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Outdoor recreation drives Michigan tourism recovery

By Nicholas Simon
Capital News Service

Local tourism officials say outdoor recreation is bringing Michigan tourism back, after two summers plagued by pandemic fears.

And they hope that changes in how people travel will mean even better days are ahead.

This is welcome news to the tourism industry, which employed over 230,000 people before the pandemic, according to the Michigan Economic Development Corp (MEDC).

In 2019, almost every region in the state had its best year for tourism spending, according to the MEDC. In the summer of 2020, however, spending was halved in some peak vacation months.

Some indications show that the decline is over and Michigan tourism is bouncing back, especially for beach communities.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority reports traffic between the Upper and Lower peninsulas returned to normal by August of last year. Even better: April through July of this year has had the highest traffic numbers on record.

Linda Hart, the executive director of the Holland Area Visitors Bureau, said she thinks the pandemic has exposed beach communities like hers to a new audience. "We saw a lot of first-time visitors to Holland," Hart said. "While Holland has normally been an annual family destination, this year and last, we saw many more people who were looking for bike trails, beaches and smaller communities."

These amenities spared Holland the worst of the effects of the pandemic last summer, with hotel occupancy falling only 15 percent from its normal rate, according to the visitors bureau. While rates have returned to comparable pre-pandemic levels this summer, recent hotel expansions mean that the actual numbers of visitors this year could be even

higher than peaks in the past, according to the visitors bureau.

Michigan saw reductions in vacation spending fall by 35 percent by the end of the summer of 2020, but that's better than the 48 percent drop nationwide, according to the MEDC.

"In 2020 we started to see a recovery all around the state, but it's very unbalanced," said David Lorenz, the vice president of Travel Michigan, the organization that developed and manages the Pure Michigan brand. "You look at cities compared to rural areas and it's a tale of two cities, excuse the pun. And this is because our rural areas, especially along the

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A residence on McConnell Road in Gustin Township is the scene of a fatal fire. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, a neighbor (name undisclosed) discovered the fire on Saturday, Sept. 18 at about 8:15 p.m. The neighbor pulled the resident, William Ullman, 70, out of the home, but he had sustained extensive injuries. Upon arrival, deputies found the home fully engulfed in flames and Ullman was deceased. Lincoln Fire Department and Alcona EMS were also dispatched to the fire. Mutual aid was provided to Lincoln Fire Department by Harrisville, Mikado and South Shore fire departments. The fire is under investigation by the Alcona County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police fire investigation unit. *Courtesy photo.*

New forester available to help landowners

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Landowners in Alcona and Iosco counties have a new forester who is eager to meet the community and assist with any forestry related issues.

Russell Williams has been named as the new forester for Alcona and Iosco County Forestry Assistance Program, filling the position vacated by Eric Brandon, who joined the U.S. Forest Service.

As a certified forester and arborist, Williams has many years of experience working in forest-related fields throughout Michigan and other states. He earned a bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1995 from Michigan State University and cannot wait to tie up his hiking boots and get to work.

"So far, the job has been a lot of fun, it's something I love to do -- talking to people about their woods, walk the forests and help people. I've always liked the woods and being outside," Williams said.

Williams explained the Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) is funded through the State of Michigan Department

of Agriculture and Rural Development. "We are here to help people find what they are looking for through several state and federal programs. We help people get connected to what works for them. There are a lot of limitations on what we can do, we cannot compete with the private sector (forest companies), which is part of the state code for conservation districts," he said.

One of the programs Williams is eager to assist with is the Qualified Forest Program for landowners of non-homesteaded lands. "They can save a net of 16 mills as long as they are in the program. Being in the program means they have to be open to active management (harvesting). A management plan is required and we do a referral service with landowners and consultants together," Williams said.

Another program is the Hunter Access Program (HAP) where landowners can earn up to \$25 per acre in annual rental rates by allowing public hunting on their property. "It is a great way for landowners to get a little income for letting the public hunt their

acreage. We hope more area landowners will sign up, so far there are six parcels in Alcona County," Williams said.

There are many other programs Williams is eager to assist landowners with as well as field questions about landscaping concerns. Currently, Williams is going out on calls two to three times a week. "I try to meet with landowners as soon as possible. I was just out this morning talking to a landowner on Kings Corner Road who was looking for some direction on what to do with his woods," Williams said.

Williams explained how it has been interesting starting the job with Kerry Turner who is the new forestry manager. "We are learning things together making our way work for us. Kerry is interested in community engagement and the school has a new forest, there is a beautiful stand of birch back there that is just like you see in the postcards. I'm hoping we can work together with schools and make the woods an interpretive teaching resource. Of course, we also have our tree sale



Russell Williams

which is in the spring. Maybe someday we will have a fall sale too," he said.

Williams grew up in Rochester, Mich., the youngest of three children with two older sisters. His mom and dad were interested in gardening, fishing and spending time outdoors. For the last five years, Williams has lived in the cottage his parents bought back in the 1950s near Van Etten Lake.

After high school graduation, Williams joined the U.S. Army where he served for four and a half years. From there he moved to Minnesota and married his wife, Lori. The

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God Bless America



Memorial Service

Richard E. "Dick" Rickert

There will be a graveside celebration of life service for Richard E. "Dick" Rickert on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. A dinner will follow at 1 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center provided by the Mikado Goodfellows.

Mr. Rickert died on July 14, 2021.

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Obituary



Wayne E. Stockton

Wayne E. Stockton, 90, of Rochester Hills, Mich. died on September 16, 2021.

He was born on October 15, 1930 in Flint, Mich. the son of John and Margaret (Klock) Stockton. He grew up on a farm in Flushing, Mich.

In 1955 he earned a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Michigan State University.

In June of 1956 he married Ruth Clink. He then entered the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Great Britain with his new bride.

Following his military service, the Stocktons returned to Metro Detroit. They raised their three children in Southfield, Mich., and he practiced veterinary medicine for 34 years at Kelly Veterinary Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

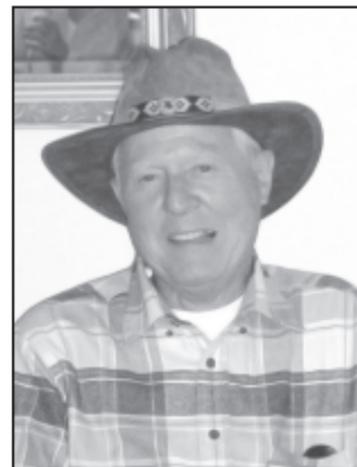
Mr. Stockton was an active member of Ferndale Free Methodist Church and enjoyed taking his family on road trips all over the United States, often in pursuit of an unusual rock or a rare bird sighting.

Upon retirement, the couple moved to Mr. Stockton's family property in the Huron National Forest. He was an avid lover of the outdoors, and for the two decades that he and his wife spent up north, he loved gardening, hunting and all that northern Michigan had to offer. Retirement was also his chance to travel the world with his wife.

Mr. Stockton is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Ann (Gordon) Nickel and Susan Snyder; one son, David (Sue) Stockton; eight grandchildren, Rebecca (Pat) Cooke, Christina Nickel, Jessica Snyder, Charles Snyder, Joe Stockton, Landon Nickel, Hannah Snyder, Daniel Stockton; one great granddaughter; one brother, Eugene Stockton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Laurel Stockton and Lynwood Stockton; and one sister.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, from



4:30 to 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, Mich. The funeral will be held Friday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. at Ferndale Free Methodist Church, Ferndale, Mich. A graveside service will take place Saturday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. at Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Ferndale Free Methodist Church, Ferndale, Mich. or Lincoln United Methodist Church, Lincoln.



Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

August 26 was National Women's Equality Day. It was designed by Congress to commemorate the passing on that date of the 19th amendment which secured women the right to vote.

That information may not mean much to the younger generation who take the training, education and fields in the professions that are open to them for granted.

I went to college in 1955. I was at Michigan State University when the first woman was admitted to the Engineering program. In 1968 only one percent of engineers were women and major colleges did not ordinarily admit women

in the engineering programs until 1968.

I could be a teacher, nurse or secretary. When I was doing my student teaching, a woman was relocated to a classroom in the basement of the elementary school because she was pregnant. You were let go if you looked pregnant. She would not leave so they placed her in an area out of public view. Also, when I was student teaching in Flint, the first black teacher was hired in the Flint school system.

My mother was a private secretary at General Motors. When she was married in 1934 she was fired because you could not be married and

hold that job. The assumption was your husband should support you.

Skilled trades in General Motors was not open to women until 1990. My husband was skilled trade at AC Spark Plug, and he was assigned one of the first women permitted to be trained there as his apprentice.

There are many other opportunities open for women that allows a woman so many more choices. Before that we were benefiting from only 50 percent of our talent.

What opportunities that were open to your mothers, aunts, cousins? Think of the different life most of our grandmothers lived.

Betty Fahselt
East Tawas

To the Editor,

As an attorney and Michigan native, I am speaking out against Michigan House Bills 5300-5302 (HB 5300 et seq.) that were recently introduced in the Michigan Legislature.

These bills are another thinly veiled attempt by large corporate interests to maximize their profits at the expense of the most vulnerable among us.

Under these proposed laws, caregivers, who have traditionally grown and supplied relatively small quantities of medical marijuana (MM) for individuals in their local communities—their neighbors—will be limited to growing or supplying MM for only one patient. Currently, caregivers are limited to five individuals for whom they may supply MM, which is already a low number, but HB 5300 et seq. will inevitably wipe out many of these local growers in favor of big corporations. And, as similar laws have been enacted in other states, the prices of these lifesaving products have soared, preventing access to these treatments for patients who cannot afford the higher prices.

Local caregivers typically provide many services above and beyond what these corporatized interests do. They are your neighbors—a listening ear during times of crisis. They establish a personal relationship with each individual, and perhaps most importantly, most of them truly care! In an increasingly impersonal and corporatized society, many of these local caregivers remain an example of what is right and good in our world.

Please write or call your state representative and tell him or her to vote "no" on HB 5300 et seq. If these series of bills are defeated, there is no doubt in my mind that you'll be preventing a great deal of unnecessary suffering.

To read more about this important issue, please go to my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/10000010835557/posts/4730911990252449/?d=n>.

Tina K. Gehres, Esq.
Lincoln

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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Storytime and a 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 details.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The Alcona Packers football team (fifth and sixth graders) will play its only home game of the season starting at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School football field, Barlow Road, Lincoln.

A roadside clean up on River Road west of Oscoda from Bissonnette Road to the Dam Store will begin at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Foote Dam boat launch. Snacks and water will be provided with a barbecue to follow the cleanup.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln - across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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, SEPTEMBER 30

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(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.)

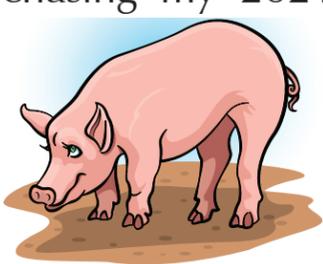
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 Emma Schroeder



Thank you MacMaster Family and June Bug Acres for purchasing my 2021 Roaster Rabbits and Alpena Buick for purchasing my 2021 Market Hog.
 Reid Schroeder



Local Notes

Glennie in Miniature

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is displaying a diorama of Glennie in the early 20th century. There is a similar display at the Curtis Township Library. These models were created by former Glennie resident Lee Regier from old photos, which he colorized and constructed in three dimensions. The Harrisville display can be viewed during normal library hours for the next month; the Glennie display will likely remain for a while longer.

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.

- Monday, Sept. 27: Chicken and noodles, mixed vegetables, pears, milk.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28: Pork chop, parsley noodles, green beans, Jell-O, milk.
- Wednesday, Sept. 29: Pot roast, paprika roasted potato, sour cream, chives, brussels sprouts, tropical fruit, milk.
- Thursday, Sept. 30: Baked chicken, cheesy mashed potatoes, broccoli, Mandarin oranges, milk.

Spider lilies

Native to Japan, these perennials exhibit large, striking flowers on slender 2-foot stalks that appear in late summer and early fall. They love very rich and well-drained soil, with only a moderate watering schedule needed. They grow well in both full-sun and partly-shady garden areas, and will also tolerate being potted for use as a patio accent. Spider lilies are quite resistant to diseases and pests, and attract pollinators.

- Brenda Weaver

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couple has been married for 31 years.

“I started college at the University of Minnesota and then transferred to Michigan State University in 1993. I’ve worked in a bunch of different places. I worked for a private management outfit in Mississippi for a year, came back to Michigan and worked for Consumers Energy. I’ve worked for the City of Flint and the City of Marshall. I did mosquito control for a season. I’ve worked for the State of Michigan Forest Service working with the Emerald Ash Borer Response Program from 2004 to 2006. I’ve worked for the Benzie Conservation District on the other side of the state and the Texas Forest Service. I’ve also worked as a private management forest consultant up until six weeks ago when I took this seat,” Williams said.

Williams said the best part about his job is he gets to be outside. “I get to drive the county and keep an eye on the woods. I look out for disease issues, dying trees, gypsy moths. I’m concerned about invasive species.

“I expect we will have another bad year with the gypsy moth which is a naturalized pest. There isn’t a ton we can do to stop it. It goes through natural population swings up and down and has been in Michigan for a long time. Spraying for a gypsy moth is neither good nor bad. The aerial treatment is a bacterium they spray which is a

naturally occurring soil bacteria that kills the larvae. It can limit damage in certain areas, but if it rains, it may not be effective.

“In some areas it may be worth it where there is a lot of population, but it is expensive. More or less, systems have a way of killing themselves when they reach epidemic levels, which brings the population swing down.

“Others are coming soon though, the spotted lanternfly which is in Pennsylvania. That one is a bad pest. It’s a sucking insect that can affect a lot of tree species and kill them and some fruit crops. Rarely does a gypsy moth kill a tree. That one (the spotted lanternfly) we will have to keep an eye on.

“Like the emerald ash borer, it is people that move the pests through firewood or even just by driving, they can attach to the car and before you know it, they’ve arrived,” Williams said.

Another bad pest Williams warned about is the Hemlock woolly adelgid which has already arrived on the west side of the state. “It can cause the death of Hemlock trees, one of our nicest, long-lived, beautiful trees. There is always something that eats everything.

“We have ongoing issues with autumn olive. Japanese barberry and Japanese knotweed are raising concerns because they spread. People like them for landscape plants, they smell pretty in the spring and bees love them, so what are you going to do? It’s just a matter of keeping them managed,” he said.

For more information on what Williams and the Alcona Iosco Conservation District and Forestry Assistance Program can help with, contact Williams at (989) 724-5272 or (989) 335-1056 or email him at Russell.williams@macd.org.

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coast, saw a huge increase in 2020.”

Lorenz said that people who wanted to travel in 2020 didn’t want to go long distances and instead chose to travel close to home. That way they could be outdoors and comply with social distancing requirements that caution against large gatherings indoors and encourage physical separation between groups when outside.

“Those people who were traveling were heading literally up north,” Lorenz said. “Now, that’s normally a term we use as a sentiment of wanting to travel and get outside, but in this case, ‘Up North’ meant Up North. They were heading to northern Michigan and to waterfront communities.”

Mike Kent, the public relations manager for Traverse City Tourism, sees a lot of people traveling to northwest Michigan for outdoor recreation, and local businesses are seeing the same effects. Hotel occupancy in Traverse City was four times higher this April than last year and

is steadily returning to pre-pandemic levels.

“You can see it in the numbers that we are getting back to where we were in 2019 which was a very robust year,” Kent said. “People are taking advantage of what we have to offer, which is wide open spaces.”

Similar results are being seen in Petoskey, where “people see it as a safe place to be,” according to Diane Dakins, the assistant director of the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau. “We have a lot of outdoor recreation and places to spread out to have a great time without people being right next to each other,” Dakins said.

Dakins said she thinks that the elevated numbers are temporary because of the number of family gatherings like weddings and reunions that were canceled last year, attributing the spike this year to pent-up demand. However, other officials say this represents a larger trend that could bring people back to these towns year after year.

“We saw a lot more local traffic last year from the state of Michigan and places like Chicago,” Hart said, referring to Holland. “Normally we see more traffic from the Midwest, but this year we saw a return of both (local and out-of-state travelers).”

Kent also thinks events like the Ironman race held in Frankfort earlier this month are the types of things that will continually bring people back to Michigan. “People are literally coming from all over the country, and most of them have never heard of Frankfort,” Kent said. “Our goal is to make them fall in love with the area, and what’s not to fall in love with?”

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Little known Social Security program helps seniors manage their money

Dear Savvy Senior,
Does Social Security offer any special help to beneficiaries who struggle managing their benefits? My aunt, who has no children, has dementia and struggles keeping up with her bills and other financial duties.

Inquiring Niece

Dear Inquiring,

Yes, Social Security actually has a little-known program known as the "representative payee program" that helps beneficiaries who need help managing their Social Security benefit payments. Here's what you should know.

Representative Payee Program

Authorized by congress back in 1939, the Social Security representative payee program provides money management help to beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security income. Beneficiaries in need of this help are often seniors suffering from dementia, or minor children who are collecting Social Security survivors' benefits.

Currently, more than five million Social Security beneficiaries have representative payees who also handle benefits for nearly three million recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a Social Security administered benefit program for low-income people who are over 65, blind or disabled.

Who Are Payees?

A representative payee is typically a relative or close friend of the beneficiary needing assistance, but Social Security can also name an organization or institution for the role—like a nursing homes or social service agency.

Some of duties of a representative payee include:

- Using the beneficiary's Social Security or SSI payments to meet their essential needs, such as food, shelter, household bills and medical care. The money can also be used for personal needs like clothing and recreation.
- Keeping any remaining money from benefit payments in an interest-bearing bank account or savings bonds for the beneficiary's future needs.
- Keeping records of benefit payments received and how the money was spent or saved.
- Reporting to Social Security any changes or events that could affect the beneficiary's payments (for example, a move, marriage, divorce or death).
- Reporting any circumstances that affect the payee's ability to serve in the role.

As a representative payee, you cannot combine the beneficiary's Social Security payments with your own money or use them for your own needs. The bank account into which benefits are deposited should be fully owned

by the beneficiary, with the payee listed as financial agent.

Some payees, generally those who do not live with the beneficiary, are required to submit annual reports to Social Security accounting for how benefits are used. For more information on the responsibilities and restrictions that come with the role, see the Social Security publication "A Guide for Representative Payees" at SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf.

How to Get Help

If you believe your aunt may need a representative payee, call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 and make an appointment to discuss the matter at her local office. Applying to serve as a payee usually requires a face-to-face interview.

Social Security may consider other evidence in deciding if a beneficiary needs a payee and selecting the person to fill the role, including doctors' assessments and statements from relatives, friends and others in a position to give an informed opinion



Savvy Senior

ion about the beneficiary's situation.

You should also know that if you become your aunt's representative payee you cannot collect a fee for doing it. However, some organizations that serve in the role do receive fees, paid out of the

beneficiary's Social Security or SSI payments.

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After a four-year journey, Alcona Community Schools hosts a public trail opening ceremony last Saturday for its new forest trail. The journey included holding a timber sale and selling a 70-acre property in Caledonia Township to purchase the land attached to school property. The school's land procurement team consisting of (from left) Tammy Nelson, Tina Stern, Tim Lee, Connor Hubbard, Jenny Schroeder, Helen-Ann Cordes and Warren MacNeill were on hand to cut the ribbon and guide the public through the first official trail walk. The trail, which is a two mile walk or a five mile loop closer to the school, is being utilized for cross country track training and competitions, a teaching resource for science, technology, engineering, art and mathematic (STEAM) student projects, a snow shoe trail and more will be open to the public from June 15 to August 1 after 5 p.m. to dusk, June 16 to July 31, dawn to dusk and all weekends dawn to dusk. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Dress swap makes formal dance wear affordable

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Attending a formal dance in high school is something many teenage girls dream of and selecting the right dress to wear is part of what makes the event so special. Too often, however, new retail dresses come with a hefty price tag.

To assist in helping every girl look their best at a very reasonable price, the Hollyhock Emporium is holding a dress swap special discount by allowing girls to bring in a gently used dress to swap and receive a \$10 discount on a new gently used dress to wear.

Jennifer Kozlow, co-owner of the store with Monica Spears, said with many of the dresses in stock priced at \$20, the \$10 off coupon is a significant saving -- especially now when a lot of families are still in financial distress from the pandemic.

Kozlow and Spears explained brand new formal dresses can sell for hundreds and hundreds of dollars and they have heard stories of parents paying \$700 for a prom dress. "That's a lot of money for a dress that will only be worn for a few hours and then pushed to the back of the closet."

"Every girl wants to look pretty for their high school



Monica Spears and Jennifer Kozlow, co-owners of the Hollyhock Emporium, hold up a few of the dresses they have available for sale. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

formal dances, and we want to help make that happen. If they can't find the right dress in our \$20 dress racks, they may be able to find one of our consignment dresses that go for a little more. We can give them a \$10 off coupon for a consignment dress or any other clothing item in the store," Spears said. Currently, the store is well stocked with almost 200 formal dresses ranging from zero to plus sizes.

According to Kozlow, many of the dresses on the \$20 rack came from the Oscoda Dress Exchange which has been going on for several years under the guidance of Tami Griggs who had teenage girls yearning for something special to wear to their dances. "Her girls have graduated, gone on to college and are adults now, so she was ready to not be in charge of the dresses anymore. She teamed up with us two years ago and we had an event weekend, but this year it isn't sensible to have a lot of people all come into the store at once because of COVID-19," Kozlow said.

The owners of the Hollyhock Emporium want every girl to feel pretty for their special dance and will be holding the swap until all area schools, Alpena, Alcona and Oscoda, have concluded their homecomings; Alpena Pub-

lic Schools being the last one on October 9. There will be another swap around the schools' Winterfest dances and around prom time.

The store has a variety of formal dresses ranging from ankle, tea, knee to short skirt lengths and even have a few pieces of lady's formal pantsuits. They also have many dress shoes starting at \$5 a pair in like-new condition and many other accessories. They have only one men's suit in the store, size 36, but they have several bow ties and get new consignment items in every week.

"Our goal is to make sure girls don't feel like they can't go to their dance because they can't afford a dress," Spears said. For that reason, Kozlow and Spears are asking the community if they would like to sponsor a dress for \$20 and have already retained some funds. They are also asking for formal dress and suit donations. Spears said they will be working with the school's success workers to make sure the sponsorship dresses are given to those in need.

The Hollyhock Emporium is located at 301 Main Street in Harrisville. Hours are Monday through Friday noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 916-6500.

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Sluggish start hinders Tigers against Bulldogs

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Inland Lakes Bulldogs slipped two early touchdowns past the Alcona varsity football team last Friday and couldn't make up for it in the end.

The Tigers got back into things at times, but the unbeaten Bulldogs handed them a 44-26 loss in eight-man football action.

"I thought there were stretches where we were pretty good. However, we are still making mistakes and committing penalties at critical times," said head coach Jason Somers. "Inland Lakes is a good team. They are big and that hurts us a little bit. We were able to use our speed, in some cases, to our advantage; it just wasn't enough."

The early touchdowns gave Inland Lakes a 16-0 lead after one quarter, though Alcona answered with a pair of touchdowns in the second to pull within 16-12 at the half.

The Bulldogs led 30-18 entering the fourth quarter, and though an Alcona touchdown made it 30-26 early in the fourth, Inland Lakes scored the final two tallies of the night to finish off the victory.

Garrett Somers was 16-of-23 passing for three touchdowns to lead the offense. Jeremiah Bullis had nine receptions for 99 yards and one touchdown. William Liebler had four receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown.



Tiger Michael Basner breaks out of a tackle during last Friday's home loss to Inland Lakes. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Michael Basner had three receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown, and he also ran 10 times for 38 yards and a score.

The defense was led by Jesse Sheldon with 14 tackles. Hayden Johnston had 12 tackles. Hunter Rigby and Jacob June had 10 tackles each.

"I thought that the team as a whole showed some good fight after getting down 16 right away," Somers said. "I was proud of our kids to be able to get back in the game and get it to a one possession game midway through the third. We were also able to

overcome missing some key players and had some freshmen who stepped in and did a great job on short notice."

Alcona (2-2 overall) heads to Au Gres (4-0) on Friday. The Wolverines are coming off a 48-24 win over Hillman last week.

"I think this week's game is going to be really fun. The Au Gres versus Alcona games have always been very competitive, and I don't expect anything less this week," Somers said. "There is some familiarity from both squads, so this should be a good match up and we look forward to the chance to compete."

Alcona volleyball has action-packed week

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team capped off a busy week on Saturday at tournament in Grayling. The Lady Tigers battled it out against four tough teams, winning one game on the day.

"We were forced to make modifications to our lineup, which can be a challenge," head coach Kristi Miller said. "I feel we adapted throughout each contest and Lily Pappas really stepped up defensively. We must continue to build our confidence and consistency."

Alcona lost to Grayling 25-8 and 25-13; split with Bellaire 20-25 and 25-20; lost to Lake City 25-15 and 25-19; and topped Mio 25-23 and 25-19.

Pappas had 18 digs and six aces. Carmen Dellar had seven kills and Emma Travis chipped in with 78 assists.

On Thursday, Sept. 16 the Lady Tigers won a North Star League Big Dipper game at Mio in five sets, 25-18, 19-25, 17-25, 26-24 and 15-9.

"We never gave up and made a strong effort to be enthusiastic throughout the match," Miller said. "This paid off; we battled defensively and worked well together. It was an exciting win, coming back from being down. I am hopeful we will carry this momentum throughout the season."

On Monday, Sept. 13 the Lady Tigers competed in a tri-meet, at Alpena with Tawas also competing. Alcona came up short against Tawas 25-17 and 25-15 and lost to host

Alpena 25-13 and 25-15.

"We faced two solid competitors and our energy on the court was lacking, which impacted our performance," Miller said. "We played out of system a lot and struggled to gain control. I feel we learned quite a bit and will continue

to work hard."

Dellar led the attack with eight kills. Sage Gauthier had two aces and Travis had 37 assists and 12 digs.

Alcona heads to Oscoda on Thursday and returns home to take on Fairview on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Alcona soccer drops home game with Oscoda

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity soccer team returned to the field on Monday, Sept. 13 for a home game against Oscoda.

The Tigers were unable to get thing going however, as the Owls handed them a 7-0 setback.

"Overall, I'm very happy with the game and the growth of the team," said head coach Brendan Nelson. "We are improving every day."

Ashton Rigby had five shots on goal, with what Nelson

called, "A lot of great opportunities."

Fallon Hux was in goal and made 20 saves.

On Saturday, Sept. 18 the Tigers competed in the Oscoda invitational. They went 0-3 on the day with a 3-1 loss to Roscommon, 7-1 loss to Saginaw Nouvel and 5-0 to Oscoda.

Further details were not reported.

Alcona (0-6 overall) hosts Roscommon on Friday and heads to Oscoda on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Let us know what is happening

Story ideas can be mailed to: P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; 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 runners compete at SVSU

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona cross country teams took on the course at Saginaw Valley State University last Friday. Neither team could post a team score in the seven team meet, but the Tiger runners still had plenty to be happy about.

In the girls' race, Sara Decker had a solid third place finish on a time of 23:52 and Katelynn Bravata had a 36th place finish on a time of 34:57.

For the boys, Carter Upper ran his way to a fourth-place finish and timed out at 19:14. Fallon Hux was 26th on a time of 24:24. Zygmund Villalobos was 41st at 30:12 and Kaiden Berryhill was 42nd at 31:53.

Alcona was at the first North Star League jamboree in Fairview on Tuesday and competes in the second conference jamboree on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Hale.

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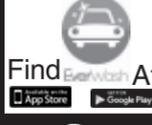
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Upon their arrival in Detroit from Hoboken, N. J., the remains were placed in charge of Sergt. Walter Emerick of Wayne Post, who accompanied them to Harrisville. At the depot members of Armstrong Post American Legion took charge and escorted the body to the home of the father, Andrew Brenner, and a detail remained at the home to assist and comfort the family in any way they could until the final words were spoken and the body was committed to the grave.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, which was held from St. Anne's church. Following the impressive requiem Rev. Fr. Ryan delivered an eloquent and appropriate sermon, using the text, "Greater Love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

Members of the Legion acted as pall bearers and the firing squad was selected from the same organization.

William A. Brenner was born in Harrisville on May 18, 1893, and died in France October 4, 1918, from wounds received in the battle of the Argonne Forest.

He went to Camp Custer April 30, 1918, and sailed for France in July with the 85th division.

He was transferred shortly after his arrival overseas to Co. F., 18th Inf. and was serving with that company in the Argonne drive when he met his death. From the time of his enlistment until he gave up his life for the great cause there elapsed just a little more than five months. He was 25 years, 4 months and 16 days old.

Besides the aged father, there are two sisters and three brothers surviving: Mrs. Josephine Gerschewski and Mrs. Trena Holmes of Harrisville, Frank Brenner of Windsor, Ontario, Louis of Millersburg, and George of Onaway, all of whom were present at the funeral.

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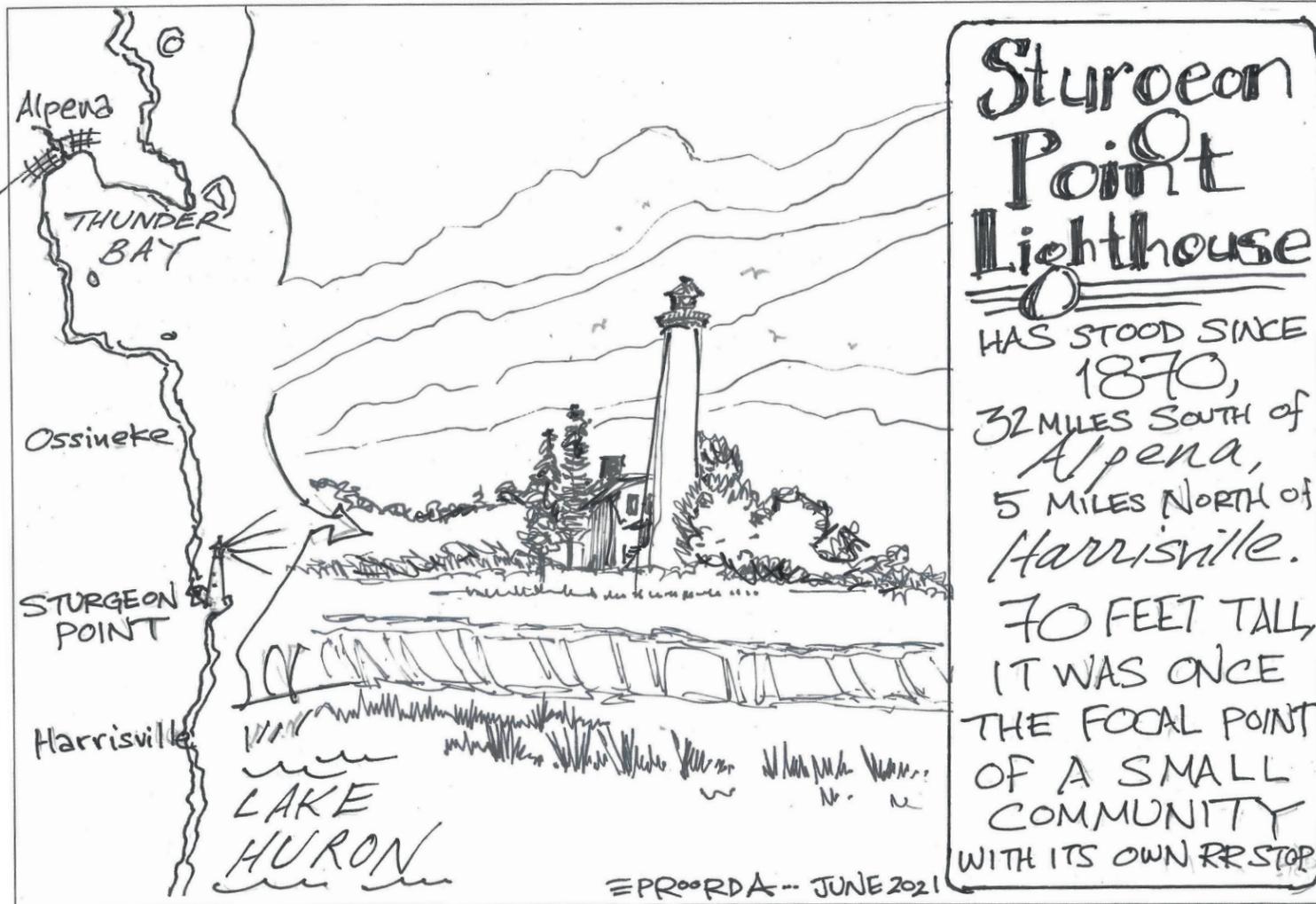
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ing, a plane circled low over the Johnson School, and to the surprize of the pupils and the teacher, Mr. R. Miller dropped a package. It was addressed to Jim and contained candy and treats for all the school children, a nice

sweater and several little gifts. The pilot of the plane was Margaret Olson, his cousin from Alpena, who is a student of the Thunder Bay Flying Service. A second plane also did stunts over the school. Jim entertained Sun-

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Sept. 12	68	56	0.00	2.1	10	SE
Sept. 13	64	50	0.00	1.9	11	NE
Sept. 14	82	60	0.00	3.9	30	SW
Sept. 15	72	54	0.00	2.2	18	NW
Sept. 16	70	53	0.00	2.2	17	S
Sept. 17	77	59	0.00	4.8	37	SSE
Sept. 18	66	49	0.00	2.9	18	E

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2021	2020	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.01	0.65
September to Date	0.89	0.16	1.76
Year/Season to Date	18.07	16.95	21.12

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. **TELEVISION:** What is Yogi Bear's home in the animated "The Yogi Bear Show"?
2. **GAMES:** How many answers are possible in the Magic 8-Ball game?
3. **LITERATURE:** What is the Grinch's home in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is a penny mostly made of?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What kind of creature is a mandrill?
7. **MOVIES:** Which rock group does The Dude hate in "The Big Lebowski"?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** In which decade did the first Taco Bell open?
9. **MUSIC:** Which city is the setting for Eminem's "8 Mile"?
10. **AD SLOGANS:** What product is advertised as being "good to the last drop"?

Answers: 1. Jellystone Park; 2. 20; 3. Mount Crumpit; 4. Zinc coated with copper; 5. Ireland; 6. A monkey; 7. The Eagles; 8. 1960s (1962); 9. Detroit; 10. Maxwell House coffee (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

VISITING THE ISLE OF WIT

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Earns back, as losses</p> <p>8 Study of vision</p> <p>14 One who's not stingy</p> <p>20 Shrunken Asian lake</p> <p>21 Disperse from a central point</p> <p>22 Spacecraft segment</p> <p>23 Will soon obtain U.K. citizenship?</p> <p>25 Like Peru's mountains</p> <p>26 Revered Fr. nun, maybe</p> <p>27 Motorist's crime, for short</p> <p>28 Soccer icon</p> <p>30 "Phooey!"</p> <p>31 "That louse just hatched a few hours ago"?</p> <p>39 Aim at</p> <p>42 Styling sites</p> <p>43 Hilarity</p> <p>44 Book after Song of Solomon</p> | <p>45 "To recap ..."</p> <p>46 Swiss river</p> <p>48 Hairy pollinator's darting</p> <p>56 Hairstyle (lucky)</p> <p>58 "Hamilton" composer — -Manuel Miranda</p> <p>59 Watch over</p> <p>64 Partial mending of a paper cut?</p> <p>70 Excited pointer's cry</p> <p>72 Diner</p> <p>73 Pink pencil tip</p> <p>74 Siblings who compose legal orders?</p> <p>79 Space of film</p> <p>80 Dude's prom duds</p> <p>81 "Now, Voyager" actress Chase</p> <p>82 In — (as first placed)</p> <p>84 "My career as a tailor will start soon"?</p> <p>95 Tee lead-in</p> <p>96 Chris of tennis</p> | <p>97 Certain pizza chain logo</p> <p>98 Depletes</p> <p>101 Major road</p> <p>103 4 p.m. social event, maybe</p> <p>105 Interweave while wearing a lustrous Sir Lancelot costume?</p> <p>109 Omelet need</p> <p>110 Get up</p> <p>111 Hockey hero Bobby</p> <p>112 Historical unit</p> <p>115 Headwear for Fred Astaire</p> <p>117 Occupy a chair to apply Visine drops?</p> <p>125 Invent</p> <p>126 Like green bananas</p> <p>127 Filthy place</p> <p>128 Closet staple</p> <p>129 Mini and midi</p> <p>130 Orthodontic separators</p> | <p>7 Declined the offer</p> <p>8 "Come —!" ("Get real!")</p> <p>9 NBAer Gasol</p> <p>10 Blasting stuff</p> <p>11 Debtor's note</p> <p>12 Mongrel</p> <p>13 Get involved</p> <p>14 Teeny</p> <p>15 Sweetie pie</p> <p>16 Tack (on)</p> <p>17 Very sorry</p> <p>18 Paige on a stage</p> <p>19 Backpedal</p> <p>24 Lookalike</p> <p>29 High rollers?</p> <p>31 End-of-workweek cry</p> <p>32 Make whole</p> <p>33 Moral tenet</p> <p>34 Lacks life</p> <p>35 Kimono belt</p> <p>36 Swivel</p> <p>37 Burial locale</p> <p>38 Ugly fairy-tale figure</p> <p>39 — for tat</p> <p>40 Silver-gray</p> <p>41 "Norma —"</p> <p>45 Less sure</p> <p>46 Outranking</p> <p>47 Fiddles with</p> <p>49 Talking- — (scoldings)</p> <p>50 With 77-Down, well-drilling structure</p> | <p>51 Egypt and Syr., once</p> <p>52 Conductance unit, once</p> <p>53 Hallow</p> <p>54 German indefinite article</p> <p>55 See 113-Down</p> <p>59 Mafioso John</p> <p>60 "Yep"</p> <p>61 Siri's Amazon counterpart</p> <p>62 Ticket info</p> <p>63 Fishing boats</p> <p>65 Asian ideal</p> <p>66 "Addams Family" cousin</p> <p>67 "Eh, so-so"</p> <p>68 Determine beforehand</p> <p>69 — tai (drink)</p> <p>71 Drying ovens</p> <p>75 Ruling from a boxing ref</p> <p>76 Ball swatter</p> <p>77 See 50-Down</p> <p>78 Actor Gilliam</p> <p>83 Allow to flow again</p> <p>85 Life jacket, e.g.</p> <p>86 Himalayan humanoid</p> <p>87 Fifty-fifty</p> <p>88 Actress Polo</p> | <p>89 — Mawr College</p> <p>90 Hurlly-burly</p> <p>91 Epps of "House"</p> <p>92 Fish feature</p> <p>93 "Ltd." cousin</p> <p>94 Boot tip</p> <p>98 Brief outline</p> <p>99 Longhair cat</p> <p>100 Filthy place</p> <p>101 Horse's kin</p> <p>102 Monkey used in research</p> <p>103 Fills with black gunk</p> <p>104 Slip-ups</p> <p>106 Funpow mad</p> <p>107 Gunpowder stuff</p> <p>108 Stabs</p> <p>112 "Jane —"</p> <p>113 With 55-Down, back-door access</p> <p>114 Some cobras</p> <p>116 Ugly fairy-tale figure</p> <p>118 Signing stuff</p> <p>119 Prefix with cycle or color</p> <p>120 Holiday tree</p> <p>121 Make a pick</p> <p>122 Jay-Z's genre</p> <p>123 Ticket info</p> <p>124 List abbr.</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Sept. 22, 1598, 26-year-old playwright Ben Jonson is indicted for manslaughter after a duel. He was very nearly hanged, but his ability to read and write saved him. He claimed "benefit of clergy," which allowed him to be sentenced by the lenient ecclesiastical courts. In his time, Jonson was as famous as Shakespeare.
 - On Sept. 25, 1789, the first Congress of the United States proposes 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and sends them to the states for ratification. Ten were ratified and are known as the Bill of Rights.
 - On Sept. 21, 1866, H.G. Wells, pioneer of science fiction, is born in Bromley, England. In 1895, he published his classic novel "The Time Machine" about a man who journeys to the future. The book was a success, as was "The War of the Worlds" (1898).
 - On Sept. 20, 1881, Chester Arthur is inaugurated, becoming the third person to serve as president in that year. In March, President Rutherford Hayes turned over the reins of government to James Garfield, who was assassinated July 2 by a crazed gunman. Arthur, the vice president, was sworn in the next day.
 - On Sept. 26, 1928, work begins at Chicago's new Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. In 1930, Galvin would introduce the Motorola radio, the first mass-produced car radio. (The name had two parts: "motor," evoking cars, and "ola" derived from "Victrola" record players.)
 - On Sept. 24, 1968, CBS airs the first episode of the pioneer newsmagazine show "60 Minutes," which would become the longest-running prime-time show in American television history. The first episode featured coverage of the Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey presidential campaigns.
 - On Sept. 23, 1992, Manon Rheaume becomes the first woman to play in men's North American pro sports leagues when she takes the ice for the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning in a preseason game.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Christopher Havens, a high school dropout and convicted murderer, taught himself advanced mathematics and solved a decades-old math puzzle involving "continued fractions" while in prison. He then published his findings in an international advanced math journal in January 2020.
 - The Grand Canyon is so big that it creates its own weather.
 - In August 1971, the Pittsburgh Pirates became the first professional team to have all nine players in the lineup be of Black or Latino descent.
 - World War II German interrogator Hanns Scharff's unusual techniques for extracting information -- which included sharing his wife's homemade baked goods, cracking jokes, unsupervised nature walks and afternoon tea -- were so successful that the U.S. military later incorporated them into their own interrogation schools.
 - The blood in that infamous "Psycho" shower scene was actually chocolate syrup.
 - Because it turns yellow when fully ripe, the Persian lime is not commonly found in markets, as it gets confused for lemons, but is used for most commercial purposes.
 - Hungarian composer Franz Liszt received so many requests for locks of his hair that he bought a dog and sent fur clippings instead.
 - The Bible is the most commonly stolen book in the world.
 - Pill bugs, also known as roly-polys, are not insects but rather crustaceans. They breathe through gills and are more closely related to shrimp and lobsters than other bugs.
 - The moon is not round, but shaped like an egg.
 - Brunettes are more likely than anyone else to become hooked on nicotine. The high levels of the pigment melanin in their hair also make it difficult for the liver to metabolize the nicotine, keeping it in the system longer and making it easier to become addicted.
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- Thought for the Day: "The vacation we often need is freedom from our own mind." -- Jack Adam Weber
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **Q** equals **S**

KZW BIEEWB IQIGVVJ UXWQ
HGYBVJ QVXOVJ, PIK ZW ZGQ
PWUIE QSBYEKYEU. ZW OGEKQ G
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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Claude S. Buchanan and Joyce D. Ratz as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated December 12, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on January 7, 2004, in Liber 395 at pages 914-928, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$93,811.73, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said mortgage, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage 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., on October 20, 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.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Harrisville, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Parcel 6 – commencing at the southeast corner of Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 9 East; thence S. 89 deg. 27'23" west along the south line of said section and the centerline of M-72 Highway 757.64 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S. 89 deg 27'23" W. along said south line and said centerline 287.80 feet; then N. 01 deg. 11'53" W. 1307.09 feet; thence N. 89 deg. 08'11" E, along the north line of the S – 1/2 of the SE – 1/4 of said Section 376.92 feet; thence S. 01 deg. 08'07" E. 649.14 feet; thence S. 89 deg. 27'23" W. 82.23 feet; thence S. 00 deg. 39'41" E. 660.00 feet to the point of beginning, excepting all that part of said parcel which lies south of a line 75 feet north of and parallel to centerline of M-72. Being a part of the S – 1/2 of SE – 1/4 of said Section 9, T26N, R9E. According to survey recorded in Liber 243, pages 153- 155, Alcona County records.

Commonly known as: 4415 M-72, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Please be advised that the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 1, 2021
 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662),
 Attorney for Mortgagee
 903 N. Jackson Street,
 Bay City, MI 48708
 (989) 893-9511
 9-1, 9-8, 9-15, 9-22

ALCONA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing On The Special Assessment Roll For The

Gypsy Moth Special Assessment District Alcona Township Alcona County, Michigan

TO: The residents and property owners of the Township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and any other interested persons: Gypsy Moth Special Assessment Districts (SAD) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the supervisor and the assessing officer of the township, acting on the Board motion of September 14, 2021, and acting within the provisions set forth in Public Act 188 of 1954 has reported to the board and filed in the office of the township clerk for public examination the special assessment roll listing all properties within the proposed Gypsy Moth Special Assessment Districts whose purpose shall be to collect the costs for the evaluation, planning and treatment of the gypsy moth infestation thereby mitigating the destruction and loss of our forests, maintaining our trees and reducing other property damage as allowed in MCL 41.722 Sec 2 1) i. This SAD shall be for a period of three (3) years, 2022 through 2024 inclusive at a pro-rated cost of up to \$90/acre in the 2022 winter taxes, up to \$90/acre in the 2023 winter taxes and pt to \$90/acre in the 2024 winter taxes for all parcels classified as residential that contain land and are assessed a value which are located in Alcona Township, Alcona County, Michigan. Treatment suppliers will not commit to pricing for 2022 and beyond at this time. 2021 prices were \$70/acre. If treatment suppliers provide firm pricing the assessment rates may be reduced

The Special Assessment District within which the improvement is proposed and within which the cost is proposed to be assessed is described as follows:

Identified properties located within R7E, T28N Sections 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30, 34 and 36 in Alcona Township. These properties are on or near the shores of Hubbard Lake. Generally, west of Hubbard Lake Road or east of Mt. Maria Rd. Detailed maps are available by appointment at the Township Office or at www.alconatownship.com PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a **public hearing** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment rolls and hearing any objections thereto **will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 10:30 at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. U.S. 23, Black River MI 48721**

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing or in writing to the address above to protest the Special Assessment. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll. All written/email protest(s) shall be sent to the Supervisor at the address above or macne01@charter.net to be read at the hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Alcona Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services must contact the Township Clerk not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

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State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 18-5861-DE

Estate of Frederick Joseph Freese, deceased
 Date of birth: July 3, 1937

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Frederick Joseph Freese, died November 22, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shirley Freese, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: September 22, 2021
 Daniel J. Florip P69663

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 13 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, Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Bauermeister, Mason, and Bean, city attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of August 9. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,444.11. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Gehring brought to council resignation of Tom Keerl from zoning board of appeals. Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser, to accept resignation of Tom Keerl as member of zoning board of appeals. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Paul Althoff to fill a vacancy on the tax board of review. Discussion. Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister, to appoint Paul Althoff to fill a vacancy on the tax board of review. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Allen Kay to fill a vacancy on the zoning board of appeals. Discussion. Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, to appoint Allen Kay to fill a vacancy on the zoning board of appeals. Motion carried: 6-0.

Fall cleanup and hydrant flushing schedule is as follows: Clean up is Friday, Oct. 15 and Monday, Nov. 29. Bagged leaves and brush secured in bundles will be picked up at street side. Hydrant flushing is the weeks of October 4-15.

Caroline Pender, Harbor Town Development, LLC. and Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering, presented plans for development of property on 4th Street. Discussion. Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister, to table further discussion until October 11 city

council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.

Reports: Mayor Gehring informed council of his information gathering into the website services provided by Nathan Makowske, yourneighborhoodhub.com, for a new formatting of the city's website. Mayor Gehring asks council to direct constituent phone calls to the city office at (989) 724-6666, the maintenance garage, 989-724-7050, or the city's email at harrisville1905@hotmail.com, not his personal cell number.

Clerk Pierce: Request from Kristie Miller, girls varsity volleyball coach, Alcona Community Schools, for permission to use city properties for a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 9. Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, to grant permission for Kristi Miller to use city property for a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 9. Motion carried: 6-0.

Clerk Pierce added a note from Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community School superintendent, about the School Forest and Nature Trail Open House on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony officially dedicating the trail. The official sale of bricks at the Pocket Park ends September 15. An additional list will be compiled for future orders. To add a name to this list contact, Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569.

Clerk Pierce asked if auditors have approved purchase of commemorative brick for Louis Campbell to be placed at the Pocket Park. Auditors agreed to funds being used from the general account.

Treasurer Luenberger indicated that Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 is the last day to pay summer 2021 taxes. She will be in the city office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14 for in person payment of taxes.

Harbor commission report by chairman Joe Lukasiewicz and commissioner Dennis Swanson. The harbor is in good financial standing this season. Harbor commission looking to fill the positions of treasurer and record-

ing secretary. The water at the docks will be turned of September 26 and the public bathrooms at the boat-house will be closed for the season on September 29. The commission is looking to having general maintenance done to the parking lots and is assessing erosion damage at the harbor which will be passed on to the Army Corps of Engineers. The harbor office will close October 15. Chairman Lukasiewicz received several letters of interest to fill vacancies on the harbor commission. He recommended Steve Alexander and Bruce Byer to fill two of the commission vacancies. Motion to appoint Steve Alexander and Bruce Byer to harbor commission vacancies by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser. Motion carried: 6-0.

Planning commissioner Schwanz reported on the ongoing work updating the Master Plan. The planning commission is looking for new members to fill two city resident vacancies.

County commissioner Thompson shared information statics of the county wide cleanup held in May. The county fair had a moderate outcome given there were no carnival attractions this year. The Bump and Run, steak dinner and the entertainment show featuring several musical impersonators was very enjoyable and successful. Thompson also shared the discussion concerning the county jail capacity and future plans for housing inmates.

Comment cards: Resident Terry Lowell shared his concerns about the planning process put forth by developers of property in the city. Two residents of Swamp Road voiced concerns about the quality of the road, the type of traffic that has used that road and the need for repairs.

Councils' last comments: Alderman Schwanz reported that Consumers Energy is planning a dedication ceremony on Friday, Sept. 24, from 2 to 3 p.m. to officially announce the installation of two electric charging stations at the harbor. Motion to adjourn by Bean. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next city council meeting is Monday, Oct. 11 at City Hall at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board meeting was held September 8 and called to order at 7 p.m. Motion passed to approve August 11 regular meeting minutes with changes. Motion passed to uphold Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal as it voluntarily given. Motion to approve road contract No. CL22105 for Hubbard Lake Trail. Motion passed to hire gutter installed at township hall. Motion passed to transfer

\$1,000 from contingency funds to park and recreation account. Motion passed to spend \$1,000 on oak wilt treatment at North End Park. Motion approved to hire Nick Dubey as zoning administrator since last applicant turned down position. Motion passed to hire Rod Dorff as planning commission member since N. Beck resigned. Motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Cindy Smith,
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ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's September board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard. Motions to approve the previous month's minutes; treasurer's report; to proceed with creating a special assessment district for gypsy moth spraying. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde,
 Clerk

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