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Consumers Energy explores selling 13 hydro facilities

Consumers Energy will be issuing a request for proposal (RFP) to explore the possibility of selling its 13 hydroelectric facilities as the energy provider continues to evaluate the future of the dams and considers all options to safely maintain the dam reservoirs.

Last year Consumers Energy held a series of public meetings with community members and local leaders about the dams' future. Based on community feedback, Consumers Energy understands how important these facilities and the associated reservoirs are to local communities. Therefore, the energy provider is exploring all options to safely maintain the reservoirs – the lakes created by the dams — while reducing costs for Consumers Energy's customers.

"After numerous conversations over the past year, it is clear the reservoirs are important for economic and recreational opportunities in these communities across Michigan," said Norm Kapala, Consumers Energy's vice president of generation operations. "But we also know that the current model for financing our hydroelectric power operations requires customers to pay more than nine times for the cost of energy compared to other sources of generation."

"Today's announcement is an initial step we need to take to learn more about what selling the facilities might look like. If we choose to move forward and sell these facilities, our intention is to minimize the cost burden for customers while keeping the recreational and economic benefits for our communities. No final decision has been made, and we continue to explore all options," Kapala said.

Consumers Energy began working with local officials and meeting with community leaders last year as licenses for the company's dams begin to expire in 11 years. Consumers Energy's 13 dams together produce less than one percent of energy used by the energy provider's nearly two million customers, and they are several times more expensive than other energy sources.

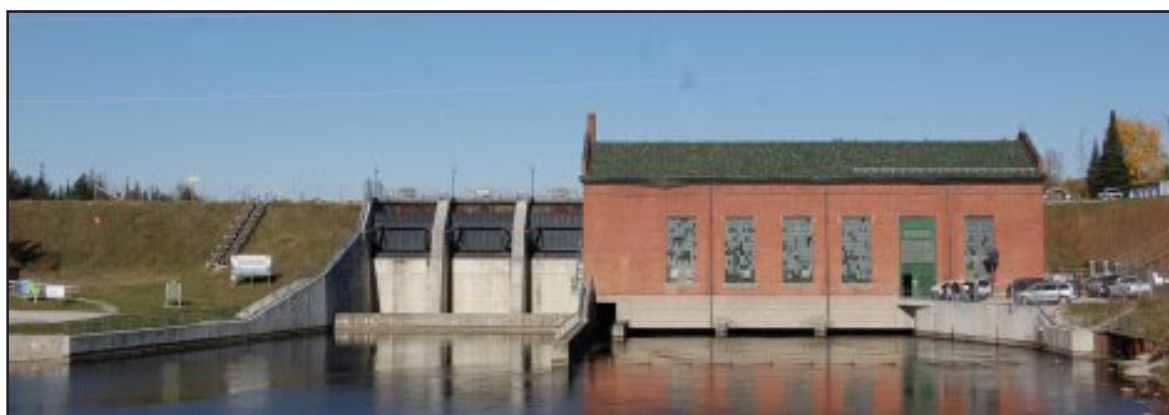
Consumers Energy is planning another series of public

community meetings later this summer and into the fall with the goal of collecting community feedback and discussing what a potential sale of the dams would mean, as well as other options continuing to be considered.

For meeting details, to provide comments, and more information about the process, visit: ConsumersEnergy.com/HydroFuture.

"We know communities and residents that treasure these dams will have questions about the future. That's why we will continue to provide timely updates and be transparent throughout this

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Five Channels Dam, visible from M-65 which runs along the western edge of Alcona County, south of Glennie, is one of 13 hydroelectric dams owned by Consumers Energy. Five Channels Dam was built in 1911 and 1912. It was the second of six hydroelectric plants to be built on the lower AuSable River by the Foote brothers of Jackson, Mich. (founders of Consumers Power). *Photo courtesy of Roadside Attractions.*



While amusement rides and animal exhibits have left the Alcona County Fairgrounds, the fun is not over. Heritage Days will be held on the fairgrounds, and in downtown Lincoln the annual Lincoln Lions Car Show will be going all day on Saturday. Check out the Calendar of Events on page 7. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Michigan alerts residents to be aware of legionellosis

A bacterium that grows in water during warm months can be a health risk to compromised individuals.

The illness associated with these bacteria is legionellosis, a respiratory infection caused by Legionella bacteria, and can present as Legionnaires' disease with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath and pneumonia, or Pontiac fever with similar symptoms but no pneumonia.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Legionellosis is most common in the summer and early fall when warm, stagnant water can allow Legionella bacteria to grow in water systems. Water systems in large buildings, cooling towers, whirlpool spas and decorative fountains offer common environments for bacterial growth, and transmission occurs if

they are not cleaned and maintained properly.

Transmission of Legionella bacteria to people primarily occurs when water mist or vapor containing the bacteria is inhaled. Less commonly, people with difficulty swallowing can get sick if water containing the bacteria accidentally goes into the lungs while they are drinking.

Legionellosis does not generally spread person to person.

Risk factors for exposure to Legionella bacteria include:

- Recent travel with an overnight stay.
- Recent stay in a health care facility.
- Exposure to hot tubs or whirlpool spas.
- Exposure to settings where the plumbing has had recent repairs or maintenance work.

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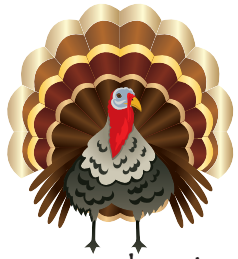
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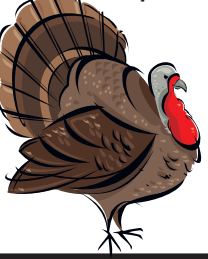
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Margaret "Peggy" Ann Cowdin

Peggy Cowdin, 83, died peacefully at home in Harrisville, surrounded by family on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023. She was the last of eight children born to Harold Delmont Ellison and Alice Ellison (Baines) Ellison in Royal Oak, Mich. on March 7, 1940.

Peggy graduated from the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Mich. in 1958, and married her high school sweetheart, Christopher Tanner Cowdin on June 21, 1960. They were blessed with four children.

Peggy was so happy to be a mother and shared her joy with all around her. She was a strong and determined woman. She was greatly loved by her family and friends and was active in her community.

Peggy will be greatly

missed, and a hole will be left in many hearts.

In 1981, she and Chris bought a house on Lake Huron in Harrisville. Harrisville is where she spent time as a child and where she and Chris took the family camping for years. In 1983, she moved Up North full-time. Chris moved up a couple years later. They both lived on the lake for the rest of their lives. She will be greatly missed.

Peggy is survived by three children and 10 grandchildren: Rita Votta and children, Amanda Votta, Nicole Votta and Alexander Votta; grandson, Garrett Stratton (son of her deceased daughter Julie Cowdin); Kristy Cowdin and children, Christopher Zajac and Jane Zajac; and William Cowdin, wife Mandy (Aben) Cowdin, and

their three children, Amelia, Adaline, and Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chris Cowdin; daughter Julie Cowdin; son (miscarriage); son-in-law, James Votta; all seven of her brothers and sisters; and their spouses; her parents; and several nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Anne Catholic Church (All Saints Parish) in Alpena at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Co-celebrating Mass will be the Rev. Stanislaw "Stan" Bereda and the Rev. Tyler Bischoff. Visitation will be at McWilliams Funeral Home on Monday, Aug. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Donations can be made to the Alcona Humane Society in Lincoln, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln.

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Edith Louise Abbott

Edith Louise Abbott (nee Cornelius), 64, of Hubbard Lake, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, after a private battle with cancer.

She was born to Nance (Calvin) Loyless and Hubert (Bonnie) Cornelius on September 18, 1958, in Harrisville.

Edie's real journey began at the age of 18 when she married her soul mate, John Abbott. The couple started out living in a tent in a friend's backyard until they could afford an apartment. They worked tirelessly to make ends meet for many years, never giving up on the big dreams they had for their future.

In 1993, they purchased Abbott Excavating from John's father and operated a well-respected and successful business until John's retirement in 2022. Edie was the office manager of the company and was known to drive heavy equipment and do hard labor with a rake and shovel as the need arose, even well into her 60s.

In addition to her full-time contribution to the family company, Edie had many other jobs. She served as the Ossineke Township clerk for two terms and, later, transitioned to the board of trustees. She had tenacity for truth and honor and was willing to publicly stand up to opposition at board meetings and anywhere else. She was very good at debate and was often successful at defending her cause.

She was owner and operator of the 100 Acre Woods Farm where she raised and sold organically-raised, free-range beef, pork, sheep, and chicken. Edie was well known for undercharging

for her products because her greatest desire was to help others instead of making a profit.

Probably her most important and most loved occupation was homeschooling her three children. She had a love for history and science and made them come alive for her pupils. She even built an entire series of books using glue and a press so that her youngest daughter could read historical novels that had been out of print for many decades.

Edie had a love of people, a love of nature, and a love of adventure. She spent every minute that she could with her grandkids, regardless of how inconvenient it was for her or how tired she was.

Edie dreamed of riding their motorcycles from their Hubbard Lake home to Alaska and sleeping under the stars at every checkpoint in between. She hoped to live off grid in the middle of the woods somewhere, completely self-sufficient.

She loved long walks in the woods, fishing, camping, gardening, farming and anything else that got her close to Creation. She was always optimistic and always smiling... unless somebody tried to pervert the truth or take advantage of somebody she cared about, then she became Mama Bear.

The presence of cancer could not destroy Edie's positive and happy demeanor. From the onset of her diagnosis 11 months ago to the realization that the grueling treatments would not be successful at extending her life, Edie never felt sorry for herself and was always accepting of God's will for her. Her attitude about sickness and death was as much a testimony as was her life.

Knowing that her time on



earth was drawing to a close and wanting to express their undying love for one another, John and Edie renewed their vows in the presence of their children on August 12, 2023, with the assistance of the hospital chaplain.

Edie is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, John Abbott; three children, John Vincent (aka JV), Casey (Robert) Odell and Mekayla (Dominic) DeRosia; eight grandchildren, Lexy, Connor, Gunnar, TJ, Brayleigh, and Brooklyn Odell, and Rylee and Delilah DeRosia; one great-grandson, Ryker Matthews; and her mother, Nance Loyless.

Edie was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Cornelius and her step-father, Calvin Loyless.

The hearts of those who knew Edie well are devastated by her absence but anxiously await the day they can be reunited in Paradise.

A funeral service will be held at the Ossineke United Methodist Church on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 11 a.m. with doors opening at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow. Pending weather conditions, Edie's urn will be transported to the Hubbard Lake Cemetery for burial on her beloved Harley Davidson. Family and friends wishing to participate are encouraged to transport themselves on motorcycle also if possible.

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Obituaries

Richard "Rick" D. Stemen Jr.

Richard "Rick" D. Stemen Jr., 69, of Mikado, died on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, at home.

He was born October 14, 1953, to Richard D. and Wilma J. (Adams) Stemen Sr. in Perrysburg, Ohio.

He was a paperboy for the Toledo Blade as a young boy. At the age of 14, he had his first tree climbing job. He graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1971, where he played football and wrestled.

Mr. Stemen worked as a Tree Arborist for many years. He climbed and trimmed trees

in Perrysburg, Ohio, and northeastern Michigan, as well as at Arlington National Cemetery.

He loved the outdoors, especially fishing, cross country skiing, camping, and working in his garden. He was active in the American Youth Soccer Organization as a coach, referee, and board member.

Mr. Stemen is survived by his wife, Linda; three children, Amanda (Nathan Fetzer) Stemen of Inglewood, Calif., Laqueta Stemen of Ypsilanti, Mich. and Chad (Jessica) Stemen of Haslett, Mich.; two

granddaughters, Luna Stemen and Stella Stemen; one sister, Victoria (Les) Sachau; three brothers, James (Sharon) Stemen, Michael (Carmen) Stemen and Terry (Julie) Stemen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 12, at Maria Hall in Harrisville. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Alcona Schools Orchard, or to the environmental charity of the donor's choice.

John E. Roland

John E. Roland, 80, of Hubbard Lake, died on Monday, August 14, 2023, at home.

He was born August 3, 1943, to Edward and Helen (Macek) Roland in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

He married Mary Ann Czarnota in 1964 in Detroit, Mich. They were longtime residents of Brighton, Mich.

Mr. Roland was chief metallurgist at GM Powertrain in Ypsilanti, Mich. In 2001, after 32 years, he retired to Hubbard Lake.

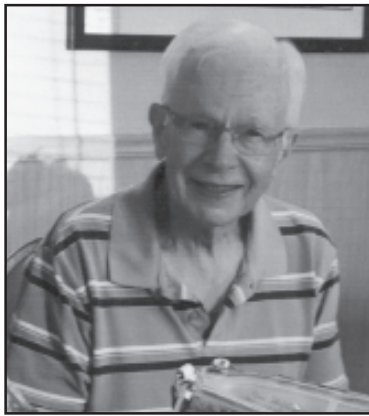
He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Ossineke, and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 6851.

He was a member of Hubbard Lake Sportsmen Club, Hubbard Lake Citizens Watch, General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees Club, and the Snowdrifters Club.

He loved hunting, fishing, and was a great handyman.

Mr. Roland is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; two sons, Rick Roland and Jeff (Kristen) Roland; one daughter, Cindy Roland-Frohriep; five grandsons; one sister, Judy (Larry) Trybulec; two brothers, Jim (Lori) Roland and Jerry (Pat) Roland; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of life event will be held at St. Catherine Catholic Church at noon, Saturday, Aug. 26. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan.



John E. Roland is shown in a portrait. He was a member of Hubbard Lake Sportsmen Club, Hubbard Lake Citizens Watch, General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees Club, and the Snowdrifters Club.

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To the Editor,
I was talking with members of the "Just Us" tribe who were blaming downstate auto workers for the spike in the cost of an acre of land from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per acre. My disgruntled fellow citizens were/are hard working farmers of Polish descent whose families emigrated to northeast Michigan, circa 1920-1930, to "escape" the hardships in post-World War I Europe and to enjoy the apparent freedom to prosper on their own land.

As time transpired, they began to realize that even though they were far and away better in America, freedom was an illusion. The federal, state and local governments tax your property so you are just renting it from people in power and not an owner. If you don't pay your property taxes (and income taxes), the power elites take all your possessions by force i.e., by the barrel of a gun. The IRS, an unconstitutional entity, has its own army to enforce its unconstitutional income collection.

Government is organized crime. Some taxes do provide necessary services for our communities, but do it constitutionally. The U.S. and state constitutions are the law of the land, but the controlling global and local elites, with the power of the sword, do not honor our constitutions. We, as citizens, are subject to "controlled anarchy"

and many respond accordingly.

Some fellow citizens steal people's trees, poach an entire deer herd for profit and think nothing of it.

The Polish farmers should blame the responsible parties that cause their anger and frustration. It's local property owners' desire to get top dollar for their land. It's local real estate agents that have the same desire as the owners. It's local citizens in government who have the same desire as the owners and real estate agents. It's your own tribal members!

Mike Doran
Caledonia Township

CryptoQuip

answer

If you ingested a bill depicting Abe Lincoln, what would that provide you with?

Dietary fiver.

— Super Crossword —

Answers

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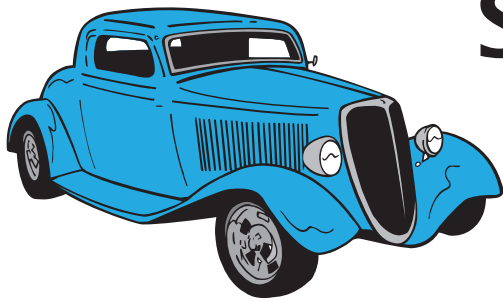
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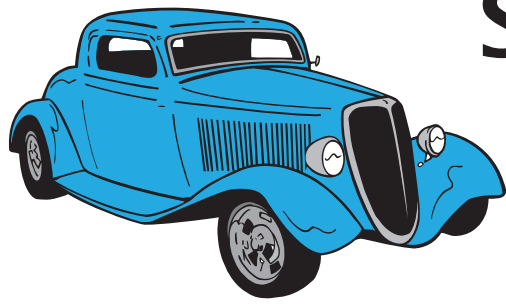
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Discover a world of imagination, where heroes are born, and legends unfold at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The

new Dungeons and Dragons Club will meet at 3 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for information.

Teenagers are encouraged to "slurp and savor the ultimate ramen experience" during the Sizzling Teen Ramen Party and D&D Club at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This event is just for teenagers. This event is sponsored by the Alcona County Friends of the Library.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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, AUGUST 25

Storytime and a craft activity for children will be held

at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Harbor Nights concert series features Bob Hausler in this week's free concert at the Harrisville Harbor at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees should bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

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 Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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Club, will be held at the Alcona County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 a.m. There is no charge for this family event that includes a tractor parade, following the "National Anthem" at 9:30 a.m. There will be many working displays, a barbecue pork meal served at 1 p.m., and a variety of tractors and farm equipment.

The Lincoln Train Depot and Logging Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to experience what train travel was like and learn about the logging era that shaped this region and state. Free admission. The depot is located in Lincoln on the corner of Lake and Fiske streets.

A pig roast, dance and silent auction supporting the historic Harrisville Train Depot will be held at 6 p.m. at Lost Lake Woods Club. Tickets can be purchased at Pre-

cious Paws or the Hollyhock Emporium in Harrisville. For more information, or to purchase tickets online, visit harrisvilledepot.com.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Augustine Church in Hillman is hosting a Parish Festival beginning with 10 a.m. Mass procession of the Holy Eucharist in honor of the feast of St. Augustine. From noon to 2 p.m. lunch is available to purchase. There will be many games and activities for children. There will be a live silent auction at 2 p.m. Proceeds from this event will prepay the roof.

Hope Lutheran Church will have guest speaker Dr. Richard Olree at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Olree is a featured presenter on the importance of chiropractic health with an emphasis on the importance of minerals and diet. His talk

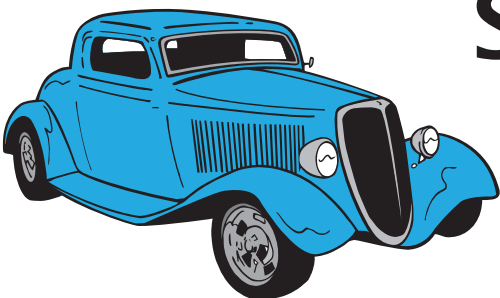
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will help attendees have a deeper understanding of nutrition in relation to viruses. Hope Lutheran Church is located at 5462 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Practice ukulele with other confident beginners at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Confident beginners will know several chords and are eager to become familiar with playing in a group. The ability to read music is not required. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

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, SEPTEMBER 1

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Stroll along Main Street from 1 to 3 p.m. to enjoy the variety of music played from most of the porches and front yards in downtown Harrisville from the Harrisville Pocket Park to Precious Paws. More than 14 acts are volunteering their talents to entertain in the annual Harrisville PorchFest.

The annual Harmony Festival features more than 600 booths of arts and crafts beginning at 9 a.m. and a variety of live musical entertainment throughout the day. The festival is located on the corner of US-23 and M-72 in Harrisville. Sponsored by the Harrisville Arts Council. For more details, see HarrisvilleArtsCouncil.com.

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The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (summer hours) 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free

program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register and for details.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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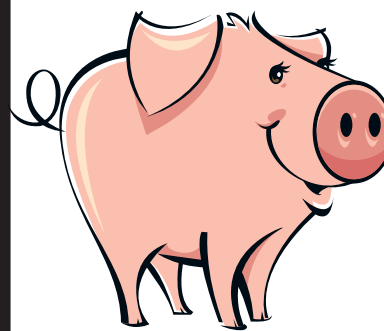


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A special thank you to Jake's Excavating for purchasing my 2023 finished steer project.



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A special thank you to Kris Mart for purchasing my 2023 fair swine project.

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Estate of Hugh Loyer EQUIPMENT AND MISC. AUCTION Saturday, August 26 at 10 a.m.

2172 Loyer Rd., Mikado. From Mikado go 1/2 mile east to Loyer Rd. then south to sale. (Watch for signs)

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The Loyer family has owned this land for over 130 years. There will be many things sold that are not listed and you never know what might turn up.

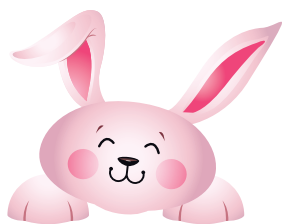
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decision-making process,” Kapala said. “We’ve committed to exploring all options for safely maintaining these reservoirs for decades to come.”

Consumers Energy’s 30 to 40-year federal operating licenses on the Muskegon, Manistee, Grand, Kalamazoo and AuSable rivers are set to expire beginning in 2034 through 2041.

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B.C. 1	98
Glennie 1	93
Glennie 2	91
Hale Eagles 1	78
Northwoods	73
Mikado Legion 2	72
B.C. Eagles	57
Hale Eagles 2	37

NOTICE

Recycle Alcona County is in need of **VOLUNTEERS** for drop off days and **BOARD MEMBERS** to move this event into the future.

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“If you are at risk and may have been exposed to Legionella it is important to monitor your symptoms and contact your health care provider if you become ill,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Legionnaires disease is treatable with antibiotics and health care providers are required to report cases to the health department.”

Most healthy individuals do not become infected or sick after an exposure to Legionella. Individuals at a higher risk of getting sick include:

- People over age 50.
- Current or former smokers.
- People with chronic lung disease.
- People with weakened

immune systems from diseases or certain medications.

• People with chronic health conditions such as cancer, diabetes, or liver or kidney failure.

In 2023, 186 confirmed legionellosis cases have been reported in Michigan through the end of July, compared to 196 cases in 2022. This year’s cases are lower than the previous five-year (2018-2022) average of 234 confirmed legionellosis cases for the same time period of January through July.

MDHHS and local health departments will continue to monitor cases. Individuals with concerns about Legionnaires’ disease or exposure to the Legionella bacteria should talk to their health care provider.

Americanisms



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— T.S. Eliot

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Family Comes Together

The annual family reunion for Thomas Cross Anderson Sr. and Thomas Cross Anderson Jr. took place August 5 with 21 attending. Ages of attendees ranged from five to 94 and they came from Flint, Mich. to Alpena. The Anderson immigrated to Harrisville Township from Vittoria, Canada with their father and grandfather, William Anderson in 1882. (Front row, from left) Esra Jamieson, Joyce Jamieson, Sherry Gould, (middle row) Lee Luck, Joy Lantto, Amy Lantto, Carol Luck, Dr. Elwood Anderson, Andy Jamieson, Brad Anderson, (back row) Neil Lantto, Bruce Lantto, Max Thiede, Anita Gould, Renee Anderson, Karissa Jamieson, Joshia Jamieson and Timothy Jamieson. Not in photo, Dave Gould. *Courtesy photo.*



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Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 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, Aug. 28: Pork roast with gravy, potato Lyonnaise, peas and carrots, apricots.
- Tuesday, Aug. 29: Sloppy joe on bun, Tator Tots, corn, apple sauce.
- Wednesday, Aug. 30: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, bread stick, peaches.
- Thursday, Aug. 31: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed fruit.

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

Farm Heritage Days

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PorchFest in Harrisville

PorchFest of Harrisville is being organized again this year to coincide with the Labor Day festivities on Satur-



Raymond and Susan Bugg, wandering minstrels, will be performing during this summer's PorchFest. *Courtesy photo.*

day, Sept. 2, from 1-3 p.m. This is the fourth annual PorchFest, which is a celebration that emphasizes that Harrisville is a "city of music." This event embodies the positive attributes of the small town community atmosphere. The music unites businesses, visitors, and residents for a couple of hours of fun.

From Shotmakers, at the top of E. Main, down to Precious Paws; there will be musicians singing and playing popular tunes on guitars, ukuleles, bass, fiddles, flutes, and mandolins. Bring a chair, or just stroll down both sides of the street, and listen to the beautiful sounds coming from the porches and yards of Harrisville.

About 15 porches and yards on Main Street will be the setting for music by some of this area's top musicians who are volunteering their time and talent including, Laura Frawley; Lee Kitzman; The Brandons; JW Thomas; Shawn Butzin; Jim Cooper; Sunrise Side Ukulele Strummers; Grand Folk Trio; Gypsy Heart and friends; Charlie Flowers and friends; The

Fisherman's Daughter Band; Michael Hough; Ian McConnell; Dallas Stephens; and wandering minstrels called The Buggs.

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Alcona soccer opens season under new coach

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity soccer team has a new head coach in Tim Steiner this year.

Steiner is hardly a stranger to the Tigers' soccer program though, as he was an assistant under Tim Munro (2011-2019) and has been involved in youth soccer in the area for 22 years.

"We have a solid core of skilled players with athletic ability and speed that will be fun to watch and are exciting to coach," Steiner said.

The Tigers struggled a bit last season, going 2-8-1 overall. They graduated three players from that team but will welcome back with 11 athletes from that squad. Steiner will also have a solid coaching staff surrounding him in Andy Hilton, Ashton

Rigby and Tim Munro.

Returning to the team are seniors, Dawson Rigby (goalie), Carter Upper (defense); juniors, Vincent Nardi (defense), Preston Sharp (offense), Vincent Mahalak (offense), Haley Glick (defense); and sophomores, Cole Upper (offense), Colin Mckenna (offense), Matt Abee (defense), Anthony Perez (defense) and Emily Atkinson (defense).

New to the team are senior, Michael Nevin (defense); junior, Danica Manning (defense); and freshman, Joanna Steiner (defense).


"We have a number of players who can play various positions and it will be our goal to put them where they excel," Steiner said. "Along with the obvious things like conditioning, we have been working hard on ball control, team-

work, and making the fundamentals of soccer to be natural and instinctive."

Steiner is hoping to see more comes from his team than what the win-loss totals might reflect too. "(We want to) be a team that supports one another in victory and defeat," he said. "Recognizing that a win may be a loss based on effort and conduct. By this I mean that half-hearted effort or poor sportsmanship in a game can diminish or remove the good things that come from a win. Giving one's best effort and treating opponents, officials, spectators and teammates well, even in a loss, will lessen the negative things that often come with defeat."

Alcona opened the season in Grayling on Wednesday, Aug. 16 and plays in their home opener on Monday, Aug. 21 against Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian.

"If we can come together as a team and handle adversity well without complaint or discouragement and handle victories with humility and grace, we will have a good season," Steiner said. "The high school years go by quickly and I hope these athletes come away from their participation in Alcona soccer with not only good memories but have their character developed where they will be a role model to others and a benefit to their community."



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Seizing a summer day

By John Pepin

Michigan DNR

"It's shining brightly, it's looking pretty right, from early morning to real, real late at night."

~ Bob Seger

As easy as a melody, our little raft floated across the top of the water, pushed gently onward by a warm summer breeze. There was no need to paddle, only to drift and to coast.

No need for a jacket, not even a windbreaker, sunshine warming my face.

Light puffs of smoke rolled out over the water and drifted in our direction from a dying breakfast campfire onshore.

A man and his dog had spent the night here in a camper, the man's canoe tied up along the shore of this small inland lake, not far from where we had put in.

In the blue sky above the trees, a bald eagle stood out starkly from the azure backdrop, its dark brown-black wings outstretched flat, its white tail and head shining brightly.

I thought about how when I was a kid, if you told someone you had seen a bald eagle, they likely wouldn't have believed you. Today, they are a common and welcome sight.

We had hit this just right.

The day was heavenly, with so much warmth everywhere, but without the smothering high humidity that can easily wear down the resolve and good intentions of just about anybody – especially on a Saturday afternoon.

Nuthatches beeped softly from the trees just up off the shore. Beyond that, there was no sound at all, except for the occasional gentle slurping noise as one of us would slide a paddle into the water to turn the raft away from the bank.

It would have been easy to lay back and drift off to sleep, letting the wind tap the boat from one side of the lake to the other, but we were ostensibly here to do some fishing.

The fish had other ideas.

I imagined they wanted to stay down lazing in the cool recesses at the bottom of the



Two painted turtles enjoy a sunny day, relaxing on a log. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

lake where they could spend the afternoon away from baited fishing hooks or shiny, whirling lures.

We floated without a bite for more than an hour before deciding to head to someplace else. It wasn't long before we found ourselves unloading the raft at another lake.

We followed a trail through the woods and clouds of hungry mosquitoes. At the shoreline, red and brown pine needles covering the ground obscured our view of a foot-deep mixture of mud and water.

This made boarding the raft a little trickier than expected.

The Queen of Shebis almost went over the top of her boots, while I slipped a bit and could have gone into the boat or into the water. As luck would have it, I rolled into the raft dry as a dust bunny.

After we pushed offshore and swatted the remaining mosquitoes that had followed us out into deeper water, the bugs disappeared.

This was another beautiful place to be, through the shoreline here was more jagged and raggedly shaped, with little bays and islands that were covered with sundews, cranberries and other wet-place plants.

As we paddled for the far shore, I pointed out a bank of what looked possibly like rain clouds bubbling up off the horizon over the tops of the trees. If it did come pouring

down and lightning struck, we could easily reach the shore if need be.

The water here was clear and deep and colder than at the last lake.

By now, the afternoon was getting on toward supper time.

One of my first casts of a baited hook resulted in three little knocks on my line. The next cast produced a nice-sized brook trout.

"Okay, it's your turn now," I told the Shebis.

She cast her line in the same general area where I had just got my fish.

It wasn't long at all before she had a fish on her line, battling it back to the side of the raft. So beautiful.

I watched the trout shimmer in the sunlight as it rolled on its side a few feet away from my outstretched arm. I was waiting to grab the line and pull the fish into the boat. The Shebis let the fish swim to tire it out.

As I reached again to grab the line, something dark and wide came up from under the boat toward the fish. React-

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City of Harrisville – Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:30 P. M. to recommend adoption of zoning ordinance amendments to the City Council. The public hearing will be held at 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan, 48740. The full text of the amendments is available at the Harrisville City offices at the above address during regular City Hall hours or online at <https://harrisvillemi.org/>. Written comments may be sent to the above address prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The proposed amendments modify the City of Harrisville Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.1 (Definitions) to include the definition of Marijuana Delivery Services.

Amend Section 4.0 (Use Matrix - Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses / Accommodation and Food Service) to allow restaurant drive-through service in the CBD and MU zones.

Amend Section 7.22 (Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver Facilities, Commercial Medical Marijuana Facilities and Marijuana Establishments) as follows:

Part E, item 1e; increase the preservation of security recordings and documentation from 48-hours to 30-days.

Part E, item 2a; modify the hours of operation for provisioning centers from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, to 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

Part E, Item 2c; remove the restriction on provisioning centers that prevents walk up or drive through windows.

Part E, Item 2c (new); allow provisioning centers to provide curbside service.

Part E, Item 2d (new); allow provisioning centers to provide drive-through service.

Part E, Item 2e (new); allow provisioning centers to provide marijuana home delivery services to residential addresses and designated consumption establishments.

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The life of Peanut, the world's oldest living chicken

By Jack Armstrong
Capital News Service

In the spring of 2002, Marsi Darwin noticed one of her hen's eggs hadn't hatched and had gone cold.

As the caretaker of the farm, she knew rotten eggs would attract unwanted animals. So she carried it to the pond to throw it away where it would become food for fish and turtles.

But as she raised her arm to pitch the egg into the water, she thought she heard a chirp – she listened closer, and sure enough, there was a living chick inside the egg.

"I figured, well, it's going to die anyway, so I just went ahead and started peeling it out of the egg," she said.

Darwin had no idea the chick would go on to become a world record holder. But this spring, 21-year-old Peanut, an animal with a life expectancy of five-to-10 years, was verified as the world's oldest living chicken.

Peanut's Story

Darwin, a retired librarian and current chicken farmer lives in Chelsea, Mich., with her husband, a stained glass artisan. The two run a stained glass business and take care of a "menagerie" of animals on their farm, Darwin's Eden, including dogs, cats, parrots, chickens, peacocks, ducks and guinea fowl.

Darwin's Eden is a no-kill farm, and its chicken brood consists of roosters and a few elderly hens. Darwin collects their eggs to sell to friends – but that one egg, abandoned by its mother, would end up making headlines two decades later.

Now, the 21-year-old chicken comes when called, loves yogurt and likes to ride in Darwin's coat pocket while she does her chores.

Named Peanut because she was tiny and brown, the bird emerged from her egg as a



Peanut, a 21-year-old chicken, struts around the Darwin family's farm in Chelsea, Mich. Peanut was recently verified to be the world's oldest living chicken. Photo courtesy of Marsi Darwin.

"sad, wet waddled up mess." Darwin warmed her with a heat lamp and tried to introduce Peanut to her mother hen, but she was rejected.

"She did not want that little chick that wasn't dried off yet," Darwin said.

Darwin realized she'd have to raise Peanut in the house until she could survive on her own – which took almost two years because Peanut didn't want to live with other chickens.

"The chickens didn't particularly care for her," Darwin said. "They would peck at her."

But Peanut didn't forget her time as a house chicken. She came when called and recognized her name. And after a few years, Darwin started bringing her back into the house during the winter.

"I had the old cage on the screened-in porch where she used to live," Darwin said. "She jumped up on it like 'this is my home.' Well, the next night there was this little parade of chickens behind Peanut. She led her friends to the porch."

While Darwin hates admitting it, she and her husband still have "porch birds" living there.

A few years ago, Darwin started doing the math.

When old friends visited, they'd make remarks about Peanut's age, and Darwin realized the chicken had lived

with them for years before they'd built an addition onto their house in 2004.

Darwin knew then she had a 20-year-old chicken on her hands but had no aspirations to achieve world-record status, said Darwin's friend Todd Gillihan. Darwin and Gillihan became friends after they both commented on a Facebook post from a local resident seeking someone to babysit their chickens.

"She's a librarian from a small town in Michigan," Gillihan said. "She didn't want any of the hoopla about it."

For years, Gillihan and his partner badgered Darwin about Peanut's record-breaking age.

Finally, he said, they mailed Darwin a check and the completed forms necessary to apply for a Guinness World Record. Darwin politely mailed the check back – but sent the forms to Guinness.

"I thought, 'okay, I'm just going to do this to humor Todd,'" Darwin said.

She heard back in a week: Guinness wanted verification.

Peanut had never been to a vet. But Darwin's niece-in-law, who had been a teenager when he first met Peanut, was now a veterinarian.

And Darwin procured photographs and witness statements to corroborate the chicken's age.

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"I had quite a few witness statements because she was a character," Darwin said. "It was strange to have a house chicken - a lot of people wanted to visit her."

Peanut's personality likely made her more memorable: a resilient hen with a "ragtag" group of chicken friends. Gillihan said she's more comfortable with people than with other chickens.

And Darwin said she's talkative and likes to get feisty with her cats. "She'll peck at them, and she's not afraid of anybody."

One statement came from a friend who'd moved to California. When the friend visited, Peanut recognized him and jumped up onto his shoulder.

The evidence proved enough.

"I can confirm Peanut currently holds the Guinness World Records title for the oldest living chicken," said Kylie Galloway, a Guinness PR executive via email.

Peanut is nearly a decade older than the previous winner, Galloway said. "Cheddar previously held the Guinness World Records title for the oldest living chicken," she said. Cheddar was 12 years

old as of April 2022.

Fame and Fowl

While Darwin was reluctant to seek recognition for Peanut's longevity she's embraced it since the Guinness verification.

"Oh, she's totally immersed in it," Gillihan said. "She loves it. I'm super-glad for her."



Marsi Darwin poses with Peanut. Photo courtesy of Marsi Darwin.

Darwin has been interviewed by newspapers and radio and TV stations. She edited Peanut on top of her town's clocktower in a King Kong-style postcard, and published a children's book - "My Girl Peanut and Me," an account of Peanut's long life. Darwin uses Peanut's cry for

help, the chirp that made Darwin realize the chick inside the egg was still alive, as a metaphor to teach young readers that it's okay to ask for help.

Peanut even received a visit from Michigan state Sen. Sue Shink, D-Northville Township, who presented the chicken with a certificate honoring her long life, signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Recently, Gillihan visited a coffee shop where Darwin had set up a display so people could visit Peanut and check out Darwin's book. People were taking pictures with Peanut, he said.

The chicken is part of her family. She saved Peanut as a chick and nursed her through sickness.

Darwin's pet parrots call out Peanut's name, and the chicken sits on Darwin's lap when she watches TV. "Marsi is a good caring person with a good heart," Gillihan said.

In Darwin's book, Peanut's long life story becomes a message of resilience. In a section "for the grown-ups," Darwin describes her own struggles and how her journey could have been more steady with professional guidance.

"Be like Peanut," she

writes. "Call for help!"

How far can you go with the world's oldest chicken? How much fame can it bring?

In 2004, one woman and her 14-year-old chicken were invited onto the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Does Marsi Darwin have a shot at late-night television? "I hope not," she said. "I'm

not going anywhere, and I'm certainly not taking Peanut to New York City or anything like that."

Peanut could have a shot at becoming the world's oldest chicken ever recorded, living or not. Galloway said the current record holder is Muffy, born in 1989 - Muffy was over 23 years old.

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How to plan a green funeral; best medical alert systems you don't have to wear

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about green funeral options? At age 80, I would like to preplan my funeral and make it as natural as possible.

Old Environmentalist

Dear Environmentalist,
Great question! Green funeral options are becoming increasingly popular in the United States as more and more Americans are looking for environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional funerals. Here's what you should know about "green burial" and "green cremation" options, along with some tips to help you locate services in your area.

Green Burial

If you wish to be buried, a green/natural burial will minimize the environmental impact by forgoing the embalming chemicals (which is not required by law), traditional casket and concrete vault. Instead, you'll be buried in either a biodegradable container or shroud with no vault, and you won't be embalmed. This allows the body to decompose naturally and become part of the earth.

If you want to temporarily preserve the body for viewing or a memorial service, instead of embalming, you can request dry ice or Techni ice, a refrigeration unit, or a non-toxic embalming agent.

You'll also be happy to know that green burials are much cheaper than traditional funerals, which average around \$8,000 in 2023. By scrapping the coffin, vault and embalming, which are expensive, you'll save yourself several thousand dollars on your funeral costs.

To find green burial services in your area, a good first step is to see if there's a certified green funeral home in your area and contact them. The Green Burial Council offers an online directory of providers and other resources at GreenBurialCouncil.org.

If there isn't one nearby, your next step is to contact several traditional funeral homes to see if they offer green funeral service options—many do.

You'll also need to find a green cemetery. There are nearly 100 green cemeteries throughout the U.S., along with more than 300 traditional (hybrid) cemeteries that offer green burials too. To find them, the New Hampshire Funeral Resources, Education and Advocacy website has a list at NHfuneral.org. Or, if you own rural property you may be able to have a home burial there, if your state and county allow it.

If, however, there are no green cemeteries nearby you can still make your burial more environmentally

friendly by not being embalmed. And, if the cemetery allows, using a biodegradable casket or shroud and skipping the vault. If a vault is required, ask to have holes drilled in the bottom, or use a concrete grave box with an open bottom so the body can return to the earth.

Green Cremation

If you would rather be cremated, you have some green choices here too. While cremation has always been touted as being more eco-friendly than a typical burial, a traditional cremation, which uses high heat to incinerate the body, does emit greenhouse gases into the air.

A green cremation, however, uses water and potassium hydroxide to reduce a deceased body to its basic element of bone ash within a few hours. This green technique, which is known as alkaline hydrolysis, is a little more expensive than traditional cremation but, unfortunately, it's not legal in every state. Contact some local funeral providers to find out if this is available in your area, or Google "alkaline hydrolysis cremation" followed by your city and state.

Another green consideration is deciding what to do with the remains. Instead of scattering, which can be harmful to the environment, there are a wide variety of



Savvy Senior

biodegradable urns that dissolve into the earth or water over time, and memorial urns that will grow a plant or tree in combination with your ashes.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any monitored medical alert devices that you know of that don't require pushing a wearable help button? My 82-year-old father, who lives alone, has fallen twice during the past year but doesn't like wearing an SOS pendant button.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

Yes, there are actually several monitored medical alert systems and other technologies on the market today that have voice-activated capabilities that let seniors call for help using voice commands, without pushing a wearable help button. These new technologies are very helpful for elderly seniors that live alone who forget, or prefer

not to wear a help button, as well as for those who have physical challenges that makes using a help button difficult.

By simply speaking the "wake words" these devices will connect your dad to a trained dispatcher at a 24/7 monitoring center who will find out what the problem is, and get him the help he needs, whether it's calling emergency services, or contacting a family member, friend or neighbor to come and help him.

All of these technologies also offer family/caregiver smartphone apps that will help you keep tabs on your dad from afar and notify you if a problem occurs.

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What defines what a compliment is worth?

By Paul White
Columnist

Imagine someone places one thousand fifty-dollar bills in front of you. They proceed to tell you this money is now yours but there are two rules tied to the money that you must follow. The first is that not a single penny can be spent on yourself. The second is that you are required to give each fifty-dollar bill to 1,000 unique individuals over the next three months.

So, you begin to think about this unanticipated task that's been given to you. Your first thought is "why me?" Okay, that's a total fib. Your real first thought is "Wow! Fifty thousand dollars! In cash! Right in front of me! Which is followed by "what in tarnation was that first rule again?" After those two you finally ask the "why me" question, but you're unable to come up with any logical reason that makes sense. So, you finally begin to develop a plan on how you're going to give 1,000 people a fifty-dollar bill.

You set about the task of defining who would be eligible and quickly conclude it's the world's total population (minus you). You then begin to think about who might need it the most, which soon morphs into who might benefit from it the most.

This thought process takes you down a difficult path because you find yourself thinking about what people may use it for and now you are adding conditions to the giving. They better use it for something *you* think they should or you'll regret giving it to them — which means you're judging them.

But, there were only two rules and judging wasn't included in either of them. Plus, you remind yourself of your personal belief that the only person that can appropriately judge someone is themselves. No one else has "complete enough" knowledge of a person to be able to render judgement. Plus, as humans we tend to judge others by their actions and judge ourselves by our intentions. That's so unfair.

Out of sheer frustration you decide "coming up with a plan" is a bad idea and you simply set about to begin the process of handing out fifty-dollar bills to see what happens. As you begin your experience, instant gratification emanating from the ability to hand someone you don't know a fifty-dollar bill. As the process continues you realize that what the person does with the fifty dollars doesn't detract nor deter from the joy *you* get from handing it to them.

By the time you surpass handing out 100 of them, you realize that you haven't had a single negative experience. Each person is happy that you chose them and that their day just improved because of what you gave them. Going back to your earlier thought of "who might benefit the most" you realize that *everyone* will benefit in their own unique way. Some might buy needed medicine, food, or clothing. Some might pay it forward and help someone

Thoughts toponder

By Paul White



other than themselves. By the time you've handed out over 500 you realize it doesn't really matter. What *does* matter is the improvement the experience is having on *your* life even though you can't keep a penny. Was that the true purpose of what triggered your initial thought of "why me?"

The first word that I began with was "imagine" because no one has \$50,000 lying around. But I liked the thought process and wondered if there wasn't something I could substitute that would produce the same benefits to the person handing something out. Then it hit me. Compliments, which are free!

I could hand out compliments if I stuck to a couple of simple rules. Rule One: They had to be well thought out (you can't be flinging compliments around like it's a high school food fight). Rule Two: They had to be immediately identifiable as sincere by the person receiving the compliment (fake or insincere compliments are as identifiable as a \$3 bill).

I tried it and, sure enough, I was rewarded in a similar way to if I was handing out \$50 bills. It took practice. Sometimes I make an attempt that requires some additional explanation, and other times it's effectively quick and to the point, but that's how I learn and improve.

Also, I analyzed the impact someone paying me a compliment had on my own life. Often, I utilized a compliment as fuel to inspire myself to reach "stretch goals" and as encouragement to continue down a path that I may have been stalled on. That was worth a lot more than \$50 to me.

Sorry, I'm unable to give you \$50,000 but I'd like to challenge you just the same by asking you to thoughtfully hand out 1,000 compliments over the next three months. It's about 10 per day and you might consider fine-tuning your delivery on your family and co-workers first.

Then add in people you see regularly at the grocery store, bank, gas station, coffee shop, or other places you frequent. While you can watch for their reaction to improve your delivery, don't forget to notice what the process does for you. If we all began doing this at the same time, what changes do you think this would create in our community?

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of August 14-20, 2023

138 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 2 Arrests; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Assault; 31 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	83
PBT/Drug Testing	14	Mental	1
Assist	1	Animal/Dog	2
Fraud/Scam	2	Larceny	1
Well Being Check	1	Suspicious Event/Noise	5
Domestic	4	Malicious Destr. of Property	1
Runaway	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Harassment	2	Littering	1
Civil	5	Drive While Lic. Suspended	1
Child Neglect	1	Fingerprints	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Found Property	1
Alarm	1	Assault	1
Fire	1	Trespass	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	13	Caledonia	13	Curtis	5
Greenbush	13	Gustin	5	Harrisville	8
Hawes	9	Haynes	4	Mikado	13
Millen	7	Mitchell	25		
Harrisville City	16	Village of Lincoln	7		

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ing, I grabbed the line and pulled the fish toward me, which took the trout out of the biting range of a large, and very hungry, snapping turtle.

Wow. This was another thing I had never seen before.

While the fish flipped over and back on the floor of the raft, the snapping turtle calmly floated on top of the water just a foot or so away from us.

As we continued to fish, the turtle stayed close enough to touch. It seemed curious, as though we were the first humans it had ever seen. The turtle, whose shell was about 15 inches across, swam under the boat back and forth, and from stem to stern.

At one point, the turtle raised its head out of the water, opened its mouth and hissed. A painted turtle, much smaller in size, used the occasion to prop its front legs on the back of the snapper to get a look at us too.

After a moment or two, the painted turtle swam off and the snapping turtle followed, its mouth opened wide. The painted turtle pushed its right

front arm out toward the snapping turtle, swimming sideways away toward the shore, escaping.

This turtle was hungry.

The sun was starting to sink down toward the horizon, but we still had time to put another couple of trout into the boat. At home their red-orange meat would sizzle on the grill, looking and tasting more like salmon than trout.

With shadows fallen among the trees, an evening flute concert began, ethereal hermit thrush songs echoing through the woodlands. A kingfisher rattled loudly from across the lake, sounding like something was urgent.

Before we turned the boat back toward the opposite side of the lake, we discovered we were being flanked by at least two big snapping turtles. On one of my last casts, I felt a big tug on my bait from below.

I reeled up what felt like a log to find my hook caught in the mouth of one of the big turtles. The turtle swam toward my side of the boat as we dug in my fishing bag to get something to release the hook.

The turtle used its big, curled claws to free the hook, which then became lodged between a couple of the claws. I cut the line and the turtle slowly dropped below the surface of the water, out of sight.


By the time we had made it back through the mosquitoes to the vehicle, we had been bitten up bad, but we didn't care. It had been a fabulous day, the kind you dream about all winter long.

We stopped at an old moose pond on the way home and found instead a family of trumpeter swans – two adults and two cygnets – riding on the water. They allowed a few photos, as did a stand of purple flowers, which were positioned delightfully in the setting sunlight.

If there are no more sweet summer days for the rest of the season, that's okay with me. This day we had would be difficult to top and is bound to stay with me for not only the days and weeks ahead but, likely, many summers to come.

(John Pepin is the deputy public information officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.)


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Be alert, informed when considering student loans

As Michiganders prepare for the upcoming fall semester and pay their college tuition bills, the Michigan Department of Treasury's MI Student Aid Team is asking students and their families to be alert and informed when considering student loans.

"Michigan students and families cover a considerable amount of their higher education costs," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "Student borrowers who become their own financial advocate can better understand how to manage and leverage the financial aid they receive. Please carefully consider only accepting those loans that are needed. The choices made by students today could have ramifications later in life."

To make the best decision regarding student loans, the MI Student Aid Team recommends seven best practices when considering student loans:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges use information from the FAFSA to determine their financial aid awards. By completing and submitting the FAFSA, students maximize all their state, federal and institutional financial aid options. In addition, the FAFSA opens the possibility of receiving a Michigan Achievement Scholarship award.

- Understand loans must be repaid. Not all financial aid included in a financial aid award letter is free money. Many financial aid awards will include federal student loans. Unlike grants and scholarships, loans must be repaid with interest.

- Check the amount of interest being offered on a loan before accepting it. Federal student loans, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loans, and private loans have varying interest rates and repayment terms. Before taking out loans, students should identify and compare each loan's interest rate and then accept the loans with the best interest rates and repayment terms.

- Only accept the amount you will need. Students can either turn down a loan or request a smaller loan amount, and the financial aid award letter should include instructions on how to do this.

- Be aware of loan scams. In a typical student loan scam, a scammer will ask for banking information from a student searching for loans. The scammer typically claims they will use the information to make a direct deposit into the student's account in return for upfront fees paid through gift cards. Instead, the scammer accesses the student's banking account and withdraws funds.

- Visit the school's financial aid office once a semester. Even though students may not have to begin repaying their loans while they are in school, students should not wait to understand their responsibilities. Students should keep track of the types of aid they receive and review

their accounts with the college or university to stay within budget and avoid over-borrowing.

- Create a studentaid.gov account. The studentaid.gov website, managed by the U.S. Department of Education, is a one-stop shop for managing federal student aid. With a studentaid.gov account, students can track their federal student loans, check the interest rate of each one and total interest accumulated to date. Students can also look over different repayment options, estimate monthly payments and learn who their loan servicer is for when repayment begins.

For more information, go to michigan.gov/mistudentaid or contact MI Student Aid at mistudentaid@michigan.gov, (888) 447-2687 or on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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World Report as the No. 1 medical alert system for 2023, GetSafe (GetSafe.com) comes with a cellular base console, voice-activated and push wall buttons, an optional personal help button and fall detection sensors. To call for help your dad would simply say "Call 911" twice and he would be connected to GetSafe's 24/7 monitoring service. Prices for GetSafe start at \$79 plus a \$30 monthly monitoring fee.

- Another highly rated system is Aloe Care Health (AloeCare.com), which comes with a voice-activated Smart Hub and optional wearable help button with fall detection capabilities. This system would connect your dad to the Aloe Care 24/7 monitoring center by simply saying "Emergency" repeatedly until connected. It can also make voice command non-emergency calls to preassigned contacts. Prices start at \$150 plus a monthly fee of \$30.

- The WellBe by HandsFree Health (HandsFreeHealth.com) is a nice third option to consider. This comes with the WellBe Medical Alert Speaker that would let your dad call for help by saying "OK WellBe Call Emergency."

WellBe also offers hands-free calling and messaging to contacts, will answer health questions, and provide reminders for medications and doctor appointments. It also offers a medical alert watch and pendant (sold separately) with fall detection capabilities. WellBe starts at \$100 plus \$20/month.

Smart Home Solution

Instead of a traditional medical alert system, another terrific hands-free way to call for help is to get your dad an Amazon Echo device (prices range from \$50 to \$250) and sign him up for Alexa Together (Amazon.com/AlexaTogether). This is remote car-

giving service that will turn his Echo into a medical alert system. To get help your dad would say "Alexa, call for help" to be connected to their 24/7 Urgent Response center.

Alexa Together, which costs \$20/month, also works with compatible third-party fall detection devices like Vayyar and AltumView. If a fall is detected, Alexa can ask your dad if he needs help, then connect him to the Urgent Response line and alert his emergency contacts.

Amazon Echo devices also provide a bevy of other features your dad may find useful. For example, Echos will let your dad make hands-free calls, receive reminders, set timers and alarms, control smart home devices, check the weather, play his favorite music and much more.

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



Buggy Rides



Barton City baseball team wins Shaughnessy Championship 17-16

August 26, 1998 ~ By Michael G. Popkey

Barton City won its second consecutive Shaughnessy Playoff Championship Sunday defeating Miller MGD, of Alpena, 17 to 16.

Led by the home run hitting of John Klinger, who had a two run homer in the seventh tying the score at 6-6 and a grand slam homer in the top of the ninth, lifting the team to a 16-10 lead, the Barton City of the Northern Michigan (hardball) Baseball League team certainly had no easy time in achieving its victory.

Chad Zann of the Miller team countered with three home runs of his own in his last three consecutive at bats.

Zann's last three run homer, in the bottom of the ninth, was instrumental in

almost bringing his team back from a 17 to 10 deficit.

Down 17-10 in the bottom of the ninth, the Miller team was not about to give up, scoring three runs prior to Zann's three run blast bringing the Miller team within one run of tying 17-16 with two outs.

Although rallying heavily in the bottom of the ninth, the Miller team would be denied on the next play with their batter flying out to end the game.

Jim Morris was the winning pitcher for Barton City. Mick Alexander was the losing pitcher for the Miller team. Barton City, with 17 runs, 16 hits, two errors, was led also by Darwin Ginder with four hits.

Jeremy Norwood had three singles and James Stritt-mat-

ter had two hits.

More importantly was Strittmatter's seventh inning throw from left field cutting down the run at home plate allowing the Miller team to only gain a one-run lead 9-8.

Hitting hard for the Miller team, which had 16 runs, 17 hits, seven errors, were Eric MacKenzie with three singles, Bob Hamp had a double and two singles, Steve Zann and Greg Skiba had three singles each and Aaron Sobek had a double and a single.

Prior to getting to the championship played in Lincoln, Barton City defeated Mikado 11-9, with both teams having 12 hits.

The Miller team defeated Ossineke Wagon Wheel 8-1 on 10 hits to the Wheel's five.

Although knocked out early in the playoffs, Mikado wound

up, along with the Miller team, as co-champions for league play.

Both received trophies at the end of Sunday's championship game.

The trophies were presented to Mike Goddard for Mikado and Pat Glennie, manager for the Miller team. They were presented by Phil Potter, secretary/treasurer of the league and Everett Schram, league commissioner.

John Unkovich, manager of the Barton City team, received the Shaughnessy Championship trophy on behalf of his team. The trophy dates back to 1947 and the Old Alcona County Baseball League, which was changed to the Northern Michigan Baseball League in 1981.

Strikes match to look into gasoline drum

Black River Children Badly Burned In Explosion

ing a match and peering into the opening.

The explosion was heard by Mrs. Frank Potvin in her home across the road and she ran to LaLonde's garage. Helen Mondeau, aged 12, who was in the field on her father's farm, was attracted by the explosion and screams of the children, ran to render aid.

Mrs. Potvin and the Mondeau girl ripped the burning clothing from the two lads

during which rescue work the Mondeau girl was herself badly burned about the hands.

The Mondeau boy was badly burned about the chest, back, and hands, and was last reported in a serious condition. The LaLonde lad was severely burned on the face and hands, and although his condition is not as grave, yet his injuries are serious.

Mr. and Mrs. LaLonde had

been to Alpena when the explosion took place, arriving 15 minutes later. Mr. and Mrs. Mondeau were a short distance away picking berries.

The LaLonde lad held the match and was consequently burned particularly about the face. The Mondeau child was standing beside the drum, and when the explosion split it open, the burning liquid spilled over him.

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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** In which U.S. state does the movie "Field of Dreams" take place?
2. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is sauerkraut?
3. **ACRONYMS:** What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** The country of Guyana lies on which continent?
5. **TELEVISION:** What is the pub where characters in "The Office" gather after work?
6. **SCIENCE:** How many karats are in pure gold?
7. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear represented by autophobia?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How big is a newborn kangaroo?
9. **AD SLOGANS:** What product is advertised as "the snack that smiles back"?
10. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote "The Canterbury Tales"?

Answers: 1. Iowa.; 2. Pickled cabbage.; 3. Global positioning system.; 4. South America.; 5. Poor Richard's.; 6. 24.; 7. Fear of being alone.; 8. About 1 inch or less.; 9. Goldfish.; 10. Geoffrey Chaucer. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword "YOU'RE A BEAST!"

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22 Come about over time
23 Oscar-nominated actress for "Georgia"
25 The X's of XOXO
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27 Was in a pew
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30 "Morning Has Broken" singer
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46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.
49 "A Christmas Carol" miser
50 Too trusting
51 "Got ya!"
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55 Opening in a schedule | 56 Cove, e.g.
57 2013-14 co-host of "The View"
61 Foldable beds
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63 Boat's load
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67 "The Situation Room" host
70 Middle East's — Strip
74 Diving venue
75 Made a typo, e.g.
76 Got along
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18 With, to Fifi
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33 Greeting on a May greeting card
34 "Chicago Med" ailer
35 Fraternal patriotic org.
39 Reggae singer Peter
40 "Holy —!"
41 In the past
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47 At that place
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54 Bluff-busting poker words
58 Prioress, e.g.
59 Abbr. for three primary colors
60 Words on a flat rental sign
61 Yule tree
64 Prague native
65 — a beet
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68 NYC subway inits.
69 Test in a fitting room
70 Moo goo — pan
71 Fire felony
72 1983 Woody Allen movie
73 "Hello" singer
74 Political patronage, informally
76 Migrating birds' regular route
77 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
78 Real doozie
79 Apple option since 1998
80 Ankle coverer
81 Coffee from Hawaii
82 "This — emergency!"
83 Star-giving critic, e.g. | 85 — chili (pepper type)
86 Cry of Homer Simpson
91 Chin-wag
92 Nearly zero
94 "— Little Teapot"
96 A "Baby Bell" phone co.
97 Environs
98 Choice loin steaks
101 Tiptops
102 Dubbed
103 The "T" of LGBT, in brief
104 Old overlord
105 "XOXO" actress Skye
106 Ghastly
107 Loosen up
108 Other, in Oaxaca
109 Batted without playing the field, for short
110 "CSI: NY" actress Ward
113 Choral voice
116 Ugly witch
117 Pickup's kin
118 "I love," to Luisa
119 "I Hate Valentine's Day" actress Vardalos
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Sept. 4, 1925, laws were enacted to ensure that farm wagons would be equipped with lights for traveling at night, due to an increase in the number of accidents the wagons were involved in during peak corn-packing season.
 - On Sept. 5, 1969, U.S. Army platoon leader Lt. William Calley was charged with premeditated murder in the death of 109 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai, where Calley had led his men in a massacre that included women and children. Though hushed up at first, the event was made public a year later.
 - On Sept. 6, 1997, an estimated 2.5 billion people around the world watched the four-mile funeral procession of England's beloved Princess Diana as her coffin was carried to Westminster Abbey. After the formal service there, a private ceremony was held in which she was laid to rest on an island in the heart of her family's estate at Althorp.
 - On Sept. 7, 1907, the RMS Lusitania set sail on her maiden voyage from Liverpool, England, setting a new trans-Atlantic record when she arrived in New York City a mere five days later.
 - On Sept. 8, 2006, only a week after permission was granted for helicopter flights over the ancient Incan ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru, the country's government declared the area a no-fly zone following protests by environmentalists who claimed such flights would adversely affect rare plants and animals in the area.
 - On Sept. 9, 2007, the NFL discovered that the New England Patriots were illegally videotaping coaching signals from the New York Jets at an unauthorized location in a Week 1 game in East Rutherford, New Jersey. News media quickly dubbed the scandal "Spygate."
 - On Sept. 10, 1897, 25-year-old London taxi driver George Smith had the dubious honor of becoming the first person ever arrested for "being drunk when in charge of a motor car" after he slammed his cab into a building, breaking a water pipe and window. Smith later pleaded guilty and was fined 25 shillings.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A microwaved baseball will fly much farther than a frozen one, as warmer balls weigh less and move faster due to less air resistance.
- Each strand of a human hair can contain traces of 14 elements, including gold.
- During a period in his artistic career, Pablo Picasso primarily used shades of blue in his paintings, reflecting his melancholic state at the time.
- It's not just humans who use "baby talk" with their offspring: Mother bottlenose dolphins have been observed altering their whistle pitch and range when communicating with their calves.
- Hawaii had no mosquitoes until the 19th century, when they were accidentally introduced by trading ships.
- A law student at Spain's University of Malaga once etched tiny notes into the sides of blue Bic pens before taking an exam. While points could perhaps be awarded for the learner's creativity, it also resulted in a repeat of their entire academic year.
- The world record for nonstop video gaming -- 138 hours and 34 seconds -- was set by Carrie Swidecki in 2015, when she beat her own previous world record.
- Hamburger University, established by McDonald's to train restaurant managers and owner-operators, has a lower acceptance rate than Harvard University and awards its graduates a Hamburgerology degree.
- A Eulachon's flesh is so oily that this fatty fish will burn like a candle when dried.
- From the "too much of a good thing" files: A 41-year-old man from the Netherlands referred to only as "Jonathan" was banned from donating sperm after fathering over 550 children.
- Cheetos were invented by USDA military scientists during World War II as a result of their being tasked with finding a way to utilize surplus cornmeal.

Thought for the Day: "The only way to have a life is to commit to it like crazy." -- Angelina Jolie
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on August 30, 2023.

Said premises are located in the Township of Harrisville, Alcona

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Dated: August 2, 2023

File No. 23-007525

Firm Name: Orlans P.C.

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502-1400

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**State of Michigan
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Alcona County
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
Case No. 23-6382-DE**

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Date of birth: February 2, 1957

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Notice to creditors: The decedent, Reay Lynn Barkley, died June 6, 2023.

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Date: August 23, 2023

David H. Cook, P40560

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(989) 724-5155

Scott H. Barkley

Personal representative

4138 Mt. Maria Road

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**State of Michigan
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Alcona County
Publication of Notice of
Hearing Regarding Petition for
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Case N. 23-3915-NC**

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In the matter of Elizabeth Joan Parrish

To all persons, whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

Take notice: Elizabeth Joan Parrish has filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing will be held on September 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Harrisville, Mich. before Hon. Laura A. Frawley, to change the name of: Elizabeth Joan Parrish to Elizabeth Joan Feneley.

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In the matter of Daysia Montgomery-Stubbs

To all persons, whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

Take notice Daysia Montgomery-Stubbs has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on August 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the courthouse in Harrisville, Mich. before Hon. Laura A. Frawley, to change the name of: Daysia Aireana Montgomery-Stubbs to Aireana Daisy Stubbs, and Sophie Song Stubbs to Sophie Ariel Stubbs.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 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 guests. Roll call was taken. Present council members, Schwanz, Kaiser, Bauermeister, Mason, Bean, and Vanderheuel.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Vanderheuel, to approve agenda, with additions. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Bauermeister, support Mason, to pay the bills in the amount of \$294,702.07. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed letter of interest from Eric Ryant, owner of "Highly Cannaco" the new provisioning store in the city, offering to utilize the side of his building as a venue for local art, ie: a welcoming sign to Harrisville, and the use of landscaping on his front lawn of the business for sculptures, etc. Discussion.

Mayor Gehring addressed the issue of hiring an airport manager and what that entails. Discussion. Alderman Mason had a packet of information concerning the certification requirements needed to become a certified airport manager. The information was given to Bradley Cecil, who has voiced an interest in the airport manager position. Mayor Gehring will further investigate the requirements as well. Mayor Gehring recommended to council a determination with the Fireworks Fund in the form of a motion "contracting" with the Fireworks Fund. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to approve a supplemental payment to the Fireworks Fund in the amount of \$ 1,500 for 2023. Motion carried: 6-0. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to amend the budget to add the addition of a supplemental payment to the Fireworks Fund for 2024 in the amount of \$1,500. Motion carried: 6-0.

Discussion as to per diems of ex-officio members of commissions. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to change "ex-officio" to "liaison" and to pay planning commission liaison and the harbor commission liaison by the rules of each committee. Motion carried: 6-0. Mayor Gehring addressed FOIA update and will look into getting this completed. Mayor Gehring addressed

the stair condition at the harbor. He had an engineering firm give an unofficial guesstimate on the construction of a new stairway incorporating an ADA access. The firm projected a cost of approximately \$10,000. Mayor Gehring will look further into the project.

Mayor Gehring addressed a request by Kathy Asheton for permission to use Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. for a Labor Day parade. Discussion. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean, to approve request to use Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. for a Labor Day parade with Main Street being blocked to parking from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed request by Mike Stone for the use of KiKi Cuyler baseball field on Saturday, Sept. 23 for the 2nd Annual Old Timers Baseball Game. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Mason, for use of KiKi Cuyler Field to be used for the "Old Timer's ball game on Saturday. Motion carried: 6-0. Mayor Gehring discussed the idea of a permanent fixture at the harbor for fishermen to have their picture taken in front of, with their "catch of the day."

Treasurer Luenberger asked council for an increase of \$1,000.00 on the previously approved purchase of ebikes and a total budget adjustment of \$1,0178.00. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to approve an additional \$1,000.00 for purchase of ebikes and a total budget adjustment of \$1,0178.00. Motion carried: 6-0.

Harbor commission liaison Vanderheuel advised council that the commission is in the process of changing the commission bylaws and the revisions have been given to their attorney.

Planning Commission Schwanz indicated there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall to address zoning ordinance amendments to the marijuana zoning within the city. Schwanz also shared there have been 144 public survey responses to the Recreation Plan survey. The state RRC program for underfunded municipalities is offering a fellowship program in which the state would fund a fellowship person to work with the planning commission and the city for future business and community development. Ed Chrupka shared information on his research into "Tiny Homes" and the impact

on municipalities.

Airport-Bradly Cecil was given information for certification for airport managers.

Tree board member Becky Bean discussed the need for a commitment from the city to address the need for a thorough assessment of the city trees. Dave Riegle, a tree board member, feels there is not a commitment from the city to continue his involvement on the board. Becky discussed the possibility of a stipend for Dave to do his assessment and then the city can go forward with future plans for a GIS system to track the trees and future sites for new plantings. Discussion.

Harrisville State Park supervisor, Eric Ostrander shared information of the fund raising for an Action Trackchair, all-terrain wheelchair, for use throughout the park. Thanks to Kali's Cure they are now fully funded to purchase a chair. Congratulations. Comment Cards: Tim Slezsak reported in conversations with members of the state DNR at a recent fisheries meeting, the state has committed to supply Harrisville with the planting of 75,000 salmon in October of 2023, 40,000 salmon in the spring of 2024 and 15,000 steelhead in 2024. In addition, Tim shared that the Mill Creek Pond could become an Atlantic salmon fishery site. Thank you, Tim. Mike Stone reported that sponsors for the oldtimers ball game in September will be supplying banners to be hung on the outfield fences. Pam McCann questioned the city's emergency disaster contingency plans.

Alderman Bean shared concern about the flag at Cuyler ball field being unlit. Alderman Vanderheuel requested a public finance hearing. Date and time to be published. Alderman Schwanz shared a letter of interest from Kaylie Landrum inquiring about use of city property at the ballfield area, Saturday, Sept. 2 of Labor Day weekend to host an agricultural exhibition and event. Council will wait for more specific information.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to allow mayor discretion to approve the use of city property at the ballfield area, Saturday, Sept. 2 upon receipt of information and limited liability insurance. Vanderheuel/Schwanz moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next city council meeting is Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at city hall. Published prior to council approval.

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