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Fair scheduled for mid-August

County fairgrounds location for several spring activities

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

While the Spring in 2 Summer Expo, which is typically held in May at the Alcona County Fairgrounds is canceled again this year, other activities will be taking place.

According to County Commissioner Bill Thompson, people are ready to get out and enjoy some events again as evidenced by the great turnout for the Snowmobile races held at the ARA site in February.

"People have had enough of staying away from community activities after COVID-19 canceled so much last year. Now that many people have been vaccinated and know

how to stay safe, they are more than ready to venture outdoors for some fun and socialization," Thompson said.

• On Friday, May 7, the Alcona High School FFA banquet will be at the fairgrounds. The banquet is by invitation only. Call the high school for further details at (989) 736-8534.

• On Saturday, May 8, the Alcona Conservation District will have its tree sale distribution of pre-ordered trees at the fairgrounds while normal monthly recycling occurs.

While the tree sale is for pre-ordered trees, bushes and plants, occasionally the conservation district will have

extra items to be sold. Call the district at (989) 724-5272 or email janet.reins@macd.org for details.

• Recycle Alcona County is held on the second Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepted items for recycling include cardboard, box-board such as cereal boxes with plastic removed, mixed paper including, office paper, junk mail, paperback books, newspaper, magazines and old phone books; Styrofoam, which must be placed in a sealed plastic bag, number 1 through 7 clean plastic containers; clean aluminum and tin and glass bottles and jars.

Visit the alconacountyfair.com website and search activities for a list of items not accepted by recycling.

• On Saturday, May 15 the biennial Countywide Cleanup will occur from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. See story below.

• On Friday, May 21, Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, Carnival Fair Food will be offered to the public. "It's a drive-through style with the carnival food vendors who will be at the fair in August. The food wagons will have all their fair foods available such as Coney dogs, elephant ears and more," Thompson said.

Many other events are also going to be held this summer and plans, so far, are a go for

a county fair this year. The fair will be held this year from August 17 through August 21.

Thompson explained this year a few new events will be coming to the fair including lawn mower obstacle racing, Rosco the clown, and the Legend Brothers tribute show featuring Elvis and Rod Stewart impersonators. The Thumb Tractor and Truck pull and the draft horse pull will be back again this year along with many other crowd favorites including carnival rides and the Alcona Junior Livestock Auction.

Visit alconacountyfair.com for more fair information.



Reid Schroeder, 10, of Hawes Township and member of the Jolly Rogers 4-H club, holds his two month old cross breed barrow (male) pig named Payoke. Like many 4-H and FFA youth across the county, Schroeder is looking forward to the return of the fair this year and the Alcona County Junior Livestock Auction. *Courtesy photo.*

Countywide cleanup to happen May 15

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Cleanup, a biennial event, is one of the best ways residents can rid their property of unsightly debris normally not disposed of in weekly trash pickups.

The event is an opportunity to dispose of tires, car batteries, dried paint, scrap metal, water heaters, air conditioners, white goods, Styrofoam, electronics and more.

The cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona Recreation Area by the fairgrounds in Lincoln.

Items not accepted at the cleanup include: Household garbage, concrete, junk cars, hazardous waste materials, yard waste, commercial building materials, and gas or fuel oil tanks. However, propane tanks are permitted.

While there are fees involved to dispose at the cleanup, according to Bill Th-

ompson, county commissioner and recycle/cleanup spokesperson, the event is always very well attended.

"We even got a call this year from the Barton City Eagles who are volunteering to go out into the national forest and roadsides to find debris and bring it in. For any organization wanting to volunteer to pick up on public land, there is no cost and we will do what we can to bring

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Recognizing nurses call to duty

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

National Nurses Week, celebrated between May 6 and May 12, is a time to honor the contributions and sacrifices nurses make each day.

Typically, a physician's right hand, these angels of mercy have had to make difficult and challenging choices over the past year. Most all took that challenge willingly, despite the possibility of putting themselves and their families in harm's way.

A nurse's sacrifice is felt by almost everyone from birth to grave, whether they work in a hospital, a health clinic or a nursing and rehabilitation home.

This year, to honor all the nurses of Alcona County for their dedication, the Alcona County Review asked three

nurses to tell their story on why they wanted to go into the nursing field and how they feel about their job, co-workers and their community.

Veronica Brown who had been a health care aid and youth minister for most of her adult life said her calling to become a registered nurse had been strong for years, but she didn't fulfill that dream until last December when she graduated with a nursing degree in her mid-50s.

She explained while she was raising her family, her busy life prevented her from going back to school. "When my children became adults, I felt like I was too old to go back to school. A wise person, who happens to be my son, asked me how old I would

be if I went back to school and became a nurse. I told him 56. He then asked how old would I be if I didn't go to school in a few years? I told him I would still be 56 but not doing what I love and always wanted to do. He said I should go for it.

"I was the oldest in my class by far, but it was so much fun, I had a blast with the other students, most were in their 20s and some were still in high school," Brown said.

When COVID-19 struck in March last year, Brown didn't flinch about her decision to become a nurse during a pandemic. In fact, it gave her additional incentive to get her degree. "When you have that calling to be a nurse and things start going wrong, there is a pandemic or some

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Obituaries



John W. Roe III

John W. Roe III, passed away Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Born December 30, 1977 to John Jr. and Eileen (Marek) Roe at Camp Pendleton, Calif., he was raised in Michigan.

Johnny graduated from Alcona High School in 1996. He worked at Alcona Tool while attending Alpena Community College and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Johnny was an avid reader and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his parents, John and Eileen Roe of Harrisville; two brothers, Jason (Sarah) Roe of Spruce and Joshua (Michelle) Roe of Belmont, NH; and numer-



ous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Private family services have been held.

Paid Obituary

Julie A. Cowdin

Julie Ann Cowdin, 54, of Farmington Hills, Mich., died on Wednesday, March 30, 2021 at home after a long struggle with COPD.

She was born May 28, 1966 in Detroit, Mich. She was raised in Royal Oak, Mich. and Harrisville by her parents Chris and Peggy (Ellison) Cowdin.

She attended Kimble High School in Royal Oak, Mich. and graduated from Alcona High School in 1984.

Ms. Cowdin was an insurance adjuster and artist. She enjoyed drawing, animals,

going to family gatherings, and spending time with friends.

Ms. Cowdin is survived by one son, Garrett Roger Stratton of D'iberville, Miss.; her mother, Peggy Cowdin of Harrisville; two sisters, Rita Votta of Eastpointe, Mich. and Kristy Cowdin of Nicollet, Min.; one brother, Bill Cowdin of Farmington Hills, Mich.; seven nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chris Cowdin in 2017 and one brother-in-law, James Votta.



Cremation has taken place. No service is planned due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Leora L. Apsey

Leora Lynn Apsey, 71, of Lincoln died on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at home.

She was born December 26, 1949 to Robert and Elaine (LaFond) Lee in Bay City, Mich. She was raised in Bay City, Mich. and Glennie.

On January 10, 1970 she married Lawrence J. Apsey in Lincoln, where they were longtime residents.

Mrs. Apsey was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. She owned and operated an adult foster care home in Barton City, and had many other waitress and bartending jobs in the area.

She enjoyed crafting, games of cards and dice, her family, cardmaking, and baking, especially pecan pie and rolls.

Mrs. Apsey is survived by one son, Lawrence (Missy) Apsey; five grandchildren, Katelyn (Christopher Jude) Apsey, Kyle (Charlotte) Apsey, Emily Zastrow, Brooklyn Zastrow, and Darren Zastrow; her father, Robert Lee; three brothers, Robert (Merry) Lee, Gary (Carol) Lee and Dennis (Vicki) Lee; four sisters-in-law, Nancy Timm, Cindy (Tom) Knight, Connie (Stan) Lee, and Linda (Larry) Somers, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry, on September 23, 2015 and her mother, Elaine Lee on July 21, 2006.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Thursday, April 29, from 4



until 8 p.m. Visitation will continue Friday, April 30 from noon until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Arie Van Brenk will officiate.

Thomas J. Kane Jr.

Thomas Joseph Kane Jr., 79, of Black River, died on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at home.

He was born January 5, 1942 to Thomas and Lolly (Jordan) Kane. He attended school in Detroit, Mich. and graduated from McKenzie High School in 1960.

After many jobs in his youth, he worked for his Dad who owned an International Harvester dealership in Detroit, Mich., which was later called Kane's Truck Parts.

He and his family moved to Walled Lake in 1974.

He married Annette Cipriani on February 23, 1963 in Detroit, Mich.

They expanded the business and later created Michigan Bus Parts, which delivered bus parts to many districts in Michigan and nationwide.

He and his wife retired in 1997 and moved to Black River in 2001 where they built their home on Lake Huron.

Mr. Kane enjoyed scuba diving with his wife. He coached his daughter, René's softball teams for over 10 years. He enjoyed playing golf, tennis, fishing, snowmobiling, getting into mischief on his tractors, traveling and playing cards.

He was a reserve deputy sheriff for Oakland County. He enjoyed his trips to Las Vegas, Nev. and the National Rodeo Finals. He loved animals and cherished all of his dogs, cats and two burros. He loved his family dearly and his grandchildren brought him much joy to his life.

Mr. Kan is survived by his wife, Annette; two daughters, René Kane and Jamie (Eric Roy) Kane; two sons, Tom (Tracey Bobo) Kane, and Jason (Courtney) Kane; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Patricia Sexton and Beverly Peterson, and his parents, Tom and Lolly Kane.



Visitation will be held on Friday, May 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Divine Mercies Chaplet service beginning at 7 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will continue Saturday, May 8 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Black River from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The Rev. Tyler Bischoff will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona County Commission on Aging, or to Hospice Compassus.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Free formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing is available for residents of Alcona County with newborns thru age four. Layettes are available in the eighth month. This is not an income-based program. COVID-19 regulations will be in place.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

A Senior Boot Camp will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

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.

A gentle exercise class for seniors will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

A free Zumba class for adults will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All adults are welcome. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at all branches of the Alcona County Library. Trees are provided by the Alcona Conservation District. Limit one per person while supplies last.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

MONDAY, MAY 10

Teenagers (ages 12 to 18) can pick up their DIY kit at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. May's kit is mini library card notebooks. Students may also pick up their

kits at the Alcona High School main office. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet via telephone conferencing at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. Conference line access is (877) 402-9753 - access code is: 8013514. For more information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

Euchre will be held at the Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Face masks are required.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Children of all ages are invited to stop in and pick up a fun and educational activity at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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.

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held at two locations - Alcona County Fairgrounds (854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln) and Greenbush (5036 Campbell Street) from 4 to 6 p.m. This is for Alcona County residents only. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alconaseniors.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

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, MAY 14

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Alcona County-Wide Cleanup will be held at the ARA site in Lincoln from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Watch for accepted/not accepted item list and prices. Call (989) 724-5007 for more information. Residents and property owners must show proof of residency or tax bill to participate.

MONDAY, MAY 17

Euchre will be held at the Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Face masks are required.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for May is "The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel. 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. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

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May you walk in beauty, sweetheart!
Love, Mom and Dad

*Walk in beauty.
With conveys of quail, ocotillo blossoms,
rocks of every hue.
Walk humbly, lighthearted, leaving only footprints.
Walk boldly, head held high, lionhearted,
embracing justice.
Walk in grief, broken hearted, praying for forgiveness.
Walk in peace, tender hearted, living generously.
Walk with love, warm hearted, caring for one another.
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May you walk in beauty.*

-By Kathleen Dunckel

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Greenbush Cleanup

The annual Greenbush Township Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Travis Sanitation, 35522 Kings Corner Road. Vehicles should be staged on the north side of Kings Corner Road. Property owners and residents of Greenbush may drop off most items for disposal at no cost. Proof of property ownership and/or residency is required. Donations to the Greenbush Fire Department are welcome. For more details, see page 5.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome. Masks are required to be worn in the building. Be sure to call ahead before going to the center.

- Monday, May 10: Fish, rice California blend vegetables, tropical fruit, milk.
- Tuesday, May 11: Taco salad, salsa, sour cream, mandarin oranges, milk.
- Wednesday, May 12: Chicken stew, biscuit, peaches, milk.
- Thursday, May 13: Pot roast, mashed potatoes,

gravy, California blend vegetables, flavored applesauce, milk.

County-wide Cleanup

The Alcona County Countywide Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ARA Site in Lincoln. Bring junk and patience in waiting to drop off items. Residents and/or property owners will need to show proof of residency or tax bill. For details on what is and is not accepted, see "theARA-site.com" and click on the cleanup icon.

Parenting Conference

Grace Community Church in Oscoda recognizes the challenges faced by parents and caretakers and is sponsoring a free conference late Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. The "Hope for the Journey" conference will take place at the church, which is located at 6012 Skeel Road in Oscoda, next to Parks Library. The format is modular, so folks are invited to come to one module or all eight of

them. Topics that will be addressed in the virtual presentations will include: Trust-based relational intervention, connecting principles, correcting principles, and others. The purpose of the conference is to provide information, insight, and some practical takeaways for parents, teachers, and other professionals regarding how to effectively and meaningfully engage with their children in today's trying times. "We want to provide tools for parents to better connect with their children, while also encouraging them as they continue to journey with them. At the same time, we want to offer teachers and caregivers the same information," said Pastor Mike Viera, pastor of Grace Community Church. The conference is free to participants. Due to COVID-19 precautions, and to accommodate social distancing while gathering indoors, reservations are needed to participate. To make reservations, or to ask questions, contact Grace Community Church at (989) 739-3424. Leave a message, including the best time to receive a call back.

Lady Tigers dominate Hale in softball twin bill

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team played a pair of wins last Thursday in Hale. The Lady Tigers claimed mercy shortened victories in both sides of the twin bill, 13-3 and 16-6. "They came out strong both offensively and defensively taking two wins," said head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt. "Overall, the team played very

well together and made many key plays the entire night." Olivia Borchardt earned the win pitching in game one, while Miah Schopfer had the victory in the nightcap. For the offense, Ashlyn Gordy smacked a home run. Alcona hosted Atlanta on Monday. The Lady Tigers host Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, May 7 and hosts Oscoda on Monday, May 10.

Alcona baseball claims pair of wins in Hale

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team claimed a pair of wins at Hale last Thursday. The Tigers, playing the Eagles in a North Star League cross-over doubleheader, won both games in five innings, 12-2 and 13-2. Jakob Tanner was credited with the win in both contests. In the opener, Gavin Walker had a triple, two singles and three RBI. Zach

Stephenson had three hits and two RBI and Jacob Sytek had a triple and a single. Game two featured Stephenson going three-for-three and getting four RBI. Sytek had a triple and a single and Walker had a two-for-two game and managed to score three runs. Alcona hosted Atlanta on Monday. Plays host to Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, May 6 and hosts Oscoda on Monday, May 10.

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Let us know what is happening

Story ideas can be mailed to: P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; Faxed to: (989) 724-6655; dropped at the Review office ~ 111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville; or e-mailed to: editor@alconareview.com.

Please, include a contact name & telephone number in case there are follow up questions.

Alcona girls win, boys take second in North Star League meet at Hale

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona track and field teams continued their strong start to the season last week.

The Tigers, competing in a North Star League meet in Hale on Tuesday, April 27 saw their girls team win the four team event, while the boys team took second.

The girls were led by Lily Bilbey winning the 100- and 200-meter dashes, in times of 12.6 and 26.5. Emma Travis was also third in the 100 and 200, and Karen Sharboneau was second in the 200.

It was a one-two-three finish for the Tigers in the 400, thanks to Emma Travis' winning time of 1:09.9, and she was followed by Sara Decker and Caroline Forsythe.

Decker won the 800-meter run in a time of 3:16 and she

placed second in the 3200. Mercedes Codling was second in the 800, fourth in the 1600 and third in the 3200. Forsythe added a win in the 100 hurdles in a time of 18.5.

The Tigers won the 4x100 and 4x400 relays and had a second place finish in the 4x200.

The shot put had Keley Hansen and Brielle Keyser take first and second, with Hansen's winning throw reaching 30'2.25. In the discus it was Keyser, Hansen and Alexis Anderson in first-through-third, with Keyser's winning throw reading 95'5. Hansen also won the long jump at 14'9.75.

For the boys, Gavin Walker won the 100-meter dash in a time of 11.5, with Nick Rasmussen finishing second in the 100 and he won the 200 in a time of 23.7, with

Walker taking second in that event. Jacob Sytek won the 400 in a time of 53.3 and Carter Upper placed second in the distance events; the 1600 and 3200. In the 110 hurdles, Hunter Rigby was second, while the 300 hurdles saw Ashton Rigby cross the line third.

The Tigers claimed first place points in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays, and placed second in the 4x800.

Logan Zuchowski was second in the discus. Zach Stephenson won the pole vault at 10'6 and Rasmussen placed second in the long jump.

Alcona heads to Standish-Sterling on Friday, May 7 and makes the trip to Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, May 11.

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Bait suggestions for up and down small streams

Northeast Lower Peninsula
April 29

When fishing for trout in small streams that allow live bait, try casting spinners or small crankbaits upstream while working your way up the stream. Then, on your way back down, use live bait such as leaf worms or wax worms that you can drift downstream and drop back into structure and holes that would have been unfishable while working up.

Rogers City: When the weather permits, a few lake trout were caught south towards Swan Bay or straight out and west towards Forty Mile Point when running lines throughout the water column in 40 to 60 feet. Dodgers or cowbells with spin-glos and spoons have all taken fish. Surface water temperatures were 38 degrees. The fish will become more active as the water warms.

Alpena: Boat anglers caught lake trout throughout the water column in 35 to 60 feet straight out and near Thunder Bay Island. Those fishing the shoreline had limited success for walleye. Water temperatures were 51 degrees. The bite should improve when the temperatures hit 55 degrees.

Thunder Bay River: The 9th Street Dam is still full of suckers. Anglers trying for steelhead are having limited success. The steelhead action should improve once the suckers clear out. Those trying for steelhead are drifting spawn and beads under a bobber or casting spoons, spinners and body baits.

Oscoda: A couple Atlantic salmon and steelhead were caught at the end of the pier when casting spoons and body baits or still-fishing with minnows.

AuSable River: The wall-eye opener was slow with only a few fish caught when drifting crawlers. There were reports of some steelhead caught upstream to Foote

Fishing Report

Dam when drifting spawn or casting lures.

Houghton Lake: Catch rates were still on the slow side as water temperatures remain on the cool side. No big crappie to report yet. A few walleye were caught late at night.

Tawas: The action was slow for boat anglers with only a couple lake trout caught out near Tawas Point when using spoons in 25 to 35 feet. Pier anglers caught a couple Atlantic salmon, brown trout, pike, and walleye when casting body baits or using a jig and minnow.

Tawas River: Catch rates for walleye were slow down to Gateway Park. Some small perch were caught with minnows.

(This report is intended to provide an idea of what is going on around the state. Updates come from DNR fisheries staff and conservation officers. With more than 11,000 inland lakes, the Great Lakes and thousands of miles of rivers and streams, not all locations can be listed.)

top ten

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Separate your load by type (e.g. tires, scrap metal, white goods, junk, etc.) to facilitate unloading.

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Should you prepay your funeral?

Dear Savvy Senior,
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Living on a Budget



Dear Living,
Planning your funerals in advance is definitely a smart move. Not only does it give you and your wife time to make a thoughtful decision on the type of service you want, it also allows you to shop around to find a good funeral provider, and it will spare your family members the burden of making these decisions at an emotional time.

But preplanning a funeral doesn't mean you have to prepay too. In fact, the Funeral Consumer Alliance, a national nonprofit funeral consumer protection organization, doesn't recommend it unless you need to spend down your financial resources so you can qualify for Medicaid.

Here's what you should know.

Preneed Arrangements

Most funeral homes today offer what is known as "preneed plans," which allow you to prearrange for the type of funeral services you want and prepay with a lump sum or through installments. The funeral home either puts your money in a trust fund with the payout triggered by your death or buys an insurance policy naming itself as the beneficiary.

If you're interested in this route, make sure you're being guaranteed the services you specify at the contracted price. Some contracts call for additional payments for final expense funding, which means that if the funeral home's charges increase between the time you sign up and the time you sign off, somebody will have to pay the difference.

Here are some additional questions you should ask before committing:

- Can you cancel the contract and get a full refund if you change your mind?
- Will your money earn interest? If so, how much? Who gets it?
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- What happens if you move? Can the plan be transferred to another funeral home in a different state?
- If there's money left over after your funeral, will your heirs get it, or does the home keep it?

If you decide to prepay, be sure to get all the details of the agreement in writing and give copies to your family so they know what's expected. If your family isn't aware that you've made plans, your wishes may not be carried out. And if family members don't know that you've prepaid the funeral costs, they

could end up paying for the same arrangements.

Other Payment Option

While prepaying your funerals may seem like a convenient way to go, from a financial point of view, there are better options available.

For example, if you have a life insurance policy, many policies will pay a lump sum when you die to your beneficiaries to be used for your funeral expenses. The payment is made soon after you die and doesn't have to go through probate.

Or you could set up a payable-on-death (or POD) account at your bank or credit union, naming the person you want to handle your arrangements as the beneficiary. POD accounts also are called Totten Trusts. With this type of account, you maintain control of your money, so you can tap the funds in an emergency, collect the interest and change the beneficiary. When you die, your beneficiary collects the balance without the delay of probate.

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The issuing office for the bidding documents is: City of Harrisville, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Prospective bidders may examine the bidding documents at the issuing office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours on 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. or may obtain copies of the bidding documents as described below.

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Owner: City of Harrisville
By: Jeff Gehring
Title: Mayor
Date: April 30, 2021

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Edward Muir's poem, "The Horses," published many years ago, envisioned a future in which the work horse would return, and with them we'd have a new beginning. Today, some of our fellow creatures aren't to come back. Here's a poem by Robert Hedin, of Minnesota, that I found in the most recent Alaska Quarterly Review. Hedin's most recent book is "At the Great Door of Morning," from Copper Canyon Press.

Monarchs, Viceroy, Swallowtails

For years they came tacking in, full sail,
Riding the light down through the trees,
Over the rooftops, and not just monarchs,
But viceroys, swallowtails, so many
They became unremarkable, showing up
As they did whether we noticed them or not,
Swooping and fanning out at the bright
Margins of the day. So how did we know
Until it was too late, until they quit coming,
That the flowers in the flower beds
Would close their shutters, and the birds
Grow so dull they'd lose the power to sing,
And how later, after the river died,
Others would follow, admirals, buckeyes,
All going off like some lavish parade
Into the great overcrowded silence.
And no one bothered to tell the trees
They wouldn't be coming back any more,
The huge shade trees where they used
To gather, every last branch and leaf sagging
Under the bright freight of their wings.

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A few Michigan lighthouses plan to pursue restoration projects

By Kirsten Rintelmann
Capital News Service

Despite financial challenges, Michigan lighthouse boosters are eager to move forward with restoration plans this year.

Among those with plans to kick off restoration projects or fundraising efforts are the Big Sable Point Lighthouse in Ludington, Marquette Harbor Lighthouse in Marquette, Muskegon South Pierhead Lighthouse and the Muskegon Breakwater Light in Muskegon.

With lighthouse repair already an expensive task, the COVID-19 pandemic is posing significant obstacles for those who work to preserve them.

The state has over 120 lighthouses, according to Pure Michigan, the travel and tourism promotion arm of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Built in 1867, the Big Sable Point Lighthouse is also one of the tallest lighthouses in Michigan— measuring over 110 feet.

The Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, which manages the Big Sable Point Lighthouse, plans to proceed with restoration and fundraising. A multitude of repairs are needed to restore it to its former glory.

According to the association, they include repainting the tower, restoring rusted sections, and replacing the roof and more than 700 original bricks. "If you look at it, everything appears fine and structurally sound," said Peter Manting, the association's executive director.

However, the tower has 139 holes caused by rust, he said. Patches must be welded on to repair the holes. "A lot of our funding is from people going through the tower," Manting said. "The Coast Guard takes care of the lighting. They do not provide the funding for the maintenance. We lost about 90 percent of our revenue last year. However, we are very focused on getting open for the season" on May 10, Manting said.

To help fund restoration plans, the association has created a campaign called "Leave a Print in the Sand." The goal is \$225,000, with about \$165,000 raised so far, according to Manting.

The Marquette Harbor Lighthouse, which was rebuilt in 1866, is one of the oldest sites in Marquette. "There is quite a bit of restoration work needed on the lighthouse," said director Hilary Billman of the Marquette Maritime Museum, which offers interpretive tours of the lighthouse from May through October.

The Coast Guard turned over the deed to the city in July 2016.

According to Billman, the museum paid for a new roof—when the building was still owned by the Coast Guard—because a leaking roof caused water damage on the second floor which remains inaccessible for tours because the

ceiling is coming down in places.

"Every wall needs to be painted and the lighthouse tower needs to be scraped and painted," Billman said.

The front and back doors and some windows also need replacement. "We do not have an exact price on restoration fees, but the city does have an account set up for lighthouse expenses," Billman said. "When the museum does tours, we give half of the ticket price to the city to go in this fund."

There's no date scheduled yet for the restoration work, and the city needs approval from the State Historic Preservation Office, "which is a lot of time and paperwork," she said.

"We have been patiently waiting for the city to begin restoration," she said. "COVID-19 set everything back, but hopefully things will happen soon. When we hear from the city that restoration can begin, we will consider other fundraisers,"

The Muskegon South Pierhead Lighthouse and the Muskegon South Breakwater, both overlook Lake Michigan, also require repairs.

The Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy — which owns both lighthouses— is eager to move forward with restoration despite the expenses. "Last fall, we did a lantern room restoration on the Muskegon South Pierhead," said Jeff Shook, the conservancy president. "A lot of the metal inside needed to be replaced that couldn't be patched, and we stripped off all the lead paint inside the room," he said.

"Most of these lighthouses are big projects," Shook said. "We need to raise some significant funds." According to Shook, it will cost about \$750,000 to completely restore the Muskegon South Breakwater Lighthouse,

Shook said equipment such as a crane and lifts are needed because the lighthouse is at the end of a pier.

Due to the pandemic and local financial challenges, Shook said the association didn't feel it was the right time last year to ask for donations. However, he remains optimistic that the conservancy "can relaunch it in the next couple of months."

"I definitely have lighthouses in my blood," Shook said. He is a relative of Catherine Shook— who was the first female lighthouse keeper in Michigan. When her husband unexpectedly disappeared on a boat trip, Catherine Shook took his place as the keeper of the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse, Jeff Shook said.

According to the Michigan

State Historic Preservation Office, more than \$126,000 in grants were recently awarded to the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse in Port Huron, the Crisp Point Lighthouse in Newberry and the North Manitou Shoal Lighthouse in Leland. The grants will help fund their restoration plans.

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Great Lakes archeologist plans World War II airplane excavation

By Yue Jiang
Capital News Service

A World War II fighter plane that was lost in a training accident in the 1940s will be recovered and displayed, according to Wayne Lusardi, a state maritime archaeologist at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, an underwater preserve in Lake Huron and headquartered in Alpena.

The airplane is a P-39Q Airacobra built by Bell Aircraft Co. of Buffalo, New York. It crashed in April 1944 with Lt. Frank Moody, a 22-year-old Tuskegee Airman, flying it. The Tuskegee Airmen were the U.S. Army's first black military aviators.

Lusardi said the U.S. Army Air Corps operated a military base at Selfridge Field in Mount Clemens, near Detroit, Mich. on Lake St. Clair, where Moody took off. "It was flying in formation with four aircraft in total and left Selfridge Field. They headed north up over Lake Huron to conduct gunnery practice. And that's when the accident occurred," he said.

Moody died in that accident and his body was found a couple of months later at the mouth of the St. Clair River in Port Huron.

Lusardi said it is hard to plan archaeological excavations right now because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are projects lined up for August. One of the big projects is recovering the World War II plane's wreckage.

"We found the airplane about six years ago, and we're going to pick it up and take it out of the lake and put it into a museum," he said.

The first thing archaeologists do before any recovery is map everything on the lake bottom. "The plane is broken and spread out over a pretty big area of the bottom in Lake Huron, so we have to map where every piece came from precisely," he said. "We systematically recovered the pieces beginning in 2018 and are planning on recovering the remainder of the aircraft, if life gets back to normal."

About 200 military aircraft disappeared into the Great Lakes during the war, mostly in lower Lake Michigan, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Lusardi also explained how wreckage is discovered in the Great Lakes. "People seem kind of amazed. Why couldn't you find a big shipwreck in the middle of a lake?" he said.

"But the fact is the lake is pretty gigantic, even if ships that are 100 feet in length are still lost out in the lake somewhere, and there are places that just haven't been looked for yet," he said.

Some ships left Detroit on their way to Chicago. And they were never seen again.

He said that it's like looking for a needle in a haystack. "All the people on the boat were lost. There are no eyewitness accounts. There is no wreckage that has ever been found. And sometimes you



Lt. Frank Moody, the pilot who died when his airplane sank in Lake Huron in 1944. Photo courtesy of Wayne Lusardi.



A World War II P-39Q Airacobra, the type of airplane lost in Lake Huron in a 1944 accident. Photo courtesy of Wayne Lusardi.

just kind of stumble across that," he said.

The best way to find a shipwreck is to do historic research first and try to narrow down exactly where vessels were lost, Lusardi said.

He said other helpful ways to find wreckage are using information from survivors, Coast Guard accounts and insurance records. For example, those records may show a wreck that sank 15 miles southeast of Thunder Bay Island in Alpena County. "So, you have a pretty good idea of where those vessels went down. And then you can start looking in that area using sonar and other devices to find it," he said.

According to a recent book by John Jensen, "Stories from the Wreckage: A Great Lakes Maritime History Inspired by Shipwrecks," (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, \$29.95), it is meaningful to study wrecks in the Great Lakes because those ships are like small windows into national history.

Besides the aircraft wreckage, there are other new excavations in the Great Lakes.

Carrie Sowden, the ar-

chaeological director of the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, Ohio took part in excavating the Lake Serpent, a small sailing vessel that sank in 1829 on its way to Cleveland from the Lake Erie islands.

She worked with other volunteers to find the shipwreck. She said Tom Kowalczyk, who found the Lake Serpent, is from the Cleveland Underwater Explorers, a nonprofit organization whose membership includes divers, historians and archaeologists.

"Archaeology is never a single-person activity. You need the support of multiple organizations to do big projects," she said.

Sowden said her museum has worked with the group for about 12 years and helps subsidize some expenses, including gas for its boats, general repairs and equipment.

She explained how Kowalczyk found the Lake Spirit. "They use a technique called sidescan sonar, which has been used for shipwrecks for about 30 years," she said, "It looks almost like a torpedo that you tow behind the boat, and it's hooked up to a computer."

Based on sonar results, users can see things that stick up above the bottom of the lake

Lusardi also explained how their team projects use 3D models to record shipwrecks. He said they do systematic sweeps with video imagery and then stitch those videos together. "It gives you a 3D representation of what the wreckage looks like, so it's a very quick and relatively easy way of documenting shipwrecks by videography," he said.



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Kurtz Creek restoration project sees undersized culvert replacement

In its first river restoration project of 2021, conservation organization Huron Pines has replaced an undersized culvert at the intersection of Kurtz Creek and Kimberlin Road with a new structure able to accommodate the passage of trout and high water.

Until it was removed, the old, three-foot-diameter culvert was perched above the river surface, causing issues with erosion and preventing fish and other river life from being able to move upstream. The new structure, installed at the end of April, is 14 feet wide and nine feet high, allowing Kurtz Creek to flow naturally through the crossing and virtually eliminating any risk of a future washout from sudden spring thaws or rainstorms.

Additionally, this project reconnected 5.8 miles of quality cold-water trout habitat upstream from Kimberlin Road. Kurtz Creek is a tributary of the South Branch Pine River.

"Kurtz Creek flows through a lot of well-forested public land and is a top-tier stream with wild brook trout," said Senior Project Manager Josh Leisen. "The site has been a priority for the Alcona County Road Commission and for resource biologists for years and it's great to finally have the site restored."

William Smith is the project foreman with the Alcona County Road Commission. He said the road reopened to ve-



The former culvert at the crossing of Kurtz Creek at Kimberlin Road. Photos courtesy of Huron Pines.



The new culvert where Kimberlin Road crosses Kurtz Creek is more than 14 feet wide, allowing for natural stream flows and fish passage.



The new culvert was delivered to the site in two pieces and staged for installation. Amy Nowakowski, Coastal Project Manager for Huron Pines, the nonprofit organization heading the project.

hicle traffic on April 30 just a couple days after the new structure was put in place.

"We got to replace a culvert with one that's going to last a long time into the future," he said. "These polymer-coated culverts will last four or five times longer than what was there. Water is flowing through it quite well and it should be easier for fish and wildlife to get through now."

Smith said the site has been seeded and mulched but cautioned motorists to reduce their speed at the crossing until it can be repaved.

Project costs are estimated at \$100,000 including materials, construction, engineering and project management. It is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and Walters Family Foundation, with in-kind contributions from the Alcona County Road Commission.

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other catastrophic event, you feel even more drawn to help people who are suffering," she said.

She explained getting through her last year of school was extremely difficult to do during the pandemic and that some of her clinical rotations, normally performed hands-on at a hospital or clinic, were online, making it very difficult to learn how to give a simulated shot or a physical assessment remotely.

Brown is now working at Lincoln Haven Nursing Healthcare Center, a long-term, hospice and nursing home facility. She explained that while she had her choice of many available nursing positions, she felt it was an honor and a pleasure to be working there.

"All nursing homes right now are under so many harsh restrictions due to the pandemic. These patients are not able to get out to see their families and their families cannot come in to see them. They also must maintain a six-foot distance from each other while living at the center. It's hard to do anything with them. Right now, we are their friends, nurses, aides, entertainment and family. We are everything to them. It's very hard," Brown said.

Currently, Lincoln Haven does not have any COVID-19 cases at the facility and Brown said they are doing their best to keep it that way. "We do everything we can. We wear masks and face shields; we take precautions and get tested often. One of the reasons I got vaccinated was because I take care of people and I care for people. The side-effects the vaccine many have are still way better than getting COVID-19," Brown said. In addition to working at Lincoln Haven, Brown helps care for her 92-year-old mom.



Veronia Brown

She said the job had its drawback, the hours are long, typically 12-hour shifts and nurses are on their feet most of the time but said it was all worth it to hear someone say thank you and that they feel better because of something she did.

She commended the certified nursing assistants (CNA) at the facility and said if it were not for them her job would be incredibly difficult.

Ashley Goddard grew up in Alcona County and graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2003 with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing. She began her career as a registered nurse working two part-time positions, one at Alpena Medical Center on the medical surgery floor and the other at Jamieson Nursing Home.

From 2004 to 2007 she took a job as medical support staff working with providers at Alcona Health Center (AHC) before moving to Saginaw, Mich. to work at Covenant Hospital as an operating room nurse.

She moved back to Alcona County in 2010 and rejoined the staff at AHC as a clinical



Ashley Goddard

supervisor. She has taken on many other titles since then and is now the clinical operation director for AHC.

Goddard became a nurse because she wanted to have an impact on the community. "Our organization takes care of newborn to geriatric patients so we get to see the whole life span. When I worked the floor (as medical staff support), I loved developing relationships with patients and building that trust in helping them to understand what medical care can do for them," Goddard said.

As clinical operation director, Goddard now teaches the AHC staff how to develop those relationships as well as develop policies that provide an even greater impact to all.

This past year has brought Goddard and the staff at AHC many new challenges, new regulations, safety precautions and procedure changes. Along with it, according to Goddard, it has also brought about a new level of fear for medical staff and their patients.

"We have to be more understanding than ever. We are still required to do everything we did before COVID-19 but now we have all this additional work on top of it. Monitoring staff burnout is a priority," she said.



Ashton Faber

She was concerned for her staff at AHC because they were the ones having to go home worrying they might have been exposed to the virus and that they may inadvertently expose their family to it.

Just like many other businesses across the nation, the virus quarantines have impacted the nursing staff and left them shorthanded at times, putting even more pressure on healthy staff.

Goddard asked the community to remain vigilant in the fight against spreading the virus and to show medical personnel, who are also struggling with how long this pandemic has lasted, some empathy.

She explained when the virus first reared its ugly head the community rallied around essential workers leaving them signs of thanks. "We felt that support, but now, sometimes it feels a little like the public is almost mad at the medical profession," Goddard said.

Ashton Faber, clinical operations manager for AHC is an alumnus of Alcona High School. Her job is to manage all clinical aspects of all the AHC sites which include 16 clinics and 23 behavior health locations housed in schools.

Faber became a nurse af-

ter job shadowing in high school allowed her to look at a few different career paths. "I chose nursing because I wanted to have a challenge. People coming into hospitals or doctor offices are vulnerable and I wanted to help them and to have a positive impact on their well being," Faber said.

As clinical operations manager, Faber makes sure everything is running smoothly which includes staffing, equipment needs, vaccinations, training, and education. She also oversees the workflow between providers and their medical support staff such as certified nursing assistants, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified medical assistants and a few emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

She explained while the past year has not been without challenges, some good has come out of it as well.

"When it first began, everything was completely unknown. We had to quickly learn about the virus and build from the ground up on how to protect staff, providers and patients. I'm very proud of our staff who has had to put in the time and taken on additional duties. They have worked as a team doing things they have never done before. I feel we have all become closer and have greater respect for each other," Faber said.

She would like the community to become as educated as possible from reliable sources about proper protocol to reduce the spread. "It isn't any less scary than it was a year ago, but we have a lot more knowledge about what we can do to protect the community," Faber said.

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them to the front of the line so they can go back and retrieve more debris from public areas if they need to," Thompson said. He reiterated that absolutely no garbage refuse will be accepted.

Organizations wanting to volunteer to pick up and bring in acceptable debris on public land must show proof on the organization's letterhead saying they are involved in the group activity. Thompson said picking up debris off public land was the original idea behind the cleanup, which started in 1992.

Residents bringing in old tires will enjoy a free rate for the first five normal-size tires, such as car or pickup truck tires. Residents can bring in

more than five normal size tires, but for six and more tires an additional \$1 per tire will be charged. All oversize tires such as semi or tractor tires will be charged \$5 for each tire.

Thompson said the tire cleanups, which they have been able to have every year for the last three years, as opposed to the county-wide clean up which only occurs every other year, have been very successful and have brought in over 1,000 used tires each year.

He explained the county was able to keep the cost of returning tires down thanks to a tire grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality received last year. The county was able to carry over into this year.

A carload of acceptable debris will cost residents \$5, a pickup truck will cost \$15. Pickups with trailers will be charged according to how large the trailer is: Up to eight feet \$20, eight feet to 16 feet \$30 and over 16 feet \$60.

Thompson said it isn't unusual for people to bring in the big trailers and pay the

\$60 rate to get rid of all their debris. "The price we charge is reasonable compared to taking it to a commercial dump site. We always try to keep prices at a minimum for residents.

"One of the ways we do this is by trades with other businesses. White goods, which are big appliances including washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, refrigerators and freezers, we trade with Cole's Appliance. They take our white goods for disposal at no charge because they can make something on the scrap metal and take the Freon out of the refrigerator. Freon is reusable. Cole's doesn't make much money doing this, but does it as a service to the county," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, other township and county cleanups he has seen were charging a lot more. "I've seen where refrigerators with Freon were being charged \$45 per item. Tires were \$5 and \$8 with an extra charge for the wheel. We haven't had to do that because we've made agreements to trade and applied for grants.

"Community businesses donate time, equipment and other things to help keep the costs down and the day running smoothly. Excavators and front-end loaders are all brought in and manned through volunteers from Viking Energy and local excavating companies. The road commission helps us out by providing larger equipment. We appreciate it and it saves our volunteer's backs," Thompson said.

Scrap metal including bed springs, barbecue grills, lawn mowers, small satellite dishes and similar items are all acceptable cleanup refuse items. "We will take some shingles, but we don't want a whole trailer full of shingles because our people have to unload it by hand," Thompson said.

Typically, it takes 35 to 40 volunteers to run the event and Thompson is actively looking for as many volunteers as possible. Even though the cleanup is for only one day, volunteers are also needed for the following Sunday to help pack tires and other work.

He felt anyone age 10 and over could be useful, however, for their safety, youth volunteers need to have a parent or someone with them because of the number of moving vehicles involved.

Senior citizens are also welcome to volunteer. "We will find something for them to do, directing traffic, running errands to get water for other volunteers, whatever they are willing to do," Thompson said.

As far as taking precautions against spreading COVID-19, he is leaving it up to volunteers on whether they want to wear masks outdoors while they work. He asked residents who offer to help remove debris from their vehicles and trailers to be respectful and if the volunteers they are working with are wearing masks, then they should too. "It's a little tricky to stay six feet apart when you are unloading a four-by-eight trailer," Thompson said.

To volunteer, call Thompson at (989) 724-5077. Volunteers will be given food and beverages during their work shift. Protective vests are also available for volunteers.

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She would like the public who may have questions about whether or not to wear a mask, stay socially distanced or get vaccinated to not get their answers from hearsay or social media but to call or come in and talk to a nurse and a provider.

"Ask a reliable source and have compassion for medical professionals who are doing their best to protect their community. Understand they also have a family they care for and are worried about. They are also tired that this virus has dragged on. A thank you is always nice to hear," Faber said.

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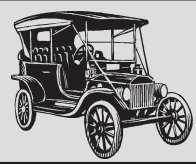
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Lions help student learn spelling a special way

May 8, 1996 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

"My name is Sandra, but you can call me Sandy," the young girl said as she led the way into her home. I spell my name Sandi for school, but in the newspaper you can spell it Sandy."

Upon entering the home Sandy gave her visitors a tour of it, explaining each room.

After the tour Sandy Huggins, a second grader at Alcona Elementary school, sat down and asked the reporter if there was anything else she needed for her article.

Visitors Rick Michaels and

Bill Rush and his wife sat comfortably on the sofa listening as Sandy gave her life story.

"When I was four and a half months old," Sandy said. I was diagnosed with a brain tumor." She proceeded to talk about the extensive chemotherapy and radiation treatments that reduced the tumor to scar tissue. The tumor put pressure on her optic nerve and rendered her legally blind.

Her mother, Candy Fulsher, said Sandy can see things if she holds them very, very close to her face. She can watch television if she stands very close to the set.

The four people visiting Sandy's home last week were there for a special occasion, to mark the donation of a Braille writer to her from the Lincoln Lions Club. The machine has six keys and when pressed in 26 different combinations the writer produces letters in the Braille alphabet. Braille letters are a combination of raised dots that blind individuals use to read and write.

Michaels, president of the Lincoln Lions and Rush, sight conservation chairman watched as Sandy punched out the alphabet on the machine. The Lions also donated

a tape recorder and headset.

The Braille writer is on loan, Michaels said, until Sandy doesn't need it and will be available to someone else to use.

Before the donation, Rush said, he lent Sandy his Braille writer for her to practice on and make sure she could use it.

Candy said it will help Sandy with her spelling, and the tape recorder will help with her school work.

Sandy said she likes school, especially art. "I like anything that I can do with my hands," she said.

Schooling is a challenge, Candy said, but Sandy's teacher Carol Lund, aid Judy Seabase and Cheryl Manary, visual impairment consultant help make it easier.

Before the visitors left, Sandy gave each one of them a hug and thanked them for the Braille writer and tape recorder.

Migatron getting set to be rebuilt in three months

May 8, 1996 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

A Harrisville businessman has set a timetable of 120 days to rebuild a carbide shop in Greenbush that was destroyed by fire on April 21.

Ronald Edwards, owner of Migatron Precision Industries in Oscoda, said he hopes to have a building rebuilt on the site and back in operation, at 5002 Main Street, by the end of July. "I don't know what I'm going to run into, or how realistic it is, but that is my goal," Edwards said.

The building that burned, Edwards said, was a shop that employed three to four employees that operated carbide cutting tools. The main building is located in Oscoda and the Greenbush shop housed faster machines — so, Edwards said, the business has not been interrupted, but production has been slowed down due to the loss. Edwards has lived in Harrisville since 1961 and started Migatron Precision in 1979. It expanded to the Greenbush site in 1988.

In addition to planning a clean up of the site and building a new shop, Edwards is looking for seven carbide grinders — all part of the half million dollar loss suffered in the fire. "They aren't something you just go pick up every day. It takes six to eight weeks just to build one," Edwards said.

Greenbush Fire Chief Tony Przybylinski said the fire's cause is still under investigation by the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal. No one was injured in the blaze that began at around 11 p.m. and destroyed the building.

Mikado, Lincoln, Oscoda and Wurtsmith Public Safety fire departments assisted Greenbush in extinguishing the fire, which took six hours.

Bowling championship tournament results

May 8, 1996 ~ The Alcona Women's Bowling Association held its Annual Championship Tournament at Village Lanes in Harrisville.

The tournament received a total of 166 entries; 75 members competed in the team event, 54 members in the doubles event, 37 members in the singles event, and 36 members in the category all events.

The banquet honoring the bowlers was held at the Alcona Elementary School. Bever-

ages and desserts were served and the "Champions" received their awards.

Claiming the title of champion in the team event was the Head Hunters - bowlers Linda Haskins, April Robinson, Carol Aszatalos, Vicky Robinson and Tish Norton.

Winners of the doubles event were Alice Kohut and Gale Buchner. The singles event winner was Beth Kroon and the all events champion was Tish Norton.

D & M to cancel two trains, starting Friday

May 9, 1946 ~ Effective Friday, two trains on the Detroit and Mackinaw Railway will be cancelled in accordance with the Office of Defense Transportation order to reduce operating schedules to conserve coal supplies. Chas. A. Pinkerton, Jr., gen-

eral manager, at East Tawas, has announced.

The trains to be dropped include Train No. 3, leaving Alpena for Bay City, at 8 a.m.; and Train No. 4, leaving Bay City for Alpena at 1:30 p.m.

Pullman service will also be cancelled Friday with the last Pullman leaving Alpena Thursday night.

Gasoline engines will be used from Tawas City to Alpena, starting Friday, and steam engines from Bay City to Tawas City, in order to conserve coal, Pinkerton said.

The remainder of the line's schedule will be maintained at the present time with freight scheduled to be moved as operations warrant.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

Weekly Report

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	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	
April 25	47	30	0.01	4.8	27	N
April 26	40	32	0.00	10.2	19	SE
April 27	47	39	0.01	6.6	15	NNE
April 28	46	40	0.37	4.5	21	NNE
April 29	48	42	0.00	5.0	21	NE
April 30	52	37	0.00	5.9	34	N
May 1	65	29	0.00	7.4	38	SSW

	Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	2020-2021 Season		Normal Water Content
	Water Content	Snowfall	
Weekly Total	0.39	0.0	0.56
Month of April	1.09	0.4	2.31
May to Date	0.00	0.0	0.08
Year/Season to Date	2.88	26.9	7.63

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. **U.S. CITIES:** What is the name of the mountain and city where the famous Hollywood sign is located?
2. **MOVIES:** "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" was filmed in and around which American city?
3. **LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century novel featured a character named Daisy Buchanan?
4. **TELEVISION:** Which 1960s sitcom's theme song is "The Fishin' Hole"?
5. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which island nation is home to lemurs?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the birth flower for people born in November?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Harz Mountains located?
8. **HISTORY:** What kind of mammal was the first to be cloned successfully?
9. **MUSIC:** Which rock group performed the 1970s song "Doraville"?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** What does a kilopond measure?

Answers: 1. Mount Lee, Los Angeles; 2. Chicago; 3. "The Great Gatsby"; 4. "The Andy Griffith Show"; 5. Madagascar; 6. Chrysanthemum; 7. Germany; 8. A sheep; 9. Atlanta Rhythm Section; 10. Force (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island becomes the first American colony to renounce its allegiance to King George III. Ironically, Rhode Island would be the last state to ratify the new Constitution more than 14 years later.
 - On May 8, 1792, Congress passes the second portion of the Militia Act, requiring that able-bodied males between the ages of 18 and 45 be enrolled in the militia. The act was quickly tested when farmers in Pennsylvania, angered by a tax on whiskey, attacked the home of a tax collector. President George Washington responded with 15,000 militia members.
 - On May 7, 1915, the British ocean liner Lusitania is torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, sinking within 20 minutes. Of the 1,959 passengers and crew, 1,198 people were drowned. The British Admiralty had warned the ship to avoid the area, but the Lusitania's captain ignored the recommendations.
 - On May 3, 1946, in Tokyo, the International Military Tribunals begins hearing the case against 28 Japanese military and government officials accused of committing war crimes during World War II. All but three of the defendants were eventually found guilty.
 - On May 9, 1950, Ron Hubbard publishes "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health." The book introduced a self-help psychology called Dianetics, which morphed into a belief system called Scientology, popular due to its high profile in Hollywood.
 - On May 5, 1961, Navy Commander Alan Shepard Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space. The flight lasted 15 minutes.
 - On May 6, 1994, a rail tunnel under the English Channel officially opens, connecting Britain and the European mainland for the first time since the Ice Age. The "Chunnel" runs under water for 23 miles, with an average depth of 150 feet below the seabed.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Tribal emblems</p> <p>7 Sobbing</p> <p>14 Hunt for food</p> <p>20 Of a big blood vessel</p> <p>21 Church part near the altar</p> <p>22 Mistreating type</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Starts a PC session</p> <p>26 Copies a cat</p> <p>27 Pop singer Grande, to fans</p> <p>28 Doctrine in copyright law</p> <p>29 Buy that can be deleted</p> <p>31 With 110-Down, decisive trial</p> <p>34 Hawk's nest</p> <p>37 Goldman's partner</p> <p>38 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>43 Fig and fir</p> <p>44 Foster</p> <p>45 Miner's strike</p> <p>46 Unruffled</p> <p>48 Plotting group</p> <p>51 Pastry variety</p> <p>57 Riddle, part 3</p> | <p>62 Pieces of gig gear</p> <p>65 Bridle part</p> <p>66 Of a central point</p> <p>67 Perform wonderfully</p> <p>68 Buck mate</p> <p>69 Apple's apple, e.g.</p> <p>70 Miss.-to-Minn. dir.</p> <p>71 Foyer floor protectors</p> <p>73 Linking word in Leipzig</p> <p>74 Befogged</p> <p>76 1960s radical Hoffman</p> <p>78 Huge hauler</p> <p>79 February 14 deity</p> <p>80 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>84 Weds on the fly</p> <p>85 University of — Dame</p> <p>86 Buddy from way back</p> <p>90 Group in a roundup</p> <p>93 Griffin who created "Jeopardy!"</p> <p>96 Debonair</p> <p>97 End of the riddle</p> | <p>105 Helmsley with hotels</p> <p>106 Beau —</p> <p>107 Rebuke to Brutus</p> <p>108 "Hel-I-lp!"</p> <p>109 Divided into segments</p> <p>111 Cry of cheer</p> <p>113 Part of OTB</p> <p>116 Provoke</p> <p>117 Riddle's answer</p> <p>123 Fishing nets</p> <p>124 Vacillated</p> <p>125 Comic Boosler</p> <p>126 Most eccentric</p> <p>127 Cabbie's query</p> <p>128 More packed</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Shooting marble</p> <p>2 Cry of delight</p> <p>3 Stomped on</p> <p>4 Kin of -ess</p> <p>5 Japanese soup variety</p> <p>6 Investment bigwig Charles</p> <p>7 Hosp. section</p> <p>8 Bruins' org.</p> <p>9 "I did it!"</p> | <p>10 Bait</p> <p>11 More tender</p> <p>12 Mr. —! (old detective game)</p> <p>13 Foxy</p> <p>14 FDR's dog</p> <p>15 Wind section player</p> <p>16 Little kid</p> <p>17 "That being the case ..."</p> <p>18 Hostess in a kimono</p> <p>19 Borgnine of "Marty"</p> <p>24 Grouchy Muppet</p> <p>28 Familial fight</p> <p>29 Deeds</p> <p>30 Prune</p> <p>32 34th prez</p> <p>33 Priest's assistant</p> <p>35 Threw the dice</p> <p>36 Altar avowal</p> <p>39 Conducts</p> <p>40 In re</p> <p>41 "Darn it!"</p> <p>42 Relinquish</p> <p>47 The younger Saarinens</p> <p>49 Grammy winner Tony</p> <p>50 State frankly</p> <p>52 Grows older</p> | <p>53 Shoot down</p> <p>54 Rack up</p> <p>55 Old-style office scribe</p> <p>56 Clings (to)</p> <p>58 "Just Shoot Me!" actor George</p> <p>59 Mourner of myth</p> <p>60 Personal identifiers</p> <p>61 Pin it on</p> <p>62 Wise truism</p> <p>63 Roadhouse</p> <p>64 Basil-based sauce</p> <p>69 Overdue</p> <p>70 Boy, in Bolivia</p> <p>72 DVR pioneer</p> <p>75 Sci-fi power</p> <p>77 Family on "Married ... With Children"</p> <p>78 Jacket part</p> <p>79 Finish</p> <p>81 Court king Arthur</p> <p>82 Cookbook writer Rombauer</p> <p>83 Snow queen in "Frozen"</p> <p>87 Openers of many locks</p> <p>88 Chevy debut of 2004</p> | <p>89 Some watch displays, for short</p> <p>91 Leg up</p> <p>92 Pop's Carly — Jepsen</p> <p>94 Like a prof. emeritus</p> <p>95 Flashy Chevy, for short</p> <p>97 Texas city</p> <p>98 Got close to</p> <p>99 Doughnut-shaped figure</p> <p>100 Harmonious</p> <p>101 Hoists</p> <p>102 Took pains</p> <p>103 Physician, often</p> <p>104 Lay in concealment</p> <p>110 See 31-Across</p> <p>112 Roll call reply</p> <p>114 Proficient</p> <p>115 — -Grape (Ocean Spray flavor)</p> <p>117 URL part</p> <p>118 "Take that!"</p> <p>119 Sweaty, say</p> <p>120 Old Tokyo</p> <p>121 Prop- or hex-ender</p> <p>122 The, in Vienna</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Guns N' Roses frontman Axl Rose once earned \$8 an hour for smoking cigarettes, for a science experiment at California's UCLA.
- If you translate "Jesus" from Hebrew to English, the correct translation is "Joshua." The name "Jesus" comes from translating the name from Hebrew, to Greek, to Latin, to English.
- The tongue is the only muscle in one's body that is attached from one end.
- In 2007, Scotland spent 125,000 British pounds devising a new national slogan. The winning entry was: "Welcome to Scotland."
- The suicide palm gets its name from how it meets its demise. At the end of its life, the stem tips explode in a massive array of tiny flowers capable of being pollinated and developing into fruit, and their nectar attracts insects and birds. However, the flowers also exhaust the plant and drain its nutritional supply until it dies.
- There is a punctuation mark used to signify irony or sarcasm that looks like a backward question mark.
- Lipstick was considered an essential item for female nurses in the armed forces during the World War II, both to remind women they were ladies first and military second, and because it might have a calming effect on the male soldiers.
- A 2013 exhibition in Dublin displayed a variety of cheeses made with bacteria samples obtained from people's feet, armpits and navels. No one actually ate them, so we can't comment on the taste.
- We goofed! Our Feb. 8 "Strange But True" column contained this statement: "Baked beans aren't baked. They're stewed." It should have read, "In the U.K., baked beans aren't baked, but stewed." We apologize for the error.

Thought for the Day: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." -- Robert Louis Stevenson

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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: X equals J

GTWY NZLWZYW JWVZLWN EIPP

EISKYF DTW GKYDWS, K FIWNN TW

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Tramp art birdcage

What is "tramp art"? There is folk art, regional art, naive art, fine art and other very special names for groups of collectibles and antiques, but tramp art is probably the latest one to become popular. Tramp art has been made for many years, but the name was invented by a folk-art author in 1959 to describe whittled objects made from old cigar boxes and other scrap wood. Although wooden cigar boxes were used to hold cigars since the 1850s, the idea of chip carving the wood into picture frames, birdcages, dollhouses and more didn't become a noticeable craft until about 1875 to the 1930s.

What is still called tramp art was made not only by the "tramps" (hobos) of the past, but also by prisoners, sailors and others, almost always men. Today we can use a cellphone to fill lonely hours, but in the past, whittling and other crafts were popular. At first collectors thought it was an American idea, but by the 1980s, antiques dealers were finding similar carved boxes in Europe, especially Germany, and bringing them

back to sell at shows.

Today tramp art, like graffiti, has been accepted as an art form. This 34-inch-wide architectural tramp art birdcage has five doors and other openings. It sold at a Skinner auction in Boston as part of a collection of tramp art for \$615.

Q: I've been holding onto a pair of candlesticks given to me more than 40 years ago, and I never use them. They're not really my thing. Can you help with the marks? It has a "W" in a circle with three curved lines on either side. It also says "sterling cement reinforced." Any pricing info would be great, too.

A: Your candlesticks were made by Frank M. Whiting Co., of North Attleboro, Massachusetts. The company was in business from 1878 to 1940, when it became a division of Ellmore Silver Co. That company went out of business about 1960. Silver that is "cement reinforced" also is called "weighted" silver. The heavy base helps the candlestick stand up. One of the ways to value silver is to find

the meltdown value by multiplying the current price of silver by the weight. The cement is heavy and makes judging silver value different. A weighted Whiting candlestick sold online for about \$20.

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Gaudy Dutch, Single Rose pattern, plate, green & yellow leaves, blue & yellow border, 10 inches, \$148

Toy, Robot, Rotate-O-Matic Super Astronaut, black, red, feet, stop 'n go, hinged door, blinking & shooting gun, sounds, S.H. mark, Japan, box, 1960s, 11 3/4 inches, \$315

TIP: Do not dry-clean an old quilt. The chemicals will damage the fabric.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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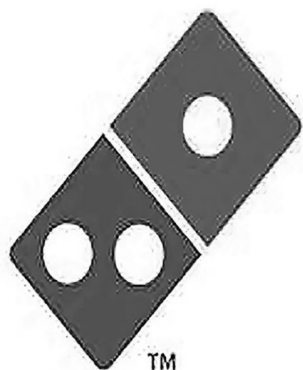


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