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Townships take closer look at solar panel ordinances

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

In response to electric companies seeking solar panel farms in Alcona County, Gustin Township and a few surrounding townships are taking a closer look at ordinances governing the implementation of solar panel energy.

Gustin Township has been working on its amended solar panel ordinance for a few months and will be presenting it for adoption at a public

hearing with its planning commission on November 10.

The township sought assistance in writing the amended ordinance from the Northeast Michigan Council of Government (NEMCOG) as well as one of the companies seeking to purchase or lease property for solar panel farms, Ranger Power.

Sergio Trevino, vice-president of development and siting for Ranger Power, has been attending the past few

meetings of the Gustin Township board, offering suggestions and advice to the township on what the ordinance should and should not con-

While looking at a preliminary draft of the ordinance, Trevino questioned why the board was limiting the sound emitted from the solar projects to 45 dBA (weighted decibels). Trevino said that was very low and may not be achievable. He explained typically his company sees ordinances with a 55 to 60 dBA. The township reconsidered its draft and is now asking for a limit of 55 dBA.

During a phone interview with Trevino, he explained that solar panels alone do not make any noise, but the transformers and inverters do produce some sounds which depend on the make and model of the transformer. "The sound dissipates quickly for most projects. People can visit projects that are fully built and once you get to the property line you probably won't hear anything," he said.

Trevino also asked the board why the ordinance it was working on established a minimum parcel size of 20 acres. In a follow-up email he sent to board members, Trevino stated that an exception should be made for landowners who own other parcels larger than 20 acres which could be included with the smaller number of acres making a combined amount of over 20 acres. The township reconsidered and had the verbiage regarding the minimum size of acreage allowed lined out.

He questioned the township board about the verbiage on screening around the project and suggested the ordinance language be deleted and instead reference the greenbelt requirements already stated in their zoning ordinance. He also requested the ordinance project removal date or within six months of abandonment be changed to 12 months because inclement weather may affect the removal.

Gustin Township Supervisor Pamela Ashford said they were doing their best with the ordinance amendment to protect its citizens.

Other townships are also seeking counsel on how to best protect their citizens with fair and reasonable ordinances. In Harrisville Township, where property owners have been contacted by the energy companies for purchase or lease of their land, supervisor Chas Spitznagel said they are in the process of updating their ordinance to include solar power energy.

Mikado Township Supervisor Mike Corn said they have hired a company to review not just their solar panel ordinance, but all their township ordinances because some were originally drafted and copied from cities downstate and didn't necessarily fit the needs of the township. Corn said presently no one in the township has filed any paperwork or applied for any building permits for indus-

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This solar farm is in an unidentified location in Michigan. With power company agreements, farms like this could be coming to Alcona County and other parts of northeast Michigan. Courtesy photo.

Correction

City of Harrisville Alderman Ward 2 Candidate Kari Vanderheuel is running as No Party Affilication (NPA) and not as a Republican as previously stated in the October 26 edition. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.



Remember to turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Alcona schools receive grant for electric buses

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Community Alcona Schools received notification last week of a grant award for nearly \$800,000 to fund the purchase of two electric school buses.

Inited States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean School Bus program and was just one of 26 grants awarded to Michigan schools.

Supervisor Dan O'Connor said it was very exciting to have received the award, but there was a lot to consider. "There are a lot of unknowns at this point, in a sense it is a pilot grant. A lot is up in the air, especially in rural areas with larger districts, but we can't turn down almost a million dollars worth of free buses to give the new technology a shot. We have two buses that need to be retired, so we need to make this work," he said.

The grant will allow the school district to, hopefully, purchase two electric buses which the EPA estimates at \$375,000 per bus along with \$20,000 per bus for infra-The award came from the structure for the chargers. However, Donald Neuenfeldt. the district's transportation supervisor, was still waiting on actual figures of what a bus, along with infrastructure, would cost.

"At this point, we don't know if we will be taking one bus or both. We have to wait to get the final numbers and there will probably be some cost to the school, we just don't know what that will be. Bus companies are having a hard time locking down a price because the economy is changing rapidly right now and prices are accelerating,"

Neuenfeldt said. The school district is looking at two models offered by Blue Bird Bus.

Neuenfeldt was also unsure of how long it would take the buses to be delivered once they were ordered. He explained the EPA grant was the only bus grant offered there were some negative this year and the bus companies were not ready for the federal government to release the funding. The district just received a new diesel bus that was ordered over a year ago which cost approximately \$130,000.

Neuenfeldt was concerned about how the batteries would handle northern Michigan winters because the Alcona school district's fleet is not housed. "We aren't sure how far the buses will run. Until we put 60 kids in that bus. turn the heaters and WiFi on and take kids home with

multiple stops, we don't know how far they will go. Their data gives us some idea, but we don't know for sure," he

In a recent social media post the district made about the grant, Neuenfeldt said comments from parents. "One feared the electric bus could catch on fire. There was a bus that did catch on fire, but it was a small incident and was not a bus from the same company we would be purchasing from.

"Any vehicle can catch on fire. A car can catch on fire. That's why our drivers know how to do evacuations and we practice that. Gasoline, diesel, propane or electric, we will still do the same evacuation training," he said.

O'Connor said despite the negative chatter on social

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God Bless America



Obituaries



Donald E. McKay

Donald E. McKay, 86, of Black River, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born May 21, 1936, in Ubly, Mich. to William and Ruth (Lewis) McKay.

Mr. McKay is survived by three daughters, Lisa (Fred) Smith, Laurie (Dennis) Hall and Katie Collins; one son, Mike (Shelly) McKay; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchil-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara and one son, Donald T. McKay.

A private graveside service was held October 28. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



Michael E. Brown

Michael Edward "Mike" Brown, 73, died on Sunday Oct. 23, 2022, at home.

He was born October 24. 1948, to Walter J. and Claudia M. (Shoultz) Brown in Vincennes, Ind., where he was raised.

On November 7, 1970, he married Agnes "Aggie" Painter in Vincennes, Ind.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a tech sergeant to Oscoda in 1987.

Mr. Brown was a member of the American Legion Post No. 73 in Vincennes, Ind.

He enjoyed bowling, square dancing, and NASCAR.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Aggie; two daughters, Michele "Shelly" (Christopher Stults) Reinhard and Christina "Chrissy" (Asia) Emerys-Brown; four granddaughters, Jessica (Brandon) Reinhard, Bryana (Brian) Reinhard, Megan Reinhard and Diana Stults; and nine great-grandchildren, John Dixon, Mason Dixon, Laeilyn Turner, Vhaelyn Turner, Emerson Turner, Gracelyn



Turner, Nathaniel Schultz Jr., Stephanie Schultz and Joseph Raupp Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, James Brown, and two greatgrandchildren Braelyn Turner and Carson Turner.

Visitation was held on October 28 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project.

Norma J. Williams

Norma J. Williams, 95, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born June 9, 1927, to Arthur "Nick" and Helen (Ranger) in Royal Oak, Mich. She was raised in Barton City.

On September 29, 1945, she married William Williams in Lincoln. The couple raised six of her husband's brothers

and sisters alongside their own family.

She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville and the Altar Society. She was a member of the Friends of the Lincoln Depot and enjoyed quilting at the depot.

She enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved crafts and her garden.

Mrs. Williams is survived

by two sons, Nick (Sandy) Williams of Spruce and Dennis Williams of Harrisville; four grandchildren, Amy (Jim) Harmer, Brian (Christina) Williams, Todd Williams, and Jodi Williams; five great-grandchildren, Katie (Cole Dekett) Harmer, Derik Harmer, Kylie Williams, Bret Williams, and Burghan (Tristan) Gordy; two sisters, Beatrice Wojnar and Virgilene Smith; and one brother, Don Ranger.

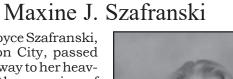
She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill on June 26, 2012; one grandson, David N. Williams; three sisters, Christina Kurkerwicz, Margaret Zingaro and Helen Skiver; and three brothers, Lloyd Ranger, Robert Ranger and Dale Ranger.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

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Maxine Joyce Szafranski, 92, of Barton City, passed peacefully away to her heavenly home the morning of Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at Lincoln Haven Nursing

She was born September 4, 1930, to Robert Maxwell and Clara Mae (Richardson) Hall in Pelham, Ontario, Canada.

Maxine was raised in Windsor where she met her future husband. On January 10, 1948, she married Richard (Dick) Szafranski in Windsor. Immediately following they made their home in Hamtramck, Mich. where she birthed their four children, Diane, Judy, Richard and Mark.

She put herself through nursing school while raising a family and was eventually pinned as a Licensed Practical Nurse. For years, she was an ENT LPN at Henry Ford Hospital in De-

troit, Mich. She enjoyed attending masses at the beautiful Catholic cathedrals in Detroit. She also had a love of music and dance and would often attend local Detroit venues for live performances. Eventually, the family moved a little north to Berkley where they lived for several years before moving to Clawson. It was during this time Maxine and Dick purchased a vacation home in Barton City.

In 1976, after 28 years of raising their children in the city, they made a final move to Barton City where they enjoyed the rest of their lives.

She worked at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home and as a private nurse and caregiver for 12 years.

Maxine was an active member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville and, before that, was an active member of St. Francis of Assisi in Glennie. There she became a member of the Third Order of Franciscans.

She was always an avid reader. During her earlier years, she enjoyed bowling leagues and pinochle clubs. She had a passion for gardening and flowers. She was a huge football fan and Sunday afternoons after church were spent watching the games with family. She was known for cooking gourmet recipes she found in cook books and magazines. She was always introducing fam-



ily to new flavors. And family and friends always looked forward to holidays and special occasions.

Maxine is survived by two daughters, Diane Hudock of Barton City and Judy Pfoutz of Oscoda; one son, Richard M. (Denise) Szafranski of Missouri; seven grandchildren, Michael Hudock, Ann Gonzales, Tina Papin, Jacqueline (Brian) Awiszus, Jonathan (Ivy) Pfoutz, and John David Spieth; 14 great-grandchildren, Amberlyn Hudock, Tiffany (Brian) Orban, Jessica (Josh) Hudock, Marcos Gonzales, Christina Gonzales, Marcus Papin, Nicolas Papin, Matina (Jake) Phillips, Gracelyn Papin, Jamie Jo Awiszus, McKenna Seminoff, Sawyer Seminoff, and Tristen Spieth; 10 great-great-grandchildren, Jezrae Sharp, Trista Orban, Tabianna Orban, Trinitay Orban, Tavian Orban, Terry Wood, Lyla Molter, Carson Papin, Asher Phillips, and Charlie Ulch; one sister, Patricia Stevenson; one brother, Alan (Annmarie) Hall; as well as multiple beloved nieces and

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard in 2004; one son, Mark Szafranski in 1978; two brothers, Robert Hall and Donald Hall; and several special in-laws.

Private funeral services have been held at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville with her great-great grandchildren offering the gifts. Burial was in Maple Ridge Cemetery in Barton City beside her husband and son.

Memorial donations are suggested to Hospice of Michigan or to Paralyzed Vets of America.

Arrangements were made though Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Paid Obituary

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Correspondence



To the Editor.

Thank you to Connie Sysak and Patty Thomas for expressing in words what I believe always a woman's right to choose. Please vote yes on Proposal 3.

> Nancy Mellott Harrisville

To the Editor.

Regarding Proposal 2, Promote the Vote, did you sign the petition thinking it would promote legitimate voting?

Did you realize it would amend the Michigan Constitution to, among other provi-

1. Allow anyone to cast a regular ballot by merely signing an affidavit verifying their identity, without requiring a photo ID? Think of our myriad

lesser requests which do require a photo ID.

2. Allow a single application to permit absentee voting in every subsequent election -- whether that applicant is alive, dead, or has moved to another jurisdiction, since first applying? Voters need to apply for an absentee ballot, with a photo ID, for each election when they need one.

3. Allow state funded drop boxes -- providing unlimited opportunity to harvest ballots from inactive voters, those no longer living, or who have moved away, as well as easy access to alter the ballots of legitimate absentee voters?

4. Allow only election officials to conduct post-election audits -- no matter the concerns a regular voter or candidate from either party might have?

5. Allow nine days of early in-person voting -- providing unlimited opportunity to impersonate others, with the availability of both same day registration, and the opportunity to vote without a photo ID? Not to mention the immeasurable strain on local budgets and staff to operate for so many days.

This proposal would more accurately be called Promote Unlawful Voting or Dilute/ Cancel My Vote.

Please vote no on Proposal 2 on November 8.

Cynthia Curtis, Cheboygan, Mich.

Alcona County's Future

Alcona County comes from a combination of native American and Greek words meaning a "fine or excellent

As a farmer I can appreciate those early settlers looking forward to the great opportunity they saw in this fertile undeveloped land. The challenges were real, transitioning from a timber and fishing economy to agriculture and other commerce was a daunting task. But they did it, roads and bridges replaced steamships and railroads as a means of travel and commerce to and from our County. Tourism has become a major boost to our economy and broadband accessibility is as necessary as those old steamships were to a growing community.

As County Commissioner I was and will continue to be committed to maintaining and enhancing public safety services that allow a safe environment for residents and students to thrive.

The ability for the County budget to provide the services necessary to help create this future will be a challenge for the County. State revenue sharing, grants, and payments will undoubtedly be reduced in the coming years, which will put more of the responsibility on our local sources of revenue. I will continue to work hard to get the most bang for your buck.

As Chairman I created and will continue to support an EDC committee that has attacked the broadband disparity head on and is now on the verge of one of its original goals of bringing effective broadband access to the entire county. Our challenges remain, not in the form of taming a wild frontier, but in identifying new potential in this "fine, excellent plain" we call Alcona county.

Craig Johnston

Paid for by Craig Johnston 4095 M-72, Harrisville MI 48740

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 3**

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For additional details, call (989) 724-9581.

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 meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Site is handicap accessible. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 5**

ipport of the Chosen Ranch of Harrisville will be held at 9 a.m. at Grace Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 6012 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda. Everyone is welcome to this free breakfast. Donations will be accepted. Call (989) 739-3424 for details.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Alcona County Board for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the lower-level meeting room at the Alcona County Courthouse in Harrisville.

Euchre is 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, **NOVEMBER 9**

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, **NOVEMBER 10**

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

All branches of the Alcona County Library are closed to observe Veterans Day.

An artist reception for Brian Schorn, the Thunder Bay Arts Council's featured artist for November and December, will be held from 5:30 A pancake breakfast in to 7 p.m.at the Thunder Bay Arts gallery. This event is free and open to the public. The gallery is located at 127 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena.

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SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 12**

Firearm Sight-In Days will be held at the lower range of the Glennie Sportsman Club, 5690 Body Road, Glennie from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All hunters are welcome. Cost is \$5 per firearm. Targets are provided, covered benches

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Harrisville Township Board of Appeals

The township is looking for an individual to join the township Board of Appeals. The board meets a minimum of two times a year and other times as required. For information, contact Chad Spitznagel at (989) 335-1960 or send a letter of intent and background letter to cjspitz@hotmail.com by Nov. 7, 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ballot Error Concerning Fairview Area Schools' Sinking Fund Millage

An error has been identified on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 General Election in the following townships: Comins Township, Clinton Township, and Elmer Township in Oscoda County, as well as Mitchell Township in Alcona County.

The November 8, 2022 election ballots were inadvertently issued by the Oscoda County Clerk's Office with a Sinking Fund millage proposal for Fairview Area Schools. This millage proposal was previously passed by voters on the August 2, 2022 election and is not up for reconsideration. A vote cast for this millage proposal will not change the outcome of the August 2, 2022 election results nor will a vote or non-vote invalidate your November 8, 2022 general election ballot.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education Oscoda County Clerk's Office

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To be published in the Alcona Review at least 15 days prior to the public hearing **Public Hearing Notice**

Gustin Township Zoning Ordinance Adoption

The Gustin Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Nov.10, 2022, at 7 p.m. to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. , an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, to the Township Board. The public hearing will be held at the Gustin Townshipp Hall Lincoln, Michigan. The full text of the amending ordinance is available at Gustin Township Hall by appointment and at GustinTownship@gmail.com or by calling Pamela Ashford at (989) 736-8312. Written comments may be sent to Gustin Township Clerk, P.O. Box 25, Lincoln. MI 48742 prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The zoning amendment is summarized as follows: Amend Section 2.1 to add definitions related to solar energy. Amend Section 4.0 to add private solar energy systems as a permitted use in all districts and to add commercial solar energy systems as a special use in the Agricultural-Residential District and Industrial District. Add Section 7.31 to add regulations pertaining to private and commercial solar energy systems.

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The Barton City Eagles #4141

would like to thank all who came out and supported "Zay Day". The event was a GRAND SUCCESS!

Special thanks to these area business that provided generous donations:

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Cancelled Office Hours

State Rep. Sue Allor has cancelled upcoming office hours in Alcona and Iosco counties on Wednesday, Nov. 2. She will still be able to make it to the first office hour on that day in Alpena County.

Celebrating 100th Birthday

Zella Gonyea of Harrisville celebrated her 100th birthday on October 20 at Jamieson Nursing Home with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed her favorite lunch and birthday cake, opened gifts and visited with family and friends.



Zella Gonyea

Workshop

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is hosting an interactive online workshop to help people take an active role in managing their diabetes. This free online workshop begins Wednesday, Nov. 16 and will be held each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. through December 21. Space is limited. To register call (989) 358-4616 or go to www.-nemcsa.org. This workshop is being offered in partnership with Michigan State University Extension and Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA).

Sanctuary Lecture Series

Local history teacher and Great Lakes sailor Jeff Thomas will tell the story of the tragic loss of the Carl D. Bradley. The Sinking of the Carl D. Bradley will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 starting at 7 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena. This presentation will cover the launching and life of the vessel for the Michigan Limestone Transportation Company, her sinking in Lake Michigan on November 18, 1958, and its impact on the town of Rogers City, Mich.

Featured Artist

Thunder Bay Arts Council proudly hosts Brian Schorn as the Featured Artist for November and December 2022. TBAC will host a reception in his honor on Friday, Nov. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the TBA Gallery. The event is free and open to the public. The TBA Gallery is located at 127 W. Chisholm Street in downtown Alpena. Schorn's work and that of 21 additional local artists is located inside the TBA Gallery.

Schorn is a multi-disciplinary artist working out of his



American freighter SS Carl D. Bradley. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Thomas*.

This presentation will also discuss the search for the Bradley's wreckage and the ongoing debate of what actually caused the vessel's fateful end. The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center is located at 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena.

Deer Widow's Craft Show

The Hubbard Lake Community Association is sponsoring a Deer Widow's Craft Show, hosted by Jennifer's Craft Creations, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hubbard Lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake. There will be a variety of vendors with handmade and home-grown items. The Smoking Trolls food truck will be setup and there will be a bucket raffle. Free admission for everyone attending.

workshop in Alpena. He grew up on the wild shoreline of Lake Huron. His interest in nature, science and photography eventually led him to study fine art in a variety of media.

His college education includes a BFA in fine art photography and MFA degrees in fine art photography, graphic design, creative writing and electronic music. Since the 1990s, he has taught visual art, photography, comparative art, digital art, sound art, graphic design and creative writing at institutions including Alpena Community College, Interlochen Arts Academy, University of Michigan, Brown University, Eastern Michigan University and Grand Valley State Univer-

Critical Conversations

The Michigan State University Extension Tourism Team is hosting a free online seminar series "Critical Conversations in Michigan Tourism: Sustainability and Climate Change." This series will focus on how issues related to changing climate and sustainability practices impact tourism in Michigan and offer suggestions for communities to take to address tourism and community development efforts.

Sessions will take place on Wednesdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. on November 16, November 30, December 7 and December 14. All sessions are free, however, registration is necessary to receive the link. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu.-tourism or contact Will Cronin, MSU Extension Tourism and Community Development educator at croninwi-.msu.edu.



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GUSTIN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY

The Township of Gustin ordains:

SECTION 1. ADD DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 2.1.

The following definitions are hereby added to Section 2.1 of the Zoning Ordinance and shall read as follows:

BUILDING INTEGRATED PHOTOVOLTAICS (BIPVs): A Private or Commercial Solar Energy System that is integrated into the structure of a building, such as solar roof tiles and solar shingles.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM: Any part of a system that collects or stores solar radiation or energy for the purpose of transforming it into any other form of usable energy, including but not limited to the collection and transfer of heat created by solar energy to any other medium by any means.

PRIVATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM: A Solar Energy System used exclusively for private purposes and not utilized for any commercial resale of any energy, except for the sale of surplus electrical energy back to the electrical grid.

COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM: A Solar Energy System where the principal design, purpose or use of such system is to provide energy to off-site uses or the wholesale or retail sale of generated electricity to any person or entity.

ROOF OR BUILDING MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM: A Private or Commercial Solar Energy System attached to or mounted on any roof or exterior wall of any principal or accessory building, but excluding BIVPs.

GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM: A Private or Commercial Solar Energy System that is not attached to or mounted to any roof or exterior wall of any principal or accessory building.

MAXIMUM TILT: The maximum angle of a solar panel (i.e., most vertical position) for capturing solar radiation as compared to the horizon line.

MINIMUM TILT: The minimal angle of a solar panel (i.e., most horizontal position) for capturing solar radiation as compared to the horizon line.

REPOWERING: Reconfiguring, renovating, or replacing a solar energy facility to nstictaionor inotern enterpowers thing of the colone nergy facility within the existing project footprint.

R = Permitted by right S = Permitted with a Special Use Permit *Indicates that supplemental development standards apply (Article 7).	A-R	R	F-R	c	1
UTILITIES/ENERGY					
Electrical Transformer Stations & Substations (with service storage yards)				S	
Essential Services	R	R	R	R	R
Gas Regulator Stations	R		R	R	R
Heating & Electric Power Generating Plants					S
Public Utility Facilities (without storage yards)	s			R	R
Public Utility Facilities (with storage yards)	s				R
Solar Energy System, Commercial	s				S
Solar Energy System, Private	R	R	R	R	R
Wind Energy Facilities and Anemometer Towers (Commercial)*	s			S	S
Wind Energy Systems (small on-site)*	R	R	R	R	R

Section 7.31 entitled "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS" is hereby added to the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The section shall read in its entirety as follows:

Section 7.31. SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

- GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. All Solar Energy Systems are subject to the following general requirements:
- 1. All Solar Energy Systems must conform to the provisions of this Ordinance and all County, State, and Federal regulations and safety requirements as well as applicable industry standards.
- 2. Solar Energy Systems shall be located or placed so that concentrated solar glare shall not be directed toward or onto nearby properties or roadways at any time of the day.

PRIVATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

- 1. Private Solar Energy System BIVPs. Private Solar Energy System BIVPs shall be permitted in all zoning districts, provided such BIVPs conform to applicable County, State and Federal regulations and safety requirements, including the Michigan Building Code. A zoning permit shall be required for the
- 2. Roof or Building Mounted Private Solar Energy Systems. Roof or building mounted Private Solar Energy Systems shall be considered an accessory use in all zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:
- a) No part of the Solar Energy System erected on a roof shall extend beyond the peak of the roof. If the Solar Energy System is mounted on a building in an area other than the roof, no part of the Solar Energy System shall extend beyond the wall on which it is mounted.
- b) No part of a Solar Energy System mounted on a roof shall be installed closer than three (3) feet from the edges of the roof, the peak, or eave or valley in order to maintain pathways of accessibility.
- c) No part of a Solar Energy System mounted on a roof shall extend more than two (2) feet above the surface of the roof.
- d) A building-mounted or roof-mounted accessory solar energy panel installed on a nonconforming building or nonconforming use shall not be considered an expansion of the nonconformity.
- e) In the event that a roof or building mounted Solar Energy System has been abandoned (meaning not having been in operation for a period of one (1) year), it shall be removed by the property owner within six (6) months from the date of abandonment.
- f) A zoning permit shall be required for installation of roof or building mounted Private Solar Energy Systems.

- 3. Ground Mounted Private Solar Energy Systems. Ground mounted Private Solar Energy Systems shall be considered an accessory use in all zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:
- a) Prior to the installation of a ground mounted Solar Energy System, the property owner shall submit a site plan to the Zoning Administrator. The site plan shall include setbacks, panel size, and the location of property lines, buildings, fences, greenbelts, and road right of ways. The site plan must be drawn
- b) A ground mounted Solar Energy System shall not exceed the maximum building height for adjacent accessory buildings, but in no case shall the maximum height of any ground mounted Solar Energy System exceed fifteen (15) feet above the ground when oriented at maximum tilt.
- c) A ground mounted Solar Energy System shall be located in the rear yard and shall meet the rear yard setback requirements applicable in the zoning district in which the Solar Energy System will be located. If no solar access is available in the rear yard, a request can be brought to the Zoning Committee for permission to place elsewhere on the property.
- d) All power transmission or other lines, wires or conduits from a ground mounted Solar Energy System to any building or other structure shall be located underground. If batteries are used as part of the ground mounted Solar Energy System, they must be placed in a secured container or enclosure.
- e) There shall be greenbelt screening around any ground mounted Solar Energy Systems and equipment associated with the system to obscure, to the greatest extent possible, the Solar Energy System from any adjacent residences. The greenbelt shall consist of shrubbery, trees, or other non-invasive plant species that provide a visual screen. In lieu of a planting greenbelt, a decorative fence (meeting the requirements of this Ordinance applicable to fences) may be used.
- f) Ground-mounted accessory solar energy panels installed on a nonconforming lot or nonconforming use shall not be considered an expansion of the nonconformity.
- g) In the event that a ground mounted Solar Energy System has been abandoned (meaning not having been in operation for a period of one (1) year), the property owner shall notify the Township and shall remove the system within six (6) months from the date of abandonment.
 - h) A zoning permit shall be required for installation of a ground mounted Solar Energy

System.

C. COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

Commercial Solar Energy Systems shall only be allowed in the Agricultural-Residential District or the Industrial District as a special use approved by the Planning Commission. In addition to any other requirements for special use approval, Commercial Solar Energy Systems shall be ground mounted and are subject to the following requirements:

- 1. The property owner or applicant for a Commercial Solar Energy System shall provide the Planning Commission with proof of ownership of the subject property, a copy of any lease agreement for a commercial solar energy system, together with an operations agreement, which shall set forth the operations parameters, the name and contact information of the certified operator, inspection protocol, emergency procedures and general safety documentation.
- 2. Commercial Solar Energy Systems shall be located on parcels of land no less than twenty (20) acres in size.
- 3. The Commercial Solar Energy System shall meet the minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks of the zoning district. Setbacks should be measured when the panel is at minimum tilt.
- 4. The height of the Commercial Solar Energy System and any mounts shall not exceed fifteen (15)
- 5. Solar devices shall be screened year-round from view from any existing residential use and the public right-of-way by use of a screening wall, evergreen vegetation, or other screening of similar effectiveness and quality, as determined by the Planning Commission. Screening shall be installed which screen the facility fully from view from the time of planting or installation. Screening shall be maintained throughout the life of the facility including replacing dead vegetation within six (6) months or at the earliest feasible time of the year dependant on the weather.
- 6. The sound pressure level of a solar energy facility and all ancillary solar equipment shall not $exceed\ fifty-five\ (55)\ dBA\ (Leq\ (1\ hour))\ at\ the\ property\ line\ of\ an\ adjacent\ non-participating\ lot.\ The\ site\ plan$ shall include modeled sound isolines extending from the sound source to the property lines to demonstrate
- 7. Prior to installation, the applicant shall submit a descriptive site plan to the Planning Commission which includes where and how the Commercial Solar Energy System will connect to the power grid.
- 8. No Commercial Solar Energy System shall be installed until evidence has been given to the Planning Commission that the electric utility company has agreed to an interconnection with the electrical grid or a power purchase agreement. Any such agreement shall be furnished to the Planning Commission.
- 9. A condition of every approval of a Commercial Solar Energy System shall be adequate provision for the removal of the system whenever it ceases to be used for one (1) year or more. In the event that a system has been abandoned (meaning not having been in operation for a period of one (1) year), the property owner and developer/applicant shall notify the Township and shall remove the system within one (1) year from the date of abandonment. Removal includes the proper receipt of a demolition permit from the Building Official and proper restoration of the site to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator. The site shall then be filled and covered with topsoil and restored to a state compatible with the surrounding vegetation.
- 10. To ensure proper removal of a Commercial Solar Energy System upon discontinued use or abandonment, applications shall include a description of the financial security guaranteeing removal of the system which must be posted with the Township within fifteen (15) days after approval or before a construction permit is issued for the facility. The financial security shall be: 1) a cash bond; or 2) an irrevocable bank letter of credit or a performance bond, in a form approved by the Township. The amount of such guarantee shall be no less than the estimated cost of removal and may include a provision for inflationary cost adjustments. The estimate shall be prepared by the engineer for the developer and shall be approved by the Township. The applicant shall be responsible for the payment of any costs or attorney fees incurred by the Township in securing removal.
- 11. If the owner of the facility or the property owner fails to remove or repair the defective or abandoned Commercial Solar Energy System, the Township, in addition to any other remedy under this Ordinance, may pursue legal action to abate the violation by seeking to remove the Solar Energy System and recover any and all costs, including attorney fees.
- 12. Repowering: In addition to repairing or replacing solar energy components to maintain the system, a solar energy facility may at any time be repowered, without the need to apply for a new Special Use permit, by reconfiguring, renovating, or replacing the solar energy components to increase the power rating within the existing project footprint. A proposal to change the project footprint of an existing solar energy facility shall be considered a new application, subject to the ordinance standards at the time of the request. Expenses for legal services and other studies resulting from an application to modify a solar energy facility will be reimbursed to the Township by the solar energy facility owner in compliance with established escrow policy.

SECTION 4. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY.

Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEALER.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed but only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be published and take effect seven (7) days after publication as provided by law.

This Ordinance	was adopted by	the Township of Gustin, Co	unty of Alcona,	State of Michigan,	at a meeting
held on the	day of	, 2022, and ordered to	o be published in	n the manner presc	ribed by law.

I, Renee LeVergr	e, Clerk of the	Township of Gustin,	County of Alcon	a, State of Michig	gan, do hereby certify
that the foregoing	is a true copy	of an ordinance adopte	ed by the Townsh	ip Board of the T	ownship at a meeting
held on the	day of	, 2022., Town	nship Clerk		
Renee LeVergne.	Gustin Town	ship Clerk			

STATE OF MICHIGAN CITY OF HARRISVILLE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3.30

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE MOBILE FOOD VENDING ON PROPERTY OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE ZONING ORDINANCES (GENERAL PROVISIONS) BY ADDING SECTION 3.30, TITLED "MOBILE FOOD VENDING."

THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE ORDAINS: I. Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harrisville, Michigan, is hereby amended by adding Section 3.30 "Mobile Food Vending," which shall read as follows:

1. Purpose

It is the purpose of this Article to permit the operation of Mobile Food Vending Units that add to the vibrancy and desirability of the City of Harrisville, while providing a framework under which such businesses operate; and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the city.

2 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a) License. A license issued under this Article, as required for operation of a Mobile Food Vending Unit.
- b) Mobile Food Vending. Serving or offering for sale, food and/or beverages from a Mobile Food Vending Unit which may include the ancillary sales of branded items consistent with the food, such as a tee shirt that bears the name of the organization engaged in Mobile Food Vending.
- c) Mobile Food Vending Unit. Any motorized or non-motorized vehicle, trailer, stand, cart, or other device designed to be portable and not permanently attached to the ground from which food is served or offered for sale
- d) Operate. All activities associated with the conduct of business, not including set up and take down.
 e) City Office. The Harrisville City Office.
- f) Vendor. Any person(s) engaged with or employed by a Mobile Food Vending Unit.
- g) Immobilized. Any Mobile Food Vending Unit that is not stationary or that remains in the same location for greater than 5 minutes.

3. Scope

- a) General. The provisions of this Section apply to Mobile Food Vending Units engaged in the business of cooking, preparing and distributing food or beverage with or without charge on any property owned or occupied by the City of Harrisville.
- b) Exceptions. A license issued under this Article shall not be required for:
- 1) Any school or government-sponsored Mobile Food Vending Unit operating on school or government property
- 2) Authorized participants in any City of Harrisville-sponsored event (fair, festival, special event, civic event)
- 3) Any other event otherwise approved by the City of Harrisville.
- 4) Not-for-profit groups who operate Mobile Food Vending Units on an infrequent and irregular basis and on private property.
- 5) Mobile Food Vending Units operating on private property and that are not open to the general public; these include but are not limited to; graduation parties, open houses, family reunions, or other private events.
- 6) Unless operating upon a public street or within the right of way, food establishments that operate a permanent business that appears on the City of Harrisville tax roll are also exempt from this Article. When operating upon a public street or within the right of way immediately adjacent to their permanent location, permanent businesses are exempt from the minimum distance requirements in Sec. 6(b)(c). A license granted to a permanent business shall not count toward the 24-license-per-month limit.
- c) Exempted entities must notify the City of Harrisville of intent to operate a Mobile Food Vending Unit and may be denied if operation conflicts with other events.

4. License required; non-transferrable.

- a) General. No vendor shall engage in Mobile Food Vending on property owned or occupied by the City of Harrisville without a license from the City of Harrisville Office authorizing such vending. All licenses shall be prominently displayed on the Mobile Food Vending Unit. A license issued is not transferable from person to person or between vehicles. A vendor may purchase a day license no sooner than 90 days prior to the intended date of operation, and no later than 72 hours prior to the intended date of operation.
- b) License. A license allows the Vendor to operate in the City of Harrisville for one calendar day, one calendar month or one calendar year.

5. Application.

Every Vendor desiring to engage in Mobile Food Vending shall submit a written application for such license to the City of Harrisville Office. The application for a license shall include the following

- a) Complete license application.
- b) Copy of Health Department license.
- c) Copy of valid driver's license, current vehicle registration, and insurance including automobile liability coverage.
- d) Proof of General Comprehensive Liability policy with limits of not less than \$1 million Combined Single Limit coverage issued by an insurer licensed to do business in this State and which names the City as an additional insured.
- e) Signed statement that the licensee shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Harrisville, its officers and employees for any claims, damages, or injuries to persons or property which arise out of any activity by the licensee, its employees, or agents carried on under terms of the license.

6. Fees.

An application for a license under this Article shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount established by resolution of the City Council of the City of Harrisville. Fees are nonrefundable once a license has been issued by the City of Harrisville Office. No fee shall be charged to a business which is on the City of Harrisville's tax rolls whose normal business includes the sale of food and/or beverages. No one shall hire or subcontract such vendors in an attempt to evade the provisions of this Article. Special events sponsored by the City of Harrisville are exempt from licensing fees associated with Mobile Food Vending Units if all other requirements are met. (See fee schedule attached to application)

- a) Permitted Locations. This ordinance shall only regulate appropriate locations for Mobile Food Vending Units within the public areas which are owned or occupied by the City of Harrisville.
- b) Proximity to Existing Food Service Establishments. Any Mobile Food Vending Unit may not operate within one hundred (100) feet from the door of an eating establishment that is actively open for business unless the restaurant owner has signed a waiver for that purpose.
- c) Proximity to other Mobile Food Vending Units. Any Mobile Food Vending Unit operating within the city must be at least 10 feet from another Mobile Food Vending Unit, measured by the walkable distance between the two units. Food establishments who operate a permanent business that appears on the City of Harrisville's tax roll are exempted from this distance requirement.

8. Requirements.

Any vendor engaging in Mobile Food Vending within the City of Harrisville must:

- a) Provide appropriate waste receptacles at the site of the unit and remove all litter, debris and other waste attributable to the vendor on a daily basis.
- b) Not operate during a City of Harrisville-authorized Street fair, public festival, farmers' market or other public event without authorization from the City of Harrisville Office.
- c) Immobilize the Mobile Food Vending Unit while operating in the City of Harrisville.
- d) Not use flashing, blinking or strobe lights; all exterior lights over sixty (60) watts shall contain opaque, hood shields to direct the illumination downward.
- e) Not use loud music, amplification devices, or any other audible methods to gain attention. Any safety hazard or excessive noise associated with the operation of a Mobile Food Vending Unit, including generators, will be addressed by the City of Harrisville Zoning Administrator and may result in license
- f) Comply with all applicable City of Harrisville Ordinances unless stated otherwise herein.
- g) Comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and health department regulations.
- h) Operate only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. with special consideration to be approved at discretion of the City Clerk.
- i) Not Park a Mobile Food Vending Unit on the street overnight or leave a Mobile Food Vending Unit unattended and unsecured at any time. Any Mobile Food Vending Unit found to be unattended shall be considered a public safety hazard and may be ticketed and impounded.
- j) Not represent the granting of a license under this Article as an endorsement by the City of Harrisville. k) Not utilize any electricity or power without the written authorization of the power customer; no power cable or similar device shall be extended at or across any City Street, sidewalk, or pathway.
- I) Not dispose of waste generated by a Mobile Food Vending Unit into storm drains or sanitary sewer. m) Not be located so as to block or impede pedestrian or vehicular movement at any public sidewalk, roadway, driveway, approach, designated fire lane, or other means of ingress/egress not mentioned herein
- n) Display any licenses granted to the vendor by state, county, and City of Harrisville authorities.

9.Signage.

The operator of a Mobile Food Vending Unit may have one portable sign not more than six square feet, with no dimension greater than three feet and no height (with legs) greater than four feet, located within five feet of the unit; under no circumstances shall such a sign be placed upon a street or sidewalk in a manner that impedes pedestrian and/or vehicle safety.

10. Enforcement.

Any license holder operating a Mobile Food Vending Unit in violation of any provision of this Article shall be subject to a revocation of Food Truck License.

11. Impoundment.

Any equipment associated with food vending that is not in compliance with this Article and/or left on public property may be impounded at the owner's expense.

12.Revocation.

- a) The City Office shall revoke the license of a Mobile Food Vending Unit for any of the following reasons:
- 1) Fraud, misrepresentation, or a false statement on an application or in the course of operating the Mobile Food Vending Unit.
- 2) Creation of a public nuisance constituting a danger to public health, safety, and welfare.
- b) Once a license has been issued it may be revoked, suspended or not renewed by the City of Harrisville Office for failure to comply with the provisions of this Article and/or any other applicable rules or regulations promulgated by the City. Immediately upon such revocation the license shall become null and void and the City of Harrisville Office shall provide written notice to the license holder by certified mail to the address provided on the application. No person whose Mobile Food Vending Unit license has been revoked shall be eligible to receive another license within the City of Harrisville for one (1) year from the date of license revocation.

13. Right of appeal.

Vendors seeking to operate outside the above requirements, or who wish to appeal a decision of the City of Harrisville Office associated with the revocation of a license, may petition the City of Harrisville City Council. The City of Harrisville City Council is not obligated to approve a request and will, at its discretion, permit or deny request for any reason. Applicants must still follow all application procedures and documentation requirements. To appear on the agenda for consideration of an appeal, a written request for appeal must be made to the City of Harrisville Office not later than seven (7) business days before the City Council meeting for which redress is sought.

14. Validity and severability.

The provisions of this Article are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Article shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Article.

15. Reserved

II. This Ordinance shall be published within 15 days after its adoption. III. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of a summary of its provisions.

Jeffrey Gehring, Mayor: Barbara Pierce, Clerk Adopted: June 13, 2022 Published: November 2, 2022

7. Permitted locations.

Solar panel farms could change the look of county, community

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Over the past summer, energy companies have been obtaining contracts with Alcona County landowners for the purchase or lease of their land for solar panel project farms. Many have already signed contracts and stand to gain a sizeable income, should the panels be installed. Others, however, are questioning whether the panels have a place in the county.

Dr. John MacMaster and his wife, Dr. Jaci Fitzgerald, local farmers in Harrisville Township, are asking questions about what 3,000 acres of land, which is what the energy companies are seeking, with thousands of solar panels on it will take away from what they and others view as scenic, pristine and valuable farmland.

"This whole thing has been approached at breakneck speed without transparency to the rest of the community. Even people who would be living directly in the solar panel zone are unaware this is even being discussed. This isn't the way we should do business," MacMaster said.

According to MacMaster, the energy companies were making a lot of promises and dangling huge income carrots to certain property owners. And, maybe, the whole picture needed to be addressed, such as once the

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trial solar panel farms in Mikado.

"If solar panels do come to (Mikado), I'd like to see the ordinance state a bond be set to make sure the ground is taken back to its original state. I'd like to see the ground underneath solar panels utilized, maybe for beehives or hay. I don't know if that would work, but I think it could," Corn said.

Supervisor of Curtis Township, James McCormick, said his planning commission just had its first meeting on the subject and will be looking at its ordinances. Other townships said they either already had a solar panel ordinance in place, were about to look at implementing one or were not too concerned about the solar panel farms because the land around the township was either too hilly, heavily forested or too far away from transmitters to be considered for such projects.

The public hearing for Gustin Township solar panel amended ordinance will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the township hall located at 113 S. 2nd Street in Lincoln. The full text of the amending ordinance is available at the Gustin Township Hall by appointment and at GustinTownship@gmail.com. Or by calling Pamela Ashford at (989) 736-8312. Written comments may be sent to Gustin Township Clerk, P.O. Box 25, Lincoln, Mich., 48742 before the meeting.

panels are in place, who will be paying for the companies to lease or purchase the land?

"I have concerns about how we generate energy and how we do it going forward. I'm concerned about the extraordinary cost (companies are willing to pay) and will those costs be borne by the public who need electricity? At the center of this is our government and large monopoly. If you want electricity, you need to buy your power and there is only one company to purchase that power from. This form of energy production appears to be cheap and efficient, but it isn't, it's just highly subsidized," Mac-Master said.

He felt there didn't seem to be enough dispassionate reckonings about options and cost and questioned what the push-through would be in terms of citizens' power bills in the future.

He also pondered if there were actual studies that show solar-generated power success in places like northern Michigan. "The sun doesn't shine 24-hours a day. Northern Michigan is cloudy with long dark winters. It isn't a logical place to harvest solar power," MacMaster said.

He had deep concerns about if the bountiful farmland in the county was taken out of production, would it ever be replenished back to its original state and said that rarely, if ever, happens.

"What will be lost here if they achieve their goal and take some of the most productive farmland in northern Michigan? Almost every bit of this land is under production and producing food. The local community should be able to weigh in on this decision. We have to ask if the loss of food production is outweighed by this type of energy production

"I grew up here and 40 years ago most of these fields they are now contracting for solar energy were not in production. Today, 100 percent is in production. They are producing edible beans, soybeans, corn and alfalfa, things the world needs. The farmers are making money farming and there is a demand for farmland to produce food. The fact that all this land (in Alcona County) is well-farmed and productive is a testament to the fact of the quality of this land. Why are they doing this on land so well suited for farming?

"People need to be aware of the big change this will make in our community. Future generations are concerned -- no one is making more land. The companies are promising the leased rights will be passed to the heir of the property, but there is more than just one type of legacy to leave, such as healthy land and a healthy community," Mac-Master said.

He and Fitzgerald felt the energy companies were overwhelming the local public with their expertise and unlimited resources by targeting land where the property owners either don't live on or near. He said the energy companies were very good at disputing things and they don't try to put solar panel projects in places where rich and sophis-

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media, not one parent called the school regarding their concerns. "We will have to be careful where these buses go. If I can run an electric bus on a daily route, I will. We need to see if this will work for us. No one knows for sure because it hasn't been done," O'Connor said.

"This is the only grant we know of for buses this year and we were lucky to be selected. The federal government wants us to go green. We will run these buses and make the best of what we got," Neuenfeldt said.

According to O'Connor, based on district research, they had four routes the buses

could be installed on as well as the career and technical education bus route that goes to Alpena.

Also, based on district research, electricity would be cheaper than gas, but O'Connor said they would be installing a meter at the charging station for assessment on just how much power was being used, a figure they will not know until months of data have been collected.

For more information about the Clean School Bus program or electric school buses, visit epa.gov/cleanschoolbus or bluebird.com/buses/electric-school-buses.



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ticated people live.

"It bothers me to see a very powerful government and monopolistic company have their way without any say from the local community. This will turn a productive rural farm community into an industrial site with a sixfoot chain-link fence with gates and locks around it. The environmental impact will be astonishing. How will this affect the wildlife here?" MacMaster said.

They were alarmed when they realized one of the power companies was offering advice to Gustin Township on how to write its solar panel ordinance and questioned how many of the township board members had contracted with one of the energy companies. "Wouldn't that be a conflict of interest?" Fitzgerald asked.

She said the human ecology will also be disruptive. "It will become the land of the haves and the have-nots. This isn't just a Gustin Township problem, it will spread out to surrounding townships and communities," she said.

According to MacMaster, there were many questions still not answered such as

where the panels are produced and how they are disposed of when they become obsolete. He read that 97 percent of the panels are made in China, which means the people who will ultimately pay the burden for energy produced will be paying their lized again for farming. "I'm betting that airable land that can produce bountiful food is going to be considered more valuable than solar panels. There are not a lot of places that can grow year after year reliable and bountiful crops as we can in our county. This

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~ Dr. John MacMaster

hard-earned dollars to China, a Communist government.

"Look at Germany. Their energy cost has gone up 300 percent around this very same issue. There is no reason we should follow the same path. We should not count for things as basic as our heat and energy on a country that is not friendly to us. We should be self-reliant in those critical areas," MacMaster said.

They wondered what the land would look like in 20 or 25 years and said it probably would not be able to be uti-

is a naturally productive land. The world is hungry and will always need that. This seems to be unwise environmentally," MacMaster said.

They explained one way to make sure the rural land of Alcona County stays pristine is to do what other communities have done to sway energy companies from seeking land, by making stringent ordinances with large greenbelts dividing solar panel projects from other public and private properties and other enforceable restrictions.



This DTE solar panel farm is located in Lapeer, Mich.

Upper brothers qualify for state finals

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country team ran at East Jordan for its Division 4 regional race last Saturday. The Tigers were missing a team member, so they could not compile a team score, but they did have a pair of runners punch their tickets to the state finals; those being brothers Cole Upper and Carter Upper.

"I was very pleased with how well the team ran," head coach Tammy Nelson said.

"All four boys set high goals for themselves and achieved personal records."

Freshman Cole Upper made the state finals thanks to his 11th place finish and time of 17:39. Junior Carter Upper made it on an 18th place finish and time of 17:56. Darren Boyat was 39th on a time of 19:42 and Zygmund Villalobos was 44th on a time of 20:46.

'Carter and Cole Upper qualifying for the state meet on Saturday is pretty exciting for them as well as myself," Nelson said. "They have worked hard this season to achieve this accomplishment. I am very proud of them."

The state finals are Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

"As for goals (at the state finals), Carter and Cole will set the bar high," Nelson said. "As a coach, I am hoping for personal records from both of the boys once again."



Alcona's Cole Upper as he nears the finish line for this 11th place finish in the regional meet last weekend. Courtesy photo.



Located in Big Creek Township, Oscoda County on the AuSable River, the pier is located west of Mio adjacent to the Camp 10 Road Bridge. The pier has been a long-time favorite fishing spot for anglers.

"The risk to public safety outweighs the popularity of the fishing spot and warranted immediate action," stated Mio Ranger Greyling Brandt.

According to Brandt, the current structure has been impacted by environmental wear. This has caused the



The USDA Forest Service is closing the Camp 10 Bridge Pier due to public safety concerns involving the structural integrity of the popular fishing spot. The boat launch and east side pier will remain open. *Photo courtesy of the USDA Forest Service.*

structure to shift and settle unevenly leaving the structure unsupported in areas. "It's just not safe to use," he said.

The Michigan DNR pier on the east side of the river, south of the Camp 10 Road, is still open and available to visitors for fishing. Check with the Michigan DNR for fees and regulations.

The pier will remain closed indefinitely while the Forest Service evaluates the structure's future



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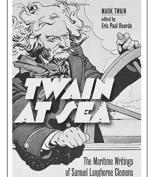
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What you'll pay for Medicare in 2023

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've read that retirees will be getting a nice cost-of-living increase in our Social Security benefits next year but what about Medicare? What will our Medicare Part B monthly premiums and other Medicare costs be in 2023?

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

From an entitlement program standpoint, 2023 is going to be a very good year for retirees! Not only will you receive a nice 8.7 percent costof-living increase in your Social Security retirement benefits – the largest since 1981 - the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also recently announced that your Medicare Part B standard monthly premium will be lowered three percent (\$5.20) from the current rate of \$170.10 per month, to



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\$164.90/month in 2023.

The reason for the reduction is a correction to last year's hefty Part B premium increase, which was larger than it needed to be. The 2022 premium hike of about 14.5 percent was announced amid uncertainty about the potential impact of a new Alzheimer's drug called Aduhelm, which threatened to explode Medicare costs. That didn't happen. The cost of the drug was cut roughly in half from an original \$56,000 a year and Medicare

sharply limited coverage. This created a large financial reserve for Part B, allowing the program to reduce next year's premium.

You'll also be happy to know

You'll also be happy to know that in addition to the premium reduction, the annual deductible for Medicare Part B will also be lowered \$7 from \$233 in 2022, to \$226 in 2023. And if you have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, the average premium in 2023 will be about \$31.50, which is a 1.8 percent decrease from \$32.08 in 2022.

But the news isn't all rosy. The deductible for Medicare Part A (hospital coverage) per benefit period (which generally starts when you are admitted to the hospital) will be \$1,600 in 2023, up \$44 from this year's \$1,556. That applies to the first 60 days of inpatient care. For the 61st through 90th day, the coinsurance will be \$400 per day, up from \$389 this year. And

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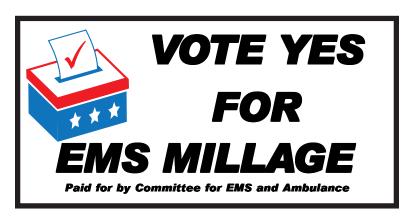
Jason Haglund of Harrisville (and Madison Heights, Mich.) harvested his first archery deer when he took this eight-point buck on Monday, Oct. 24. He was hunting on Triple B Hunt Club property in Alcona County. *Courtesy photo.*

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Lady Tigers conclude final week of regular season

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team played at Tawas last Thursday in a non-league game. The Lady Tigers won the first set but couldn't reclaim the magic from there. They dropped some close sets and, eventually, the match, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22 and 27-

"It was a very intense match up," said head coach Kristi Miller. "The girls had a strong night on the net as Carmen Dellar and Sage Gautheir delivered nine kills and Angelina Howe had eight. Carmen and Angelina also had many huge blocks that kept us fueled. Defensively, we covered the court well, but came up short. I was proud of our efforts as everyone stepped up."

Other stats for the Lady Tigers included Emma Travis getting 22 digs. Dellar had five blocks and Addison Beatty had two aces.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25 the Lady Tigers played in a trimeet at Johannesburg-Lewiston. They lost to host Joburg 25-12 and 25-17 and lost to Inland Lakes 25-14 and 25-8.

"Johannesburg and Inland Lakes were solid competition for us," Miller said. "We fought but struggled to defend their attacks. It is important we focus on our court coverage to prepare for our upcoming

Against J-L. Howe had four kills. Dellar had three blocks and Gauthier added seven digs.

Against Inland Lakes, Howe had three kills. Travis had 24 assists and Sierra West added three digs.

Alcona plays in a Division 3 district at Tawas this week. They began the tournament on Monday, Nov. 7 against Whittemore-Prescott, with the winner of that game playing in the semi-finals on Wednesday against Oscoda.

The district finals are set for Friday, with Pinconning and Tawas also in the district. The winner of this district plays in regionals next week in Lake City.

Leaving the leaves

By Terry Roorda

Aspiring Arborist

Up north, the maple trees are the stars of the annual fall color revue. They're the big draw that every October entices downstaters to tour the back roads hereabouts in their fine motorcars, and lounge around the quaint inns and bed and breakfasts, ideally around a cozy fire, and preferably around one that's in a fireplace or a woodstove and not the quaint drapes.

They read poetry to each other, I imagine, and sip mulled wine like the spoiled

fudgies they are.

And they go forth to bask in the autumn glow and ogle the vibrantly-hued maples and marvel at how everyone in these parts seem to wave at each other. And then they depart when the color show's ending and the maples have commenced to shed, much like party guests who come to your house to feast and drink your booze and then slip away when the festivities wind down and your booze is gone, leaving you to clean up the big mess by yourself.

I digress. Back to the maples, then, and particularly the heritage maples of Lake Street, which this year put on a dazzling display the finest in years, by some accounts - before tiring and dropping their leafy burden



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A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

By Terry Roorda

all over my damn lawn.

In years past, this had meant pulling out the rakes and snow shovels and raking the leaves and scooping them up into plastic bags, in a procedure not so very different from cleaning up after the dogs.

pulverize with the mower.

I became despondent. I desperately needed a whole new strategy for dealing with the leaves and began to research alternatives. Ever alert for new ways to weasel out of work, I soon settled on a solution advocated by,

In years past, this had meant pulling out the rakes and snow shovels and raking the leaves and scooping them up into plastic bags, in a procedure not so very different from cleaning up after the dogs.

But as time wore on and my joints and stamina wore out, I was obliged to adopt other tactics including one I dubbed Gone With the Wind. This approach consisted of simply waiting for a stiff northwest wind to kick up, and then using my big rake to fling the leaf piles heavenward to be redistributed wherever - the street, the adjoining properties -- wherever the wind carried them. I don't much care. I'm not their mother, and I can't be held responsible for where they

The other tactic I came to adopt was to fire up the Cub Cadet, elevate the mower deck and run amok over the whole biomass, sort of mulching it. I'd heard that this is an environmentally sound approach, and it's pretty easy

And that's worked really well. This year, however, the maples of Lake Street got sucker punched by an arctic incursion, dropping the temperature 20 degrees and serving up a hard rain and wicked wind. The combination brought down a massive maple detritus dump, and gave it a good soaking simultaneously, creating a sodden mess right down to the dirt.

That put me in a pickle. The sheer volume of soggy leaves deprived me of my usual coping mechanisms since it was too heavy to fling and too dense to adequately

among others, the National Wildlife Federation, and one being widely embraced in the Netherlands (where they know a thing or two about gardening) as well as Canada (where they know a thing or two about maple leaves).

And the solution is this: Leave the leaves where they

And they make a compelling case for what otherwise sounds like a lazy dodge (which, in and of itself, is pretty compelling for the slackers among us), explaining that the layer of leaves is uber-healthy for the ecosystem, enriching the soil naturally and providing a rich environment and benefits for a variety of life forms from essential microbes to native plant species; from worms and toads to moths and butterflies and on up the chain to songbirds and various mammals.

I quickly adopted the plan, even though it sounded too good to be true, and so far it's working out great. In the interest of full disclosure, however, I should add that the whole idea has its naysayers, as all ingenious new breakthroughs have always had, and these party poopers moan that the leaves might kill the grass, and there is doubtless some truth to the assertion.

I'll worry about that come the spring.

Savvy

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for days 91 to 150, the charge will be \$800 per day (up from \$778 in 2022).

And the skilled nursing facility coinsurance for days 21-100 will also increase to \$200 per day, up from \$194.50 in 2022.

Wealthy Beneficiary **Breaks**

High earning Medicare beneficiaries, which makes up about seven percent of all Medicare recipients, will also receive a break in 2023. Medicare surcharges for high earners are based on adjusted gross income from two years earlier, which means that 2023 Part B premiums are determined by 2021 annual income.

So, if your 2021 income was above \$97,000 up to \$123,000 (\$194,000 up to \$246,000 for married couples filing jointly), your 2023 Part B monthly premium will be \$230.80, down from \$238.10

Monthly premiums for singles with an income be-\$123,000 tween and \$153,000 (\$246,000 and \$306,000 for joint filers) will decrease from \$340.20 to \$329.70 in 2023.

Individuals earning above \$153,000 up to \$183,000 (\$306,000 to \$366,000 for joint filers) will see their monthly premium decrease from \$442.30 to \$428.60 in 2023.

Those with incomes above \$183,000 up to \$500,000 (\$366,000 to \$750,000 for joint filers), your 2023 Part B premium will be \$527.50, down form \$544.30 in 2022.

And single filers with income of \$500,000 or more (\$750,000 or more for joint filers) will pay \$560.50 per month next year, versus this year's premium of \$578.30.

High-income beneficiaries with a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan will also pay a little less next year. If your income was over \$97,000 (\$194,000 for joint filers) you'll pay a \$12.20 to \$76.40 monthly surcharge on top of your regular Part D premiums based on your income

For more information on Medicare's 2023 costs see Medicare.gov/basics/costs/ medicare-costs.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any services that check in on elderly seniors who live alone? I live about 200 miles from my 82-year-old mother and worry about her falling or getting ill and not being able to call for help.

Worrywart Daughter

Dear Worrywart.

There are actually several different types of check-in services, along with some simple technology devices that can help keep your mom safe at home while providing you some peace of mind. Here are some top options to look

• Check-in app: If your mom uses a smartphone, a great solution to help ensure her safety is Snug (SnugSafe.-

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A boy, a dog, and a gun

By Terry P. Roorda Author & Artist

Pictures from the Past is yet another sub-series of Alcona Roads, a weekly exploration, in words and drawings, of Alcona County history and Great Lakes shipwreck lore.

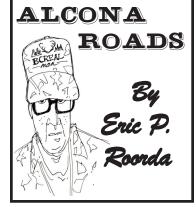
There is a picture from the past of a toddler named Floyd Emerick. The little guy is dressed up like the title character in "The Littlest Blackshirt," the children's book that Mrs. Mussolini would read to her little ones, when Papa was out leading torch-light parades. He is clad in black, from his military-looking hat to his high boots, and has a very realistic miniature rifle cradled in the crook of his arm, in the spot where a teddy bear would fit nicely. A very big black dog is on duty as his companion.

This little poem is based on that studio photograph.

"A Boy, a Dog, and a Gun" There once was a boy named Floyd Emerick,

whose black cap and jackboots were super-slick.

His prescription for fun? "Get a dog and a gun!"



Wise words for concluding this limerick.

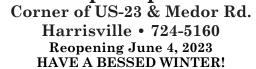
You can find the original photograph on page 227 of Alcona County: A Pictorial History, Vol. II, available for purchase at the Alcona County Review office.)

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books in-``Theclude, Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.")



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com), a free app that would check in on her every day to confirm she's okay. This app is used by thousands of elderly seniors who live alone and want to make sure that if something happens to them, their loved ones will be notified quickly so they can receive help in minutes, rather than days.

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Hope Lutheran Church is hosting a bazaar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a cookie and bake sale, quilt raffle, chance auction and a soup and salad luncheon for \$12. Shoppers will also find crafts, pasties, sauerkraut, pickled beets and many other canned fruits and vegetables. The church is located at 5462 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard

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The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The selection for November is "Beloved," by Toni Morrison. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

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

Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

For extra peace of mind, your mom can purchase Snug's premium plan (\$10/ month) where in addition to notifying her emergency contacts, Snug will request an in-person wellness check by a police officer who will visit her house to confirm she's okay and provide assistance as needed. The app works with iPhone and Android smartphones.

• Check-in calls: If your mom doesn't use a smartphone, another option to help ensure her safety is a daily check-in call service program. These are telephone reassurance programs usually run by police or sheriff's departments in hundreds of counties across the country and are usually provided free of

Here's how they work. A computer automated phone

system would call your mom at a designated time each day to check in. If she answers, the system will assume everything is okay. But if she didn't pick up or if the call goes to voice mail after repeated tries, you (or whoever her designee is) would get a notification call. If you are not reachable, calls are then made to backup people who've also agreed to check on your mom if necessary.

The fallback is if no one can be reached, the police or other emergency services personnel will be dispatched to her home.

To find out if this service is available in your mom's community, call her local police department's nonemergency number. You should also check with the Area Agency on Aging in your mom's area -call (800) 677-1116 for contact information.

If, however, her community doesn't have a call checkin program, there are businesses like CARE (Call-Reassurance.com) and IAm-Fine (Iamfine.com) that offer similar services for under \$15 per month.

• Technology devices: You may also want to invest in some simple technology aids to keep your mom safe. One of the most commonly used devices for this is a medical alert system that cost about \$1 per day. These systems come with a wearable "help button" that would allow her to call for help 24/7.

Another option that's becoming increasingly popular is smart speakers, like Amazon Alexa or Google Home. These devices work with thirdparty applications - AskMy-Buddy.net and MySOSFam-

ily.com - that would let your mom to call multiple emergency contacts with a simple verbal command.

And be sure to check out Amazon's Alexa Together (Amazon.com/AlexaTogether), a new \$20 monthly subscription service that helps families support and keep tabs on their older loved ones who live alone through an Alexa-enabled device.

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

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Buggy Rides



Dr. Marshall moves into beautiful new office

November 6, 1947 ~ Harrisville can be justly proud of the beautiful new home and offices, completed this week by Dr. R. A. Marshall, Den-

The new Ranch-type home located on the corner of State and Church streets, was started early in 1946, and due to the shortages of building materials and other

Lake Shore Bottlers open in Harrisville

November 6, 1947 ~ Larry DuChane and Bud Rollings, both of Harrisville, announce the opening of their new bottling plant on the DuChane property on Lake Street in Harrisville.

DuChane and Rollings have remodeled their building, and have installed automotic bottling and sterlizing machinery, capable of bottling several hundred half gallon jugs per hour. They designed and built their own equipment.

The product will be known as Wilson's Products, and the new company has the State Franchise.

Four popular flavors will be produced, and at present Orange and Grape have been placed in the local markets for the public.

The Review joins with the many well-wishers of Mr. DuChane and Mr. Rollings, in wishing success of the new industry.

causes, has been a long and hard task for the builders.

The dentist offices are located in the north wing of the building with entrance on Church Street.

New equipment has been added, consisting of the latest in X-ray machine, and Nitrus Oxide equipment for gas. Arloa Slater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Slater, has the honor of being the first patient in the new offices, Monday morning.

Ralph Warner, local contractor, was the builder, and Robert Young is doing a beautiful job of interior decorating. Both men are to be congratulated on the fine workmanship. Heating installation was installed by Gil Gardner, and plumbing and electrical wiring by Larry DuChane, all local contrac-

Getting around the law

November 4, 1897 ~ The Alpena Fish Co., of which Casper Alpern is president, has played a clever trick to evade the new fish law which provides for a closed season after Nov. 1. A temporary injunction was secured restraining the game warden from interfering with commercial fishing until the new law can be tested. The matter will be argued Nov. 20, and if beaten the Fish company will take an appeal to the supreme court. Whatever the outcome they will have had the full benefit of the fishing for the present season.

Let the good times roll at Village Lanes

November 3, 1997 ~ By Lisa R. Melendez

New owners of Village Lanes & Back Alley Bar, Christine and Mark Kilmer, are no strangers to fun, bowling or business.

Before taking over the business in May of this year, the Kilmers owned a successful business in East Tawas, "Fun For All" for seven years.

Love of bowling and of people inspired them to purchase Village Lanes in Harrisville on US -23 six months ago. "I wanted to get into a business that didn't rely on tourism," said Mark Kilmer, an avid bowler of 35 years.

"I also enjoy the people that I meet here. We always have something in common, love of bowling.

Christine Kilmer, also an avid bowler of 25 years, agreed with her husband. "I like meeting the people," she said. "The best part of the business for me is the people I meet here from this area...very friendly and nice people."

Christine has been the office manager of Tawas St. Joseph Health System, (formerly Dr. Franks' office) for 15 and a half years.

Mark was the sales manager of WIOS/WKJC Tawas radio station for 10 years, prior to owning the business in East Tawas.

They have two children attending colleges down state -Beau, a senior at James Madison at Michigan State University, and Casey, a sophomore at Northwood University in Midland.

Oscoda residents of over

23 years, they are looking to move closer to Harrisville. The couple spends a great deal of their time at the business and have made a lot of improvements to the Village

Lanes. They remodeled the front area for a lounge, complete with bar area, jukebox and pool table, nicely decorated with signs, memorabilia and bowling motif. Much of the memorabilia came from Kilmer's hunting camp or were signs that he made him-

Many of his favorites were donations from customers. New pins and a new lanestripper were also purchased, and they just completed enlarging the parking lot.

The most celebrated customer at his business so far is Terry Mills of the Pistons, who stopped in to bowl one evening in August. He was "careful not to bump his head as he walked through the door."

All of the Kilmers' customers are special to them, and it is evident in the attention and friendly service they are eager to give. They are always more than happy to answer any questions or give pointers to beginners.

Open bowling is held after p.m. or Saturday at 7:30 p.m for Moonlight Bowling. The eight lanes are usually busy, so call ahead. All of the many leagues are presently full, however, a new league will be forming in November. They are also hoping to start a Scotch Doubles Tournament for couples soon.

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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- **1. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the coldest ocean on Earth?
- **2. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What kind of animal is represented by the scientific order Proboscidea?
- **3. LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "pan-" mean in English?
- **4. MEDICAL:** What is the common name for Hansen's disease?
- **5. LITERATURE:** Which 1970s nonfiction book begins with the line, "We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold"?
- **6. THEATER:** Who wrote the Tony Award-winning play "The Heidi Chronicles"?
- **7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** The Empire State Building in New York has how many stories?
- **8. ACRONYMS:** In photography, what does the acronym SLR stand for?
- 9. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces a cheese called Manchego?
- **10. HISTORY:** Who was the first House Speaker in U.S. history?

Answers: 1. The Arctic Ocean.; 2. Elephants.; 3. "All" (panorama, etc.).; 4. Leprosy.; 5. "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (Hunter S. Thompson).; 6. Wendy Wasserstein.; 7. 102. 8. Single lens reflex.; 9. Spain.; 10. Frederick Muhlenberg. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Moments In Time By The History Channel



- On November 2, 1862, Mary Todd Lincoln wrote to her husband about the public sentiment against General George B. McClellan's cautious command, saying people "would almost worship you if you would put a fighting general in the place of McClellan." The president followed her advice.
- On November 1, 1941, Ansel Adams shot a picture of a moonrise over Hernandez, New Mexico, that would become one of photography's most famous images. Adams made more than 1,300 prints of it during his career including one that sold at a Sotheby's auction for \$609,600 in 2006.
- On October 31, 1955, out of loyalty to the crown, England's Princess Margaret announced she would not marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. His divorced status would have forced her to give up her royal title, Civil List allowance, and place in the line of succession to the throne.
- On November 3, 1960, Congress passes an act creating the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Morris County, New Jersey, residents and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey wanted to turn the swamp into a regional airport.
- On November 4, 1985, Soviet defector Vitaly Yurchenko announced his return to the Soviet Union, claiming he'd been kidnapped by the CIA. Yurchenko was awarded the Order of the Red Star by the Soviet government for the successful "infiltration operation."
- On November 5, 1995, Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell announces officially that he is moving the team to Baltimore. Months later, the NFL allowed Modell to move the team, but he had to give up rights to the Browns name.
- On November 5, 2003, Jarome Iginla of the Calgary Flames, one of just 20 players in NHL history to score 600 goals, became the first Black player in the NHL to become captain. The previous year, Iginla was the first Black man to win gold in the winter Olympics when Canada beat the U.S. at hockey in Salt Lake City.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- Those of us who have a little difficulty successfully sealing wraps, gyros or burritos are at last in luck, thanks to a group of female engineering students who came up with a solution called Tastee Tape. It will hold your food nicely in place during cooking or consumption. And yes, it is an edible tape.
 - Only humans have chins.
- Ladybugs are cute, but they're also cannibals. These tiny spotted creatures will, if need be, eat fertilized ladybug eggs, ladybug larvae and even other adult ladybugs.
- Do you know someone who really loves to tell jokes? Here's hoping they aren't suffering from a rare syndrome known as Witzelsucht, or joke addiction, affecting certain folks with an injury to their brain's right hemisphere. One such patient couldn't stop waking his poor wife in the middle of the night to share his jokes with her.
- The longest eyelash on record reached a length of 2.75 inches and belonged to one Stuart Muller, who attributed the record-setting strand to a "mutant follicle."
- When the German football club FC Union Berlin faced bankruptcy in 2004, its loyal fans donated enough blood en masse that sufficient funds were raised to save it.
- King Charles III will receive his crown while sitting on a throne containing the Stone of Destiny, a rock that was stolen from Scotland in 1296 and carried to Westminster Abbey by King Edward I, then returned to Scotland 700 years later. But why is it significant, other than its feature in a royal coronation? It is said to be the stone on which the biblical Jacob rested his head when he dreamed of a ladder ascending to heaven!

Thought for the Day: "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." -- Michael Altshuler
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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: ${f R}$ equals ${f S}$

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ITCH QV SH BRHC SA TFQPHRR

PHYC TEC RZTQHP DYXYERZY:

OTPT SAOHR.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Silhouette art

This silhouette of a

woman, cut by mouth

Ann

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Honeywell, had an

estimated value of

\$400 to \$800 at

Garth"s Auction, Inc.,

but did not sell. Photo

courtesy of the Kovels

but only once a year or

about every 400 days.

They were often given

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They sell for less than

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TIP: Check your

\$15.

A recent catalog gave a description of a silhouette as "cut by mouth." Martha Ann Honeywell (1786-1856) was a disabled artist who cut silhouettes and did needlework without using her hands. She was born without hands $or for earms \, and \, was \, also$ missing two toes. She could cut and paste, thread a needle, embroider and write using her mouth, toes and the upper part of her arms.

Honeywell performed around the United States and in Europe for almost 60 years. She charged 25 cents for a silhouette which she "cut" out of black paper, pasted onto a white background, and signed in ink. Two needlework pieces, one inscribed with the Lord's Prayer in ink, framed together with a silhouette, sold at auction for \$1,560 last year. A silhouette of a woman in a bonnet signed by Honeywell was estimated at \$400 to \$800 in another sale, but it did not sell.

Q: I'd like some information about a Kundo 400-day anniversary clock. It's brass and has a key wind mechanism. What is it worth?

A: Several companies made anniversary clocks in the 1950s and '60s. They were the first clocks that didn't have to be wound every day,

and will notice missing money.

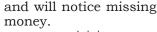
Halloween, costume, witch, black fabric, laced bodice, skirt, cape and pointy hat with embroidered black cat decoration, c. 1940, adult size, skirt 40-inch waist, \$95.

1/2 inches, \$375.

Tin, barn star, 10point compass star, original polychrome paint, iron rod, six-point star counterweight, weathered finish, American, late 1800s, 32 x 45 inches, \$3,125.

Clock, train station, cast bronze, square column support, octagonal base with four windows, Neoclassical decoration, scrolling leaves, torches, acorns, four stone faces, four original Type B-2 electric movements, Warren Telechron Co., 1926-1930s, 51 x 19 x 19 inches, \$5,000.

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You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to answer to the claim of negligence. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before December 19, 2022. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Steven Ray Alderman at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the last week of posting and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

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Veterans Post By Greddy Groves

Suicide rates are down

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently released its 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Suicide numbers are down, they say, for

the second year in a row. At the same time, they announced the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants, a program that gives money to community organizations to create suicide prevention programs, and authorized \$174 million to be handed out over the course of three years to provide those services.

The list of groups that received the grants is impressive, with most receiving the maximum amount of \$750,000. But it's the groups that received lesser amounts that arouse curiosity. War Horses for Veterans received one-third the maximum amount,

yet they're very handson, matching horses with veterans and first responders under stress to help them recover from trauma. United States Veterans Initiative provides job assistance, rental assistance and much more, but they received only a small grant. Community Building Art Works received a similarly small grant to provide writing and art workshops for veterans and family members in all counties of three states. Legal Aid Society got half the largest amount to handle legal assistance for the whole state of Kentucky.

Declining suicide numbers are no guarantee that veterans are under less stress. In 2020, there were 6,146 veteran suicides. That year had the lowest number since 2006, but we need to look at overall rates to see what it really means. While veteran suicide numbers fell by 9.7% between 2018 and 2020, the civilian numbers fell by

And just so you know, Staff Sgt. Parker Gordon Fox, for whom the grant is named, was a sniper instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, when he died in 2020 of suicide at age 25. Fox, a talented musician, left his parents and many relatives, as well as his dog, Willie Nelson Fox, and a 1962 Gibson gui-

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Abortion destroys a human life and undermines our common humanity. We are daughters, sisters, mothers. We are women. We urge you to VOTE NO on Proposal 3.



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A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.

Paid for by Wendy Richardson, Janette Richardson-Stover, Natalie Goldstrom, Christine Brackett, Marijane Maceri.



Jeremy Kilbourne with daughters Willow and Meadow. Courtesy photo.



Great weather brought out hundreds of folks to the annual Lincoln Trick or Trunk last Saturday. Event coordinator Teresa Hart said it was a record year with 465 mugs sold for the chili and soup cook-off. It was the first time they sold out of cups completely. Center in the crowd is Lori Wilkins who won the best-decorated car contest. Other winners included: chili winner --Snyder's Lincoln Pharmacy; best-decorated business --Sue Harvey from the Cozy Cabin; pet costume winners -- first place to the Big Bad Wolf (with dogs Cooper, Oscar and Milo, owned by Leonard and Heidi Morang featuring their granddaughter, Lily Fry, as the wolf), second place went to Princess, owned by Mike and Lucy Karall; third place went to Hunter, owned by Jet and Tracy Adkins, and fourth place went to Stella, owned by Kasey Cordes. Courtesy photo.