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Multiple violent charges lead to jail without bond

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A Barton City man is lodged in the Alcona County Jail without bond following multiple violent criminal charges which allegedly began on Christmas and transpired over 11 days.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Richard Raymond Coutts Jr., 42, of Barton City was arraigned in 81st District Court on January 6 on the following charges: Assault with a dangerous weapon; three counts of domestic violence, third offense; assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer; armed robbery; unlawful imprisonment; unlawful driving away a motor vehicle; malicious use of telecommunications; and interfering with telecommunications.

The sheriff's department investigation began on Tuesday, Jan. 5 after his live-in girlfriend, a 51-year old woman, fled to the lobby of the sheriff's department to get away from Coutts. She reported that on Christmas day Coutts allegedly

held her "at knifepoint, would not allow her to leave, physically assaulted her on at least two occasions between December 25, 2020 and January 4, stole cash from her to buy drugs, took her vehicle and refused to return it," according to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department.

On January 5, "Coutts again held the victim at knifepoint and threatened to kill her if she did not drive (him) to a residence in Oscoda Township where he wanted to kill a resident there. The victim was able to get away from Coutts when he got out of the vehicle at a local store to buy alcohol and cigarettes. While (he) was in the store and out of sight of the victim she sped away and drive directly to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department," according to a press release.

Law enforcement officers from the sheriff's department, a trooper from the Michigan State Police, Alpena post and a DNR officer went to the Barton City resi-

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Alcona County begins year with new chairman and board members

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County Commissioners held their first meeting of the year last week with a new chairman at the helm and two newly elected commissioners.

Adam Brege was appointed the chairman and two new commissioners, Terry Small and Bill Thompson, who were elected last November, took seats at the table with commissioners, Carolyn Brumund and Dan Gauthier.

Brege is serving his third term as the county commissioner for District 4, which includes Gustin and Hawes/Haynes Townships. He was first elected to the seat in 2016 and served two terms on the county finance committee.

He has been a resident of Alcona County for most of his life after his parents moved to Black River when he was three years old and is an Alcona High School graduate.

He has been married to Elizabeth since 1997 and they have five children ranging from 10 to 20 years of age. In addition to enjoying family life, Brege is also involved with the Alcona Community Schools robotic team and St. Anne Catholic Church groups. He is currently on the finance committee for St. Anne Catholic Church.

Brege started in local government as a Gustin Township Trustee in 2011. He is a zoning administrator for that township. He served the township as a supervisor for one term before being elected to the county commissioner seat.

He said his role as chairman is not to be the boss of the commission. "I am just one vote among five at the table. The chairman doesn't make policy alone. I will conduct the meetings and represent the decisions by the full board," Brege said.

Brege feels proud of the work that has transpired over his years as a commissioner and hopes to continue working together with the board to get the county budget in control. "I'm not saying we succeeded yet, but we have made improvements. We are wrapping up 2020 and while we will still be dipping into fund balance monies it won't be nearly as much as we thought. We are working with departments to get rid of antiquated labor practices which are not financially feasible anymore," Brege said.

He also hopes to make sure people know about what Alcona County has to offer and consider living here. "With the new spaceport potentially opening in Oscoda, people need to know they don't have

to live in Iosco County to work at the air base. We may not be the job center of northeast Michigan, but you can live here and get to your place of work within a 30-minute drive. In the metropolitan Detroit area, you may have an hour commute to get to work, but up here you can get a lot further in 30 or 45 minutes. You can enjoy the natural resources our county offers, woods and water views and still get to work in 30 minutes and have a decent, well-paying job."

John (Terry) Small is the new County Commissioner for District 5 which includes Curtis, Mikado, Millen, and Mitchell townships.

Small is a lifelong Alcona County resident who grew up in Curran and is a 1971 Fairview High School graduate. He obtained an associate's degree in law enforcement in 1983 from Kirtland Community College.

He served over 31 years in law enforcement including 16 years as an Alcona County deputy while raising three children. He spent 10 years as an Alpena Deputy Sheriff stationed at the air-national guard base doing security work.

He also served as the Mitchell Township supervisor for

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County changes meeting time, extends building closure

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In their first meeting of the year, Alcona County Commissioners adopted a new time to meet for their bi-monthly board meetings, extended the county building closure, discussed what to do about an ongoing parking problem and delegated committee assignments.

Commissioners voted to change meeting times, which for a number of years has been at 10 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month, to 1:30 p.m. on the same days.

New commission chairman Adam Brege explained changing the time would allow the meeting to take place after lunch rather than break for

lunch during the meeting. Their hope was the afternoon meeting would allow a more acceptable time for people who may want to address the board to do so.

The commissioners extended the closure of the county building to the public until March 8 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The county building will remain operational during the closure with the public conducting business through phone conversations, emails and by appointment, if necessary. Commission meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the public to attend virtually.

During the meeting, commissioners also heard and discussed ongoing problems with parking at the Harbor-

town Marketplace parking lot, which has been experiencing a number of cars parking in the lot which are owned by renters of the apartment building next to it.

Harbortown Marketplace is a business incubator site owned by the county and currently has three tenants: Precious Paws Retail Shoppe, Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Under the current lease, MDHHS is allowed to have two cars, which are used by employees, to be parked in the lot overnight.

County grounds and maintenance department head David Hansen said that only Harbortown tenant employ-

ees and their patrons are allowed to park in the lot. He has made several attempts over the past year to make sure apartment renters know they are not to park there. Hansen suggested the commissioners act to allow Randy's Towing to tow cars away at the owner's expense.

"I have put written requests on windows and had signs installed. The problem is now the snow plows cannot effectively plow the lot because there are too many cars parked there. The sheriff's department cannot patrol the lot because it is a private lot," Hansen said.

He explained to commissioners there would be no cost to the county as Randy's Towing would charge vehicle

owners when they claimed their vehicles. Prior to accepting Hansen's proposal unanimously, the commissioners discussed that the landlord of the apartment building was aware of the issue and that the City of Harrisville has ordinances against parking on the street at night.

Commissioners delegated committee assignments with former commissioner Craig Johnston remaining on the road commission committee; former commissioner Kevin Boyat as committee representative with the Oscoda/Wurtsmith Airport Authority; and Alcona County resident Roger Baumgardner as committee representative with the Thun-

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Maryellen Boehringer

September 20, 1927 - January 2, 2021

Curran

Maryellen (Nolan) Boehringer has peacefully passed from this life and lives joyously in the loving embrace of her Heavenly Father.

Born in Oregon in 1927 to Hugh Ivan and Annie (Hubbard) Nolan, Maryellen and her family moved to Michigan in 1932 and settled in the Curran area where her father owned a farm. After graduating from Central Michigan University in 1948, Maryellen moved to the Saginaw, Mich. area where she married and raised a family.

Maryellen taught in a one-room school in Shields, weathered the challenges of public school consolidation, and, after teaching kindergarten and first grade in the Saginaw, Mich. area for 39 years, retired in 1990.

In 1999, she and her husband moved back to her parents' homestead in Curran, where she was an active member of the Comins Community Church and Mitchell Township Citizens' Watch.

Maryellen was also known to many as "The Strawberry Lady" who loved to sell strawberries on M-72.

She has been preceded in death by her husband John; her parents; her siblings, Martha Layman of Fairview and Hugh Nolan of Alpena; and her niece, Karen Layman.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Georgetta Nolan; daughter, Julie (Jim) Karshina; son, David (Cindy) Boehringer; nieces, Linda Graham and Kathy Layman; nephews, Paul Layman, John Nolan, Lee Nolan, and



Allan Nolan; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Karshina, Janet Karshina Thorpe, Eric Boehringer, Barbara Boehringer, Amy Boehringer MacArthur, Jamie Karshina, Sara Boehringer, and James Karshina; two grandsons-in-law, AJ MacArthur and Jeremy Thorpe; and 10 great-grandchildren, Samuel Gearhart, Jack Thorpe, Remington MacArthur, Rebekah MacArthur, Seth Thorpe, Jackson Boehringer, Morgan MacArthur, Isabella Karshina, Teagan MacArthur, and Nora MacArthur.

Per Maryellen's wishes, a celebration of her life will take place in early summer.

Maryellen was a friend and inspiration to many. She will be deeply missed.

Although COVID-19 prevented her final wish of her body's donation to MSU's research program, she continues to be a blessing to others through her donations to Gift of Life and Lieber Institute for Brain Research.

Paid Obituary



Obituaries



Karen E. Lehmann

Karen E. Lehmann, 74, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020 at home.

She was born May 17, 1946 to Ray and Martha (Gehres) Lehmann in Bay City, Mich. She was a life-long resident of Harrisville.

Miss Lehmann had a love of books and enjoyed the Alcona County Library.

She was former president of the Friends of the Library. She was active in the Alcona County Republican Party.

Miss Lehmann is survived by several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona County Library.

Cynthia Jean "CJ" Sawyer

Cynthia Jean "CJ" Sawyer, 74, formerly of Harrisville, died on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at her home in Montgomery, Ala.

She was born September 14, 1946 to Davis C. and Helen J. Moring in El Paso, Texas. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High school in Montgomery, Ala.

She received a Bachelor's Degree in education from Troy State University, Troy, Ala. with advanced studies at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

She married Donald W. Sawyer Jr. on January 26, 1974 and they were married 34 years.

Mrs. Sawyer came to Harrisville for summer family vacations in the 1970s

She worked as a special education teacher for Montgomery, Ala. and Fairfax, Va. for 25 years. She retired in Harrisville with her husband, Donald, at their lake home from 1993 to 2013.

Mrs. Sawyer enjoyed gardening, reading, and rock collecting along the shores of Lake Huron. She was also a charter member of the Sunrise Garden Club, a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary and director and teacher of AWANA program for 11 years.

She was a former member of American Baptist Women of Michigan (ABWM), Mission Coordinator for the First Baptist Church, Lincoln, and was a member of the Alcona Historical Society for 15 years.

Mrs. Sawyer is survived by



one step son, Jeffery (Masako) Sawyer; one step daughter, Christine (James) Driscoll; three granddaughters, Haley Driscoll, Gillian Driscoll and Neve Driscoll; two sisters, Deborah Flora and Anita (John) Deavers; and her two kitties, Tammy and Jenny.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents, Davis and Helen Moring; and one sister, Barbara A. Moring.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Dalraida Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. Pastor Rick Evans officiated. A burial service will be held in the spring at Springport Cemetery and arranged with Gillis Funeral Home, Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Dalraida Baptist Church, 3838 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, Ala. 36109 or First Baptist Church, Lincoln, 202 E. Main Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor

I'd like to throw a quick shout out and sincere thank you to all the members of the Alcona County Road Commission Team. You do a superb job.

One of my hobbies causes me to drive from county to county looking for the elusive guitar I have yet to own or play. So, I travel through many counties. Just last week after a six-inch snowfall I had to drive to Oscoda; M-72 and F-41 were plowed and had no ice. It was almost comical when I left Alcona County heading to Oscoda that right at the county line the roads went from great condition to being snow covered, icy and a bit treacherous.

So, I offer you a sincere thank you to all of you for your fine work on our county's behalf.

Richard Peterson
Barton City

Violent

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dence, but Coutts was not there. They found he had been given a ride to a home in Oscoda Township.

Officers from the Oscoda Township Police Department responded to that residence for threats Coutts was making there. Coutts allegedly fled the scene when officers arrived but was located at another home shortly afterward by law enforcement officers from several agencies. He was taken into custody and transported to the Alcona County Jail. "When he was brought into the jail, Coutts allegedly continued to be aggressive toward officers, deputies and correctional staff and assaulted one of the officers," according to the press release.

According to Alcona County Undersheriff Keith Myers, the officer was not injured. The victim is being assisted by Hope Shores Alliance. The investigation is ongoing.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Oscoda Township Police Department, Michigan State Police, Alpena and West Branch posts, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) law enforcement.

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Local Notes

Away at School

Alexander Stephenson of Barton City has been named to the Alma College Dean's List for the 2020 fall term. To earn this honor students must 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.

Vaccine Update

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) is vaccinating individuals in Phase 1A of the priority group which includes Emergency Medical Services, Medical First Responders and medical care facilities. DHD2 has used its first allotment of vaccine and as it receives more shipments, DHD2 plans to finish as many of the 1A group as possible.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its vaccine priority guidance and has authorized local health departments to begin vaccinating the following groups starting Monday, Jan 11:

- People age 65 years or older
- Frontline, essential workers with frequent or ongoing exposure as a part of their work. This includes some, but not all essential workers previously designated in 1B. First responders, police officers, jail and prison staff, pre-K-12 teachers and childcare providers are included.

A complete list of essential workers eligible can found at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI_COVID-19_Vaccination_Prioritization_Guidance_710349_7.pdf

Required pre-registration for these mass vaccination clinics will began on Monday, Jan. 11. Online signup will be at www.dhd2.org. Health department officials ask residents not to call or email if they can go online. There will be no walk-in vaccinations available and an appointment is required.

For those who do not have Internet access, they can call (989) 345-5020. Scheduling will be limited; and health department staff are working to organize more clinics quickly as vaccine supplies continue. However, be aware that pre-registration does not guarantee an appointment for that clinic. DHD2 staff will be reaching out those individuals who are scheduled for the clinic. Pre-registration does put individuals in line for future clinics. Future sites will be planned throughout the health department's jurisdiction to ensure improved access for all residents. The second dose is reserved when an individual receives their first and must be administered about 21 days later.

The clinics date closest for Alcona County Residents is:

- January 23 -- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Oscoda High School.
- Vaccine availability still depends on both vaccine supplies and staffing capacity.

Helping Local Families

More than 163 households in northeast Michigan were able to avoid eviction in late 2020 under a program Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) provided that partnered with landlords. According to Victoria Purvis, director of homeless and prevention services, this effort spent \$474,341 through the end of last year to pay back rent to 106 different landlords. This state funded program was a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted so many lives in our communities.

"In September, I made contact with a beautiful family of five who was hit hard financially from the pandemic," said Amanda Bergeron, NEMCSA's Lead Housing Resource Specialist. "The mother lost her job and has not been able to collect unemployment. The father works, but making a minimum amount of money. The family was behind five months on their rent."

Luckily, we were able to assist them with their rental arrears along with two months of future rent, allowing for the family to focus on getting back on their feet. I had many tearful phone calls with this family, first fearful that ultimately turned into happy tears because our agency was able to jump in and provide the help that they needed."

While this program has ended, NEMCSA continues to provide housing and homeless assistance to people in need. To find out more information regarding NEMCSA's housing and other programs and services, visit www.nemcsa.org.

NEMCSA is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency that provides many programs and services throughout its core 11 northeast Michigan counties, a territory of 6,300 square miles. These counties are Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

The Community Walking Club for 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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

The Alcona County Library and all of its branches will be closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

The Community Walking Club for 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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

The Alcona County Library Board will meet 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>).

(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. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in December 2020.

William David-Howard Hjorth, 31, of Oscoda was sentenced to eight days in jail and fines and costs of \$590 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

Austin William Gutzman, 20, of Alpena was sentenced to one year of probation and \$770 in fines and costs for allowing a suspended person to operate a motor vehicle.


Robert Allen Hill, 29, of East Tawas was sentenced to three days in jail and \$590 in fines and costs for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

Victor Edward Premen III, 24 of New Boston, Mich. was sentenced to 14 days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,950 in fines and costs for operating while intoxicated and possession of a bow in vehicle.

Timothy Josef Wiehr, 28, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$715 for no insurance.

Jeffery Lin Rosencrants, 54, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail and \$400 in fines and costs for failure to report and accident.

Robert Camille Papin, 77, of Black River was sentenced to fines and costs of \$220 for animals – bull at large.



Lucky bamboo "looks" like bamboo but is actually a different kind of plant that is native to Africa. Asian cultures, however, particularly appreciate this plant, believing that it brings good luck to the person receiving the plant as a gift. The tradition goes that if the lucky bamboo has 3 stems, it will bring one joy; if it has 5 stems, it brings good health; if it has 7 stems, it brings wealth; if it has 8 stems, that person will enjoy a long and prosperous life. -Brenda Wauer
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Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips can you recommend for making a bathroom senior-friendly? My 78-year-old mother has mobility problems and fell getting out of the bathtub last month. I'd like to modify her bathroom with some safety features that can help keep her safe.
Concerned Daughter



Dear Concerned,
Great question! Because more accidents and injuries happen in the bathroom than any other room in the house, this is a very important room to modify, especially for seniors with mobility or balance problems.

Depending on your mom's needs and budget, here are some simple tips and product recommendations that can make her bathroom safer and easier to use.

- **Floor:** To avoid slipping, a simple fix is to get non-skid bath rugs for the floors. Or if you want to put in a new floor get slip-resistant tiles, rubber or vinyl flooring, or install wall-to-wall carpeting.

- **Lights:** Good lighting is also very important, so install the highest wattage bulbs allowed for your mom's bathroom fixtures and get a plug-in nightlight that automatically turns on when the room gets dark.

- **Bathtub/shower:** To make bathing safer, purchase

a rubber suction-grip mat, or put down adhesive nonskid tape on the tub/shower floor. And have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower for support.

If your mom uses a shower curtain, install a screw or bolt-mounted curtain rod, versus a tension-mounted rod, so that if she loses her balance and grabs the shower curtain the rod won't spring loose.

For easier access and safer bathing, consider getting your mom a shower or bathtub chair so she can bathe from a seated position. In addition, you should also have a handheld, adjustable-height showerhead installed that makes chair bathing easier.

If your mom has the budget for it, another good option is to install a curb-less shower or a walk-in-bathtub. Curb-less showers have no threshold to step over, and come with a built-in seat, grab bars, slip resistant floors and an adjustable handheld shower head.

Walk-in tubs have a door in front that provides a much lower threshold to step over than a standard tub. They also have a built-in seat, handrails and a slip resistant bottom, and some have therapeutic features like whirlpool water jets and/or bubble massage air jets.

Curb-less showers and walk-in-tubs run anywhere between \$2,500 and \$10,000 installed.

- **Toilet:** Most standard toilets are around 15 inches high and can be an issue for taller seniors with arthritis, back, hip or knee problems. If your mom has trouble get-

ting on or off the toilet, a simple solution is to purchase a raised toilet seat that clamps to the toilet bowl, and/or purchase toilet safety rails that sit on each side of the seat for support. Or, you can install a new ADA compliant "comfort height" toilet that is 16-to-19 inches high.

- **Faucets:** If your mom has twist handles on the sink, bathtub or shower faucets, consider replacing them with lever handle faucets, or with a touch, motion or digital smart faucet. They're easier to operate, especially if she has hand arthritis or gripping problems. Also note that it only takes 130-degree water to scald someone, so turn her hot water heater down to 120 degrees.

- **Doorway:** If your mom needs a wider bathroom entrance to accommodate a walker or wheelchair, an inexpensive solution is to install some swing clear offset hinges on the door which will expand the doorway an additional two inches.

- **Emergency assistance:** As a safety precaution, you should also consider purchasing a voice-enabled medical alert system like Get Safe (GetSafe.com) for her bathroom. This device would let her call for help by simple voice command, or by pushing a button or pulling a cord.

You can find all of these suggested products at either medical supply stores, pharmacies, big-box stores, home improvement stores, hardware and plumbing supply stores, as well as online.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

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der Bay National Marine Sanctuary. All other committees were divided up amongst current commissioners.

The next county commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. Zoom link information is posted on the county website at alconacounty-mi.com.

Super Crossword

Answers

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six years and was, for a short period in 1985, a county commissioner before taking on a full-time law enforcement position.

Small ran for the commissioner seat because he felt he would be a good representative of the people. He would like the county to maintain and pay for what they have. "That's not to say we don't want things better, we always want improvement," Small said.

He said it is important for the county to maintain what it has and not lose key per-

sonnel because of the amount of training they have to go through.

He also said it is important to not just be fiscally sound as a county but to watch out and be prepared for liabilities. "In this day and age with lawsuits coming everywhere, I feel we need to be watching and covering ourselves. Making sure we have good insurance to cover those types of things."

Small, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, said one of his com-

mittee assignments is to sit in on the Alcona County Veteran Affairs meetings and he is very glad to be doing that and working with everyone at the county seat.

William (Bill) Thompson is the new commissioner for District 2 which includes the City of Harrisville and Harrisville and Haynes townships.

Thompson comes to the seat with a history of serving three terms as a county commissioner from 2008 to 2014 when he opted to take some time off and not run for reelection.

zations including Recycle Alcona, Alcona County Fair Board, Alcona County Quilt Trail, Alcona County Area Farmers Market and the Harrisville Goodfellows.

He and his wife have been volunteering to relocate a hoop house to behind Alcona Elementary School for students to utilize as an outdoor science classroom.

Thompson said he was excited to be back in the commissioner's seat and hopes to monitor the budget while moving the county forward. He wants to work with em-



Adam Brege



Terry Small



Bill Thompson

ployees of the county building to make it a more harmonious operation.

He'd also like to see the county be fiscally responsible. "If we can continue the budget-saving from last year and grow on that to try and get back where we were, it would be good. Some departments have to be scrutinized and if the finance committee does not do that, other commissioners should bring it to attention. We can't close our eyes to that," Thompson said.

Thompson has lived in Alcona County with his wife, Billie, since his retirement from the City of Ann Arbor where he worked as a wastewater plant supervisor in 2001.

"I believe in terms and not staying in the seat too long," Thompson said. "But after watching from the sidelines over the last six years I thought it was time to step up and run again."

He has been involved in many Alcona County organi-

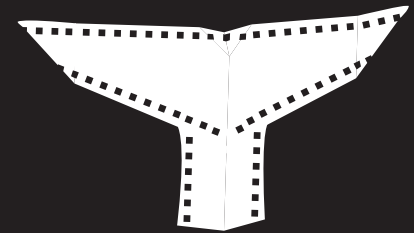
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Northeast Lower Peninsula January 7

• **Montmorency County:** McCormick Lake had open water over half of the lake and just a couple inches of ice at the boat launch. Those using tip-ups and slammer rods with minnows in shallow water caught a couple small brown trout and rainbow trout. East Twin Lake was producing small perch.

• **Fletchers Pond:** Has ice near the public access site; however, avoid the pressure cracks and use extreme caution as ice thickness is variable. Anglers were targeting pike with tip-ups and panfish with small jigs tipped with wax worms or spikes, though the panfish bite was slow. Largemouth bass were caught and released on tip-ups.

• **Higgins Lake:** The south end had thin ice only, no safe ice yet. The north end had open water. No anglers have been out.

• **Houghton Lake:** Ice fishing is going strong; however, anglers should stay clear of any inlets and outlets and the western part of the East Bay and avoid crossing any pressure cracks. Anglers are getting lots of small perch along with a few keepers. Bluegills were caught when fishing multiple holes to find schools of fish around the



weed beds. Most are using tear drops with mousies, wax worms and spikes. The best walleye bite was in the early morning. Pike were more active early morning and at night.

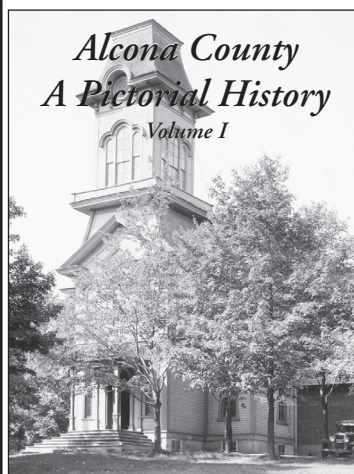
• **Lake St. Helen:** Anglers are ice fishing, though caution needs to be used near any inlets or outlets where snowmobiles have gone through. Those fishing have caught a few walleye, crappie and pike.

• **Tawas:** A few boats going out of the Tawas River were trolling and jigging for walleye in 20 to 30 feet. Those trolling body baits were getting a few fish down towards Alabaster. Ice conditions off Access Road near Jerry's Marina are very sketchy at best, and extreme caution needs to be used. A few walleye anglers using jigs tipped with minnows in seven to 10 feet caught a couple keepers, but most were too small.

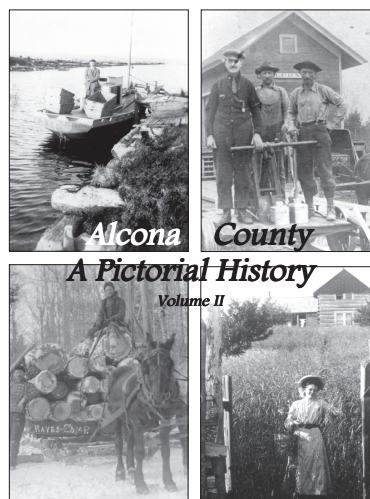
• **AuGres:** Those fishing Northport Marina reported good pike fishing when using tip-ups. Pike were also caught inside Eagle Bay Marina. A few perch anglers were reported off Palmer Road, but no reports of any fish caught.

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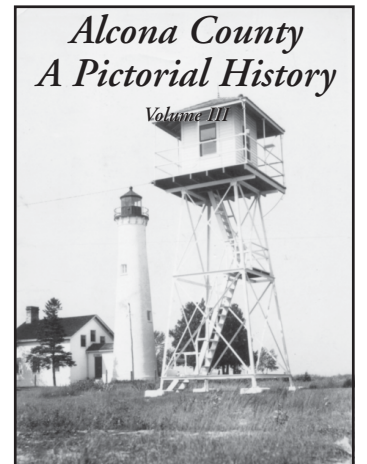
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Scotch heather

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Brenda Weaver

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“When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.”

— Willie Nelson

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City of Harrisville explores funding options for new wastewater system

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The City of Harrisville recently advised residents it is working toward getting a new wastewater system.

Jeff Gehring, Harrisville’s mayor, said the system in place is antiquated and was put in place sometime in the mid-1970s. “There has been some testing done within the city and the state is concerned the system is getting old. We need to get the new infrastructure in place before the state mandates it,” Gehring said.

He explained they are not quite sure what they are going to do yet and has no idea of what it will cost to be replaced. The city is looking for

grant and loan options.

“With COVID-19, everything is all different. It’s a whole new dynamic. We looked at state funding but their numbers were not something either the taxpayers or I would be willing to accept at this point. We are currently looking at a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan, which would ease some of the burden on the taxpayers,” Gehring said.

He is concerned and said he does not want the cost of a new wastewater system to fall heavily on the taxpayers, but that it may raise what they currently pay, which is why he wanted to be upfront and let them know now what the city was working on.

“We all know where we live with a high population of people on fixed incomes. I live here too, no one wants to pay more, but I don’t want sewage running down the roads here either. We are not at that point yet, but we need to address this before the state forces our hand. We are trying to get ahead of a state mandate where we wouldn’t have any options,” Gehring said.

Gehring hopes to have definitive numbers by April on what the wastewater system will cost and if the city can secure any type of loan/grant funding. He wants to explore every option the city can before releasing any numbers to the public.

Microplastics threaten Great Lakes

By Lillian Young
Capitol News Service

Microplastic particles, typically studied as aquatic pollutants, are also common in coastal dunes on Great Lakes’ shorelines, according to a new study.

The situation is worse than researchers originally expected. Based on findings from the eastern shore of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, microplastic pollution is frequently transported from shore to coastal land.

What does that mean for the coastal ecosystems?

Nothing good, the study published in the “Journal of Great Lakes Research” sug-



Pieces of microplastics are common on Great Lakes’ coastal dunes shorelines. Photo courtesy of the International Joint Commission.

gests, highlighting that microplastics can obstruct animals’ digestive tracts and absorb, then trap, toxic chemicals.

The transfer of microplastics from lake to shore occurs because they’re generally less dense than water, the study said. This trait allows winds to move them easily to the shore.

Due to their high mobility, microplastics can travel long distances and disperse over a large area, according to researchers from the State University of New York at Oneonta.

While individual responsibility is important, people shouldn’t feel guilt over small choices when most pollution comes from large companies, said Meaghan Gass, a Michigan Sea Grant educator in the Saginaw Bay area who specializes in community resiliency and Great Lakes literacy.

Gass is working on a local scale to educate elementary school students about the importance of a clean environment through a program called “Plastics Float.” Students are encouraged to act locally as leaders to create a more sustainable community, doing things such as convincing restaurant owners to hand out plastic straws only when customers ask for them.

She introduces the topic of microplastics to students early in their education so that, by the time they graduate, they’re aware of how the choices they and their communities make impact the environment.

The latest scientific confirmation of plastic particles on shores indicates that the problem of water-borne microplastics is increasingly serious, experts said.

Since people eat fish from the Great Lakes and animals from the coastal areas around them, toxins in the microplastics can move up in the food chain to humans.

According to Sarah Zack, a pollution prevention expert at Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, scientists have found that the space plastic takes up in animals’ guts can cause damage that is sometimes irreversible. “Aquatic organisms are impacted when they eat plastic instead of their normal food,” Zack said. She described how their growth, reproduction and survival can all suffer as a result of such pollution.

Without a healthy supply of fish in the Great Lakes, local economies could falter, she said. Microplastic pollution “has implications for economies and industries dependent on healthy fish populations, like fishing and tourism,” Zack said.

Microplastics are a “large-scale problem without many large-scale solutions,” according to Zack.

Concerns about microplastics in the Great Lakes aren’t limited to the U.S., said Kari Lydersen, a Chicago-based author and journalist who specializes in the environment.

In October, Lydersen wrote a piece for the Alliance for the Great Lakes describing the

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School district makes air quality improvements

By Dan O'Connor

*Superintendent
Alcona Community Schools*

The adage that timing can be everything was especially true this summer for Alcona Community Schools. As part of its facilities plan, the district updated its heating ventilation and air conditioning controls as part of its 2020 sinking fund project.

With the emergence of COVID-19 during the spring and potential challenges for schools, the district collaborated with the vendor to add ionization units throughout the district to improve air quality for school facilities.

Almost all areas occupied by staff and students now have the needlepoint bipolar ionization units added to the district's air handlers. The units purify indoor air by eliminating airborne particles, odors, and pathogens. While improving air quality, the units also reduce energy consumption and reduce our carbon footprint by reducing outdoor air intake.

Superintendent's Corner

By Dan O'Connor
Alcona Community Schools



While many schools and businesses are working toward solutions like the mentioned, the district was fortunate to be in the midst of an HVAC upgrade and was able to add this element to the project.

The district is working on plans for the summer of 2021 and the utilization of the sinking fund. Bids will soon be published to replace the original windows that are over 60 years old at the middle/high school. The design will reduce the current windows surface area by 30 percent and improve energy savings with a better seal and thickness.

As part of the larger project, the district updated the software and truly connected all district units. Adding the ionization to our units was a perfect addition to the project and positive for anyone using our facilities. The district is grateful to the community for its support for the sinking fund. It continues to tackle projects that will save money and allow for additional funds to be added for innovative programs and supports for students.

(Dan O'Connor is the superintendent of Alcona Community Schools. He can be reached by calling (989) 736-8685.)

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— Brad Paisley

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of January 4-10, 2021

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Property Damage Accident	2	Animal/Dog	3
Miscellaneous	2	Patrol Check	2
Well Being Check	2	Suspicious Event	3
Kennel Inspection	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Alarm	1	Identity Theft	1
Fire	1	Domestic	1
Threats/Harassment	2	Burglary	2
Operate Under Infl. of Drugs	1	Vio. of Public Health Code	1
Child Neglect	1	Assault	1
Civil	1	Larceny	2

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Loss of popular festivals in 2020 means loss of revenue

By Kathleen Fitch
Capital News Service

The Great Lakes region is known for its natural beauty, drawing millions of visitors every year. Tourism is one of the region's biggest contributors to its economy.

Many Michigan summer festivals fell by the wayside amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"All the various festivals that we have are a major part of our economy because they not only provide activities for

the locals, but they really do a lot of statewide and national advertising to draw people here," said Traverse City Mayor Jim Carruthers.

Traverse City is known as the Cherry Capital of the World, and the National Cherry Festival has taken place there since 1926.

"We grow more cherries by the ton than all of the state, than all of the country," Carruthers said. "It's the agricultural systems that are really the heritage of this area.

It's been a big part of our brand," he said. "The cherry is on everything."

The festival brings in at least half a million people every year during the eight-day period in the beginning of July, according to Carruthers.

Residents are used to the city being filled with parades, fireworks, concerts and crowded streets during that time.

Due to the pandemic, this year looked different. "It's been sad and frustrating to have to close and cancel," Carruthers said.

The Cherry Festival committee held some virtual events, such as the Grand Traverse Pie Co. Virtual Make and Bake. In place of the normal parades, Traverse City residents were encouraged to decorate their porches for the Very Cherry Porch Parade. "We made the best of a bad situation," Carruthers said.

Even so, according to Carruthers, this summer saw a record-breaking number of tourists. "People figured maybe it's still a nice time to go on vacation because they could do things outside," he

said. "I've never seen more boat traffic on Grand Traverse Bay in my entire life than this summer."

"Financially, it was a total bust," Carruthers said. "We didn't have people coming and buying the products. We didn't have that one main week where everything is red and everything is about cherries. It was challenging."

Holland also experienced a major financial loss this year due to cancellation of its Tulip Time Festival.

"Eighty to 90 percent of our revenue every year relies on Tulip Time," said Jim Veldheer, a co-owner of Veldheer Tulip Farms.

Veldheer Tulip Farms produces more than six million tulips a year and has more varieties than any other location in the world, according to Veldheer.

"Tourism is a major entity in Michigan, and it's gonna need some major help," Veldheer said.

Gwen Auwerda, the festival's executive director, said the festival has an economic impact of \$48 million every year.

"That's new money that comes into our community because Tulip Time happens," she said.

Holland Mayor Nathan Bocks said that \$48 million doesn't just go directly to Tulip Time. It's money that's being spent at restaurants, in hotels, with food vendors, and at locally-owned stores in the city.

There's a lot more to Tulip Time than just tulips, Auwerda said. Parades, fireworks, food vendors, Dutch dancing and a carnival are all incorporated into the festival, which was supposed to take place May 2-10.

"We have approximately 500,000 people, both locals and tourists, that come to Holland over the nine-day time period," Auwerda said. "The city has a population of 35,000, so that's a lot of people that come into the area."

"It was a heart-wrenching decision for Tulip Time to have to make," Bocks said about the first cancellation since 1929. "But, it was the right one to make based on the COVID-19 circumstances."

"It seemed surreal," said Kristi Berens, a Dutch dance instructor for Holland High School students. Their performances during the festival are one of the most popular events.

"I've got all these costumes at home," Berens said. "I hung them up, put a dry-cleaning bag over them and told the kids, 'Your costume will be ready for you next year.'"

Auwerda said the dancers wear wooden shoes and authentic costumes.



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— Brenda Warner

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Microplastics

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strange and relatively new threat that microplastics pose. "Everyone really contributes to it through our lifestyles," she said. She described aquatic microplastic pollution in the water as a "shared problem" for the U.S. and Canada, given their similar ways of life and proximity to the Great Lakes.

The study confirmed Lydersen's take, saying that tributaries to the Great Lakes serve as pathways for microplastics.

Zack agreed with Lydersen on the difficulty of stopping microplastic pollution due to their numerous sources such as trash, disposable cutlery and wastewater from washing machines.

"Because the problem is so widespread and has so many different sources, how do you solve it? There have been some engineering innovations, but nothing on a large scale that I'm aware of," she said. "To me, at least right now, it comes down to making good choices and personal responsibility."

Zack said people can avoid single-use plastic and use a special wash bag when cleaning clothes made of fleece or other materials that shed a lot of fibers.

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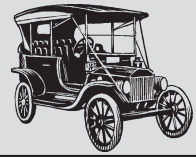
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Girl runaways back and glad to be home

January 13, 1921 ~ Two young girls, Hazel and Ruth Peters, aged 14 and 16, ran away from their home in Spruce and were picked up by the authorities in Bay City. Sheriff Freer brought them to Harrisville Thursday and turned them over to Judge Burt of the probate court.

The girls were living with their aged grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Country, in Spruce and they told a story of cruelty and misuse by their grandmother as an excuse for running away. The story did not sound just right and Judge Burt sent County Agent Greenfield to investigate. Mr. Greenfield found the girls had left a good home where they were well cared for and treated right. The court sent them back home and they seemed glad to go.

Annual income tax drive now in full swing

January 13, 1921 ~ The annual income tax "drive" is now on, and it is purposed by Collector John A. Grogan of Detroit, to have one of his field deputies visit every town in the district, if possible before the close of the campaign to instruct taxpayers as to the manner of making returns and render such assistance as they can in the short time that can be spent in each place.

Deputy Collector Scott Cilley will visit Harrisville on January 17, 1921, making his headquarters at Court House, where taxpayers may meet him. Much time will be saved if figures are carefully compiled and classified as to receipts and expenses before visiting the deputy.

Forms for making reports have been mailed to all those who last year reported for the income tax, and these forms should be brought by the taxpayer when he visits the deputy collector. Every single person whose income in 1919 was \$1,000.00 or more and every married person whose income was \$2,000.00 or more is required to make return.

Deputy Scott Cilley, who is in charge of Federal tax matters for this county has his post of duty at Omer, Mich., but will until March 15th spend a large part of his time in the towns of his division placing his services at the disposal of income tax payers.

Alcona defeats Beaverton, 57 - 54

January 14, 1971 ~ The Northeastern Michigan conference schools returned to action last Friday night after a layoff extending back into December with Alcona handing Beaverton its first league loss, 57 - 54, Houghton Lake taking over the second spot and remaining undefeated with a 52-47 win at Roscommon, and Harrison getting its first conference victory by defeating Whittemore-Prescott, 75 - 64.

Alcona's first quarter bulge proved to be the deciding factor in their ball game with Beaverton. Taking a 10 - 11 lead, the Tigers dropped a point after the second frame of 18 - 17 to go into the dress-

ing room at intermission nursing a 33 - 29 advantage. Both clubs scored 12 in the third stanza with the losers taking the scoring nod in the (final quarter of 13 - 12. Coach Jim Emington had high praise for the boys on the bench as they came through and saved the victory after four of his starters fouled out.

The loser's Bob Woodruff had high honors for the game with 18 on six from the floor and six from the free throw line. The winners placed two men in double figures with Dave Somers getting 11 on three and five and John McIntyre three and four for ten. Rodney Roehrs and Tim Mates also hit in double figures for Beaverton.

Life savers getting their reward

January 9, 1896 ~ After some years of neglect, the life savers received needed consideration at the hands of the last congress the passage of the bill for the increase of salaries being due largely to the efforts of several prominent citizens of Alpena. The present congress will now be asked to pass a bill, which will be introduced simultaneously in both houses, and which will provide that all the general officers, captains of stations, and surfmen, shall, upon request, be retired on half pay after twenty years

consecutive service. It further provides that the widows of captains and surfmen who die in the service shall receive, so long as they remain widows, a pension equivalent to one-half the pay received by their husbands. Orphan children of captains and some men shall receive collectively a like amount until they are sixteen years old. The bill is only justice to one of the hardest working and most deserving branches of Uncle Sam's service, and it should be passed.

Two arrested for theft of deer rifle from car

January 10, 1946 ~ George Pamame, of Mikado Township, and Stanley Wesja, Bay City, are being held by County authorities on a charge of stealing a deer rifle from a car parked in front of the Mikado Tavern on November 15th, 1945.

State Police of the Tawas Station picked up Pamame, who was brought to Harrisville, where the charges were made. Wesja was picked up by Bay City State Police and returned here for questioning. Wesja claims to have gone to sleep in the back seat of the car, and when he awoke, the gun was along side of him on the car seat. The gun had been sold to another Indian in the settlement, and has since been recovered.

Both men are being held in jail, until their hearing, which is set for Saturday morning before Justice Apsey of Lincoln.

If you happened to be there when someone's really mad, would you be in the line of fire?
 ANSWER
Cryptodup

Local lodges to hold joint installation

January 10, 1946 ~ On Saturday evening, January 12, Harrisville I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 218, and the Huron Rebekah Lodge No. 256 will meet at their Hall at 8:00 p.m. for a joint Installation of Officers. The Installation will be opened to Odd Fellows, their wives, Rebekah's and their husbands and will start promptly at 8 o'clock, to be followed by a short program and an oyster supper.

Past Grand Master, Herman Dehnke will preside as Installing officer for the I.O.O.F., and Mrs. Wm. Conklin will serve in that capacity for the Rebekahs.

The following Officers will be installed for 1946: Harrisville Lodge No. 218, I.O.O.F.

- N.G.— Carter H. Miller
 - V. G.— George Freer
 - Rec. Sec'y.— Johnson F. Ritchie
 - Fin. Sec'y.— Herman Dehnke
 - Treas.— Carl Riebow
- Huron Rebekah Lodge No. 256:
- N.G.— Margaret Hertzler
 - V. G.— To be announced.
 - Rec. Sec'y.— Lillian Cowley
 - Fin. Sec'y.— Irene Simonsen
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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	
Jan. 3	32	27	0.00	1.0	7.0	W
Jan. 4	32	26	0.00	4.1	16	SSW
Jan. 5	34	28	0.00	0.9	8.0	WSW
Jan. 6	37	31	0.00	2.3	15	N
Jan. 7	36	26	0.00	4.3	21	N
Jan. 8	29	24	0.00	7.7	22	NNE
Jan. 9	34	22	0.00	1.6	11	N
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
2020-2021 Season						
	Water Content		Snowfall	Normal Water Content		
Weekly Total	0.00		0.0	0.42		
January to Date	0.11		4.0	0.54		
Year/Season to Date	0.11		8.2	0.54		

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:** What is the capital of the Canadian province British Columbia?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which university or college has sports teams with the nickname "Golden Gophers"?
3. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many cups equal 1 quart?
4. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the mansion in the TV series "Dark Shadows"?
5. **ANATOMY:** What are the tissues that hold bones together?
6. **SCIENCE:** What is the study of plants called?
7. **MOVIES:** What are the main food groups, according to Buddy in the movie "Elf"?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the scientific adjective used to describe fish?
9. **CURRENCY:** What is the basic currency of Haiti?
10. **INVENTIONS:** Who is credited with the invention of vaccines?

Answers: 1. Victoria; 2. University of Minnesota; 3. Four; 4. Collinwood; 5. Ligaments; 6. Botany; 7. Candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup; 8. Piscine; 9. Gourde; 10. Edward Jenner (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 12, 1838, after his Mormon bank fails in the Panic of 1837, Joseph Smith flees Kirtland, Ohio, to avoid potential criminal prosecution by angry and disillusioned former believers. Smith claimed the angel Moroni had visited him in 1823 and told him he was destined to become a modern prophet of God.
 - On Jan. 13, 1968, in the midst of a plummeting music career, legendary country singer Johnny Cash arrives to play for inmates at California's Folsom Prison. The concert and the subsequent live album launched him back onto the charts.
 - On Jan. 15, 1870, the first recorded use of a donkey to represent the Democratic Party appears in Harper's Weekly, drawn by political illustrator Thomas Nast. Four years later, Nash originated the use of an elephant to symbolize the Republican Party in a Harper's Weekly cartoon.
 - On Jan. 16, 1938, Benny Goodman brings jazz to Carnegie Hall, a notion so outlandish at the time that Goodman himself initially laughed off the idea. The concert at the citadel of American high culture sold out weeks in advance.
 - On Jan. 14, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issues Presidential Proclamation No. 2537, requiring aliens from World War II-enemy countries -- Italy, Germany and Japan -- to register with the Department of Justice.
 - On Jan. 17, 1950, 11 men steal more than \$2 million (\$22 million today) from the Brink's Armored Car depot in Boston. It was the perfect crime --almost -- as the culprits weren't caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired.
 - On Jan. 11, 1973, the owners of America's 24 major league baseball teams vote to allow teams in the American League to use a "designated pinch-hitter" that could bat for the pitcher, while still allowing the pitcher to stay in the game.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Halo sporter</p> <p>6 Nest nuggets</p> <p>10 Had no being</p> <p>15 "Vamoose!"</p> <p>19 "I wanna try!"</p> <p>20 Cameo, e.g.</p> <p>21 Lend — (pay attention)</p> <p>22 Poi source</p> <p>23 Participants in a guided discussion</p> <p>25 Longtime kids' nature magazine</p> <p>27 Spanish for "bear"</p> <p>28 McDonnell Douglas jet</p> <p>30 Refuge</p> <p>31 Thelma's cohort, in film</p> <p>34 Use an entryway</p> <p>35 Velvet or Hallow ender</p> <p>36 — hop (jitterbug)</p> <p>37 14- to 18-year-old in a British youth association</p> <p>40 Source copy: Abbr.</p> <p>42 "BTW" part</p> <p>43 You, in Berlin</p> | <p>44 Road given a no.</p> <p>46 Pop-rock singer</p> <p>50 Kind of sheet metal</p> <p>54 Border illumination on some smartphones</p> <p>57 Mini-whirlpools</p> <p>58 What bran provides, to Brits</p> <p>60 Grads.-to-be</p> <p>61 Basso Pinza</p> <p>62 Outfits anew</p> <p>64 "No" voter</p> <p>65 "— culpa!"</p> <p>66 Slender nails</p> <p>67 Large cosmological aggregate</p> <p>71 Imams' God</p> <p>75 U.S. tax org.</p> <p>76 Berlin article</p> <p>77 Ejected lava</p> <p>82 Waste time</p> <p>83 Party game</p> <p>84 "— not lost"</p> <p>86 1980s TV's Remington</p> <p>87 1966 Wilson Pickett hit</p> <p>90 The "I" of 75-Across</p> <p>92 Show up for</p> <p>93 Farm female</p> | <p>94 Abbr. for those with only one given name</p> <p>95 Mil. unit</p> <p>96 Tooth anchor</p> <p>98 First extended stay on the International Space Station</p> <p>104 Spiny plants</p> <p>107 With 103-Down, didn't know at all</p> <p>109 Radio knob</p> <p>110 Loin steaks</p> <p>111 Put in order</p> <p>113 Writer Franz</p> <p>114 "Y" athlete</p> <p>115 Annual Arizona football game</p> <p>117 New York City fashion-industry agency whose name is apt for this puzzle</p> <p>122 Shoe fillers</p> <p>123 Conical tent</p> <p>124 Comics' Kett</p> <p>125 "Peachy!"</p> <p>126 Sommer of Hollywood</p> <p>127 Lauder of fragrances</p> | <p>AUTO SUGGESTION</p> <p>128 Asian nation</p> <p>129 Garish</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 TV title alien</p> <p>2 Natal lead-in</p> <p>3 Yukon maker</p> <p>4 Avian-based skin care product</p> <p>5 To a smaller degree</p> <p>6 Botch it up</p> <p>7 "Sheesh!"</p> <p>8 Biochemical sugar</p> <p>9 Erma Bombeck's "The Grass Is Always Greener Over the — Tank"</p> <p>10 Alert</p> <p>11 Actress Ortiz</p> <p>12 Pick up on</p> <p>13 1998 Winter Olympics city</p> <p>14 Nonkosher</p> <p>15 More direct</p> <p>16 — terrier</p> <p>17 Curved</p> <p>18 Sweet white wine</p> <p>24 Word after film or play</p> <p>26 Frank topper</p> <p>29 Musician</p> <p>31 Vowel, e.g.</p> <p>32 Bull leather</p> <p>33 Capsizes</p> <p>35 Ending for major</p> <p>38 Conn. hours</p> <p>39 Compulsion</p> <p>41 Inferior mags</p> <p>45 Someone — problem</p> <p>47 Tony winner</p> <p>48 Writer Blyton</p> <p>49 Huge heads</p> <p>51 More, in music</p> <p>52 "Psycho" co-star Janet</p> <p>53 Dog in "The Thin Man"</p> <p>54 Bidding site</p> <p>55 Common battery type</p> <p>56 Infuriated</p> <p>59 "What You Need" rock band</p> <p>63 Injured-arm supporter</p> <p>65 Actor Paul</p> <p>66 Yahoo</p> <p>68 Left the bed</p> <p>69 Kin of a tulip</p> <p>70 Once, once</p> <p>71 Mater</p> <p>72 Yahoo</p> <p>73 Rearmost</p> <p>74 It lingers in the mouth</p> <p>78 — annum</p> <p>79 Bodily band</p> <p>80 Benes on "Seinfeld"</p> <p>81 Investigates</p> <p>83 Annul</p> <p>84 Author Haley</p> <p>85 A lot like</p> <p>88 Rub oil on</p> <p>89 Wowed</p> <p>91 Future louse</p> <p>94 Bismarck is its cap.</p> <p>97 Realm of Oedipus</p> <p>99 PalmPilot, e.g., in brief</p> <p>100 — Tower (Paris sight)</p> <p>101 Agenda part</p> <p>102 Like an oval or rectangle</p> <p>103 See 107-Across</p> <p>104 — latte</p> <p>105 Disney's "Little Mermaid"</p> <p>106 Streamlet</p> <p>108 Become a parent to</p> <p>112 Fence "door"</p> <p>113 Swiss painter Paul</p> <p>116 Really small</p> <p>118 Berlin article</p> <p>119 Water, to Somme folks</p> <p>120 "Inc." cousin</p> <p>121 — latte</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- On Earth you need heat to fuse metal, but in space, due to the lack of atmosphere, two pieces of the same kind of metal will fuse together with just a little pressure in a process called cold welding.
- The average person will grow 590 miles of hair in their lifetime. Nose hairs alone contribute 6.5 feet of that.
- Digging a hole to China is possible if you start in Argentina.
- While adult giraffes usually sleep standing up, their offspring get more comfortable by hunkering down on the ground and taking advantage of their extra-flexible necks, twisting around to plop their heads on their own posteriors.
- The U.S. government gave Indiana University \$1 million to study memes.
- Caffeine, which is found in tea leaves, guarana berries, kola nuts and, of course, coffee beans, acts as a natural pesticide. It overloads the nervous systems of insects that try to eat the plants containing it, paralyzing and even killing them before they can do too much damage.
- Liquids can boil and freeze at the same time.
- Can't get your kids to eat their carrots and broccoli? Perhaps they suffer from lachanophobia, otherwise known as the fear of vegetables.
- Hurricanes release the energy of 10,000 nuclear bombs.
- Harry Truman was the first president to celebrate Hanukkah in the White House. In 1951, he accepted a menorah from David Ben Gurion, the prime minister of Israel.
- Charles Dickens believed that sleeping facing north would improve his writing.
- Finland was the first nation to experiment with autonomous vehicles in urban conditions. The country's laws don't oblige drivers to be inside the vehicle.

Thought for the Day: "When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world." -- George Washington Carver
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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: G equals Y

MC GBL UKDDHIHS YB AH YUHTH

VUHI EBQHBH'E THKFFG QKS,

VBLFS GBL AH MI YUH FMIH BC

MTH?

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul S. Hupcik and Dolores E. Hupcik, husband and wife.

Original mortgagee: First Federal bank of Northern Michigan successor in interest to/and or name change to mBank. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None.

Date of mortgage: December 23, 2005. Date of mortgage recording: January 4, 2006. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$105,282.39.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The N-1/2 of the SW-1/4 Exc. the south 250 feet of the west 697.94 feet, Section 26, T25N R8E. Common street address (if any): 4255 Alvin Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9749

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Sheila Phillips, treasurer Marsha Mahalak, clerk Linda Somers and council members, Sara Healy, Bill Putsky, Pat Somers, Brett Wambold and Amanda Zielinski. The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion from Zielinski with support from Putsky. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Wambold with support from Zielinski. The bills were approved as presented on a motion from Putsky with support from Zielinski.

Committee reports were given. The human resources report was given by Putsky. Larry Somers will be helping Dale Job and Warren MacNeill with snow removal as needed. The Friends of the Playground are continuing to raise funds for a pavilion. Currently, there is over \$4,000 in the account towards that venture. Treasurer Mahalak and Karen Godi are working on securing grand funds to help fund the project.

President Phillips stated that she has information regarding making the Village a Golf Cart Community. She wondered if it should come before the planning commission first. Attorney Cook stated that it would be in our best interest to hold a meeting to discuss it with them and then present the information from that committee to the full village council for consideration.

Troy Somers, zoning administrator, gave a brief report. Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder report. There were 21 medical runs and nine fire calls during the month of December. President Phillips talked about the updated fire department funding that is being requested in the upcoming budgets for the four townships we serve. She suggested that the fire chiefs get together and come up with an acceptable fire contract that would work for all the neighboring areas.

Warren MacNeill gave the maintenance report. The bathrooms have been winterized. Equipment has been prepped for winter. He said the recent snow storms have been very hard to get cleaned up due to refreezing. He said although there have been complaints they are continuing to work through them. There are some things that need to be taken care of on the dump truck. He will be taking it to Alpena to have it fixed. Putsky gave the sewer report. Currently, everything is going very well. The flow meters will be recalculated next week. In old business, the MSHDA grant process will be worked on and applications will be put in for the next grant period.

Two applications were received for an open position on the village council. One was from Jason Durham and one from Dorene Schick. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Wambold, to appoint Dorene Schick to the open position. Carried. Council member Zielinski stated that she will be moving next month so she will attend her

last meeting on February 1. Once her position is officially vacated we will appoint someone to fill it. It is hoped that Jason will express interest again at that time. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Carried.

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