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Alcona VA moves to temporary location

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Veteran's Affairs (VA) office has been temporarily relocated until a new building can be built.

But that may take longer than anticipated.

The new temporary location is in the Alcona County Building Department office located next to the Alcona County Sheriff's building on M-72 in Harrisville.

While it has a lot more room than the location veteran's counselor, Tony Atkinson had previously in the courthouse, it isn't perfect, according to the president of Alcona County VA, Patrick Smiley.

"It's more room than he had before, but it isn't what we've been working toward for the last few years. Hopefully, it's just temporary like the commissioners are telling us," Smiley said.

He explained while Atkinson's office is much bigger in the temporary location, with a window and a conference room shared with the building department staff, it has its drawbacks, such as a restroom that is not handicapped accessible.

"They put a port-a-potty outside that can be seen from the conference room window. That's just not appropriate to ask veterans in wheelchairs to access a restroom outside," Smiley said.

Smiley was also unhappy about how the county moved sensitive veteran information to the new location as well as the camera in the conference room which transmits live feed video to the county building technician. "How do we protect our veteran's privacy when things like this are done?" Smiley asked.

Meanwhile, the new building proposed in Lincoln has hit a snag, and while commissioners are hopeful it shouldn't take too long to clear up, the veterans are concerned.

According to Julie Lowe of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) who spoke to commissioners at the March 15 commission

meeting, phase one of a brownfield assessment study showed there may have been an abandoned gas station on the land in the 1920s.

Smiley said the county paid \$1,900 for the first phase of the assessment from general funds. The second phase will be covered by the State of Michigan Brownfield Site Assessment Program.

"The assessment program is not a grant. We provide all the contractors to do the work which will include ground penetrating radar contracted through an Environmental Protection Act grant (given to EGLE). It's nothing the county must manage like a grant," Lowe said.

The phase two assessment will tell if there are any significant brownfield conditions and Lowe felt the timeline would be quick. Once the commissioners fill out the application, EGLE will start an analysis plan within two weeks. "The work will probably be scheduled sometime in April and should be completed within two months. We should be wrapping this up by June," Lowe said.

While EGLE is on Second Street they will also be look-

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Alcona High School FFA seniors Blaire Dellar and Ashton Rigby sell maple syrup with FFA Alumnus Michael Suitor during the Maple Syrup Celebration at the school last Saturday. Photo by Mary Weber.

Local ballot proposals create complex cannabis environment

By Jack T. Harrison
Capital News Service

The results of Michigan's local ballot proposals in November to legalize retail recreational marijuana were

mixed, with about half passing, expanding the number of municipalities that allow cannabis businesses.

By the end of 2022, 129 municipalities chose to permit adult-use cannabis, and 1,378 communities opted out.

In 2018, voters approved a statewide ballot proposal that permits adult-use recreational cannabis but allows localities to opt out or pass their own regulatory policies. As a result, users and those in the industry have to navigate these differences.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, seeks to protect access for cannabis consumers, said Rick Thompson, the Michigan's chapter executive director.

Following approval of the 2008 medical cannabis proposal, Thompson said public support for marijuana businesses has been uneven across Michigan.

"We do see suburban areas, for example, those areas outside of Grand Rapids and those areas outside of Detroit, that have been more eager to accept cannabis busi-

nesses than sometimes their rural counterparts," Thompson said.

"However, it's very surprising the number of communities in what you'd normally consider to be conservative zones, which have come on board to accept cannabis retailers, cultivation centers and other businesses," he said.

Localities that legalize sales can impose restrictions, such as limiting the number of licenses and setting zoning requirements.

Thompson said more northern communities are allowing sales including the village of Kalkaska, City of Alpena and Traverse City.

"Although it's frustrating to many cannabis consumers and corporations, I support local approval of cannabis businesses, and Michigan NORML does as well," Thompson said. "That's how this whole 2018 ballot proposal was sold to voters."

New businesses must apply for licenses through the state Cannabis Regulatory Agency. David Harns, the

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Alcona County Veterans Affairs President Patrick Smiley (left) and VA Counselor Tony Atkinson, look over the blueprint plans for the proposed Lincoln site from the conference room of the new temporary location in the building department offices. Photo by Mary Weber.



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Roxy is a 6 year old Blue Heeler. She is spayed, microchipped, has her distemper/parvo vaccine, and has been dewormed. She stays close to her human and is the perfect cuddler. Her favorite activities include: playing with toys, belly rubs, and going for walks and car rides. She has arthritis and is slightly overweight so an active lifestyle is a must! Being a single queen in her castle would be best!

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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
 Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for an educational activity at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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 for more information.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
 The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado at 9:15 a.m. Weigh-in is

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NOTICE
 The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting on April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. A site plan review & special land use have been requested by Kaylie Landrum to open a daycare and create a play area on parcel 060-022-300-060-00 at address 4656 Dean Rd. This 29.72 Acre parcel is zoned A (Agricultural). The public is welcome to attend. Written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator, Tony Atkinson, 4120 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740

at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For mor information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

There will be a craft activity for youth ages 10 and up at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The craft is acrylic dot art. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
 There will be a story time and craft activity for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A movie and popcorn snack will be available for youth ages 13 and up at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
 A spring fling for kids, including cookie decorating, a craft project, drawing and a spring-themed backdrop for photos, will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
 A bowl-a-thon to benefit the Alcona Humane Society will be held at Village Lanes bowling alley in Harrisville. For more information, or to sign up contact (989) 724-3036.

MONDAY, MARCH 27
 Teenagers and adults are invited to Craftomania to make textured wall art from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There is a \$5 charge for supplies. Please call (989) 724-6796 to register.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
 Euchre is played from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. All seniors are welcome.

Anna Sadler, maritime archaeologist, will share the latest underwater discoveries from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and discuss some of the shipwrecks along the Alcona County shoreline at 1 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie. This free event is

part of the "Cabin Fever" series of programs sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society and the Alcona County Library. For more info, call (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
 Artwork by the members of the Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild will be on display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The theme is "Around the Clock" and it will be available to the public during library hours until April 25. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
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TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado at 9:15 a.m. Weigh-in is at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For mor information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

A movie and popcorn snack will be available for youth ages 13 and up at 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
 There will be a story time and craft activity for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
 All veterans and spouses are welcome to attend a coffee get-together at Alcona High School auditorium lobby from 2 to 4 p.m. The Alcona National Honor Society will provide coffee, tea, sweets and games.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
 The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

The Garden Bug

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- Birds may reject a birdhouse placed near food or water, as these attract raccoons and rats that will eat birds and their eggs.
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- Try mounting the house away from food and on a metal pole, rather than on a tree trunk or hanging it on a branch. Smear the pole with a petroleum jelly/hot pepper mixture and spread sharp gravel around the base to discourage intruders.

- Brenda Warner Source: www.all-birds.com

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Obituaries



Darryl E. Daroczy

Darryl E. Daroczy, 64, of Lincoln, died on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at home.

He was born December 31, 1958, to Joseph and OlaMae (Luttenburger) Daroczy in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Detroit, Mich. and in Alcona County, where he resided for most of his life.

Mr. Daroczy worked as a contractor and spent many years with the Barton City Volunteer Fire Department as a first responder.

He was a member of the Barton City Eagles Aerie 4141. He enjoyed photography and wildlife and loved to play golf.

Mr. Daroczy is survived by one son, Joe (Cheryl) Daroczy of Stafford Va.; two daughters, Jessica (Keith) VanHurk of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Angie Savoy-Kennedy of Southgate, Mich.; five grandchildren; four siblings, Jo-



seph "Chris" (Anita) Daroczy, Susan (Harry) Harvey, David (Debra) Daroczy, and JoAnn (Dan) O'Connor; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life event was held on Saturday, March 18 at the Barton City Bar and Grill. Memorial donations may be made to the Barton City Volunteer Fire Department.

Velma Mary Jean Myers, 87, of Barton City died on March 18, 2023.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. to Joseph and Pearl (Jeffries) Scott on July 23, 1935.

On June 9, 1956, she married Franklin Myers in Detroit, Mich. They moved to Barton City in 1969, and bought Paradise Cottages resort.

Mrs. Myers was a member of First Baptist Church in Lincoln. Throughout her life she held many jobs. She was a teacher's aide for Head Start, activity director at Lincoln Haven, and a hospice volunteer.

She also served on the Alcona Community School Board of Education for two terms in the 1980s.

Mrs. Myers is survived by one daughter, Denise Devers of Barton City; three sons, Tom (Dorcy) Myers of Garden City, Mich., Floyd (Debra)

Velma M. J. Myers

Myers of Rapid City, S.D., and Keith (Joan) Myers of Barton City; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin, in 2015; one son, John in 1968; three brothers; and three sisters.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. Dr. Rev. Arie Van Brenk will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan.



Marijane Goggins Maceri

Marijane Goggins Maceri, 62, of Harrisville, Mich. passed from death into life on Wednesday evening March 15, 2023, cradled in the loving arms of her best friend and husband, Jim, at their St. Augustine, Fla. home.

She was born in Flint, Mich. to Sally J. (Lawrence) and John D. Goggins on July 14, 1960, the third daughter in a family of six children.

Marijane grew up in Flushing, Mich., where she attended both St. Robert Elementary and Powers Catholic High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University. During her freshman year in college, Marijane met her soon-to-be husband.

They were married on Monday, Aug. 23, 1982, in the company of a large tribe of Irish, Italian and Lebanese family members and friends.

MJ loved her loud, rambunctious family and was everyone's favorite aunt, sister and joyful friend. She cherished her ocean and Great Lakes waves, swimming daily in the cold waters.

She also enjoyed reading, cooking, playing board games, puzzles, bike riding, RV adventuring and writing love letters to all her special people.

During their many RV travels, Marijane and Jim eventually fell in love with St. Augustine settling in for half of each year over the last 15 years.

Marijane was a devoted member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville and St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine and served as a Eucharistic minister to both parishes. She brought much joy to the elder community through her generous volunteer work in both cities.

More than anything she loved her family and cherished her many nieces and nephews.

Marijane is survived by her loving husband, James T. Maceri; siblings, Teresa (Michael) Witt, Cindy Goggins, Lanie (Rick) Valley, Joe (Jane) Goggins and



Andy (Sarah) Goggins; her in-laws, Chris (Dennis) Genge, Paul Maceri, Mary Dawn Maceri and JoJo Goggins; nieces and nephews, J. Preston, Bradford and Meredith Witt, Liz Burr, Teresa Parry, Michelle Valley, Lauren and Morgan Goggins, Karleigh Herman, Drew and Lilly Goggins, Lindsey Pitts, David Genge, Rachel Maceri and Christopher Maceri; and her four-legged love, Gracie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Sally Goggins; in-laws, Paul "Cy" and Rose Marie Maceri and brother-in-law, Joe Maceri.


A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A S, St. Augustine, Fla. 32080. Gathering of family and friends will precede the service from 10 to 11 a.m.

An additional memorial Mass and celebration will be planned for her Harrisville community in May at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Funeral Mass will be live streamed at <https://saccfl.org/about/im-new/mass-schedule/> (this one is at the actual time) OR <https://www.facebook.com/stanastasiacc/> (can be viewed after the actual time)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to her Bible study organization; Walking with Purpose <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/wwp-online/>; Dining with Dignity; or St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville, Mich., <https://resurrectionacgr.org/about/st-anne-church/>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Paid Obituary



John (Jack) Leo Merkel

August 1930 - March 2023

John died peacefully at home surrounded by family.

John was born in Mikado in August 1930 and was the first of six children born to Leo and Melissa (Nevin) Merkel. John was Frank and Martha Merkel's first grandchild.

After high school John proudly served in the U.S. Navy from January 1948 until December 1951 when he was honorably discharged. After the Navy, John began his career as a heavy equipment operator and was a proud member of Operating Engineers for greater than 60 years.

On March 7, 1953, John married his sweetheart, Barbara Ann Adams. On March 7, 2023, Jack and Barb celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Together they had four children, Christy Merkel, Dorey (Mike) Osburn, Jerry (Robin) Merkel, and Fonda (Brian) Brice.

Family also includes nine grandchildren, Donica (Ron) Spence, Mike Osburn, Matt Osburn, Noel Shihadeh, Tarick Shihadeh, Joe Merkel, Jake (Callie) Merkel, Garrett (Ashley) Brice, Brett (Gabrielle) Brice. Followed by 12 great-grandchildren, Jordan (Tessa) Osburn, Jaylynn and Jax Spence, Degan and Addison Merkel, Rose and Leo Merkel, Landon, Norah and Sadie Brice, Ellie and Miles Brice; and one great-great-grandchild, Avery Rose Osburn.

John is also survived by his siblings, Mary Swartz, Ron (Yvonne) Merkel, Karen Merkel, David (Donna) Frayer. Along with many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by Elihu Swartz, Richard (Ann) Merkel, and

Una (Mike) Mikazes.

Per John's request the paper written by his grandson Tarick is included below.

The Perfect Role Model

My grandfather is the man I look up to. I try and better myself to be more like him. Grandpa is an intelligent man and always has a good positive attitude. He is always cheery and never down. When the family gets together for a function and my grandmother is stressing out, grandpa will usually crack a joke about the situation and make everyone laugh. I do not even think grandpa knows how to be sad or depressed.

These past few years I have really come to respect my grandpa and noticed I had this great role model in front of me this whole time. Grandpa loves to cook and oh boy, can he cook some great food. Biscuits and gravy is my favorite meal that he makes. In most households, the woman is always cooking but not at my grandparent's house. After the meal most men run away from the table, but not grandpa. He clears off the table and gets food in the dishes to put in the fridge. Then you catch him at the sink washing up the pots and pans.

On cold winter mornings grandpa goes out and starts the car to warm it up and pulls it up to the door so grandma does not have far to walk. To me he is a true gentleman, and a man of great qualities.

You can always go to grandpa for great advice. Whether it be with school, girls, work, or just everyday life, he always has the answers. You might have to sit down and think about it for an hour or so, but when you finally figure out what one of his sayings meant you will



get a big smile on your face and you might even giggle to yourself. Sometimes it might not always be the most appropriate advice, but it is funny. When I go Up North to visit them they have usually been to the doctors. It seems like they go monthly. My grandma always has a story about grandpa misbehaving at the doctors. He always makes a comment about his health when the nurse asks questions and he usually ends up embarrassing the nurse and my grandma. I think grandpa cracks the jokes because he is scared when going to the doctors like everyone else, but I will never tell.

Dear Grandpa,

I don't think you realize how much of an impact you have on someone's life hopefully this paper that I wrote for school will clarify that. My instructor wrote "This is a lovely tribute to a great man. You should share this with I him, I know it would mean a lot to him. I shook my head in agreement and thought to myself, yes, it sure would.

Love always,
Your Grandson, Tarick

Paid Obituary

Police Report

Fairview resident dies in accident

The two-car traffic accident that occurred on Sunday, March 19 at 3:22 p.m. in Mitchell Township is being investigated by the Michigan State Police accident reconstruction team.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Office, a preliminary investigation found that Denise White, 62, of Fairview was traveling northbound on M-65 and attempted to make a left turn on M-72 when she turned in front of Thomas Finzell, 34, of Haslett, Mich. who was traveling south on M-65. The crash disabled both vehicles on the roadway.

White was transported to MyMichigan Health Center in Alpena where she died from injuries sustained in the crash. Finzell was taken to MyMichigan Health Center in Alpena for treatment to injuries he sustained.

Responding entities that assisted the Alcona County Sheriff's Office are Curran Fire Department/Medical First Responders (MFR), Barton City Fire Department/MFR, Curtis Fire Department, Alcona County Emergency Medical Service, Oscoda County EMS and Michigan State Police.

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Local Notes



Underwater Discoveries

This event was rescheduled due to weather issues.

Anna Sadler, maritime archaeologist, will share the latest scientific discoveries from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and discuss some of the shipwrecks along the Alcona County shoreline on Tuesday, March 28 at 1 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie. 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, Alcona County Library and supported by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council, administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts Inc. For more information, call 989-724-6796.

Library Craft Project

Teenagers and adults, are welcome to create minimalist texture wall art on Mon-

day, March 27 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants will explore the world of texture and how it can be used to enhance artwork. Texture art is using different materials and techniques to create different tactile sensations in artwork — rough, smooth, bumpy, and everything in between. Registration is required by calling (989) 724-6796. There is a \$5 supply fee.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention, a free program, will be held on Mondays from April 3 through May 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Alcona County Commission on Aging, 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln.

Tai chi helps people with or without arthritis to improve balance, both mentally and physically, which helps significantly reduce the rate of falls experienced by older adults. Studies have shown

that tai chi can reduce falls by nearly 70 percent. The program focuses on confidence building, which is linked closely to the reduced rate of falling. Other benefits include increased strength, increased balance and posture, fall prevention, improvement of mind, body, and spirit, and reduced stress and increased relaxation.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention is led by a certified instructor. Modifications will be provided for those who want to attend seated or standing. This program is targeted to help older adults, and older adults with disabilities at risk for fall, stay active. Registration is required; the deadline is March 30. There are a limited number of openings. To register go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tai-chi-for-arthritis-and-fall-prevention-alcona-county-april-3-may-22> or call Jamie at (989) 344-3264 ext. 0.

Away at School

- Conner McCoy of Black River is one of nearly 650 students from Saginaw Valley State University whose determination and commitment to academic excellence earned a spot on the fall 2022 semester President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

- Autumn Schwarz of Glennie earned a spot on the fall 2022 semester Deans' List at Saginaw Valley State University. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

- Katherine Edwards of Greenbush Glennie earned a spot on the fall 2022 semester Deans' List at Saginaw Valley State University. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

- Brett Nelson of Lincoln Glennie earned a spot on the fall 2022 semester Deans' List at Saginaw Valley State University. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

- Isabella Bates of Lincoln Glennie earned a spot on the fall 2022 semester Deans' List at Saginaw Valley State University. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

- Madison Donovan of Spruce Glennie earned a spot on the fall 2022 semester Deans' List at Saginaw Valley State University. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

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communications director for the agency, said licensing involves a two-step process, with applicants needing approval from a municipality and the state.

Tony Stewart said he is no longer in the industry because of licensing and his local township. When the 2008 law passed, Stewart opened a medical cannabis business in Pittsfield Township in Washtenaw County. Stewart said the state allowed wealthy applicants from out of state to get licenses, making it harder for in-state smaller businesses and growers to stay in the game, including those selling medical marijuana.

He had been in the business "from the beginning," and "that just didn't settle well."

The state did not stay consistent with its rules, often changing them, Stewart said, but municipalities also share responsibility. "And after a time, it was like, 'Wow, I don't want to play that deeply in the bureaucracy of it all,'" Stewart said. "That's what really drove me out, that finally I just didn't want to play their game."

Matt Baker is in the market, commercially growing cannabis in Jackson County's Leoni Township, which he said has been fairly cannabis friendly.

According to Baker, Michigan has one of the most highly regulated cannabis markets, but it is still open enough to have significant competition for businesses. He explained the state has treated cannabis as a gaming industry, rather than as an agricultural one. By setting their own rules, municipalities weave a complicated web that is cumbersome to businesses.

In northern Michigan, Greg Davis owns the Lake View Motel and Gift Shop in Lake City, in Missaukee County, a couple of miles from Cadillac, where there are several recreational and medical cannabis stores.

Since recreational and medical cannabis sales are not legal in Missaukee County, Davis said many users travel to Kalkaska or Cadillac to

shop, and Missaukee residents are fine with that arrangement.

Davis said that Missaukee County is agrarian, so once cannabis became legal, many people started growing it themselves. He anticipates other northern Michigan municipalities passing recreational measures. "As more and more people move up from the southern part of the state, we'll keep seeing more and more push to get it opened up here," Davis said.

Election results in northern communities were mixed.

In Green Lake Township in Grand Traverse County, a measure to allow two recreational retailers passed with 56 percent support. Two municipalities in Gladwin County also had ballot measures, with voters passing a proposal in Clement Township and rejecting another in Tobacco Township.

Voters in Petoskey struck down a proposal, with 45 percent of the vote, as did voters in Frankfort, with only 38 percent supporting it.

Nena Bondarenko was involved in the effort to defeat the proposal in Frankfort. After she found out the proposal had made it onto the ballot, she worked alongside other concerned community members, sending out mailers and talking with voters.

Bondarenko lives in Benzonia Township. With four dispensaries, it's the only township in Benzie County that permits recreational use, she said. The proposal in Frankfort would have allowed a single cannabis establishment in the city.

Bondarenko said Frankfort's small size may have made it easier to put the measure on the ballot, and she remains concerned about cannabis use.

As for the industry's future, Thompson predicted some businesses will fail in the next two years as retail prices drop, but said he believes additional communities will gradually allow cannabis businesses.

VA

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ing at the property the veterans first considered for their build but were told no by the commissioners, knowing that it may have well issues because of it being a previous brownfield site.

Smiley said while he was glad the commissioners were looking into the property; the delay may mean the veterans will not be able to utilize a state grant they were awarded of \$55,093 for the build which must be spent by October 1.

"We still don't know for certain if we will be able to use millage funds for the build or not. We are anxious to get moving on this," Smiley said.

Smiley and Atkinson were both delighted the blueprint plans for the proposed \$147,000 veteran's building have come in and will be presented to the commissioners for approval. The building is expected to be 30 by 40 feet and contain several rooms including a conference room, two offices, two restrooms, one being Americans with Disabilities Act ADA compliant, and a mechanical room.

"Right now, we are pushing forward. Things are at least moving in the right direction and we owe a lot of that to commissioner Craig Johnston. More has happened with his help in the last two months than it has in the last two years. He's been working very hard and we appreciate that," Smiley said.

Until the veterans get into the new building in Lincoln, the telephone number for the VA office will remain the same as it was when Atkinson's office was in the courthouse, (989)724-9510, however, the physical and mailing address has changed to 216 W. Main, Harrisville, Mich., 48740.

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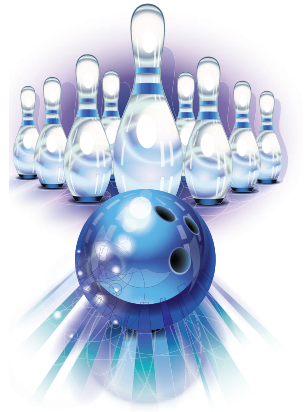
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Making sense of March

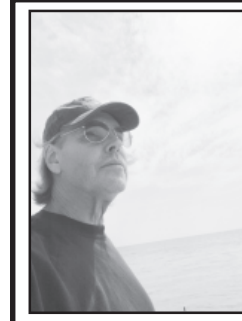
By Terry Roorda
Aspiring Astrologer

Every so often it's wise to revisit old assumptions, proverbs, and accepted truths and see if they've stood the test of time – or indeed had any relevance or reliability to begin with. Call it existential housecleaning and, as with all housecleaning, it's a bitch to throw out your old crap. You worry you might need it someday. But pitch it you must, and we should all make a habit of it.

I'll go first and state unequivocally that March does not come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. Not up here, it doesn't. So we can roundfile that one except to note that it is, in all fairness, half true. In Alcona County, March does indeed come in like a lion, but I think we can all agree that it has never gone anywhere like a lamb, and anyone who says otherwise either has not been paying attention or has never met an actual lamb. So let's just jettison that part of the old saw and replace it with something more accurate – something like: March roars in like a lion and barks out like a sea lion – just as fierce, only wetter.

I think that's a good starting point, but to refine it further and get closer to a new truth we need to dig deeper into the meaning of the metaphor and how it came to be in the first place, and to do that we need to think astrologically.

See, March comes in under the sign of Leo the lion, and exits under the sign of Aries the ram. That ancient observation is considered the origin story of our lion/lamb adage, and I'll buy that, but I'll also point out that anyone who confuses a lamb with a



A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

By Terry Roorda

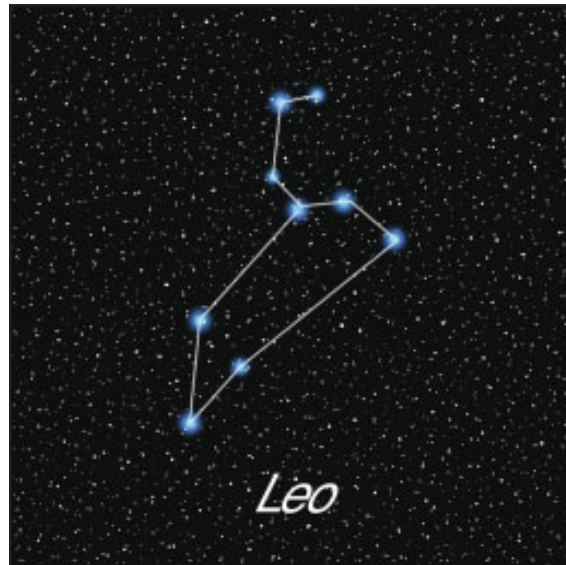
ram has never actually met a ram – not during a head-butting contest in rutting season, at any rate. So let's rephrase our adage again in the interest of accuracy and say: March barges in like a lion and staggers out like a concussed ram.

That's more to the point, I think, but we can do better, and in doing due diligence we need to examine that origin story more closely and look at how the ancients decided that the star patterns of those constellations came to be perceived as a lion and a ram in the first place.

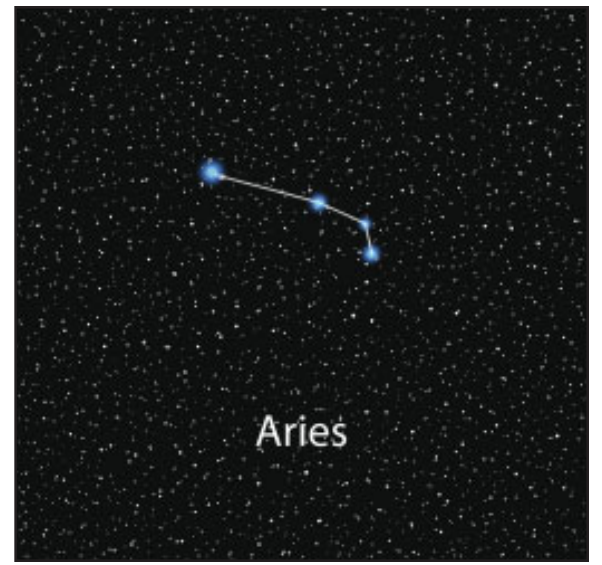
For the sake of argument I'm willing to cede the premise to the ancients who spent a lot more time staring at the dark heavens than we do, largely because they didn't have much in the way of winter diversions to occupy their time because they didn't have Facebook or television – or even radio, if you can believe that – so that pretty much left just the stargazing and maybe some human sacrifice and inbreeding on the menu.

And yet that doesn't ring exactly true either, and I believe we're maybe getting farther away our task of nailing down what March comes in and goes out like, and to do that we need to step back and take a hard look at what March weather actually looks and feels like from the first to the 31st. And what we find is extreme mood swings, so much so that the more scientific among us refer to it as Mother Nature's menopause. (I do, anyway. I've also called it March Madness but got served with a cease and desist order by the NCAA so I've stopped doing that.)

Which is not to suggest that you need to be menopausal to experience mood swings in March. Far from it. Pretty much everyone is struggling through a mental crisis of some magnitude at this late point in winter's misery. By now one's cabin fever and seasonal affective disorder drive one into the icy grip of March Madness (oops) and it only begins to abate after the vernal equinox on the 21st



Leo



Aries

What do you see?

Even so, I think they got it wrong, and I've included the constellation graphics for Leo and Aries so you can decide for yourself what they look like, animal or otherwise, but speaking personally I don't see a lion in Leo. I see a duck. And I don't see a ram in Aries, or any other animal for that matter. I see the graph of a teenager's GPA once he's started smoking dope in his freshman year. Judge for yourself, but I think you'll agree that March waddles in like a duck, and drops out like a high school stoner.

when the days are longer than the nights at long last, and on some rare sunny days you can begin to glimpse the possibility of spring and the euphoria that comes with it.

And with that I believe we can conclude our housecleaning exercise with a definitive new meteorologically and medically-sound March proverb, and it's this: March howls in like a volatile, wild-eyed and menacing psychopath, and skips merrily out like a tipsy manic-depressive off their meds at a casino.

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Snowshoes -- the swamp ghost

By **Gregg Schefferly**
Outdoor Columnist

It's hard to believe it's been 45 years since I first went hunting for upland birds and snowshoe rabbits with my dad and brother -- those are some fond memories. I remember listening to the old timers reminiscing about the good old days. The stories they told had me had me wishing I could've lived some of the experiences and opportunities they enjoyed. The picture they painted made it sound like bird and rabbit hunting was so much better back then.

So many things are on a cycle. Partridge are on a 10-year cycle and, if my memory serves me, snowshoe hare are on a seven-year cycle.

I recall my close friend Joe Ney telling me about cutting on his property and how it takes at least 40 years for the poplar regrowth to be mature enough to harvest again.

At that time 40 years sounded almost eternal, but I'm here to say, it's only a blink of an eye. The large tracks of public land were being cut just as I started hunting small game. Western Alcona County, with largely public land, was mostly cut off and the resulting poplar regrowth was an incredible benefit to the wildlife and hunters alike. The regrowth provided both cover and browse for deer, rabbits, and upland birds.



Exploring the Outdoors By Gregg Schefferly

pitch and frequency of the dogs barking in hot pursuit. Experienced hunters understood that the rabbit would be ranging far ahead of the dogs and one must stay vigilant keeping a close eye and being prepared was pertinent.

At the time we didn't know how good we had it. For a number of reasons, the snowshoe population started to drop. Over the years they didn't cycle back and their numbers continued to decline. Our winters got milder and the periods the north country was covered in snow grew shorter while the snowshoes white camouflage did not.

I remember small game hunting around the 1st of November one year and coming across a white snowshoe that stuck out like a sore thumb due to no snow cover. This occurred about the time when all the clear cuts had grown sufficiently so they no longer provided the much needed cover. With hawks, owls, fox, coyotes, and bobcat hunting them, it didn't take long before

a lot of hunting camps would conduct drives to try and bag a buck. I was told during those drives it wasn't uncommon for hunters to bag a red fox. Reflecting back, they'd fondly smile as they told me sometimes they'd put out several fox on a single drive. Many of you would be surprised to know that up until 1965 bounties were paid for fox and bobcat and it wasn't until 1975 the state stopped paying bounties for coyote.

This was about the time coyote numbers started to skyrocket in northeastern Michigan. Prior to the 80s in northeastern Michigan coyotes were few and red fox were plentiful. Because both predators compete for the same food sources, coyotes will kill every fox they catch.

So, throughout the 80s as the coyote numbers climbed the red fox numbers decreased. Eventually, the fox population stabilized in the region due to increased hunting for coyote. As the milder winters made the snowshoes more vulnerable, the predator population dramatically increased putting additional pressure on them.

The reason I'm bringing this up is because over the last few months I've spotted not one but two snowshoe hares. One while walking to my deer stand and another crossed F-41 in front of me on my way to work. I believe the combination of regrowth from the poplar stands being cut again and better tools to keep the predators in check, is a win-win for the snowshoe.

I believe, just maybe, the snowshoe hare might be making a bit of a comeback. I'm not trying to say we'll ever see numbers as we used to, but I believe there's hope for the snowshoe to at least be something common enough that we'll once again find their tracks and occasionally have the good fortune of seeing one.

A couple things are occurring locally that'll give them a fighting chance. Once again they are cutting the popular stands and the resulting regrowth is providing snowshoe hare both cover and food. Another reason for the snowshoes' comeback has to do with technology and some rule changes by the state in hunting regulations.

Since the legalization of snaring for coyote there are a few outdoorsmen who've become very good at it. Additionally, hunters using night-vision scopes to hunt after dark have also been very successful. Previously even though the coyote populations in northern



Max, a beagle owned by the Terry Franklin family, tries to find scent of a snowshoe hare. *Courtesy photo.*

The first several years I hunted we enjoyed tremendous snowshoe hunting. The snow in the cedar swamps and poplar slashings were crisscrossed with snowshoe trails that were unimaginable. Many were so packed down they reminded me of I-75. Posting along them and letting the beagles loose was the best. It wouldn't take long before the silence was shattered by the bawl of a beagle in hot pursuit of a bunny.

Listening to his barking it was easy to understand how the hunt was progressing as they sorted things out. There was no doubt when the trail went from cold to hot by the

the snowshoes practically disappeared from the region. So, the snowshoes went with the snow, to find them you had to go further north where winters came earlier and the cover was sufficient to hide them late fall and early spring when they are most vulnerable.

In addition to the milder winters, there was a shift taking place in northeastern Michigan regarding the predator populations. One of the stories I used to hear from some of the older hunters about the good old days was regarding the red fox population.

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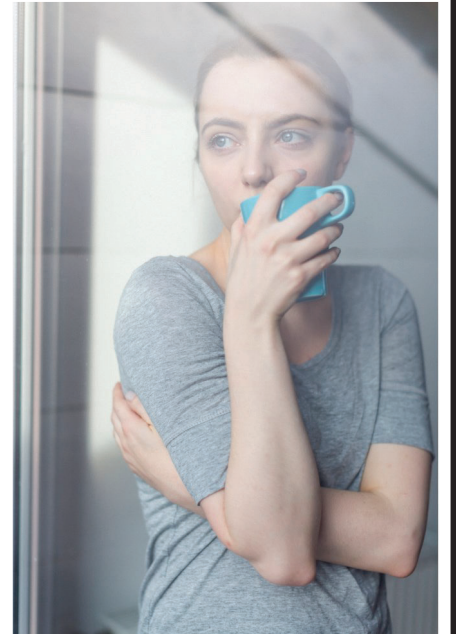
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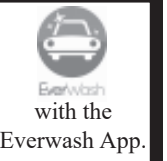
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The wrecks of Ohio and Ironton

By Gorman Heavyhand

The front page of a recent Alcona Review inspired this ballad, another in a regrettably long series, inevitably to the tune of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" by Gordon Light-foot. (Sorry, Gord, can't resist.)

High is the tally along "Shipwreck Alley" of the lost men and vessels below.

Two of those so ill-fated have been relocated: The Ironton and the Ohio.

Ironton was a schooner Built twenty years sooner, made into a barge for bulk cargo.

On her last fatal trip A large steamship, Charles Lawson, took her in tow.

With Moonlight, another old ship, on the tether, the Lawson steamed north on Lake Huron.

But the steam engine quit! Moonlight's captain yelled, "Quick, cut the line!" to avoid a collision.

That night to remember, 26 September, Eighteen, ninety and four,

as Ironton drifted and the North wind lifted, there were many more horrors in store.

The crew of the Ironton numbered just seven men, who struggled to send up a sail.

Then out of the gloom loomed the schooner's doom, over the starboard rail.

The Ohio, a steamer, Slammed into her beam, for a moment of mutual destruction.

Full of two million pounds of grain, she went down, but Ohio's whole crew found salvation.

With a hole in her hull, for a full awful hour, the Ironton managed to float.

Then the men of the crew knew what they had to do, and crammed themselves into the lifeboat.

But none of the men remembered then to untie the rope to the ship!



So, when Ironton foundered and began heading downward, their lifeboat made the same trip.

The two who survived both owed their lives to glomming onto some wreckage.

A box saved Bill Wooley, and lucky Bill Parry found a bag of a drowned sailor's dunnage.

Does anyone know where the lost ships go? To find 'em you need side-scan sonar.

Bob Ballard and NOAA Towed a BEN over "Wreck Alley" to find where they now are!

Your front door
Plants and garden decor can play a very important part in updating the entryway to your home, and in welcoming your guests. Keep healthy, in-season plantings as part of a balanced display with your front door, choosing them to accent (but not overpower) the door, trim, architectural details and the walkway. Take time to plan the cohesiveness of all these elements. - Brenda Weaver
Source: www.bhg.com

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- Brenda Weaver
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Buggy Rides

Sims earns stripes, promoted to supervisor

March 25, 1998 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

After 18 years of service, a local law enforcement officer has been promoted to sergeant and will be overseeing officers in four counties.

Connie Sims has worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Iosco and Alcona County for 18 years. She recently received her sergeant stripes and a promotion from conservation officer to area field supervisor for Alcona, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Iosco counties.

Sims started her career with the DNR in Iosco County. About seven years later she moved to Alcona County.

Law enforcement was always something Sims wanted to pursue as a career. Her father was a Michigan State Police trooper and she wanted to follow in his footsteps. After earning a criminal justice degree from Michigan State University, she was ready to attend the Michigan State Police Academy. But there was one problem, they weren't hiring.

The DNR was. After taking the necessary law enforcement training through the DNR, she hasn't looked back.

"There have been several opportunities, over the years for me to go to the State Police, but I've chosen to stay with the DNR," Sims said. "I wanted something that would

put me out in the field, not behind a desk. There is more shift work with the State Police. As a conservation officer, I'm more independent.

"It always seems like whenever I get bored the activity changes or the season changes. There is always something going on, and it makes the job that much more interesting," she said.

Sims has been involved with many aspects of the department over the years. She has been active on the policy committee, training committee, interview board and has been a field training officer.

"I enjoy seeing new people come on," Sims said. "This is a good area for people to train with a wide variety of resources and activities.

"I'm really fortunate to get this position. The person I'm replacing, Theo Helms, was very good. It will be hard to fill his shoes. He was very organized and very well thought of and that will make it easy for me to step in. I will be working with some wonderful, intelligent and energetic people. I'm moving into a dream position in a dream area of the state with some really good people to work with," Sims said.

Sims and her husband, Gary, live in Lincoln with their two children Mackenzie, 5 and Katelyn, 3.

His body found
The Curtis Township Settler who Lost His Way in the Big Storm of January.

March 24, 1898 ~ The body of the Curtis township homesteader who was lost in the big storm of January 31st, has been found.

The man's name was A. C. Dunton. It will be remembered that he was returning from South Branch with some groceries when the storm arose. Not arriving home a search was made and the bag of groceries was found hanging on a tree and near by was found matches and shavings, showing that he had made an attempt to build a fire. The falling snow had covered the tracks beyond this point rendering further search futile.

Dunton and a young son went to Curtis from Battle Creek about a year ago and located on a homestead near the county line. The son was at home alone when the storm came up and next morning he gave the alarm that he feared his father had perished in the storm. Although diligent search was made, the body was not found.

Some suspicion was attached to another homesteader named Wells, who came from Battle Creek with Dunton and who knew of the latter's trip to South Branch on that day and that Dunton also expected some money through the mail, and he was under suspicion until the finding of the body last Thursday.

The story of the finding of the body is told as follows by the Tawas Gazette:

"In Battle Creek, the man had a wife and two small children, and a host of friends: and on Wednesday two gentlemen came from that city to search for the missing man. After the snow had disappeared. Thursday they went to the spot where the unfortunate was last seen, and the search began, and at 3:30 p.m. they were rewarded by finding the body where, apparently, the man had wandered a short distance from the trail, had lost his way, become exhausted and had lain down and died. The body had not been disturbed, and in the pockets were found all of the money and the articles belonging to the deceased, and there was not one thing to bear evidence of foul play.

The deceased was a member of the Maccabees and one of the gentlemen who came this week to search was a representative of that order.

The names of these two gentlemen referred to are Abbey and Wright and after finding the body they came to this city and purchased a casket from undertaker King, and after getting the necessary permit, the remains were shipped to Battle Creek for interment.

Snowshoes

Continued from page 7

Michigan have been very high, it was next to impossible to effectively reduce their population sufficiently. Coyotes are incredibly smart, mostly nocturnal, and as a result of their incredible senses and intelligence, are a tough nut to crack.

I believe it's the combined effectiveness of reducing the predator numbers through hunting and snaring along with the cutting and regrowth of the large tracks of timber that the snowshoe hare is making a comeback.

(Gregg Schefferly grew up and spent the majority of his life in northeastern Michigan. With the lakes and forests as his playground, he has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

top ten
World's Highest Traffic Delay Times by City*

1. London, U.K.
2. Chicago, U.S.
3. Paris, France
4. Boston, U.S.
5. Bogota, Colombia
6. Palermo, Italy
7. Toronto, Canada
8. New York City, U.S.
9. Monterrey, Mexico
10. Philadelphia, U.S.

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS:** What company advertises its clothing with the ad slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?
 - SCIENCE:** What is the tallest grass in the world?
 - MOVIES:** What is the name of the camp in "Friday the 13th"?
 - GEOGRAPHY:** What is the term when two water streams join to form a larger stream?
 - INVENTIONS:** What is Tim Berners-Lee credited with inventing?
 - ANATOMY:** Where are the quadriceps located?
 - LITERATURE:** Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Lincoln?
 - TELEVISION:** Timothy Lovejoy is a minister on which animated TV series?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Yaks are native to which region?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Before he was elected president, which of the founding fathers attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre Dame Cathedral?
- Answers: 1. Levi's.; 2. Bamboo.; 3. Camp Crystal Lake.; 4. Confluence.; 5. World Wide Web.; 6. Thighs.; 7. Carl Sandburg.; 8. "The Simpsons."; 9. Tibet, China.; 10. James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 6, 1896, the first modern Olympic Games opened in Athens more than 1,500 years after the last Games, which originated in Olympia in southwestern Greece. Two hundred and forty-one athletes from 14 countries took part.
 - On April 5, 1955, Winston Churchill, who was instrumental in initiating the alliance between the U.K., the U.S. and the Soviet Union against Nazi Germany, resigned as prime minister of the U.K. His political career spanned half a century.
 - On April 3, 1973, Motorola employee Martin Cooper made the first public mobile telephone call, on a Manhattan sidewalk, to Joel Engel of Bell Labs. Cooper later told the BBC that his first words were, "Joel, I'm calling you from a 'real' cellular telephone. A portable handheld telephone."
 - On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron, aka "Hammerin' Hank," of the Atlanta Braves struck his 715th career home run, smashing Babe Ruth's legendary record of 714 homers. Over the preceding winter, Aaron had endured death threats and hate mail from people who didn't want to see that record broken by a Black man.
 - On April 7, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 6-3 to uphold a 50-year-old Virginia law making it a crime to burn a cross as an act of intimidation. The practice is widely associated with the Ku Klux Klan and is still protected by the First Amendment at Klan rallies.
 - On April 9, 2009, the U.S. stopped running its global network of secret prisons used to detain and interrogate terrorism suspects, sometimes with "torturous" methods. CIA Director Leon Panetta added that any remaining sites would be decommissioned. President Barack Obama had promised to shut the facilities down shortly after taking office.
 - On April 4, 2013, American film critic Roger Ebert died of cancer just two days after announcing he would write fewer reviews due to the disease's recurrence. His thumbs up/thumbs down rating system with fellow critic Gene Siskel turned the pair into household names and became a popular part of American culture.
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Super Crossword

STUDY OF GENESIS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Downhiller's headwear
 - 8 Mexican beach resort
 - 14 Island home of Odysseus
 - 20 University of Wyoming's city
 - 21 Moon-landing program
 - 22 Had to have
 - 23 They appear before a film's first scene
 - 25 Viewed to be
 - 26 Cakes of cornbread
 - 27 Indy units
 - 28 Bichon (white dog)
 - 30 Stitch's cartoon friend
 - 31 Bleating females
 - 32 Speedy plane
 - 33 It turns a computer on
 - 35 Always, to bards
 - 36 Vintage auto
 - 38 Active Sicilian volcano
 - 39 Holders of emergency supplies
 - 43 Women with babies on the way
 - 47 Puccini work
 - 51 Gala after a presidential oath
 - 54 Cutting noise
 - 55 Quadrillionth: Prefix
 - 56 — epic scale
 - 57 Musical insensitivity
 - 59 Sets for viewing
 - 60 Perfume by Dana
 - 61 Lured
 - 63 "You Gotta Be" singer of 1994
 - 65 Graduation address
 - 71 Keyless, musically
 - 72 Many a Netflix show
 - 73 "— Dinka Doo" (Jimmy Durante tune)
 - 75 Candy in collectible dispensers
 - 76 "Mice" or "lice," but not "rice"
 - 81 Blowout, e.g. as a lion
 - 83 Cyber-addresses
 - 85 Membership ceremony
 - 88 Phony: Prefix
 - 90 Camera item for a long or short view
 - 91 Down Under dweller
 - 92 "Me? Never!"
 - 94 — Crucifix
 - 95 Says "yes" to
 - 96 Celebratory event for a rollout
 - 102 Swung tool
 - 103 Green gem
 - 107 Prefix with directional
 - 108 Cosmetician
 - 109 Sainthood
 - 111 Birds-and-bees class
 - 112 Stick together
 - 114 Bible's first words (apt for this puzzle's theme)
 - 117 Actress McNichol or Swanson
 - 118 Quarterback great Dan
 - 119 Flow out
 - 120 Smallish sofa
 - 121 Slip away
 - 122 City in Arizona or Mexico
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Inclined land
 - 2 "Bam!"
 - 3 Singer Cara
 - 4 Lion features
 - 5 French buds
 - 6 Moral failure
 - 7 Bowler, informally
 - 8 Koi, e.g.
 - 9 Clumsy sorts
 - 10 Signal "yes"
 - 11 Actor Montgomery
 - 12 Radical sort
 - 13 GI's "Uh-uh!"
 - 14 Owing money
 - 15 PGA peg
 - 16 Shoe lifts
 - 17 Grant entry to
 - 18 Singer/rapper Green
 - 19 Attach
 - 24 Purring pet
 - 29 "Remington —"
 - 32 Bach's "—, Joy of Man's Desiring"
 - 33 Mediocre
 - 34 108-card game
 - 35 Frozen waffle brand
 - 36 Move in circles
 - 37 "Lose Yourself" rapper
 - 39 Natural ability
 - 40 Many short plays
 - 41 Hoodwink
 - 42 One of the four seasons
 - 43 Wildly excited
 - 44 Blast stuff
 - 45 Sapporo sash
 - 46 Prohibit
 - 48 Just between us
 - 49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture
 - 50 Church area
 - 52 Horse color pattern
 - 53 Fills with freight
 - 58 Irish actor Stephen
 - 61 Lawyer Melvin called "The King of Torts"
 - 62 — Moines
 - 64 Minis, midis and maxis
 - 66 GPS display
 - 67 Tetley competitor
 - 68 Bridal gown features
 - 69 Grain towers
 - 70 Hammer's striking end
 - 71 Since Hector was —
 - 74 Everybody, in Essen
 - 77 Starts to remove a jacket, say
 - 78 — de Janeiro
 - 79 — -Z (total)
 - 80 Fashion designer Phillip —
 - 82 Name shared by 12 popes
 - 84 Least cloudy
 - 86 Join forces
 - 87 Fall lawn tool
 - 89 Rx writer
 - 93 A flirtatious look
 - 95 Element #8
 - 96 Safe securers
 - 97 Love, in Italy
 - 98 Not stricken
 - 99 — or two (on occasion)
 - 100 Kidney-related
 - 101 "Neon" fish
 - 102 Schooner fill
 - 103 One of the Bush twins
 - 104 Around a line of symmetry
 - 105 AI (a bit firm)
 - 106 Knife features
 - 109 Birds sitting on clutches
 - 110 Conical-bore woodwind
 - 111 Hosiery flaw
 - 113 GPS display: Abbr.
 - 115 Trendy
 - 116 "It seems to me," online

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Did you dislike Brussels sprouts in your youth? Turns out they don't taste the same nowadays, thanks to Dutch scientist Hans van Doorn, who figured out which compounds in the sprouts made them bitter, then helped begin the work of selecting seeds that would produce more palatable results.
- The first gun was made in 1,000 AD in China.
- While ostriches can't fly, no bird on Earth can match their speed on land, since they can not only sprint at up to 43 mph, but cover more than 10 feet in a single stride.
- A 50 by 50 foot area of healthy lawn generates enough oxygen to supply a family of four.
- Every year, 1.2 million students drop out of school. That's 7,000 dropouts every day, or one every 26 seconds.
- Notorious gangster and bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd endeared himself to the American public by destroying mortgage papers at the banks he held up, freeing a lot of folks from their debts.
- The First Gulf War in 1991 technically never ended. There was just a cease-fire. The U.K. used that legal loophole to justify entering the Second Gulf War in 2003.
- In 2000, Sony invented a movie critic named David Manning and used his fictional quotes to promote the company's movies. The ruse backfired when Sony ended up paying over \$1.5 million to moviegoers in a class action lawsuit and over \$300,000 to the state of Connecticut, where "David Manning" supposedly worked at a small weekly paper.

Thought for the Day: "Go out on a limb -- that's where the fruit is." -- Will Rogers

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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: C equals B

RZRS GWPMIW CPGW CRYTGT PJ
 CMFQRS YFR UPZRFRQ LS QRSTR
 JMF, GWYG PSR LT GWR
 WYLFLRF UYFFLRF.

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage (mortgage) made by KOB Properties LLC (a/k/a K.O.B. Properties LLC), a Michigan limited liability company, which address is P.O. Box 268, Fairview, Mich. 48621, mortgagor, to Southlake Holdings, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, c/o Auburn Loan Servicing, which address is 134 Main Street, 5th Floor, Lewiston, Maine 04240 (sometimes referenced hereinafter as mortgagee). Of which mortgage is dated August 2, 2019, and recorded on August 7, 2019, at Liber 552, pages 1,068-1,079, in the Alcona County Register of Deeds, State of Michigan.

As of March 3, 2023, the amount claimed to be due under the mortgage is the sum of three hundred twenty eight thousand six hundred fifty two and 08/100 dollars (\$328,652.08), including interest at the rate per annum set forth in the Note secured by the mortgage. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the mortgage and note and as permitted under Michigan law. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Court House, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at the Alcona County Courthouse being the place of the holding for Alcona County, State of Michigan, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 10 a.m. The property subject to the mortgage (property) and to be sold at said sale is situated as follows: Land situated in the Township of Mitchell, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and legally described as follows: Lots 9, 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 7 of Crooked Lake Camp Site, a subdivision being part of Government Lot 5, Section 18 and Government Lots 2 and 3, Section 17 and the southeast quarter (SE ¼) of the southwest quarter (SW ¼) of Section 17, Town 27 North, Range 5 East, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 65. Commonly known as: 8425 Elk Road., Curran, Mich. 48728. Parcel No.: 114-115-007-009-00. If the property is eventually sold at

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Date of mortgage: December 22, 2021. Date of mortgage recording: December 29, 2021. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$164,540.98. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 8 East, thence north 89 deg. 32' west 1318.85 feet along the section line and the centerline of the Black River Road extended, thence north 0 deg. 14' west 33.0 feet to the point of beginning, thence north 0 deg. 14' west 185.7 feet, thence north 61 deg. 0'30" west 215.59 feet along the south 33 feet right of way line of the Roe Road, thence south 0 deg. 14' east 287 feet, thence south 89 deg. 32' east 189 feet on the north 33 foot right of way line of the Black River Road extended to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 2870 E. Roe Road, Spruce, MI 48762-9721. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 13, 2023, 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; council members, Kaiser, Schwanz, Vanderheuel, Mason, and Bauermeister; and guests. Absent: Bean.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister, to approve February 13 minutes. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to pay the bills for March 13 in the amount of \$37, 339.77. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to the progress of the playground grant request. It has been resubmitted to the state by OHM Engineering and the city is awaiting a response. OHM Engineering is in the process of refining the lagoon grant proposal to be submitted to the state. More meetings are planned in the future to define and amend the grant prior to final submission.

Mayor Gehring opened the General Fund Budget 2023-2024 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:05 p.m. The treasurer and finance committee members reviewed the general fund budget, fire, liquor, DPW revolving fund, marijuana licensing, major, minor streets with council for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Mayor Gehring announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage allowed as required by law. The meeting was opened to the public with no comments. The meeting was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, to approve the new general fund, fire, DPW revolving fund, liquor, marijuana licensing, major and minor budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2023-2024. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented a letter from Inspiration Alcona for permission to use city property at the harbor pavilion, Fridays, from June 16 to September 1, 6 to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$35 per evening.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, for Inspiration Alcona to use the harbor pavilion from June 16 to September 1, Friday evenings at a cost of \$35 per evening, pursuant to a new contract proposal. Motion carried: 5-0.

Resolution No. 2023-04 between the City of Harrisville and the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing DPW supervisor Tom Keerl to sign Contract No.23-5046 between the city and MDOT. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser, for DPW supervisor Tom Keerl to sign said contract between the City of Harrisville and MDOT. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Absent: Bean.

The Personal Property Annual Canvas Policy was presented to council for approval. "In order to ensure accurate assessments, the City of Harrisville is required to establish a policy regarding the inspection (canvassing) of personal property" done by the City of Harrisville's assessor to determine if personal property has been removed or added to parcels within the city during the preceding tax year."

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister, for the City of Harrisville to establish the Personal Property Annual Canvas Policy. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel. Nays: Mason. Absent: Bean. Motion carried: 4-1.

Resolution No. 2023-05: Adoption of City of Harrisville Master Plan. Now, therefore be it resolved that the content of this document, together with all maps attached to and contained herein are hereby adopted by the City of Harrisville City Council as the Master Plan on this 13th day of March, 2023.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 as the current Master Plan for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Absent: Bean.

Mayor Gehring reported to council he is working to have council members, planning commission, and employees to have their own priority email addresses from the city for ease of communication from constituents, between council members and the city, directly. Mayor Gehring informed council of the pending purchase of security cameras for the city offices, the fire department areas and the outside areas of the building. State allocated marijuana dollars paid to the city will be used for the purchase.

Mayor Gehring shared that various contractors have been contacted as to the repair of the fountain at Lake Street and Main Street. Contractors' estimates for the work will be sent to the insurance company covering the cost of the repair. The harbor commission has chosen not to fill a vacancy on the commission, at this time, referring to the harbor bylaws for clarification.

Alderman Bauermeister asked for clarification from attorney Dan White's office concerning the possibility of reimbursements for the FOIA work which Dan White's office has done for the city and the city has paid for. Harbor commissioner Keerl addressed that the commission will review the commission bylaws as to number of members required on the commission.

Planning commissioner Schwanz discussed the Community Development Block Grant which would enable communities to make critical improvements to new and/or existing spaces. Schwanz was given support from council to pursue the work required to apply for this grant. Alderman Schwanz presented the NEMCOG proposal to update the city's recreation plan. The recreation plan needs to be updated every five years and cannot be started until the master plan is in place. NEMCOG's proposal to provide services to the city has a proposed budget of \$4,500. Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, to approve the NEMCOG proposed budget of \$4,500 to provide services to the city for the updating of the recreation plan. Motion carried: 5-0.

Comment cards: Guest Warner Vanderheuel informed council of his progress working with the state on the regulation of speed limits on US-23 and M-72. Sandy Mendyka was thanked for her efforts in a successful fundraiser for the purchase of three AEDs. One will be donated to the fire department, one to the harbor and a third place to be determined. Sandy and Ryan Mendyka are stepping down from their work on organizing the Labor Day Parade. The city thanks them for all their effort in continuing this tradition.

Maureen Sullivan spoke about a planned ATV/ORV Poker Run for May 6 as a VIP fundraiser for the 4th of July Fireworks display. Tim Slezsak spoke about forming a fishing committee of individuals interested in bring fishing back to the area.

Councils last comments: Alderman Mason questioned the progress concerning the structure at the Mill Creek Café. He was told by the owner that the building will be moved and conform to the zoning for that type of building. Mason also inquired on the continued treatment of invasive species in the city. Tom Keerl is working on a new contract with Huron Pines. Alderman Schwanz indicated that fundraising can begin for the city mural project through Inspiration Alcona.

Schwanz/Vanderheuel moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of March 13-19, 2023

129 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Domestic; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 20 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	9	Traffic/Traffic Stop	53
Prop. Damage Accident	3	PBT/Drug Testing	15
Alarm	1	Assist	5
Well Being Check	7	Animal/Dog	6
Civil	5	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Fraud/Scam	2	Miscellaneous	3
Domestic	6	Mal. Destruction of Prop.	1
Fire	2	Larceny	1
Warrant Arrest	1	Fingerprinting	5
Drive While Lic. Susp.	1	Fatal Accident	1
Juvenile	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	18	Caledonia	6	Curtis	2
Greenbush	16	Gustin	5	Harrisville	20
Hawes	10	Haynes	3	Mikado	7
Millen	3	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	25	Village of Lincoln	7		

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