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Remembering fallen service men and women this Memorial Day was quiet this year. However, they are not forgotten. This photo was taken at West Lawn Cemetery in Harrisville *courtesy of Rootdoctor Photography.*

School district receives technology grant

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona Community Schools was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to aid students and the community with long-distance learning and WiFi Internet access.

The Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) COVID-19 Response Grant was awarded to the school district on May 15, which helped to reimburse monies spent to operate distance learning effectively and efficiently since Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer made the executive order to close all Michigan schools for the remainder of the year to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

School career navigator, Helen-Ann Cordes, who wrote the grant application, said the funds were to be utilized to promote post-secondary education during the COVID-19 school closures by addressing technological gaps within the county.

According to Cordes, about half of the \$10,000 award was used to purchase 21 Chrome Books for students who did not have one. About \$2,000 was used to install two WiFi extension routers -- one at the elementary school and one at the high school, so students and the community could access the Internet free of charge while parked in the school parking lot. The remaining funds went to purchase three months of Google Voice Subscriptions for teachers and staff.

"Google Voice allows for school staff and educators to better connect with families and students (in) kindergarten through twelfth grade to ensure success in their education, social and emotional health. It allows staff to utilize a personal cell phone with a safe and school regulated phone number to text and

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Recognizing Emergency Medical Service personnel

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Much of the time their brave efforts go unnoticed to the public. Men and women in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) field valiantly work to save lives but are often referred to by the public as mere ambulance drivers.

This is why in 1974 President Gerald Ford authorized

May 17 through May 23 a week of celebration for America's EMS employees.

While this year the appreciation celebrations were somewhat quiet across the nation due to COVID-19 restrictions, Alcona County recognized each of its EMS staff with gift bags containing a shirt with their name, designation and the Alcona County EMS logo, a Tim Horton's gift

card, an appreciation pin and a personal note of thanks for their tireless effort to service the community written by Alcona County EMS assistant director, Toni Rhoads and director, Scott Rice.

Rice said he wanted to thank his staff for their hard work, dedication and going the extra mile for all the residents and visitors of Alcona County.

"Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and (Medical) First Responders sacrifice a lot of their time away from their families to help or assist strangers when those individuals are experiencing a very scary, traumatic event in their lives. It requires training, experience and patience to provide the services and compassion EMS providers give each day. It is because of these people, Alcona County is a safer, better-prepared community," Rice said.

Rhoads said the gift bags were tokens of appreciation purchased through combined donations, and although they were not enough to show the staff their full due, they were more than they usually get.

"It's frustrating, this work we do. It doesn't pay very well and doesn't get much appreciation. People may notice us more than they usually do because of the pandemic, but this is not anything we don't normally face each day. We have treated people who are HIV positive and those with hepatitis for years. There are many communicable diseases. People generally have no idea of the depth and scope of the work we do. It grinds our teeth to be called ambulance drivers. Just about any-

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Alcona County EMS Director Scott Rice (left) and assistant director Toni Rhoads (right) thank EMT Scott Hoffman (middle left) and Paramedic Joel Monk during EMS Appreciation Week. *Photo by Mary Weber.*





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Obituary



🇺🇸 Douglas E. O'Camb

Douglas E. O'Camb, 82, of Hubbard Lake died of dementia on Saturday, May 16, 2020 in Hillman, Mich.

He was born March 17, 1938, in Flint, Mich. to Leo and Rhoda Mae (White) O'Camb. He lived in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. O'Camb served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1959 and was a Morse interceptor at the Herzo Base in Bavaria, Germany.

He married Elizabeth Moore and the couple eventually settled in the Hubbard Lake area where O'Camb was a residential contractor.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and helping people.

Mr. O'Camb is survived by one stepson, Joe (Cheryl) Daly of Fort Myer, Fla.; and one niece, Collene Cole of Marquette, Mich.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; one stepson, Karl Daly; and one sister, Ilene Mae O'Camb.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. An outdoor get-together will be held later in Hubbard Lake.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
Driving through Pleasant View, the Caledonia Township cemetery, with the sun going down the sky was very moving. The American flags were gently blowing on many grave sites, reminding of us how many resting there have served their country. The lawn was well groomed and head stones were neatly trimmed.

There is peace in these turbulent times to know there is a beautiful hill in my hometown where I can go and reflect. There are three generations of my maternal family resting here and two generations on my paternal side.

Sometimes those who are responsible for maintaining the township cemeteries are not recognized. Therefore, I want to commend the Caledonia Township Board for the improved care of Pleasant View.

Also, thank you to members of the VFW for the placement of the flags. A beautiful resting place to visit loved ones who have passed away.

Sandra Williams
Spruce



Calendar of Events

**** Call ahead before any scheduled event to make sure it is still being held. ****

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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. Clients must remain in vehicle for curbside pick-up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

The Alcona County Pop-up Pantry food giveaway will begin at 4 p.m. and last until food is gone at the Alcona Elementary School, 1818 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. Participants are to remain in their vehicle as safety precautions. There is limited supply of food, so first come, first served. Sponsored by the Food Bank of Lincoln and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

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 info., call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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Local Notes

Away at School

Gordon Wallace of Glennie graduated from Trine University in Angola, Ind., at the end of the spring 2020 semester. He earned a BSBA in accounting and Master of Business Administration degree at Trine.

Alexander Stephenson of Barton City was named to the Alma College Winter 2020 Dean's List. Stephenson is a junior at Alma and a graduate of Alcona High School. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

CryptoQuip
answer

Would the bodybuilder who possessed the biggest pectoral muscles be a chestmaster?

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Free service alerts Alcona County property owners to potential fraud

By Mary Weber
Staff Writers

By taking less than two minutes to apply, Alcona County property and homeowners can be offered a free protection alert should anyone record a document attached to their name.

The Property Fraud Alert protection became available to property owners this month, and Alcona County Register of Deeds Missy Cordes couldn't be more pleased to unveil it.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), property and mortgage fraud is the fastest-growing white-collar crime. It can happen quickly without the homeowner being aware of it, by a criminal simply recording a fraudulent document with the register of deeds office.

Cordes said while she was unaware of any fraudulent activity with documents recorded in her office, people should be aware of how easy it can happen.

According to a press release from Property Fraud Alert.com, a common property fraud scenario involves a criminal filing a bogus deed making it appear the actual owner had transferred ownership of a parcel (land/house) to someone else. The criminal then takes that deed to a bank, fraudulently obtains a mortgage and then disappears with a large amount of money.

"The property owner has no idea a bogus deed has

been filed and then finds out there is a mortgage against their property. They could lose their property if the mortgage isn't paid, even though they never took the mortgage out in the first place. It just turns into a huge legal battle. This does happen. I'm glad to say I haven't seen it in our county, but it could very easily. It just hasn't happened yet," Cordes said.

While property fraud can happen to anyone, perpetrators of it often prey on the elderly, people in long term care facilities, absentee property owners and owners who spend large parts of the year out of town, a sizeable demographic of owners in Alcona County.

Cordes explained although she hasn't seen any fraudulent activity, more and more people are concerned it could happen and have called asking if there was a way they could be notified should a bogus deed containing their name come into the register of deeds office.

The Property Fraud Alert program became an option when Alcona County switched its software provider last year to Fidlar Technology, which offered the perk free of cost with the software. Cordes said it took a while to implement, but it is now public ready and user friendly.

By simply applying with name, phone number, or email, a property owner is then contacted by whichever method they choose when any

documents have been submitted using their name for any recording activity at the register of deeds office. It does not prevent fraud from happening, but it does provide an early warning system for property owners to take appropriate action.

Applying is easy by either calling the Property Fraud Alert toll free number (800) 728-3858 or access the Internet link via the alconacounty-mi.com page and scrolling down to the Register of Deeds tab. Once there, the Property Fraud Alert tab will come up. Simply fill in name and contact information.

Cordes recommended if more than one person is an owner of a property, then all owner's names should be submitted as well as alias or nicknames. "For instance my name is Melissa, but I go by Missy, so I filed under both names," she told Alcona County Commissioners during a recent board meeting.

Cordes expected all property/homeowners in the county will want to take advantage of the free protection alert. "It's great we have something like this in place. The best protection against property fraud is being proactive. This is a great way to protect one of your most valuable assets, your home."

Although the county building is currently closed due to COVID-19 executive orders, the Register of Deeds office is still operating full time. To reach the office, call (989) 724-9450 or email mcordes@alconacounty.net.

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one can get a driver's license," Rhoads said.

She explained when a person goes into cardiac arrest at a hospital, there are often 10 or more people working to save that life, however, when EMS is called it is often just one or two people trying to help a person suffering cardiac arrest while using the bathroom. Those two people have to get that patient off the floor, out of the bathroom, and usually, down steps all while performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation, putting in intravenous lines or intubating the person and then get them safely to the hospital.

EMS work doesn't stop when the crisis ends. According to Rhoads, even when they are not saving a life, they are still hard at work maintaining the EMS building, performing housework, and maintaining vehicles and equipment.

"In this line of work the unexpected is normal. It never fails as soon as they take off their boots or start cooking dinner, their pagers go off. They work in 48-hour shifts leaving their family. It takes a special person to do this job," Rhoads said.

Appreciation, although infrequent, does come to their department in the form of thank you notes which are highly regarded and are put

into staff's permanent file. Rhoads has also had people who they worked on to save their life come in and thank them personally, which she said is a wonderful feeling.

Recently, someone dropped off snacks, fruit and goodies to the EMS station and Rhoads was so overwhelmed by the gesture she sent a letter to the editor of the Alcona County Review to say thank you.

Rhodes acknowledged without the partnership of other Alcona County entities such as township fire department first responders, 911 central dispatch and the sheriff's department, their job as EMS would be much harder.

They all work as a team together. It was that reason why, when she ordered 24 shirts for the EMS appreciation bags, she called the various Alcona County department heads to see if they wanted to purchase shirts for their employees as well. In all, nearly 90 shirts were ordered in various colors according to the entity, all personalized with their name, designation and appropriate logo.

Rhodes has been on the job working for Alcona County EMS for nearly 20 years and said it was a privilege to work with such an outstanding crew and serve the public in this capacity.



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The BCFD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and make the award of a firm, fixed-price contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in any manner deemed in the best interest of the BCFD.

Construction shall be completed within a 120-day window. The construction may commence as soon as practical following award. Regardless, the project must be complete by November 30, 2020. If requested, the apparent low bidders may be asked to provide references. There will be no liquidated damages.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of May 18-24, 2020

86 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 4 Arrests; 1 Warrant Arrest; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 2 Domestic; 3 Citations.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	3	Traffic/Traffic Stop	18
Medical	27	Warrant Arrest	1
Personal Injury Accident	1	Assist	3
Animal/Dog	3	Well Being Check	3
Suspicious Event	6	Malicious Destr. of Property	1
Fire	1	Domestic	3
Juvenile	2	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Alarm	5	Trespass	1
Civil	2	Open Door	1
Dog Bite	1	Gun Shots	2
Fireworks	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	8	Caledonia	4	Curtis	9
Greenbush	11	Gustin	11	Harrisville	13
Hawes	7	Haynes	5	Mikado	4
Millen	4	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	3	Village of Lincoln	3		

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communicate to students. That communication has been crucial to the success of distance learning over the last few months," Cordes said.

In a survey conducted by the school last March, of the 690 students enrolled in Alcona elementary, middle and high schools, 28.6 percent of student households had only moderate access to the Internet from their homes and 19.3 percent had no form of Internet access at all in their home.

"It was a major area of concern to continue educating students. We wanted to ensure equal access to technology resources and high-speed Internet," Cordes said.

She explained that distance learning challenged students and staff but having the ability to connect through services like Google Voice has been beneficial. "I hosted a senior college workshop (via the Internet) and it was wonderful to be able to see the

students and talk with them. I was able to ask how they were doing and answer their questions. This has been hard on the students, but I think they have enjoyed interactions like that with their teachers and staff," Cordes said.

School superintendent, Dan O'Connor, said the MCAN grant was significant in the plan to purchase technology for next school year. "No matter if we have face-to-face education or have to look at other options, this helps to substitute monies that normally would have come from the school's general fund. This is especially important considering the potential devastating cuts school are likely to face in the coming months."

Cordes said the school has also been involved in writing a grant application asking for \$40,000 in funds from AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) to purchase hot spot devices to increase Internet capacity throughout the county. They will not know AARP's award decision until July.

In a Facebook message last Friday, Ed Barber, principal of Alcona Middle/High School announced students who have been using their Chrome Books at home during distance learning, may keep them over the summer and do not have to return them in June.

O'Connor said to contact Michael Sutor at the high school to inform him of any Chrome Books which need repair. He will then make arrangements to collect those books.

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Scared to Death

Dear Scared,
I'm very sorry about your job loss. It's estimated that as many as 45 million Americans could lose their health insurance as businesses continue to lay off workers due to repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic. Here's where you can find health insurance coverage while you're looking for new employment or waiting for Medicare.

The Affordable Care Act Marketplace

Your best option for getting affordable health insurance is through Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces, also known as Obamacare. Or, if your income is very low you may qualify for Medicaid.

Normally, enrollment in an ACA Marketplace is limited to the short window for Open Enrollment, which is between November 1 and December 15 each year. But there's an exception for people who've lost their jobs, known as the Special Enrollment Period, which allows you to apply because your layoff meant a loss of health insurance. To do so, you must enroll within 60 days of when your coverage stopped and prove that you lost your health insurance.

There is no limited enrollment period for Medicaid.

Eleven of the states with their own health-insurance marketplaces (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington), plus the District of Columbia, are also offering special enrollment periods, allowing anyone who is eligible under the ACA rules to sign up.

ACA health insurance is major medical insurance that

covers essential health benefits with no annual or lifetime coverage maximums. And they can't charge you more or deny you coverage because of a pre-existing health condition.

You also need to know that if your annual income will fall below the 400 percent poverty level, the ACA provides premium subsidies, which will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for a policy.

To qualify for subsidies your household's estimated income for 2020 must be under \$49,960 for an individual, \$67,640 for a couple, or \$103,000 for a family of four. The lower your income is under these limits the higher your subsidy will be.

Unemployment benefits count toward income.

To see how much subsidy you may qualify for, use Kaiser Family Foundation health insurance marketplace calculator at KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

Or, if your income is very low – below the 138 percent poverty level – you may qualify



Savvy Senior

for free, or low-cost health coverage through expanded Medicaid services, which is available in many states.

To apply for ACA Marketplace health plans or Medicaid, go to HealthCare.gov. Or, you can call their toll-free number at (800) 318-2596 and get help over the phone.

COBRA

If you need health insurance coverage for less than 18 months, another option you may want to consider is COBRA, which allows you to remain on your former employer's group health plan, but not every employer plan is COBRA-eligible. Contact your employer benefits ad-

ministrator to find out if yours is.

In most cases COBRA is expensive, requiring you to pay the full monthly premium yourself. But, if you've already met or nearly met your employer plan's deductible and/or out-of-pocket maximum for the year, and don't want to start over with a new plan; or if you find your employer's health plan to be better or more affordable than the marketplace options, it makes sense to keep your current coverage under COBRA.

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The expanding mission of DNR COs

By Katie Gervasi
Michigan DNR

The mission of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Division is to, "protect Michigan's natural resources and the environment, and the health and safety of the public through effective law enforcement and education."

It is a physically and mentally demanding career that officers and their families commit their lives to.

"Our mission evolves based on how our citizens and stakeholders engage in outdoor recreation," said Steven Burton, assistant chief of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "Our mission has been shifting for 133 years."

Early conservation

State historical documents explain that the conservation movement began during a time when most people thought natural resources were in infinite supply.

the first salaried wardens in the United States.

"As conservation officers, we ride on the coattails of those who came before us," said Corporal Ivan Perez, a marine safety specialist with the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "We understand the prestige that comes with this specific type of law enforcement work. We try to uphold ourselves to that quality and level of respect in everything we do."

Game wardens have always focused on the state's natural resources and the people who utilize those resources. Given that, duties of officers have expanded over time.

"Our mission is to protect the natural resources and those who enjoy them," Burton said. "Today, this includes search and rescue, marine, off-road vehicle, snowmobile, parks, forests, environmental protection – in general, all outdoor recreation and pro-

tion officers received their first FM radios. In 1948, the division acquired two new commercial fishing patrol boats, uniforms and two planes.

With the Baby Boom after World War II, the 1960s signaled a new era in conservation as more demands were placed on natural resources by a growing population. In 1968, the Department of Conservation was renamed the Department of Natural Resources to address broader responsibilities.

"Shifting funding sources shifts priorities and creates new wildlife management methods," Burton said. "In the past, revenue was generated from license sales and excise taxes. Now, it is shifting to funding models like the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, timber sales, state land leasing (minerals, gas and oil), non-motorized use permits, camping or recreational fees, and sometimes, an increase in general fund budgets."

As the department's responsibilities expanded, so did the need to protect Michigan's resources. This created an emphasis on building relationships with local user groups and concerned sportsmen and women who have similar goals.

During the 1970s, the number of conservation officers in the division rose from 162 to 202 who were each responsible for patrolling anywhere from 478 to 597 square miles.

"Our state's population has boomed since those days," Perez said. "What used to be corn fields are now subdivisions. It's harder to establish a good rapport with people – we don't have enough officers in the field to constantly know what's going on in every single town like a small-agency officer may know. We will always rely on local relationships and for people to report complaints and tips."

Today, the DNR is funded for 252 conservation officers – an all-time high.

"I'm proud of the excellent work force we have today," said Gary Hagler, chief of the DNR Law Enforcement Division. "We have sworn officers and civilian employees that are flexible and adaptable to the evolving nature of conservation law enforcement."

Today's Roles and Tradition

The current structure of the Law Enforcement Division includes at least two conservation officers assigned to patrol each of Michigan's 83 counties. The officers are required to live in the counties they patrol. Sergeants and lieutenants oversee the day-to-day operations at the local level.


In addition, there are lieutenants, captains and executive and civilian staffers who manage operations at a regional and divisional level, and specialized units of conservation officers that include employment, training, legal and technology, recreational safety, education and enforcement, special investigations, Great Lakes enforcement and environmental investigations.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alcona Twp. Hall. The Variance is requested by Mike Minkos, 4450 Lake Shore Drive, Black River, MI. he is requesting two variances.

1. Mr. Minkos wants to build a pole barn building on the 10 acre property (4455 Laskshore Dr.) he owns directly across from his home. His home is on the lakeside at 4450 Lakeshore Drive. It is 100 ft. of road frontage 202 ft. deep. The location of his home on the lot does not allow him to meet the setbacks required to place the building in the allowed location of his back yard (roadside).
2. Mr. Minkos is also asking for a variance of 120 sq. ft. to allow for a 1,920 sq. ft. building his home is 1,800 sq. ft. Written comments will be accepted by Alcona Township Clerk, Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721.




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Conservation Officer Ivan Perez in a 25-foot SAFE boat used to patrol Lake Michigan. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Michigan citizens then realized there was a shortage of game, fish, timber and land due to human overexploitation and took it upon themselves to preserve what remained. As a result, citizens identified the need for natural resources regulation.

William Alden Smith was appointed the state's first game warden in 1887, establishing the Law Enforcement Division. Smith was one of

tection, in addition to duties inherent to law enforcement officers."

Historical developments

In 1907, the game warden's mission expanded from "game and fish" to "game, fish and forestry."

In 1921, the Michigan Legislature created the Michigan Department of Conservation – the precursor to the Michigan DNR. That same year, the Conservation Commission, a citizen body appointed by the governor, was established to provide policy direction for department activities.

Throughout the following decades, the ranks of game wardens grew.

By 1924, there were 115 conservation officers in Michigan, who were paid \$2.50 a day and each patrolled 841 square miles of land. There were more than 300 unpaid deputies who assisted.

Four years later, uniforms were issued to the 140 officers who then each patrolled just over 690 square miles of land, earning \$5.50 per day. In 1931, a field administration section was formed to include wildland fire fighting and law enforcement.

In 1932, due to the Great Depression, the division was reduced to about 120 officers. In 1933, radios with an AM-only signal were issued to officers to report forest fires.

Four years after that, the state's 122 officers were issued department handguns for the first time. Previously, they had to provide their own firearms. In 1941, conserva-

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“When there was less population in an area, you knew a lot of people, and a lot of people knew you,” Perez said. “We used to knock on the door and do a lot of property visits. I still talk to the game warden who worked my spot prior to me because there’s always some wisdom he can share about a person, family or the county – there’s a lot of history there. There used to be more kids involved in the outdoors; technology didn’t keep them inside.”

“It’s up to the individual officers to reach out to people in their community to build relationships,” Perez said. “Often, when we contact families, parents will tell their child, ‘this is who protects the deer,’ but we also protect the rights and safety of the people who hunt the deer.”

Education goes together with communication, and conservation officers have always maintained a strong tradition of educating the public, particularly youth, about the natural resources.

“What has remained constant to every conservation officer in Michigan, old or new, is that we understand our responsibility to the youth of this state – to ensure they’re educated and understand the importance of our Great Lakes, forests, hunting and fishing,” Perez explained. “Hunting and fishing isn’t a right by law. I don’t know if people will still be hunting and fishing in 50 years, but I hope so. I’ll know that I did my part to help shape and encourage young minds to manage wildlife and enjoy the natural resources.”

Technology and Training

Despite the learning curve that comes with modern technology, global positioning satellite (GPS) systems and digital documentation of evidence have their benefits for a conservation officer’s job.

“Technology has enhanced an officer’s ability to investigate a crime,” Perez said. “We can pull up a map to look at a piece of property to see who owns it and log daily reports from our patrol vehicles. It used to be you had a radio in your patrol vehicle that might be spotty at times. If you didn’t have that radio, you were literally on your own.”

The DNR’s 10th Conservation Officer Academy will begin in July. During the 23-week academy, recruits will be trained in state and national standards in general law enforcement, natural resource law and protection, survival skills and tactics, and



A conservation officer uses her mobile device to view property lines while conducting a fishing patrol.

Growing up hunting and fishing, Danny Walzak met several conservation officers and admired their commitment to enforcing laws and helping others. Today, Conservation Officer Walzak, who began his career in 1978, patrols Wayne County and has the most seniority in the DNR Law Enforcement Division.

“Everything a recruit goes through today was there in my academy – criminal contacts, search and seizure procedures – but it was in a reverse order,” Walzak said. “After attending orientation in Roscommon, I was sent home to begin training with field officers and then attended a regional police academy at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.”

Once the officer recruits in the upcoming academy graduate in December, they will receive a new Chevrolet Silverado patrol truck and spend about six months as probationary conservation officers working with field training officers throughout the state.

“We had basic equipment when I started as a conservation officer,” Walzak said. “My first patrol vehicle was a 1977 Plymouth Gran Fury, a common police vehicle at the time.”

During the probation period, new officers will gain hands-on experience and receive specialized training with snowmobiles, marine vessels and off-road vehicles.

“When I started, I had a 16-foot skiff,” Perez said. “Now, I patrol with a 25-foot Safe-boat with enough electronics to land you on the moon. We have the best boats and vehicles that can handle all terrains and transport.”

This equipment is essential to the work conservation officers do and helps save lives every year.



Boy Scouts gather around a deer and listen to instruction from a Michigan conservation officer.

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Alcona Community Schools Notice of a Public Hearing On Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

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Please Take Notice that on June 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Alcona Community Schools’ Innovation Lab, Lincoln, Michigan, the Board of Education of Alcona Community Schools will hold a public hearing electronically pursuant to Order 2020-75 through Michigan Executive Zoom to consider the District’s Proposed 2020-2021 budget. The link to the Zoom meeting is located under the events section on the School District’s website at www.alconaschools.net.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools District Office at 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. Please contact Nicholas Cordes, Business Manager/Food Service Director at 989-736-6212 or cordesn@alconaschools.net to set up an appointment to obtain an electronic or hard copy.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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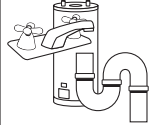
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By Fifi Rodriguez

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2. **TELEVISION:** What city does SpongeBob SquarePants live in?
3. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What color is cyan?
4. **FOOD & DRINK:** In beer styles, what does the designation IPA mean?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which two countries share the longest border?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of squirrels called?
7. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Which famous author once wrote, "As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer"?
8. **MOVIES:** In the 2020 movie, what is the real name of the superhero in "Black Widow"?
9. **BUSINESS:** Which animal is featured in the Porsche auto logo?
10. **HISTORY:** What was the name of the dog who was first to orbit the Earth in a space vehicle?

Answers: 1. Texas; 2. Bikini Bottom; 3. Blue; 4. India pale ale; 5. The United States and Canada; 6. A scurry or dray; 7. William Shakespeare; 8. Natasha Romanoff; 9. A horse; 10. Laika (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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- On June 3, 1800, President John Adams becomes the first acting president to take up residence in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately the White House was not yet finished, so Adams moved into temporary digs at Tunnicliffe's City Hotel near the also half-finished Capitol building.
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 - On June 2, 1935, baseball great Babe Ruth ends his Major League career after 22 seasons, 10 World Series and 714 home runs. The following year, Ruth was one of the first five players inducted into the sport's hall of fame.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The first sunglasses were invented in 12th-century China and made from smoked quartz. While providing no protection against harmful UV rays, they did give some relief from the sun's glare and also served as a valuable tool for Chinese judges, allowing them to seem emotionally detached during interrogations.
- English Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) is credited with the first printed use of the words "selfless," "psychosomatic," "bipolar" and "bisexual."
- A study by neurologists showed that some patients suffering from brain trauma and damage on the right-hand side of their brain have a compulsive obsession to tell jokes they find hilarious, while not finding other peoples' jokes funny at all.
- The hacker group Anonymous once sent thousands of all-black faxes to the Church of Scientology to deplete all of their ink cartridges.
- May 29 is officially "Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day." This curious holiday derives from an old custom of placing a piece of cloth from one's bedroom in a place where food was kept, helping to ensure a supply of future plenty to the household.
- Sierra Leone is the world's roundest country and sits not too far from Egypt -- the world's squarest country.
- Nearly 3% of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is composed of penguin urine. Due to the subzero temperature in that area, it can't evaporate.
- Think you hate going to the dentist? A 12-year-old French boy once faked his own kidnapping to get out of it! After being located in a village 100 miles from his home, the lad lied to police, even describing his kidnapper's distinctive cheek scar. Only after they had searched for a month and re-questioned him did the boy confess.

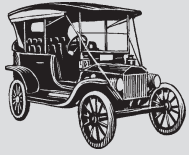
Thought for the Day: "A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it." -- Albert Einstein
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CryptoQuip

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: Q equals B

EBAPN MOC QBNLQADPNCG EOB
ZBJJCJCN MOC QDHCJM ZCYMBGTP
FAJYPCJ QC T YOCJMFTJMCG?



Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Lincoln business entered by thieves

May 28, 1970 ~ The O'Callaghan Drug Store in Lincoln, was broken into and entered late Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department an air conditioner unit was removed from a window to gain entry. Arnold Johnston, on his way to work at Miller's Hardware, noticed the open window, and called Mrs. O'Callaghan, who notified the Sheriff.

A quantity of drugs, hypodermic needles, and syringes were taken from a shelf, and twenty dollars in bills and eight dollars in change, was taken from the cash register.

The breaking and entering is still under investigation.

Twelve inducted into honor society

May 28, 1970 ~ The National Junior Honor Society, under the direction of Mrs. Benghauser, sponsored an honors assembly on Wednesday, May 20 in the high school gym, at which time twelve students were inducted into the Society.

The students were elected by a panel of their teachers because they were outstanding in scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service, and character. Mr. Gruden presented membership pins and certificates to the following students:

9th Grade: John MacMaster, Kenneth Manning, William Skiba.

8th Grade: Joseph Lessard, Russell McCuUough, Kathy Tibor, Harold Truman.

7th Grade: Daniel McCullough, Donald Milwrick, Karl Schroeder, Sheri Somers, Roxanne Sterling.

Following the induction ceremony, awards were made to students outstanding in other fields: Attendance, Service, Art, Athletics, Cheerleading, Forensics, Writing, Rifle Club, and Honor Roll Achievement.

Memorial Day services well attended

May 31, 1945 ~ A large crowd turned out for the Memorial Day Services held in the Harrisville Auditorium Wednesday morning. A very appropriate program was presented which included music, song, recitation and a Memorial Day address by Ernest H. Chapelle of Ypsilanti.

A resident of Harrisville in his earlier days, Mr. Chapelle recalled a number of similar Memorial Day programs put on here in which he took part. In his discourse he stated that there was only one great Memorial Day address - The Gettysburg Address - and in his talk he outlined these famous words of The Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln.

Following the program at the auditorium, the crowd assembled at the Memorial Stone at the courthouse park. A wreath was placed on the Memorial in memory of fallen heroes of World War I, and baskets of flowers were placed at the base in memory of William Brenner, Hubert Ferguson and Grover Noyes.

Two beautiful, blue spruce trees were planted in the courthouse park by the Harrisville Garden Club, as a living memorial to Hubert Ferguson and Grover C. Noyes, Harrisville's two World War II casualties. These seven-foot trees were placed on each side of the courthouse building and were dedi-

cated with fitting words by S. K. Erickson, following services at the Memorial Stone. The tree on the north side of the courthouse was dedicated to Grover, the one on the south to Hubert.

Short services at each cemetery were conducted by Sidney Townsend.

The committee in charge of this memorial program to our honored dead, deserves a vote of thanks from our community for their successful efforts.

Alcona County has lost nineteen servicemen in the present conflict. Their names follow:

Noble McCollough, U.S. Marines Paratroop Div. first World War II casualty. Died in England of wounds received in action.

Victor Burt, killed in action January 1, 1943, on New Guinea Island in Southwest Pacific.

A. C. Malcolm Carnahan, killed in crash at Shaw Field, Sumpter, North Carolina, June 17, 1943.

Coxswain Richard Elmer, killed in action in the Southwest Pacific area November 20, 1943.

Boatswain's Mate 2-C Melvin Burger, drowned in Thunder Bay, March 6, 1944. Body recovered 16 days after tragedy.

Coxswain Richard J. Bamfield, November 24, 1943. Serving aboard U. S. S. Liscombe Bay.

Technician 4th Grade, Ralph Curl, killed in action February 16, 1944, in Italy.

John LaBaza, of Haynes, killed in action in France June 18, 1944.

Basil Lee of Mikado, killed in action in Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944.

Manley La Fleur of Curtisville, killed in action. Word received in August 1944.

Charles Mayes of Mikado, killed in action in France on November 3, 1944.

Pvt. Steve Bielusiak of Haynes, killed in Italy October 12, 1944.

Sgt. William Thompson of Harrisville, killed in France.

Word received in December 1944.

Pvt. Hubert Ferguson, of Harrisville dies in hospital in France, December 3, 1944.

Floyd Yuill of Haynes, killed in action in France, December 9, 1944.

Glenn Pamamce, Indian, of Mikado, killed in Germany, word received January 16, 1945.

Pfc. Ned O. Wiedbrauk of Curran, killed in France March 15, 1945.

Richard McGuire of Mikado, killed in Italy, April 28, 1945.

Grover C. Noyes, killed in action April 6, 1945 at Okinawa.

Caledonia citizen killed in a runaway

Albert Farrar thrown under wagon while driving to Alpena

May 27, 1920 ~ Albert Farrar of Caledonia received injuries Friday in a runaway from which he died the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrar were driving to Alpena when one of the horses became frightened and started to run. Mrs. Farrar jumped clear of the wagon but Mr. Farrar fell under the wheels and received the injuries which later caused his death. Mrs. Farrar fractured her hip when she jumped and is in a serious condition at Donald McRae Hospital in Alpena.

Mr. Farrar was about 75

years of age and came to that part of Caledonia known as Pine Grove about 10 years ago when quite a number of settlers came from Kalkaska and Livingston counties and took up state homestead lands. He was well known and respected in that locality.

Besides his widow, there are three sons surviving: Herbert and Tyler of Caledonia and William of Flint.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Spruce from the church of the Latter Day Saints.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
May 17	47	39	0.32	8.8	22	NNE
May 18	46	42	0.99	13.0	28	NE
May 19	48	44	0.02	8.5	26	NNE
May 20	52	40	0.00	2.5	19	NE
May 21	55	37	0.00	2.0	9	NE
May 22	64	41	0.00	1.6	8	SSW
May 23	59	45	0.00	1.5	8	S

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	1.33	0.78	0.63
May to Date	1.43	2.85	1.95
Year to Date	7.48	8.94	9.50

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.)

Super Crossword

Answers

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BEA	VANNA	ANNIE	NONOS
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GNATS	SWOLLE	ENGLAND	
UPROAR	FAA	YEAR	
CRUSHED	GARLIC	JETWAY	
LOS	SNARLY	LOAM	TOONE
ASHE	AMES	BIOTA	EMOTE
MAS	SAGED	KALES	SALAD
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SORER	ERIE	RESETS	UFO
EDENIC	BRUISED	APPLES	
	CHIA	LPS	CREPES
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OGRE	SAUTE	ABBE	NADIA
BRAVOS	SHATTERED	GLASS	
CATER	BUENA	TAKE	NIK
ADORE	BANES	ADELE	TNT
TYRES	CLARK	SEDER	EGO

Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Airline Chair

Kem Weber (1889-1963) followed a strange path in his life, going from a farmer in Berlin to a famous modern architect and designer in the United States. He apprenticed in 1908 under a famous cabinet-maker. In 1926, he was chosen to supervise the construction of the German Pavilion at the 1910 exhibition in Brussels. A few years later, he went to California to design the German exhibit at the 1915 exhibition in San Francisco. But he was trapped in America by World War I and was refused permission to return home to Germany when the war ended. He had several art-related jobs. He taught art in a studio in Santa Barbara, and in 1921 he went to Los Angeles and worked in the design studio of a furniture and decorating store. In 1924, he became an American citizen. By 1926, he was the only designer and cabinetmaker producing modern designs on the West Coast. He created now-famous silver cocktail shakers and tea sets, and he decorated homes and store interiors.



This chair made by Kem Weber in 1934 comes apart so the back can be laid flat to hold the seat and legs in a compact, space-saving package. It takes less space and money to ship. A few were made, but no furniture company wanted to gamble on such a modern design until the 1990s, when this Airline chair was again produced.

In 1934, he created his famous sleek "Airline" chair. It was made to be taken apart so the pieces could be packed flat for inexpensive shipping. He was the main architect for Walt Disney Studios by 1939, and Disney ordered 300 of the chairs, but no more were made until 1993. His designs influenced many others while he continued to teach and design private houses. Today, streamlined designs by Kem Weber are famous and hard to find. A set of four unmarked Airline chairs were estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000 at a Rago auction recently, but they did not sell. Perhaps the historic design is still a little ahead of its time.

Q: I saw a Rookwood vase marked with the Rookwood mark and "ETH" at an antiques show. What does that stand for?

A: That is the monogram of the artist Edward Timothy Hurley (1869-1950), who worked at Rookwood from 1896 to 1948. His vases with landscape designs done at Rookwood sell for high prices. Hurley also did etchings, pastels and watercolors. He made several pieces in bronze, and was an author and illustrator of several books. His large vases call for thousands of dollars.

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Vase, earthenware, gunmetal glaze, incised, applied shapes, footed, signed "Ted Randall," contemporary, 12 1/2 x 16 inches, \$315.

Hall tree, Gothic Revival, walnut, arched mirror, three drawers, gallery, masks, hooks, 96 x 48 inches, \$1,350.

Letter opener, gilded silver, nephrite, enamel, double eagle finial, laurel leaf swag, wooden box, 11 1/2 x 1 inches, \$2,460.

Weather vane, crowing rooster, stands on ball, copper, mounted on stand, c. 1900, 36 inches, \$4,920.

TIP: Wash art glass in lukewarm water with a little softening agent and some mild dishwashing soap.

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Vets keep distance outside coffee shop

I ventured into town today to check on the rumor: the town was dead, the streets empty, not a soul in sight.

It was mostly true. Very few cars were parked along the main drag, and those were in front of restaurants open for sidewalk takeout service only.

I did spot a knot of people in front of the coffee shop, which was my true destination. A half dozen of the early-morning regulars (all elderly veterans) were fanned out on the sidewalk, leaning on canes or sitting in folding chairs. I parked the car and approached the walkup service window. As I did, one of the vets whipped out a folding wooden tape measure and aimed it at me as he opened it to the full length.

"Six feet," he said. "Eight, if you count my arm."

I nodded and steered a wide circuit around him.

At the service window the clerk shoved a small credit card reader through the window. "No cash," she said. I fumbled my one credit card into the

machine, and she slid my coffee out the window, slamming it firmly afterward.

I hung around at the edge of the group, pretending to study the menu in the coffee shop window. Eventually they started talking again, and as usual, I listened.

What I heard, in the middle of this dead town, gave me hope: One veteran was looking forward to his grandson taking him out on the water. Another looked forward to the birth of another great-grandchild. A third one was calculating the possible success of hijacking the grocery store delivery truck and making off with the toilet paper. I even heard some laughter.

It was then that I knew we'll be OK.

A constant reminder: Wash your hands with antibacterial soap, and scrub for a full minute. Use a brush under your nails -- better yet, keep your nails trimmed very short.

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. 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.

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.

To all purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid

amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - A mortgage was granted by Richard G. Labonte Jr., a single man, mortgagor(s), to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, 1100 S. Bagley, Alpena, Mich. 49707, principal, dated January 5, 2006, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, and state of Michigan on January 9, 2006, in Liber 426 on page 1,253, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of forty three thousand forty three and 12/100ths (\$43,043.12) dollars including interest at 6.625 percent per annum along with attorney fees and costs as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the date and time stated above, the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, and all other legal costs, charges and expenses including the said attorney's fee, also any sum or

sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect their interest in the premises. Said premises are described as follows: Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, to wit: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, T28N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the NE corner of Section 9, T28N, R8E, thence west 276.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence west 60 feet; thence south 130 feet; thence east 60 feet; thence north 130 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. More commonly known as: 1470 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Karen L. Rowse-Oberle (P41893) Attorney for Mortgagee 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 5-13-2020 5-13, 5-20, 5-27, 6-10

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Rare raptors seen this spring at Straits

Although people could not get around, birds still flew north this spring. The Straits of Mackinac is famous for concentrating birds, especially raptors, that seek the shortest way to cross the Great Lakes enroute to Ontario nesting grounds.

Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch conducted two elements of hawk research even though the group could not welcome visitors or hold its annual Mackinaw Raptor Fest.

Golden Eagles always arrive first. This year they began to fly through Mackinaw City, Mich. on March 6, as recorded by contracted hawk counter Kevin Georg. "So far, I have tallied 206 of these eagles, up from last year's count of 181. Back in 2015, 374 golden eagles passed by here, the most at any hawk count site east of the Mississippi River, Georg said. "I'm proud of my help to confirm that there is a healthy eastern population of this powerful hunter known mostly from out west."

Among the 57,400 raptors of 17 species counted by Georg this spring were two rare black vultures, common in the southern U.S., and a single Swainson's hawk, a bird more typical of the Great Plains. In addition, he spied six leucistic (partial albino) red-tailed hawks and a highly unusual leucistic golden eagle. "It showed a lot of white on its plumage, but with clearly-visible golden feathers on the back of its head and neck," he said.

To date, 493 bald eagles have also migrated by the site. Georg will work until June 6 before returning home to Pennsylvania.

Besides completing its seventh year in a row of counting hawks and eagles, MSRW initiated another element of raptor research. Contractor Nick Alioto from Ontario worked with MSRW Chairman Ed Pike to band hawks.

During April and May they banded and released 142 birds of 11 species. Nick Alioto described his first-ever banding of a golden eagle: "On April 28, a gusty, cloudy, cold day, an immature golden eagle swooped in to check out what we were doing. Just beforehand, several red-tailed and broad-winged hawks quickly left without any apparent reason. The



Nick Alioto with a golden eagle -- one of 206 counted during migration. A close up of the raptor's deadly talons (bottom). *Courtesy photos.*



next thing I knew, a golden eagle came out of nowhere and crash-landed at the banding station.

"They are so heavy-bodied that they cannot spring into the air quickly. Without thinking, I raced out of the blind and pinned down the bird with my bare hands. Before realizing it, I had captured this magnificent bird and was holding its legs to stay safe from the talons. What a rush and it all happened so fast."

On May 12, at the end of a very slow day, Alioto captured another unusual bird: a young red-tailed hawk. "What was unique was that it was wearing a band already. Getting a recapture like this is quite uncommon. Probably less than one percent of diurnal raptors banded are re-trapped at a different station. Most returns on banded hawks and other species too, are from dead birds," Alioto said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which permits and oversees all trained bird banders, reported that this hawk had been banded April

2 and released in Holly, Mich. It had spent 39 days meandering 238 miles north to Mackinaw City. In a great twist, the red-tail had been banded by former MSRW owl researcher, Selena Creed from Michigan.

Such returns add to knowledge about the birds, while the high numbers banded this spring further prove the importance of the Straits as a migration concentration point.

The Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch, a nonprofit organization, conducts scientific studies of hawks and owls migrating through this region of northern Michigan, educates the public about them, and aids in conserving them. The group appreciates support from more than 350 individual and business contributors, and from the Mackinac Area Visitors Bureau, and Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona Twp. Hall. The Variance is requested by Rocky Ridge Lumber, LLC, (Ross Shaum) 3353 Black River Rd., Black River, MI. The Petitioner is planning on dividing and combining his properties to creating a 30 acre parcel that will house the current farm buildings, their residence and a sawmill in an existing building on the east side of the development. The Ordinance, Sec. 9.15A, requires this SLU development to be 250 ft. from an off-premises residence. They are requesting a variance of 7 ft. to meet this requirement. Written comments will be accepted by Alcona Township Clerk, Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721.

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