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Community foundation hosts nonprofits in Giving Tuesday campaign

On the heels of the upcoming popular shopping days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, comes Giving Tuesday. This year, Giving Tuesday is on November 28. The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is helping to raise awareness and support for many nonprofits in the region.

"We look forward to Giving Tuesday every year. It is such a fun and uplifting event for our community, and we are always amazed by the incredible support shown to our local nonprofits," said CFNEM Executive Director Patrick Heraghty. "Last year over \$314,000 was raised in 24 hours. There is never a way to know what each year will bring, but we hope the community will show up on November 28 to make this year another successful year for the nonprofits in our area."

This year marks the Community Foundation's ninth year leading a regional event in northeast Michigan. He explained, Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving meant to harness the collective power of individuals, communities, and organizations to celebrate generosity worldwide.

The 24-hour giving event is held annually on the Tues-

day after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) to kick off the holiday giving season. The hope is that people will set aside a few minutes from holiday shopping to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

To help the 62 participating local nonprofits take part in Giving Tuesday, CFNEM

will provide the technical infrastructure through its website and social media to showcase and manage donations, all at no cost to the participating organizations. One hundred percent of every donation will go to the nonprofit of the donors' choice.

Donors can visit cfnem.org on Giving Tuesday and make donations to any, some, or all

of these nonprofits.

Heraghty explained that in addition to the participating organizations, donors may also make donations to any fund at CFNEM or its affiliate foundations as a Giving Tuesday gift.

"While we have many organizations participating in the campaign, CFNEM also holds 500 different charitable funds

that support so many different causes and organizations," said Heraghty. "Donations to those funds will be counted on November 28 as Giving Tuesday gifts as well."

Six years ago, Grant the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose was introduced as a fun way to bolster some friendly com-

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Chronic wasting disease found in Ogemaw County

By Kelsey Lester
Capital News Service

A deer with chronic wasting disease has been found in Ogemaw County — a county that had never seen the disease before.

And that worries the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Showing zombielike symptoms, the deer was in its final stages of the sickness: drooling, skinny and behaving strangely, according to the DNR. These behaviors can include running in circles, being more friendly around humans and socializing less with deer.

"Ogemaw County is our northernmost detection in our Lower Peninsula, so it represents a whole new geographic area that we've identified the

disease in where it previously wasn't known to exist," DNR deer biologist Chad Stewart said.

So far, chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected in 13 counties: Clinton, Dickinson, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Midland, Montcalm, and now Ogemaw.

Midland County also experienced its first reported case this year, Stewart said.

It typically takes 16 months after infection before a deer shows signs of the illness, according to the New York State Department of Health.

Because the deer found in Ogemaw County was close to death, it likely had been infecting more deer for quite a while, Stewart said.

He explained that CWD can



A deer with chronic wasting disease. *Courtesy photo.*

infect all members of the deer family by exposure.

Stewart said it is important to keep the deer population healthy. "CWD is an important disease to manage for the long term for the sustainability and health of our

deer," Stewart said. "We don't want our valuable deer herd to be managed by a disease in 40 or 50 years."

According to the DNR, chronic waste disease is contagious and "causes the brain

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God Bless America



Obituaries

Susan K. Alstrom

Susan Kay Alstrom, 76, of Ossineke, died on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at home.

She was born December 14, 1946, to Willard and Norma (Ferris) Alstrom in Alpena. She was raised in Ossineke. She graduated from Alpena High School in 1965 and went on to become a licensed cosmetologist and owned her own salon. She was a member of the Ossineke Methodist Church.

Ms. Alstrom is survived by two sons, Matt (Mindie) O'Neil of Green Bay, Wisc. and Steven Wilson of Ossineke; four grandchildren, Jak Hussain, Victoria O'Neil, Nick O'Neil, and Hannah O'Neil; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Karen Alstrom of Ossineke.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Frank Alstrom.



Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A private memorial service will be held.

Charles (Chuck) Gauthier

Charles (Chuck) Gauthier, 93, of Black River died on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Touch of Country and Hospice of Michigan in Alpena.

He was born June 22, 1930, in Black River to Eva (Gauthier), and was the stepson of Harry Gerard.

He married Annie Angeline Smith on November 15, 1952.

He earned an associate degree from Henry Ford Community College and retired from Ford Motor Company in 1984 after 34 years.

He served in the U. S. Army Signal Corp during World War II and was part of the Pacific campaign during the Battle Saipan in the Mariana Islands with the 2nd Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas.

Mr. Gauthier was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spruce post. He served as commander in 1990 and 1991 and was its quartermaster from 1992 to 2018.

He was a lifetime member of Cootie Pup Tent of Alpena, Alcona Historical Society, Alcona Humane Society, and Friends of Negwagon State Park.

Mr. Gauthier wore an American Red Cross pin for donating 12 gallons of blood. For 30 years he placed grave flags upon the burial sites of veterans at Calvary Cemetery, Black River.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, biking and hiking throughout the Black River area.

Mr. Gauthier is survived by three daughters, Carol (Mark) Kraynak of Saginaw, Mich., Charlotte (Joe) Gauthier of Hubbard Lake and Barbara Gauthier of Annandale, Va.; one son, Lyle Gauthier of Black River; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three siblings, Lanny Gerard, Larry (Shirley) Gerard and Linda (Roger) Blumer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie, on August



28, 2003, one son, David Gauthier, on August 1, 2014, and one sister, Nancy Gerard.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Gravesite military honors will be planned for springtime (anytime but hunting season). In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Correspondence

To the Editor,
We just recently observed Veterans Day and, as always, I reflected on the lives of combat veterans I know. The term "homeless veteran" should not exist in this country.

I am thankful that the VA and HUD have reduced by half the number of homeless veterans by providing 40,000 veterans with safe housing. But the VA falls short in the other issues concerning veterans' — PTSD treatment is one. I read an article in the November 8-14, 2023, edi-

tion of the "Epoch Times" about Andrew Smithwick, a Marine veteran who served in Iraq. (The "Epoch Times" is very informative, but I personally do not promote their ideology of Buddhism, Taoism and pseudo Buddhism (Falun Dafa) while propagandizing for a new Tang Dynasty of Chinese culture in our Judeo-Christian founded constitutional Republic.)

Mr. Smithwick is a homeless veteran with PTSD living off of the grid. His father, Patrick, has written a book,

"War's Over, Come Home." This is one of many similar stories. Many veterans self-medicate to "deal with the demons," a destructive behavior, yet understandable.

I thank God for support for these fellow citizens by people like the local Agent Orange Riders Club and the VFW. We all must sacrifice and not just our military, police, firefighters and their families.

Let's honor our veterans, pledge allegiance to the constitution, maintain our sovereignty, close and secure our borders while using the money given to illegal infiltrators for our veterans' well-being.

Again, the term, "homeless veteran" should not exist.

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Local Notes

Christmas in the Village

This annual Christmas event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 in Harrisville. Various churches and organizations are participating at the following times and locations.

- There will be a cookie and craft sale at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to noon. A variety of other items will also be available.

- A holiday bazaar will be held at Maria Hall (behind St. Anne Catholic Church) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of vendors will have a wide selection of handcrafted items, wreaths, baked goods and food. There will also be a drawing.

- The Harrisville Arts Council (sponsors of this event) will be providing coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and a take home craft for youth from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will also be the location (112 N. 3rd Street) to take a hay ride with Dan Kirschner and his team through Harrisville from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will visit from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

- Children of all ages can enjoy crafting and cookie decorating from noon until 1:30 p.m. during Christmas in the Village activities at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Saturday, Dec. 2. Santa will make a special appearance at noon to greet children and hear their Christmas wish lists. For additional details, visit alconalibrary.com or call (989) 724-6796.

Christmas Concert

Buddy Jewell will perform a Christmas show on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium. Jewell, was the first

winner of the "Nashville Star" talent contest. His debut single, "Help Pour Out the Rain" was number three on country music charts in 2023.

Other hits include, "Sweet Southern Comfort," "One Step at a Time," and "If She Were Any Other Woman." This Christmas show is hosted by Northeast Michigan Crime Stoppers as a fundraising event. Tickets are \$18 per person and \$45 for a family. For ticket and other concert information, call ticket hotlines at (989) 340-6002 or (800) 205-7174.

Quilt Drawing

Four quilts are on display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. These quilts are a fundraising endeavor to help fund the Alcona Iosco Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides a book every month throughout the year for children up to age five. Participating families do not pay for the books, the sponsor organization must provide funding.

The cost is about \$25 per child per year. The goal is to raise \$18,000. This national program helps develop early reading skills which are important for success in school.

The quilt raffle drawing will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch. There will also be a silent auction will take place starting Monday, Nov. 27 and ends at 2 p.m. on December 2. There will also be a silent auction starting on Monday, Nov. 27 and ends at 2 p.m. on December 2. Tickets for the drawing are available at all branches of the Alcona County Library. For additional details, call (989) 724-6796.



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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, NOVEMBER 23

A homemade Thanksgiving meal will be served at no charge at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Guests can eat turkey and all the fixings between 2 and 4:30 p.m. If possible, call (989) 724-6734 or (989) 724-7165 with the number of "gobblers" attending so volunteers will be prepared. If no answer, leave a message. The church is located at 201 N. 2nd Street, Harrisville.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The choir will perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in December. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration on December 15. Rehearsals are from 10:45 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Ukulele players are invited to practice at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Ukuleles are available to checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

All homeschoolers elementary age and up are welcome to attend the Homeschool Hour at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Each lesson includes materials and a hands-on experiment. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

Christmas in the Village, Harrisville's annual holiday celebration, will be held throughout the community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maria Hall will have its holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Westminster Presbyterian Church will have a cookie and craft sale, plus other homemade canned items from 9 a.m. to noon. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Harrisville Arts Council office is hosting Santa from 11 to 11:45 a.m. There will also be coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and a take home craft for kids. Hay rides will also be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the arts council office. From noon to 1:30 p.m. Santa will be at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There will also be youth activities, a craft and cookie decorating.

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DECEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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Non-profits receive greater support: Non-profit organizations receive an average three times greater support from smaller locally owned business owners than they do from large businesses.

Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of our distinctive character. The unique character of our community is what brought us here and will keep us here. Our tourism businesses also benefit. *'When*

people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace, not just anyplace.' ~ Richard Moe, president, National Historic Preservation Trust

Most new jobs are provided by local businesses. Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally and in our community and provide the most new jobs to residents.

- Customer service is better: Local businesses often hire people with more specific product expertise for better customer service.

- Local business owners invest in community: Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to leave and are more invested in the community's future.

- Competition and diversity leads to more

choices: A marketplace of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term. A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based not on a national sales plan but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

- Encourages local investment: A growing body of economic research shows that in an increasingly homogenized world, entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character.

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Searching Senior

Dear Searching,
I'm very sorry for your loss, but you'll be happy to know that there are dozens of different financial assistance programs and government benefits that may be able to help you with your everyday costs.

To locate these types of programs, your best resource is BenefitsCheckUp.org. This is a free, confidential online screening tool designed for older adults and people with disabilities. It will help you find federal, state and local benefits programs that can assist with paying for food, utilities, health care, medications, housing and many other needs. This site – created by the National Council on Aging in 2001 – contains nearly 2,000 programs across the country.

To identify benefits, you'll first need to type in your ZIP code and choose the types of benefits you're interested in. Then you'll need to answer a few questions regarding your personal and financial situation. Once completed, you'll get a list of programs to choose from, followed by a personalized report that explains each program, and tells you where you can get help or how to apply.

If you need some assistance or you don't have Internet access, you can always speak with a benefits support specialist by calling (800) 794-6559. You can also get help in-person at any of the 85 Benefit Enrollment Centers located across 41 states. See NCOA.org/article/meet-our-benefits-enrollment-centers to search for a center in your area.

Types of Benefits

Depending on your income level, location and circumstance, here are a few of the many different benefits you may be eligible for:

- Nutrition assistance: Programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help pay for food

at the grocery store. The average SNAP benefit for 60-and-older households is around \$105 per month. Some other nutrition programs that are available to seniors include the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

- Utility assistance: There's the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that provides assistance in lowering home heating and cooling costs. And for broadband assistance, the Affordable Connectivity Program provides a \$30 monthly subsidy that can be applied toward your home Internet costs.

- Health care and medicine: Medicare Savings Programs and Medicaid can help or completely pay for seniors' out-of-pocket health care costs. And for assistance with medications, there's a low-income subsidy program called Extra Help that helps pay premiums, deductibles, and co-payments on Medicare (Part D) prescription drug coverage. You can also search for prescription drug help through patient assistance programs or your state



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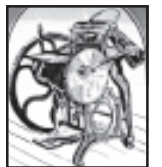
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pharmaceutical assistance program at Medicare.gov.

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI (see ssa.gov/ssi) provides monthly payments to very low-income seniors, age 65 and older, as well as to those who are blind and disabled. In 2023, SSI pays up to \$914 per month for a single person and up to \$1,371 for couples.

In addition to these benefits, there are dozens of other programs BenefitsCheckUp.org can help you identify, like housing assistance, property tax reduction, home weatherization assistance, tax relief, veteran's benefits, senior transportation, caregiving support, free legal assistance, disability services, job training and more.

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of infected animals to deteriorate in a distinctive spongy manner, leading to weight loss, unusual actions, loss of body functions and death.”

While there is no confirmed evidence that CWD can make humans sick, the World Health Organization recommends not eating meat from infected deer.

“It’s so insidious how it can hide in the environment. It makes it difficult to detect and understand a lot about it,” Stewart said.

Because of the infection in Ogemaw County, the DNR is providing more resources and testing sites in that part of the state. The department rotates testing sites around

the state each year.

This season’s sites are in northwest Michigan: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford counties.

Isabella County is the only one of those to report infected deer. In contrast to some other states, Michigan’s infection numbers have been rising.

“I think there’s a way to live with chronic wasting disease in our deer herd and still take responsible actions to help slow the spread,” he said. “There’s a lot of good minds working on it, so I’m still optimistic.”



Sandy Henshaw of Lenox Township, Mich. harvested this 11-point buck in the Black River area on November 15. *Courtesy photo.*

Giving

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petition between nonprofits. The Giving Tuesday Golden Goose is awarded to the nonprofit raising the most money on Giving Tuesday and went last year to Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan.

After spending nearly a year at the museum, Grant has made his annual migration back to the Community Foundation to await word on his 2023-24 residency.

In addition to the four-county area that CFNEM serves, it also is the administrative arm for three affiliate foundations covering a five-county area. Those affiliates include the Iosco County Community Foundation, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, and the Straits Area Community Foundation. Each affiliate has nonprofits in their communities participating as well.

Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan begins at midnight on November 28. The public will be able to make donations for a full 24 hours, and monitor the total amount donated online throughout the day. The total donated to each organization will be announced at an online live event on December 6.

While Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan is primarily an online giving event, donors may drop off checks at the CFNEM offices at 100 N. Ripley, Suite F, in Alpena. Checks must be dropped off on November 28 to be counted as a Giving Tuesday donation.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Truth in Taxation on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. **The Truth in Taxation for the property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.**

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Local artist receives fellowship award

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Winning awards and bringing attention to herself isn't high on the list for a local filmmaker/writer/community volunteer, but when she saw the application questions to submit for the award, she was intrigued and began to fill it out.

Mary Ellen Jones said she was shocked and thrilled when her name came up in the chosen 12 applicants for the Springboard for the Arts Rural Regeneration award. Jones, a resident of Alcona County for 13 years, is the first applicant from Michigan to win the award.

Springboard for the Arts, with offices in St. Paul and Fergus Falls, Minn. has a 30-year history of supporting artists and artist-led community development work.

The Rural Regeneration Fellowship that Springboard launched in 2021, brings together individual artists, makers and culture bearers, grassroots organizers, community development workers, public sector workers and other rural change-makers who are committed to advancing the role of art, culture and creativity in rural development and community building.

Fellows participate in two years of peer learning and exchange and receive an unrestricted \$10,000 stipend.

"I just couldn't believe it when I saw my name on the list. At first, I didn't know what to think. I had never heard of Springboard for the Arts before seeing a post about it in the Northwest Michigan Arts and Culture Network newsletter. I even hesitated a few days before filling out the application.

"It was the most inclusive application I've ever filled out. Being in the film industry and doing what I do for communities, I've had to fill out a lot of grants and other types of applications.

"Most always they ask for the applicant's age, which really shouldn't matter. This application didn't. It asked unique philosophical questions. It was refreshing and creative.

"This fellowship is vitally inclusive, especially with

including a thriving arts and culture scene, farm-to-fork restaurants, art exhibits and shops.

"I'd like to see our community attract national speakers and creatives. I want our community to grow and embrace new ideas in arts, culture, history and the humanities.

"I imagine an abundant farmers market or some kind of downtown food hub/coop where everyone has access to local, fresh, healthy afford-



Mary Ellen Jones, local filmmaker, writer, and community volunteer. *Courtesy photo.*

able food. A hub where young farmers can sell their products and feed their families too," she said.

She mentioned the necessity for affordable housing in the county along with high-speed Internet. Most importantly, she would like the county to attract more people of color and members of the LGBTQIA2+ communities.

The Rural Regeneration Fellowship, now in its third iteration, will allow Jones an opportunity to have multiple Zoom meetings over the course of the next two years with the other 11 award winners to discuss projects they are working on, challenges they face living in a rural community, how their communities inspire them and what they are doing to overcome obstacles while helping their community.

Jones recently attended one of two all-inclusive paid retreats included with the fellowship to Fergus Falls, Minn. to meet the other award recipients in person.

"I think artists can be change-makers, especially in small towns. They possess a different perspective which is important to communities. Artists add diversity to a community and with diversity comes all kinds of gifts... Artists are dreamers and you cannot have a vital community without the dreamers. I've met a lot of dreamers here and they inspire me."

~ Mary Ellen Jones
Filmmaker, Writer, Volunteer

underrepresented groups living in rural communities which speaks to me and the work I have done," Jones said.

She explained the questions on the application included, what keeps her up at night, what article or pieces of media inspires her work, and if Time Magazine were running a story on her what would be the headline?

One of the questions asked, what she imagined for her rural community. Jones wrote a variety of things she would like to see in Alcona County

Before attending the retreat, she hoped the venture would give her time to nurture her creative self. Upon return from the four-day retreat, she said it was more than she had ever hoped or dreamed for.

"It was quite magical and amazing. Springboard went all out in making sure every detail was complete," she said.

She explained through comfortable, safe, round-circle discussions with the other fellows, more philosophical questions were asked

with each fellow answering aloud. The process was fun, according to Jones, and made it easy to get to know the other fellows in a unique, lasting and beneficial way.

The fellows possess a variety of artistic talents including oil paint, jewelry, weaving, pottery and other mediums, photographers, writers, poets, community theatre creators/educators, children's inspirational mentors, filmmakers and more, all working to help better the

community they live in.

Jones explained the award also allows each fellow to earn an additional \$5,000 award by visiting the community of another fellow and learning hands-on about projects they are working on.

"Everyone was so interested in everyone else, their projects and their communities, we thought we would like to pool our \$5,000 and rent a bus so we could all visit each other's community. If we only use half of our pooled funds for transportation, that will leave \$2,500 we could invest in each other's community, perhaps by having some kind of event there.

"I'm not sure how we would pull that off because the award winners come from all over the upper Midwest states, but it is something we talked about and would like to make happen," Jones said.

Jones said Alpena's recent regeneration with its many restaurants and the new theatre were spot on but felt the revitalization of Alcona County would be different. "I'm not sure yet what that will look like. I know a lot of people like the small-town charm and don't want that to change, but there are some basic needs here.

"I think artists can be change-makers, especially in small towns. They possess a different perspective which is important to communities. Artists add diversity to a community and with diversity comes all kinds of gifts.

"Artists are dreamers, and you cannot have a vital community without the dreamers. I've met a lot of dreamers here and they inspire me.

"Combine that with the natural beauty of this area. For me, most of my creative ideas come when I am relaxed and out in nature," Jones said.

Jones would not discuss what she is currently work-

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Notice of Availability of City of Harrisville Draft Recreation Plan

The City of Harrisville is making their draft recreation plan available for public review for a 30-day period of time. Public comments may be submitted to Christina McEmber at cmember@nemcog.org, or at the City of Harrisville Hall, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, MI 48740. The draft plan is available at <https://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp> or at the Harrisville City Hall.

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Film work, creativity, volunteerism earns resident national recognition

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Winning a Rural Regeneration Fellowship award came as a shock to a local filmmaker, especially after she read about the other 11 award winners and all they have accomplished.

Mary Ellen Jones would be the first to say she isn't worthy; however, her work stands out as the perfect fit for the Springboard for the Arts Rural Regeneration Fellowship award.

Jones has always believed in advocating for diversity, equitable pay for women, mentoring young people and strengthening the community.

She grew up in Charleston, W.Va. with a loving mother and father and eight other siblings, including her fraternal twin.

She said her dad, a postal worker, was a devoted husband and father who invested time with every one of his children. So much so, that at their father's eulogy, her brother voiced their dad always made him feel like an only child. Jones felt the same way.

She explained growing up with eight athletic brothers and sisters taught her well to be a team player, but it was her dad who taught them to be humble. "He'd say it was great to excel at things, but it was better to work on your character and mind," Jones said.

After college she began making video tutorials, a lay-off forced her to seek new employment and she began a career in the entertainment industry.

Before coming to Michi-

gan, Jones worked in Hollywood, Calif. for 20 years. She has been a freelance executive in charge of production and has worn several producer hats for countless television episodes including shows like "The Army Show," "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," "The Wayans Bros.," "Moesha," "Thea," "Soul Train" and more than 20 pilots. She was also a staff unit manager for "Small Wonder," "Mama's Family," "227," "Gimme A Break," "Hour Magazine" and "People's Court."

Throughout those years of producing for television, Jones had a different dream. A dream of becoming a writer. "I produced what other people wrote, but I wanted to write," she told the Alcona Review in 2015.

Finding both love and a creative haven to relax and write, Jones made the leap from Hollywood to Harrisville and has not regretted it.

Since moving to Alcona County, Jones has been an integral part of the fabric of the northeast Michigan artists community.

She has dabbled in the publicized world as a chapter author in the book "Women on Fire," has held workshops for raising women's self-esteem, volunteered for the Traverse City Film Festival and mentored others to become inspired.

Her biography describes her as a Michigan filmmaker/writer and producer who specializes in exploring voiceless and marginalized people. In 2015 she completed a short film that she directed, co-wrote and produced in Flint, Mich., titled "The Teacher and the Student."

The film explores a mixed-

race girl's journey from a bullied teenager to Broadway star. While struggling to navigate cultures, she receives help and advice from a homeless man who mentors her, shaping her authentic voice in songwriting and poetry and allowing her the chance to win a prestigious scholarship in performing arts. The film won several awards.

In 2018, Jones directed, wrote and co-produced another award-winning film, the documentary, "Mindjimendamowin." Told through poem, music and Native American storytelling, the film carries its audience along a unique journey aboard a birch bark canoe.

"Mindjimendamowin" means blood memory, which is an innate sense of belonging to a certain place and a connectiveness to the land," Jones said.

The documentary was shot on Lake Huron from Standish to Mackinaw with the entire film crew residing in northeast Michigan, something near and dear to her heart because she is passionate about marketing the many assets along Lake Huron's shoreline. She actively assisted in spurring the US-23 Heritage Route Lake Huron Discovery tour in 2017.

When not working at filmmaking or honing her craft as a writer, Jones is a fierce crusader for those in need, especially when it comes to food insecurities in rural areas. She is a member of the Directors Guild of America, Harrisville Arts Council, US-23 Management Council, and the Thunder Bay Cinema Society and an active member of Alcona Farm to Fork from 2017 until this year.

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Award

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ing on as it was still in the planning stage. She was unsure about how she would spend the unrestricted award funds but said since going on the retreat, she has several new ideas.

For more information about the Springboard for the Arts Rural Regeneration Fellowship and the 2023-2025 award winners, visit springboardforthearts.org/rural-regenerator-fellows-2023.

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Restoring the Tawas Point Lighthouse

Located in an area often referred to as the “Cape Cod of the Midwest,” Tawas Point Lighthouse at Tawas Point State Park in East Tawas is a fixture of the scenic Lake Huron shoreline.

Before Tawas Point State Park became a destination for thousands of tourists each summer, East Tawas was a 19th century lumber and fishing town at the mouth of the Tawas River. Known to local bands of the Anishinabek, hundreds of years before the arrival of Europeans, this same area was used for hunting and fishing by native peoples.

For the past several hundred years, wind and waves from Lake Huron have created a spit of sand at the mouth of Tawas Bay, an obstacle hard to see at night or in bad weather.

As the 19th century population of East Tawas grew, so did the natural resource-based economy around it. With hundreds of thousands of dollars of lumber sitting on local docks, the community’s maritime and lumber interests began petitioning the federal government for a lighthouse at the end of Ottawa (later Tawas) Point.

The community effort proved successful, and in 1853, the federal government built a lighthouse, at a cost of \$5,000. The new lighthouse was powered by whale and lard oil lamps.

In less than a quarter cen-



Previous restoration had covered the brick tower in a cement coating called parge. By 2020, the parge had failed along the tower, damaging original brick. *Photo courtesy of Ana Eastlick, 2020 Michigan State Parks photo ambassador.*

larger fourth-order Fresnel lens pierced the night sky.

Tawas Point Lighthouse was converted to electrical power in 1935. With the light fully automated in 1953, the

With federal funding allocated to states over the past couple of years, Tawas Point State Park and Lighthouse

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When Tawas Point Lighthouse was completed in 1876, the lighthouse keeper could dock a boat almost at his front door. *Courtesy photo.*

ture, wind and wave action would again move nearly a mile of sand, creating the need for a new lighthouse. A government expenditure of \$30,000 allowed for the completion of a new lighthouse, which opened for the first day of navigation, May 2, 1877.

Now powered by a single kerosene lamp, the fifth-order Fresnel lens shot a beam of light through the darkness that could be seen for 16 miles. The new lighthouse and its keeper’s dwelling were located at the very tip of the newly formed point of land.

This new beacon was so close to the water that the keeper could land a boat almost at his doorstep. Later, on the evening of September 1, 1891, light from a new and

last lightkeeper from the U.S. Lighthouse Service left the lighthouse. The U.S. Coast Guard took up residence in his place.

By 1991, the Coast Guard had stopped lodging keepers at the lighthouse but continued to maintain the light and own the structures and property.

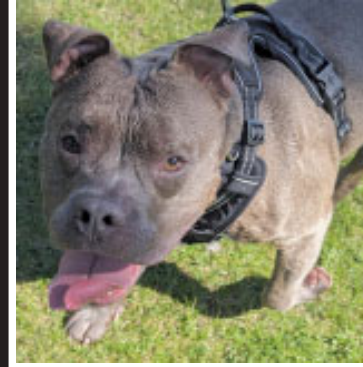
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) took over the Tawas Point Lighthouse and property from the federal government and began rehabilitation work and interpretive programming in 2001, creating public spaces that would share the history of the lighthouse with its thousands of annual visitors.

Lighthouse restoration

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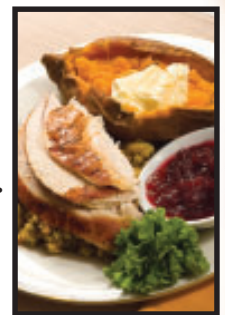


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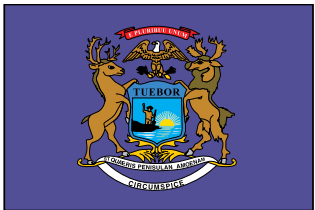
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received a \$455,000 grant through the American Rescue Plan Act for restoration of the lighthouse tower.

Guided by construction documents prepared by historical architects at WTA Architects in Saginaw, Mich., construction work began in the spring of 2023. Mihm Enterprises, Inc., a full-service

colors present at the lighthouse circa 1895.

The tower itself remains white, its traditional daylight navigational color. While a modern, high-performance paint system was used on the lantern room and gallery, a lime-based paint was used on the tower.

In combination, these

lighthouse enthusiasts from Michigan and around the world can't wait to tour the newly restored lighthouse and get a closer look at Mihm Enterprises, Inc.'s work.

"Simply beautiful," Chris Zimmel, secretary of the Friends of Tawas Point Lighthouse and State Park, said of the results.

Lighthouse keeper program

In 2008, the Michigan History Center created a resident Lighthouse Keeper Program that remains popular. The program is designed so that members of the public can experience what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper at Tawas Point Lighthouse.

Hundreds of potential keepers apply to the program each year from all over the United States and around the world. The program is highly competitive.

With the restoration of the lighthouse complete, the program, on hold for several years, will resume operation in late spring of 2024. Those chosen to be keepers will stay in the upper floor of the 1877 keeper's dwelling. The space includes two bedrooms that sleep up to four individuals, a kitchen and a full bath.

For details about the Lighthouse Keeper Program at Tawas Point Lighthouse, email DNR-TawasKeepers@Michigan.gov.

To become a member of the Friends of Tawas Point Lighthouse at TawasLighthouse-Friends. The site has many events and activities at Michigan.gov/Tawas-Lighthouse.

(This story was written by Robbert McKay, Parks and Recreation Division and Laurie C. Perkins, Michigan History Center, Michigan Department of Natural Resources.)



Work began in early 2023, before the snow had melted. Here, workers install scaffolding around the top of the tower in March. *Photo courtesy of Mihm Enterprises, Inc.*

contracting company located in Hamilton, Mich., was selected to complete the work. According to restoration officials, the company is highly regarded in commercial and residential historical restoration.

Collectively, WTA Architects and Mihm Enterprises, Inc. have received five Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation and five Michigan Historic Preservation Network Building Awards.

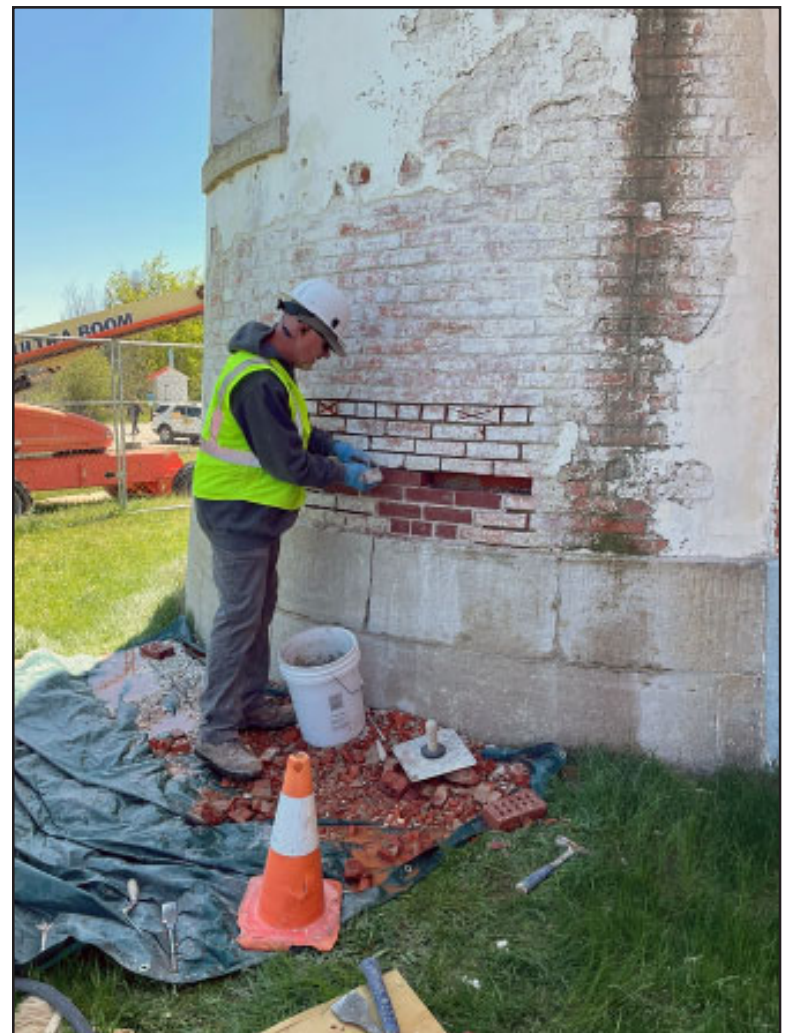
Bob Ziman, project manager at Mihm Enterprises, Inc., said the Tawas Point Lighthouse is the company's 23rd Michigan lighthouse restoration project.

The focus of the Tawas restoration has been to identify and correct moisture and ventilation issues that have accelerated the deterioration of the lantern room, gallery and brick tower shaft.

Surprising to many repeat visitors are the new lantern and gallery colors. The colors, based on a paint color analysis of the tower conducted previously, reflect the

changes will help reduce tower deterioration and present an historically accurate appearance to visitors.

Judging from the public reaction on the Friends of Tawas Point Lighthouse and State Park Facebook page,



In May, masons tested their technique for removing the parge coating without damaging the underlying brick. They also removed and replaced a few damaged bricks in the sample area using specified brick and mortar. *Photo courtesy of Mihm Enterprises, Inc.*

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Calendar of Events



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

Help Michigan State troopers help those in need by stuffing a "blue goose," from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kris Mart in Lincoln. Non perishable food items, toiletries and winter hats and gloves will be collected to fill a patrol car.

All items collected will be distributed to families in need in Alcona County. For more information, contact Trooper Jake Strong at (989) 354-4101 at the Alpena post.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The choir will

perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in December. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration on December 15. Rehearsals are from 10:45 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

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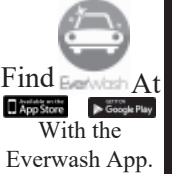
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Experience more epiphanies with chunking

By Paul White
Columnist

When was the last time you had an epiphany? Did you act on it immediately? Did it change the course of your life? Wait, doesn't it have something to do with religion?

Nope, not for this article. Today, I utilize the definition of epiphany that refers to sudden intuitive perception or insight.

For me, epiphanies tend to occur most often when I'm attending a seminar, listening to a speaker, reading, or spending designated time focused on trying to learn and understand a specific subject. I often use the term "Ah-Ha Moment" as a substitute for epiphany. What both refer to is that moment when something you thought you were familiar with gets explained from a different perspective, and now you clearly see what it really means.

I chuckle when I think about how I convinced myself when I was 21 that *now* I knew everything about everything. I only thought I did when I was 18, but I had learned so much over the prior three years that I didn't know before, that now...yes right *now* I got it, as in "He gets it" (and briefly thought I was cool for understanding things so clearly at such an early age).

The exact same experience began to regularly occur on a two to three year basis. That is, until I turned 30. It was then that I realized that, whether we want to admit it or not, learning from our life experiences is an ongoing process that never ends. We always have the opportunity to be smarter today than we were the day before. Is that manageable?

I can recall a speaker sharing "if you can consistently say that you're better today

than you were yesterday, you'll be successful no matter what you do for a living." What they acknowledged was that being better each day than the day before meant you had spent time learning something that day that you didn't know before. If you did this consistently, you grew.

They also convinced me that if you didn't learn anything new each day, then you went backwards. I strongly dislike, and am not a fan of, going backwards.

What I began to realize was that, over time, I had subconsciously become a "lifelong learner" fueled by an insatiable curiosity to understand whatever was right in front of me each day. If a friend was hurting, I wanted to know why. If a company had an outstanding culture within its workforce, I wanted to know why.

What drove fashion fads? Why didn't rock salt work

Thoughts to Ponder

By Paul White



below 20 degrees Fahrenheit? Why should you change the oil in your vehicle on a regular basis? How can the word "selling" be defined? Why is everyone so drawn to ice cream? What lessons can being a parent teach us? So many questions and only a lifetime to seek the answers...

I realized that wasn't going to be enough time unless I came up with a plan that could adapt to the super-fast speed with which our brain can work. I chose a plan embracing "chunking."

For me, chunking means

becoming laser focused on something while eliminating the possibility of any and all distractions. Shut down the phone. Eliminate all notifications. Refuse to check emails and, especially, social media (while social media keeps me up to speed on many of the people I care about, it's the most inefficient time I spend in terms of Return On Invested Time).

Also, I let people around me know I am entering a chunking period, and request not being interrupted other than for an emergency. This all works really well for me, allowing my attention deficit disorder (ADD) brain to focus and acquire new knowledge and information rather than noticing the squirrel that just appeared outside my window (I forgot to close the blinds).

Fact is that epiphanies are just plain fun to experience. When you experience an epiphany the first thing you want to do is share this new-found thought process with others. It's exciting. It also takes you back to what I wrote earlier, about thinking that you used to know something but now you really do based on this new knowledge you've just acquired.

When I return home after attending a seminar, my family is nervously thinking "Oh boy. What's he going to share with us this time?" However, once they hear how enthusiastic I am about what I've just learned and the epiphanies I gained, they appreciate the new thought process and how it can serve their life too. They've all adopted some form of chunking for themselves recognizing its usefulness.

So how about you? Epiphanies are fun and exciting. Don't you want to experience more of them? Chunking can play such a positive role in your life, both business and personal, I can't imagine that you won't at least give it a try. C'mon, I believe in you. Have some fun. Become a chunking junkie! You'll be better each day than the day before. Live life with passion. GiddyUp!

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

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Lady Tigers win '98 district championship

November 24, 1998 ~ By Michael G. Popkey

The Lady Tigers defeated the Onaway Cardinals and the Rogers City Hurons last week to win their fourth straight District Championship.

Both games, played in Rogers City, saw the Lady Tigers take the lead early and simply out-power their opponents.

The Tigers defeated Onaway 67-36 in the Wednesday night game and the Rogers City Hurons 56-33 in Friday night's final.

Although "a little nervous," according to Tiger Coach John Katona, the Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 16-8 first quarter lead and 31-18 half-time lead against Onaway.

The closest the Cardinals could get to the Tigers was the opening of the second quarter, when they came within four points 16-12. The Lady Tigers outscored the Cardinals 14-10 in the third quarter taking a 45-28 lead and outscored the Cardinals 22-8 in the fourth.

Sarah Kruttlin led the scoring for Alcona with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Maria Unkovich scored 12 points and seven rebounds. Freshman Chelsey MacNeill scored 10 points and had four rebounds.

The Rogers City Hurons, who made the final play-off game by defeating Inland Lakes Monday night and Whittemore - Prescott 55-30 Wednesday night, played a

tough first quarter against the Lady Tigers, staying within one point 6-5 in the closing seconds of the first quarter. Melinda Kilbourn hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, giving the Lady Tigers a 9-5 first quarter lead.

Kilbourn hit another three-pointer in the opening seconds of the second quarter, and Lauren James and MacNeill quickly combined for 10 more points while allowing the Hurons only two. The Tigers were up 24-11 at the end of the half and controlled a 17-point lead by the end of the third 35-18.

The Lady Tigers went on to outscore the Hurons 21-15 in the final quarter.

Kilbourn, who hit four three pointers against the Hurons scored 16 points. MacNeill also scored 16 points with five assists and five steals. James scored 14 points.

"I'm really proud of our players," said Coach Katona. "We came in and showed we're the best team in the district. I'm pleased with our bench play. It made a difference in the ballgame. We're going to enjoy it tonight, but it will be back to work Sunday getting

ready for the regionals."

The Lady Tigers faced McBain Monday night in the opening of the regionals and, hopefully, will be in the regional championship game November 25. Both games are played in Houghton Lake. Game time is 6 p.m.

Expanding Chippewa Point Grocery

November 24, 1998 ~ By Michael G. Popkey

The Chippewa Point Grocery, located on the corner of US-23 and F-41, started pumping gas last weekend and has completed many improvements to the business.

For a limited time, the store's grand opening gas price is 99 cents a gallon.

Along with the Citgo gas pump, owners Dan and Julie Lyons of Spruce added movie rentals (over 600 titles), a snack bar, cappuccino, fruit baskets, meat and veggie trays, and ammo to their normal list of everyday grocery items. The store now also accepts all major credit cards for the convenience of their customers.

Construction on the gas pump started Oct. 12, and was completed last Thursday. A new cooler was added, the electrical system was redone, and a handicapped ramp was also added.

Chippewa Point Grocery, which opened March 30, has been very successful, accord-

ing to Julie Lyons. "It's a good corner, a great location," said Julie.

Julie, who was a senior teller for the First of America Bank for three years, now makes fresh salads every day and fresh sandwiches three or four times a day depending on customer demand. Her husband, Dan, who worked in produce for the last 12 years for Glen's and the IGA of Harrisville, also said the outside fruit and vegetable stand was very successful and will be open again next May.

"We buy as much produce as possible from our local farmers," he said. "We thank the local community for their support and help in getting this business going."

Coming back again next year will be the Amish and their handmade products, such as cedar chests and bird feeders. A few of these items are on sale inside the store year around along with fresh produce and the normal grocery items.

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Losing it all in the St. Louis fire

On July 12, 1973, a fire in St. Louis, Missouri, at the National Personnel Records Center destroyed between 16 and 18 million military personnel files. My mother's file was one of those.

The files covered the period from pre-World War I to 1963. There began decades of veterans struggling to prove military service in order to access their benefits.

When I sent away for my mother's records, what I received back was a certificate, similar to a Little League participation certificate. It has the information that I had provided: dates of service, branch of service, rank, but not much more. Thankfully, I'd had enough information on hand to send them to prove service, including a copy of a newspaper photo taken as she took the oath.

But what of people who don't have even those things? What if you have ... nothing?

After the fire, the Records Center started a new rule for all military facilities: Save everything. No matter where in the country a record was likely to be found, it was to be saved and indexed. In this

way they were able to index approximately 6 million files. When a claim for benefits came in from a veteran whose file was burned, instructions were sent out to attempt to reconstruct the file from the pieces here and there.

The Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General was asked to audit the process of reconstructing a file. Here is what they found:

Last year it was taking an average of 450 days from time of claim to a claim decision, compared to 146 days for a non-fire claim.

Staff were not following the steps outlined in their instructions, thereby adding 73 days to the process.

Staff did not complete follow-up procedures 25% of the time due to lack of training.

If there's good news, I'll never have to send away for my father's military records. The man saved everything, and I mean everything: every transfer, pay stub, promotion notice, TDY order ... everything.

Perhaps you should do the same.

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Advertising icons

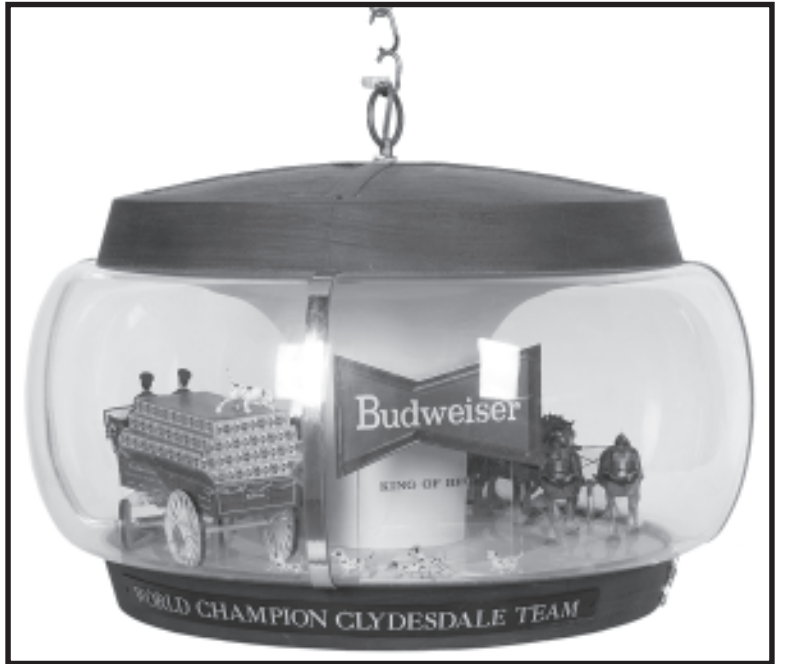
Some advertising icons have obvious connections to their brands, like Planters Peanuts' Mr. Peanut or the RCA Victor dog with his head tilted as he listens to a phonograph. Others, less so, like the Clydesdale horses and Dalmatian dogs featured in Budweiser advertising items such as this hanging lamp with "The World Champion Clydesdale Team." The lamp sold for \$625 at a Potter & Potter auction.

What do horses and dogs have to do with beer? The Anheuser-Busch brewing company, owner of the Budweiser brand, turned to making non-alcoholic products during Prohibition. Its repeal in 1933 was still a cause for celebration. August A. Busch, Jr., gave his father, the CEO of Anheuser-Busch, a gift of a hitch of Clydesdale horses pulling a beer cart. The hitch delivered the first post-Prohibition Budweiser beer.

A horse-drawn beer wagon proved to be an effective marketing tool, and the company got another hitch to make promotional tours. Dalmatians joined the tours in the 1950s, referencing the old practice of breweries having dogs to protect their horses and wagons during deliveries. In 1986, the Budweiser Clydesdales made their first appearance in a Super Bowl commercial. The company still has Clydesdale teams going on tours to this day.

Q: During a recent thrifting excursion, I saw something I'd never seen before: A Blue Willow CorningWare warming tray with cord. The tray, working and with its cord, was only \$5.99. I passed it up and I've been kicking myself about it. What do you think?

A: I think you should have bought it. That CorningWare tray is worth at least \$25 elsewhere. It isn't rare, but CorningWare is undergoing a resurgence of popularity. Prices for vintage pieces are going up. Blue Willow is one of the most recognizable patterns. Corning Glass Works developed the glass for Thomas Edison's light bulb. In July of 1913, at the encouragement of a scientist's wife, Bessie Littleton, Pyrex was born. More than 750 million pieces of CorningWare have been made. In 1998, due to slumping sales and retooling of manufacturing plants, Corning sold CorningWare and Pyrex lines to World Kitchen, LLC.



This advertising lamp includes figures of a team of horses pulling a beer cart, followed by a crowd of Dalmatians. The lamp with a moving wagon sold for \$625. Photo Courtesy Kovels.com

TIP: If you have valuable old glass, keep it in a safe environment. It should be stored or displayed where there is some air movement to dry off the surface. Glass bottles and containers should be stored with the lids and stoppers open.

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Marble, ribbon swirl, Christmas Tree, six-ribbon, three colors, white with green and red ribbons, National Line Rainbow, Peltier Glass Co., Ottawa, Ill., c. 1930, 3/4 inches, \$285.

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Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• "For that nagging toilet where the chain on the flush lever keeps getting stuck, here's what I do: Trash that chain and use some curling ribbon. Tie it on and adjust the length. Once you've got it set, you shouldn't have to mess with it again for a very long time!" -- M. in Minnesota

• Need pumpkin pie spice? Mix 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ginger, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves for each teaspoon needed.

• "Clearance aisles and sales are a savvy shopper's best friend. I buy age-appropriate games and toys all year from sales rack and with coupons, so that I am always armed with birthday presents and donations to holiday drives." -- A.P. in Pennsylvania

• "I try to keep a backpack of 'just in case' items in my car trunk. In the summer it has sunblock and bug spray, etc. I have just refilled it for winter. There is a bottle of water, snack items as well as large towels that double as blankets, tools and a road flare, socks, an extra pair of shoes, etc. It pays to be safe!" -- C.C. in North Carolina

• Make your own "hot pocket" using rice: Fill an empty sock with rice to about three-fourths full. Tie or sew closed. Create a pouch by using a bandana to wrap it up; either tie or sew the bandana into a removable pocket. To use, microwave the sock for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Remove carefully. Remove bandana and wash from time to time.

• Here's a great cooking hint: When you want to sear meat, make sure you pat it dry using either paper towels or a kitchen cloth specifically for that purpose. Any moisture on the meat will cause it to steam cook.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Who starred in the drama "Knight Rider"?
2. **U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of Washington state?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How long does the average housefly live?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?
5. **SCIENCE:** What is the softest mineral in the world?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which major river flows through London, England?
7. **MEDICAL:** What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?
8. **MOVIES:** In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?
9. **HISTORY:** Where was the first Disney park built?
10. **LANGUAGE:** What is the British term for a flashlight?

Answers: 1. David Hasselhoff.; 2. Olympia.; 3. 15-30 days.; 4. "Animal Farm."; 5. Talc.; 6. The River Thames.; 7. Hangover.; 8. "Fast & Furious" (2009).; 9. Anaheim, California (1955).; 10. Torch. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword SHADES OF HISTORY

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Holds inside</p> <p>9 Scrams</p> <p>16 Many millennia</p> <p>20 Chart of the Pacific, e.g.</p> <p>21 Eeyore's creator</p> <p>22 "Blue Jasmine" Oscar winner Blanchett</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Cawing bird</p> <p>26 Collate, e.g.</p> <p>27 Couch potatoes stare at them</p> <p>28 Maple stuff</p> <p>29 Thin coins</p> <p>30 Prayerful plea starter</p> <p>34 Designer Saarinen</p> <p>37 Sparks' state</p> <p>39 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>45 Subject for Dr. Ruth</p> <p>46 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"</p> <p>47 "... Mac — PC?"</p> <p>48 Hostess snack cake</p> <p>49 Onetime senator Trent</p> <p>51 Hiccup or charley horse</p> | <p>54 Convents and abbeys</p> <p>56 Colored rings of irises</p> <p>58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography</p> <p>61 Footed vase</p> <p>62 Agnus — (Mass prayer)</p> <p>63 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>66 "This is SO frustrating!"</p> <p>69 Beelzebub</p> <p>70 Tools used in fixing flats</p> <p>72 Huge fad</p> <p>76 To date</p> <p>78 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>80 Ship's swerve</p> <p>83 Brow's curve</p> <p>85 Bygone Russ. states</p> <p>86 Most speedy</p> <p>87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design</p> <p>91 "Oops, I messed up"</p> <p>93 Comic-strip light bulb</p> <p>94 Sliding-open car option</p> <p>95 Like below-zero nos.</p> <p>98 "... — it just me?"</p> | <p>100 Highway goo</p> <p>101 End of the riddle</p> <p>106 "Perhaps ... ask me about it later"</p> <p>107 Band with the hit "Whip It"</p> <p>108 — date (plan for marriage)</p> <p>109 Exuding testosterone</p> <p>111 Catch sight of</p> <p>113 Hobbit hunter</p> <p>115 Tide type</p> <p>119 Exhort</p> <p>120 Riddle's answer</p> <p>126 Aspersion</p> <p>127 Carry in the uterus</p> <p>128 They could use a welcome sight</p> <p>129 Quick flights</p> <p>130 Most bohemian</p> <p>131 Tilting</p> | <p>7 Anti's call</p> <p>8 Catch sight of</p> <p>9 "Goldfinger" singer Shirley</p> <p>10 French thirst quencher</p> <p>11 Electric guitar connection</p> <p>12 Pointers</p> <p>13 Actor Everett</p> <p>14 Customs worker</p> <p>15 Golf bag item</p> <p>16 Fender bender, e.g.</p> <p>17 Tagged for a particular use</p> <p>18 Plains tribe</p> <p>19 Bulletin fodder</p> <p>24 Iris' layer</p> <p>29 Miles of jazz</p> <p>31 Student transcript no.</p> <p>32 Long-used adage</p> <p>33 Least shallow</p> <p>35 P-shaped Greek letter</p> <p>36 Sculler's tool</p> <p>38 Promising solemnly</p> <p>39 Illinois city</p> <p>40 Size</p> <p>41 "— culpa"</p> <p>42 Oreck product, for short</p> <p>43 St. Pat's land</p> | <p>44 Lucy's Arnaz</p> <p>45 BBQ sides</p> <p>50 In present times</p> <p>52 Church topper</p> <p>53 Bishops' toppers</p> <p>55 Greg Evans' long-running comic strip</p> <p>57 Isolated</p> <p>59 Poker IOUs</p> <p>60 Fliers' military branch</p> <p>64 Neopagan practice</p> <p>65 Full of racket</p> <p>67 Autos such as Ramblers and Pacers</p> <p>68 Half of Hispaniola</p> <p>71 Tanzanian tourist treks</p> <p>73 Must</p> <p>74 Pant-length measure</p> <p>75 Perfume from petals</p> <p>77 Chevy SUVs</p> <p>79 Chuck Berry title woman</p> <p>80 Rural assent to a woman</p> <p>81 Together, in music scores</p> <p>82 Bringing to a conclusion</p> | <p>84 Bracing drink</p> <p>88 Singers executing quavers</p> <p>89 With vehemence</p> <p>90 Genetic ID</p> <p>92 — choy</p> <p>96 Conclusion</p> <p>97 "Goodness!"</p> <p>99 Mil. officer</p> <p>102 Share, as a blog entry</p> <p>103 Web-footed wading bird</p> <p>104 "Me neither"</p> <p>105 Pioneer Boone</p> <p>109 Maudlin sentimentality</p> <p>110 Guthrie of folk singing</p> <p>112 Legendary snow beast</p> <p>114 Hacienda house</p> <p>116 "Orinoco Flow" singer</p> <p>117 Yemeni port</p> <p>118 "Hey, over here ..."</p> <p>120 Org. for club swingers</p> <p>121 No, in Paisley</p> <p>122 Part of TGIF</p> <p>123 "Just joking!"</p> <p>124 Lingerie item</p> <p>125 The, in Arles</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 4, 1980, following the death of their drummer, John Bonham, British rock band Led Zeppelin announced that it was disbanding, 12 years after entering the music scene.
 - On Dec. 5, 1766, art auction house Christie's founder, James Christie, made his first sale, consisting of "the household furniture, jewelry, plates, firearms, etc. ... property of a noble character (deceased)" in London. Among other items, the sale included a pair of sheets, two pillowcases and two chamber pots.
 - On Dec. 6, 1967, three days after the world's first heart transplant took place in South Africa, Adrian Kantrowitz and his surgical team performed America's first such operation (and the world's first pediatric heart transplant) at the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.
 - On Dec. 7, 1911, Britain's King George and Queen Mary rode through Delhi, India, amidst a military salute and the singing of the national anthem. The royal couple met with 150 rajahs, maharajahs and sultans and other classes of the country's rich and powerful. Elephants, however, were banned from the festivities for fear of them charging.
 - On Dec. 8, 2009, the Obama administration announced it would pay Native Americans \$3.4 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit that claimed the federal government cheated them out of royalties for oil, mineral and other leases for more than a century. The settlement ended a 13-year legal battle that led to 3,600 filings, millions of pages of discovery documents, and 11 separate appellate decisions.
 - On Dec. 9, 1930, Billie Stockton, a dancer from Hollywood, fashioned herself a dress from an entire head of lettuce to play the part of Eve in the Garden of Eden. Her backdrop was donated by the local Chamber of Commerce.
 - On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes were awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. The prizes are funded from a reserve created after the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- To visit every child in the world, Santa Claus would need to travel at 3,000 times the speed of sound. But who says he couldn't? Not us! He's Santa!
 - If you were drafted during the American Civil War, you could legally pay someone \$300 (roughly equivalent to \$5,000 earned by an unskilled worker in 2018) to go in your place. The practice, known as commutation, was actually intended to raise money for the war effort.
 - Need a morning pick-me-up? A cup of java is most effective if consumed between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
 - Six hundred Americans die each year from falling out of bed.
 - A 99-year-old man divorced his 96-year-old wife after 77 years of wedlock when he discovered she'd had an affair in the 1940s.
 - Elvis Presley failed a music class in high school.
 - On average, people who complain live longer! Verbally releasing their grievances boosts their health by increasing their immunity. Of course, some of us may wish to keep that nugget of information to ourselves.
 - Oxford University researchers discovered that people who opt for genetic research have a genetic predisposition to do so.
 - George Washington stopped the Revolutionary War by ordering a ceasefire in order to return a lost terrier that belonged to British Gen. William Howe, via one of Washington's aides under a flag of truce, after having the dog fed, cleaned and brushed in Washington's own tent.
 - Leo Fender, inventor of the Telecaster and Stratocaster guitars, could not actually play the instrument himself.
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Thought for the Day: "Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable." -- John Wooden

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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: **D** equals **S**

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 RK? DUXWQ W HWYQ.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on December 13, 2023. 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 mortgage made by Mark W. Widmaier to American Advisors Group dated February 24, 2021, and recorded March 18, 2021, as Instrument No. 20210000908, Alcona County, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$149,312.57. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: The land referred to herein below is situated in the Township of

Alcona, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Lots 1 and 2 of Cloverbeach Subdivision, a recorded subdivision. A recorded plat is found in Alcona County records. Together with all land lying between the east boundary of said Lots 1 and 2 and the west right of way of an existing county road known as Hubbard Lake Road and the south boundary of Lot 1 extended and the north boundary of Lot 2 extended. Being the same property conveyed to Mark W. Widmaier, a married man, from Craig S. Widmaier, trustee of the Mona Lee Widmaier revocable living trust, under agreement dated October 13, 2003, by covenant deed dated May 12, 2016, and recorded May 17, 2016, among the land records of Alcona County, State of Michigan in book 523, page 291, instrument No. 201600001639. Tax account No. 013-160-000-001-00. Said property is commonly known as 4849 N. Hubbard Lake Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the sheriff's deed. If this is a residential mortgage, the following shall apply. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are a debtor in an active bankruptcy case; are under the protection of a bankruptcy stay; or have received a discharge in bankruptcy and you have not reaffirmed the debt, this notice is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as an attempt to collect a debt from you personally. Dated: October 29, 2023 Attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 Phone: (844) 856-6646 File No. 23-24604 11-8, 11-15, 11-22, 11-29

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-6410-DE
Hon. Laura A. Frawley Court address 106 N. 5th Street, PO Box 385 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 Court telephone No. (989) 724-9490 Estate of Brian W. Allish Date of birth: April 17, 1963 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Brian W. Allish, died October 5, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy L. Allish, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: November 22, 2023 James A. Bacarella, P46198 Attorney 1228 E. US-23 East Tawas, Mich. 38730 (989) 362-1364 Timothy L. Allish Personal representative 315 N. Jefferson Street Winchester, Tenn. 37398 (931) 691-0349

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board regular meeting held November 13 at 7 p.m. During regular meeting, motion passed to pay bills. Motion passed to approve minutes October 11 for regular meeting and October 26 special meeting and October 16 election meeting. Motion passed to approve 2024 meeting dates. Motion passed to hire snow plowing for Cedar Drive. Motion passed to sign intergovernmental agreement. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Synopsis is printed prior to board approval. Cindy Smith Township Clerk

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Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 5, T25N, R8E; thence north 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds west along east-west 1/4 line of said section and centerline of county road F-30 1965.37 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds west along said line 645.37 feet to center of said section; thence due west along said east-west 1/4 line and centerline 658.69 feet; thence north 00 degrees 21 minutes 40 seconds east along west line of east-1/2 of southeast-1/4 of the north-west-1/4 of said section 1321.43 feet; thence south 89 degrees 57 minutes 41 seconds east along north line of said east-1/2 657.26 feet; thence south 89 degrees 56 minutes 55 seconds east along north line of southwest-1/4 of the northeast-1/4 of said section 647.08 feet; thence south 00 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds west 1320.60 feet to the point of beginning. Description taken from survey recorded in Liber 454, pages 435-36, Alcona County records. Common street address (if any): 741 E. F-30, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9713 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). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 8, 2023 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515 1513750 11-8, 11-15, 11-22, 11-29

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BUDGET MEETING

The city council of the City of Harrisville will hold a special Budget Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the city offices located at 200 N Fifth St., Harrisville, MI 48740. The 2024 budget will be discussed. For information, call the city office at 989-724-6666 or go online at harrisville@harrisvillemi.org.

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Alpena County: NEMCSA Ossineke Office: 11765 US 23, Ossineke, MI 49766. 989-358-4712 or 989-358-4708 to arrange a pick up time. St. Vincent's Food Pantry: 2635 US-23, Alpena, MI 49707. Tues & Thurs 12-230pm. 989-354-3671

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Cheboygan County: Salvation Army, 444 S. Main St. Cheboygan, MI. 231-627-9003.

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Iosco County: Oscoda UMC, 120 W. Dwight Ave, Oscoda, MI 48750. First Baptist of Tawas City, 401 2nd St, Tawas City, MI 48763. 989-362-8422. Oscoda Senior Center: 653 State St, Oscoda, MI 48750.

Montmorency County: Atlanta Senior Center, 11780 M-33 N, Atlanta, MI 49709. 989-785-2112. Hillman Senior Center, 421 Pineview Ct, Hillman, MI 49746. 989-742-3013. Montmorency County Commission on Aging Admin Office: 11463 McArthur Rd, Atlanta, MI 49709. 989-785-2580

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Presque Isle County: Rogers City Senior Center, 131 Superior St, Rogers City, MI 49799. 989-734-2958

Prune oak trees in winter to avoid oak wilt

Leaves are down, temperatures are cooler, and that means it's prime time for pruning oak trees, which can be infected by the oak wilt fungus if they're pruned during the high-risk period April 15 through July 15.

"Beetles that can carry the disease from tree to tree are not very active now, and the trees are not vulnerable to infection," said Simeon Wright, forest health specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Resources Division.

According to Wright, the beetles are attracted to fresh bark damage or wounds where tree limbs have been removed. Oak wilt also spreads when firewood from infected trees is moved to new locations. If you cut wood from an oak tree that might have died from oak wilt, cover the wood with a plastic tarp and bury the tarp's edges underground to prevent access by the beetles that spread the disease. Ensure the tarp remains intact for six to 12 months until the bark sloughs off. This will kill the fungus and prevent its spread to healthy trees.

Tree trimming around structures, limb removal and even construction or clearing that can result in damage to oak trees should be planned outside of the oak wilt sus-

ceptibility period.

Waiting for winter assures that trees are dormant, so they won't respond with new growth late in the season that is more vulnerable to winter injury.

Oak wilt, identified in the 1940s, is widespread across Michigan's Lower Peninsula and along the Wisconsin border in the Upper Peninsula. Red oaks are most susceptible and can die within weeks of infection. These trees have leaves with pointed tips and include black oak, northern red oak and northern pin oak.

Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and are less susceptible. Affected trees will suddenly wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

If suspect oak wilt is suspected:

- Report infections at Michigan.gov/ForestHealth.
- Contact a DNR specialist at DNR-FRD-Forest-Health-@Michigan.gov or (906) 203-9466.
- Verify an oak wilt infection with Michigan State University's Diagnostic Clinic. Go to PestID.MSU.edu or call (517) 355-4536.
- Visit MichiganOakWilt.org for a listing of oak wilt-qualified experts.
- Learn more about invasive species and diseases at Michigan.gov/Invasives.

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