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Fire fighters from five departments respond to the report of a fire at the Docksider Cafe in Harrisville on Tuesday, July 13 at approximately 7 p.m. According to Harrisville Fire Chief Dan Klukowski, several fire fighters were at the Harrisville Harbor with fire equipment when a passerby reported seeing smoke at the cafe three blocks away. "When we arrived, smoke was coming from the eaves in the back of the restaurant," Klukowski said. No one was inside or around the building when fire fighters arrived. Tenants from the two apartments on the second story of the building next to the cafe were not home and fire fighters entered the downstairs area of that building to ensure fire had not spread through the walls. "I requested mutual aid as soon as we started rolling out hoses," Klukowski said. "Greenbush, Mikado, Lincoln and Alcona Township fire departments responded. There was a great amount of crew there and it was awesome. I didn't want to take the chance of not having (crew and equipment) with the former clinic building next door and the bank not far away -- it could have gotten ugly pretty quickly. It is easier to send people home rather than wish they were there," Klukowski said. Fire fighters cleared the scene around 9 p.m. Alcona County Sheriff Deputy and fire investigator Rob Clink said his investigation determined that no foul play is suspected, and the origin of the fire was in the rear restroom of the cafe. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

## Ten-digit dialing will soon be required for all calls in several area codes

Telephone users in four Michigan area codes are required to include an area code in every phone call — known as 10-digit dialing — as part of the rollout of a new way to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Callers in Michigan's 616, 810, 906 and 989 area codes started dialing with 10 digits (area code plus telephone number) on April 24, the start date for what's called a permissive dialing period designed to get customers used to the new requirement of including an area code when dialing, even for local calls. Callers who forget and dial only seven digits will still be connected during the permissive dialing period.

The change is in preparation for the July 16, 2022, activation of a new three-digit dialing code — 988 — to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in July 2020 designated 988 as the abbreviated dialing code to reach the suicide prevention hotline that provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources, and best practices for professionals.

The FCC's order requires all telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and one-way VoIP providers (covered providers) to make any network changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. Until then, customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) to reach the Lifeline.

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## Harrisville's finest gardens on annual walk

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Perseverance, tranquility, history and a bit of whimsy unite the majesty of the Harrisville gardens that will be featured during the 17th annual Garden Walk of the Sunrise Gardening Club.

The walk, which will be held on Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine, is a journey bursting with color, texture and artful design by gardeners who passionately care for their gardens.

The eight gardens featured demonstrate a unique blend of horticultural skills; finding what will grow well in the soils of northeast Michigan and the gardener's personality and taste, making each a unique treasure.

Walkers will find shade and comfort abounding at a rural acreage property where angels hide alongside lilies and sweeping trees seemingly kiss the tended grounds. Massive

flower beds pop with color to encircle the gardener's oasis home, well-hidden at the back of acres of manicured lawn and a moose that welcomes all visitors along the drive up to the garden.

There are gardens every property owner can relate to, gardens that just grow without a plan and gardens with a definite plan that deer and other wildlife desire to change on a daily basis.

Garden walkers are sure to enjoy a historic pond-side home garden which is the residence to multiple varieties of poultry and a family with three young daughters who together play in unison on cocoa mulch under large beds of edible and ornamental flora. Look for the herb garden close by the kitchen for easy access and the berries ripening that will soon be made into wine.

While not all gardens can

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# God Bless America



Thank you everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits during this difficult time  
Richard Rozanek Family

CURTIS TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

Curtis Township is accepting bids for the Glennie Cemetery, located on M-7/21 65, and Curtisville Cemetery located on Clouse Rd. in Curtisville for the following items: trim branches on 3 trees, remove 4 trees and grind stumps if possible. Any questions please contact Kevin Perry at 586-201-0757.

All bids must be submitted by August 25th, 2021. Mail bids to Curtis Township Hall PO Box 90, Glennie, MI 48737. Please mark "Curtis Twp. Cemeteries Bids" on envelope. Must have proof of insurance (including worker's comp) upon acceptance of bid. Jennifer Petty, Township Clerk.

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Americanisms



"Our nation is a rainbow — red, yellow, brown, black and white — and we're all precious in God's sight." — Jesse Jackson

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,  
I'm writing because I'm very upset with the rules that the DNR came up with.

I hunt and fish and own land in the north. I have been putting in for a bear license for 10 years and still haven't got one because of this point system they have put on bear hunting.

I have talked to a lot of hunters and there are a lot who feel like I do. This point system is, to me, an unfair act. It needs to go back to the old way to make it fair for every one of us.

I know some who have gotten a license their first year and some longer... and some, like me, who haven't got one yet. Oh, yes, there are some hunt clubs who get bear licenses every year. So, to me this is what I call an unfair act.

I'm going to be 70 years old and, because of this point system, will probably never get to shoot a bear in my lifetime.

This unfair act needs to be put out... needs to go back where all you had to do was go in and by a bear license — that's the fair way for everyone in Michigan. Time to stand up and say no more unfair rules and regulations to seniors and veterans. Make it fair for everyone.

Asa H. Pelton  
Glennie

To the Editor,  
State Rep. Sue Allor has been tooting her own horn about her frivolous bill to stop vaccine passports. Meanwhile, she's doing the bidding of downstate big businesses by voting to cut off unemployment benefits to Alcona families.

Nobody in Michigan wants to impose state vaccine passports. Her bill is a distraction. Shame on you, Sue. We deserve better.

Judith Riley,  
Haynes Township

To the Editor,  
Alcona County has been fortunate to have several talented writers. Renowned author Judith Guest comes to mind. She called Harrisville her summer home.

The new face on the scene is Eric Paul Roorda. Anyone who has read his Alcona-based articles can agree this man has done some extensive research on his topics. Everything from Chief Negwogon, Marine City shipwreck and pro superstar baseball player Hazen Cuyler (Alpena News) is rewarding reading.

So, on behalf of several readers, we're glad you like our county, Eric.

Carl Buchner  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
I'm writing about my experience at Jamieson Nursing Home after falling on May 26 and breaking my hip. I was taken by ambulance to Alpena, then to Jamieson's on May 31 for recovery and physical therapy.

Everything—from the nursing staff and nurses' assistants, physical therapist, the food, cleanliness, activity person, housekeeping, laundry and meals—was great. Everyone was always pleasant. Everyone working there really cared.

It was a wonderful experience. However, I hope I don't have to do it again. Thank you everyone at Jamieson Nursing Home.

On June 17, the last day there, the physical therapist said I did so well "we've got to do the two-step." And we did! I got out just in time to be the campground host at Harrisville State Park with my husband, Glen. This is my 16th year.

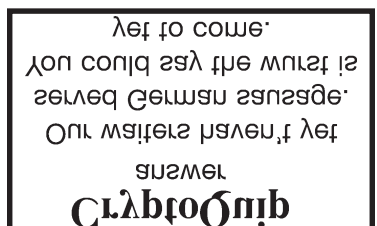
Kay (Travis) Kohn  
Lincoln

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In many area codes across the country, 988 is already used as the prefix, or first three digits after the area code, of customer telephone numbers. In order for 988 to dial directly to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, any area code that includes the 988 prefix must transition from 7-digit dialing (dialing without the area code) to 10-digit dialing (area code with the telephone number). In Michigan, that means every customer in the 616, 810, 906, and 989 area codes must make the transition. Customers in other Michigan area codes aren't affected by these changes at this time.

"The schedule laid out by the FCC gives customers in the four affected area codes several months to adjust to the new requirement of dialing 10 digits," said Ryan McAnany, acting director of the MPSC's Telecommunications Division. "A smooth transition will help ensure customers stay connected while getting ready for the ultimate enactment of 988 as an easy number for people struggling or contemplating suicide to connect to resources and help in a crisis."

Beginning October 24 all consumers with numbers in the affected Michigan area



codes above must dial 10 digits for all local calls. Beginning that day, local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed, and a recording may inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. If you get this recording, you must hang up and dial again using the area code with the seven-digit telephone number.

What other changes need to be made?

• Important safety and security equipment, such as medical alert devices, and alarm and security systems must be programmed to use 10-digit dialing. Many systems operate on 10-digit dialing by default, but some older equipment may still use seven digits. Contact medical alert or security providers should be contacted to see if equipment needs to be reprogrammed to accommodate the upcoming change to 10-digit local dialing.

• Any needed reprogramming of alarm and home security equipment must be done during the permissive dialing period from April 24 to October 24 to avoid interruption of services.

Other examples of services that may need to be reprogrammed are: life safety systems or medical monitoring devices; PBXs; fax machines; Internet dial-up numbers; fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates; speed dialers; mobile or other wireless phone contact lists; call forwarding settings, and voice mail services and other similar functions.

• Be sure to check websites, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, personal or pet ID tags and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

What will remain the same?

• An individual's telephone number, including current area code, will not change.

• The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change.

• What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.

• Continue to dial 1 plus the area code and the telephone number for all long-distance calls.

• Continue to dial a prefix such as nine when dialing from a multi-line telephone system (in a hotel or office building, for example) as required.

• Still dial just three digits to reach 711 for relay services and 911 for emergency services.

• If 211, 311, 411, 511, 611 or 811 are currently available in a community, individuals may still dial these codes with just three digits.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255) even after the 988 code is in effect.

Visit the website of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or email NANPA at 988@somos.com with questions about the dialing procedure change. Or visit the FCC's website.



# Obituaries



## Evelyn L. Thompson

Evelyn L. Thompson, 98, of Tequesta, Fla., died on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at home.

She was born March 17, 1923 to Lester and Bertha Somers of Harrisville, where she was raised.

She was an active collector of "everything turtles" – even for her Christmas tree. She also enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles.

She was a former volunteer at the Lighthouse Art Center Gallery in Tequesta, Fla., was a member of Jupiter First Church and was a member and enjoyed playing golf at the Turtle Creek Club.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband of 58 years, James W. Thompson; one son, Philip A. (Christina) Freer; three grandchildren, Bridgette (Steve) Whitlow, Rocco Freer and Anthony (Ashley) Freer; five great-grandchildren; and one stepson, Bradley Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, A. Frederick Freer in 1955; two brothers, William Somers and Leonard Somers; and two sisters, Sylvia Neering and Lillian Dye.

A graveside service was held on June 22. A memorial service was held on July 10 at Jupiter First Church.

## Bruce F. MacDonald

Bruce F. MacDonald, 82, of Hubbard Lake, formerly of Livonia, Mich., died on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

He was born October 16, 1938 to Alfred and Florence MacDonald in Livonia, Mich.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

He is survived by three children, Tim MacDonald of Howell, Mich.; two daughters, Sherri (Jeff) Bourque of Lyon Township, Mich. and Darlene Stewart; and three grandchildren, Samantha Bourque, Thomas Bourque and Nicholas Stewart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara (Pringle) on May 5, 2016.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

## Dolores K. (Ellis) Kratochvil

February 1, 1938 – June 26, 2021  
Oscoda, Michigan

Dolores K. (Ellis) Kratochvil, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the Reed City Nursing Home.



She was born in Mikado on February 1, 1938, to the late Frank M. Ellis and Kathryn E. (Kuenzli) Ellis. Dolores graduated from Oscoda High School in 1956 and kept in close contact with her friends from OHS and the Class of '56, as she considered many of them to be her extended family of brothers and sisters. For many years, Dolores helped organize their OHS Class reunions so they wouldn't lose contact with each other.

On April 25, 1957, Dolores married the love of her life, Raymond L. Kratochvil after he was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in 1956. Following their wedding, they made their home in Oscoda where they raised their four children, Darla (Jerry) Fleming of Hawks, Mich., Kevin (Jeanene) Kratochvil of San Bernardino Calif., Shari (Michael) Chamberlain of Big Rapids, Mich. and Kent (Becky) Kratochvil of Granger, Ind. Dolores and Ray were married for 56 years.

Being with her family was what Dolores adored most. Her six grandchildren, Andrea, Jared, Jennifer, Kayla, Benjamin, and Andrew; and three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Riley and Dylan were her everything. She was immensely proud of them.

Dolores cherished the holidays that brought everyone together to enjoy each other's company and feast on their favorite foods. Dolores was a wonderful cook and made many great dishes, but some of her family's favorites were Beef Burgundy, Cheap Casserole; Duck and Dumplings; chocolate sheet cake; chocolate chip, peanut butter and Lemon Criss-Cross cookies; and her famous homemade chocolate turtle candies.

Family time often meant playing cards or board games, putting together jigsaw puzzles, and rooting for her favorite Michigan sports teams – Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, and Pistons or MSU and UofM. Her favorite athlete of all time was Al Kaline from the Detroit Tigers.

At a young age, Dolores started working at Roger's Department Store and then, McGill's Department store. She later used her sewing and baking/cake decorating talents to open her own business – The Rainbow Boutique and Bridal Shop. She owned the Boutique until her retirement in 1998.

Dolores is survived by her four children; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Shirley Owens; one sister-in-law, Irene Regelean of Lincoln, Neb. and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother-in-law, Jerry Regelean; and nephew, Ryan Regelean.

Dolores will be remembered for her beautiful smile and warm hugs.

Per her wishes, cremation will take place and a funeral to celebrate her life will occur at a later date.

Memorial donations are suggested to the family to establish a scholarship for Oscoda high students in Dolores' name. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Paid Obituary

### Super Crossword

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# Calendar of Events



## NOTICE: CORRECTION

7/14 & 7/21

As of the May 12, 2021 Alcona County Road Commissioners meeting, the seasonal county road designation was removed from the public roadway commonly referred to as Hubbard Lake Road beginning .31 miles south of F-30 then south .19 miles in Section 1, T25N, R7E and Section 6 T25N, R8E, Mikado Township, Alcona County, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law Annotated Section 247.655a. The Alcona County Road Commission has NOT absolutely abandoned and discontinued this portion of roadway.

## ALCONA COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 17- 21, 2021

In person FAIR REGISTRATION

at the Campbell Building

Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> &

Sunday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration forms may be mailed if you prefer - must be postmarked by Aug 1

All entries must be pre-registered.

Fairbook is available on our website and at local businesses.

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7/14 & 7/21

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Get up close and personal with birds of prey through live animal presentations by Hawk Hill Raptors at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1:30 p.m. Bring a chair. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information about this free program supported by MCACA and Art in the Loft.

There will be two locations for the Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry from 4 to 6 p.m. for Alcona County residents only: the Alcona County Fairgrounds, 854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln and 5036 Campbell Street, Greenbush. For details call (989) 334-3663 or email [pantry@alconaseniors.org](mailto:pantry@alconaseniors.org).

Harrisville's Summer Concert Series at the Harrisville Harbor will feature the Jon Archambault Band. Music begins at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. For more information, contact Barbara Pierce mornings at (989) 724-6666.

### THURSDAY, JULY 22

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Youth ages nine to 18 have an opportunity to create their own Fox Tail at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. Two times are available for registration - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program supported by MCACA and Art in the Loft.

Youth ages six to 12 can become a Junior Forest Ranger and get involved with the forest in many ways. They will earn their Junior Forest Ranger badge and help Smokey prevent wildfires. Space is limited and registration is required by July 7. Call (989) 362-8961 to register and for details. Lumberman's Monument visitor's center is located at 5401 N. Monument Road, Oscoda.

### FRIDAY, JULY 23

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Gary Powers Jr., the son and author of Francis Gary Powers Sr., a CIA U-2 pilot, a who was shot down on May 1, 1960, during the Cold War, while flying in Soviet air space, will give a presentation at 4 p.m. at Oscoda High School. He will talk about his father's capture, trial for espionage and two years in a Soviet prison. This event is sponsored by the Wurtsmith Air Museum of Oscoda. For more information, contact the museum at (989) 7555 or [wurtsmithairmuseum.net](http://wurtsmithairmuseum.net).

The featured performer for the Harbor Nights Concert is Grand Rapids-based singer-songwriter Kyle Rasche. He is celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his band, Chain of Lakes. His most recent album is "Next Few Winters." Rasche's smooth vocals and finger style guitar are the framework for masterfully painted tales punctuated with melodies that make the stories they tell stick with audience members. This free concert runs from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion in Harrisville. Bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. This concert is provided by Inspiration Alcona, [www.inspiration-alcona.org](http://www.inspiration-alcona.org).

### SUNDAY, JULY 25

Hike the Discovery Trail at Lumberman's Monument with a ranger and learn about forest management, local wildlife, and plant life. The hike begins at 11 a.m. and will finish at the sand dune overlooking the AuSable River. The Lumberman's Monument visitor's center is located at 5401 N. Monument Road, Oscoda. Call (989) 362-8961 for more information.

### TUESDAY, JULY 27

Euchre will be played at the Lincoln Senior Center (lower level), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

It's Kid's Day at Lumberman's Monument. The program is "The Amazing Atlatl - An Ancient Hunting Tool," starting at 1 p.m. Youth will learn about this simple tool used for throwing spears. At some almost all human ancestors utilized the atlatl as a hunting weapon. Participants will have an opportunity to test their skills with an atlatl. The visitor's center at Lumberman's Monument is at 5401 N. Monument Road, Oscoda. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Bring a lawn chair, blanket or musical instrument to Dockside Jams at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion for a free open mic night. This weekly event encourages musicians and singers to play informally in front of an audience. Mu-

sic runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Fancy dress is discouraged.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

Mark Crilley's "How to Draw Magna & Graphic Novels Workshop" will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1:30 p.m. Youth ages nine to 18 have the opportunity to meet and learn from Crilley, whose popular videos have made him YouTube's leader in drawing lessons. He will bring everything needed to give hands-on lessons in drawing for the workshop. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information about this free program supported by MCACA and Art in the Loft.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 4 p.m.

Harrisville's Summer Concert Series at the Harrisville Harbor will feature Chelsea Marsh. Music begins at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. For more information, contact Barbara Pierce mornings at (989) 724-6666.

### THURSDAY, JULY 29

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### FRIDAY, JULY 30

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

*(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.)*

# ALCONA 4-H FALL SOCCER!

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# Picking where to retire, smart phones for tech shy seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,  
My husband and I will both be retiring in a few years and are interested in relocating to a warmer climate but could use some help. What resources can you recommend for locating and researching good places to retire in the U.S.?

Retiring at 65

Dear Retiring,  
If you're interested in relocating when you retire, like millions of other baby boomers, there are a wide variety of books and online resources that can help you find and research a new location that meet your wants, needs and budget. Here are several to help you get started.

### Where to Retire?

If you're at the beginning of your search, a good starting point is to take the "Find Your Best Place" retirement quiz at Sperling's Best Places (BestPlaces.net/fybp). This free quiz asks 10 questions on your preferences such as climate, recreation, community size and more, and suggests possible destinations that match your answers. MarketWatch also has a new matchmaking tool called, "Where's the best place for me to retire?" at MarketWatch.com/graphics/best-place-to-retire/.

Media resources like U.S. News & World Report, Kiplinger's, Forbes and Money Magazine also publish "best places to retire" lists on their websites each year. And be sure you check out Milken's "Best Cities for Successful Aging" (SuccessfulAging.-MilkenInstitute.org), which ranks 381 U.S. metropolitan areas based on factors that are important to older adults.

You should also consider getting a copy of "America's 100 Best Places to Retire" (the sixth edition book; \$25 at Amazon.com) that looks at a range of destinations, and groups some in categories like best college towns, mountain towns, undiscovered towns and main street towns.

Once you find a few areas that interest you, your next step is research them. Here are some important areas you need to investigate.

- **Cost of living:** Can you afford to live comfortably in the location where you want to retire? Numbeo.com and BestPlaces.net offers tools to compare the cost of living from your current location to where you would like to move. They compare housing costs, food, utilities, transportation and more.

- **Taxes:** Some states are more tax friendly than others. If you're planning to move to another state, Kiplinger's has a tax guide for retirees at [Kiplinger.com/links/retireetaxmap](http://Kiplinger.com/links/retireetaxmap) that lets you find and compare taxes state-by-state. It covers income taxes, sales tax, taxes on retirement income, Social Security benefits taxes, property taxes, and inheritance and estate taxes.

- **Crime rate:** To evaluate how safe a community or area is, websites like AreaVibes.com provide crime data for

certain localities.

- **Climate:** To research the climate in the areas you're interested in moving, Sperling's Best Places is again a great resource that offers a climate/weather compare tool [BestPlaces.net/climate](http://BestPlaces.net/climate).

- **Healthcare:** Does the area you want to relocate have easy access to good healthcare? To locate and research doctors and hospitals in a new area, use Medicare's compare tool at [Medicare.gov/care-compare](http://Medicare.gov/care-compare). Also see [Healthgrades.com](http://Healthgrades.com), which provides detailed information on U.S. hospitals and doctors.

- **Transportation:** If you plan to travel much, or expect frequent visits from your kids or grandkids, convenient access to an airport or train station is a nice advantage. You should also investigate alternative transportation options, since most retirees give up driving in their eighties. To do this visit [RidesInSight.org](http://RidesInSight.org), a free website that provides information about senior transportation options in local communities throughout the U.S.

Once you have narrowed

your choices down to two or three, spend a couple weeks in each location at different times of the year so you can get a feel for the seasonal weather changes, and so you can carefully weigh the pros and cons of living there. You may find that you like the area more as a vacation spot than as a year-round residence. It's also a good idea to rent for a year before buying a home or making a commitment to a retirement community.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good smartphones for older seniors? I would like to get my 78-year-old mother to upgrade to a smartphone but want something that's easy for her to see and use.

Shopping Around

Dear Shopping,

There are actually several smartphones I can recommend that will provide your mother a simpler, less intimidating smartphone experience. Here are my top three options.

- **Apple iPhones:** Because



Savvy Senior

of the quality and functionality of Apple products, an iPhone is a great choice for seniors who are inexperienced with technology. But, to make it easier for you mom to use, you'll need to set it up and customize it to meet her needs and preferences.

To set-up your mom's iPhone and make it senior-friendly, start by cleaning-up/decluttering the home screen, which you can do by deleting the apps your mom won't use and hiding the apps she'll rarely use in labeled folders or the App Library. The fewer options the better!

You'll also want to set up a small number of contacts (with photos) to family and friends that your mom frequently communicates with

and install some apps she would enjoy using.

And finally, iPhones have a wide variety of built-in accessibility features you can turn on depending on your mom's needs. These features, which you access through the phone's settings, can help users that have diminished vision, hearing impairment, hand dexterity problems or cognitive loss.

Some popular accessibility features among older iPhone users include larger text and icon display, zoom (screen magnification), magnifier (turns iPhone into a magnifying glass), increased volume and alerts, voice control, find my iPhone, and emergency SOS and medical


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 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)  
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • [www.church72.org](http://www.church72.org)  
 Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
 Sunday school 10 a.m.  
 Wednesday 6 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).


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 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.**  
  
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**Mitchell Township  
Alcona Count Alcona County, Michigan  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09**

A FRANCHISE, granting to PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate electric and fiber lines, poles and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to conduct a local electric, broadband, and communication business in the Township of Mitchell, Alcona County, Michigan for a period of thirty years.

**The Township of Mitchell ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Grant of Franchise.** The Township of Mitchell, located in Alcona County, Michigan (the "Township") hereby grants to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, its subsidiaries, successors, and assigns (the "Company") consent, permission, right and authority is hereby given to construct, lay, operate, maintain, use, and replace electric, fiber, and other communication lines, poles, cables, conduits, appliances, buildings and other necessary works, in the highways, streets, alleys and other public places in the Township and a non-exclusive franchise is hereby granted to the Company, its subsidiaries, successors, and assigns, to transact local business in the Township for the purposes of producing, storing, transmitting, selling, and distributing electricity and broadband communication services into and through the Township and all other matters incidental thereto.

**Section 2. Consideration.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, the Company shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

**Section 3. Use of Streets and Other Public Places.** The Company, its successors and assigns, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the passage of any of the highways, streets, alleys, or other public places within the Township and shall within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavations, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made. The Company, its successors and assigns shall use due care in exercising the privileges herein contained and shall be liable to the Township and to every owner of property abutting the Company's lines or other facilities, for all damages and costs from the negligence of the Company or its officers, agents, and servants.

**Section 4. Force Majeure.** The Company shall not be liable for failure to furnish service as herein provided, or for any breach of the Company's obligations hereunder, if such failure or breach is caused by acts of God, labor troubles, riot, or any other causes or contingencies not reasonably within the control of the Company.

**Section 5. Hold Harmless.** The Company shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the Company's negligent construction and negligent maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. If any action is commenced against the Township resulting from Company's negligent construction and maintenance, the Company shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

**Section 6. Effective Date; Term of Franchise; Acceptance by the Company.** This Franchise shall take effect the day following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, and shall continue in effect for a period of thirty (30) years thereafter; provided, however, that when this Franchise shall become effective the Township Clerk shall deliver to the Company a certified copy of the Franchise accompanied by written evidence of publication thereof as required by law, and the Company shall, within sixty (60) days after receipt of the above documents, file with the Township Clerk its written acceptance of the conditions and provisions hereof.

**Section 7. Franchise Not Exclusive.** The rights, power and authority granted by this Franchise are not exclusive, and nothing contained herein shall prevent the Township from granting other non-exclusive electric or broadband franchises.

**Section 8. Franchise Revocable.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

**Section 9. Effect and Interpretation of Franchise.** All other franchises, ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this Franchise are hereby rescinded, to the extent of such conflict. The catch line headings which precede each section of this Franchise are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Franchise.

**Section 10. Successors and Assigns.** The words "Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op" and the "Company," wherever used herein, are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op and its subsidiaries, successors, and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Ayes:    5  
Nays:    0  
Date Passed: **6/14/2021**  
Attested, by order of the Township of Mitchell,  
Donita Charron, Township Clerk  
Carla Brimm, Township Supervisor

**Police Report**

Conditional bond violation leads to arrest

A Curran resident is lodged in the Alcona County Jail on three charges after being arrested last week.

Christine M. Allen, 32, is charged with aggravated stalking, resist and obstruct a police officer and malicious destruction of property less than \$200.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, deputies responded to a call that alleged Allen was in violation of a conditional bond release from a domestic violence arrest in May. When deputies arrived at the Curran residence, they allegedly "found Allen in a state of undress and the homeowner was claiming that she had done damage to the home."

When deputies placed Allen under arrest she allegedly resisted being handcuffed and kicked the deputy numerous times. She was arrested and transported to the jail. Following her arraignment in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court on the three charges, a \$25,000 cash surety 10 percent bond was set.

The deputy was not injured during the arrest incident.

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ID set up. But there are dozens of other tweaks you can make to enhance your mom's experience with her iPhone.

For a rundown of the different accessibility features and instructions on how to set them up, see [Apple.com/accessibility](http://Apple.com/accessibility).

If you're interested in this option, the iPhone 12 (5G, 6.1-inch display screen, \$800) or iPhone 12 mini (5G, 5.4-inch screen, \$700) are excellent choices. Or, for a more budget-friendly phone consider the iPhone SE (4.7-inch screen, \$400) that came out in 2020.

• **Samsung Galaxy:** If you're an android phone user and would like to get your mom a phone that you're familiar with, you should consider a Samsung.

All Samsung phones offer an "Easy Mode" feature in their settings that boosts the text and icon size, and simplifies the home-screen layout and contacts, which makes these phones a nice option for seniors or tech-newbies.

These phones also have a variety of accessibility features – see [Samsung.com/us/accessibility/galaxy-mobile](http://Samsung.com/us/accessibility/galaxy-mobile) for instructions – that can accommodate your mom's needs.

The Samsung Galaxy S21 5G (6.2-inch screen, \$800) or more moderately priced Galaxy A71 5G (6.7-inch screen, \$600) are good choices to consider here.

• **Lively Smart:** Another less expensive option to consider is to purchase your mom a smartphone that's specifically designed for seniors. The best one available is the new Lively Smart offered by Best Buy.

This phone has a 6.2-inch screen, large text and a simple list-based menu that provides one-touch access to frequently used features like video chat, camera, email and more. It also offers a nice variety of optional health and safety features you can add on like:

**Urgent Response,** which is a mobile medical alert service that would connect your mom to a Lively agent in emergency situations, 24/7, who would confirm her location and get her the help she needs.

**Urgent Care,** which would let your mom to speak to a registered nurse or board-certified doctor anytime.

**Lively Link,** which is an app that sends alerts to family and friends if your mom calls urgent response.

**Personal Operator Service** can assist your mom with tasks like helping find addresses, setting up appointments booking Lively Rides through a partnership with Lyft and much more.

The Lively Smart is available online at [Lively.com](http://Lively.com) or at Best Buy stores for \$150.

*(Send senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).)*

**The Garden Bug Artists' gardens** Artist Robert Irwin is quoted as saying, "There's no palette as rich as a garden." He and other artists often designed their own gardens, and many can be visited today, such as Jacques Majorelle's "Jardin Majorelle" in Marrakech; Frida Kahlo's "Casa Azul" in Mexico City; Sol LeWitt's "Lines in Four Directions in Flowers" in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park; Claude Monet's garden in Giverny, Normandy; Georgia O'Keeffe's garden at Abiquiu, New Mexico; and Adam Purple's "Garden of Eden" in New York. – Brenda Wawer

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# Female conservation officers continue tradition of protecting and serving

Wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, caregiver and friend.

The women who serve in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division are recognized by more than one of these terms, in addition to "officer."

In 1897, Huldah Neal became the first state game warden, paving the career path forward for women. Neal, from Grand Traverse County, was the first female conservation officer in the United States, according to media reports.

Today, there are 21 women who serve at all ranks of the DNR Law Enforcement Division. Like their male counterparts, they have sworn under oath to protect the state's natural resources, environment and the health and safety of the public through effective law enforcement and education.

"It's an honor to our division and the department to work with these qualified and determined women who make a difference every day in their communities and serve as role models to future generations," said Gary Hagler, chief of the DNR Law Enforcement Division.

Andrea Erratt, a 24-year veteran conservation officer, has followed in Neal's footsteps, as the first Michigan DNR female to independently earn the prestigious Shikar Safari Officer of the Year Award in 2019.

Shikar-Safari Club International is a conservation-based organization that presents awards to wildlife law enforcement officers in all states, provinces and territories in the U.S. and Canada. The annual award honors a state officer whose efforts show outstanding performance and achievement among sworn conservation law enforcement personnel.

Beyond national and regional awards given by the club, the DNR Law Enforcement Division selects an officer each year to be presented with the honor on behalf of the organization, as was the case with Erratt.

"It's almost like everything in my life led and prepared me to be a conservation officer," said Erratt, who patrols Antrim County. "I grew up in a family that loved recreating outside and with parents and grandparents who taught me the importance of conservation.

"My parents raised me to believe that I could do anything I put my mind to, as long as I worked hard. I know it's a unique job for a woman, but I love it and work extra hard, so nobody has any reason to question my ability."

Also serving Antrim County is Erratt's law enforcement partner Andrea Albert, who joined the DNR as a conservation officer in 1997. Antrim County is one of two counties in the state patrolled entirely by female conservation officers.

"Before I became a conservation officer, I taught and



Michigan Conservation Officer Sidney Collins conducts marine patrol on the Straits of Mackinaw. Conservation officers patrol the Great Lakes for marine safety and to monitor the commercial fishing industry. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

coached at a community college," Albert said. "After that, I earned my master's degree at Eastern Kentucky University, where I interned with the DNR Parks Division for my master's program.

"I was interested in law enforcement and later became a volunteer conservation officer in Bay City – the physical aspect of the job and the ability to help people in Michigan was a natural fit."

Sgt. Bobbi Lively joined the DNR conservation officer ranks with a passion to de-escalate problems and to hold wrongdoers accountable.

"After graduate school, I focused my career on wildlife biology and wetland ecology," said Lively, who supervises officers in four northern Michigan counties. "I didn't like that I couldn't hold people accountable for their wrongdoings, and I saw the positive, direct impact that conservation officers have."

As the only female to graduate from Michigan's 2003 Conservation Officer Recruit School Academy, Conservation Officer Angela Greenway, who patrols Mecosta County, was expected to do everything – mentally and physically – that her male classmates had to accomplish.

"The other female in my class dropped out of the academy around halfway," Greenway said. "At this point, you're in the thick of the academy. I didn't have a roommate to talk to. I was on the women's floor alone, but I got to know my classmates better."

"There were a couple of physical challenges that I had to overcome, like running and the rope climb. To work on the running, I would run at night with a couple of my classmates to get some extra

miles in. As for the rope climb, I just worked on strength and technique and by the end I was able to climb the rope as well as my male classmates. It was about finding your limits and pushing past them, and to never give up."

Conservation Officer Shannon Kritz, who patrols Menominee County, was one of two women hired in 2015.

"In the 90s, my mom was bird hunting when two men approached her and told her hunting wasn't for females and to go home," Kritz said. "This stereotype isn't the case anymore. Women are breaking barriers in all types of ways.

"People are surprised when

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## NOTICE

The Alcona County Road Commission, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law Annotated Section 224.18, has absolutely abandoned and discontinued the public roadway commonly referred to as South Adams Road beginning at F-30 then south .49 miles, Section 14, T25N, R7E, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

7/14 thru 7/28

## July & August Programs at the Alcona County Library, Harrisville branch

For more info call 989-724-6796

Or visit the web [www.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.alcona.lib.mi.us)

### \*Wednesday, July 28

Drawing Teen Manga w/Mark Crilley! 1:30 p.m.

**Thursdays, July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26**

Community Walking Club for everyone! 9 a.m.

**Fridays, July 23, 30 Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27**

Storytime and Craft for kids. – 10:30 a.m.

(Aug. 6 is FROG DAY!)

**July 29, 30, 31**

Friends of the Library Book Sale!

**Saturday, July 31**

Quilting, Terrariums & Games at **Curtis Twp. Library**

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Tuesdays, Aug. 3, 17**

Knitting Klub & Crochet! 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**\*Wednesday, Aug. 4**

Alex Thomas & Friends Puppet Show! 1:30 p.m.

**Thursdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26**

Family Movie Matinee. 2 p.m.

**Thursdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26**

Library Backyard Adventures! 4– 5 p.m.

**\*Monday, Aug. 9**

Painting w/Kathleen Baker for adults. – 1 – 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11**

End of Summer Reading Party for children! 2 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 14**

Wildflowers, Beekeeping, Warblers & Games at **Curtis Twp. Library** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17**

Alcona Book Club discusses "The Noticer". Noon – 1 p.m.

End of Adult Summer Reading Prize Drawing!

**Friday, Aug. 20**

Bug Day Storytime and Picnic!

Storytime & bug walk at 10:30 a.m., Picnic at 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 26**

Tween craft – 11: a.m., Teen craft – 2 p.m.

Registration required.



\*Activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Program, Administered by Art in the Loft.

7/21 & 7/28

## Alcona Elementary School is seeking AmeriCorps Reading and Math Interventionists

Alcona Elementary School is looking for AmeriCorps reading and math interventionists for the upcoming school year. In Michigan, 1 in 2 third graders struggle to read at grade level and 40% of 7th graders are proficient in math. You can make a difference by giving your time and talent to help students become successful readers and learners.

Interventionists work one-on-one with kindergarten – 3rd grade students (reading) or with pairs of 4th-5th graders (math). No matter if you're a recent grad, career changer, stay-at-home parent or retiree, you can make a great tutor. No experience? No problem. Interventionists receive great training, so they are well equipped to help students grow.

Part-time and full-time positions are available. Reading Corps positions begin September 7th, 2021, and MEC Math Corps positions begin September 13th, 2021.

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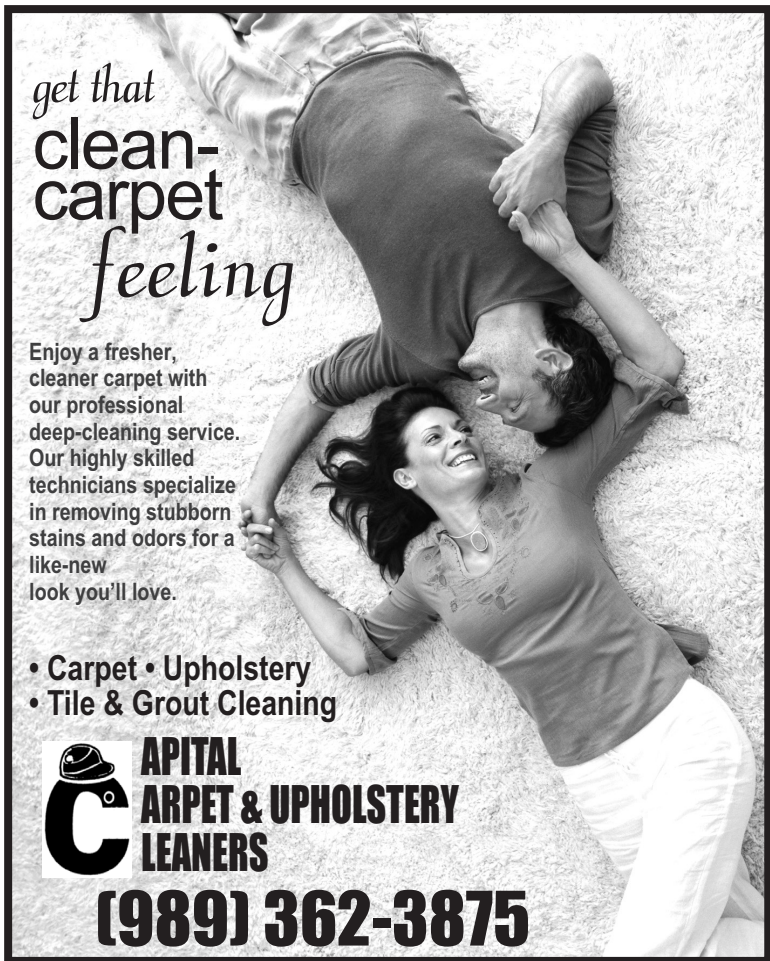
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be walked to easily, some are very close together which allows a first-hand look at how similar smaller city-type lots in Harrisville can look very different through the garden owner's eye.

If one is very lucky, they will find a tiny wren on her nest anxiously waiting for her new brood to hatch. Don't forget to snatch a few ripe raspberries from the garden bed nearby.

from the many varieties of birds who call Alcona County their summer home, fill the air.

There truly is no end to what a gardener will plant amongst the flower beds to



The walk includes a visit to a garden installed and tended by the business owners of a historic company that has been in the same business at the same location for well over a century. Check out the sturdy, raised vegetable bed framed by marigolds and home to ripening tomatoes, a welcome treat for the owners and their staff.

Craving contemplative bliss? Then a visit to a Zen Garden with a large trumpet vine-covered pagoda and reflective stone labyrinth will be a welcome treat. Take advantage of the eye candy in the Kousa dogwood, dripping heavily with white blooms, offers.

Panoramic vistas of Lady Lake Huron are featured along

showcase their artistry and a bit of their inner child. Magical garden sculptures and imaginative characters made of forks and other farming implements abound throughout the walk.

Be on the lookout for some sleepy hippos, very happy frogs, a pair of wooden crutches, a sculpture entitled

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the route and shine at one very special garden with a heartfelt nod to its past caretaker, a beloved member of the Sunrise Gardening Club who passed away this year. The flower beds in bloom, the multitude of butterflies and gentle waves lapping the shoreline all seem to whisper "It's all good," something the past owner/gardener would often say with a smile, even while fighting cancer.

The walk is a feast for all senses as walkers feel the softness underfoot on a walkway covered with creeping thyme. Aromas of mint, oregano, basil, sweet woodruff and lemon balm gently float on breezes delighting the nose while the sounds of wind chimes and happy chirping,

Photos by Mary Weber.





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by the owner/gardener as “beach music” because it looks like a cello and many painted rocks including an owl rock when turned upside down becomes a man with a tall hat.

The savvy horticulturists of this year’s walk know how to take the good with the bad when it comes to growing things – even when a flower is spent and no longer brings them joy, they just buy a can of spray paint and color it beautiful again.

To keep the community healthy and COVID-19 free,



no refreshments will be available during the walk. Instead, the Sunrise Gardening Club encourages all to pack a picnic lunch and bring refreshments with them while enjoying the hospitality of Harrisville on one of the many benches that line Main Street or Mill Pond Park off US-23. Picnic tables are available at the Harrisville Harbor Park pavilion on Lake Street and at the Harrisville State Park day-use pavilion off US-23. A Michigan recreation passport is required for entry into the state park.

The best part about the walk is talking with the gardening club crew on hand at each garden. They can explain how the garden started, what the gardener envisioned, obstacles they had to overcome to keep it growing and what they hope for their garden in the future.

Tickets, which are \$10, free

for children under 12, have written details about each garden. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Craftmakers’ Cabin, on US-23 just south of M-72, or at the Alcona County Review, 111 Lake Street in Harris-



ville. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the walk at the Craftmakers Cabin only from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Sunrise Gardening Club is a not-for-profit organization. All profits received will be used for community

benefit. In the past, funds have been used to purchase gardening books and magazine subscriptions for the Alcona County Library, assisted the Friends of Negwegon State Park for park improvements, assisted the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library garden with plantings and maintenance, helped to landscape the Alcona County Michigan State University Extension office, and assisted with the Harrisville Harbor trailhead garden and the Harrisville Beautification Project.

The Sunrise Gardening Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information about the club or to obtain tickets, contact Ann Pringle (910) 691-7735, or email annpringle54@gmail.com.



## BOARD VACANCIES

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission is looking to fill three vacancies. The Planning Commission meets four times a year, with Special Meetings called when needed. The Planning Commission is charged with reviewing and updating the city’s Master Plan, Recreation Plan and Zoning Ordinances. You must be a city resident to qualify for these vacancies. Send letters of interest to: City of Harrisville, PO Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740, email at: harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or call the City Office at: 989-724-6666 for more information.

7/21 thru 8/4

## Notice of Public Hearing CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Caledonia Township Solar Ordinance

**DATE OF HEARING:** Thursday, August 5th, 2021

**TIME OF HEARING:** 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd. Spruce, Michigan 48762

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering and adoption of the Ordinance Titled Solar Energy Facilities.

**Solar Ordinance Purpose:** The purpose is of this Ordinance is to establish legal minimum requirements and regulations for operations, decommissioning, construction, placement maintenance, modifications, locations visual appearance, etc to solar utility facility. The Planning Commission will take public comments during the meeting in order to ensure that constituents concerns are taken into consideration.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding this Ordinance to Caledonia Township Hall, attn.: Nancy Beck, Planning Commission Chair., PO Box 7 Spruce, MI. 48762. Pertinent information relative to the Ordinance is on file with the Caledonia Township, Planning Commission Secretary. The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week’s advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor’s Office at 989 335 3018.



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they see a female conservation officer, so all eyes will be on her when she is in the field. A long line of female conservation officers paved the way for the rest of us in the department. Michigan has top-notch training for its conservation officers. I wanted to be a part of a department that valued its officers and made sure they were successful in the field."

Amanda McCurdy was one of six women to graduate from Conservation Officer Recruit School No. 8 in 2017. She recently led a successful multi-agency search and rescue operation for a missing North Carolina hunter near Sleeping Bear Dunes.

"We joined this profession to protect society, enforce the law and hopefully leave this world a little better than we found it," McCurdy said. "That is accomplished regardless of your demographic."

Conservation Officer Jenni Hanson, who works in Gogebic County, graduated from recruit school with McCurdy.

"Females can offer different perspectives and approaches, and I believe this benefits the department and communities we work for," Hanson said.

Assigned to Montmorency County, Conservation Officer Sidney Collins also graduated in 2017 and shares a similar perspective about the unique approach females bring to law enforcement.

"Being a woman in law enforcement can be a very useful tool, for example, sometimes women are able to de-escalate situations easier," Collins said. "I use my position to engage and improve community-police relationships through communication and education."

Conservation Officer Jessica Curtis, Alpena County, also from the 2017 recruit school, attributes the com-



Sgt. Bobbi Lively with three antlered deer that were shot illegally during a deer hunting season in Alpena County.

munication skills she now uses as an officer to her experience managing her family's business.

"I managed my family's pawn shop," Curtis said. "It was interesting, and I gained many life skills that I use in my career now, such as communicating and de-escalating situations with emotional customers."

In 2018, six women graduated as a part of Recruit School No. 9, including Conservation Officer Anna Cullen of Muskegon County.

"Being a woman in law enforcement can be challenging," Cullen said. "I only say this because society is more accustomed to seeing men in uniform. It's gratifying when

a woman in uniform demonstrates that she is just as successful as a man and earns a good reputation from her peers and the public."

Muskegon County is the other county in Michigan patrolled entirely by female conservation officers.

"There are times where we are challenged about our knowledge of the activity an individual is participating in," said Conservation Officer Jackie Miskovich, a 2018 recruit school graduate who patrols Muskegon County. "When working with male officers, often the person we're speaking to looks at the male officer to answer a question that was asked, instead of to the female officer. We're chal-

lenged, and we make it through each time as a better person and officer, demonstrating that we are knowledgeable and capable."

Conservation Officer Danielle Zubek has been with the DNR since 2017 and patrols Oakland County. Many people do not consider the vast waterfowl, fishing and recreational opportunities southeast Michigan offers.

"Most people will stop me and ask what I do, not knowing the job of a conservation officer," Zubek said. "Others will ask, 'Why are you down here? The woods are up north!'"

"Being a part of the metro-Detroit area gives us as conservation officers the ability to connect with the public, educating them about the opportunities, laws and regulations, particularly at Belle Isle State Park."

In May 2020, more than 40 Michigan DNR conservation officers patrolled the Belle Isle Freedom March, which had more than 1,000 attendees. The mission of the officers was to ensure the public's safety, control traffic and protect the island's cultural treasures.

"Our department was fortunate to be able to connect and walk with members of the Detroit community during the Belle Isle Peace March last summer," Zubek said. "It was a great way to show the community that as a department, we are there for them and that we are here to protect and serve the people of Michigan."

All the women serving as Michigan conservation officers agree that DNR law enforcement is a rewarding, equal opportunity for females.

"I quickly recognized a level of camaraderie within the DNR Law Enforcement Division that I didn't see in other agencies," McCurdy said.

Conservation Officer Breanna Reed, who has worked in the job since 2018 and patrols in Missaukee County, offered some advice to females new to the job.

"Be an asset to your agency by continuously striving to be the best officer you can be, and surpassing goals set by yourself and those around you," Reed said. "This will help you build your own confidence and prepare you to be able to handle anything the job throws at you."

Conservation Officer Anna Viau, who graduated as the Recruit School No. 9 class orator and patrols Iron County, also offered supportive suggestions.

"My best advice for women interested in a career in law enforcement would be to have faith in yourself and always work hard toward your goals," Viau said. "I recommend finding a female officer who can mentor you and help you work through challenges and offer encouragement as you work toward your goals. There will always be challenges, but believe me, the results of your effort are more than worth it."

For more information on Michigan's conservation officers, visit [Michigan.gov/ConservationOfficers](http://Michigan.gov/ConservationOfficers).

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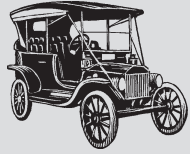
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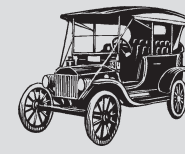
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# Buggy Rides



## The natural

**July 24, 1996** ~ By Kathryn Fritz Kniep and J.M. Ristow

Thomas (Tom) O'Callaghan is entering, as near as anyone can place it, his twenty-third year coaching baseball in Alcona County. It says something about the coach, and the man, that his nomination for this column was made by several of the 13 to 16 year old players on his current team, the Harrisville Hurricanes. It takes a great deal to bring respect to the voice of a 14-year old, but it's clearly present as one player explains why the nomination was made. "He's just a good coach," he says, "He's a good coach." And after a lengthy pause in which he obviously struggles to convey his meaning, "He understands the elements of baseball."

That's not surprising. A tall, rangy, soft-spoken man, O'Callaghan is not much inclined to talk about himself. But those who know him, whether they remember him on the pitcher's mound or in the role of coach, all agree on one thing—here is a man who truly loves baseball. And the game has been a major presence throughout most of his life.

O'Callaghan moved to Harrisville at the age of nine, when his father, Tom Senior, took a job at the local drugstore. Eventually, the elder O'Callaghan built his own store, now Richard's Pharmacy on Main Street. O'Callaghan attended Harrisville High School, graduating in 1946, and became something of a local legend on the pitcher's mound. One local player from those early days remembers him as "a natural." Watching O'Callaghan move among his young players at a recent game, it's easy to see the grace and ability he found on the diamond.

One spectator puts it this way "I've never seen anyone who looked as at home in a baseball uniform as Tom."

His early skills caught the attention of Harrisville's best known ball player, Ki Ki Cuyler, and the future Hall of Famer, then with the Boston Braves organization, felt he had a future beyond the local field of dreams. With Cuyler's support, O'Callaghan tried out for the Detroit Baseball Company on September 20, 1946. In the next four years, he played with two minor league teams, the Gainesville (Florida) G-Men and the Waycross (Georgia) Bears.

In 1950, he was drafted into the United States Army\*. O'Callaghan married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Shannahan, and the couple eventually raised five children.

While his 20-year military career meant extensive travel, the O'Callaghan's made Harrisville home base and wherever they were, O'Callaghan played and coached baseball.

In that time, he coached teams which included both his eldest son, Tim and his youngest, Shawn.

In 1973, O'Callaghan retired from the military with the rank of First Sergeant, he began coaching local teams in June of that year, and played baseball and softball on men's leagues.

Sharon says he has particularly enjoyed working with his current team "teaching them the proper pitching methods and the right way to play ball."

His years as a Sergeant come through in his style of dealing with an age group many would find trying at best. "When he first met with (the Hurricanes)," Sharon says, "he told them if you guys are here to throw rocks at one another and fool around in the dugout, you can leave now." They stayed.

It's that respect-and genuine love-for the game of baseball that makes O'Callaghan "a good coach." His contribution is recognized by his players, their parents, and the community.

As the mother of one player puts it, "Tom is teaching them baseball, and so much more." Then she adds, with a smile, "And when he says sit...They sit down."

## State park to open Friday with a picnic

**July 21, 1921** ~ Handbills are out announcing the opening of the Harrisville state park on Friday of this week.

Invitation to the general public is extended, the program to start at 12:30 standard with a picnic dinner.

Members of the State Conservation Commission, which

under the new law has charge of all state parks, are expected to attend.

"Come prepared to enjoy yourself", the bill reads, "to do this thoroughly you will need your baskets (filled), your bathing suit, your best smile, and a disposition to boost."

## Alcona County officers after moonshiners

**July 21, 1921** ~ By "following her nose," so to speak, a cow with a keen scent and an appetite for mash, made explorations in a swamp near McKinnin's corners in Caledonia which resulted in the discovery of a still. The animal wandered off its usual feeding ground and when the boy finally found her, she was neck deep in a mess of corn and wheat mash which she was devouring with evident relish. Report says that the cow staggered on the way home and that there was a big demand for that evening's mess of milk—but this is only hearsay.

Word of the discovery came to Prosecuting Attorney Dehnke Friday and he investigated. The plant was found snugly hidden in a large box. Thinking to catch the moonshiners at work, Fred Alstrom and two other men

were set to watch the place throughout Friday, the prosecutor and Sheriff Freer stood watch that night and deputies Joe Sovey and Will Elmer took a hand Saturday morning. By noon it was decided that the operators were "wise" and the stuff was seized and brought to the county seat. There were two barrels partly filled with mash, a half dozen kegs, lard cans, etc. The still itself was a contraption rigged up from a cream can and the bowl from a cream separator; it was complete except the coil or worm, which had been removed.

Tuesday the prosecutor, sheriff and a number of deputies went to Spruce where an examination was conducted before Justice John Olson. About twenty witnesses were examined and evidence was secured upon which it is expected warrants will issue.

## Pizer/Spector

**July 18, 1946** ~ A very pretty wedding took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sunday afternoon, July 14 at four o'clock when Miss Molly Spector, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Spector, became the bride of Charles A. Pizer, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Pizer, of Harrisville. A double ring service was read.

The bride and the groom were each given in marriage by their parents. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Pizer, brother and sister-in-law of the groom.

Miss G. Spector, sister of the bride, an accomplished singer, sang "O' Promise Me," with beautiful accordion music accompaniment.

For her wedding the bride chose a powder blue street-length dress, with matching hat. Her bridal bouquet was of orchids. The bridesmaid wore a yellow street-length dress and wore orchids.

Mrs. Spector, mother of the bride, chose powder blue for her daughter's wedding, and Mrs. Pizer, mother of the groom, wore navy sheer.

Following the ceremony, a dinner was served to about eighty guests. A reception and dance were held in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pizer left on a week-long honeymoon trip through the east, prior to returning to Harrisville where the groom is employed as manager of the Pizer Department Store.

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Weekly Report						
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July 11	68	54	0.00	4.2	12	NNE
July 12	71	55	0.00	3.3	11	NE
July 13	71	62	0.29	2.0	15	NNE
July 14	84	59	0.23	2.4	34	SW
July 15	74	63	0.74	2.1	20	SSW
July 16	69	58	0.00	2.5	8	NE
July 17	73	57	0.00	4.4	14	NE
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	2021		2020	Normal Water Content		
Weekly Total	1.26		0.54	0.70		
July to Date	3.44		0.61	1.65		
Year/Season to Date	12.24		10.78	14.34		
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:** How many states are in Australia?
2. **LITERATURE:** The character of Miss Havisham appears in which 19th-century novel?
3. **ASTRONOMY:** What is the name of the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What creature was a hood ornament on the 1933 Hudson Essex Terraplane car?
5. **TELEVISION:** What were the names of the boys on the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?
6. **MUSIC:** The Jug saloon was the setting in which Lynyrd Skynyrd song?
7. **MOVIES:** What was Charlie Sheen's nickname in the 1989 movie "Major League"?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What are the offspring of echidnas (Australia) called?
9. **U.S. STATES:** What is the state flower of West Virginia?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** Which country produces Gouda cheese?

**Answers:** 1. Six; 2. "Great Expectations," Charles Dickens; 3. The Karman line; 4. A griffin; 5. Brad, Randy and Mark; 6. "Gimme Three Steps"; 7. Wild Thing; 8. Puggles; 9. Rhododendron; 10. The Netherlands (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On July 21, 365 A.D., a powerful earthquake off the coast of Greece causes a tsunami that devastates the city of Alexandria, Egypt. It was not until 1995 that archaeologists discovered the ruins of the old city off the coast of present-day Alexandria.
- On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.
- On July 19, 1799, the Rosetta Stone is found in Egypt by a French soldier. The irregularly shaped black basalt slab contained fragments of passages written Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and Egyptian demotic. It held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.
- On July 24, 1901, William Sydney Porter, otherwise known as O. Henry, is released from prison after serving three years for embezzlement from a bank in Austin, Texas. He began writing stories to support his young daughter while he was in prison.
- On July 25, 1917, in Paris, the exotic dancer Mata Hari is sentenced to death by a French court for spying on Germany's behalf during World War I. Since 1903, she had performed in Paris as a dancer, claiming she was an Indian priestess.
- On July 20, 1948, President Harry Truman institutes a military draft with a proclamation calling for nearly 10 million men to register for within the next two months. Truman's action came during increasing Cold War tensions with the Soviet Union.
- On July 23, 1976, members of the American Legion who were gathered in Philadelphia begin suffering from a mysterious form of pneumonia. Within 10 days, 22 people were dead and hundreds were experiencing pneumonia-like symptoms. Their ailment would come to be known as Legionnaires disease.

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# Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- "Bonobo," the common name for apes, was a typo. Researchers are said to have first found the animals in the town of Bolobo, Zaire, but misspelled the town's name as "Bonobo" on the crate in which one was shipped, and the error stuck.
- Are you a fan of coffee breaks? Then you'll want to head to Stoughton, Wisconsin, for their annual Coffee Break Festival, featuring coffee tastings, "brew-offs" and -- seriously -- bean-spitting contests. Next one's in August.
- The world's largest padlock measures an impressive 56.8 inches tall, 41.3 inches wide, and 10.2 inches deep, and weighs in at 916 pounds. Sorry, we don't know what it was built to protect ...
- One of the earliest known vacuum cleaners was so large that it had to be hauled via a horse-drawn carriage. Giant hoses were inserted into customers' windows while a gas-powered motor sucked dirt into a glass container for the shock and awe of onlookers.
- You can thank the American armed forces for the first McDonald's Drive Thru, which made its debut in Sierra Vista, Arizona, near the Fort Huachuca military installation. Rules prohibited soldiers from wearing their uniforms in public, and no one wanted to switch to civvies just to grab a burger, so restaurant manager David Rich cut a hole in the wall, allowing them to pick up their orders without leaving their vehicles. Unsurprisingly, the idea quickly caught on with the general public.
- The next time someone tells you they're sweating like a pig, they're actually lying (though, we're sure, unintentionally!): Pigs are born without sweat glands, hence the need for a nice mud puddle to cool off in.

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Thought for the Day: "The beauty of nature has been one of the great inspirations of my life." -- Jim Henson  
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# Super Crossword

## ALTERNATING NAMES

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Trapped</p> <p>8 Moderately slow tempo</p> <p>15 Hot coal</p> <p>20 Left over</p> <p>21 Velvet</p> <p>Underground singer</p> <p>22 Myanmar, previously</p> <p>23 * "Chicago" poet who worked for a rival of Revlon?</p> <p>25 Vital liquid</p> <p>26 Pitcher — Nomo</p> <p>27 Big joint</p> <p>28 Antique auto</p> <p>30 Furry Oz visitor</p> <p>31 More like baking bread's smell</p> <p>34 * 2003 "American Idol" runner-up from Alberta?</p> <p>39 Like Hindi or Urdu</p> <p>41 Many a youth</p> <p>42 Soup sample</p> <p>43 * Reply when the crooner of "Honey" asked how he should criticize people?</p> | <p>48 The Fate who cut the thread of destiny</p> <p>52 Pitti Palace's river</p> <p>53 Gladys Knight &amp; the Pips' "I've Got to — Imagination"</p> <p>54 Like an obsessed mind</p> <p>55 A whole lot</p> <p>57 * "Go take a nap, you Bolshevik leader?"</p> <p>61 Dig up</p> <p>63 Range ropes</p> <p>64 Emmy winner Michaels</p> <p>65 What each guy who's an answer to a starred clue is? [hint: skip over the even letters in his first name]</p> <p>69 "— diem!"</p> <p>74 Ate into</p> <p>75 "180 illegal" road sign</p> <p>77 * Gets hold of the singer of "(Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay"?</p> <p>85 Got closer to</p> | <p>86 Pungent red roots</p> <p>87 Din</p> <p>89 Spanish body of water</p> <p>90 Many private planes</p> <p>91 * Novelist of "Humboldt's Gift" imitating a beach bird?</p> <p>95 Chaney of "The Trap"</p> <p>96 Certain peer</p> <p>97 "McSorley's Bar" painter John</p> <p>98 * Co-star of "Neighbors" with a Seussian Star-Belly?</p> <p>103 Conjecturer's words</p> <p>108 Is unwell</p> <p>109 Anvil setting</p> <p>110 401(k) kin</p> <p>112 Many a youth</p> <p>113 Flood control</p> <p>115 * 20-season Houston Astros player who was a hot rodder?</p> <p>121 Big blue expanse</p> <p>122 Worked, as dough</p> <p>123 Garage door gadgets</p> <p>124 Aeries, e.g.</p> <p>125 Veterans</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Restless</p> <p>2 "I'm serious!"</p> <p>3 Came — (burrito fill)</p> <p>4 Is like a mole</p> <p>5 Like salivary glands near ears</p> <p>6 Gold, to Luis</p> <p>7 — Aviv</p> <p>8 Jai —</p> <p>9 Like Macs</p> <p>10 Film bomb</p> <p>11 Wall St. operator</p> <p>12 Not old, in Ulm</p> <p>13 Earthling, in sci-fi</p> <p>14 Lawn tidier</p> <p>15 Dwindle</p> <p>16 Like PCs with several peripheral hookup points</p> <p>17 Small stream</p> <p>18 Overact</p> <p>19 Cellar gas</p> <p>24 Dwindle</p> <p>29 Pearl holders</p> <p>32 Smitten erotically</p> <p>33 Big name in ice cream</p> <p>35 121-Across off Va.</p> | <p>36 Spike in film</p> <p>37 "Is that so!"</p> <p>38 — -surface missile</p> <p>40 Short</p> <p>negligee, for short</p> <p>43 Dufy of art</p> <p>44 University city in Maine</p> <p>45 Fewer than</p> <p>46 Actor Lloyd</p> <p>47 Soap stuff</p> <p>48 Basketballer Jamison</p> <p>49 Faux —</p> <p>50 Doc — (foe of Spidey)</p> <p>51 Big blue expanse</p> <p>54 Savvy about</p> <p>56 Prior to</p> <p>58 "Judge —" (1995 film)</p> <p>59 Crude fluid</p> <p>60 Retail store starter?</p> <p>62 Stable group</p> <p>66 Diana of "West 11"</p> <p>67 Ike's initials</p> <p>68 Grazed (on)</p> <p>69 Acting nudge</p> <p>70 The tiniest bit</p> <p>71 Pastoral</p> <p>72 Rival of Ragú</p> <p>73 Bequeath</p> <p>74 Embellish</p> <p>76 Barely there phone signal</p> <p>77 Frodo foe</p> | <p>78 Sweetie, in modern lingo</p> <p>79 Eagles' stats</p> <p>80 Non-window flight request</p> <p>81 Ain't correct?</p> <p>82 Gerund suffix</p> <p>83 We, to Henri</p> <p>84 Anderson of "The X-Files"</p> <p>88 Trough food</p> <p>91 — Paulo</p> <p>92 Unit of work</p> <p>93 London beer</p> <p>94 Foes</p> <p>96 Wayward</p> <p>98 Beauty shop</p> <p>99 Family girl</p> <p>100 Santas' aides</p> <p>101 Taxi drivers</p> <p>102 Not as nasty</p> <p>104 — petition</p> <p>105 Felix played by Randall</p> <p>106 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"</p> <p>107 Irregularly notched</p> <p>111 Clears (of)</p> <p>114 USN off.</p> <p>116 "Citizen X" co-star</p> <p>117 Sleazy paper</p> <p>118 Lemon drink</p> <p>119 "... grace of God —"</p> <p>120 Med. stats. taken with arm cuffs</p> |
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# CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals N

JVM NPBLZMR CPHZY'L FZL

RZMHZG UZMWPY RPVRPUZ.

FJV XJVEG RPF LCZ NVMRL BR

FZL LJ XJWZ.

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## CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 12 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce and council members Schwanz, Mason, Bean, and Peterson, and attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Kaiser.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz, to approve the minutes of June 14. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Peterson, support by Bean, to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,104.49 Motion carried: 4-0. In correspondence: Mayor Gehring received a very complimentary email from seasonal boaters who were very impressed with the efficient and courteous service they have continually received throughout the many years they have made Harrisville Harbor a destination point. Great job Harbormaster Wilson and dock crew!

Mayor Gehring also received a request from Sandy Arens to use city property for a car show on Saturday, Sept. 25. Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to approve request from Sandy Arens to use city property for a car show on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Comments received about Fourth of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration. The fireworks were spectacular!

Harbor Town Development, LLC. developer Rick and Caroline Pender presented a proposal for future development of property on Third Street. Discussion centered on water containment and diversion. Requested vacation of Grant and Fourth Street. Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to table decisions regarding proposals presented for development until council meeting on Monday, Aug. 9. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring presented letter of retirement from Zoning Administrator Troy Somers. Motion by Peterson, support by Mason, to accept Troy Somers' letter of retirement as zoning administrator for the City

of Harrisville with regret and a thank you for Troy's years of service to the city. Motion carried: 4-0.

Tom Keerl presented letter of interest to fill vacancy of Zoning Administrator for the City of Harrisville. Discussion. Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz, to appoint Tom Keerl as interim zoning administrator for the City of Harrisville until August 9, 2021. Ayes: Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays :0. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, for clerk to post vacancy of zoning administrator in local newspaper. Letters of interest can be sent to: City of Harrisville, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; email to harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or call the city office at (989) 724-6666 for information. The deadline for letters of interest is August 4, 2021, at noon. The zoning administrator will be appointed at the August 9 city council meeting.

Mayor Gehring reported that a sewer repair has been undertaken by the fiber-optic company which trenched for fiber-optic lines and broke a water/sewer line which caused blockage problems for the businesses on the west side of US 23. The problem has been fixed.

The city planning commission will be reviewing specific zoning ordinances pertaining to travel trailers on residential property and updating the current zoning ordinances. Mayor Gehring would like to recognize the Alcona Middle School's Junior Honor Society (AJHS) who recently placed first in the state of Michigan for their Recycling Environmental Service Project. The award is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The project revolved around the AJHS members' weekly volunteering to conduct paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum recycling for the entire middle and high school. Congratulations!

Clerk Pierce reported there will be a Tax Board of Review meeting on Tuesday, July 20 at 9 a.m. at city hall. The city is still looking for an interested resident from Ward I to fill a vacancy for Ward Alderman in that ward. The first concert of the Summer Series featuring the

group Flipside, was cancelled because of the weather and is rescheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the harbor pavilion. Junior maintenance worker, Allen Kay, has passed his sewerage treatment works operators exam and is a state certified treatment operator. Congratulations Allen.

Treasurer Luenberger reported that the water/sewer audit for 2020 will be on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Harbor Commission plans for the final phase of the dock project with all final funding becoming available is in the final stages with the state. Mayor Gehring reported that a boat sunk in the harbor and there was considerable coordination between the harbor, divers from Alpena and the Coast Guard to bring it to the surface.

Planning commission will meet on Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. There are four vacancies available on the planning commission. At this time, these vacancies are available to city residents only. The fire department responded to a gas line hit at the state park this month.

County commissioner Thompson reported that two large trees have been removed along M-72. Sewer lines from the jail to the city lines have been replaced. Commissioner Thompson asked all municipalities to please fill out the forms from the American Rescue Plan, for each municipality to receive funds allocated to each, from the federal government.


Comments from residents concerning the extended use of a travel trailer on residential property was discussed.

Alderman Schwanz reported that the RV charging stations at the harbor are in the final stages of becoming operational. The grand opening will be Tuesday, July 20.


Alderman Mason moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Next city council meeting is August 9 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

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## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board Meeting was held July 14 and started at 7:01 p.m. Motion passed to approve June 12 regular and June 24 special meeting minutes. Motion passed to pay bills as presented.

Motion to remove current deputy clerk from all accounts and add a new deputy clerk to all accounts. Zoning administrator hiring tabled to next meeting. Motion to purchase hall office door. Motion to pay for security cameras/ docks/ floating dock once received. Motion to hire contractor to upgrade website. Motion to purchase camera recording signs for parks. Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Cindy Smith  
 Township Clerk

## ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's July board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, and Mead. Excused: Bouchard. Motions to approve the previous month's minutes, treasurer's report, to pay bills as presented, to hire Robert Eppert as township attorney. All motions passed.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk



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## SALES

Inside sale - Toro snow shovel, new items, garden art, finished crafts, craft supplies, putting green, many miscellaneous items. \$2 a bag 195 N. Everett Road, ½ mile north of M-72. July 23 and 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Garage sale- Set of four white Windsor style bow-back chairs, pictures, small appliances, pot and pans, bedding, gas powered weed whacker, books. 1725 E. French Road, Lincoln. (Take Ritchie Road to Sharboneau Road to French). Friday and Saturday, July 23 & 24 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## Public Land Auction

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### Foreclosure Notice

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m., July 28, 2021. 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage

made by Ronald Harper, a married man, and Jean Harper, his wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated October 19, 2012, and recorded on October 22, 2012, in Liber 492, page 521, Alcona County records. Said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 03, 2019 and recorded October 10, 2019 in Liber 554, page 1,215, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-four thousand nine hundred ten and 01/100 (\$34,910.01) including interest at the rate of 3.85500 percent per annum. Said premises are situated in the township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2 of Block 19 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 59, 61 and 63, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4329 N. Poplar Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or

600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is one year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 30, 2021  
 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association  
 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,  
 Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48302  
 (248) 335-9200  
 Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Case No. 19MI00443-5  
 6-30, 7-7, 7-14, 7-21

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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.

Mortgage sale - Joseph John Martin aka John Martin and Evelyn Martin, husband and wife, original mortgagors, granted a mortgage to NPB Mortgage, LLC, dated May 29, 2017, and recorded June 13, 2007 in Liber 442, page 1,116 as document No. 200700001937, in Alcona County records Michigan, and assigned to Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, recorded on June 25, 2012 in

Liber 488, page 1,158 as document No. 201200002158 in Alcona County records. Of which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty thousand, four hundred and eight dollars and 57/100 dollars (\$30,408.57).

The following described premises situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, to-wit: Commencing at the east ¼ corner of Section 26, T25N, R6E, thence north 88 deg. 38'01" west along the E/W ¼ line of said section and the centerline of county road 330.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 88 deg. 38'01" west 220.00 feet, thence south 01 deg. 12'59" west 396.00 feet, thence south 88 deg. 38'01" east 220 feet, thence north 01 deg. 12'59" east 396 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the northeast quarter (NE-1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 26, T25N, R6E. Commonly known as 3517 W. Aldrich Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737. Property ID No. 01-031-026-400-026-00.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or under MCL 600.3241a, 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL

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### New presumptives for Agent Orange

The Department of Veterans Affairs has added three presumptives to its list of illnesses caused by Agent Orange: bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism.

The new ones are added to: AL amyloidosis, chronic B-cell leukemias, chloracne, diabetes mellitus Type 2, Hodgkin's disease, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, peripheral neuropathy early-onset, porphyria cutanea tarda, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers and soft tissue sarcomas.

We have Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to thank for that, the 1986 class-action lawsuit that continues to give and give. If you previously filed for benefits for the three new illnesses, your case will now automatically be reviewed. No need to refile. Each time a new illness is added, Nehmer means that any previous claims for illnesses will be reviewed and disability pay will be retroactive to the date of the initial claim.

But that's not all. The VA will now consider making a list of respiratory illnesses into presumptives. They're

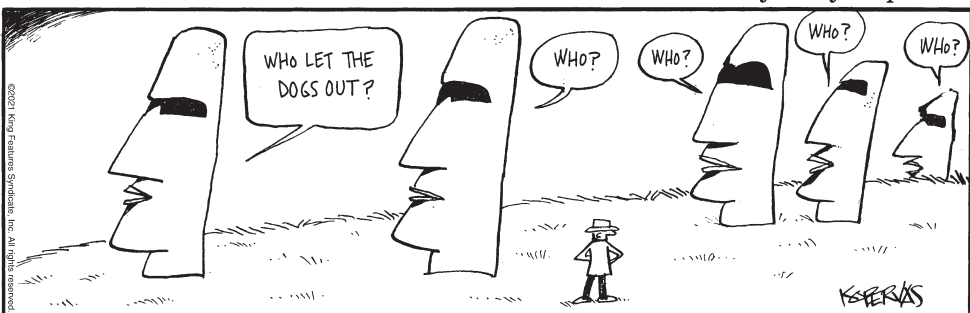
calling it "particulate matter pollution," coming from the burn pits, as well as sandstorm dust, pollution, fuels, vehicle exhaust and dirt from farming or construction. Illnesses they're looking at include asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis for those who served in the Persian Gulf War after Sept. 19, 2001, or in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War.

When it comes to air-quality presumptives, one wonders about the incinerator outside Naval Air Facility Atsugi in Japan that ran from 1985 to 2001, spewing 90 tons of medical and industrial waste daily. The VA website says there is no scientific evidence that the incinerator caused risk of disease and therefore no presumptive illnesses ... yet the med.navy.mil site has many medical links, including one from 1994 that says air monitoring indicated there was a "significantly elevated risk to human health" from those incinerator emissions. In 2001, it followed up with a 574-page Human Health Risk Assessment. The VA needs to read it.

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### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



**NOTICE**

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners is looking to fill a vacancy for the Department of Health and Human Services Board. Please mail a letter of interest to: P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, MI 48740 or fax to: (989) 724-9419 Attn: Board of Commissioners. All letters of interest must be submitted by July 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. 7/17 & 7/21

**Dana Marie**

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Kids Activities

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**"The Gardens  
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Tickets \$10 Children  
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Alcona Review ~ 111 N. Lake St., Harrisville

Tickets sold on day of the walk at:

Craftmakers' Cabin (Harrisville) 9 - Noon

More info call 910-691-7735

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP  
ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Caledonia Township Lot Size Ordinance Amendment

**DATE OF HEARING:** Thursday, August 5th, 2021

**TIME OF HEARING:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd. Spruce, Michigan 48762

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering amendment to the zoning ordinance; Section 5.10, 6.3 and 6.4.

**Zoning Ordinance Purpose:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish legal requirements and regulations for minimum developmental lot widths, including without limitation Section 5.10, 6.3 and 6.4 of the Ordinance and any other section related thereto. The Planning Commission will take public comments during the meeting in order to ensure that constituents concerns are taken into consideration. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding this Ordinance to Caledonia Township Hall, attn.: Nancy Beck, Planning Commission Chair, PO Box 7 Spruce, MI. 48762. Pertinent information relative to the Ordinance is on file with the Caledonia Township, Planning Commission Secretary. The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office at 989 335 3018.

**State park hosts BB gun safety shoot**

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Teaching gun safety to promote future hunters was the key objective last weekend by bringing the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) of Michigan BB gun challenge shoot to the Harrisville State Park.

The free event was held in conjunction with the Alcona Turkey Trotters, a local chapter operating under NWTf, and the Harrisville State Park.

Colleen Higgins, Harrisville State Park secretary said bringing the event to Harrisville had been a challenge in itself. "This is something we've been working on for about five years. I'm so glad to see it finally here and hope it can become an annual event.

"It's good for the kids and families, we have gun safety courses held here, but nothing for bb guns and this is a draw for families with age seven and up kids," she said.

Steve Sharp, the NWTf Michigan R3 coordinator, said it was his first time in Harrisville. He anticipated over 50 kids to enjoy the challenge during the three hours he was there last Friday and said if it goes well and the interest is high, it may become an annual event at the park. The R3 designation stands for recruitment, retention and re-activation.

Sharp explained the NWTf mission statement -- the conservation of wild turkey and the preservation of hunting heritage. "We are teaching safe firearm handling and to shoot properly in a safe and fun environment," he said.

The environment is an air-filled shooting station that can accommodate two shooters safely and has a pulley string attachment for pinning targets and sending them to the back of the apparatus for safe target practice.

Before any youth or adult enters the station with a bb gun, Sharp gives a detailed lesson on the firearm they will be handling by pointing out various items such as where the trigger and safety are located, how to properly hold the gun, how to take aim and fire in the safest possible way and that, like any man-made machine, it can mal-



Rylee Kroon, 12, of Haynes Township, take her turn for target practice during the National Wild Turkey Federation BB Gun Challenge event held at the Harrisville State Park. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

function and misfire.

"The park has done an excellent job telling people about this and we expect around 50 youth to take on the challenge today. It's a lot of fun and more so when the whole family is involved and they have their own competitions, sometimes to see who buys the family ice cream. Everyone seems to enjoy it.

"Youth who shoot over 40 out of 50 points receive a certificate in the mail from the NWTf," Sharp said. An adult must accompany the youth to participate in the challenge.

He spoke about the heritage of hunting, how hunting numbers have been steadily declining and that hunting pays for conservation efforts. "Through the 1937 Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, an 11 percent tax was placed on hunting equipment and ammunition. Those dollars, upwards of a billion, are then allocated by the federal government to fish and wildlife services and the state to help in the management and restoration of wildlife.

Because of the decline in hunting, something like this challenge helps kids get interested in shooting sports," Sharp said.

According to the NWTf, participation in hunting has

been declining since the 1980s, a concern since hunters help regulate wildlife populations, provide conservation funding, create economic growth and job opportunities all helping to sustain a way of life for future conservationists.

Scott Kroon, president of the Alcona Turkey Trotters chapter since 2004, said the cost of bringing the shooting station event to Harrisville is paid by the NWTf and no cost is passed on to their chapter, the state park or participants.

The Alcona Turkey Trotters, a non-profit organization, has been an operating chapter of the Michigan NWTf since 1994 and has about 180 members. The group meet monthly for about six months out of the year. It is a community-minded club focused on hunting and shooting sports and, typically, hold an annual fundraising banquet each spring.

The Alcona Turkey Trotters has been actively involved in supporting the Hot Shot 4-H Shooters and the 4-H archery program by donating ammunition, bows and scholarships for youth to participate in competitions.

For information on Michigan NWTf visit the website at [www.minwtf.org](http://www.minwtf.org). For information about the Alcona Turkey Trotters, call Scott Kroon at (989) 335-1945.



Steve Sharp (left), the Michigan chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation R3 coordinator, gives a BB Gun safety lesson to Christopher Kroon, 11 and his sister Rylee, 12 while their father, Scott (center) listens in.