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Alcona Tigers are Knowledge Bowl champions

The Alcona High School Knowledge Bowl Team won the WBKB Championship Match vs. Roscommon with a final score of 385-280.

This is the second time Alcona Community Schools has won since the WBKB Knowledge Bowl Program started in 1984. The school's first win was in 1987.

As the winning team, Alcona Community Schools will house the Knowledge Bowl traveling trophy for the next year and senior members each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the ACC Foundation to attend Alpena Community College.

A trophy presentation at Alcona Community Schools will take place once the engraving is complete.

The Alcona High School Knowledge Bowl team members are Logan Bates, 12th grade (captain); Carter Upper, 11th grade (captain); Jerzey Brown, 12th grade; Amanda de Souza, 12th grade; Isabella Laird, 10th grade; Emma Schroeder, 9th grade; Makayla Prince, 9th grade; and coach Helen-Ann Cordes.

The knowledge bowl team will compete in the state competition at Michigan State University in mid-April.



The Alcona High School Knowledge Bowl Team is the winners of the WBKB championship match against Roscommon in March for the second win in the school's history. (From left) Brenda Herman, ACC Foundation Director; Makayla Prince; Logan Bates, captain; Carter Upper, captain; Isabella Laird, Karol Walchak, Knowledge Bowl Host; and Helen-Ann Cordes, Alcona High School Knowledge Bowl Coach. *Courtesy photo.*

Youth baseball/softball expands to nearby communities

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Soon youth across Alcona County will be playing the nation's favorite past-time through May and June.

And, because of new organization for the program it is

cheaper and practices and games are closer to home for most players.

This model for cost-effective youth baseball, softball and T-ball has spread from Alcona County to Oscoda, Tawas and Au Gres.

The program began last year when Alcona Youth Baseball/Softball began a corporation agreement with Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Alcona County 4-H.

The program offers youth

baseball to children ages five through 17 for \$20 which covers the cost of a T-shirt, hat, and socks the youth can keep and insurance to play the sport.

Non-traveling T-ball programs for tiny tots aged three and a half to five are also offered for \$20, but it is covered under separate 501C3 insurance riders since MSUE only offers programs for youth five and older. This year Alcona County has five teams lined up for T-ball.

Rob Clink, President of Alcona Youth Baseball/Softball, was very excited and said with the involvement of Oscoda, Tawas and Au Gres there would be about 70 teams playing games against one another. "That means most of the teams won't be playing each other over and over again," Clink said.

He explained under past programs the cost was just too expensive for many families, especially if they had multiple children playing ball. "Some people can afford \$75 per child to play, but for a lot of families in northeast Michigan, the price was too high. Add the cost of gas to travel to other ball fields meant leaving a lot of kids out of the game," Clink said.

MSUE also has scholarships for children's baseball if a family cannot afford the

\$20. Clink said there is some equipment such as gloves and cleats youth may borrow if needed.

According to Clink, when the program changed last year the number of participants went from 90 kids in 2021 to 196 in 2022. "Alcona is on track with 184 youth this year playing. By dropping prices down Au Gres, Oscoda and Tawas are all seeing a rise in participants.

"We have 14 teams just in Alcona County. We are utilizing a lot more fields now for practice and games. Lincoln alone has three fields and we worked on a field in Mikado last year that had not been used for 25 years. Now everyone wants a chance to play at that field, it has dugouts built underground. We call that field 'The Little Gem.' This year Spruce is working on a field for the youth to play on," Clink said.

He explained the closer the ball field the more likely the youth can get there to practice.

The programs offered include T-ball, coach pitch boys, coach pitch girls, minor boys and girls, major boys and girls and juniors.

The program also comes with its own rules as opposed



Daniel Hale, 33, of Lincoln was traveling east on Trask Lake Road when he collided with the rear of a Waste Management of Michigan garbage truck on Tuesday, March 28. The Lincoln Fire Department and Medica First Responders used the Jaws of Life to remove Hale from his vehicle (above). The crash was in Gustin Township near the intersection of Trask Lake Road and Lincoln Lake Road at approximately 8 a.m. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Office, Hale sustained serious, life-threatening injuries. He was transported to MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena by Alcona EMS. He was later transferred to MyMichigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich. and is in stable condition. Wesley Evenson, 60, of Alger, Mich. was driving the garbage truck. He was not injured in the incident. Barton City Medical First Responders also assisted at the scene. *Courtesy photo.*

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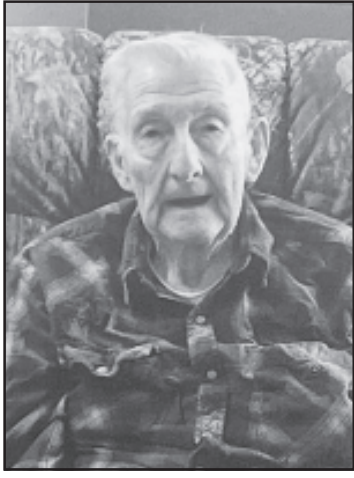


Obituaries



Ronald Dean Brown

Ronald Dean (R.D.) Brown, born May 26, 1936, (86) of Alpena passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at home with his wife, Dorothy Elaine Brown.



R. D. and Elaine were married on April 26, 1958, (64 years) in Walled Lake, Mich. They had three children together, Harold (Will) Brown and his wife Pam (N.Y.), Ronald Brown Jr. (Fla.) and Wilma Wetherhult (Mich.).

R. D. was an E6 SSGT (staff sergeant) in the United States Army where he proudly served his country for 20 years, including a year in the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

Over the years R.D. and Elaine traveled the world for the Army, with their children, until they eventually settled in Alpena. He was blessed with seven grandchildren, Brian Brown, Benjamin Brown, Sarah Wetherhult, Broderick Brown, Blake Brown, Amber Henkel, and Larry Wetherhult II; and seven great-grandchildren who he enjoyed teasing and playing with when he could.

Before a devastating

stroke in 1997, R. D. was an avid outdoorsman. He particularly enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing.

He was devoted to the VFW and supporting other service men and women throughout his life.

In lieu of flowers, please show support for the family by making a donation in his name to a foundation significant to you and your own family.

R.D. is at McWilliams Funeral Home where family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the service at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 with VFW Post No. 2496 providing military honors.

Paid Obituary

Mary E. Wissmiller

Mary E. Wissmiller, 71, died on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

She was born July 17, 1951, to Harold F. and Marie M. (Adams) Wissmiller in Alpena. She was raised in Mikado.

She enjoyed attending church services, music, crafts, especially coloring.

Miss Wissmiller is survived by one sister, Betty Wissmiller; one brother, Harold Wissmiller; two nieces, Dawn Browne and Stephanie

Wissmiller; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Patricia Wissmiller.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Cheryl L. Travis

Cheryl L. Travis, 69, of Mikado, died on Monday, March 27, 2023, at Lakeview Manor in Tawas City.

She was born October 21, 1953, to Frederick and Betty (Spencer) Travis in Lincoln.

She was a lifelong resident of Mikado.

Mrs. Travis was an excellent cook and was known for her fried bread.

She was well known for her custom upholstery work. She worked for many years doing custom car interiors, furniture and boat seats.

She enjoyed fishing and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Travis is survived by three daughters, Vicki (Brian Alda) Wassmann, Nicki (Jeff

Bart, and Tamie (Aaron Warren) Stuit; nine grandchildren,

Matt Wassmann, Mark Wassmann, James (Danielle Alt) Wassmann, Hannah (Brenden Prout) Wassmann, Sarah (Justin) Apsey, Mitchell (Ashley Rizzard) Ladd, Lona Bartz, Ryan Bartz, and Tyler Warren; one great-grandson, Brantley Apsey; two brothers, Calvin (Sandy) Travis and LeRoy (Beth) Travis; several nieces and nephews; her former husband, Terry Stuit; her daughter, Becki's fiancé, Butch Woods; and her beloved canine friend, Minnie.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Becki Wassmann, and her granddaughter, Mindy Wassmann.



A celebration of life event will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m., at the Mikado Civic Center.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Douglas W. Minegar

Next time you go fishing in Iosco or Alcona counties dedicate one of those fish you catch to Douglas Wayne Minegar, 69, of Mikado, who died March 25, 2023.

"Let's go fishin'" was his frequent call to his friends and family. The forests, lakes and streams of northeast Michigan were his canvas, and he was a master of many crafts, but most people who knew "Dougie" wanted him to do some drywall project and there isn't a neighborhood in the area that wasn't touched by him in his 40-plus years in the craft.

Lucky are the ones who are able to have his art. He loved to draw, was an avid woodworker, did chainsaw sculptures and even wrote and illustrated a children's book for his grandchildren, which are many.

Doug was born November 23, 1953, in Denver, Colo., to Robert and Jean Minegar. His father was in the U.S. Air Force, and he traveled around the United States with his four sisters, Roberta Reed, of Billings, Mont.; Anita Scott (Michael), of Pleasanton, Calif.; Beth Moody (Ken), who died of cancer in Battle Creek, Mich.; and Nancy Rolph (John), of Ypsilanti, Mich.

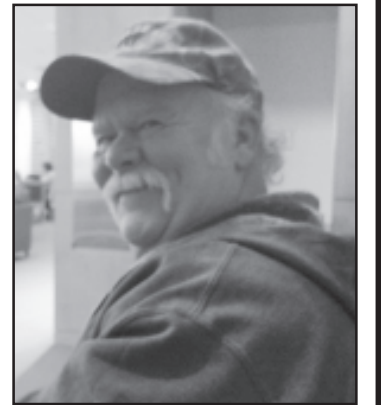
During this time, he developed his love for fishing, hunting, and trapping. He also learned to play the guitar, which he did on many occasions around a bonfire

or at a party with friends. After graduating from Oscoda Area High School, Doug roamed the country without a care and during those travels picked up his profession of drywalling and painting. He eventually settled off F-41 in Mikado, near his parents.

His son Andrew Minegar, 44, of Portage, grew up there. Doug married Bonnie (Basner) Minegar, and with her came three stepchildren, Sam Basner, 55, of Black River; Mike Basner, 53, of Bay City; and Kim Basner, 50, of Lincoln. Bonnie died of a heart attack while visiting family in Florida.

Several years after Bonnie died, Doug married Michele (Rivette) Minegar, 68, of Mikado. Another three stepchildren were added to the family: Brent Dotson, 50, of Oscoda; Shannon Dotson, 47, of Mt. Morris, Mich.; and April Rivette, 42, of Mikado. Michelle, who still lives in Mikado, and Doug were married for 18 years.

He taught many of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends' children about running a trap line to "get rid of those pesky beaver," hunting the big buck or pulling up some pike. He lived for fishing with friends and family on Lake Van Etten or going on fishing canoe trips up the AuSable River and excursions to his secretive spots to pull up the "brookies"



on some stream.

Later in life Doug survived a burst aneurysm, which paralyzed his left side. He spent several years in Lincoln Haven Nursing Home, where he was known to tell the stories about his outdoor exploits, whether having fun skirting the rules or just contributing to the legend that was left in his wake.

There are enough stories people have of Doug that would fill a book, so please, share your crazy stories about him at the Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. A visitation at the funeral home will be held between 1 and 3 p.m., and a service at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Some of Doug's ashes will be scattered in Lake Van Etten, where he could frequently be found while he was still able. At a date yet to be determined we will raise a toast to the man, the myth, the legend of Mikado, Michigan.

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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Westminster Presbyterian Churches' Pantry Closet will be open from noon to 3 p.m. with napkins, toilet paper, paper towels; deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, body lotion; dish and laundry detergent; available for clients. The church is located at 201 Second Street, Harrisville. Enter at the ramp door.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Veterans are invited to join follow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Call (989) 724-9581.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. The first visit is free. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

"Michigan's Lumbering Days and Camp Life" will be presented by Al and Dave Eicher, award-winning producers of Michigan visual history at 6 p.m. at the Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road, Spruce. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend this free program. This event is part of the Cabin Fever series of programs sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society. For more info., call (989) 657-4773.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda/AuSable Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda. Speaker will be Jileesa Irwin from Michigan Disability Rights Coalition. The public is welcome. For more information, call (989) 387-5980.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

The 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 pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

A Pop-Up Pantry will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 2 to 5 p.m., or until food is gone. Distribution will be held at the large, end storage unit facing the AAA Credit Union. Look for the banner.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22

A gun show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mikado American Legion, 2205 Alger Street, Mikado. Admission is \$6. Coffee, doughnuts and lunch will be available. This event is sponsored by the Glennie Sportsman Club (genniesportsmanclub.com).

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

Correspondence

To the Editor,
I really enjoyed reading the March 29 Alcona County Review.

It was so nice to learn about the artificial reefs being constructed in Lake Huron to help the fish, and the grant awards that will help local students work on stormwater solutions.

The story on the senior retiree who picks up trash along the roadside during his daily walks was very inspiring. There are a lot of us who are retired in Alcona County - wouldn't it be awesome if we all grabbed a pair of gloves and a little bucket and did the same! It would be a win-win situation, for our health and for our beautiful Alcona County!

Karen Johnson
Mikado

Super Crossword

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Michigan Lumbering Days

Al and Dave Eicher, award-winning producers of Michigan visual history, will present "Michigan's Lumber-

ing Days and Camp Life" on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road in Spruce. Light refreshments will be served. Every-

one is welcome to attend this free program. This event is part of the "Cabin Fever" series of programs sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society, supported by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council, administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts Inc. For more information, call 989-657-4773.

salad, tortilla chips, fruited Jell-O.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability.

Takeout meals can be served at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

lege to hold space to honor survivors of sexual violence at the annual candlelight vigil. This month-long effort focuses on empowering community members to believe, support, and validate survivors of sexual violence while holding perpetrators accountable.

This campaign is about making connections with community, history and individuals by recognizing how issues of violence are connected and how pivotal it is to end all forms of violence in order to hold perpetrators of sexual violence accountable.

"The focus is connecting the work we do with our community in order to move toward ending violence across communities," said Paige Allia, sexual assault program coordinator.

The ACC and HSA candlelight vigil will be held on Thursday, April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in ACC's Van Lare Hall Commons to hold space for all survivors of sexual violence across all identities including those who have been lost to violence. The public is welcome to attend in person and portions of the vigil will also be livestreamed on Facebook for viewers at home.

Join Hope Shores Alliance at the following locations to learn about being an everyday advocate by bringing attention to sexual violence and becoming stronger everyday advocates for survivors in local communities:

- Alcona County Library-Harrisville branch: Thursday, April 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Robert Parks Library - Oscoda: Thursday, April 13 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Event registration is not required. There is no cost to attend. Some educational content related to sexual violence may be triggering or upsetting to some viewers. For any additional accommodation needs or further questions, please visit the Hope Shores Alliance Facebook page or contact Paige at pallia@hopeshores.org.



Alcona County Veteran Counselor Tony Atkinson (left) holds the certificate for veteran John Jorgensen of Hillman (center) who was presented an eagle head cane crafted by Bill Hastings (right) during the Alcona High School's National Honor Society's monthly coffee hour. Jorgensen served as a corporal specialist and received several medals, including a Purple Heart. The emblem of his squadron was a Red Diamond which was all depicted on his cane. Photo by Mary Weber.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

- Monday, April 10: Roasted vegetarian lasagna, wax beans, pears.
- Tuesday, April 11: Beef roast, roasted parsley potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, A&B cake and ice cream.
- Wednesday, April 12: Stuffed peppers, mixed vegetable, tropical fruit.
- Thursday, April 13: Taco

Sexual Assault Awareness

Hope Shores Alliance (HSA) is bringing awareness to April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) through education, community and empowerment. HSA has partnered with libraries across the service area to bring "Everyday Advocate Community Learning Program: Sexual Violence" to the public and HSA has partnered with Alpena Community Col-

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 Wednesday Bible Study and Coffee 10 a.m.
 Patch the Pirate children's ministry on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

Our Savior Lutheran Church
 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 9 a.m. Worship Service
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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor David Putz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church NALC
 5462 Nickelson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake
 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
 Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen
 989-727-3206

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US-23 resurfacing starts April 10

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be investing \$6.6 million to rebuild 2.4 miles of US-23 from south of Sayers Road to the north Alcona County line.

This work includes crushing and reshaping of the existing roadway, resurfacing, drainage improvements, and new signing and pavement markings.

The project will begin on Monday, April 10, weather and seasonal weight restrictions dependent. The estimated end date is Thursday, August 24.

Beginning April 10, crews

will address US-23 from Sayers Road to Spruce Road. This will require a full detour of US-23 from Black River Road to Barlow Road. Drivers will be detoured via Black River Road and Barlow Road.

Following this initial stage, crews will address US-23 from Spruce Road to south of Forest Hills. Traffic will be maintained using lane closures and traffic regulators.

During this phase of construction, the US-23/Barlow Road intersection will be closed for up to 14 days. Barlow Road will be detoured via Spruce Road while inter-

section improvements are underway. This phase of work is expected to be complete in late June.

The final stage of construction will address US-23 from Forest Hills Drive to the north Alcona County line. Traffic will be reduced to one lane and maintained with temporary signals. This work is expected to be complete by August 4.

This work will provide a safer and smoother driving surface along with guardrail upgrades, drainage work, and new pavement markings.

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Food fests tantalize small-town crowds

By Andrew Roth
Capital News Service

Michigan is home to well-known food festivals like the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City and Cheeseburger Festival in Caseville, but if events attended by more than 500,000 people feel like biting off more than you can chew, one of a smorgasbord of lower-profile food celebrations throughout the state might be easier to swallow.

"It gives more of a hometown feel, like an old-fashioned festival," said Quinn Passmore, an organizer of the Elsie Dairy Festival.

Being in a smaller town, Passmore said the festival takes on a more personable character. "Everybody knows everybody, and even visitors who come to town feel almost like they know everybody by the time they leave. It's not so crowded that you can't see the personality of the town that's hosting the festival," Passmore said.

"With the big cities, it's a money thing. It's 100 percent money. It goes for a week, and it takes that personal aspect out of it," she said.

Events like the National Asparagus Festival in Mears in Oceana County, the Posen Potato Festival in Presque Isle County and the Howell Melon Festival are opportunities to entice visitors to local busi-

nesses while paying homage to the community's culinary and agricultural heritage, Passmore explained.

So are the Romeo Peach Festival in Macomb County, the Humongous Fungus Festival in the Upper Peninsula and, for something crunchier than a ripe peach, Battle Creek's Cereal Festival. Passmore said of Elsie, a village in Clinton County near Lansing, "We're the dairy capital of Michigan. I used to always tell people there's about 20 cows to every one person."

But food-based festivals also serve as a chance for local residents to share the community they love with others and pay homage to favorite fruits, fungi, vegetables and other foodstuffs while enjoying seasonal fun themselves.

The Village of Elsie is usually made up of a small population. "We have a pizza place, a party store, all that stuff. But during the dairy festival, we pack our town for three solid days," Passmore said. "There's just something really nice about seeing so many happy faces in the town that you love, and just sharing that experience with them."

"What you can't move away from, you're letting them have for a day or two and experience," she said.

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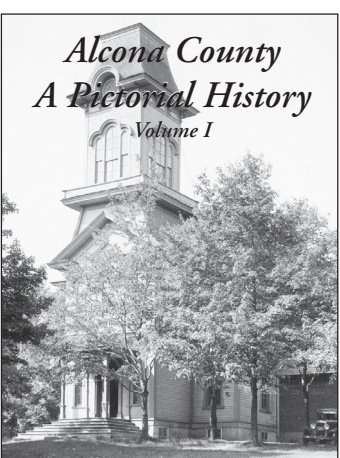
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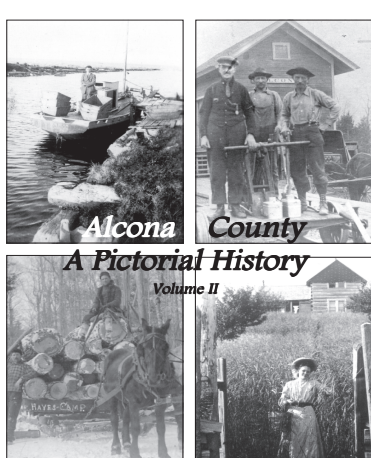
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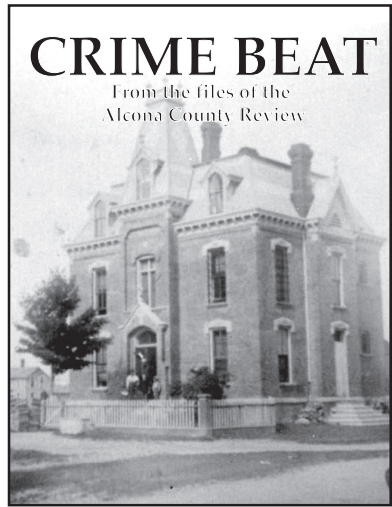
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The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in March.

- Gerald Clayton Gibbs Jr., 55, of Lincoln was sentenced to 30 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$995 for firearm possession while under the influence.
- Michael David Patrick, 48, of Mikado was sentenced to \$400 in fines and costs for permitting an unlicensed person to drive/violation of motor vehicle code.
- Lawrence Curtis Dorr, 67, of Lincoln was sentenced to fines and costs of \$400 for operating an unregistered vehicle.
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to the more expensive alternatives for youth baseball, such as flexibility on boundaries which means if a child lives in one township or

county, but his cousin lives across the street in another, they can still be on the same team so the parents can carpool.

Clink said registration has ended and that flyers were sent out to all students through school as well as social media notifications. "We have tried very hard to accommodate everyone. Baseball should be fun.

"Kudos go out to Tawas, Oscoda and AuGres for collaborating on this and giving so many kids a helping hand to play the sport. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it.

"As a police officer, I see kids going through domestic violence situations at home and playing ball is a good time away from all that. They are only little for so long so it's important to make this time the best for them," Clink said.

Practice should start sometime later this month with an opening day scheduled for the first week in May. The season runs until the end of June with championship-type tournaments and revolving trophies for winning teams.

Volunteers are still needed for a variety of jobs including coaching, field maintenance and other duties. Clink said he would like to see each team have a coach, so no adult is doubled up with multiple teams.

To volunteer, call Clink at (989) 598-0166.

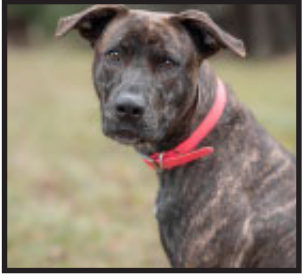


Coaches Rob Clink (left) and Ashley Goddard and the rest of their 2022 team huddle up before a game. *Courtesy photo.*

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Peanut is 8 years old, spayed, microchipped, feline leukemia negative, has her distemper vaccine, and has been dewormed. She has the prettiest green eyes! She is a sweet and petite gal. Peanut loves other cats and is used to living with many. She loves to sit on the cat tree and watch the outside world dreaming of her forever home! Her favorite activities include: string toys, gravy-licious wet food, and treats!

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More farm tourism brings more workplace hazards

By Dan Netter
Capital News Service

The upcoming summer in northern Michigan will bring an influx of visitors onto farms and ranches for recreational activities.

But along with their arrival will be more safety hazard risks for those working in the agritourism industry, according to a recent study.

According to the study, while tourist activities on farms are becoming more popular, the rising demand for employees and unique workplace challenges that some agritourism workers face put them at increased risk.

Marsha Salzwedel, the study's author, explained those circumstances are unique because workers in agricultural settings may both handle farm work duties and do tasks demanded of service or retail workers.

At the same time, some

agritourism operations are wrestling with a shortage of available workers.

"Another complicating factor for tourism operations is that, oftentimes, they'll have visitors that are right in the middle of their workplace," said Salzwedel, a project scientist at the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety at the National Farm Medicine Center in Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Salzwedel defined agritourism as occurring when visitors come to a ranch or farm for recreational, pleasure or educational purposes. That includes wineries, horse-riding, cider mills, pumpkin patches, farm-based restaurants and you-pick fruit farms.

"Not only is that sometimes hazardous to the visitor, but it can also complicate things because they can actually act as a distraction to the worker as well," she said.

Salzwedel said agritourism business operators may have different strategies for addressing the labor shortage like offering hiring bonuses and higher wages, but some operators may be unwilling to do so because it raises labor costs.

Alternatively, operators may have current employees work longer hours - for example, pulling 10- or 12-hour shifts instead of a more typical eight hours.

"There's been a lot of work done and studies done that show us that the more tired a worker gets, the more prone they are, the higher risk there is for an injury," Salzwedel said. She explained another way some operators address the labor shortage that may

endanger workers is by hiring children too young for the work required.

The federal Fair Labor Standards Act allows children under 16 to do certain types of jobs in agriculture, normally with their parents' written permission.

According to a 2018 report from the Government Accountability Office, more than half of work-related deaths among children are in agriculture.

As for the overall staffing challenges, Black Star Farms, a winery in Suttons Bay and Traverse City, is recruiting for its busy season that runs from May through November, according to Sherri Fenton, its business operations proprietor.

Fenton said Black Star's "Plan A, our best-case scenario," is being fully staffed for the summer. However, the winery is now considering "Plan B," which would have enough staff to ensure quality customer service.

Its recruitment includes paying a living wage and starting a retirement plan for employees who earn at least \$5,000 for the season, she said. The company also shortened its operating hours to avoid worker burnout, she said. For example, the winery's cafe is open only four to five days a week, not six or seven as in the past.

Travel Michigan Vice President Dave Lorenz said the state is having a problem with a labor shortage in the tourism industry in general. Many people who are eligible to work, Lorenz said, have just left the workforce, opting to become independent contrac-

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Childhood dream turns into thriving wool business

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Childhood dreams come in many shapes and sizes. Some children dream of a new bike, some hope for a pony. For one Alcona County girl the dream of a lamb of her very own spawned a lifelong love of the animal.

Today, at a chipper 65, Shelia Robbins is a great-grandmother of two. She has spent the last 30 years of her life raising a family of four and building her childhood dream into a profitable wool and fiber business she runs herself. Robbins owns Spruce Shadow Farms Wool Yarns and Fiber Shop.

Robbins is the daughter of Rose and Luke Mahalak who still live in the Village of Lincoln. As a child, she often begged her parents for a lamb to raise but never got one.

"We didn't have a farm. I don't know why but I've always loved sheep. I wanted one as a child for every birthday, Christmas and even in my Easter basket. One year I got a five-dollar bill in an Easter egg and I saved it. After I married, I purchased my first lambs with the help of that \$5 and I met my mentor, Stuart Mills.

"He ran a huge commercial sheep farm. Commercial sheep are raised for meat, mine are dual, they can be raised for wool or meat. I got five lambs from Mr. Mills. I had an infant at the time and didn't know how to care for the lambs, but he told me every time I got up to feed my baby, I should feed the lambs.

"I went to him for advice for years. Having this farm is a little girl's dream come true," Robbins said.

Robbins, a widow, recalled several years ago when her husband, Tom, was deathly ill. Tom helped a lot with the farm and she worried about who was going to help take care of her. Before he died, he told her he would, somehow, still take care of her. He still is or she would not be doing as well as she is.

"This was his family homestead, he was born and raised here. After he died my kids wanted me to sell the farm and downsize, but something told me I shouldn't. I'm glad I didn't," she said.

The sheep are sheared in May and once the wool is tagged, which means to take off all the dirty unwanted wool from the belly and leg areas, the wool is marked with the animal's name and sent out to be cleaned and fluffed. "That way if someone wants a particular wool from a certain sheep they can get it," Robbins said.

The product she gets back is either carefully spun by Robbins' hand into beautiful scans of yarn or, if it is not up to her standards, is used for wool batting for pillows, mattress pads or used as rug yarn.



Sheep take center stage at the Spruce Shadow Farms Wool Yarns and Fiber Shop owned by Shelia Robbins who has turned her childhood dream of owning a lamb into a thriving wool business. Photo by Mary Weber.

"Nothing goes to waste. I used to clean and fluff the wool myself, but I don't have time to do that anymore. There is too much demand for my product," she said.

Some of the scans she uses to knit mittens, socks, hats, and more. Scans of her yarn are also available for others to make their own creations. Currently, her wares are featured at a gallery in Mackinaw City.

"I do a lot for the Amish and a few years ago they asked me to drive some of them to Mackinaw. I was looking around the shops during my four-day stay there and happened upon one that sold the hand cream I like.

"I was talking to the owner telling her what a nice store she had and she asked what I did. It was a long hour-and-

a-half discussion. I showed her pictures of what I had in my shop which was in the Alpena Mall.

"When I was done, she said 'I'm sold! I want to feature your yarns and wares in my gallery.' I never expected it or saw that coming at all. It was a Godsend from heaven. She doubled her order after the first year. This year she wants five times that amount," Robbins said.

In addition to her sheep, Robbins also has angora rabbits. She collects their fur which she spins for yarn and said it was very hard to keep up with the demand for an-

and keeps the sheep fed for the year," she said.

She also sells her wares through a She(lia) Shed in front of her home on Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake during the summer. Items can be purchased through Facebook, Etsy and she sells her wares at a Fiber Festival in Allegan, Mich. each year, which she said is one of

the biggest in Michigan.

Robbins has 41 adult sheep. This year she was hoping that by having only one very small ram, a blue-faced Leicester whom she calls "Romeo," her lambing would not be as prolific, giving her some time to catch up on her long list of to-dos. Romeo,

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How to choose an assisted living facility

Dear Savvy Senior,

What's the best way to go about choosing an assisted living facility for my 86-year-old father? Since mom died last year, his health has declined to the point that he can't live at home anymore but isn't ready for a nursing home either.

Searching Susan

Dear Searching,

If your dad needs help with things like bathing, dressing, preparing meals, managing his medications or just getting around, an assisted living facility is definitely a good option to consider.

Assisted living facilities are residential communities that offer different levels of health or personal care services for seniors who want or need help with daily living.

There are nearly 29,000 assisted living communities (also called board and care, supportive-care or residential-care facilities) in the U.S. today, some of which are part of a retirement community or nursing home. Most facilities have anywhere between 10 and 100 suites, varying in size from a single room to a full apartment. And some even offer special memory care units for residents with dementia.

To help you choose a good assisted living facility for your dad, here are some steps to follow.

- **Make a list:** There are several sources you can turn to for referrals to top assisted living communities in your area including your dad's doctor or nearby hospital discharge planner; friends or neighbors who've had a loved one in assisted living; or you can do an online search at Caring.com.

- **Do some research:** To research the communities on your list, put a call into your long-term care ombudsman. This is a government official who investigates long-term care facility complaints and advocates for residents and

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tors and work in the gig economy. The greatest number of people who are not working, according to Lorenz, are those who have retired or do things other than paid labor, like staying home and taking care of their children.

Lorenz said Travel Michigan, the business arm of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., has run advertising campaigns to entice people to move back to the state as a way to fill the labor gap. "What we try to do is message why people need to be here," Lorenz said.

He said the tourism and agritourism industry should also try to persuade retirees to return to the workforce part time.

Salzwedel's study, published in the Journal of Agromedicine, calls for more research into the occupational hazards of agritourism to better recommend new guidelines and regulations to safeguard workers.

their families. This person can help you find the latest health inspection reports on specific assisted living facilities and can tell you which ones have had complaints or other problems in the past. To find your local ombudsman visit LTCombudsman.org.

- **Call the facilities:** Once you've identified a few good assisted living facilities, call them to see if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services your father needs.

- **Tour your top choices:** During your visit, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Also be sure to taste the food, and talk to the residents and their family members, if available. It's also a good idea to visit several times at different times of the day and different days of the week to get a broader perspective.

On your facility visit, get a copy of the admissions contract and the residence rules that outline the fees (and any extra charges), services and residents' rights, and explain



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nations for when a resident might be asked to leave because their condition has worsened, and they require more care than the facility can provide.

Also, find out their staff turnover rate, COVID infection-control procedures and if and when medical professionals are on site. To help you rate your visit, Caring.com offers a checklist of questions that you can download and print at Caring.com/static/checklist-AL-tour.pdf.

- **How to pay:** Monthly costs for assisted living ranges anywhere from \$2,500 to \$6,000 or more, depending on where you live, the facility you choose, and the services provided. Since Medicare does not cover assisted living, most

residents pay out-of-pocket from their own personal funds, and some have long-term care insurance policies.

If your dad has limited financial resources and can't afford this, most states now have Medicaid waiver programs that help pay for assisted living. Or, if he's a veteran, he may be able to get funds through the VA's Aid and Attendance benefit. To find out about these programs, ask the assisted living facility director, or contact his local Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) or the regional VA benefit office (800) 827-1000.

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

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top ten

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1. Kentucky

2. Louisiana

3. Mississippi

3. Alaska

4. South Carolina

5. West Virginia

6. Alabama

7. Tennessee

8. Indiana

9. New Mexico

10. Michigan

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Buggy Rides



Terrible tragedy on Gustin Township farm

Fred Wolff Sr. Attacks Wife Then Kills Self

Uses Gun and Knife—Had Been Acting Queerly Believed Insane

April 5, 1923 ~Fred Wolff Sr. living on the Gustin Harrisville town line north of Sutton's corners, committed suicide sometime Thursday night after attempting to kill his wife.

There were no witnesses to the tragedy. The only other occupant of the house besides Mr. and Mrs. Wolff was a boy of 12 or 13, son of Mrs. Wolff who was asleep in an upper room. He was aroused by the noise and escaped through an upstairs window.

The boy ran to a neighbor's home for help but when they returned to the Wolff place

Tuesday morning Mrs. Wolff was able to talk and gave the following account of the attack to a Bay City paper.

"Fred had been acting queerly all that day, in fact he complained of not feeling well when he had to cut some wood. He has never been good to me since I married him. He has always been insanely jealous of me, over nothing.

"He never would allow me to go places and even when I had to step out of the house for a few moments, he watched me continually until I returned.

the neighbors refused to break in. The boy then ran to Lincoln two miles away, for Fred Wolff Jr., son of the older Wolff, and when he arrived, he broke into the house and found his father dead on the floor and Mrs. Wolff was hiding under the bed.

Mrs. Wolff was in a pitiable condition from her injuries and was taken to a Bay City hospital Friday.

The Wolffs were married two or three years ago, both having been married before. Wolff was about 74 years old and according to reports had been acting queerly of late. It is believed he went violently

insane the night of the tragedy. As nearly as can be ascertained, Wolff attempted to shoot his wife with a shot gun as she lay in bed, but that he missed, the charge going into the pillow upon which she was sleeping.

The maniac then clubbed his wife with the gun inflicting terrible wounds about the head and face. Not satisfied with this, the insane man attacked his victim with a butcher knife and slashed the back of her neck.

At the hospital later it was found Mrs. Wolff had five bad cuts on her head and her skull is cracked in two places;

her shoulder blade is broken in three places and she is severely bruised about the face, shoulders and back. The gash in the back of her neck extends nearly from ear to ear and is an inch and a half deep, missing the jugular vein by a quarter of an inch.

Believing his wife to be dead, Wolff then slashed his own throat with the knife and made several cuts in his wrist. He severed an artery and bled to death.

Funeral services for the suicide were held Monday afternoon from the home of the son in Lincoln.

"On the day that he attacked me, he was sharpening a Boy Scout knife that belonged to Marvin, my son. When I asked him why he was sharpening the knife he told me that he was going to use it. A few days before this he told my boy that someday he would give him something to grumble about. When I went to bed, I left the light burning and a little while later he came into the room and started to pace up and down and look out first one window and then another.

"Finally, he turned around and blew the lamp out. I asked

him why he did this as he never has done it before and he turned on me and said, 'I'll show you,' as he ripped out an oath. Whereupon he started out of the room and returned a moment later with a gun, which he fired at me. As he pointed the gun at me, I sat up in bed and the shot missed me.

"He then brought the gun down at me, but I succeeded in warding off the brunt of the blow and the stock was broken on the end of the bed. He then started to beat me with the broke stock and knocked me to the floor. As I lay there,

he placed his knee in the middle of my back and slashed at the back of my neck with a knife. Finally, after a while he left me and I managed to crawl under a bed."

When asked why her son had not come down she said, "Just before he started to beat me I called to my son and said, 'Marvin, Marvin, don't come down. Jump out of the window.' After he left me I could hear him walking back and forth in another room. He used the Scout knife on himself but I don't know whether he did on me or not."

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company was advertised with the slogan, "Think Outside the Bun"?
2. **TELEVISION:** Which TV show spawned the spinoff sitcom "Mama's Family"?
3. **U.S. CITIES:** In which city would you find the USS Arizona Memorial?
4. **ANATOMY:** What are the bones that make up the spine known as?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the lowest point in the United States?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the traditional material in a 40th anniversary gift?
7. **MOVIES:** What is the name of the tow truck in the animated movie "Cars"?
8. **CURRENCY:** Which former president is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What does the texting acronym SMH mean?
10. **LITERATURE:** Where do Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends live?

Answers: 1. Taco Bell.; 2. "The Carol Burnett Show"; 3. Honolulu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor).; 4. Vertebrae.; 5. Death Valley, California.; 6. Ruby.; 7. Mater.; 8. Ulysses Grant.; 9. Shaking my head.; 10. Hundred Acre Wood. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 19, 1927, blond bombshell Mae West was confronted by the New York Police Department's Municipal Vice Squad, sentenced to 10 days in a workhouse on the charge of obscenity for her play titled "Sex," and fined \$500. She later quipped that the only thing that really bothered her
 - On April 23, 1940, a fire broke out in the Rhythm Club in Natchez, Mississippi, causing the deaths of more than 200 African Americans due to boarded up windows and a pad-locked back door. At the time, it was the second deadliest building fire in American history.
 - On April 20, 1957, the Mayflower II, a replica of the original Mayflower that transported Pilgrims to the New World, set out to re-create that voyage from Brixton, England to Plymouth, Massachusetts. The journey took 55 days, and the ship is currently docked at the Plimoth Patuxet Museum.
 - On April 17, 1964, the Ford Motor Company unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair. Championed by Ford Division general manager Lee Iacocca, the car came with a suggested retail price of \$2,368 and was a great success, with more than a million sold in just its first 18 months.
 - On April 18, 1988, a retired U.S. auto worker identified as "Ivan the Terrible" was found guilty of Nazi war crimes in an Israeli court and sentenced to death. His conviction was overturned in 1993 after evidence suggested another Ukrainian was actually Ivan the Terrible, and he was returned to America, but later deported back to Ukraine when a judge ruled there was enough evidence to prove he had indeed been a death camp guard.
 - On April 22, 1993, the Holocaust Memorial Museum opened in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to documenting, studying and interpreting the history of the Holocaust, it serves as the official American memorial to the millions of Jews and others who lost their lives under the directives of Hitler's Nazi Germany.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 One of Chrysler's K-cars</p> <p>11 Imaginary</p> <p>21 Lack of refinement</p> <p>22 Open to discussion</p> <p>23 * Golf format not based on the number of holes won</p> <p>24 * Part of an internal-combustion engine</p> <p>25 Take an ax to</p> <p>26 Ornate wardrobe</p> <p>28 Nice 'n Easy product</p> <p>29 Shin locale</p> <p>30 Stumblebum</p> <p>33 Austrian cake</p> <p>34 Up on the latest</p> <p>37 "Binary" singer DiFranco</p> <p>39 S. Amer. country</p> <p>40 Much like</p> <p>41 Calculus pioneer Leonhard</p> <p>42 Hot temper</p> <p>43 Scanned ID in a market</p> <p>44 Cartoon pic</p> <p>45 Twist, as in a hose</p> | <p>47 Dark deli loaf</p> <p>48 City haze</p> <p>49 The Browns, on sports tickers</p> <p>50 Volunteer's response</p> <p>52 Star pitchers</p> <p>54 Getz of jazz</p> <p>55 List-curtailling abbr.</p> <p>56 Brief letter</p> <p>57 Roofing material</p> <p>59 Like an old apple's consistency</p> <p>60 Bit of a script</p> <p>61 Fear greatly</p> <p>63 Longtime operating system</p> <p>64 Spanish pot</p> <p>65 Blackthorn fruits</p> <p>66 Supplement</p> <p>67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers to the five starred clues</p> <p>69 Trousers</p> <p>70 Car navig. aid</p> <p>72 Owner of WordPerfect</p> <p>73 Cato's "I love"</p> <p>75 Brainteaser</p> <p>79 Sacred spots</p> | <p>81 Soviet spacecraft series</p> <p>86 "Lord Jim" novelist Joseph</p> <p>87 * Buyer's final figure</p> <p>88 Membrane covering a lung</p> <p>89 Creole cooking pods</p> <p>90 Temporarily stylish thing</p> <p>91 Take to court</p> <p>93 Leash, e.g.</p> <p>94 Tony winner Schreiber</p> <p>95 Roofing material</p> <p>96 "It's so-so"</p> <p>99 Winter illness</p> <p>101 Director Preminger</p> <p>102 Roof part</p> <p>103 Mine car load</p> <p>104 Yoko of art</p> <p>105 Shark part</p> <p>106 Sped</p> <p>107 Genesis twin</p> <p>109 Small stream</p> <p>111 "Smooth Operator" singer</p> <p>113 * Vessel for crustacean fishing</p> <p>117 * Removes tenderly, as a lover's tears</p> | <p>HAVING FLITTING THOUGHTS</p> <p>122 City in central Illinois</p> <p>123 Hawaii's nickname</p> <p>124 Super-corny</p> <p>125 Occupancy levies</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Talk smack to</p> <p>2 Like official public statements</p> <p>3 Freed from federal restrictions</p> <p>4 Give off light</p> <p>5 "Look, mice!"</p> <p>6 Ripen</p> <p>7 Lil Jon's genre</p> <p>8 Around H'wood, e.g.</p> <p>9 French card game</p> <p>10 Actress Jane</p> <p>11 One asked to attend a party</p> <p>12 Less remote</p> <p>13 Eye creepily</p> <p>14 Thanksgiving mo.</p> <p>15 Summer, to Jeanne</p> <p>16 Form a lap</p> <p>17 Tough</p> <p>18 Many a virtual bidding event</p> <p>19 Ork, Krypton or Melmac</p> <p>20 Lion's home</p> <p>27 Paris airport</p> <p>29 "Righteously" singer Williams</p> <p>30 Desk wood</p> <p>31 Pseudonym</p> <p>32 Groups for devotees</p> <p>34 Vast Asian mountain system</p> <p>35 Satirical device</p> <p>36 Tent securer</p> <p>38 Straight up, in a bar</p> <p>46 Reeves of "The Matrix"</p> <p>48 Fair booth</p> <p>51 Straight up, in a bar</p> <p>53 Sutured</p> <p>54 Like altruists</p> <p>55 Singer Fitzgerald</p> <p>58 Obtain by threatening</p> <p>59 Singer Rita</p> <p>62 Church teachings</p> <p>65 Film holders</p> <p>68 Rock's Clapton</p> <p>71 Launching platform</p> <p>74 Star athlete, for short</p> <p>75 Place to learn, in Lyon</p> <p>76 Smartphone company</p> <p>77 The opposite way</p> <p>78 Cemetery plot</p> <p>79 Animal trap</p> <p>80 Pack full</p> <p>82 Information group for analysis</p> <p>83 Big name in car cleaning products</p> <p>84 Speechify</p> <p>85 "Thwack!"</p> <p>90 Remote</p> <p>92 Moniker for a Yale student</p> <p>95 Coverer of a bald spot</p> <p>96 Unlike gods</p> <p>97 Brian of Roxy Music</p> <p>98 Pipe with a flexible tube</p> <p>100 Open, as a Ziploc bag</p> <p>108 Band blasters</p> <p>109 Renege (on)</p> <p>110 Drug bust unit</p> <p>112 Mgr.'s helper</p> <p>113 "Wait a —!"</p> <p>114 "In your face!"</p> <p>115 Actor Saget</p> <p>116 Singer Rita</p> <p>118 Topping sort</p> <p>119 That girl</p> <p>120 Supped</p> <p>121 "Definitely!"</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2009, six geologists were convicted of manslaughter for failing to predict a deadly earthquake in Italy. Though exonerated, they faced high levels of shame from the general public afterward.
- Compared to average shoppers, chefs are more likely to buy generic store brands for sugar, baking soda and other common kitchen staples.
- Lacrosse descends from a version played by Native Americans in the 17th century. Matches could last several days with as many as 1,000 players per team, on a field with goals up to six miles apart. Game sticks were so treasured that they were often buried with the athletes after death.
- Thomas Edison attempted to create ghost-hunting equipment, and an assistant died while testing it.
- Measles can deplete previously acquired immune memory for up to two years in adults.
- The state of Texas keeps a database of more than 500 executed inmates' last words, going back to the 1980s.
- Ever been annoyed by the decibel level of a rooster's morning wake-up call? You're not the only one who finds it loud: When the birds crow, they lean their heads back, covering their ear canal, which acts as an earplug to protect themselves from being deafened by their own vocalizations.
- After plagiarizing work for his directorial debut, actor Shia LaBeouf plagiarized a public apology from a Yahoo! answers question about ... plagiarism.
- You can buy a room on a cruise ship and live on board for an annual fee.
- In the 1800's, bananas were seen by some as an "immoral fruit," due to their shape. Fruit companies combatted this perception by issuing postcards of women eating bananas to advertise that they weren't taboo.

Thought for the Day: "Extraordinary things are always hiding in places people never think to look." -- Jodi Picoult
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals L

UE QCXW U ZQBXJ YDHDYKD NOD
 LMJ DEEDZNK NOMN MRUCR UK
 OMHUCR QC FW LQJW.
 U'F EDDXUCR KQ WQBNOXDKK.

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Wiener dogs



It's a Wiener dog from a Wiener workshop! Vienna, Austria, or "Wien" in German, was a major European cultural center. The Wiener Werkstatte may be the most famous Viennese workshop of the 20th century, but it was not the only one.

This dachshund-shaped letter opener sold for \$813 at a Rago auction. It was made by Werkstatte Hagenauer, which was founded in Vienna by goldsmith Charles Hagenauer in 1898. Like many studios, it was a family business. Hagenauer's sons became influential art deco designers. The workshop closed in the 1980s. Now there is a museum and shop on its former premises.

Despite their name, Wiener dogs did not originate in Vienna, but in Germany. Officially called dachshunds, the breed has plenty of nicknames based on its long, thin, sausage-like shape.

Q: I have a necklace made of clear faceted beads that I was told were crystal. Does this mean they are cut glass or rock crystal?

A: "Crystal" can be used for both rock crystal and cut glass. Some makers and collectors use the term for any colorless clear glass. To add to the confusion, both rock crystal and glass beads are found in antique and vintage jewelry all over the world.

"Wiener" dogs may not come from Vienna, but this gold-colored letter opener did. It was made by Werkstatte Hagenauer and sold for \$813 at a Rago auction. *Courtesy Photo by Kovels.com*

Rock crystal is a clear, colorless quartz stone fashionable in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some 19th-century cut glass was made to resemble rock crystal until about 1860, when colored glass became popular. "Paste" stones, or glass stones that imitate precious gems, were invented around 1730 and have been used in costume jewelry since then. Glass jewelry was especially popular in the early 1900s. From about 1918 to the 1930s, Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic and Slovakia) exported glass beads, faceted glass stones and finished jewelry all over the world.

The necklaces are often marked "Czechoslovakia" on the clasp. To tell whether your beads are stone or glass, hold them in your hand. Glass feels about room temperature and will grow warmer as you hold it. Stone is colder to the touch and takes longer to warm up. Natural rock crystal is more valuable than cut glass.

TIP: Your diamond or precious-stone jewelry -- antique or modern -- should be reappraised every other year for insurance value.

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CURRENT PRICES
Cut glass vanity jar, diamond cutting, goldtone ormolu bands, round, hinged lid, 1800s, 2 1/2 inches, \$110.

Toy M-4 Combat Tank, tin, decals, bump and go action, rotary cannon tower, spinning light, battery operated, box, 12 inches, \$275.

Silver American dish, swan form, cut glass liner, marked, Theodore B. Starr, N.Y., c. 1920s, 3 x 5 inches, \$410.

Lamp, electric, arts & crafts, patinated copper, four-sided stem, flared out toward bottom, shade with copper frame and four yellow textured slag glass panels, ball and chain pull, 14 inches, \$690.

Flag, United States, woven cotton, 36 hand sewn stars, 1865, 71 x 116 inches, \$1,560.

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Veteran's Post

By Freddy Graves

Employees banned from working at VA

After all the instances of fraud unearthed by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General over the years, I was not surprised to see this special report of something else they uncovered: "Stronger Controls Help Ensure People Barred from Paid Federal Healthcare Jobs Do Not Work for VHA."

Those who are excluded from getting a VA health-care job are those who previously committed "healthcare fraud, patient abuse, controlled substance violations, or acts subject to license revocation," among other things such as Medicare fraud. The Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General keeps a list of those excluded people, but the VA Office of Inspector General recently ran a test sample of a single pay period, and yes, they

found people on that list employed by the VA.

What apparently happened was that the human resources (hiring) staff didn't correctly do as they were required by federal law, which is run the names of potential new hires through the list to make sure they hadn't been excluded from employment. In instances of surname changes, the previous last names weren't checked even though they were noted on the hiring documents.

But that wasn't the only error. The VA's Office of Integrity and Compliance was also required to do a monthly computer check of all Social Security numbers of people being paid to make sure excluded people hadn't slipped through the employment cracks. They pointed to a com-

puter coding error as the reason they weren't.

Enter the Office of Inspector General, who made recommendations so it doesn't happen in the future. One of those recommendations is to do a comprehensive audit of the Social Security numbers of all VA employees to see if any additional names show up.

There will be new training, of course, of the people who didn't follow policy, plus written guidelines, plus redundancies with multiple eyes looking at data and processes. You have to love the VA Office of Inspector General and the people who work there. Surely they have the highest satisfaction level of any who work in government.

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Alcona County Review CLASSIFIEDS

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Estate of Gail Sandra Allish
Date of birth: December 18, 1940
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Gail Sandra Allish, died January 22, 2023.

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Date: April 5, 2023
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John's Home Maintenance is now accepting new lawn care customers. Call John's Home Maintenance at 989-736-8315.

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however, had different plans and sired 53 lambs this spring.

"I have three sets of triplets this year. Sometimes moms will reject a lamb especially if it is her first year. This year one of my wether's, which is a neutered male, took the responsibility of two

lambs to teach them the sheep way. I still bottle-feed them, but he decided to look out for them. That's never happened before.

"I have six lambs I'm bottle feeding this spring which takes up a lot of time," she said. Robbins calls her lambs, "yarn seeds."

Robbins also dyes yarn and has some beautiful blends including a blue, green variegate she calls Lake Huron, which she said is her most popular yarn. She also has a yarn she calls Funny Farm which has llama, alpaca, and sheep wool in it.

She has even been commissioned to make yarn from Great Pyrenees dog fur which she said is more like angora than wool. She believes the people who commissioned the Great Pyrenees fur to be spun are going to make a rug from it.

Robbins is a homesteader and rarely goes to the grocery store. Most everything she eats is either grown on her farm or she gets from a nearby Amish store.

"I'm in good health and don't need much. Everything I do supports me or feeds me. All my sheep are grass-fed and I do have people who buy whole lambs from me. One of my customers does not eat beef, but he will eat lamb, so he comes twice a year for a lamb," she said.

The farm is over 100 acres, which is a lot for her to care for, but she hires someone to clean the barn for her. One of her four children is living with her and the others come and help when she calls on them.

As roosters crowed, the sheep bayed, and a handful of horses came towards her for an apple, Robbins looked around at her farm and smiled. "There is going to be a day when I can't do it all, but for now it keeps me active. It is a lot of work and I stay very busy, but it's a lifestyle I wouldn't trade for anything." Spruce Shadow Farms



Sheila Robbins holding one of her specialty dyed scans of yarn and one of her natural wool yarns inside her She Shed where she sells her wares in front of her home. Photo by Mary Weber.

Wool Yarns and Fiber Shop will be featured in the windows of the Alpena Arts Building during May and June.

Her She(lia) Shed is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day with regular hours but only open by appointment the rest of the year. Check out

her Facebook page at Spruce Shadow Farms Wool Yarns and Fiber Shop for shed hours and product information or call her at (989) 255-9142.

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Karen Hughes
Food Bank Coordinator

Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. Call 989-724-6384

BIDS WANTED
Curtis Township is seeking sealed bids from licensed builder/contractor for necessary repairs to the Curtisville Hall located at the corner of Curtisville and Clouse roads. Interested parties please contact the Curtis Township Supervisor at 989-335-1014 or mcsparty128@gmail.com to arrange for and inspection of what needs to be repaired. There is no access to the building without prior appointment. After the inspection bids will need to be mailed to Curtisville Hall Repair, PO Box 90, Glennie, MI 48737 and received no later than April 12, 2023. Submitted bids will be opened, reviewed and selected during the April 13, 2023 Curtis Township Board meeting.

Please Join Us! Easter Sunday Services

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5462 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake
Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen • 989-727-3206

April 6 - 6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship ~ With Holy Communion
April 7 - 6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship ~ Easter Prayer Vigil
April 9 - Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord
7 a.m. Sunrise Worship ~ With Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10 a.m. Celebration Worship ~ With Holy Communion

Celebrate the Resurrection at Greenbush Community Baptist Church
2430 S. State St. in Greenbush

9 a.m. - "Son-Rise" Service
9:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
11 a.m. - Worship Service

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
12365 US-23 South
Ossineke, MI 49766
Service Sundays 10 a.m.
With Communion

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

Easter Service
11 a.m.
989-724-6734

Spruce Presbyterian Church
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37) Spruce
989-471-5464

Easter Service
9 a.m.

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