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Future is bright for AHS Class of 2023 graduates

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

If having lofty dreams was an academic choice, this year's Alcona High School valedictorian and salutatorian would have excelled in the class without question.

Valedictorian Logan Bates and salutatorian Rebecca McCoy have spent most of their academic school years in Alcona County and both felt growing up in the small rural oasis has given them a sense of community beyond their expectations.

It is now time for Logan and Rebecca to venture beyond the county they know and love and both have big goals. Logan would like to be a secondary math teacher and teach in Italy and Rebecca would like to get a bachelor's degree in psychology and continue school to obtain a graduate degree in law.

Logan Bates is the son of Eric Bates and Susanne Somers and is the youngest of three children. He has attended Alcona Community Schools even before kindergarten at Headstart.

Like most elementary students, Logan enjoyed playing with friends on the playground. "We played wall ball and Fox and Hound. I also liked arts and crafts," he said.

He was an above-average student and enjoyed the transition from elementary to middle school which was when he realized his passion for mathematics and science. "I felt a kinship to it. It came naturally to me," he said.

In high school, Logan began joining clubs. Through the National Honor Society (NHS) and the Northeastern

Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC), Logan became more involved in his community.

Each month during the school year the NHS put on a monthly coffee social time for local veterans and their spouses. Logan was at the first coffee social and each month watched the meetings grow from just a handful to last month's meeting which nearly 50 veterans and spouses attended.

He was happy the coffee social meetings will continue next year and said it was a

great way to get to know community members and found the veteran's stories interesting.

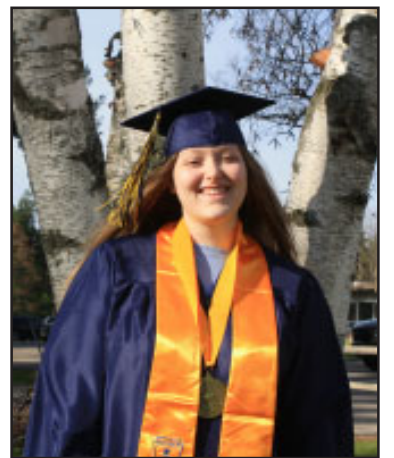
Logan also focused more on his academics in high school. He has achieved a 3.97 grade point average and has already earned 22 college credits. He explained two teachers were great role models and influenced his goals, math teacher Tammy Nelson and band director Emma Hilton.

"Mrs. Nelson saw potential in me that I didn't know I had.

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Valedictorian
Logan Bates



Salutatorian
Rebecca McCoy

Alpena County Regional Airport to receive more than \$50 million to repair runway

The National Guard and Alpena County are investing more than \$50 million in runway repairs and upgrades at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and the Alpena County Regional Airport. The work will extend the life of the runway for 25 years, ensuring continued civilian and military use of the facility.

The Michigan Air National Guard obtained approximately \$40 million dollars in funding from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) to support the work, with Alpena County contributing \$12.5 million. The airport is shared space with both the county and the CRTC. "Construction will begin this week on the Alpena County Runway. More than \$50 million is being dedicated to this project which is the result of an incredible 2-

year planning effort by the Alpena CRTC, the County, the FAA, and the Air National Guard Readiness Center," said Col. James Rossi, Alpena CRTC commander. "This effort normally takes 5-10 years to accomplish, but given the urgency of the needed repairs, all entities joined forces to make this happen." The runway repair will be done in a three-part series, allowing the County Regional Airport to remain operational for most the repair work. A portion of the main runway will be renovated, while other portions will be completely repaired. The result will be a completely new piece of pavement that will serve customers of the CRTC and the Alpena County Airport for decades.

"The project will consist of three phases: a county repair

phase, followed by two NGB-funded phases," said Maj. Anthony Hylko, Alpena CRTC Base Civil Engineer. "We are working this project in such a way as to minimize the impact on air travel to and from the county airport."

This first phase of repairs, on the interior runway, will take place this spring. Simultaneously, the federally funded repairs will also begin at the same time on the runway's north end. Repairs on the south end will commence in the spring of 2024. The repairs are expected to conclude in the fall of 2024. The runway repair project will rely heavily on local contractors from the northern Michigan region for the award contracts. Pyramid Paving, from Bay City, Mich., and M&M Excavating, from Gaylord, Mich., as well as a number of

Alpena-based subcontractors are being utilized for the project. "This is a huge win for the community of Alpena. Between the Air Force and the County of Alpena, we are investing more than \$50 million in repairs to the runway and extending the life of the airfield for at least 25 years," said Hylko. The Alpena CRTC is one of four unique military readiness installations located across the country. Every year, thousands of military personnel from all branches of the military travel to Alpena to conduct training at the facility. Alpena CRTC is a part of the National All Domain Warfighting Center, which includes the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center and other Michigan-based assets to pro-

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Obituary

Eli F. Munsey

Eli F. Munsey, 68, of Glennie, died on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

He was born September 25, 1954, to Eli and Zelpha (Carll) Munsey in Flint, Mich. He was raised in Flint, Mich. and Argentine, Mich.

On December 15, 1973, he married Laurel Bruner in Grand Blanc. They were long-time residents of Burton, Mich.

Mr. Munsey worked as a sales representative for Williams Gun Sight in Davison, Mich. and retired to "The Farm" in Glennie in 2017.

He loved to play his guitar. He was an avid NASCAR fan, and rarely missed a race. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and shooting sports, as well as working on cars and trucks.


Mr. Munsey is survived by his wife, Laurel; three children, Joshua (Danielle) Munsey, Tyan (Adam) Pregeant and Israel Munsey; four



grandchildren; two brothers, Phillip Munsey and Neal Munsey; several nieces and nephews; and his large, extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A private memorial will take place at a later date.



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- Brenda Weaver
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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Lincoln branch at 2 p.m.

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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. Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. The first visit is free. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Story time and a craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

A Spring Plant sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Craftmakers' Cabin (corner of M-72 and US-23 in Harrisville). All plants are from the gardens of Sunrise Gardening Club members. Pro-

ceeds benefit Harrisville beautification projects.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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

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FRIDAY, JUNE 2

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Cornhole competition will be held at the Alcona County on Aging Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln, starting at 11 a.m. with warm up and registration. Both backyard and competition divisions will be eligible for prizes. The competition will be followed by a dance party with a DJ and karaoke. Cost is \$25 per player. Proceeds will support future activities of the ACCOA. Food truck on site for the day. For pre-registration, contact Kyle at (989) 293-0558 or Lawrence at (989) 295-0990.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4:30 to 6 p.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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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Local Notes **Local Notes** *Local Notes*

Spring Plant Sale

The Sunrise Gardening Club is holding a spring plant sale Saturday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Craft-makers' Cabin, corner of M-72 and US-23 in Harrisville. All plants – perennials, shrubs, house plants, gently used garden art and more — are from the gardens of Sunrise Gardening Club members. All proceeds benefit Harrisville beautification project.



Tony Atkinson

recently elected as president of the Michigan Association of County Veteran Counselors (MACVC). The election took place at the state spring conference with 83 of Michigan's county veterans counselors represented.

Atkinson said it was a great honor to be elected by his peers and the vote was very close with him winning by just five or six votes. "This is not just an honor to be recognized by peers, but this appointment will also give Alcona County veterans and other veterans in northeast Michigan some recognition," he said.

Atkinson will still be performing his weekly duties as the veteran's counselor for Alcona County and will do the MACVC job mostly during evening hours and weekends.

As the MACVC president, he is working to coordinate training and obtaining scholarship funds to assist with training and continuing education hours for veteran counselors. Atkinson's duty as MACVC president will last for only a year unless he is voted in again at next spring's election. The presidency is usually a two-year term, but he is finishing a term for the last president who had to resign due to retirement.

Atkinson is available to all Alcona County Veterans Monday through Friday at his office located at 216 W. Main Street in Harrisville near the building department south of the Alcona County Sheriff's Office. Call (989) 724-9510 for an appointment.

Helping Misplaced Mallards

In the next few weeks, mallard ducklings across Michigan will be hatching and following their mothers to marshes, ponds and streams to be raised into big, strong ducks. For most mallard families, this process goes off without a hitch. But every year, the Michigan Department of

Natural Resources (DNR) gets calls asking for help to relocate broods of ducklings from buildings and roofs to nearby wetlands.

According to Karen Cleveland, a DNR game biologist, it's illegal to capture ducks and transport them to a new location, but when a bird is trapped in – or on – a building, it is legal to help move them outside so they can leave on their own. Fortunately, this is usually easy to do when a duck nests in an enclosed courtyard or on a flat roof, because mallard hens won't easily abandon their ducklings, and ducklings will follow their mothers closely.

"Your first choice, if at all possible, should be to avoid trying to catch the ducks," Cleveland said. "Mallard families can be gently herded by one or two people following them and can be led into buildings, down hallways and outside. This often takes only a couple of minutes, and then they'll be on their way."

When the nest is on a roof or other place that can't safely be walked out of, collect the ducklings into a box or bag, take it outside and place it on the ground as close to the nest location as possible. Wait 40 to 50 feet away until you see the hen return to investigate the container the ducklings are in. Quietly approach and tip it over so the ducklings can get out, and then back off so the hen can come back and collect her brood.

Wanted: Beautiful Gardens

The gardening club is looking for gardens to participate in this year's Sunrise Gardening Club Garden Walk. For 18 years, the Sunrise Gardening Club has hosted an annual Garden Walk. The walk typically features between five to nine gardens scattered throughout Alcona County.

Anyone with a beautiful garden or knows of someone who does and would be interested in being considered for future Garden Walks, the gardening club would like to hear about it. Gardens selected are ones that have an extensive selection of garden material, interesting hardscaping, well-maintained, and other unique features.

For the 2023 Walk, gardens from Harrisville south to the Greenbush area are being featured. Anyone interested in learning more, contact Ann Pringle at (910) 691-7735, annpringle54@gmail.com.

Cornhole Competition

A cornhole competition will be held Saturday, June 3 at the Alcona County on Aging Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln, starting at 11 a.m. with warm up and registration. Both backyard and competition divisions will be eligible for prizes. The competition will be followed by a dance party with a DJ and karaoke. Cost is \$25 per player. Proceeds will support future activities of the ACCOA. A food truck will be on site for the day. For pre-registration, which is preferred, contact Kyle at (989) 293-0558, breakawaybaggers@gmail.com or Lawrence at (989) 295-0990.

Professional Recognition

Alcona County Veteran Counselor Tony Atkinson was



Mallards can nest in places that can be dangerous to their chicks. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.



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Complaint Statistics

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Traffic/Traffic Stop	53	Child Neglect	1
Agency Assist	6	Dog/Animal	3
Alarm	1	Drive While Lic. Suspended	2
Miscellaneous	2	Fraud	2
Well Being Check	6	Suspicious Event	4
PBT/Drug Testing	18	Malicious Destr. Property	1
Suicidal Subject	2	No Insurance	1
Gun Shots	2	Vehicle ID Inspection	1
Fire	1	Domestic	1
Harassment	1	Civil	1
Fingerprinting	2	Minor in Possession	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Intimidation	1
Missing Person	1	Kennel Inspection	1
Burglary	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	7	Caledonia	12	Curtis	13
Greenbush	15	Gustin	9	Harrisville	9
Hawes	7	Haynes	5	Mikado	6
Millen	4	Mitchell	3		
Harrisville City	24	Village of Lincoln	10		

Future Continued from page 1

Mrs. Hilton helped our band grow and I looked forward to her classes. She is one of the nicest teachers in the school and looked out for me," Logan said.

In addition to playing the baritone euphonium in the marching band, Logan is on the school bowling team and the Knowledge Bowl team. He and his teammates, Emma Schroeder, Isabella Laird, Makayla Prince and Carter Upper brought home the WBKB Championship Knowledge Bowl trophy this year. The last time the winning trophy was housed at Alcona Community Schools was in 1987.

Logan's dream to teach in Italy came after he traveled abroad to the country last summer with World Strides Education Travel Company. "Italy impressed me with its culture and language. Italians are laid back and social with each other in cafes and restaurants.

"In Italy, most cities don't allow cars and people walk everywhere. I enjoyed (hearing) their language and want the challenge of teaching math in a different language," Logan said.

He will be studying mathematics and secondary education and has received a Dee Brown Perry scholarship, a Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141 scholarship, Lincoln Lions scholarship, and the Alcona Education Association scholarship to assist with his studies at Michigan State University.

He also was recently awarded the Good Citizen Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution, which holds an annual essay competition and received the Student of the Year award by the Alpena News.

Rebecca McCoy is the daughter of Randy and Kayla McCoy of Black River and has two older siblings.

As an elementary student, Rebecca enjoyed being with her classmates and said the teachers were nice. Studies came easily to her with science being her favorite subject.

In middle school, she grew to enjoy math more. She tried band in middle school, but it wasn't until high school that she began to join groups such as the FFA in ninth grade and the student council in 10th grade. History became her favorite subject in high school.

She also joined the NHS and was a member for 10th, 11th and 12th grade. "NHS was a lot of fun and I got to meet people I would have never met through it," Rebecca said.

The 17-year-old senior doesn't have much free time and when she does, she enjoys spending it with friends. She has also ventured into the realm of employment and is working at Kris Mart Grocery.

Much of her high school career has been earning her 3.957 grade point average by focusing on academics. She has completed 16 college credits for English composition 1 and 2, economics (macro), math for liberal arts/quantitative reasoning and American government and politics.

Rebecca encouraged other students to get in some college credits before high school graduation because the courses never disassociated her from the school, as her college classes were taken at the school.

She was appreciative of Megan Vankoningsveld, the school career and college counselor, for all the help and guidance she has given her.


Rebecca's advice for students entering into high school is to focus on learning, not just getting good grades. She hoped other parents would do what her parents did for her by encouraging children to challenge themselves, not just take easy classes.

Rebecca has received a Dee Brown Perry scholarship and a Northland Jerry Erickson Education scholarship and will be attending Central Michigan University.

Her speech to 56 of her graduating peers on Friday will be on the topic of living in the moment.


The Alcona High School Class of 2023 graduation ceremony will take place on May 26, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

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Alcona baseball breezes by Patriots

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team played a pair of North Star League Big Dipper games last Thursday. The Tigers played on Charlton Heston Academy's home field in West Branch, Mich. and they handed the Patriots a pair of losses, 19-2 and 16-3.

In game one, Owen Borsvold got the win by going three innings and giving up two runs on one hit with nine strikeouts.

On offense, Evan Borsvold got a triple, a single and two

RBI. Nathan Nardi had two hits and Gavin Dellar had a double and four RBI.

In game two, O. Borsvold got the win by going three innings and giving up three runs on one hit and striking out six.

The Tigers drew 15 walks to get plenty of base runners on. Jordan Benac had two hits and Cayden Hebert had a double.

On Monday, May 15 the Tigers played at Rogers City in NSL Big Dipper action. They came up short in both contests, 11-1 and 19-1.

In game one, E. Borsvold took the loss, going four and one-third innings and giving up 11 runs on seven hits and striking out six.

The offense saw Dellar get a double and a single.

In game two, Jesse Sheldon suffered the loss, striking out seven batters.

Alcona (13-9 overall) played at home against Atlanta on Tuesday, May 23 and heads to Tawas on Thursday, May 25. The Tigers make the trip to Mackinaw City, Mich. on Tuesday, May 30.

Lady Tigers roll to lopsided wins over Charlton Heston Academy

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Lady Tigers claimed a pair of mercy-style victories, 20-4 (three innings) and 15-0 (four innings) while playing against the Charlton Heston Academy last Thursday, in a pair of North Star League Big Dipper games in West Branch, Mich.

In the opener, Miah Schopfer got the win in relief, going two and one-third innings and giving up no runs, zero hits, zero walks and striking out three. Addison Beatty started the game pitching and struck out one batter.

On offense, Sage Gauthier had two doubles and one single. Hannah Renschski had two singles. Riley Tracy had a double and a single. Carmen Dellar doubled and Beatty and Schopfer each got a single.

"Once we got out of the first inning we came back with our bats hot," said head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt. "The girls played well and everyone was able to play."

In game two, Schopfer got the win by going four innings and giving up one hit, striking out six and walking none.

The offense saw Rylee

Kroon get three hits. Gauthier had a triple and a single. Jena Wambold had two singles. R. Tracy had a triple. Beatty, Schopfer and Baylee Goddard each got a single.

"Very happy with how the girls played over all," Neuenfeldt said. "It was an opportunity for everyone to play and show what they can do as a team. They pick each other up and just have fun on the field."

On Monday, May 15 Alcona played a pair of key North Star League Big Dipper games at Rogers City. The Lady Tigers lost the opener 11-1 in five innings, but bounced back for a 5-3 win in game two.

Schopfer took the loss in game one, striking out three batters. On offense Gauthier hit two singles. Beatty, Wambold and Schopfer got one hit apiece.

"Our heads weren't in this game and we couldn't hit the ball and made too many errors," Neuenfeldt said.

In game two, Schopfer got the win by going six innings and giving up three runs on seven hits and one strikeout.

Schopfer helped her own cause with a double and two

singles. Goddard had two singles. Beatty, Olivia Borchardt, Gauthier, Gracyn Tracy, R. Tracy and Wambold each got a single.

A key third inning saw the Lady Tigers plate three runs, giving them enough for the win. "The girls came back ready to play and prove who they are," Neuenfeldt said. "We started off strong and didn't look back. I'm proud they kept their heads up after a tough loss and showed how they really play."

The Lady Tigers (19-3 overall) played Atlanta at home on Tuesday, May 23. They travel to Tawas on Thursday, May 25 and head up to Mackinaw City on Tuesday, May 30.

Track team has multiple athletes qualify for state

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

There was plenty to be excited about for the Alcona track and field team last Friday. The Tigers took part in a Division 4 regional meet at Inland Lakes and the boys team took second place and the girls came in fourth.

There were also plenty of individual state qualifiers for the team.

Harbor Springs won the boys portion of the event, scoring 122. Alcona was second with 94 and Inland Lakes was third with 87.

Jeremiah Bullis is headed to the state finals in the 100-meter dash, the 200 and the long jump. He won the 100 with a time of 11.41 and won the 200 with a time of 23.08. His distance in the long jump was 11'03.

Cole Upper is headed to the finals thanks to a second place finish in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.24. Cole

Upper was also fourth in the 300 hurdles.

The 4x200 team won its event to clinch their spot in the state finals, as it had a time of 1:35 thanks to runs by Sawyer Seminoff, William Liebler, Cole Upper and Bullis.

Logan Zuchowski won the discus with a throw of 123'01 to advance to the state finals. He was also fifth in the shot put.

Others competing in the meet were Brandon Fogle, who was sixth in the 100. Jack Goldstrom was sixth in the 200. Sawyer Seminoff was sixth in the 400. In the 800 William Liebler was 10th and Dawson Rigby was 13th. Carter Upper and Zygmund Villalobos were 11th and 12th in the 1600. Daniel June was eighth in the 300 hurdles.

Jacob June was sixth in the discus and 18th in the shot put. Seminoff was eighth

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The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Variances have been requested by Craig Duckwitz, Bernd Doetzki, and Amit Patel to install or replace septic systems on parcels: 060-001-400-030-00 at address 758 N Lake Huron Shore Dr, 060-023-400-075-03 at address 933 S Crescent Rd, and 061-140-000-011-00 at address 1951 Sunrise Dr. An amendment to the Harrisville Township Ordinance will also be discussed. The proposed amendment is to remove Paragraph 3 of Article, 6 Section 6.03 of said ordinance and replace with, "All on-site sewage disposal systems shall be installed in accordance with the Environmental Health Regulations for District Health Department No. 2 along with any/all pertinent state regulations and/or legislation." These documents can be reviewed on the Alcona County Web site. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator, Tony Atkinson, 4120 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740.

5/17 thru 5/31



Come join Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs at Noon May 29, for a ceremony near the Alcona County Veterans Memorial stone, located on the corner of US-23 and M-72 at the County building in Harrisville. Special guest, Pastor Wayne Whitten of Greenbush Community Baptist Church.

Honors given by the American Legion and VFW Post 8135.

Musical performance by Theresa Somers. VFW Post 8135 will also perform Memorial Day services at the following cemeteries beforehand:

Barton City Lutheran Church 9 am

Maple Ridge 9:30 am

Curran 10:15 am

Twin Lakes 11:00 am

Of mouse and man

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 5th at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Michigan at 6:30 p.m.

A request for a re-zone from Stacey Wieschowski Reynolds has been made. The 40 acre parcel is zoned R1 and she is requesting it be rezoned to Forest/Recreational. The property is located at 5930 Bennett Road, Hubbard Lake, Michigan. Written comments will be accepted by Caledonia Planning Commission secretary, Susie Morrell, PO Box 7, Spruce MI 48762

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2023-2024 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2023-2024 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools District Office at 51 North Barlow Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Please contact Nicholas Cordes, Business Manager at 989-736-6212 or cordesn@alconaschools.net to set up an appointment to obtain an electronic or hard copy.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

By Terry Roorda

Aspiring Narcoleptic

The winter of 1906 was bitterly cold, and Lake Huron froze hard all the way to the horizon. In the adjacent played-out lumber port of Alcona, most of the town's thousand residents had decamped by then to other locales in search of better situations.

The businesses had all closed and shuttered, and the town's structures had commenced the slow surrender to the elements and the descent into ghostliness.

Among the structures abandoned to that sad fate was a stately home built there in 1900 and among the grandest of them all; a house constructed with high ceilings and tall windows and a pair of towering chimneys. A house built to last a century in a harsh climate.

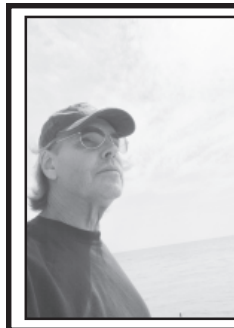
And by the winter of 1906, the only residents of the house were a family of mice, bedding down within the thick walls and trying to stay warm and get some damn sleep. It was a distinctive breed of mice that resided there, one that through inbreeding and other mischief had developed a mutation that gave them a bright white chevron on their little mousy butts. They were a curiosity known locally as "those dang stripe-assed vermin."

One night, seven miles down the shore from Alcona in the thriving lumber port of Harrisville, some of the boys got a Big Idea while drinking steadily in the saloon, which is conventionally where guys come up with Big Ideas.

And this Big Idea was a real Beaut. It involved getting together a bunch of the boys and some stout timbers and big logs and draft horses and such and heading on up to Alcona. And once there to uproot that big fancy empty house they all knew about, skid it up, and roll it on logs down to the frozen lakeshore, and then to sled it over the ice the seven miles down to Harrisville.

A Big Idea, all right, and one you wouldn't think would survive beyond the gang's morning hangovers, which were also Beauts.

But ideas that big don't die easily, and two weeks later that's exactly what they did. They uprooted that house, the whole damn thing from the foundation plates to the shingles — floors, walls, roof, the whole shebang mice and all, though the mice were none too happy about the development having only re-



A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

By Terry Roorda

cently gotten off to sleep. They reinforced the base with timbers, harnessed up the horses (who were likewise none too happy about the arrangements) and wrangled the whole shebang over logs down to the ice. They fortified themselves with lusty pulls off a bottle of deicer and went skat-

(though, at his age, "leaps" is probably not the right word), and begins a fevered inspection, walking about the bedroom looking behind the furniture and under the bed.

The racket has ceased but he persists in his search for its source, opening the drawers on the bureau and vanity



The Lake Street mobile home.

ing south to Harrisville.

At the dock in Harrisville the house was once more harnessed up and log-rolled the short distance to a site on Lake Street, a site right beside a barn that had been erected there in 1895. A foundation had been excavated in preparation and walled up with stone. The house was cajoled into place there using copious amounts of colorful language, and the boys then repaired to the saloon for a

and nightstands and finding nothing until he pulls open the bottom drawer on the armoire.

And there he discovers a cache of seeds and food scraps and a scattering of tiny scat. Just then he hears the scurrying again along the wall behind the armoire, and he pulls out the chair sitting beside it and finds a small hole in the old floor right at the baseboard, though he can't actually see the hole



Mus Alconus; the mythical stripe-assed vermin.

few rounds of celebratory drinks. There were hearty backslaps all around and more than a few bets were settled.

One night, a century later, an old man living alone in that big house has nearly fallen off to sleep, a commodity that often comes dear to an old man, when a sudden ruckus thwarts his efforts. It's a rustling and scratching and banging commotion, and he leaps up from his bed

because there's a mouse plugging it, struggling frantically to squeeze himself down the tight opening with just his hind quarters and flailing feet sticking out. The old man takes pity on the little bugger's plight and gives him an assist, gently poking his little white-striped mousy butt down the hole.

And then I covered the hole up with a heavy book and went back to bed to try and get some damn sleep.



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Track

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in the high jump. Fogle and Mason Norling were seventh and 15th in the long jump.

On the girls team, Inland Lakes won with 137, Harbor Springs was second with 98, Johannesburg-Lewiston placed third with 74 and Alcona had 67.

The girls team saw Addison Beatty make the state finals in the 100 and the 200, by taking second in both events with times of 13.39 and 27.63.

Kelsey Hansen is headed for the state finals in three events. She won the long jump with a distance of 15'8 and she was second in both the shot put and discus, getting throws of 35'10 and 114'08.

Others who competed included Emma Travis and Lauren Travis who were fifth and 10th in the 800; L. Travis was ninth in the 1600; Jenna West was seventh in the 100 hurdles and seventh in the 300 hurdles. Haley Glick was ninth in both hurdle events.

Both the 4x100 relay team and 4x200 relay team took second place. In the 4x100 it was Kelsey Hansen, Piper Whitefield, Angelina Howe and Beatty. The 4x200 was a team of West, Whitefield, E. Travis and Beatty.

The Division 4 state finals will be Saturday, June 3 at Baldwin Middle School.



Visit and tour the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse grounds by following the numbered brown trail markers. As Jim Berry, former Alcona Historical Society president, demonstrates, anyone with a smartphone can point their camera at the QR code, tap the YouTube link that appears, hit the red play button and turn the phone horizontal to enter full screen. *Courtesy photo.*

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Controversial land deal turns into roadside park on Lake Huron

By William Parsons

Local Historian

Michigan has 85 road side parks scattered throughout the state and they provide a haven for weary travelers. The road side park north of Oscoda on US-23 is one of those parks.

The locals call it Three Mile Park. The park and some of the open shore to the north provides a splendid view of Lake Huron. People rest, swim, picnic, catch some rays and wander the shore. It's a great asset to the area.

I wondered how the park evolved and it became a unique story. In 1948, the park was the subject of a contentious court battle.

Here's the story: Excitement was brewing in the fall of 1948, when the Attorney General of Michigan, Eugene

lake front land exchanged with Brownell was worth \$250,000 and a poor exchange deal for the state.

After arguing in Judge Dehnke's court all morning of September 7, 1948, the judge recessed so both parties could do more research. They returned two days later with a negotiated settlement. Brownell agreed to deed one mile of the land in question to the state (now Three Mile Park) and would keep about one half mile of Lake Huron frontage.

The Alcona Review edition of September 2, 1948, published an article with the headline, "State acquires Mile Frontage in Land Suit." The article went on to say ... Under an agreement reached by the attorneys, the State of Michigan will receive one mile

History Corner

1946-48 as attorney general and later had a distinguished career on the Michigan Supreme Court from 1956-1972. That one mile of frontage became the Oscoda roadside park known as Three Mile Park.

The Carl A. Brownell in this story should not be confused with his son, Carl A. Brownell Jr., who in 1967, created Lakewood Shores, a large land development in northern Iosco County.

(Bill Parsons is a local historian and lives quietly on the river in AuSable with his wife, Alice.)



Storm clouds hang over Lake Huron as viewed from the shore at Three Mile Park north of Oscoda on US-23. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

F. Black, appeared in Judge Herman Dehnkes, 23rd Circuit Court. Black traveled to Harrisville to challenge a land deal made between State Highway Commissioner Charles Ziegler and Realtor Carl A. Brownell.

Zeigler was Michigan Highway Commissioner (1943-1959) and was instrumental in the development of many highways in Michigan, including the interstate system. Brownell was a successful Flint realtor and had purchased large amounts of land from the Estate of Carl E. Schmidt. Schmidt was a capitalist from Detroit and, at one time, owned over 6,000 acres in Iosco and Alcona counties.

Brownell was subdividing some of the Lake Huron frontage acquired from the Schmidt Estate and selling various lots in both counties. The new US-23 ran along the shore of Lake Huron and right-of-way was required across some of Brownell's holdings. Ziegler deeded the State owned water front land in Iosco County to Brownell in exchange for non-water front land further north in Iosco and Alcona counties.

The attorney general thought it wasn't a good deal and wanted Brownell to cede it back to the State of Michigan. Naturally, Brownell didn't agree. Black made a personal appearance in Judge Dehnke's court to argue the case that named Ziegler and Brownell as defendants. He claimed that the



of the disputed frontage, which must be used for public recreation purposes. In his statement to the court, Attorney Black asked that he be allowed to speak for the people in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Brownell for their graciousness in coming to this agreement whereby the people became the owners of this valuable piece of lake frontage.

In exchange the Brownell's were awarded a clear title to the remaining half-mile of disputed frontage. Black asked that the charges against Ziegler and Brownell be dismissed. Black served from

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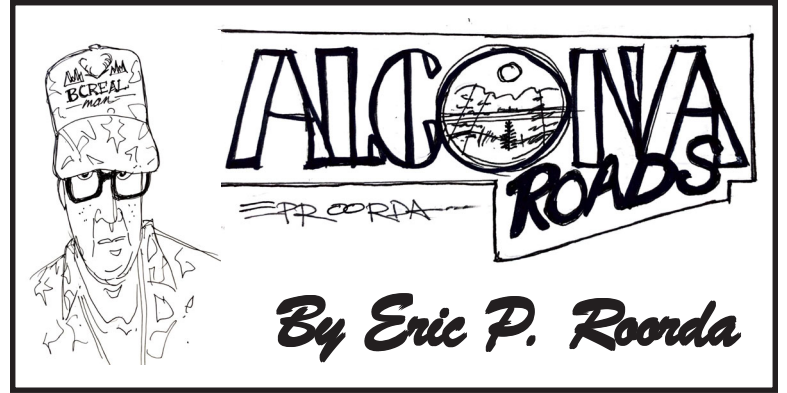
I can't remember the last time a headline made me shed a tear, let alone sob a little, before I scrolled through the New York Times on the morning of May 2, and read that Gordon Lightfoot had set sail for the Other Side.

Did you feel a similar sense of personal loss, reader?

Lightfoot recorded the soundtrack of my teenhood, along with Springsteen, Young, and The Who. But unlike Bruce and Neil and Pete and Roger, my mom and sister adored Gordon, too, so he was on the turntable constantly, along with mom's other favorites, Janis "Pearl" Joplin and Rod Stewart.

We played his LPs so often, if you held them up to a lamp, you could see light through the grooves.

Gordon Lightfoot's Happy Place in Ontario is directly across Lake Huron from our Happy Place in Harrisville. He wrote about it in a lovely homage to his sailboat, Silver Heels, called "Christian



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Island (Georgian Bay)." Mom had a habit of walking down to the beach and bellowing, "Hello, Gordon!" We felt like he was our neighbor, in a Great Lakes way.

Sister was first to be a Lightfoot fan, years before his big hit in 1976. She had all seven of his seventies releases before "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" propelled him into the broader popular culture. She saw him perform live in East Lansing about a half-dozen times.

Lightfoot was a big star in Canada in the 1960s. He had his first hit in the United States in 1970 with "If You Could Read My Mind," off his album entitled Sit Down, Young Stranger. I have one of those crystalline aural memories that music can incise on your frontal lobe, of hearing it for the first time, while I was thumbing through paperback novels, the kind Richard's Pharmacy drugstore sold. The New York Times music critic called it "his masterpiece."

Geddy Lee of Rush said Lightfoot's music made the outside world realize that Canadians weren't "all lumberjacks and hockey players."

My favorite Lightfoot songs are from the LPs we listened to from 1970 to 1975, including Gord's Gold, a greatest hits compilation that introduced American listeners to his 1960s Canadian hits. These are my thoughts about them:

The title track to The Summer Side of Life means more to me as I age, and reflect...

"And if you saw him now, you'd wonder why he would cry the whole day long."

The title track to Carefree Highway is one of the best songs ever written for belting out in the car, while adapting the lyrics to the locale: "Dixie Highway, let me slip away on you..." "Interstate freeway..." "Edsel Ford Expressway..."

Gordon wrote a lot of great "Rain" songs.

"Early Morning Rain" was his first hit. He wrote it in 1964, and three different acts recorded it in 1965: Ian and Sylvia (the Steve and Edie of Canada, who hosted a popular variety show); Peter, Paul and Mary; and The Kingston Trio. Bob Dylan, who praised Lightfoot as a great songwriter, later recorded it, too.

"Looking at the Rain" is the most poignant breakup song ever penned.

"Rainy Day People" offers

a model for living life that is worthy of imitation:

"Rainy day people always seem to know

where the good times are...

Rainy day people don't hide love inside,

they just pass it on."

But "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" is in a class by itself, bona fide sui generis, a tune like no other. There had never been a Top 40 track anything like it before, and there never will be again.

The opening wail of the ballad is like a hypnotist's finger-snap to me. It holds me spellbound for the next six and a half minutes, factually recounting the fate of the 29 men who went down with the ship in a gale of November 1975.

I've been styling myself recently as "Gorman Heavyhand." My self-caricature in that alter-ego is based on the cover of Gordon Lightfoot's Sundown album. (Copyright keeps me from showing it here, but if you're really pressed for kicks, you can Google it.) I've composed the lyrics to six or eight ballads set to the haunting tune of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," about other Great Lakes shipwrecks, which this paper has published in the past. And I'm not done yet...



Gordon had been a ghost of himself for several years prior to his departure from This Side. He was 84, so his passing was not unexpected, perhaps not unwelcome. So, the grief the news caused me when I reads the news—and the grief that I still feel weeks later—is not really for the decrepit Mr. Lightfoot. It is a pity-party for my own old self.

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

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Best dating apps for retirees, Medicare coverage for physical therapy services

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good online dating apps or sites for retirees? I'm a 66-year-old widow and would like to find a new friend to spend time with, but don't know where to turn.

Cautious Carol

Dear Cautious,
Whether you're interested in dating again or just looking for a friend to spend time with, online dating sites and apps have become an easy and convenient way for older adults to meet new single people without ever having to leave home.

And to make things even easier, most sites today use matchmaking algorithms that factor in your interests and preferences so they can steer you to matches that are best suited for you. Here are some other tips to help you get started.

• Choose a site: There are dozens of different match-making websites and apps available today, so choosing can be a bit confusing. While many sites offer free trials or watered-down free content, finding out the price can be difficult until you register and provide some information. In

general, viewing complete profiles and messaging potential dates will require a monthly fee, which can range anywhere between \$10 and \$40 per month.

Some top mainstream sites/apps that are popular among older adults are eHarmony.com, Match.com and OKCupid.com. If, however, you're interested in more age specific sites, some great options are OurTime.com or SilverSingles.com.

Or if you have a specific kind of person you'd like to meet, there are dozens of niche sites like: EliteSingles.com for educated professionals; ChristianMingle.com for Christian singles; BLK-app.com for black singles; JSwipeApp.com for Jewish singles; and Facebook.com/dating for people who love Facebook.

• Create a profile: When you join a matchmaking site, you'll need to create a personality profile that reflects who you are, including recent photos, hobbies, interests, favorite activities and more. If you need some help, sites like ProfileHelper.com can write one for you for a fee.

• Practice caution: When you register with a site you

remain anonymous. No one gets access to your personal contact information until you decide to give it out, so be prudent to whom you give it. Before meeting, you should chat on the phone or video chat a few times, and when you do meet in person for the first time, meet in a public place or bring a friend along. And if someone asks for money or your financial information, don't give it out. Online dating/sweetheart scams are rampant so be very cautious.

• Be skeptical: In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat out lie in their profiles, or post pictures that are 10 years old or 20 pounds lighter. So, don't believe everything you see or read.

• Make an effort: A lot of times, people – especially women – sit back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send a short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.

• Don't get discouraged: If you don't get a response from someone, don't let it bother



Savvy Senior

you. Just move on. There are many others that will be interested in you and it only takes one person to make online dating worthwhile.

limits on how much it will pay for therapy services, but there is an annual coverage threshold you should be aware of. Here's what you should know.

Outpatient Therapy

To get Medicare Part B – which covers outpatient care – to help cover your husband's physical therapy, it must be considered medically necessary and will need to be ordered by his doctor. The same holds true for occupational and speech therapy.

He can get these services as an outpatient at a number of places like a doctor or therapist office; in a hospital outpatient department; at an outpatient rehabilitation facility; at skilled nursing facilities if he is being treated as an outpatient; and at home through

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Dear Savvy Senior,
Does Medicare cover physical therapy, and if so, how much coverage do they provide? My 66-year-old husband was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and will need ongoing physical therapy to help keep him moving.

Worried Wife

Dear Worried,
Yes, Medicare does indeed pay for physical therapy along with occupational and speech therapy too, if he needs it, as long as it's prescribed by his doctor. You'll also be happy to know that Medicare has no

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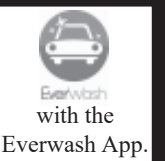
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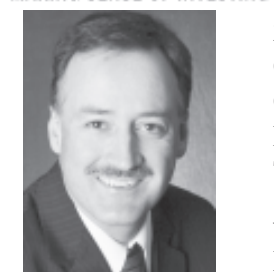
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a therapist connected with a home health agency when he is ineligible for Medicare's home health benefit.

For outpatient therapy, Medicare will pay 80 percent of the Medicare-approved amount after you meet your Part B deductible (\$226 in 2023). You will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent unless you have supplemental insurance.

But be aware that if his therapy costs reach \$2,230 in a calendar year (2023), Medicare will require his provider to confirm that his therapy is still medically necessary. Medicare used to set annual limits on what it would pay for outpatient therapeutic services, but the cap was eliminated a few years back.

You also need to know that treatment recommended by a physical therapy provider but not ordered by a doctor is not covered. In this situation, the therapist is required to give your husband a written notice, called an Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage or ABN, that Medicare may not pay for the service. If he chooses to proceed with the therapy, he is agreeing to pay in full.

Inpatient Therapy

If your husband happens to need physical therapy at an inpatient rehabilitation facility like at a skilled nursing facility or at your home after a hospitalization lasting

at least three days, Medicare Part A – which provides hospital coverage – will pick up the tab.

To be eligible, his doctor will need to certify that he has a medical condition that requires rehabilitation, continued medical supervision, and coordinated care that comes from his doctors and therapists working together.

Whether you incur out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles and coinsurance, and how much they are, will depend on the setting for the treatment and how long it lasts. For more information on inpatient therapy out-of-pocket costs see Medicare.gov/coverage/inpatient-rehabilitation-care.

Medicare Advantage Coverage

If your husband is enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), these plans must cover everything that's included in original Medicare Part A and Part B coverage. However, some Advantage plans may require a person to use services from physical therapy practices within an agreed network. If he has an Advantage plan, you'll need to contact his specific plan before selecting a physical therapy provider to confirm they're within the network.

More Questions?

If you have other questions about coverage and costs for

therapeutic services, call Medicare at (800) 633-4227 or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling. Visit ShipHelp.org or call (877) 839-2675 to connect with a local SHIP counselor.

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

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Michigan updates list of birds at risk first time since 2009

By Vadislava Sukhanovskaya
Capital News Service

Michigan officials recently took six birds off of the state's endangered and threatened species list. But it added seven other species.

The last time the list was updated was in 2009. Among the species that newly receive threatened status are the Eastern whip-poor-will, evening grosbeak, golden-winged warbler, Northern goshawk, spruce grouse and upland sandpiper.

Also added is the black tern that annually loses around 7.6 percent of its population, said Erin Ford, conservation manager at Audubon Great Lakes in Michigan. The group protects and improves bird habitat and advocates for the natural environment.

Ford bands black terns with ID numbers to recapture and track them. In 2018, Ford was banding chicks at the Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area when a female black tern landed on her assistant.

"The bird kept diving, bombing us and tapping our heads," Ford said. "And as soon as we were done with the chicks, we put them back and she was happy and content."

Raccoons ate the eggs out of many nests in the area. The attacking bird's nest was the only one that survived. "She was so vigilant and protective," Ford said. "She's one of my favorites."

The bird was captured again at the age of four in 2019. The oldest black tern was captured in Wisconsin – it was 10 years and three months old.

Black terns throughout Michigan abandon colonies, even when the habitat looks ideal, Ford said. The smallest colonies have the higher risk of extinction. Bigger colonies with hundreds of birds have a better chance of surviving, she explained. Large colonies are at St. Clair Flats, Wigwam Bay and Munuscong state wildlife areas.

One of the reasons for the decline of the population could be fluctuating water levels, Ford said. Black terns nest on floating mats of crushed dead cattails.

"We had almost no chicks in 2020 because the water was so high," she said. "When water levels fluctuate and we have big storm events, it can really impact the stability of those mats and it can cause nests to fail," Ford said.

"Or those mats can disappear completely during deeper water level years, so they have no place to nest. So that's one way that climate change is impacting the species."

There are several ways people can help black terns. When boating and kayaking, slow down next to the nesting sites to avoid destroying them. And report invasive species, such as narrowleaf cattails, to the Midwest Invasive Species Informational Network operated by Michigan State University. Planting native species can also help.

Black terns eat insects and small fish, and their chicks and eggs are food for water

snakes, turtles and bigger fish, Ford said.

When a species is near extinction, its status is endangered. Listing it as threatened means that the species is likely to become endangered soon. Long-eared owl was up listed to endangered this year.

The lark sparrow was taken off of the list because it no longer breeds in Michigan. It mainly lives across the Great Plains and Michigan is "outside the core breeding range," said Jennifer Kleitch, an endangered species specialist at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. If the species migrated through Michigan, it would still be protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, she said.

Michigan habitat is seeing the greatest loss of birds because of development, population, increased pesticide use and climate change, Ford said. North America has lost three billion birds since 1970.

There is hope. Conservation efforts restore the population, said Kleitch. The yellow-throated warbler was delisted because it recovered and no longer needs protection.

Other birds that started to recover and are downlisted with a status of special con-



Erin Ford, the conservation manager at Audubon Great Lakes, bands chicks while their mother sits on the head of her assistant, Jenni Fuller, at Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area in Michigan. Photo by David Fuller.

cern are merlin, prairie warbler, red-shouldered hawk and trumpeter swan. This status puts those birds in the Wildlife Action Plan that "is leveraged to bring in money from grant opportunities to better manage" those species, according to Kleitch.

There were 15 species that didn't change status. Now there are 25 birds in total compared to 24 species in 2009.

Among the Michigan good news is that the peregrine

falcon and Kirtland's warbler were downlisted from endangered to threatened. Kirtland's warbler is a globally rare songbird that depends on young jack pines for breeding and nesting.

"The lion's share of breeding habitat is found only in Michigan," Kleitch said.

Individuals can support Kirtland warbler conservation by buying a license plate with its image. The money goes to the Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

Or folks can improve bird habitat in their yard.:

- The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service helps landowners do that for free.

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Buggy Rides



New theatre to open on Wednesday, June 23

May 27, 1948 ~ Mr. R. Rule, owner of the new theatre in Harrisville, announces that the theatre will open on June 23, if equipment that is promised reaches here in time.

The building will be completed this week, except for the painting and installing of the equipment. Contractor Warner and crew are pouring the floor this week.

The new theatre will be the most modern in northeastern Michigan with the latest equipment and seating facilities available. Mr. Rule stated that the name of the new theatre will be "Alco Theatre."

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"Old Timers Day" Well Attended

May 24, 1973 ~ "The whole day was made to order" as friends and neighbors of yesterday gathered in fellowship on Saturday, May 19, 1973, at St. Anne's Maria Hall in Harrisville for the third annual "Old Timers Day" festivities, sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning with the 3 o'clock Fellowship Tea folks enjoyed a relaxing period of visiting, where refreshments were served by the gracious co-hostesses. Lottie Knight, and Mary Cordes and guests who were seated for dinner.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Fred Anderson, pastor of the Barton City and Spruce Lutheran Churches.

Among the favors at the tables were 1,000 Kisses, sent with the compliments of Sanders Candies of Detroit, which the Hubbard Lake Senior (mem and women) made in to rosettes by tying numbers of them together with gold ribbon.

Following the dinner introductions were made by the general chairman, Mrs. Kramer, who then turned the program over to the master of ceremonies, Gerson Kahn. Several well-known old time songs were sung with enthu-

siasm under the leadership of Herman Knight.

The Rev. Gilbert John MacDonald, rector of St. John Episcopal Churches in Oscoda and AuSable, held the group in rapt attention as he talked about other committee men and women.

Commanding special attention during this period was an outstanding display of many rare antiques which created a great deal of exciting conversation. The antiques were collected and brought to the tea by Bill Kahn of Mikado, chairman of exhibits, who was present, to explain them.

At 6:30, Mrs. Lou Kramer, president of the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, greeted the two hundred and seventy "God's Gift of Humanity." Her warm and humorous remarks set the tone for the gay evening which followed.

Among the fifty prizes, which were donated by merchants throughout the area, were special floral awards to the oldest, Mrs. William (Mabel) Henry of Harrisville Township, who has attained the age of 94 years; to Mrs. A. R. (Maud) Miller of Harrisville, who was runner up at the age of 90 years; and at the

age of 89 years, Henry VonFintel of Barton City was the oldest man present. For the longest married couple, the award went to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Smith of Mikado, who have been married for 64 years.

Entertainment was provided by young talent from the local schools - ventriloquist, Kevin Edwards; twirling routine by Sue and Sally Peters, and a unique and enjoyable presentation of "The Candy Man Song," by Mrs. Lois Gehres and daughters, Tina, Kathy and Debbie, accompanied by Susan Armstrong.

All of which was enthusiastically received.

Following closing remarks all joined in singing "God Bless America," led by Herman Knight.

With tables and chairs quickly cleared away dancers were on the floor, and the merriment continued until midnight to the irresistible music of Fred Becker and his "Old Time Music Makers," Mrs. Evelyn Dorr, Herbert Holmes, Herman Knight and caller Rudy Cordes.

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

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2. **MOVIES:** Who voiced the character Woody in "Toy Story"?
3. **LITERATURE:** Who are the tragic lovers in the novel "Wuthering Heights"?
4. **AD SLOGANS:** Which product invites consumers to "taste the rainbow"?
5. **FOOD & DRINK:** Which root vegetable is known as Japanese horseradish?
6. **ANATOMY:** What substance gives skin its color?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Great Pyramids of Giza located?
8. **HISTORY:** Who was the first female prime minister of Great Britain?
9. **SCIENCE:** What is the hollow, woody tissue that carries water and nutrients from a plant's roots to the entire plant?
10. **U.S. STATES:** Which is the only state that doesn't have a mandatory seat belt law for adults?

Answers: 1. Sunnydale High.; 2. Tom Hanks.; 3. Heathcliff and Catherine.; 4. Skittles.; 5. Wasabi.; 6. Melanin.; 7. Egypt.; 8. Margaret Thatcher.; 9. Xylem.; 10. New Hampshire. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 6, 1884, philanthropist and businessman George Williams co-founded the Young Mens Christian Association, or YMCA, with the aim of creating a supportive community for men like himself to address societal challenges.
 - On June 9, 1902, Woodrow Wilson was elected president of Princeton University, holding the office until resigning in 1910 to run for governor of New Jersey. Wilson had graduated from the university in 1879 before studying law at the University of Virginia, then earning a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He remains the sole U.S. president to have received a doctoral degree.
 - On June 7, 1939, George VI and Elizabeth I became the first king and queen of Great Britain to travel to the United States, where they met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at his invitation. In a letter to her mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth described the Roosevelts as "such a charming and united family and living so like English people when they come to their country house."
 - On June 11, 1963, Alabama governor George Wallace stood in front of the Foster Auditorium at the University of Alabama and refused entry to two African American students, resulting in the issue of Executive Order 11111 by President John F. Kennedy. The order brought in the National Guard, forcing Wallace to step aside.
 - On June 5, 1981, a weekly Morbidity and Mortality Report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted five cases of a rare form of pneumonia in Los Angeles. Later, they would be recognized as the first incidences of the AIDS virus.
 - On June 10, 2003, the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Michigan, opened Mrs. Fisher's Southern Cooking restaurant in honor of Abby Fisher, who journeyed from enslaved plantation cook to upscale caterer and cookbook author after migrating west to California. "What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking, Soups, Pickles, Preserves, Etc." is the oldest known cookbook by a formerly enslaved person.
 - On June 9, 2020, Dr. Kathy Sullivan became the first woman to reach the deepest part of the ocean, the Mariana Trench (36,201 feet). Sullivan had earlier achieved notoriety by becoming the first American woman to complete a spacewalk, in 1984.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- At just 15 years old, actor Sylvester Stallone's classmates voted him "most likely to end up in the electric chair."
 - One day in 1930, the BBC announced on air that "there is no news," and played piano music.
 - Fulmars, a type of seabird, vomit putrid fishy oil on predatory birds in self-defense, which not only smells awful but is lethal to the attackers, as it permanently glues their feathers together.
 - If viewed from space or a high altitude, the sun appears to be white.
 - Larry Lemieux, a Canadian sailor at the 1988 Olympics, was about to win a silver medal when he abandoned the race to save two other competitors whose boat had capsized. While he lost the silver medal, he was given the Pierre de Coubertin medal for sportsmanship.
 - A hydrangea flower's color is determined by the relative acidity of the soil in which it's grown: Acidic soil will produce a blue flower, while alkaline soil will yield a pink blossom.
 - The Sami people of Northern Finland have a unit of measurement called the "poronkusema"-- the distance a reindeer can walk before it needs to urinate.
 - Had a solar eruption happened nine days earlier than it did in 2012, the Earth would have been hit by a massive solar storm that would likely have caused major X-ray and UV radiation and power failure over the planet. It also would likely have cost trillions of dollars and taken four to 10 years to recover from. Timing really is everything!
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Thought for the Day: "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." -- Sally Koch

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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: R equals T

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on May 8 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor pro tem Schwanz and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: mayor pro tem Schwanz; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; council members, Kaiser, Vanderheuel, Mason, and Bean; and guests. Absent: mayor Gehring.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, to approve the minutes of April 10. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$90,797.65. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor pro tem Schwanz asked Tom Keerl, city website administrator, to update council on adjustments made to the city's website. Discussion. All city aldermen have been issued new email addresses. These can be found on the city web site harrisvillemi.org. in the local government page. The city is transitioning to a new email address: harrisville@harrisvillemi.org. Please begin using this address for all future correspondence. A new marijuana provisioning center, Highly Cannaco, has addressed the possibility of including a "tasting room" within its facility, which will be housed in the old Moosetales building on US-23. Discussion. Motion by Mason, second by Bauermeister, to table further discussion until June 12 city council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.

Tom Keerl, maintenance supervisor, addressed corrosion on the metal benches on Main Street. Discussion. City maintenance workers will address the issue. May Fest, planned for Saturday, May 20 on Main Street in Harrisville, has not yet completed necessary paperwork for liability coverage. Teri O'Callaghan will submit needed forms.

ATV Fun Run organized as a fund-raising event for the Fourth of July fireworks for Harrisville and Barton City was very successful and raised \$3,500.

Resolution No. 2023-06: Authorizing Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements.

Whereas, the City of Harrisville, State of Michigan, receives Act 51 funds from the State of Michigan and the City of Harrisville is currently in noncompliance with the actual qualified expenditures, Section 10 k of the Act 51 law. In the next three years the city will implement one of these options: A: Grant request: HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) or Recreational Passport Grant for 2023 sidewalk project to include portions of Lake Street to Main Street and north side of Church Street, west

to US-23. Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser: Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Harrisville hereby submit to the State of Michigan a plan to bring the city into compliance. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor pro tem Schwanz proclaims Saturday, May 20, as Kids to Park Day in the City of Harrisville. Harrisville Rain Garden Project at the harbor discussed.

Mayor pro tem Schwanz discussed a proposal from Catch-M-Cams for purchase and installation of security cameras at the harbor playground. Discussion. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to table further discussion until the June 12 city council meeting to hear from mayor Gehring on the need for the implementation of the cameras. Motion carried: 6-0.

Contract from Huron Pines for invasive species control for two years in the amounts of \$2,500. -\$3,500, dependent upon options chosen by city council. Discussion. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean to contract with Huron Pines for two years for control of invasive species within the city, choosing Option 2, in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried: 6-0.

Treasurer Luenberger discussed the payment program, ALLPAID. Discussion. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister, to approve the treasurer to use the ALLPAID system for payment of city taxes and water bills. Motion carried: 6-0.

Discussion on street closures for May Fest. Motion by Vanderheuel to close Main Street from Lake Street to 1st Street for the May Fest activities. Motion died for lack of support. Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister, to close Main Street from the west driveway of the Cole Apartments to 3rd Street if needed. Motion carried: 5-1.

All city council members now have their own city email addresses. This eliminates the need for council to use their private email addresses for constituent correspondence. All city council aldermen email addresses are listed on the city website: harrisville@harrisvillemi.org.

Mayor pro tem Schwanz asked about summer help applications. Discussion. Clerk Pierce addressed letter from Craftmakers' Cabin for use of city property. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to approve Craftmakers' Cabin to use city property to hold Saturday Pop-Up sales from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 17, June 24, August

19, September 16, October 2. Motion carried: 6-0.

Clerk Pierce asked about viability of the Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce. Discussion.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, for the city to join the Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce for 2023 at a membership fee of \$50. Motion carried: 6-0.

FYI from the State of Michigan as to the State Revolving Fund Grant agreement for work on the city lagoons. This is only preliminary information.

Included are the signed agreements from The Alcona Music Project and Inspiration Alcona for the use of the Harbor Pavilion for the designated dates throughout the summer season for their respective venues.

Treasurer Luenberger presented the adjusted budgets of the general fund and marijuana licensing fund. Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser to approve the budget adjustments to the general fund and the marijuana licensing fund. Motion carried: 6-0.

Planning commission ex-officio Schwanz reported that the contract with NEMCOG for updating the city recreation plan has been signed and sent. The next planning commission meeting is May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Tree board member Tom Keerl says Griff and Son has agreed to cut and trim several large trees in the city when they are available. Fire department ass. chief Keerl reported the harbor is one of the recipients of the AED equipment in addition to the fire department. One hundred pagers were awarded to the county for the fire departments within the county and distributed throughout the departments. The city has new pagers in all its trucks. The new fire hoses have not yet arrived.

Comment cards: Guest Dirk V. discussed the construction of a permanent event structure at the upper parking lot at the harbor. Guest Monica Spears shared the plans to hold a City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, 2023. For more information call her at: (989) 916-6500.

Councils last comments: Alderman Bauermeister asked about the street bids for covering the streets in the city. Bolen Paving has been awarded the contract. Bauermeister suggested that flyers and/or other means of com-

munication be distributed to city residents well prior to the actual work beginning. He also suggested the damaged water fountain at the end of Main Street have snow fencing placed around it as a safety precaution.

Alderman Kaiser inquired about the number of sidewalks that could be repaired. It is dependent on the amount of money available. Motion by Mason, second by Bauermeister, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

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A home is the single biggest purchase most people will ever make. That's perhaps become even more true in recent years, when the cost of homes has increased dramatically.

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Though most homeowners utilize mortgages to buy their homes, that does not mean the process is the same for everyone. A host of factors affect mortgage terms, and there's much prospective homeowners can do to secure the best agreement possible.

• Recognize why a low interest rate is important. Mortgage interest rates have drawn considerable attention in recent years, as rising inflation has led to rates that have reached their highest point in more than a decade. Even a seemingly small difference in interest rates can save or cost homeowners thousands of dollars, if

not tens of thousands, over the course of a loan. For example, the financial experts at Bankrate.com note that the difference between a 5.5 percent interest rate and a 6 percent interest rate on a \$200,000 mortgage is roughly \$64 per month. That might not seem like a lot, but over the course of a 30-mortgage the borrower who gets the 6 percent loan will pay in excess of \$23,000 more in interest than the borrower who secures the 5.5 percent loan. Recognition of the benefits of securing the lowest interest rate possible can motivate prospective buyers to do everything in their power

to get a low rate.

• Work on your credit score. So how can borrowers get the best possible rate? One way to go about it is to improve credit scores. Average mortgage interest rates vary significantly by credit score, with higher scores earning borrowers significantly lower rates. According to data from FICO, as of mid-February 2023 borrowers with a FICO score of 760+ earned an average interest rate of 6.06 percent, while those with scores between 620-639 secured an average rate of 7.65 percent. By bolstering their credit scores before applying for a mortgage, prospective homeowners can improve their standing in the eyes of mortgage lenders, which can potentially save them tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

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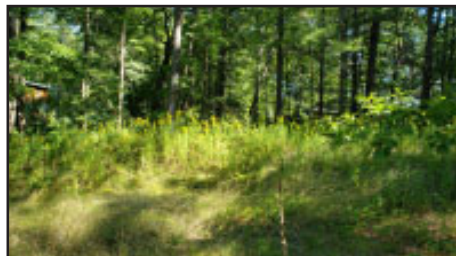


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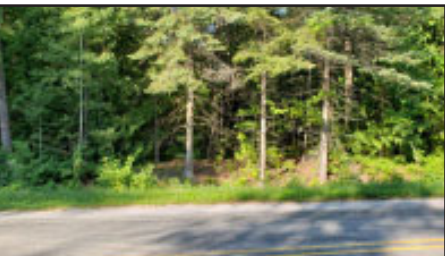
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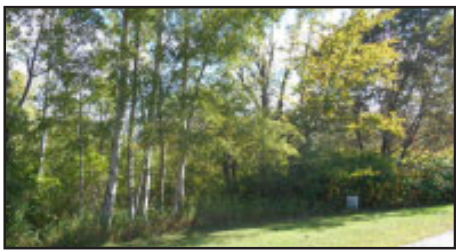
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ABSOLUTELY STUNNING!
 Sunny Side Cottages, 150 Feet of Lake Huron frontage, all on 1.247 acres. 9 Rental cottages. One is currently being used as a main home that was built in 2019, 2 bedroom 2 bath home. Large modular cape cope 4 bedroom 3 bath home, 2 cottages are 3 bedroom 1 bath, 3 cottages 2 bedroom 1 bath, 1 cottage 1 bedroom 1 bath, and one she refers to as her "motel room" open area with 1 full bathroom this is built into the 30x40 pole barn. The Beach is amazing, and the views from the cabins are spectacular. All the cabins come furnished and ready to rent. This is an absolute must see! **\$1,900,000**



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