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Northern Michigan resort promotes dark skies

By Mackenzie DeRaad
Capital News Service

The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in the Upper Peninsula has been accepted into the International Dark-Sky Association, the third recognized dark sky park in the state.

Headlands International Dark Sky Park (established in 2011 in Mackinaw City) and the Dr. T.K. Lawless International Dark Sky Park (established in 2019 in Jones, Cass County) had been Michigan's only internationally designated ones.

Such areas are becoming more popular in the United States as people become more interested in astrotourism experiences, according to park attendance figures and Alan Dyer, an astronomy writer and photographer and producer of planetarium programs for the TELUS Spark Science Centre in Alberta, Canada.

The Keweenaw Peninsula has seen a drastic increase in park attendance, likely due to its admittance to the International Dark-Sky Association.

"People have a bucket list of amazing sights they want to see, like the northern lights or the Milky Way," Dyer told USA TODAY. Dyer described the night sky as one of the many wonders of the world.

The night sky is less visible in urban settings because of the lights, so enthusiasts head to rural areas, like the U.P.

John Mueller, the interim general manager at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor, Mich. said he hopes more dark sky parks will join in the near future.

"Right now there are two other Michigan international parks looking to join the association, but interesting enough because of certain legislation, state parks cannot join," Mueller said.

Previous law said state parks recognized as dark sky areas couldn't stay open past 10 p.m., putting a barrier between dark sky enthusiasts and night sky viewing.

"But, in the last two or three months, the laws changed and state parks designated as dark sky areas can now stay open later than 10 p.m.," he said.

It looks like the legislation



More and more people are interested in astrotourism experiences like the Keweenaw night sky. *Courtesy photo.*

is moving in the right direction, Mueller said.

Although the process to join was rigorous, he says becoming part of the association was a great move for his lodge. "This was a process we wanted to be part of," Mueller said. "Becoming a part of the association, that was just the byproduct of doing a great job."

He described the acceptance as a guiding force rather than an end goal. "Even if it wasn't worth it (to join), we'd

still be doing it," Mueller said, referring to astrotourism.

Stargazing is one of many ways people are connecting to nature, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic motivated people to spend more time outdoors.

Mueller said the lodge's park has that "national park era" feel, like Acadia or Yellowstone.

The parks are working on creating light only in a manner that fosters dark skies, he added.

Light pollution is a major health concern, but the International Dark-Sky Association said that dark skies provide benefits to human health, like improving circadian rhythm and connections to nature.

The association's CEO and executive director Ruskin Hartley said, "Unlike many other environmental issues facing the world, solving light pollution is straightforward, saves money and delivers immediate results."

The association recognizes about 200 parks around the world. Many globally have reduced their light pollution and implemented dark sky programs.

There are six night-sky-protected state parks in Michigan, according to the Department of Natural Resources: Negwegon State Park in Alcona and Alpena counties; Thompson's Harbor State Park in Presque Isle

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases rise locally

A rise in local cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) has area health care providers concerned. RSV is a common respiratory virus that most young children will have at least once, and it usually causes symptoms like that of a cold.

However, while most children or adults will recover from RSV in a week or two, the virus can be serious for infants and older adults.

Pediatrician Shreya Wachob of MyMichigan Medical Group, answers common questions about the virus and reminders on how to slow the spread:

Q. What is RSV?

A. RSV is a contagious, seasonal respiratory infection. It is common in child-

hood but can affect adults as well. RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis, inflammation of the small airways in the lungs.

Q. How is RSV spread?

A. RSV, like many other viral illnesses, is spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes, when an individual gets virus droplets in their eyes, nose or mouth, if someone touches a surface that has the virus on it and then touch their face or if someone has direct contact with the virus. It's common for RSV to spread in places like schools or daycare centers.

Q. What are the symptoms of RSV?

A. The most common RSV symptoms include a runny nose, cough, sneezing, fever,

wheezing and a decreased appetite. In infants, symptoms may include irritability, decreased activity and breathing difficulties.

Q. How is RSV diagnosed?

A. If a parent suspects their child has RSV, they should contact their pediatrician. Warning signs may be labored breathing, wheezing or fever. Pediatricians may order a chest X-ray or other tests including nasal fluids.

Q. Is there any treatment for RSV?

A. For many, RSV infections will go away on their own within a week or two. There is currently no specific treatment for RSV, but symptom relief can be provided by using saline drops and suctioning out the nose, treat-

ing fevers with Tylenol or Motrin and making sure the child is drinking enough fluids to prevent dehydration.

Q. Why is RSV more dangerous for infants?

A. Infants, particularly premature or very young infants (under six months), children younger than two with chronic lung disease or congenital heart disease, children with weakened immune systems and children who have neuromuscular disorders are at the highest risk for severe illness from RSV.

RSV for those at high risk is more likely to cause bronchiolitis, or inflammation of the small airways in the lung, or pneumonia. If you notice

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God Bless America



Correspondence

To the Editor,
Thank you to the fine people at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville. They put on a tremendous Thanksgiving dinner for the community.

They selflessly gave up their holiday to serve others. This is a beautiful example of love and charity.

Edward & Deanna Foster
Harrisville

To the Editor,
We are in a world where it is quite easy to fund a project. Also, there is a common mindset of "what's in it for me?"

A group of Lincoln women totally dismissed this concept. Linda Somers and Marsha Mahalak started a fund-raising campaign to secure funds to improve the village kid's playground. To do this they sorted and bagged tens of thousands of 10 cent returnable bottles and cans.

Considering this major project, a new sell and pavilion were installed. This is a monumental effort, and they deserve our appreciation.

On behalf of many county residents, we extend heartfelt thanks.

Carl Buchner
Harrisville

Super Crossword

Answers

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To the Editor,
I would like to encourage everyone to watch the latest Alcona County Commission on Aging meeting on Youtube.com. Once you get there, search for "November 22, 2022 ACCOA meeting replay."

You will realize that our Senior Center is more focused on what was initially called "senior housing" and then changed to "Section 8 Housing," then "low income housing," and now "affordable housing." It's almost as if the name is being changed in order to gain public support.

After watching the meeting, you will realize that the primary focus is on the housing project, then the fitness facility and then, maybe, a new senior center. The citizens of Alcona County voted for the last senior millage with the intention that the money would be used for a new senior building. You will also

To the Editor,
I came across an issue of Michigan Farmer, a newspaper from 1905 that had a nice Thanksgiving proclamation from then Michigan governor, Fred M. Warner.

It's an interesting (and encouraging) insight into the

realize that the Senior Center has completely lost its focus on our seniors and is now focused on building an apartment complex and other facilities.

If our Senior Center continues down this path, I am very confident that the citizens of Alcona County will vote "no" on the next senior millage.

Again, I strongly encourage everyone to watch the meeting on YouTube as there are a lot of other issues that are coming to light. I would also like to encourage people to attend the next ACCOA meeting which will be held in January 2023. Your voice does matter.

Karen Sharboneau
Lincoln

(Editor's Note: Voters in Alcona County have not been asked to vote on a millage for the construction of any type of senior facility.)

sentiments of the government towards God and thankfulness at that time. Times have changed.

Danica Jamieson
Harrisville

"I hereby designate Thursday, November 30, 1905, as Thanksgiving Day within and for the state of Michigan. It should not be necessary to urge the proper observance of this day upon the people of Michigan. Not only have we shared in the general prosperity of the people of our country, but in many ways, we have been especially favored by Divine Providence.

"Our industries have prospered; our farms have yielded an abundance; employment can be found by those who seek it. We can be thankful, too, for other reasons than the supplying of material wants.

"Our schools are increasing in usefulness, and are better prepared than ever before to educate, guide and direct those upon whom the duties and responsibilities of citizenship will soon devolve. Precepts of morality and the laws of God are being taught in our Churches to ever-increasing numbers.

"A state free from pestilence and war, a people contented and prosperous, all evidence of the favor of Him, from whom comes every good and perfect gift. Upon this day let the spirit of charity of fraternity prevail. Kind words spoken and kind deeds done will add to the happiness and joy of all and give all cause for thanksgiving.

"At our alters, at our fire-sides, we should reverently thank God for the blessings so generously bestowed upon us."

Obituaries

Ruth A. Goretski



Ruth Ann Goretski, 76, of Glennie, died on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022, at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

She was born in Flint, Mich. on August 15, 1946, to Basil and Eleanor (Alexander) Campbell.

She married Bernard Goretski on September 28, 1985, in Glennie.

Over the years she worked as a professional cook, factory worker and she was self-employed with her arts and crafts. Mrs. Goretski and her husband also owned and operated the Oasis Bar in Glennie.

Mrs. Goretski, at the age of 69, completed the shore-to-shore (Lake Michigan to Lake Huron) hike with her son.

She enjoyed working on various arts and crafts, working on her flower gardens and, especially, spending time with her family. She was involved with the food pantry at Lott Baptist Church and she played bingo weekly.

Mrs. Goretski is survived by her husband, Bernard "Bernie" Goretski of Glennie; four sons, Bob (Lisa) Hardwick Jr. of Glennie, Scott (Sandy) Hardwick of Bay City, Mich., Mike Hardwick of

Frankenmuth, Mich., and Donald Hardwick of Tawas City; two daughters, Lisa (Doug) Good-enough of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Sharla (Steve) Kinder of Rockledge, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one brother, Mike (Judy) Campbell of Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be at the Buresh Funeral Home in Hale on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral at 2 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the family.



Glenn H. MacNeill



Glenn Henry MacNeill, 86, of Lincoln died on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at home.

He was born in Lincoln to Raymond and Irene (Sautter) MacNeill on October 4, 1936, in Bay City, Mich.

He lived in Lincoln his entire life. At age eight, he began working with his father at Ray's Garage as a junior mechanic.

He graduated from Oscoda High School in 1955 and then joined the U.S. Army, where he worked in the motor pool.

After his military service, Mr. MacNeill returned to Lincoln. He married Janice (Jamieson) MacNeill on March 5, 1960.

Mr. MacNeill worked for Alcona Motors in Lincoln as a mechanic for 20 years before he and his wife, Janice, started their own business, Service Center, in Lincoln. They worked side by side until they retired in 1996.

He was active as a volunteer fireman for the Lincoln Fire Department and for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for 50 years each.

After retirement, Mr. MacNeill spent many happy years at their hunting camp where he bagged many trophy bucks and played with his John Deere equipment.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Janice; two sons, Warren (Judy) MacNeill and Roger (Ophelia McKinney) MacNeill; five grandchildren, Megan

(Thomas) MacNeill-Yeoman, Scott MacNeill, Erryn (Nathan) Moore, Tyler Jenks, and Kash MacNeill; two great-grandchildren, Kayleigh Moore and Adelynn Moore; one sister, Sherry (Deb Throop) MacNeill; and four brothers, Terry (Mary) MacNeill, Ted (Ruth) MacNeill, Tim (Marlena) MacNeill, and Mark (Patty) MacNeill; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Duane MacNeill; one sister-in-law, Carol MacNeill; and two brothers-in-law, Duane Jamieson and Roger Jamieson.

Visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Visitation will resume on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at noon at the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Lincoln. The Rev. David Putz will officiate. A luncheon will follow the service at the church.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for a fun and educational activity at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A screening of the documentary, "Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice," at 6 p.m. and a discussion with the filmmaker, Audrey Geyer, following the screening. Geyer's latest film shares the stories of Michigan Native American lawyers, tribal judges and their colleagues who work with Native Nations, their citizens and mainstream institutions. Everyone is welcome to attend this event at the Alpena County public library, 211 N. First Ave., Alpena. For more information, visit the library's website: www.alpenalibrary.org.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

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.

Free accessible yoga classes provide gentle movement for joint freeing, muscle strengthening and stress reduction. Classes are at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center in Lincoln. For more information, call Liz at (989) 335-1777 or the Senior Center at (989) 736-8879.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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.

Santa Claus is coming to the Village of Lincoln. This annual family event begins at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln fire hall and train depot. There will be a bonfire, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate to go with the holiday sounds by the Alcona High School choir and Rex Manning. The Man in Red will meet youngsters at the depot. This event is sponsored by the Lincoln Lions, Friends of the Lincoln Depot and the Village of Lincoln.

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, DECEMBER 3

Westminster Presbyterian Church is having its annual Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to noon. Spruce Presbyterian Church will participate in the holiday event with its gift basket drawing, home canned jams and other food items, plus Rada cutlery.

A Christmas bazaar will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce. Brunch will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breakfast casserole, assorted breads, muffins, fruit and beverage. There will be holiday baked goods, pantry items, frozen foods, handmade note cards, Rada cutlery, craft items, fresh green floral arrangements, sauerkraut and much more. The church is located six miles north of M-72 on Hubbard Lake Road, just south of Mt. Maria Road.

The annual free, family Christmas event where children are invited to meet Santa, create a holiday craft item and decorate a cookie will begin at noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. (All regular library business will end at 11:30 a.m.) Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

The Alcona High School Marching Band will be marching in the Oscoda Northern Lights Parade in combination with the Oscoda High School Marching Band. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at Furtaw Field through downtown Oscoda.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Teenagers and adults are invited to "Craftomania" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The project is a paper Christmas star. After the project, there will be a decoration swap. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A parent meeting for a new Cub Scout pack will begin at 7 p.m. at the Alcona Masonic Lodge, 316 E. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln. For more information, contact Larry King at (847) 212-3436.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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 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 more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

The Alcona County Baby

Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month. Santa will be dropping by for a visit and the Rotary Club will be passing out books.

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Making wreaths
from natural items has been done since ancient times. In Mediterranean cultures, wreaths worn on the head showed a person's job, social rank and achievements. Laurel wreaths crowned the victors in the Olympic Games. Wreaths were made from the harvested crops and hung up to show how the gods had blessed the household during the year.

Sources: www.getty.edu, wikipedia
- Brenda Weaver

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ATTENTION LIBRARY SUPPORTERS

Alcona County Library Board has an opening for two terms as a Library Board Trustee; one a five-year term with term ending 12/31/2027, the other filling out a term ending 12/31/2026. The Alcona Library Board seeks a person with an interest in continuing to provide excellent library service and educational opportunities. Please send letter of interest and a brief resume to Alcona County Library Board, 312 W. Main St, Harrisville, MI 48740 or via email to director@alcona.lib.mi.us (With the subject: Board Member Letter of Interest) prior to 5:30 p.m. Friday December 9, 2022. The Board is most interested in persons with prior community involvement. Interviews will be conducted at the Alcona Library Board meeting on December 13, 2022 at the Harrisville Branch. You will be notified of the interview time. Alcona Library Board of Trustees By-Laws are available on website www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us. For more information call Denise at 989-724-6796 ext. 221.

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Local Notes



Lincoln Food Pantry

There will not be a Pop-Up Pantry food giveaway from the Food Bank of Lincoln during December.

Drawing Winners

The winners of the Alcona County Backpack drawing are John Bauer who won the first-place prize of \$2,000 and Dylan Dickey, who won both second- and third-place with a combined total of \$2,000. Both donated all their winnings back to the program. Robert Barrigar of Farm Bureau Insurance of Alpena sponsored the tickets. Volunteers of the program appreciate everyone's support.

New Business

New business owners Anthony and Heidi Escareno of Harrisville opened Sunrise Firearms and Tactical Equipment LLC on July 1, 2022. As scary as it was to open a new business blindfolded, it has kicked off a new adventure



Anthony and Heidi Escareno owners of Sunrise Firearms and Tactical Equipment. *Courtesy photo.*

for them both, according to Anthony Escareno. "We have been building a great relationship within the community of Harrisville.

We couldn't have been more successful without our customers we serve and take care of. Customer service is our number one priority," he said.

Anthony has an extensive background with firearm knowledge, as he's been a huge sportsman with hunt-

ing, target shooting, and gunsmithing. His wife and co-owner, Heidi, is new to the business, but she's acquiring the knowledge daily to help grow the business.

Sunrise Firearms and Tactical Equipment, located at 116 E. Main Street, Harrisville, offers everything a federal firearm licensed dealer has to offer — new firearms, used firearms, ammunition sales, FFL transfers and much more.

They are both state licensed in Michigan as Emergency Medical Technicians. Anthony has an extensive background with firefighting, Hazmat and lead medical examiner investigator for the County of Alcona. He is also a State of Michigan notary public. Heidi has worked health care for the last 21 plus years and continues to love giving to the elderly and her family at home. She's the first to give new ideas for the company as well as give support to the community. They reside in Harrisville and are raising four children at home.

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Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp 989-335-8282 • www.church72.org
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Sunday worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Coffee 10 a.m.
Patch the Pirate children's ministry on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Hubbard Lake Rd.,
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Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

Spruce Presbyterian Church
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37) Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
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Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
Pastor David Putz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
Worship ~ 11 a.m. Handicap Accessible
724-6734

Hope Lutheran Church NALC
5462 Nickelson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen
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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
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3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727
Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

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Opportunities for Grants

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the winter 2023 grant cycles of its Community Impact and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants. The deadline for both grant opportunities is January 15, 2023. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties are invited to apply. Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000. Youth Advisory Council Grants are for projects benefiting youth under the age of 18. The maximum request amount for YAC Grants is \$2,500.

Applications are available at the Community Foundation website (cfnem.org) through its Online Grants Portal. Applicants may also call the Community Foundation office for more information at (877) 354-6881.

How to buy over-the-counter hearing aids

Dear Savvy Senior,

I'm interested in getting some of the new over-the-counter hearing aids that just became available a few months ago. Can you offer any tips to help me with this?

Straining to Hear

Dear Straining,

The new FDA approved over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids that started rolling out this fall are a real game changer for the roughly 48 million Americans with hearing loss. Adults with impaired hearing can now walk in and buy hearing aids at a pharmacy, big box chain, consumer electronics store or online, without a prescription and without consulting an audiologist.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved this new class of hearing aids to lower prices and improve their availability.

About a third of people ages 65 to 74 and half of those over age 75 have hearing loss severe enough to affect their daily life. Yet about 80 percent of people who would benefit from hearing aids don't wear them, according to the National Institutes of Health, primarily because of the hefty price tag.

Traditional hearing aids ordered through an audiologist cost anywhere from \$1,000 to \$7,000 a pair and are not covered by most private insurers and traditional Medicare. The new OTC hearing aids range from \$200 up to \$3,000.

Who Should Get Them?

OTC hearing aids are specifically designed for adults (18 and older) who have mild to moderate hearing loss. You don't need a hearing exam or prescription to buy them, and they are designed so you can fit and tune them yourself.

Do you have mild to moderate hearing loss? The specific signs are having trouble hearing or understanding conversations, especially in noisier environments, over the phone, or if you can't see who's talking. Or, if you need a higher volume of TV, radio or music than other people, or have to ask others to speak more slowly, louder or repeat what they said.

If, however, your hearing problem is more severe than that, for example, if you also have trouble hearing loud sounds such as power tools or motor vehicles, or if you struggle to hear conversations in quiet settings, then your hearing loss is considered more significant than over-the-counter aids are intended to address.

To help you get a basic sense of your hearing problem, you can take an app-based test like Mimi (mimi.health) or SonicCloud (soniccloud.com).

If you find that your hearing loss is significant, you'll need to work with an audiologist or hearing instrument specialist to find a hearing aid that works for you.

What to Look For

To help choose a good OTC hearing aid that meets your needs and preferences, here are some important points to keep in mind.

• Return policy: It can take



Savvy
Senior

weeks for your brain to adjust to hearing louder sounds through a hearing aid, so be sure to choose a brand that offers at least a 30-day free trial period, or money back return policy. The FDA requires manufacturers to print their return policy on the package.

• Set up: Many OTC hearing aids require a smartphone or computer to adjust and operate the devices to your specific needs, while others have the controls on the device. This will also be labeled on the box. Choose one that fits your preference and comfort level.

• Battery: The package also should tell you what kind of battery the device uses. Some of the older versions of hear-

ing aids have replaceable batteries, but many of the newer ones have rechargeable batteries that come in a charging case, where you charge them every night.

• Customer support: Some companies offer unlimited customer support to help you adjust or fine-tune your hearing aids, while others might limit support or charge extra. Be sure you check.

For more information, including product reviews, see the National Council on Aging's OTC hearing aids buyer's guide at NCOA.org/adviser/hearing-aids/over-the-counter-hearing-aids.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the Caledonia Twp. Hall. One variance request will be heard at this time. The variance is requested by Ann S Saretsky, 1980 Mohawk Trail, Hubbard Lake, MI. The petitioner(s) are requesting a variance to the setbacks for a house or building. Written comments will be accepted by Caledonia ZBA Secretary, Ed Bolanowski, 360 Spruce Rd, Spruce, MI 48762.

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Buggy Rides



Lady Tiger wrap up

December 3, 1997 ~By Rich Mills

With last week's regional loss at Johannesburg, Coach Joell Krejcarek hung up her whistle after 31 years.

Thirty one years, that's three decades of teaching, coaching and making personal sacrifices for the benefit of young people.

When Coach Krejcarek came to town in 1966 the newly consolidated Alcona High School did not have a girls basketball program. She went before the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education, who approved what would be a long, successful program.

Three hundred ninety-two victories and 212 young female athletes later, Coach Krejcarek leaves a legacy that

will never be equaled.

Back in 1967 the game was much different. Each team had six players and the season was only eight games long. The game did not change to the five person squads until 1971. In 1973 girls basketball officially became a fall sport with an 18 game season and post season tournaments.

Since then, Alcona has won eight district championships. The 1978 team went all the way to the quarter finals. The following season, the 1979 squad lost to eventual state champions Royal Oak Shrine in the semifinals.

Coach Krejcarek had two undefeated teams. The 1991 team was 22-0 before losing to Elk Rapids in the regional. The 1995 squad lost to Char-

levoix in regional play after 23 straight victories.

Coaching has been much more than wins and losses for Krejcarek. She has coached numerous mother daughter combinations, lots of sisters, foreign exchange students, as well as, many girls that have gone on to coaching careers of their own.

Over the years Coach Krejcarek has established relationship that remain today.

She has been a friend and mentor to girls from every corner of the county.

She leaves a program that is in great shape. Although four seniors (Michelle Munro, Michelle Unkovich, Meghan Himick and Ashley Goddard) graduate this year, a strong nucleus returns.

Alcona's junior varsity finished with an impressive 17-2 record. The ninth, eighth and seventh grade teams all had excellent seasons, especially Bambi Stewart's eighth graders who had a perfect 12-0 season and ended their year with a tournament win at Grayling.

In retirement Coach Krejcarek hopes to continue teaching in one form or another.

Her husband, Don, has retired from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, but his forest consulting business keeps both of them very busy.

Thank you, Coach Krejcarek, for 31 years of dedicated service to your community.

New library construction on track and on time

December 3, 1997 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

The new building of the Alcona County Library is growing by leaps and bounds, with an expected move in February.

Construction of the 8,200 square foot building started in September. All but the stonework on the front of the building is left to be completed on the exterior. Painting the interior is set to begin some time next week.

The building has one large meeting room that can hold

50 people and can be split into meeting rooms. There will be two stations for checking out books, a children's section that will include a children's garden, a computer lab and a Michigan, Great Lakes and Genealogy room.

"We will start with six computers in the computer lab and work up to eight or nine," said Alcona County Library Director Alyssa Saddler. "We will be able to expand the Michigan, Great Lakes collection and have a new genealogy collection. There will be

a computer in there too for genealogical research."

One of the features of the new library came as a complete surprise to Saddler and the library board. A gas log fireplace was added to the building after someone anonymously donated the funds to have it purchased, installed and finished. "This was a wonderful gift. We didn't make a big deal about trying to find out who made the donation, but we certainly appreciate it," Saddler said.

The building has a cathe-

dral ceiling that will have parabolic lighting. "It reflects off the ceiling," Saddler said. "It is clear, even lighting with no shadows. It is more cost effective in the long run."

Saddler is pleased with the progress of construction and is expecting to close the main branch of the library for two weeks in February to pack and move. "There will be a grand opening sometime in April. We want to have plenty of time to work out any bugs before we have the grand opening."



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By Eric Paul Roorda
Artist & Author

I know some of you remember the jazzy, sax-driven band called the Space Mexicans, and some of you may even have a copy of their 45 RPM single entitled "Alcona Aroma." I cherish my memories of Ki Cuyler's Dugout Lounge on the nights when the Space Mexicans played there. The crowd hooted loudly for "Alcona Aroma."

I can only remember the melody of its chorus, which repeated the title. Losing the lyrics from my recollection has haunted me for decades, as I sing the chorus over and over. "Alcona Aroma, Alcona Aroma..." again and again.

So, I nearly fainted when Greg Fodor, lead singer and guitarist of the Money-Gods, who played with the Space Mexicans back in the day, told me he has a copy of the 45 of the song to give me, when I give him the picture I drew of his band performing at the WTF fundraiser.

We keep missing each other, but one of these days I'm confident we'll get together. Then all I'll need is a record player...

In the meantime, it seemed to me that the jazzy chorus of "Alcona Aroma" is right for a rap, so I wrote one while careening around the county with the windows down, inhaling to the soles of my boots.

Alcona Aroma Again
(With apologies to the Space Mexicans)

I love livin' in the First of the 83!

Is there anybody here who agrees with me?

Didja' all understand just what I said?

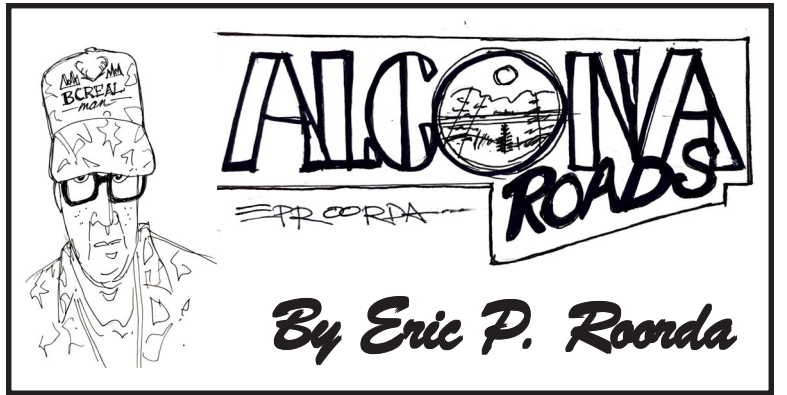
Alcona is the first in the alphabet of the 83 counties in the Wolverine State.

One of the things that really makes it great:

IT SMELLS GOOD! I just can't wait to get out of the car when I've been away.

I take a deep breath, and then I say,
Ah!...

Alcona Aroma, Alcona Aroma,



By Eric P. Roorda

Alcona Aroma, Alcona Aroma!

The fragrance of Alcona is as sweet as you please!

It gets its special essence from the evergreen trees:

Cedar, Pine, Hemlock—all of these

are part of the perfume of the Alcona breeze.

It's clean as can be 'cuz of the freshwater sea.

Mighty Lake Huron speaks to me.

It says...
Alcona Aroma...

This is a riff on a song from long ago.

The Space Mexicans band played it at their show at Ki Cuyler's Dugout Lounge, y'know,

led by a sax man who used to be a pro.

He wore gray flannel pants, and he sure could blow!

The jam-packed joint would come alive

when they played the song they put down on a 45.

It was...
Alcona Aroma...

[change to da riddim of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds" for last verse]

Rose up this mornin', shinin' like the sun.

Three little birds pitched by my door, and then

sang a sweet song, in a melody pure and true,

sayin', "This is our message to you.

Baby don't worry, don't take a fright,

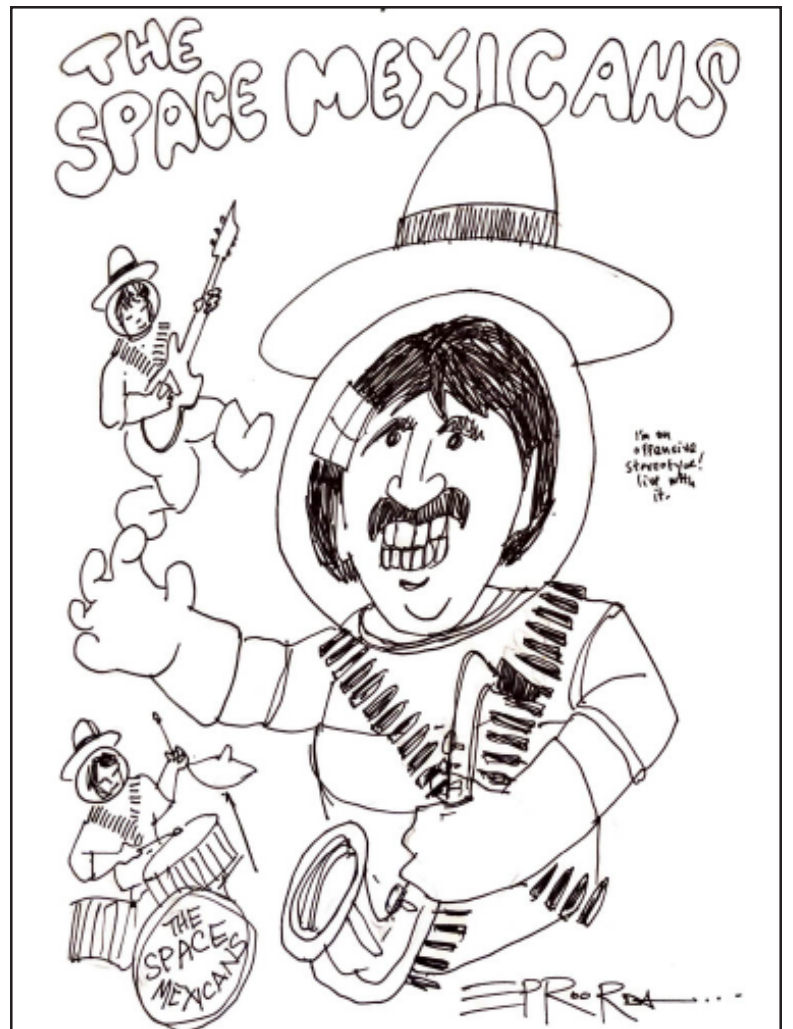
cuz every little thing's gonna' be alright!

You're livin' in Alcona, there's no better thing.

So fill up your lungs and sing..."

Alcona Aroma!

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The 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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Elsewhere in the Great Lakes region, there are dark sky areas at Newport State Park in Wisconsin; Starry

Skies Lake Superior and Aurora Summit in Minnesota; Geauga Observatory Park in Ohio; and Cherry Springs State Park in Pennsylvania.

Nighttime entry fees, if any, are minimal.

The Keweenaw Dark Sky Park has 24/7, 365-day access, with no check-in required. Stargazing is free, but lodging, workshops, food and beverages are not.

The power of encouragement

By Paul White

Columnist

When was the last time you thought deeply about the word "Encouragement?"

The honest answer for nearly everyone reading this is "Never!" accompanied by "Why would I?"

This word possesses great rewards for the people that understand its power, and then master the use of it. Nearly every human being first experiences encouragement as a baby. Think about the learning curve we go through from being unable to move about at all, to being able to crawl, and then being able to walk.

When I read that one of the researchers at the College of Engineering at Oregon State University stated, "Human walking is extraordinarily complex and we still don't understand completely how it works." I thought to myself I know how it works... it works because of encouragement from parents attempting to walk their children to walk.

Any parent can tell you about the excitement when their baby first is able to go from its back to its stomach or vice versa. Then the repetition begins as the baby finally gets into a position with its hands and knees on the floor, and the phrases "you can do it," "way to go," and "c'mon, you've got it" begin to be used liberally from over-excited encouragers (parents).

As the child begins to pull up on anything that can get them to a standing position, parents go wild with encouragement. Their child's legs may be wobbly but they're standing! The child, whose age recently graduated from weeks to months, notices how joyful this makes their parents and begins to feed off the encouragement that spurs them on to do even more. Soon the child reaps the ultimate reward of consistent encouragement and is able to walk successfully.

But do parents realize that it was the power of encouragement that led to that success? Or, do they get mesmerized into the 'now that they can walk, we need to focus on safety ahead of encouragement' way of thinking? "You can do it" quickly gets replaced with "No, Don't, and Stop" which are all part of what's termed "negative language" which we parents all quickly master. After all, we're just trying to protect our kids, right?

It seems like we really lose sight of the power of encouragement throughout the K-12 experience. Not com-

Thoughts to Ponder

By Paul White



pletely, but since we never received any training in how to effectively utilize encouragement in our parenting and in our everyday life, we just kind of let it sit on the sideline. Why? Is it because we just want to get them to the finish line of being under our care safely? Didn't "No, Don't, and Stop" make it easier to arrive there?

Does that finish line look the way we thought it would when they were just learning how to walk?

Several years ago I developed a "Life Enhancement Kit" which we shared with customers. The explanation letter inside began with a thought process: "Everything I am, and all of my success, I owe to others." The last few words just as easily could have read "I owe to the encouragement from others."

You see, as I look back on the positive impact people have had on my life, it all falls under what today I term "intentional encouragement." I began to realize how intentional encouragement made me feel and what it had allowed me to accomplish. Then, I began to experiment with its power on others. I came to the conclusion that everyone -- every single person -- is capable of more than even *they* think they're capable of. And many discover this truth only when they receive encouragement from others.

Discoveries have been made, careers have been enhanced, relationships have deepened, faith has grown, and extraordinary achievements have been achieved all as a result of encouragement from others. Now that's Power -- all based on the word encouragement.

So where am I heading with all this? Well, I figured out that all the joy I experienced when I was being encouraged was just as powerful and joyful when I was the one encouraging someone else. In fact, it felt even better.

I challenged myself to find at least three people per day that I could pass on some intentional encouragement to. It began to morph into sometimes just saying some simple things to people like,

"I really appreciate how you just helped me" and even some of the phrases we used with our children that work well with adults; "you can do it," "way to go," and "c'mon, you've got it."

That's why I'd like to challenge all of you to seek three opportunities each day to intentionally encourage someone. Not only will it make the person it's directed to feel great, it'll make *you* feel great too. Imagine what our world would look like if every day we were all out there intentionally encouraging each other.

Paul White is an entrepreneur, business owner, and a guest columnist from Midland, Mich. He can be reached at coach@theanswerdiscovery.com.

RSV

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an infant wheezing, having difficulty breathing, including flaring their nostrils or straining their chest or stomach while breathing, or turning blue around their lips or fingertips, seek medical attention immediately.

Q. How can RSV be prevented?

A. Prevent the spread of RSV like any other illness. Wash hands with soap and water often, clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and cell phones, and avoid things like sharing utensils, cups, etc., with others. For young infants especially, limit visitors and ask them not to touch or kiss your baby's face. RSV can be contagious before people even begin showing symptoms.

Q. Does RSV affect adults?

A. Adults can get RSV, but it usually appears as a mild cold in most. However, the elderly can have severe infection from RSV as well. It is possible for adults to pass RSV onto their children and babies.


Those interested in more information about RSV are encouraged to visit www.cdc.gov/rsv.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Truth in Taxation and the FY 2023 General and Non-General Fund Budgets on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. **The Truth in Taxation for the property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

Curtis Township Board of Review Notice

The Curtis Township December Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 10:00am by appointment only for the purpose of correcting clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact. If no appointments are received, this meeting may not be held. For an appointment, please contact the assessing office at (989) 734-3555. Appointments must be received by Thursday, December 8th, 2022. The meetings will be held at the Curtis Township Fire Hall located at 5019 Bamfield Rd, Glennie, Mi.



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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** At which popular restaurant does Penny work in "The Big Bang Theory"?
2. **ASTRONOMY:** Which one of Jupiter's moons has active volcanos?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** The Tiber River flows through which famous capital city?
4. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "The Martian Chronicles"?
5. **U.S. STATES:** Which river forms the eastern border of Iowa?
6. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president to give a televised address from the White House?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What image on Canada's flag is a recognizable symbol of the country?
8. **MEASUREMENTS:** Which ancient civilization used palms, digits and cubits to measure length?
9. **MOVIES:** Who voices the character Princess Anna in "Frozen"?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** An elephant has the most muscles in which part of its body?

Answers: 1. Cheesecake Factory; 2. Io; 3. Rome; 4. Ray Bradbury; 5. Mississippi; 6. Harry Truman; 7. A maple leaf; 8. Egyptians; 9. Kristen Bell; 10. Trunk. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On December 16, 1773, a group of highly disgruntled Boston colonists board three ships loaded with taxed tea from Britain. While it would undoubtedly have been enjoyed by the locals, following the refusal of officials to return it, the men hurled the tea into Boston Harbor as a form of protest against "taxation without representation."
- On December 18, 1912, amateur archaeologist Charles Dawson discovered human remains in the Piltdown gravel pit in Sussex, England. Dubbed the "Piltdown Man," he was thought to represent the missing evolutionary link between apes and mankind until it was confirmed at a 1953 international congress of paleontologists that the specimen was a fraud, consisting of skull parts both human and orangutan.
- On December 12, 1917, with a loan of \$90, Father Edward Flanagan founds an orphanage originally called The City of Little Men, dedicated to caring for at-risk children, with national headquarters in the village of Boys Town, Nebraska, for which it was later renamed.
- On December 17, 1969, the U.S. Air Force closes its "Project Blue Book," started in 1952 to determine whether UFOs were a threat to national security and to analyze UFO-related data. The closure came after concluding there was no actual evidence of extraterrestrial spaceships behind the 12,618 UFO sightings it had collected.
- On December 13, 1978, the U.S. government honors women's suffrage icon Susan B. Anthony by minting a dollar coin named for her, but its close similarity to the quarter ultimately doomed it for public acceptance.
- On December 14, 1997, in advance of a visit from Pope John Paul II, Cuban president Fidel Castro declares Christmas to be an official holiday for the first time since his takeover in 1959.
- On December 15, 2001, the Leaning Tower of Pisa reopens to the public after a team of experts spent 11 years repairing it, at a cost of over 30 million euros. While the Tower was stabilized, this third attempt at eliminating its famous lean also notably failed.

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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Played golf on the green</p> <p>7 Baseball card company</p> <p>12 Indy sponsor</p> <p>15 Andy's pal</p> <p>19 Ryan and Tatum</p> <p>20 Little Mermaid's name</p> <p>21 Superman's love interest</p> <p>23 Kitschy lawn adornment (1997)</p> <p>25 Rotating part in a water pump</p> <p>26 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir.</p> <p>27 Fraternal org. with lodges</p> <p>28 Canine with gray brindled fur (1993)</p> <p>30 Carnival treat on a stick (1998)</p> <p>35 Loch monster, informally</p> <p>36 Shoe parts</p> <p>37 Piccolo's kin</p> <p>39 Skin art</p> <p>43 Retail store's beginning?</p> <p>44 Rice — (food brand)</p> <p>46 Iowa college</p> | <p>48 Woman on "Frasier"</p> <p>49 Plant also called bachelor's button (1958)</p> <p>53 Glitzy display (1993)</p> <p>57 Verse tribute</p> <p>58 Counterpart of masc.</p> <p>59 Test versions</p> <p>60 Old- (quaint)</p> <p>61 Sky, to the U.S. Air Force (2003)</p> <p>66 Tax-deferred svgs. plan</p> <p>67 Nestlé movie theater treats</p> <p>68 Zadora of "Butterfly"</p> <p>69 "That's a big yes from me!"</p> <p>73 "Criminal Minds" ailer</p> <p>74 Grassland on the slope of a peak (1998)</p> <p>78 Pond growth</p> <p>81 Curt</p> <p>82 P.O. arrival</p> <p>83 Hip-hop "Dr."</p> <p>84 Plant rolled about by the wind (1993)</p> <p>86 Makeup of many dunes (1998)</p> <p>90 Deg. for a future exec</p> | <p>91 Large tank</p> <p>92 Novelist Jong</p> <p>94 Often-refined resource</p> <p>95 Capitol group</p> <p>98 Life story: Abbr.</p> <p>99 Gets by</p> <p>103 Lose all feeling</p> <p>106 Both pleasant and sad (1958)</p> <p>109 "The final frontier" (1998)</p> <p>113 See 54-Down</p> <p>114 Caustic alkali</p> <p>115 Muscle rotating the forearm to a palm-down position</p> <p>116 What each of this puzzle's featured answers is (with the year it was introduced)</p> <p>121 Lily Tomlin's little girl persona</p> <p>122 Confine</p> <p>123 Spelunking chamber</p> <p>124 Pecans, e.g.</p> <p>125 "Norma —"</p> <p>126 Hops-drying ovens</p> <p>127 Sports deals</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 "Nova" genre, for short</p> <p>2 Togetherness</p> <p>3 Doctrines</p> <p>4 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..."</p> <p>5 Pixieish sort</p> <p>6 WWW access inits.</p> <p>7 Florida port</p> <p>8 Sky hunter</p> <p>9 Missed badly</p> <p>10 Wooden pin</p> <p>11 Vegas fixture</p> <p>12 Gloppy stuff</p> <p>13 Burial places</p> <p>14 Calumet part</p> <p>15 100% wrong</p> <p>16 St. — (French resort)</p> <p>17 Like Nash's "lama"</p> <p>18 Feudal slave</p> <p>22 Opera — (many a Handel work)</p> <p>24 Basic skills</p> <p>29 Suffix with hero</p> <p>31 Smallish city</p> <p>32 Royal Norse name</p> <p>33 Little — (Dickens girl)</p> <p>34 Yang go-with</p> <p>38 Tried to hit, as a clay target</p> <p>40 British trolley</p> <p>41 Leak slowly</p> <p>42 Rocker Osbourne</p> <p>44 — bit (just slightly)</p> <p>45 — Martin (cognac)</p> <p>46 Energy mogul</p> <p>47 Pound divs.</p> <p>49 Dairy animals</p> <p>50 Norse god</p> <p>51 Move, in Realtor lingo</p> <p>52 "Just the Two —" (1981 hit)</p> <p>54 With 113-Across, had some humble pie</p> <p>55 Based on — story</p> <p>56 Fancy crown</p> <p>59 Square in the first bingo-card column</p> <p>62 Mr. T movie</p> <p>63 Biblical tower setting</p> <p>64 Old hi-fi buys</p> <p>65 "The Da Vinci Code" group</p> <p>66 Suffix with hero</p> <p>69 Apropos of</p> <p>70 Old Icelandic saga</p> <p>71 Michael who played Worf</p> <p>72 Had liabilities</p> <p>74 Confront</p> <p>75 Often-refined resource</p> <p>76 Sir Guinness</p> <p>77 "— boy!"</p> <p>78 S&L devices</p> <p>79 Garage job</p> <p>80 Certain Fed</p> <p>81 Pan Am rival</p> <p>85 Planet seen at sunset, old-style</p> <p>86 Canon or Sony products, for short</p> <p>87 Wave sound</p> <p>88 Baking pans</p> <p>89 Deli dish</p> <p>93 Steal from</p> <p>96 Go-betweens</p> <p>97 Yeshiva text</p> <p>98 Telly network</p> <p>99 Cry feebly</p> <p>100 Solidified</p> <p>101 Pal of Pooh</p> <p>102 Ships' backs</p> <p>104 "Once — midnight dreary ..."</p> <p>105 Seine feeder</p> <p>107 "Taste this"</p> <p>108 Cel figures</p> <p>109 Not closed</p> <p>110 Language of Pakistan</p> <p>111 "Snap —!"</p> <p>112 Canyon effect</p> <p>117 Actor Stephen</p> <p>118 Be a thespian</p> <p>119 Road vehicle</p> <p>120 Eggs</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In the early 1990s, cyclists who doped at the Tour De France used so much erythropoietin that they had to exercise throughout the night to avoid having heart attacks in their sleep.
- Pringles once tried to evade a hefty tax payment by claiming their product wasn't potato chips.
- Do bears appreciate beauty like us humans? Some wildlife experts think so, as there have been many sightings of the animals sitting at scenic points and staring out at vistas of mountains, rivers, etc. They appear to have no other purpose there than enjoying the view!
- Humans are more likely to die at around 11 a.m. than any other time of day.
- Who needs Harry Potter? Not the city of Christchurch in New Zealand. Until 2021, the city paid Ian Brackenbury Channell \$16,000 a year to act as a state-appointed wizard. His duties? To perform "acts of wizardry and other wizard-like services" for two decades.
- In the first few centuries of the Christian Era, controversy over whether or not Jesus was divine at birth created political and social unrest that frequently resulted in full-scale warfare.
- Some DVD copies of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" include a subtitle track called "Subtitles for People Who Don't Like the Film," comprised of lines from Shakespeare's "Henry IV Part 2" that vaguely match what the actors are saying.

Thought for the Day: "Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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: Z equals S

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 14 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; and council members, Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, Bean, and Bauermeister; and guests. Absent: Attorney Cook. Motion by Mason, support by Bean, to approve the minutes of October 10. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,372.27. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Gerhing addressed correspondence from resident Charlene Talbot concerning the city's response to emergency shelters for use for city residents during power outages, etc. Discussion.

Mayor Gehring asked to set the budget hearing for the 2023 water/sewer budget, for December 12 at 7:15 p.m. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to set the budget hearing for the 2023 water/sewer budget for December 12 at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

As decreed by mayor Gehring, holiday office closures shall be: Christmas: December 23 and December 26. New Year: December 30, 2022, and January 2, 2023. The city office will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023.

Mayor Gehring reported the master plan has been sent to council for review. Denise Cline, NEMCOG representative, has reviewed and updated the master plan for a final review. The plan will now be sent to surrounding municipalities for approval (Greenbush, Harrisville Township, Village of Lincoln). A final vote of approval will be in February, 2023.

The train depot committee has requested a letter of support from the city to Lake State Railway for the restoration of the depot. Mayor Gehring has responded with a letter to support the restoration project.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean, to approve Master Plan upon approval of surrounding municipalities within a 63-day approval timeframe. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Motion carried: 6-0.

Clerk Pierce reported the general election of November 8 went very well. A total of 236 votes were cast with 84 ballots being absent voter ballots. A total of 405 voters are recorded on the city voter list.

Treasurer Luenberger reported that winter 2022 taxes will be

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If you're in physical therapy (and enrolled in VA health care), take a look at the Sports4Vets Throwdown at www.blogs.va.gov/vnvspse/throwdown. It's a competition for veterans of all ages and abilities to improve their fitness. Go to the "Click here to access the 2022 workouts" link for videos of weeks of adaptive exercises, broken down by wheelchair, modified mobility, visually impaired and upper extremity. Ask your physician or therapist if any of those workouts would be appropriate for you to increase your fitness.

The program focuses on archery, rock climbing, skiing, hunting, sky diving and Paralympic sports, with a bonus this year: CrossFit, sailing and scuba.

And there's more... the National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Portland, Oregon, next

July, and registration for it will be open from Feb. 1 to April 5, 2023. There will be more than 500 veterans competing in 22 sports. Get information at wheelchairgames.org. If you're new to adaptive sports, scroll down and click on "Learn More" to see the list of benefits to becoming involved. Among other reasons, they list maintaining body weight, sleeping better and reducing anxiety and depression. Those alone might be worth the effort of joining an adaptive sport, but they also list controlling Type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

If you're age 55 or older, the National Veterans Golden Age Games might be for you, with over a dozen different sports, such as air rifle, basketball, golf, cycling and bowling.

If you do an online search for "@Sports4Vets", you'll find the VA's adaptive sports and arts Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter. Pay special attention to Facebook, as they've listed a number of programs and events that are coming up.

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