovich starts her first full year on the varsity. She played the final five games last year plus tournament action. She averaged 12.2 points per game.

Michelle can run the floor, score, rebound and has a good attitude. Her potential is unlimited.

The Lady Tigers have four additional seniors, all of which saw playing time last year.

Tonja Potter is the leading candidate to start. She works hard, has a good court awareness and is not afraid to mix it up with taller players under the basket.

Margaret McDermott is another experienced guard. She is a plus defensively and if she does not start will be one of the first players off the bench.

Angie James also has the skills to start. She is a good rebounder and can score. Lots of potential for this young lady.

Alison Crawford also returns. She will fill in for the big people. Her attitude and spirit are contagious. A real asset to the team.

Five additional juniors round out the squad. All five

played last year on John Katona's Junior Varsity.

Natalie Gunderson will see lots of playing time. She is very versatile and knows the game.

Jodi Phinney will be a backup guard. She is quick and will get better with experience.

Jackie Pfoutz is also slated for backup guard duty. She played well on the Junior Varsity team.

Erica Read is a workhorse. She's dedicated and willing to play anywhere. She will back up the wing position.

Kate Swise rounds out the roster. Another athlete with good work ethics and a desire to contribute to the team.

Coach John Katon's JV also looks good. Katona promises to play a wide open run and gun style of basketball.

Dave Somers will coach the ninth grade. Bambi Steward will coach the eighth grade and Mark MacNeill will coach the seventh graders.

The potential for success for the varsity is unlimited. With hard work and unselfish team play, no goal is unattainable.

Coach Krejcarek and the girls expect good things to happen if they can adhere to the following creed: Have the right attitude, stay focused, know their roles and remain positive at all time - good rules to live by. We wish them well.

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August 19	69	54	0.00	3.3	16	NW
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August 21	73	62	0.04	2.3	12	SSE
August 22	77	62	0.00	1.7	9	S

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	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	1.13	0.31	0.78
August to Date	2.51	0.40	2.51
Year to Date	16.36	14.10	18.37

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country is the only one whose name ends with the letter "Q"?
2. **COMICS:** What was the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?
3. **GOVERNMENT:** Which Cabinet department oversees the National Park Service?
4. **ANATOMY:** What is a common name for metacarpophalangeal joint?
5. **SCIENCE:** What is absolute zero?
6. **MUSIC:** Which famous musician's nickname was Bocephus?
7. **MOVIES:** What was the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's film "The Birds"?
8. **ASTRONOMY:** Which moon is the largest in our solar system?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin word "veritas" mean?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the only U.S. president who also served later as chief justice of the Supreme Court?

Answers: 1. Iraq; 2. Ruff; 3. Interior; 4. Knuckle; 5. The lowest temperature theoretically possible. -273.15 Centigrade or -459.67 Fahrenheit; 6. Hank Williams Jr.; 7. Bodega Bay, California; 8. Jupiter's Ganymede; 9. Truth; 10. William Howard Taft (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Sheep kin</p> <p>5 Rick Blaine's love, in film</p> <p>9 Certain vacuum tube</p> <p>16 Crunches work them</p> <p>19 Item added, as to a library</p> <p>21 Decks out</p> <p>22 Statute</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Certain Ivy Leaguer</p> <p>26 Split nation</p> <p>27 10% of XXX</p> <p>28 "— smile be your umbrella"</p> <p>29 SAT, for one</p> <p>30 Not taut</p> <p>34 List-curtailling abbr.</p> <p>36 Solo, in a way</p> <p>38 Brick-hauling trough</p> <p>41 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>46 — Plus (razor brand)</p> <p>48 Off-road vehicles, informally</p> <p>49 Egypt, once: Abbr.</p> <p>50 Aged person</p> <p>51 Riddle, part 3</p> | <p>57 Pal of Pooh</p> <p>58 Nebraska city on the Platte River</p> <p>59 Never, in Germany</p> <p>60 Batman player Kilmer</p> <p>61 Any of 12 popes</p> <p>62 Blew it</p> <p>63 "Got it, dude"</p> <p>65 Maiden</p> <p>66 Pace</p> <p>67 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>72 The impish Simpson</p> <p>75 Daredevil Knievel</p> <p>76 Neap, e.g.</p> <p>77 Bay State sch.</p> <p>81 Regrets bitterly</p> <p>82 It's looked up in a dict.</p> <p>83 Tall, graceful tree</p> <p>84 Resort with snowy trails</p> <p>86 "Ooky" TV cousin</p> <p>87 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>91 Satellite-tracking prog.</p> <p>93 Cereal grain</p> <p>94 Scuttle stuff</p> <p>95 Mitigate</p> | <p>96 End of the riddle</p> <p>102 The, in Nice</p> <p>103 Certain book page size</p> <p>104 Ramp (up)</p> <p>105 Start</p> <p>107 Some are unsaturated</p> <p>108 Guesses at SFO</p> <p>111 Create a hem, e.g.</p> <p>113 Actor Sam</p> <p>117 Exiled Amin</p> <p>118 Riddle's answer</p> <p>123 TV room</p> <p>124 Painter Manet</p> <p>125 Fully informed</p> <p>126 Assn.</p> <p>127 TV talk great</p> <p>128 Reassuring touches</p> <p>129 Earring type</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Stare openly and stupidly</p> <p>2 Eight, in Lima</p> <p>3 Rent- (Hertz's business)</p> <p>4 Heads, in France</p> <p>5 Prefix with thermal</p> | <p>6 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Lucy</p> <p>7 Pine- —</p> <p>8 "You — both know ..."</p> <p>9 Papeete's island</p> <p>10 Summer, in France</p> <p>11 Texter's "bye now"</p> <p>12 Cereal grain</p> <p>13 Gifted speaker</p> <p>14 Franklin — Roosevelt</p> <p>15 Subj. for U.S. newcomers</p> <p>16 Chief port of Egypt</p> <p>17 Become even</p> <p>18 Take a dip</p> <p>20 Milan's La —</p> <p>24 Knotted</p> <p>29 Actor Jannings</p> <p>31 Sharp</p> <p>32 Actress — Lee Crosby</p> <p>33 Leg joint</p> <p>35 Lead to</p> <p>37 Preholiday nights</p> <p>38 "Gattaca" actor Ethan</p> <p>39 Additional</p> <p>40 Gloomy, in verse</p> | <p>42 Pack-toting equine</p> <p>43 "Prob'ly not"</p> <p>44 Nonpublic</p> <p>45 Uneven, as leaf edges</p> <p>47 Collars</p> <p>52 Prefix with thermal</p> <p>53 Military group</p> <p>54 Each evening</p> <p>55 Ogden with funny poetry</p> <p>56 Additional</p> <p>61 Created in advance</p> <p>63 Frozen sheet in the sea</p> <p>64 FedEx alternative</p> <p>65 English "Inc."</p> <p>68 Healing drugs, briefly</p> <p>69 Eye layer</p> <p>70 Goals</p> <p>71 Destroy</p> <p>72 Lead to</p> <p>73 Luger pistol, e.g.</p> <p>74 Drawing back in</p> <p>78 Sans-serif typeface</p> <p>79 Intuit</p> <p>80 Wise sorts</p> <p>83 One dining</p> <p>84 Done in, as a dragon</p> | <p>85 Brick bakers</p> <p>87 Concept</p> <p>88 Extension for PC music files</p> <p>89 Statute</p> <p>90 — -chic (fashion style)</p> <p>92 Part of B.A.</p> <p>97 Go too far on</p> <p>98 Concept</p> <p>99 Live (at)</p> <p>100 YSL part</p> <p>101 Subdivision in taxonomy</p> <p>106 Short-term staffers</p> <p>107 Pal of Rover</p> <p>109 Water, in Spanish</p> <p>110 Old ruler of Iran</p> <p>112 Larrup</p> <p>114 "Oh, ri-i-ight"</p> <p>115 "In — of flowers ..."</p> <p>116 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Cheryl</p> <p>118 Napping spot</p> <p>119 Mr. Capote, to his pals</p> <p>120 W-2 pro</p> <p>121 Ex-Giant Mel</p> <p>122 Part of L.A.</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Aug. 30, 30 B.C., Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, takes her life following the defeat of her forces against Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome. She may have committed suicide by means of an asp, a poisonous Egyptian serpent and symbol of divine royalty.

- On Aug. 29, 1876, Charles F. Kettering, inventor of electric self-starter, is born in Ohio. Kettering's inventions spread far beyond the automotive industry: He helped develop the refrigerant Freon and an incubator for premature infants.

- On Aug. 27, 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau, an uninhabited volcanic island west of Sumatra in Indonesia. The explosions threw 5 cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air, created 120-foot tsunamis and killed 36,000 people.

- On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution. The amendment was the culmination of more than 70 years of struggle by woman suffragists.

- On Aug. 25, 1944, after more than four years of Nazi occupation, Paris is liberated by the French and the U.S. infantry. Gen. Dietrich von Choltitz, commander of the German garrison, defied an order by Adolf Hitler to burn Paris to the ground and instead signed a formal surrender.

- On Aug. 28, 1968, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, thousands of Vietnam War protesters battle police in the streets, while the Democratic Party falls apart over its stance on Vietnam.

- On Aug. 24, 1981, Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of The Beatles. After the shooting on Dec. 8, 1980, Chapman stayed at the scene, reading "The Catcher in the Rye," a book he was obsessed with, until the police arrived. His requests for parole have all been denied.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A Florida waitress was promised a new Toyota after winning a sales contest at her restaurant, but was given a toy Yoda, a "Star Wars" doll, instead. She sued the company, and received more than enough to buy herself a new Toyota.

- Fear of dolls is called "pediophobia."

- Alchemist Hennig Brand is thought to have used upwards of 1,500 gallons of human urine in his quest to make gold. After he evaporated, boiled and distilled it multiple times, it started to glow in the dark and burst into flames. He had instead discovered the element phosphorus.

- "Phantom Vibration Syndrome" is the name for when someone thinks their phone is vibrating, but it isn't.

- Cats have more than 100 vocal sounds, while dogs only have about 10.

- Astronaut John Young caused a small scandal in 1965 when he smuggled a corned beef sandwich aboard Gemini 3. When he took it out in zero gravity and tried to eat it, it broke up, sending crumbs flying around the cabin. No harm was done, but the incident sparked a safety review by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and a statement from NASA assuring that steps had been taken "to prevent recurrence of corned beef sandwiches in future flights."

- Jim Carrey's make-up routine for "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was so intense and his costume was so uncomfortable that he underwent training from the CIA's torture experts!

- Take a good look at Disney princesses and you'll notice that they're all essentially attired in typical princess garb of gown, tiara, etc. But here's a small difference you might not have picked up on -- some wear gloves, and some don't. What's up with that? The ladies without gloves are commoners who married into royalty.

Thought for the Day: "In a complex world, intelligence consists in ignoring things that are irrelevant." -- Nassim Nicholas Taleb

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals W

KU RIRVPJMNP YRVR GM QFKA F

JEABZ MU YRKQZG, YMEXN GZFG

JVKAQ ED FXX BXMDRV GMQRGZRV?

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A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name (s) of the mortgagor (s): Joseph P. Greenwalt and Annette B. Greenwalt, husband and wife. Original mortgagee: Huron Lending Services, LLC foreclosing assignee (if any): Huron Community Bank.

Date of Mortgage: August 22, 2003. Date of Mortgage Recording: August 29, 2003. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$22,521.85.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 68, except a strip of land three feet in width along the northwesterly side of Lot 68 of the Supervisor's Plat of Jewel Lake, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 146 Alcona County Records. Common street address (if any): 1661 Burgess, Barton City, MI 48705-2501

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of

the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

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State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 20-6088-DE

Estate of Donald Leroy McFate
 Date of Birth: January 21, 1938
 To all creditors:

Notice to Creditors: The decedent Donald Leroy McFate died March 9, 2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patt Davis, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Alcona County Probate Court 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 29, 2020
 Attorney: Roberta L. Sacharski, J.D. P77379
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across the country receiving suspicious unsolicited packages of seeds coming from China and they are working closely with the Department of Home Land Security, Customs and Border Protection and other Federal agencies and State Departments of Agriculture to investigate the situation.

The seeds appear to be what is called a 'Brushing Scam,' where people receive unsolicited seeds from a seller who posts false customer reviews to boost sales.

She was asked not to open the seeds, which DeFour already knew not to, and to mail them to their office in Romulus, Mich. for testing.

"They said if I couldn't mail them in, then they would send someone to pick them up off my porch. They are definitely

trying to get on top of this.

"It is important people know about this. Do not throw the envelope away. They don't want these seeds to end up in landfills or possibly distributed through the air. Some of these are very tiny seeds and could be carried off in the wind. They are sending different types of seeds out and I could feel the two packages I received had different seeds in them.

"It's scary. Who knows what this is? It costs money to send these things abroad. If we were to mail anything to China, how much would it cost, even if we mailed it in bulk? Someone is going out of their way to send these seeds to unwitting people in the states and they are lying on the packages to get the seeds through customs, into the mail system and in the hands of unwitting people," DeFour said.

In an online news radio broadcast from the USDA, Deputy Administrator of APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine Program, Osama El-Lissy spoke on the subject that at this time they have not found anything wrong with the seeds, but they have tested only a small amount so far. Currently, China is working with the U.S. to find out who is sending the seeds and why.

If you receive unsolicited seeds, MDARD advises to not



One of the seed packets that Jan DeFour received from China. *Courtesy photo.*

open the package or plant the seeds. If seed packets are already opened, place all material, including the packaging, in a sealed bag and report it using the online form found at www.michigan.gov/mdard.

Seed packages can be sent to USDA/APHIS/PPQ, 11200 Metro Airport Center Dr., Suite 140, Romulus, MI 48174, Attn: USDA Identification Staff.

If seeds have already been planted or if a recipient is unable or unwilling to mail the seeds and packaging, contact USDA State Plant Health Director Craig Kellogg at (734) 942-9005 or via email at craig.kellogg@usda.gov for guidance. Do not put seeds or plant material in a compost pile.

For more information about the seeds and what is being done to halt their distribution, visit www.aphis.usda.gov.

Thanks So Much

A Very "Big" Thank You to all my wonderful friends, family, neighbors and to everyone that sent gifts and cards on the passing of my soul mate of 46 years, "Bob Perry"! He loved his home on South Poor Farm Road and worked very, very hard to make life enjoyable here in the north.

He will be greatly missed by all

From the bottom of my heart
Thank you so much!
Nancy Perry & Koko

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