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## Wildfire season has arrived early this year

The Huron-Manistee National Forests reminded residents that the weather may be deceiving; however, wildfire season has arrived.

While firefighters respond to emerging wildfires, the national forests reminds residents to focus on mitigating the potential spread of wildfires by hardening their homes.

“While we are experiencing precipitation in the form of rain and snow, conditions can easily change from no fire danger to low fire danger,” said Huron-Manistee National Forests Acting Deputy Fire Management Officer Kevin Sherretz. “With winds and sunshine following the rainy days, surface fuels will

dry quickly and be susceptible to wildfire,” he added.

Sherretz explained how the sandy soils of Michigan drain moisture away from the surface fuels. They are lightweight fuels that dry in a short period of time when exposed to sunshine and wind, such as, small branches, grasses and leaves.

When plants have not gained their leaves back in spring, they can carry fire across the surface of the landscape very quickly. “With inadequate snowfall, most of the surface soils have already drained and contribute to dry fuels,” he said.

The Eastern Area Coordination Center’s Predictive

Services reported this week moderate to high drought conditions in the northern Lower Peninsula, affecting the Manistee Zone of the National Forests. Currently, low fire danger still has wildfire risk. “We began running initial attack on wildfires in early February this year. This is much earlier than past years where our fire season starts in late March,” said Sherretz. Since that initial fire, the National Forests responded to a total of seven fires for almost nine acres.

“It’s very important that residents adhere to the burn permitting system set by our state partners pertaining to burning their brush,” Sherretz emphasized.

As the National Forests prepare plans for prescribed fire to help manage fuel breaks and wildlife habitat, they are keeping their eyes on weather trends and working cooperatively with partners at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the National Weather Service in both Gaylord and Grand Rapids. “Staying ahead of the weather with weekly briefings helps us to coordinate resources for suppression efforts,” Sherretz noted.

Residents can still do other activities to prepare for when the burn permits resume issuance,” stated Forest Fuels Officer Brian Stearns. “For instance, regardless of the burn permit status, it is always in a homeowner’s best

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## Soo Locks open early for 2024 shipping season

The Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. will open the Poe Lock to all marine traffic at 6 p.m. on March 22, marking the start of the 2024 Great Lakes shipping season.

The shipping industry requested an early season opening due to the urging of major steel producers. “The St. Lawrence Seaway has announced that it will open this spring on March 22. We would like to match that early opening at the Soo,” said James Weakley, president of the Lake Carriers’ Association. “We also note that the Seaway strike in 2023 and extreme wind events toward the end of the last operating season left the fleet with undelivered cargo.”

“Our winter maintenance period is a critical time for us to invest in our aging locks,” Detroit District Commander Lt. Col. Brett Boyle said. “This year, a number of factors worked in our favor that allowed us to safely deliver this critical maintenance and also open to navigation traffic a few days early, with the St. Lawrence Seaway.”

Federal regulation (33 CFR 207.440) establishes the operating season based on the feasibility of vessels operating during typical Great Lakes ice conditions.

The locks officially closed after the last vessel of the 2023 season on January 16, to undergo critical repairs and maintenance during the 10 week-long winter shut down. Maintenance crews performed a variety of critical tasks on the Poe Lock, including structural inspections, maintenance, and installation of lifting lugs on the upstream miter gate.

On the downstream miter gates crews installed anchor-



An Army Corps of Engineers employee watches as a freighter moves through a Lock in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. *Courtesy photo.*

age components and completed critical structural repairs. Major rehabilitation continued on the Poe Lock’s upstream and downstream ship arrestor systems.

“We worked hard to accelerate work up-front during our annual closure, with crews working extended days and hours to optimize the short time available for critical maintenance and repairs,” said Nicholas Pettit, maintenance branch chief. “Due to the hard work of our maintenance crews and some mild weather, we’ve been able to accomplish all required work ahead of schedule.”

“We welcome visitors into the park for the 2024 Soo Locks season opening,” Chief Park Ranger Michelle Briggs

said. “The park and viewing platform will stay open until 8 p.m. to allow visitors to watch the first ship from the viewing platform.”

All persons entering are subject to a security search at the Soo Locks entry checkpoint. Firearms, weapons, drugs, pets (except service animals) and bicycles are not permitted.

For those unable to attend in person, the Detroit District will host a Facebook Live of the event at <https://www.facebook.com/USACEDetroitDistrict> starting at 5:55 p.m.

The MacArthur Lock, located south of the Poe, will remain closed for maintenance until April 24.



Garden club instructor Jamie Payne (right) with students Andrew Cordes (left) and Autumn Bowers (obscured in back). *Courtesy photo. Due to an error in last week's edition, this photograph is being republished.*



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**NOTICE**  
Curtis Township Board of Trustees will hold the second 24/25 Budget hearing on March 28th at 6 p.m at the Glennie United Methodist Church.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**2023 NORTH REGION HERBICIDE PROGRAM**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby provides notice to the public, including property owners adjacent to state highways, of the 2024 Herbicide Application Program treatments for roadside rights of way within Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Iosco counties.

**SCHEDULED DATES OF APPLICATION:**  
Applications will take place between April 1, 2024, and Dec. 1, 2024.

**HERBICIDES/LOCATIONS:**  
**Non-Selective Applications:** (guardrail, pavement/shoulder cracks and edges, barrier walls, concrete bridge slopes, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:  
**Roundup Pro Concentrate** (Glyphosate), **Milestone** (Aminopyralid), **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron Methyl), **Rodeo** (Glyphosate), **Polaris** (Isopropylamine Salt of Imazapyr), **Esplanade 200 SC** (Indaziflam), **Method 240SL** (Aminocyclopyrachlor), **Roundup Custom** (Glyphosate), **Telar XP** (Chlorsulfuron).

**Selective Applications:** (broadleaf weeds in turf areas, brush control, plant growth regulator, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:  
**Milestone** (Aminopyralid), **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron Methyl), **Garlon 4 Ultra** (Triclopyr-2-Butoxyethyl Ester), **Vista XRT** (Fluroxypyr 1-Methylheptyl Ester), **Plateau** (Imazapic), **Method 240SL** (Aminocyclopyrachlor), **Imazapic 2SL** (Imazapic), **Vastlan** (Triclopyr Choline, Acetic Acid, Choline Salt), **Telar XP** (Chlorsulfuron).

**METHOD OF APPLICATION:**  
All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular-mounted fixed boom or hand spray gun equipment. The herbicides will be tank-mixed or injected for each application.

**RE-ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:**  
Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried.

**CONTACT:**  
All applications will be made by certified pesticide applicators. For further information, contact:

Todd Neiss, Resource Analyst  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
7915 US-131 Highway  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-340-0235

This notice is published per Regulation 637 Act No. 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

**Obituaries**

**James B. Hart**

James B. Hart, 87, of Spruce, died on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at home.

He was born March 5, 1937, to Edward and Wanda Hart in Lincoln Park, Mich., where he was raised.

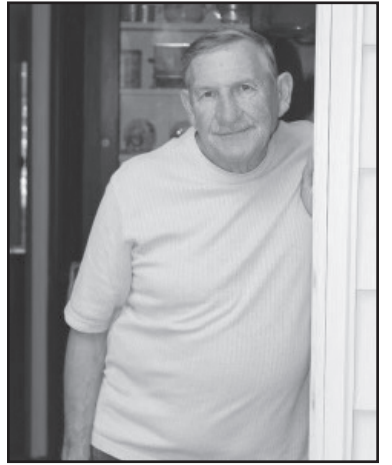
On September 13, 1958, he married Gloria Rossi in Lincoln Park, Mich. They resided there and in Taylor, Mich., where they raised their family.

Mr. Hart owned and operated Hart and Son Custom Painting.

He moved to Spruce in 2004. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Gloria; two daughters, Kellie (Jim) Sefernick and Teri Chelemen; one son, Greg (Teresa) Hart; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Private services have been held.



**Wayne M. Stevens**

Wayne M. Stevens, 73, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at home.

He was born September 7, 1950, to Dale and Norma (Brilinski) Stevens in Warren, Mich. He was raised in Spruce.

Mr. Stevens was a foreman with JG Phillips in Alpena.

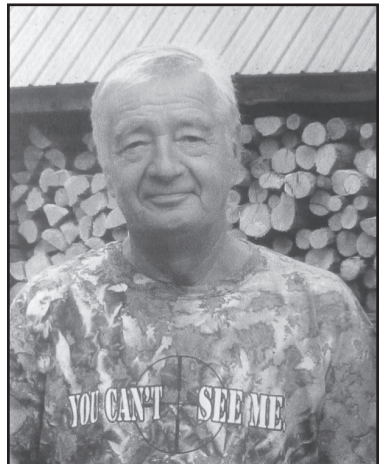
On October 1, 2005, he married Julie Bye in Davison, Mich., and they resided in Lincoln.

He was a former member of the Ossineke Eagles Club. He loved spending time with his grandkids. He was mechani-

cally inclined, and often found in his garage tinkering on projects for family and friends. He enjoyed spending time at his camp, hunting deer and fishing.

Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife, Julie; two sons, Scott (Jennifer) Stevens and Kevin Stevens; three stepchildren, Cherie (Rich) Nentwig, Aaron (Amanda) Long, and Steve (Melissa) Long; nine grandchildren; one sister, Kimberly Scott; and three brothers, Ron Stevens, Glen Stevens, and Marshall (Amy) Stevens.

Cremation arrangements



were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

**Pearl D. Piirala**

Pearl D. Piirala, 57, of Lincoln, died on Friday, March 15, 2024, at home.

She was born April 13, 1966, to Raymond and Barbara (Polzin) Badowski in Key West, Fla. She was raised in Redford Township, Mich.

Ms. Piirala moved to the Lincoln area in 2007. She was a talented artist. She loved to paint and arrange flowers. She was known for her strong Christian faith, and attended Anchor Baptist Church. She cherished her grandchildren.

Ms. Piirala is survived by five children, Ryan (Felecia)

Badowski, Luke Himick, Tatiana Himick, Eleezia Piirala, and Elijah Piirala; six grandchildren, Kaiden Himick, Aubree Himick, Giovanni Himick, Brooklyn Curley, Dominick Underwood and Lily Badowski; two sisters, Darlene (Tim) Howell and Angela (Kyle Bartlett) Badowski; one brother, Raymond Badowski; six nieces and nephews; her step father, John Richards; and James Himick, special friend.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Tara Underwood and Saleena Underwood, and her parents,



Raymond Badowski and Barbara Richards.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 20 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Private burial services will be held at Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

**Betty Mae Teeple Freer**

Betty Mae Teeple Freer, 92, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones who deeply mourn her loss. Betty was born in Black River, MI and was raised in Mikado. She was valedictorian of her Oscoda High School class and loved her brief time at Alma College.

Betty was a gentle, loving soul with the patience of a saint. She was a gardener to her core and, because of her way with seed and soil, beautiful heirloom flowers passed between sisters, nieces, aunts, and friends and bloomed wherever she lived. She was a working woman her whole life—growing businesses in Curran and Harrisville. She was especially happy when she envisioned and then established The Cove gift shop - traveling through parts of the southeastern U.S. to find off-the-beaten-path artisans and unique gifts. She was a knitter, quilter, and accomplished seamstress as

well as a wonderful baker and a loyal Tigers baseball fan since she was a young girl. We will miss her infectious "Teeple laugh," her warm hugs, legendary fruitcake, wise counseling, and truly generous heart.

She was a warm and loving mother, grandmother, and aunt and her family meant the world to her.

She is survived by daughters, Robin Freer and Jennifer (Guy) Harris; as well as her beloved grandchildren, Robert and Jorge Freer and Sophie Harris; her niece, and nephew-in-law, Priscilla and Ronnie Deller, were an essential and well-loved part of her life and survive her as well. She leaves behind two sisters, Marlene Conklin and Linda Treece, as well as countless nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Freer; her son, Brant Freer; and sisters, Harriet Schrade, Wanda Lovelace, Louise Indish; and brother, Willis Teeple.



Visitation will take place on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. until the memorial service at noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.

Please consider a donation to the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville (201 N. Second Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740) or the Alpena Compassus hospice care (compassusliving-foundation.org/give/) in lieu of flowers.

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# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

“Golden Grocery Giveaway” (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Plainfield Township Community Center, 415 E. Main Street, Hale.

“Golden Grocery Giveaway” (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5300 N. US-23, Oscoda.

Homeschoolers, seasoned or curious, are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. to offer inspiration and camaraderie for school-aged children. A special aspect will be a presentation on financial literacy with Smart Money MI Kids Read, sponsored by Michigan Financial Wellness Network and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Individuals are invited to join the newly formed Glenie Book Club, which meets the last Wednesday of every month for a journey through the pages of thought-provoking stories at the Curtis Township Library branch in Glenie at 3 p.m. Meet at the side entrance. Call (989) 735-2601 for more information.

A free Dementia Caregiver Webinar series will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. The topic is “Information for Everyone.” All seniors are welcome. Call Megan at (989) 334-3466 for details.

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole’s Appliance storage building by AAA Credit Union in Lincoln until the food is gone.

Enjoy “Soup and a Sermon” during Lent at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Soup is served at 5:45 p.m. and the sermon is at 6:30 p.m. This is a “come as you are,” free event. For details, contact Pastor Putz at (989) 736-6701. The church is at 301 Church Street, Lincoln.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Veterans and spouses and widow(er)s are invited to join other retired military members for a drop-in coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

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.

Learn how simple movement can change an individual’s life. Liz McNichol leads the class from 1:30 to

2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call Liz for details, (989) 335-1777.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

There will be a children’s craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it’s about unleashing the joy of discovery. Learning about financial literacy is featured with a special book and activities from “Owl + Otter” For information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

Join the “3D Easter Bunny” craft session at the Alcona Senior Center from noon to 3:30 p.m. Space is limited, reservations are required. Call Megan at, (989) 334-3466 for more information and to register for this free event.

It’s a potluck of palates and a feast of friendship at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library with the Cookbook Club, which meets at 5 p.m. Select a recipe from March’s cookbook available at the circulation desk. Select a recipe, make it and share with fellow club members. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) will meet at 10 a.m. at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. The public is welcome to attend.

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come one time per month and must be present to receive food. Distribution is by curbside pickup. Recipients stay in their

vehicle. Identification is required. Clients are accepted regardless of where they live. Bring a box or bag. Call (989) 727-3443 for details.

The Alcona County Library Board of Trustees will meet in the conference room of the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. The public is welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A free Dementia Caregiver Webinar series will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. The topic is “Activities for Persons with Dementia.” All seniors are welcome. Call Megan at, (989) 334-3466 for details.

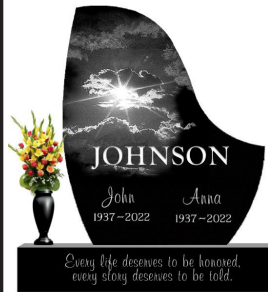
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## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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.

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**BIDS WANTED**

Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking bids for a 20 feet by 120 foot asphalt parking area at 222 Second St., Lincoln 48742. The parking lot will be along Holly St. on the south side of the building. Sealed bids may be dropped off at (or mailed to) Alcona County Department of Affairs, 216 W. Main St., Harrisville, MI 48740 by March 20, 2024.

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Welcomes our new pastor  
Rev. Karen Thompson**  
Please join us Sundays at 11 a.m.  
201 N. Second St., Harrisville

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 315-foot Guyed Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 5355 North Bouchard Road, Black River, Alcona County, MI 48721, Lat: 44-48-30.2, Long: -83-21-45.5. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1276611. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application ([www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications)) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review ([www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest)) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Lisa Skeens, [l.skeens@trileaf.com](mailto:l.skeens@trileaf.com), 1821 Walden Office Square Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL, 60173, (630) 227-0202 ext. 554.

**Public Notice  
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Alcona County Road Commission (ACRC) is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Contractor to furnish and construct a 24'x40' building addition to the existing administrative office at the Alcona County Road Commission site in Lincoln, MI. A new replacement septic system (field and tank) shall also be furnished and installed on site by the Contractor as part of this project. The plans and specifications cover all of the requirements. Engineered drawings and specifications have been prepared by Russo Engineering, Inc. There will be no organized site visit. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, Wednesday April 3, 2024 at the ACRC office located at 301 N. Lake St., Lincoln, MI 48742, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Award can only occur after review and deliberation by the Alcona County Road Commission. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as, "ACRC OFFICE ADDITION". Bid Bonds and Payment & Performance Bonds will be required. Bid documents will be available for a non-refundable \$45 per project set with an additional non-refundable \$10 if the documents are mailed, beginning March 13, 2024, from Russo Engineering, 225 6th Ave./PO Box 187, Tawas City, MI 48764, phone (989) 362-7735. Bidding documents may be examined at the office of Russo Engineering or at the administrative office of the Alcona County Road Commission after that date.

The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and make the award of a firm, fixed-price contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in any manner deemed in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Construction shall be completed within a 120-day window that may start anytime on/after May 1, 2024. Regardless, the project must be complete by October 31, 2024. If requested, the apparent low bidders may be asked to provide references. There will be no liquidated damages.

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**Local Notes**



**Archery Instructors Needed**

Alcona 4-H is searching for shooting sports instructors for the 4-H Archery Club. These individuals must become a 4-H volunteer and take a shooting sports instructor course. This course is held on April 27 and 28 in Charlevoix, Mich. at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. The Alcona 4-H Advisory Board will cover the cost of registration and housing. Contact the Alcona MSU Extension Office if interested. Call (989) 724-6478 Monday-Thursday for more information.

**Senior Menu**

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

Monday, March 25: Fish almondine, baked potato, broccoli, pears.

Tuesday, March 26: Taco salad, tortilla chips, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, March 27: Brats, baked beans, peaches.

Thursday, March 28: Ham, au gratin potatoes, peas and onions, cinnamon apple sauce.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

**Rock Painting**

Transform an ordinary rock into a masterpiece at the Harrisville Branch of the Alcona County Library on Thursday, March 28, starting at 3 p.m. Local artist Judy

Sullivan will be on hand to share painting tips and techniques suitable for artists of all skill levels, including beginners. During the session, participants will be guided to paint a rabbit onto a provided rock. If participants have a particularly special rock they wish to adorn, it must fit comfortably in their palm and remain stable when placed on a flat surface. There will be a \$10 fee for supplies; registration required, call (989) 724-6796.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Fire Hall and conclude at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. Due to time allotment, participants may not start after 11:30 a.m. Every child will receive a bag and list of the participating businesses. When they are finished, participants return to the fire hall for hot dogs, chips and punch for children and their families. Bike giveaways will be held at 12:30 p.m. Must be present to win. For details, contact Teresa Hart at (989) 736-8936.

**4-H Camp Counselors**

The 4-H Ocqueoc Camp is looking for camp counselors. The camp is held at Ocqueoc Outdoors Center from June 24 through June 26. The three-day camp hosts youth from Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties. Camp counselors are between the ages of 14-19 and can apply by contacting the Alcona MSU Extension Office. Call (989) 724-6478 for more information.

**ACC Basketball Honors**

Carmen Dellar of Harrisville has received Honorable Mention All-Northern Conference honors from the Michigan Community College Ath-



**Carmen Dellar**

letic Association for the 2023-2024 basketball season. Dellar, of Harrisville, is a freshman at Alpena Community College studying nursing. A link to her Dellar's stats is on the ACC Athletics website.

**Apple Tree Workshops**

The Alcona and Iosco conservation districts are offering two apple tree grafting workshops this spring. The first will be Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Point Plaza Community Center in Hale. The second is Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

The cost for each workshop is \$30 which includes instruction and all materials for hands-on grafting of three apple trees onto semi-dwarfing rootstock. A selection of scion varieties for grafting will be provided, or participants may bring their own grafting wood from their favorite trees. Any surplus rootstock will be available for purchase at \$5 each.

There being limited space, early registration is recommended. Call or text Russell at (989) 310-6408 to reserve a spot or send an email to [russell.williams@macd.org](mailto:russell.williams@macd.org).



**Calendar of Events**



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Join the newly organized Quilt Club at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in the dining room. Seniors are welcome to bring in completed quilting squares and/or quilts. Participants will discuss quilting and make plans for projects. For more information, call Megan at (989) 334-3466.

Learn how simple movement can change an individual's life. Liz McNichol leads the class from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call Liz for details, (989) 335-1777.

Whether a seasoned artist or just looking to do something new, everyone is welcome to participate in rock painting with Judy Sullivan at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville

branch of the Alcona County Library. The cost is \$10 for supplies and is open to teenagers and adults. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this event.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it's about unleashing the joy of discovery. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

A Good Friday worship service will be held at 6 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 201 N. 2nd Street, Harrisville.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Bap-

tist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

*(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 this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)*



# Wildfire

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interest to harden their home with easy, no-expense tactics to reduce the potential loss from wildfire.”

Cleaning debris from rain gutters and roof valleys, removing dead brush in flower beds around the home’s foundation, knocking down last year’s wasp and bird nests, moving the wood pile away from the house and removing those piles of leaves and needles accumulating on and under patio decks can reduce the risk of an ember starting a house fire. Even thinning brush, trimming trees and vines close to the ground can reduce the spread of wildfire.

“When homeowners create a 30-foot defensible space area around their home, they are creating a buffer for fire-fighters to protect their home from a wildfire or protect the wildland from the potential spread of a house fire to the wildland,” Stearns stated.

These practices are called home hardening and are very effective, according to Stearns.

Keeping the buffer lean, clean and green also provides first responders a safe area in which to operate when fighting fires close to the property. “It’s important to keep your lawn mowed, wrap up that garden hose, put away those tools and dispose of those scrap metal pieces or abandoned mechanical items that can pose a larger threat to first responders if wildfire ignites near the home,” Stearns warned. Stearns also noted keeping lawns watered helps to lessen the impact of fire embers landing and igniting dry grass.

By properly addressing anything that can burn within 100 feet of a home, homeowners can reduce the risk of a wildfire spreading to their home. “At a minimum, residents should at least check their 911 identifiable house number to ensure that it is in good condition and located at the end of their driveway. It must be visible to emergency responders from the road. Having the number anywhere but your driveway can lead to confusion and delay emergency responders,” Sherretz said.

Debris burning and unattended campfires are not the only cause of wildfires this time of year, Stearns said. “Powerlines pose a threat this time of year when winds pick up and potentially down weakened limbs or trees causing powerlines to arc or snap, leading to a potential wildfire. Never attempt to resolve the issue yourself,” Stearns said, “Call your local power company to report the hazard.”



Members of Boy Scouts from Troop 959 of Oscoda help complete an Eagle Scout project at two library locations on Saturday, March 9. Jacob Sutton, who is completing his Eagle Scout Award, had help from other troop members installing book boxes at the Lincoln branch of Alcona County Library and Curtis Township Library in Glennie. They also filled them with books for all ages, using the concept of “Take a book, leave a book.” Scouts participating in Glennie (left) are (from left) Nathan Stormer, Larson Yates, Landon Blackmon, Jacob Sutton, and Nathanael Murray. *Courtesy photo.*

Sutton also installed a book box at Robert J Parks Library in Oscoda. Alan Avery is the leader of Troop 959 with the Shoreline District of the Boy Scouts of USA.

At the Lincoln branch (left) scouts participating are (from left) Jacob Sutton, Nathanael Murray, Larson Yates, Nathan Stormer, and Landon Blackmon installed the book box. *Courtesy photo.*

## Let us know what is happening

Story ideas can be mailed to: P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; dropped at the Review office ~ 111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville; or e-mailed to: [editor@alconareview.com](mailto:editor@alconareview.com).

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# Piping plover outlook improves

By **Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

While the endangered piping plover, a shoreline nesting bird found along the Great Lakes coastline, isn't completely out of danger, its numbers are improving greatly due to sustained efforts by monitoring and habitat improvements.

According to Great Lakes Audubon, the small sandy-colored bird has made a dramatic comeback over the last decade.

In 2022, 150 chicks fledged from 72 breeding pairs. It was the greatest number of chicks fledged since the population was listed as federally endangered in 1986.

In 2023, a new record was made with 80 pairs nesting on the Great Lakes. Huron Pines water program director, Samantha Nellis, said many factors assisted in reaching those numbers.

"There has been a long history of both monitoring and habitat restoration efforts to bring the populations up.

"The lower lake levels also opened up more nesting habitat for the birds. With increased monitoring for protecting those nests a lot more chicks were fledged. There are also some captive-rearing efforts in place," Nellis said.

She explained habitat loss, water level washouts, dogs off-leash and other predation



The endangered piping plover as seen through a spotting scope near Tawas. *Photo courtesy of Huron Pines.*

issues were the big factors in the bird's loss of numbers.

"Habitat loss due to development, the predation from other animals, such as dogs,

Fish and Wildlife Service removes the population from the endangered species list.

"The plan is to have 150 nesting pairs of piping plo-



A natural dune shoreline is seen south of Alpena. Huron Pines is looking for volunteers to monitor stretches of shoreline for problems which can impact water quality and to keep watch for endangered piping plovers. *Photo courtesy of Huron Pines.*

raccoons, prey birds and people scaring the birds off their nest are big factors.

"Human disturbance can scare chicks off the nest early where they abandon the nest, Nests can also be destroyed by off-road vehicles or accidentally walking on them," Nellis said.

She explained piping plovers like to make their nests on expansive sandy beaches where there is cobble, but they also need areas to forage in nearby wetlands that have a lot of invertebrates for them to eat.

"Having that full habitat with reduced risk from disturbance makes it difficult for the birds to thrive," Nellis said. She explained while the numbers are up, there is still work to do before the United States

vers along lake shorelines and keep those numbers sustained for five consecutive years before consideration is made to have them dropped from endangered status.

"Monitoring the nest sites definitely helps. Having volunteers available to educate beach walkers from accidentally trespassing, making sure dogs and other predators stay away from the nest sites and watching for new nesting sites all play a major role in the piping plovers' survival," Nellis said.

Huron Pines is looking to increase volunteers especially where nesting sites have been found at Tawas Point and in Oscoda. Nellis said it is likely there may be other nesting

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# Plover watch training sessions available

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

To find knowledgeable volunteers to assist in watching over endangered piping plovers, a bird that nests along shoreline dunes, Huron Pines is hosting two training sessions in April.

An information session, open to all, will be online on April 10. The other session, for those choosing to volunteer, will be held in person at the Tawas Point State Park on April 20.

Chris Engle, communication associate for the conservation nonprofit Huron Pines, explained the first online session will give informative details about the piping plover, its habitat and future prosperity and will help attendees decide if the volunteer program suits their interest and they understand the commitment involved.

“Ultimately, we are looking for volunteers to monitor stretches of the Lake Huron coast from Tawas north to Cheboygan,” Engle said.

Huron Pines is especially interested in finding volunteers for the Lake Huron shoreline of Alcona County in hopes of learning more about the plovers that may nest along that area.

“By teaching volunteers what to look for and having more ‘eyes on the ground’ watching for plover activity, we will gain a better understanding of the potential plover habitats along the Lake Huron shoreline. If nesting plovers are found, we will indeed need volunteer monitors to keep a watch over those birds,” Engle said.

Two different volunteer



Volunteer piping plover monitor Marge Pestka observes a nesting plover through a spotting scope at the Tawas Point State Park in 2023. Plover monitors help keep watch over these endangered shorebirds during nesting season. *Photo courtesy of Huron Pines.*

monitoring opportunities will be discussed: volunteer coast watchers and piping plover monitors.

Volunteer coast watchers, will visit sections of the northern Lake Huron shoreline weekly from May through October, gathering and reporting data to be used by Huron Pines and its partners in making decisions to manage invasive species and improve water quality.

Piping plover monitors report sightings of the shorebird to the Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Team and keep watch over nesting adults while they raise their young on the dunes.

Huron Pines Community Education Project Manager Maddie Khuri, said the training will be a good introduction to community science especially for people who like being near water. “I encourage anyone who enjoys being

outside; (they) can access public or private shoreline and can contribute time one day a week to attend the April 10 session,” she said.

Those wishing to attend the first online session April 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. may do so by registering on the link found at [huronpines.org/events](http://huronpines.org/events).

For more information, contact Khuri at (989) 448-2293 ext. 17 or email her at [maddie@huronpines.org](mailto:maddie@huronpines.org).

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sites along the Lake Huron shoreline including Harrisville going north but without volunteer eyes on the ground, it is difficult to monitor.

For more information on piping plovers and to help visit [Huronpines.org](http://Huronpines.org).

als who may be displaced from the area, are available for public inspection.”

“That is just the legal notice of how the State of Michigan wants us to publicly announce (the DDA) meetings. No one is being relocated and no plans are in motion to do so,” Phillips said.

She explained typically hardly anyone shows up at public meetings but due to the wording of the notice, half the village came. “If we have two or three people show up, that’s a lot. People were concerned about that language. I told them if they read our plan, there is nothing in there saying we were going to relocate anyone. However, the State of Michigan requires us to put that verbiage in there,” Phillips said.

Others from across the county attended with the notion that if it affected the village, it would affect them as well.

“As an example, I explained to people years ago the City of Detroit, (Mich.), needed a new water plant. They knew where it needed to be built and people who lived in that area had to be moved by the city to other places. That’s the type of thing where this (verbiage) is necessary. Our plan doesn’t include relocating anyone,” Phillips said.

She explained they had

originally announced the public hearing back in December 2023 and only three people showed up at that meeting. “That notice, however, didn’t include the right language. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication with the Northeast Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and I hadn’t received the correct language in time for the notice.

“According to NEMCOG that has to be in there and we had to repost it in the paper and 20 different places in the village within the DDA district and hold the meeting again. We don’t have 20 businesses in the DDA district so I had to tape the notice to poles and hope they didn’t blow away in the wind. Obviously, enough people saw the notice.

“I understand their concern, that language is scary but according to the State of Michigan, it must be there. No one in the village is being relocated,” Phillips said.

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**Invites you to Holy Week Services**

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**Maundy Thursday Service** March 28 Joint Service & Potluck at Spruce, 6 p.m.  
**Good Friday Service** March 29 Joint Service at Westminster, 6 p.m.  
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# Public hearing notice causes concern

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

It’s rare when a rural public hearing is well attended by residents, but at a recent meeting held in the Village of Lincoln there was standing room only as concerned citizens from across the county attended.

The meeting was held on March 4 with notice of the meeting placed in the Alcona County Review’s February 28 edition.

Lincoln village president Sheila Phillips explained it was the wording in the notice that caused the concern.

The meeting was regarding the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. “By law, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) must have a plan, sort of like a business plan. The items listed in the plan are things that if the opportunity comes along, maybe the village can get them accomplished. There are things in the plan that might never get done, but if it isn’t in the plan, it can’t be done,” Phillips said.

What caught the concern of the residents was the new legal wording used in the meeting notice which read “Maps, plats and a description of the development plan, including the method of relocating families and individu-

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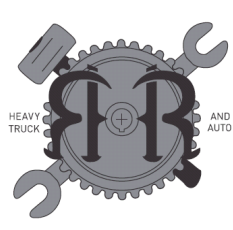


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# How to fight back against age discrimination

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What are the steps to take to fight against age discrimination in the workplace, and where can I turn to for help if I think I've got a case?  
 Passed Over Paul



Dear Paul,  
 If you believe your age has cost you in the workplace – whether it's a job, a promotion, or a raise – you have options for fighting back. Here's what you should know along with some steps to take against this illegal workplace activity.

### ADEA Protection

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) is your first defense against age discrimination. This is a federal law that says an employer cannot fire, refuse to hire, or treat you differently than other employees because of your age. Some examples of age discrimination include:

- You were fired because your boss wanted to keep younger workers who are paid less.
- You were turned down for a promotion, which went to someone younger hired from outside the company, because the boss says the company "needs new blood."
- When company layoffs are announced, most of the persons laid off were older, while younger workers with less seniority and less on-the-job experience were kept on.

- Before you were fired, your supervisor made age-related remarks about you.
- You didn't get hired because the employer wanted a younger-looking person to do the job.

The ADEA protects all workers and job applicants age 40 and over who work for employers that have 20 or more employees – including federal, state and local governments as well as employment agencies and labor unions.

If your workplace has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be protected under your state's anti-age discrimination law.

### Steps to Take

If you think you are a victim of employment age discrimination, you may first want to talk to your supervisor informally or file a formal complaint with your company's human resources department.

If that doesn't resolve the problem, you should then file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 days from the date of the alleged violation, but it may be extended to 300 days. You can do this online, by mail or in person at your nearest EEOC office (see [EEOC.gov/field-office](http://EEOC.gov/field-office)) or call 800-669-4000. They will help you through the filing process and let you know if you should also file a charge with your state antidiscrimination agency.

If you do file, be prepared to provide the names of potential witnesses, your notes about age-related comments and other episodes.

Once the charge is filed,

the EEOC will investigate your complaint and find either reasonable cause to believe that age discrimination has occurred, or no cause and no basis for a claim. After the investigation, the EEOC will then send you their findings along with a "notice-of-right-to-sue," which gives you permission to file a lawsuit in a court of law.

If you decide to sue, you'll need to hire a lawyer who specializes in employee discharge suits. To find one, see the National Employment Lawyers Association at [NELA.org](http://NELA.org), or your state bar association at [FindLegal-Help.org](http://FindLegal-Help.org).

If you lose your job in a group termination or layoff, you should consider joining

forces with other colleagues. There are advantages to proceeding as a group, including sharing costs of the litigation and strengthening your negotiating position.

Another option you may want to consider is mediation, which is a fair and efficient way to help you resolve your employment disputes and reach an agreement. The EEOC offers mediation at no cost if your current or former employer agrees to participate. At mediation, you show up with your evidence, your employer presents theirs and the mediator makes a determination within a day or less.

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

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## Buggy Rides



### Adjournment given for shooting prelim exam

March 21, 1999 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

The preliminary examination for the downstate hunter charged with shooting another hunter was adjourned last week so that the defense can review articles of evidence.

Greg Eugene Sparrow, 33, of Taylor, Mich, was charged with careless discharge of a weapon that caused death after the Nov. 16, 1998 shooting of Ronald Troy Richards, 35, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The incident occurred in Mitchell Township near dusk in the Huron National Forest during the firearm deer season.

Sparrow allegedly shot Richards while they were hunting near each other.

At the onset of the court proceeding last Wednesday, Defense Attorney Leonard A. Siudara asked for an adjournment because he was not prepared.

He told District Judge Richard Noble that he and his client were not given the opportunity to review some 40 pieces of evidence prior to the scheduled court hearing.

Siudara also said he had over 60 unnumbered photo-

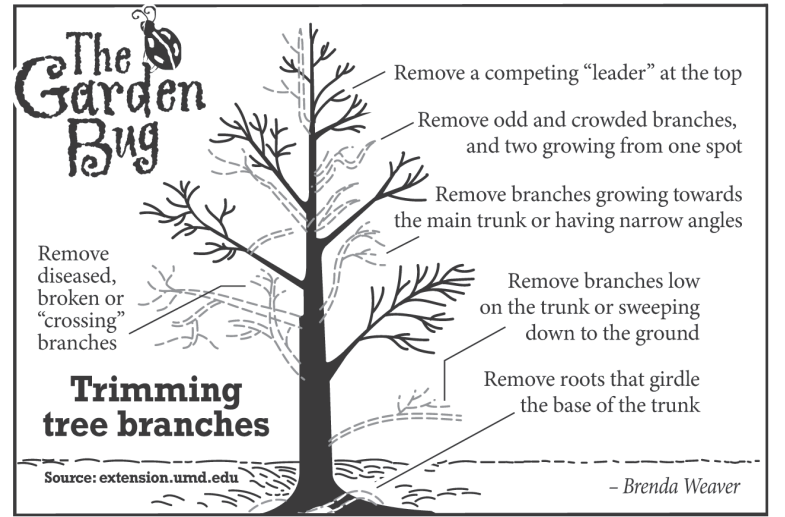
graphs and only received a log for the photographs the day before the preliminary exam. Since the photos weren't numbered, he had no way of matching the photos to the log.

Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Weichel objected to the adjournment stating that numerous Michigan State Police officers were ready to testify, and witnesses and the family of the victim had traveled from downstate to be there. An adjournment would be a burden.

"Defense counsel has had opportunity to review the evidence...the State Police Post is open at anytime, he could have made arrangements," Weichel said.

Weichel told the judge that he also had received the photo log one day prior to the scheduled court hearing, and he faxed it to the defense immediately.

At Siudara's request, Noble agreed to let defense council and Sparrow review the evidence at the State Police Post, but each piece of evidence would stay in possession of a State Police trooper at all times.



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## Americanisms



"Reality is the leading cause of stress among those in touch with it."

— Lily Tomlin

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### Remarkable mock trial of Margaret vs. Henry

March 21, 1924 ~ There will (be) no more squeezing of lands or other surreptitious violations of the rules and regulations of Fisher Grange for personal conduct of members of the two sexes, if the lesson taught by the evidence offered and the verdict rendered in the remarkable trial of Margaret versus Henry are in anywise heeded. [Now, if you think that is a long sentence you should have heard the verbose prosecutor unwind in the said trial.]

Margaret, the complaining witness, was represented by Frank LaChapelle in the role of prosecutor and he surely handled the case in approved fashion, while the able defense was conducted by Robt. Elliott. Judge Stanford Clemens presided, and W. G. Beever was clerk. Six men good and true were drawn as jurors—M. McLean, D. Campbell, W. F. Carle, Ed. Tovey, Chas. Clemens and Arthur Galloway.

Much of the evidence offered was incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial and was about 50-50 for each side until the defense made a fatal error in forcing the complaining

witness to divulge a certain insult to Tier, alleged to have been made by defendant. Under pressure of attorney Elliott and ruling of the court Margaret stated (the) defendant asked her if she subscribed for the Alcona County Review! It was this evidence that led the jury to decide against defendant Henry it being the opinion of that astute body that the mere implication that any bright, intelligent person did not subscribe for the local paper was a grave matter and the verdict was unanimous for conviction.

Star witnesses were Mrs. Myrtle Beever, Dan Dorr, Ernest Pyne, Will Beever, and others and they all smarted under the scorching tongue of the prosecutor.

At the conclusion of the "trial" a social hour followed during which the sixty or more members present enjoyed a liberal supply of peanuts and apple provided as a fine by defendant Henry.

Incidentally, the Saturday crowd indicates a renewed interest in Grange matters that friends of the organization hope to see continued.



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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
3. **TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
4. **U.S. STATES:** Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
5. **HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
7. **ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls hunger?
8. **LANGUAGE:** The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
9. **SCIENCE:** Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

**Answers:** 1. Florin.; 2. Mountbatten-Windsor.; 3. "The Big Bang Theory."; 4. Arizona.; 5. Loose lips.; 6. Andorra.; 7. Hypothalamus.; 8. The head.; 9. Red.; 10. Tequila. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

PHONY-BALONEY

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Wearing nightclothes, for short</p> <p>6 Meanie's look</p> <p>11 In addition</p> <p>15 Eyelid hair</p> <p>19 Steel, e.g.</p> <p>20 Ancient Greek region</p> <p>21 Empty spaces</p> <p>22 World's fair</p> <p>23 Illegal detention</p> <p>25 Columbus is its capital</p> <p>26 British actor Guinness</p> <p>27 "Mind your — business!"</p> <p>28 High, round collar not folding over on itself</p> <p>31 Without any variety</p> <p>35 Ingest</p> <p>36 Boston NBAer, for short</p> <p>37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.</p> <p>41 New Nintendo console of 2012</p> <p>43 Big antlered beast</p> <p>47 Opposite of dep., in an airport</p> | <p>48 Thin porridge</p> <p>50 Saw against the main grain, as wood</p> <p>52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent</p> <p>58 Ecol. monitor</p> <p>59 Middays</p> <p>60 Tiny arachnid</p> <p>61 J. — Hoover</p> <p>64 Like overdue birthday wishes</p> <p>67 Bill &amp; Ted went on one in a 1991 film</p> <p>70 Wombs</p> <p>71 Bible book after Prov.</p> <p>74 Q-V linkup</p> <p>75 "Spider-Man" director Sam</p> <p>76 Wedlock not based on love</p> <p>79 Cheer up</p> <p>81 Burros, e.g.</p> <p>82 — occasion (never)</p> <p>83 Paris' river</p> <p>84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.</p> <p>85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe</p> <p>91 "Beloved" novelist Toni</p> <p>94 Buc, Bronco or Niner</p> <p>95 Beatty of film</p> | <p>97 Cindy Brady player Susan</p> <p>98 Former jets to the U.K.</p> <p>101 Bit of non-needed body art</p> <p>105 Sour plum</p> <p>107 Stage star Hagen</p> <p>109 Title for Kate Middleton</p> <p>110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps</p> <p>117 Even score</p> <p>118 Forum attire</p> <p>119 In the past</p> <p>120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle</p> <p>125 Coagulate</p> <p>126 Rebuke from Caesar</p> <p>127 Like a dweeb</p> <p>128 About, before a date</p> <p>129 At this place</p> <p>130 Lather (up)</p> <p>131 Gather up</p> <p>132 Hoodwinked</p> | <p>49 VIP vehicle</p> <p>51 Margarine</p> <p>53 Deprives of weapons</p> <p>54 "Sorry, too busy"</p> <p>55 Bodily digit</p> <p>56 Big striped cat, in French</p> <p>57 A/C output q.tys.</p> <p>62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —</p> <p>63 Like low-quality eggs</p> <p>64 City transport</p> <p>65 Alcohol in liquor</p> <p>66 Landlords or landladies</p> <p>67 Empty</p> <p>68 Having protruding hearing organs</p> <p>69 Yang go-with</p> <p>72 Sings gently</p> <p>73 U.S. pres., militarily</p> <p>77 Inquires</p> <p>78 "Continue"</p> <p>80 Architect</p> <p>83 Chiang Kai- —</p> <p>84 Broody rock genre</p> <p>86 Investigate pryingly</p> <p>87 Very loudly, in music</p> | <p>88 Miami loc.</p> <p>89 Stud money</p> <p>90 Old Storms and Trackers</p> <p>92 Paraphrase</p> <p>93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.</p> <p>96 Two, in Chile</p> <p>99 Maintenance job on a car</p> <p>100 Indy sponsor</p> <p>102 Ballet outfit</p> <p>103 Something very easy</p> <p>104 Vegas casino</p> <p>106 Some Siouan speakers</p> <p>108 MetLife rival</p> <p>110 Concern for a dermatologist</p> <p>111 Concern for a dermatologist</p> <p>112 Horror film lab assistant</p> <p>113 Twice tetra-</p> <p>114 "Psst" cousin</p> <p>115 — avis</p> <p>116 Some old Fords</p> <p>121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.</p> <p>122 Hosp. zones</p> <p>123 Ideal serve</p> <p>124 Young fella</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 1, 1988, a federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, dismissed a sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton, stating it had no "genuine issues" worthy of a trial. Although Clinton had denied any wrongdoing, a unanimous ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in May 1997 allowed the case to proceed, establishing a precedent permitting sitting presidents to be sued for personal conduct that allegedly occurred before they took office.
  - On April 2, 1863, a bread riot occurred in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, when angry people demanded bread from a bakery wagon before wrecking nearby shops. The mob only dispersed after Confederate President Jefferson Davis made a personal plea and threatened to use force to break it up.
  - On April 3, 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The court stated that discrimination against Blacks violated the 15th Amendment and that political parties were not private associations.
  - On April 4, 1802, American social reformer Dorothea Dix was born in Hampden, Maine. Dix founded a home for girls in Boston while she was still just a teenager and later passionately campaigned for humane conditions in jails and insane asylums.
  - On April 5, 2008, actor Charlton Heston, who won an Oscar for his starring role in "Ben-Hur," died of Alzheimer's disease at his home in Beverly Hills. Heston notably played Michelangelo, El Cid, and other heroic figures in Hollywood movies of the 1950s and 1960s.
  - On April 6, 1917, following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe. Four days earlier, President Woodrow Wilson cited Germany's violation of its pledge to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean, as well as its attempts to entice Mexico into an alliance against America, as his reasons for requesting the declaration.
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Using high-pressure, high-temperature techniques that mimic Earth's diamond-forming conditions, scientists can transform the carbon in peanut butter into sparkling gemstones. Chew on that!
- And speaking of chewing, snails have thousands of tiny teeth on their radula, the tongue-like organ they use for grinding up food, making them one of the earth's toothiest creatures.
- Mary, Queen of Scots, was history's youngest monarch, ascending to the throne at a mere 6 days old. Coming in at second place was Emperor Shang of China's Han Dynasty, who in 105 A.D. assumed his royal position at 100 days old.
- If stored correctly and not contaminated, honey can last for thousands of years without spoiling.
- A piano's frame is made of iron.
- Though T-shirts have existed since the late 1800s, the plain white version gained popularity as a wear-alone garment thanks to Marlon Brando's portrayal of Stanley Kowalski in the movie "A Streetcar Named Desire."
- One out of every seven American jobs is related to transportation.
- Some architectural structures, known as whispering galleries, have unique acoustics allowing a whisper at one end of the gallery to be heard clearly at the other end, due to sound waves following the curved surfaces.
- In some WWII POW camps, the Nazis would allow Allied soldiers to play board games like Monopoly, even providing the games. The British exploited this opportunity by using compasses, banknotes, and real-world maps in place of standard boards and pieces, as a means of helping prisoners to escape.

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Thought for the Day: "If no one ever took risks, Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor." -- Neil Simon

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals H

CFRM AEO VNLB SEMH EK  
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 N SXNMHVEXS HFQV, Q IORHH  
 SFNS'H ZECM-JENZQMI.

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# Couch Theater

By Demi Taveras

"Wonka" (PG) -- The origin story of chocolatier Willy Wonkawas such a success at the box office that it became the eighth highest-grossing film of 2023. Starring Timothee Chalamet as the title character, the movie kicks off in a dreary 1934 Europe, where Willy arrives with a few coins in his pocket and an intention to establish his own chocolate shop. However, a grimy pair of locals hoodwink Willy into staying at their boarding house, tricking him into signing a contract that he wouldn't be able to pay off for years. Not to mention, the rival chocolatiers won't let him sell chocolate anywhere in the town. But even with all the odds stacked against him, the happy-go-lucky chocolatier is determined not to fail. Co-starring a great ensemble cast, including Calah Lane, Keegan-Michael Key, Sally Hawkins and Olivia Colman, "Wonka" is out now. (Max)

"Damsel" (PG-13) -- Millie Bobby Brown ("Stranger Things") leads this dark-fantasy film out now! Elodie Brown is a princess whose father has found a match for her in Prince Henry (Nick Robinson). Ever the dutiful daughter, Elodie agrees to marry Prince Henry, amid warnings from her stepmother, Lady Bayford (Angela Bassett), that she doesn't trust his family, especially his mother, Queen Isabelle (Robin Wright). Elodie quickly discovers this for herself after participating in a ceremony that leads to the prince himself chucking her into a cave with a dragon to repay



Photo Caption: Martin Freeman, left, and Jenna Ortega star in "Miller's Girl." Photo Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

an ancient debt. Stuck with nothing but the clothes on her back, Elodie must outwit the fearsome dragon to escape the cave in one piece. (Netflix)

"Miller's Girl" (R) -- Martin Freeman ("Black Panther: Wakanda Forever") and Jenna Ortega ("Wednesday") star opposite each other in this erotic thriller, produced by Seth Rogen. Ortega portrays Cairo Sweet, an 18-year-old Tennessean girl who lives alone in her family's mansion. Cairo begins taking the creative writing class of Jonathan Miller (Freeman), a semi-successful author who is impressed by Cairo's extensive knowledge of literature. Cairo's best friend, Winnie (Gideon Adlon), raves about the idea of a teacher-student affair and even convinces Cairo to seduce Miller. Cairo does attempt to entice Miller, but the repercussions that follow are quite dangerous. Out now to rent. (Prime

Video)  
 "Love Island: All Stars" (TV-MA) -- You might've heard of the "Love Island" dating game show and its many versions around the world. But the U.K. series came back in a major way with a season featuring former contestants and fan favorites from previous seasons. The show follows its original format, with a handful of men and women who enter the "Love Island" villa for a few weeks and "couple up with" another contestant to win the prize money of 50,000 pounds. But you should expect some insane twists along the way, in true "Love Island" style. Notable contestants are footballer Tom Clare, Georgia Steel ("Celebs on the Ranch"), former Playboy Bunny Hannah Elizabeth and Chris Taylor ("Barbie"). The full season is out now! (Peacock)

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# Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Small punishments for scammers

What always stands out, at least to me, are the low penalties for the criminals who steal from veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The number of scams seems to grow, and one wonders if it's because thieves don't perceive there to be much punishment if they should be caught.

An example: A veteran threatened to blow up a VA medical facility. He verbally told the crisis line and even identified the person he specifically wanted to kill and when. He was found and arrested for making threats and even made additional threats after the arrest. Now, he hasn't gone to court yet, but the evidence is pretty strong. Why, one wonders, would he only be in line for five short years in the slammer? Yes, there could be a hefty fine, but it's the time behind bars that would keep society safe.

Another example: There was the VA employee who stole prescription drugs that were mailed to VA patients. He knew where they were going, of course, since the drugs were shipped from the VA phar-

macy and he therefore had the addresses. He and his pals would break into the mailboxes to steal the drugs, which he would then sell for big profits. I think about cancer patients when I learn of something like this, cancer patients who need their drugs on time, not to mention the likely pain medications. The main thief in this scam only received a sentence of 42 months in prison; his scammer pals got sentences of 12 and 35 months. Not long enough, not nearly long enough.

Then there was the guy who convinced everyone that he was blind and therefore 100% disabled and needed some benefits. Turned out he had both a drivers license and a gun carry permit and could see well enough for those activities. Not so blind after all, but his punishment was a few years of probation and some cash restitution.

So where is the deterrence to thieves and scammers when the punishment is so light?

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Case No. 22-3710-CH - Circuit court sale in pursuance and by virtue of an order granting motion for default judgment and for judicial foreclosure as to all defendants in the circuit court for the County of Alcona, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 6th day of June, A.D., 2023, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein the Huntington National Bank, was the plaintiff and Tait J. Mahlmeister and Kelly Ann Lester were the defendants.

Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Alcona County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county), on the 1st day of May, A.D., 2024, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of

Michigan: The northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 6 East. EXCEPT the coal, gas, oil, and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals. Parcel ID: 02002620001000 c/k/a: 3777 Red Run Trail, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale. / s/

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### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 2024-6426-DE

Hon. Laura A. Frawley  
Court address  
106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
P.O. Box 385  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Andrew J. Knapp  
Date of birth: December 29, 1990  
To all creditors:  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Andrew J. Knapp, died November 8, 2022.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Angela Kozlowski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 20, 2024  
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915 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 6  
Howell, Mich. 48843  
(517) 548-7400  
Andrew J. Knapp  
Personal representative  
915 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 6  
Howell, Mich. 48843

### BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Hot ball, Bingo ball, milk money and winner take all game. All proceeds to charity.

## Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

### Advertising icons

The Bonhams Skinner auction where this chair sold listed it as a Harvard University Windsor chair, bringing together two icons of colonial America. Harvard University, originally called the New College, was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1636, making it the oldest college in the United States. This means that Harvard predates the Windsor chair in America.

The first Windsor chairs were made in England in the seventeenth century, and they were being made in Philadelphia by the 1730s. There were many variations on the Windsor chair, especially in America.

American designers were the first to add rockers and writing arms to Windsor chairs. The chair can be made in many shapes, and they can be easily distinguished by the shape of the chair's back.

No matter the style, a Windsor chair can be recognized by its spindle back, turned legs and stretcher base. They are made with stick-and-socket construction, meaning the chairs are built by inserting the legs and the back spindles into holes in the seat. Windsor chairs and similar styles are also called "stick furniture."

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Q: I have a fairly rare, autographed baseball from the 1940s, signed by one of the most famous baseball players of all time. The authenticity of the item, signature, etc. is all documented. Do you have a good source where I can get a fair estimate of value?

A: Value depends on the fame of the player, significance of the event, rarity and condition. The highest price paid for an autographed ball was \$3



This midcentury Windsor style chair features the crest and colors of Harvard University. It sold for \$438, more than twice its estimate, at a Bonhams Skinner auction. Photo courtesy of kovel.com

million for Mark McGuire's 70th home run ball, the record for home runs in a single season, in 1998. You didn't say who autographed your ball. Babe Ruth is often considered the greatest baseball player of all time. His autographed ball, the first home run hit in an All Star game (1933), sold for \$805,000 in 2006. Babe Ruth autographed balls often come up for auction and prices vary. A ball in near mint to mint condition sold last year for \$7,620. Contact an auction house that specializes in sports memorabilia. You can find some listed in Kovels.com's Business Directory.

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TIP: Examine a piece of furniture and look for unexplained holes, stains and fade marks. They may indicate a fake or repair.

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CURRENT PRICES  
Advertising, poster, "24 Hours of LeMans," 14 & 15 June 1969, photo image of sports cars and race track, A. Delourmel, linen backing, 24 x 15 1/2 inches, \$250.

Brass cigar cutter, deer's head, antlers, elongated neck with textured finish, 6 1/4 inches, \$425.

Toy, pedal car, Studebaker Golden Jet Hawk, pressed steel, original horn, Midwest Industries, c. 1957, 37 inches, \$875.

Perfume bottle, cameo glass, etched butterfly and fern, red ground, tapered laydown shape, sterling silver hinged cap with RK monogram, Thomas Webb, cap marked Gorham, 8 x 1 3/4 inches, \$1,500.

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### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board's regular meeting held March 13 at 7 p.m. During regular meeting, motion passed to pay bills. Motion passed to approve special minutes for February 14 and for regular meeting February 14. Motion approved to make budget transfers; approve 2024-25 budget; approve pay resolution 01-24; millage renewal wording; proceed from fire truck to go to fire department; poverty exemption resolution 02-24. Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Synopsis is being printed prior to board approval.

Cindy Smith  
Township Clerk

### WANTED

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