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## Shooting suspect waives prelim, case moves to circuit court

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

The downstate man charged in the January shooting at the Glennie Tavern was in court last Wednesday to waive a preliminary examination hearing.

Matthew W. Busch, 33, of Bay City, Mich. was charged with two felony counts of assault with intent to commit murder and possession of a firearm while intoxicated causing a serious impairment, and weapons felony

firearm, which is a misdemeanor.

Busch's case was bound over to 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court and will appear on May 21 for a pretrial hearing. He was arraigned in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court on January 29 and lodged in the Iosco County Jail and was released on a \$150,000 cash surety 10 percent bond. He remains out on bond.

The victim, a 33-year-old man from West Branch, Mich. was initially transported to Ascension Healthcare in Tawas City and transferred to

St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich. He was released and recovered at home.

According to a press release from the sheriff's office, at 11:09 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, Alcona County Central Dispatch received an emergency call from the Glennie Tavern in Curtis Township. "It was reported that a person had been shot outside in the parking lot," according to the press release. Responding deputies found Busch in the parking lot. The victim was inside the bar with a

single gunshot wound to the groin area.

According to the sheriff's office, Busch was arrested at the scene and transported to Ascension for minor injuries. "The preliminary investigation revealed that a physical altercation had occurred between the two individuals in the parking lot of the Glennie Tavern. During this altercation the suspect (allegedly) shot the victim once from a pistol that was in his jacket pocket," the press release said.



Matthew W. Busch,

## Local law enforcement officers receive specialized training

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Law enforcement must be vigilant for whatever type of emergency arrives, whether it is apprehending a dangerous criminal or protecting the public from a dangerous situation.

It is especially important for small, rural sheriff's offices located in tourist areas where the number of people they are protecting triples in size each summer. This is precisely the reason Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson wants to keep his department as up to date on training as possible.

In March, the office, which includes 12 full-time law enforcement officers, went through three training sessions -- one on active violence training, one on electric vehicle fire and crash training and a refresher course on wildland fire traffic control and evacuations.

According to Stephenson, before 2019, Michigan law enforcement was required to have just one training course per year to maintain their certification: Law enforcement had to qualify with their firearm at the range. He felt that wasn't nearly enough to adequately prepare law enforcement for their duties.

"Public Act 552 of 2018 required law enforcement to also have active violence training. Violence can be anything, with or without guns, but it is most referred to as active shooter training. This act was to go into effect in 2019/2020, but the pandemic hit and no training went on,"

Stephenson said.

He explained for the past two years, the state has been pushing to have all law enforcement attend active violence training at least once to maintain their certification. Stephenson felt additional training will be needed in the future and it will become mandatory for law enforcement to get trained every second or third year as things change.

"Even though we were not required to have this training, my department has been doing this training for years, so when we went to get certified there was not much new or dramatic for us to go through," Stephenson said.

The Alcona Sheriff's Office not only received active violence training in the past but one of their staff, Sgt. Nathaneal Leeseberg, received enough additional specialized training that he taught the training session without the department leaving the county.

Also, without leaving the county, the department completed the electric vehicle fire and crash training and the wildland fire refresher training on the same day in Barton City.

Stephenson explained a while ago he attended a sheriff conference and heard Phil Kamm from Michigan Municipal Risk Management, the insurance carrier for Alcona County, speak about electric vehicle fires.

"I listened with my jaw dropped. I had no idea elec-

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Maureen Sullivan, chairperson of the Harrisville Firework Fund, displays advertising for the upcoming ATV/ORV Fun Run on May 4 to benefit both the Harrisville and Barton City Fireworks events. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Off-road fun run to benefit fireworks

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Those yearning for off-road adventure, camaraderie, fun and an opportunity to benefit two fireworks shows should make plans to attend the second annual ATV/ORV Fun Run. The Fun Run is to benefit both Harrisville and Barton City fireworks events.

This year's Fun Run, scheduled for Saturday, May 4, will feature a new beginning point, new trails and a few new fun-filled challenges, according to Maureen Sullivan, the chairperson for the Harrisville Fireworks Fund.

"We wanted to get more trails and forest service roads into the mix, so we moved the beginning point this year to the other side of the county," Sullivan said.

The Fun Run will begin at the baseball ball diamond in front of the BC Bar in Barton City. Registration is from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Sullivan explained that pre-registration is preferred and appreciated.

Cost for each pre-registered person on the run is \$5; with a \$10 per game card charge. Each participant can purchase one game card with a minimum of one card per vehicle. On the day of the run, registration will cost \$10 per person.

The Fun Run is open to all ATVs, UTVs, ORVs and dirt bikes with a valid Michigan ORV license or trail permit. As with last year's run, Sullivan stated it is a run, not a race and all state laws and ordinances must be followed. All participants must sign a

release of claims at registration, minor participants must have a parent sign with them.

"The run starts in Barton City, and then we have a stop in the middle of the woods, then on to Desi's, then over to Glennie and then return to Barton City. I think it is more miles than last year's run because of all the winding trails," Sullivan said.

According to Sullivan M-72 and M-65 may not be legally driven on, but they can be crossed.

At each stop players will participate in a challenge to receive a score. Mulligans will be available for purchase and all challenges must be complete and the game card presented to officials by the check-in time per stop.

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The first check-in is at noon and the last check-in is at 6 p.m. Stops include the Barton City Eagles Club by noon, the AuSable Valley TrailRiders Association Warming Station by 1:30 p.m., Desi's by 3 p.m., the Glennie Tavern by 4:30 p.m. and the BC Bar by 6 p.m. Winners will be announced at the BC Bar at 7 p.m.

Spectators are welcome to the Fun Run event and can drive on-road vehicles to some of the stops but will not be able to participate in any challenges.

A live auction to benefit the fireworks events will also be held on the same day at the BC Bar starting at 6 p.m. The auction is open to the public. There will also be 50/50 drawings and a Chinese raffle.

Sullivan said live-auction items include rounds of golf, pots and pans, handmade jewelry, a microwave, filled baskets, gift certificates and even a maple syrup collection starter kit.

As with last year's proceeds, the funds will be split equally between the Barton City Improvement Association for the fireworks fund and the Harrisville Fireworks fund.

Last year a total of \$3,400 was earned through the Fun Run and Sullivan is hoping for an even larger amount to be split this year. "We have had an overwhelming response so far and already have

94 people and 47 machines signed up. Each day there is more and more interest. Last year we only had 60 participants and 32 machines," Sullivan said.

Sullivan was very excited about this year's Harrisville Fireworks and said the cost being spent this year for the pyrotechnic spectacle will run about \$28,000. "That's \$3,000 more than Alpena is spending on their fireworks, making Harrisville's the largest firework display in the area," Sullivan said.

Harrisville's fireworks are always held on the first Saturday of July at dusk, which will fall this year on July 6. Barton City Fireworks are held on the Fourth of July.

Pre-registration for the Fun Run is available by scanning the QR code on the Alcona Fun Run Facebook page or by using Venmo@moe-sullivan.

Donations for either fireworks show can be brought to any of the fun run stops on May 4. Check donations can be mailed to the Harrisville Firework Fund, P.O. Box 195, Harrisville, Mich., 48740. Checks for the Barton City fireworks should be noted on the check with a name of the donor, made payable to the Barton City Improvement Association, P.O. Box 191, Barton City, Mich., 48705. For more information, call Maureen Sullivan at (989) 335-0137.



## Obituaries



### Anthony "Tony" Lewandowski

Anthony "Tony" Lewandowski, 90, of Glennie died on Friday, March 22, 2024, in Rochester, Mich.

He was born on December 17, 1933, in Milwaukee, Wisc., to Anton and Mary (Golba) Levandoski. (His birth certificate changed his legal name to Lewandowski.)

He was a graduate of St. Clement School in Centerline, Mich. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1952 to 1955. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Lewandowski was a long-time resident of Glen-

nie, and former resident of Utica, Mich. He worked for General Motors at the Technical Center as a supervisor. He retired in 1987.

He was a dedicated Detroit Lions fan and enjoyed watching most sports. He was a member of the American Legion in Oscoda, and the Marine Corps Association.

Mr. Lewandowski is survived by two daughters, Sandy (Mark) Steele and Susan (Michael) Fry; one son, Anthony Lewandowski; five grandchildren; Amy Steele, Ashley Steele, Brendan Fry, Jennifer Fry and Nicholas



Lewandowski; and one sister, Jeanette Bartkowiak.

He will be interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich., on Monday, May 6, 2024.

### Margaret J. Buck

Margaret Jean Buck, 86, of Warren, Mich. passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

Margaret was born on May 1, 1937, in Mount Clemens, Mich. to her late parents, Johann and Anna Hamrol. Margaret, "Peggy" as she preferred to be called, was preceded in death by her brother, Bernard (Benny) and nephew, Michael.

Peggy was the beloved wife of Ronald, with whom she had been married for 63 years. She was the loving mother of Kathleen Buck and Kenneth Buck and "Mom #2" to Craig Rocheleau. She was the loving Aunt to many nieces and nephews and Great Aunt to their children.

She was also a lifelong friend to her girlhood friend, Liz. She formed long and meaningful friendships with neighbors and whomever she met.

After having graduated as Valedictorian from Eastland High School in 1955 and having declined a scholarship to Alma College so as to help support her widowed

mother, Peggy went to work for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company where she worked as a service representative. It was there that she finely-tuned her masterful speaking voice and calm demeanor.

It was also there at Michigan Bell that Peggy's co-worker and friend, Diana Buck Cornell, introduced her to her brother, Ron, and set up a "blind date" which resulted in magic. Ron and Peg were married on June 25, 1960.

Peggy dedicated her life to caring for her family and was passionate in her role as "homemaker" and always kept a book on etiquette within reach. She was a perfectionist: no one ran a tighter ship than Peggy ("Sarge," as some knew her). No one could fold a fitted sheet like Peggy, such that it was identical to a top sheet.

She was a wonderful cook and will be long-remembered for "Peggy's apple-baked beans" as well as her lasagna, German Sauerbraten, red cabbage, her picture-perfect apple pie and fruitcakes (they really were good!)

Paid Obituary



She enjoyed her home in Warren as well as in Harrisville, Mich., (home away from home) where the family has spent summers and many happy seasons since the 1950s.

A Memorial Celebration of her life will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and again on May 2, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the D.S. Temrowski and Sons Funeral Home, located at 30009 Hoover Road in Warren, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Margaret (Peggy) Buck's memory are appreciated to the American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

### BIDS WANTED

Mitchell Township is looking for bids for roof repair and chimney repair for the Mitchell Township hall at 6849 west Tower Road Curran MI 48728. Point of contact is Carla Brimm, 6665 W. Small Rd., Curran MI 48728, 989-848-2501, [mitchelltwpsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelltwpsupervisor@gmail.com). Bids are due by Wednesday, May 8th.

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# Calendar of Events



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

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

NE Michigan UAW Retirees RWC No. 31474 will meet at 11 a.m. at JJ's Steak and Pizza House, 411 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Alpena. There will be representatives from the UAW Trust and BCBS at the meeting. Attendees can have lunch for \$8. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact David Fletcher, chairman, at (248) 444-1193.

Homeschoolers, seasoned and/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. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

**THURSDAY, MAY 2**

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.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

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.

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, MAY 4**

A Gun and Knife Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 2205 Alger Street, Mikado. The event, sponsored by the Glennie Sportsman Club, will include buying, selling and trading of guns and knives and more. All local, state and federal laws apply. For more information, call (937) 416-5504 or email: mailbox@glenniesportsmansclub.com.

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., which meets upstairs at the Hollyhock Emporium in Harrisville. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

A Kentucky Derby Fund-raiser will begin at 4 p.m. at the Cedar Grove Bar & Grill, 1405 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hubbard Lake Community Association's building fund.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln start-

ing at 12:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

"Golden Grocery Giveaway" (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 205 Church Street, Lincoln.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

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.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

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

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**BIDS WANTED**

Curtis Township is currently seeking bids on repainting the "Glennie" signs that are located both North and South on M 65. Bids can be mailed to Curtis Township Clerk, Attn: Bid P.O. Box 90 Glennie, MI 48737 or emailed to curtistownshipclerk@gmail.com Bids must be received by May 8th.

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**NOTICE**

**For the Township of Greenbush:**

Regular Township Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the township hall at 6:00 p.m. Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the township hall at 7:00 p.m.

Township website: www.greenbushtwp.net

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**First Community Wide Sale of the Year**

*Sponsored by Alcona County Fair*  
**Sunday, May 12, 2024, 12-4 p.m. at ARA Site in Lincoln**

Vendor Setup Starts at 11 a.m.

Indoor and Outdoor Space Available -

**\$5.00 per vendor space.**

Arts & Crafts, Animal Swap,

Baked Goods, Yard Sale and

Farmer's Market Items Welcome.

**Questions contact:** Doug 989-335-0996, Jessica 989-464-7457 or Katrina 989-916-7035



Jason Haglund of Harrisville and Madison Heights, Mich., displays the turkey he harvested on the morning of Wednesday, April 24 while hunting on Triple B Hunt Club property in Alcona County. It weighed 21 pounds, had an 11.5 inch beard and 1.5 inch spurs. *Courtesy photo.*

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# Local Notes



## HELP WANTED

PT Circulation Clerk job opening at Alcona County Library for 10 to 15 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of Alcona County Library or on our website at <http://alconalibrary.com>. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license for this position. Applications accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday May 17, 2024. Please apply to: Library Director, 312 W. Main St.; Harrisville, MI 48740, at any Alcona County Library branch, or via email at [director@alcona.lib.mi.us](mailto:director@alcona.lib.mi.us) (please write in subject line "Clerk Application").

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Hawes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6 p.m. to recommend a zoning ordinance amendment to the Township Board. The public hearing will be held at the Hubbard Lake South Shore Fire Department at 367 Mt. Maria Drive, Spruce, MI. The full text of the amendment is available online at <http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/zoning.asp>, or by contacting Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460 or by email at [cordesrhawestownship@gmail.com](mailto:cordesrhawestownship@gmail.com). Written comments may be sent to Rodney Cordes at 2006 N Stout Rd, Barton City, MI 48705 prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. A summary of the amendment is as follows:

Amend Section 2.02 (Definitions) to add campground definition.

Amend Section 3.10 (Recreational Vehicles) to add general standards related to RVs not becoming permanent structures, rental of RVs, setbacks, water/septic connections, and the R-1 overlay. Add a subsection B specifying occupancy limits. Add a subsection C containing standards for open storage of RVs on a vacant lot and on a developed lot.

## Away at School

Karley LaFave, of Harrisville was named to the 2023 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston, Mass. To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

## Flower Sale Fundraiser

The Alcona Track and Field program is having its annual flower and veggie sale will be held Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the high school parking lot each day. All plants are from Harger's Garden Center of Glennie and all profits from the sale will go to the middle school and high school track programs at Alcona.

## Senior Menu

The following meals will be served from 4 to 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, May 6: Ham, egg and cheese frittata, stewed tomatoes, spudsters, pineapple.



AuSable Valley Audubon members (from left) MaryAnn Wojahn, Donette Spiekerman, Gary Walls, Sue Duncan, Larry VanWagoner, Janet and Randy Modrok worked on M-55 Highway Pickup on April 24 from Sand Lake to Chambers roads collecting 14 bags, mostly plastics. Not pictured is Bill Roth. *Courtesy photo.*

- Tuesday, May 7: Taco salad, tortilla chips, Mandarin oranges.

- Wednesday, May 8: Chicken parmesan with pasta, broccoli, peaches.

- Thursday, May 9: Turkey with gravy, green beans, stuffing, mixed fruit. *Mother's Day dinner.*

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.

without arthritis to improve balance, both mentally and physically, which helps reduce the rate of falls experienced by older adults. The program focuses on confidence building, which is linked closely to the reduced rate of falling.

Other benefits include:

- Increases strength
- Increases balance and posture
- Prevents falls
- Improves mind, body, and spirit
- Reduces stress and increases relaxation

Registration for this free program is required. The Alcona Senior Center is located at 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln. To register go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/actc/> or call Jamie at (989) 344-3264, ext. 0. Registration deadline is May 27 and there is a limited number of openings.

## Alcona Dam Centennial

In celebration of Alcona Dam's 100 years of providing reliable, affordable and renewable energy to Michigan, Consumers Energy is offering free public tours on Saturday, May 18. Tours will include a brief presentation and guided visit, offering a first-hand look at this hydroelectric facility's inner workings. All members of the public are invited to attend. The 30-minute-long tours run all day starting at 9 a.m., with the final tour beginning at 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Tour details and online registration are here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/alcona-hydro-centennial-public-tour-may-18-3248459>.

Construction on Alcona Dam began in 1917. It was completed and began commercial operation in 1924. It is currently named after Alcona, the county where it is located, but was originally named for a nearby road called Bamfield. Alcona Dam has a capacity of 8 megawatts and is one of six hydroelectric dams along the AuSable River, and one of Consumers Energy's 13 total throughout Michigan.

## Township of Greenbush

# 2024 Annual Clean Up Day

**DATE:** Saturday May 11, 2024.      **TIME:** 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Travis Sanitation, 3522 Kings Corner Rd.  
 Stage vehicles on north side of Kings Corner Rd.

**COST:** Property owners and residents of Greenbush may drop off most of their items for disposal at no cost. Proof of property ownership or residency is required. This opportunity is for individuals (property owners and residents) to dispose of their items.

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

- Refrigerant-containing items (e.g., refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier, etc) = \$45 each
- Automotive tires (car/motorcycle/light truck) = \$7 each
- Large tractor/semi-truck tires = \$25 each
- Tires on rim = +\$5 (additional charge)
- Multiple, excessive, or unusual loads may be charged an additional fee

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT TOWNSHIP CLEANUP:		
Masonry Materials	Hazardous Materials	Household Garbage
Yard Waste	Hazardous Waste	Fuel Tanks
Vehicles	Shingles	Liquid Paints*
Watercraft	Commercial Building Materials	Liquid Stains*
Snowmobiles	Commercial Demo Materials	Chemicals

\*Solidify Liquids (e.g., paints, stains) with cat litter or similar

Separate your load by type (e.g., tires, scrap metal, white goods, junk, etc.) to facilitate unloading.

The Greenbush Fire Department will be available to help you unload. Drivers must be prepared to help unload particularly large, loose, or wet loads.

Please approach the location from the east and follow direction of Township representative on north side of Kings Corner Rd.

For information contact Supervisor Lee Major at 989-254-1892 or Trustee/Fire Chief Steve Franks at 989-254-0007.

## Tai Chi for Seniors

Free tai chi classes to help prevent falling incidents and improve balance for older adults will be held at the Alcona Senior Center on Mondays beginning June 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. A certified instructor will lead classes. Modifications will be provided for anyone who wants to participate seated or standing.

This program is targeted to help older adults and older adults with disabilities at risk for falling stay active. Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention helps people with or

# top ten

## FASTEST CARS in the World, 2024

1. Bugatti Chiron Supersport 300+
2. SSC Tuatara
3. Hennessey Venom F5
4. Rimac Nevera
5. McLaren Speedtail
6. Koenigsegg Regera
7. Aston Martin Valkyrie
8. Pagani Huayra
9. Lamborghini Aventador SVJ
10. Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut

Source: CarWow

# Look up for Leo, The Lion, Eta Aquarids meteor shower

By John Heath

Springtime brings many welcome changes. A lion star pattern now adorns the southern part of our sky. It's about half way from the horizon to the zenith, overhead, after the sun sets each evening.

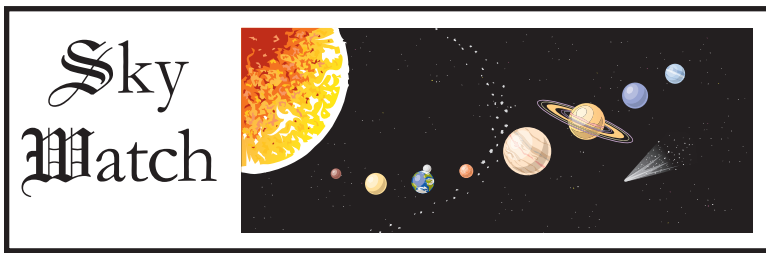
Leo, The Lion, was known by peoples at least 6,000 years ago according to archaeologists. I find him by locating a backwards question mark which could also be recognized as a "sickle," an old harvesting tool. Regulus, the brightest of six stars making the "sickle," is the bottom star. Three other stars to the left, make a big triangle. The triangle forms the lion's tail.

Many cultures' stories involve a lion, possibly Leo. One Roman myth tells about a young Babylonian couple wanting to marry. But their parents would not consent. The lovers plan a rendezvous under a mulberry tree. The young girl, Thisbe, is frightened by a lion as soon as she arrives at the secret spot. She loses her veil as she runs away. The lion pounces on the veil and bloodies it from his last kill.

Her beloved, Pyramus, arrives a little later and seeing the bloody veil, assumes Thisbe is dead. Overwhelmed with grief, he throws himself on his sword. Thisbe, upon returning, sees Pyramus dying. She takes the sword and kills herself not wanting a life without him. And, according to the myth, their blood forever stained previously white mulberry fruits, the dark purple we see today.

The mention of the constellation Coma Berenices being Thisbe's veil put in the sky by Zeus, makes this myth a contender for the constellation Leo being the lion in the story. Coma Berenices is to the upper left of Leo in the sky. A star chart makes the best tool to find it. Today the constellation is said to represent a queen's long hair sacrificed as a vow offering.

Greek mythology tells of a Nemean Lion. Hercules, son of Zeus, had to slay the lion as he set out to accomplish 12 famous labors. The labors were punishment for killing his own family. Hera's jealousy had caused him to become mad and do an unthinkable deed.



The lion was said to be impervious to any weaponry such as swords or spears and had claws that could cut through armor. Women were being taken by the lion to his den to lure men for the kill. Hercules managed to slay the lion with his bare hands and free the women. The lion was placed in the sky by Zeus to memorialize Hercules' skill and strength.

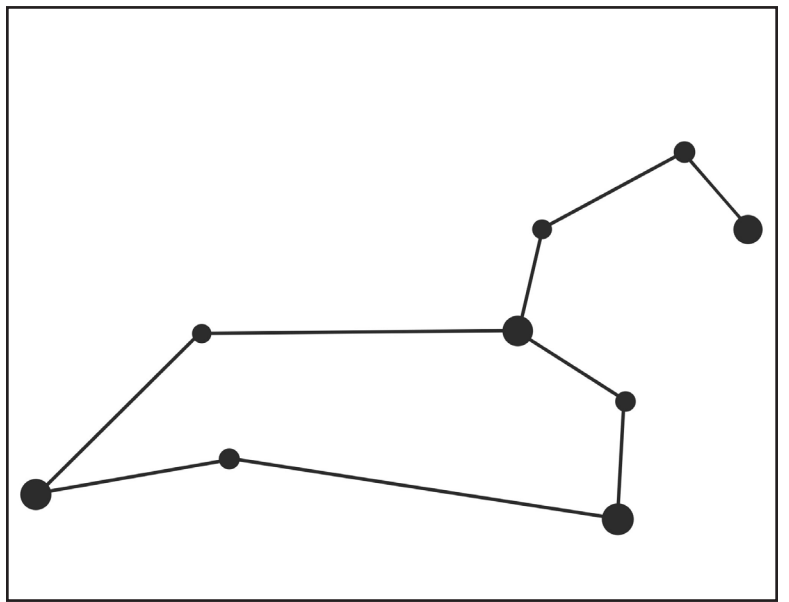
Today, Leo remains one of the 88 constellations recognized by the International Astronomical Union (IAU). Visit a library and ask about these myths and other famous stories about the constellations. You may be pleasantly surprised by how ancient stories can hold your interest.

Want more eclipse fun? You won't need your eclipse

glasses for this one. But you'll have to wait a while. Because of its position in the ecliptic, the path the sun, moon, and planets take across the sky, the moon frequently eclipses Leo's brightest star, Regulus.

Starting in July next year, the moon will eclipse the star Regulus every month for nearly a year and a half. Regulus is 3.5 times bigger than the sun! But much further away, it appears small to us and will be easily covered during many months next year by the moon's apparent size.

The Eta Aquarids meteor shower peaks early this month. It should continue to produce some light streaks most of the month. Meteor showers are best seen late at night but can produce a fun surprise anytime.



Look for this star grouping to identify Leo the Lion's constellation. *Courtesy graphic.*

Enjoy Michigan's dark sky wonders and read some fascinating stories written long ago.

(John Heath, a resident of Alcona County, is the plane-

tarian for Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan in Alpena. He has received training at NASA Glenn Research Center. He taught public school for 30 years, and has a lifetime hobby of astronomy.)

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**New owners take over local automotive repair business, founders set to retire**

**By Cheryl Peterson**  
Editor

Owning and operating a small business in a rural northeast Michigan community can be plagued with many challenges and provide many rewards as well.

Passing along the legacy of the business doesn't always happen when the owners decide to retire. However, JB's Auto owners John and Carla Bernard, have found the "right fit" with the new owners - Christ "Chris" Christou and Rebecca "Becca" Gilmet.

John Bernard and Leroy Travis founded JB's Auto in 1986 in downtown Lincoln. According to John, after about two years he bought out Travis and moved its location.

Prior to establishing the business, John worked for Johnson Buick in Harrisville, which was owned by Pete Effrick and spent time selling tools but decided that being a self-employed mechanic was really what he wanted to do.

Carla and John met in 1981 and got married in 1982. Carla, who worked at the Lincoln branch of Alpena Savings, joined John in the business in 1994. She handled the paperwork, and he handled the wrenches.

John built their building on Barlow Road in 1988 and when Carla decided to help run the business an office area was added for her. Later a storage building was built to accommodate JB's Auto's growth. "We always tried to grow the business," John said.

"There aren't many businesses that can say they have been in business this long...



Carla and John Bernard, founders and former owners of JB's Auto in Lincoln, are helping new owners settle in before they retire completely. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.

built from scratch in an area that isn't a wealthy area. But we were able to make a living and raise a family," John said.

Over the years, JB's Auto has offered various services for automobiles and boats and a wrecker service. For a while, they also owned Alcona Dredge, which was sold in 2022.

"There are a lot of good customers that don't know (the business has been sold) and letting them know - that will be difficult. But we aren't closing. Just passing it on. I will be working with Chris part-time or so for three months. Carla will be work-

Desonia of Lincoln and three grandchildren.

New owners, Chris and Becca, are excited, enthusiastic and admittedly, a bit nervous in taking over. But they are ready. "We are very fortunate to be buying this business from John and Carla," Becca said. "They are easy to work with."

"John and Carla are two of the best people I've ever met," Chris said. "We understand that we have big shoes to fill."

Even after John and Carla phase out completely, they will still have help from mechanic Mark Stoinski, who has been employed by JB's



New owners, Christ Christou (left) and Becca Gilmet (second from left), are working with Carla and John Bernard during the change of ownership.

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ing with Becca as well. We want to help them in the transition and let our customers know they are in good hands," John said.

While they will miss many aspects of owning their business, they are looking forward to retirement. "We will miss our customers," Carla said. "We will miss helping people," John said. Carla explained that while they grew the business, their family grew up in and around it. "Our kids and grandkids have grown up in the shop," Carla said. "That is going to be a big change for our family. They are here all the time."

They have two daughters, Sarah Bernard of Barton City and Lauren (Derek Barlow)

Auto since 2003, as he is staying on.

Chris, who is from the Hubbard Lake area, was born with a wrench in his hand... Or something close to that. "When I was young, I liked wrenching on anything I could. Anything with a motor, really," Chris said. His older brother, Dan, helped fuel Chris' interest. "I grew up working on cars with him."

Becca is originally from Virginia and served in the military. She came to the area because her parents live in Alpena. She will be running the office, which is different from other areas of her career. She has a medical back-

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# Alcona golf takes runner up at NSL meet



Giovanni Paluch connects on his tee shot during last week's North Star League meet at Lakewood Shores in Oscoda. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

**By Ben Murphy**  
*Sports Writer*

While golf will not be an official North Star League sport until next season, Alcona took part in an unofficial conference meet at Oscoda's Lakewood Shores on Wednesday, April 24.

Five NSL schools were there, with Alcona taking second place with a nine hole score of 190. Tawas won the event with a 171 and Oscoda placed third with a 197.

The Tigers had a trio of golfers hit an identical score of 47, good for a tie of seventh place overall. Those were Giovanni Paluch, Collin Walker and Edward Hechlik. Cuyler Smith also shot a 49 to place 11<sup>th</sup> and Josh Siebert came in 30<sup>th</sup> after carding a 66.

Alcona hosted a NSL meet at Lost Lake Woods Club on Wednesday, May 1 and is at the West Branch Country Club Thursday, May 2. The team will compete in a tournament at Red Hawk Golf Club in Tawas on May 7.

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# Tiger track and field athletes compete at Tawas

**By Ben Murphy**  
*Sports Writer*

Alcona varsity track teams competed at Tawas invitational last Friday. In the five-team event, the boys team placed second and the girls team came in fourth.

The boys team had a one-two-three finish in the 100 meter dash, with Jeremiah Bullis winning (11.08), Garrett Somers taking second (11.21) and Karsen Gonyea took third at (11.30). Bullis also won the 200 on a time of 23.11 and he was second in the 400 at 53.36. Kelvin Travis was also fifth in the 400.

Running in the 800 meter, Carter Upper took the win on a time of 2:11 and Zygmund Villalobos was sixth. Darren Boyat and Villalobos were fourth and fifth in the 1500 and Carter Upper and Boyat placed fourth and fifth in the 3200.



Lady Tiger Sawyer Somers paces herself during a recent distance run. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

Cole Upper was second in both hurdle events, timing out at 16.65 in the 110 and 42.40 in the 300. The Tigers also won the 4x100 relay, with Brandon Fogle, Evan Woods, Karsen Gonyea and Somers teaming up for a time of 46.27.

Jacob June won the discus with a throw of 126'7.5 and he was second in the shot put on a distance of 37'9.5. Sawyer Seminoff was second in the high jump at 5'7 and Bullis won the pole vault at 11'0. Cole Upper was also second in the pole vault and Karsen Gonyea won the long jump at 21'5, with Carter Upper taking fourth in the same event.

For the girls, Addi Beatty won the 200 meter run at 27.40 and she was second in the 100. Piper Whitefield was sixth in both of those events. Lauren Travis was fifth in the 400 at 1:13 and Sawyer Somers placed eighth in the 800. Somers was also sixth in the 1600 and Lauren Travis had a third place run in the 3200, timing out at 16:15.

Haley Glick was third in the 100 hurdles at 20.58 and Whitefield was fifth in the 300 hurdles at 1:01. Their top relay was the 4x100, as Angelina Howe, Whitefield, Beatty and Jenna West ran a 56.63 to take second place.

Kaidence Barnes threw 23'8.5 to take sixth in the shot put. Howe won the high jump at 4'11. She took third in the long jump at 12'10.5.

Alcona traveled to Hale on Tuesday, April 23 for a North Star League meet, which was cancelled due to storms in the area after only a few events were completed.

Alcona was at Fairview on Tuesday, April 30 and hosts a meet on Friday. They travel to Gladwin on May 10.



Alcona's Zygmund Villalobos runs a distance event during last week's weather-shortened North Star League meet at Hale. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

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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, MAY 11**  
A talk on the threat of invasive plants encroaching on

Hubbard Lake and its surrounding land by conservation forester Russell Williams, a seasoned expert from the Alcona/Iosco Conservation Districts. Attendees will discover how these invasive plants pose a risk to the delicate balance of the ecosystem and learn about proactive measures that may be taken to safeguard the lake and surrounding land. This talk is free and open to everyone. The meeting will be held at the South Shore of Hubbard Lake Fire Station, 367 W. Mt. Maria Road, Spruce, at 10 a.m. This event is sponsored

by the Hubbard Lake Sportsman & Improvement Association.

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.

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln starting at 12:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**  
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 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.

*(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.)*

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# Lady Tigers claim wins over AuGres, Hale

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

After breezing by Hale earlier in the week, the Alcona varsity softball team made two more convincing wins last Thursday. The Lady Tigers were hosted by AuGres in North Star League crossover action, and won both games handily, 13-0 and 14-2.

In game one, Miah Schopfer got the win with a five inning no hitter and struck out six batters and walked two.

Sage Gauthier and Jena Wambold each had one double and one single. Addison Beatty and Claire Somers had two singles each. Olivia Borchardt, Baylee Goddard and Schopfer had one single apiece.

Schopfer nailed the win in game two as well by throwing six innings and giving up two runs on two hits, six strikeouts and one walk.

At the plate, Borchardt had three singles. Beatty had a triple and a single. Schopfer doubled and hit a single. Goddard, Wambold, Somers and Hannah Renchenski each got a single.

"Overall, it was a great night," head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt said. "We had some big improvements defensively and our communication was spot on."

On Monday, April 22 Alcona dominated visiting Hale to get 14-1 and 21-3 victories.

Schopfer managed the win

in the circle in the opener, going five innings and giving up one run on two hits, nine strikeouts and one walk.

Gauthier was a perfect four-of-four at the plate, getting one triple and three singles. Wambold had one triple and two singles. Schopfer hit two singles. Gracyn Tracy roped a triple

and Borchardt hit a single.

In game two, Beatty got the win pitching. She tossed three innings and gave up three runs on five hits, three strikeouts and three walks.

Borchardt had a solid game on offense by hitting two doubles and one single. Eliyana Grimshaw had three singles. Schopfer had one

double and one single. Gauthier had two singles. Beatty smashed a home run. Wambold doubled. Baylee Goddard had one triple and one single and Renchenski added a single.

Alcona played at Atlanta on Monday, April 29. The Lady Tigers play Mio Thursday, May 2.

## Alcona baseball sweeps Hale with mercies

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team made light work of visiting Hale on Monday, April 22. The Tigers took down the Eagles in North Star League crossover play on scores of 28-0 and 16-1; both coming in the form of three inning mercies.

"(It) was two great games," head coach Dru Carson said. "Everyone did their job on defense and offense. Also,

even though we were ahead so much the boys still stayed in the game and it gave me a chance to play some players who haven't played much this season. Moving to this week I hope to keep the same energy and keep winning."

In game one, Garrett Somers got the win by throwing three innings and giving up zero runs, zero hits and striking out four batters.

Collin Walker had a big game at the plate, going three-

for-three, including two inside-the-park home runs and he drove in a total of seven runs. Cayden Hebert had two doubles, one single and five RBI and Evan Borsvold tripled.

The game two pitcher of record was Vinny Mahalak. He went three innings and gave up one run on six hits and eight strikeouts.

Somers had one double, one single and two RBI. Nathan Nardi had one double,

one single and four RBI. Hebert had two hits. Walker added a double and two RBI. Ricky Schott stole five bases.

Alcona was scheduled to host AuGres for two NSL crossover games on April 25, however those contests were cancelled due to AuGres not having enough players.

Alcona hosts Mio Thursday, May 2 and heads to Whittemore-Prescott on May 6.



## Buggy Rides



## Training

Continued from page 1

tric car fires were so dangerous to put out. They are almost impossible to extinguish and are serious threats to anyone trying to. I came back and talked to the fire chiefs and attended the fire association meeting. Fortunately, many of them already had this knowledge and training," Stephenson said.

Still, he wanted his department trained and asked Kamm to come free of charge to instruct a session. "I had all my staff attend, EMS sent staff and central dispatch sent staff members and some firefighters attended the session.

"The biggest thing is when an electric vehicle fire gets going, they cannot be put out. Anyone around one will have to watch the car burn to the ground. Most rural fire departments don't have enough water to put them out. If they do put water on them, it will just spread chemicals into the ground," Stephenson said.

He explained how dangerous and deadly rescue efforts are to get people out of these burning vehicles because of toxic fumes, flames and the risk of electric shock.

While the training session did not teach them how to put the fire out, they did learn about what to look for to tell if the vehicle is electric such as a lightning bolt symbol, no exhaust pipes and the grill is solid because they do not need airflow to cool the engine.

Stephenson felt with the training his staff had been through they were fully prepared for the summer tourist season to start. Stephenson said, "My department is in good shape for the coming months."

"I'm looking forward to some warmer weather when we can get staff back out on the motorized bicycles. I took a ride on one a few weeks ago, but it is still way too cold."

## Contractors start

### work on new bank

#### Pizer Store Contract Let Work To Be Pushed

**May 1, 1924** ~ Work on the new building for the Alcona County Savings Bank was started Monday morning, when Anton Klaesar, superintendent for the contractors, put a crew at work clearing out the old foundation and enlarging the excavation.

The new building is to be 31x57 feet and will stand at the corner of Lake and Main streets where the "White Store" burned. The contractors are Bond-Hubbard Co., of Chicago, well known builders of banks, and it is estimated that the building will be ready to occupy within five months.

S. B. Pizer announces that he has let the contract for building his new store to the Lichfield Construction Co. of Alpena. This will be a two-story structure of hollow tile, brick and steel 75x37-9 with basement under half. A specially designed front will be a principal feature.

The store will stand on the lot next west of the new bank, and work will start at once.

The basement of the new double store building of Alex and Geo. H. Ferguson is finished and the balance of the work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as material can be secured.

## Plane crash kills three people Sunday

**May 5, 1999** ~ By Cheryl Peterson

A weekend family visit ended in tragedy Sunday when a single engine plane carrying three people crashed in Mitchell Township.

Richard Mohammed, 29, of Trenton, Mich., his wife, Nicole Mohammed, 26 and Kevin Mohammed, 21, of Grosse Isle, Mich., were aboard the plane when at approximately 10:30 a.m. it crashed on a private air field. All three were killed.

David Bowling, accident investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said the plane was a Piper Arrow built in 1989. The airplane was registered to Alex Mohammed Jr., the father of the two men killed in the crash. He is also the owner of the property.

According to Bowling, the three victims flew from down state on April 30 to the property located near M-65 about one eighth of a mile north of Hubbard Lake Trail.

NTSB investigators started

an investigation on Monday, May 3. "It is early in the investigation, but we have eliminated most of the mechanical problems that could have caused the crash," Bowling said at a press conference Monday afternoon. "We examined the engine this afternoon. We look at many aspects that might have caused the crash — weather, airfield environment, pilot background, training, experience. Basically we always look at three things in every investigation - environment, machine and man.

"Our understanding is, from our preliminary investigation, that this was the first time this airplane had flown into this air strip. The father was the only witness, and we are waiting to interview him so he can make arrangements to bury his children."

Bowling said the preliminary findings have not determined who was flying the airplane as both men were seated in front, and both were registered pilots.

## 25 graduates to receive diplomas May 19

**May 5, 1949** ~ Commencement exercises for the 1949 graduates of Harrisville High School will be held at the Alco Theatre, on Thursday, May 19, beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Prof. Walter S. Ryder, Professor of Economics from the Central Michigan College of Education in Mt. Pleasant, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Seeing Life Steadily."

Valedictorian this year will

be Helen Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Holmes, and Salutatorian will be Barbara Bruce, daughter of the Duncan Bruces of Mikado, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. James Lilley of Harrisville.

Graduates are Helen Holmes, Barbara Bruce, Ora Killmaster, Edna Badenhop, Beverly Simonsen, Delores Pyne, Mary Kiehn, Viola Mondeau, Violet McGregor, Betty Nitscher, Maxine Elmer,

Bernice McCoy, Linda Carnahan, Barbara Indish, William Burge, Arnold Armstrong, Julia Badenhop, Leo Stone, Sylvia Tacia, Eugene Stout, Leonard Somers, Eilean Dawson, Stanley Rivers, David Matuzak and Lloyd Gauthier.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 15, at the Presbyterian Church in Harrisville- Rev. H. Webster will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.



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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which of the Great Lakes is smallest in surface area?
2. **TELEVISION:** Which sitcom has the theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name"?
3. **ANATOMY:** Which part of the human body is involved with ACL surgery?
4. **GAMES:** What is the victim's name in the U.S. version of the board game "Clue"?
5. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the world's largest species of frog?
6. **SCIENCE:** What do isobars indicate?
7. **LITERATURE:** In the novel "Don Quixote," who is the human companion to the title character?
8. **MOVIES:** In which movie did actor Bill Murray live the same day over and over?
9. **THEATER:** Who is believed to be the first actor in a Greek drama?
10. **MUSIC:** What is the name of Beyonce's 2024 country album?

Answers: 1. Lake Ontario.; 2. "Cheers."; 3. The knee.; 4. Mr. Boddy.; 5. Goliath frog.; 6. Atmospheric pressure.; 7. Sancho Panza.; 8. "Groundhog Day."; 9. Thespis, 6th-century poet; 10. "Cowboy Carter." (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Offer hush money to</p> <p>6 Strip of gear, as a ship</p> <p>11 Weight unit for a druggist</p> <p>15 "I am at your — and call"</p> <p>19 "Elementary" actor Quinn</p> <p>20 Sonata, often</p> <p>22 Many a cruise stopover</p> <p>23 Unconcealed</p> <p>24 Customized for</p> <p>25 Lee of Marvel Comics</p> <p>26 Like a swine</p> <p>28 Also-rans</p> <p>29 Like a diluted drink</p> <p>31 Parceled out</p> <p>33 "Haven't — before?"</p> <p>34 Shout of discovery</p> <p>35 Having two hues</p> <p>37 "It could go either way"</p> <p>39 Rival of Delta or United</p> <p>41 Urgent</p> <p>42 Fire residue</p> <p>46 Taxpayer's ID</p> <p>48 Dedicates</p> <p>50 Fender guitar, for short</p> | <p>52 Ltd. cousin</p> <p>53 Pot toppers</p> <p>55 Edits for publication</p> <p>57 Conflict</p> <p>59 Sad paper notices</p> <p>61 Say a different way</p> <p>63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa</p> <p>64 Gets broader</p> <p>66 "No outlet" street</p> <p>68 Always, in music scores</p> <p>69 Keyboard instrument</p> <p>71 One of three womb-sharers</p> <p>73 Florida's Key —</p> <p>74 Charges for not paying on time</p> <p>76 Decongestant brand</p> <p>78 Legal claim on property</p> <p>79 Broke a fast</p> <p>80 Flimflam</p> <p>82 Non-PC person?</p> <p>84 Suffix with Taiwan</p> <p>85 Bothersome types</p> <p>87 Boring type</p> | <p>89 Relax after working hard</p> <p>91 Red-tinged jewelry alloy</p> <p>94 Removes hair from</p> <p>97 Second-to-last king of Egypt</p> <p>100 Greeting sent online</p> <p>102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is — Sense"</p> <p>103 Tropical rabbit lookalike</p> <p>104 Shrink back</p> <p>106 Brings about</p> <p>107 Finger-paint</p> <p>108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"</p> <p>111 Like many allergy sprays</p> <p>112 Robbie Knievel's father</p> <p>113 Remark from the sharp-eared</p> <p>114 1950s-'70s baseballer Boyer</p> <p>115 Actress Russo</p> <p>116 Deck crew officer, in brief</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 African tree with a very thick trunk</p> <p>2 Italian municipality west of Turin</p> <p>3 Perfect choices to fill positions</p> <p>4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl</p> <p>5 Having a right (to)</p> <p>6 In prison, informally</p> <p>7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"</p> <p>8 Toddler bed attachment</p> <p>9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise</p> <p>10 Silly, like a honking bird</p> <p>11 The two dots in "naïve" or "Brontë"</p> <p>12 Fly-catching warblers</p> <p>13 Shakespeare work part</p> <p>14 Imitated a cat</p> <p>15 Small restaurants</p> <p>16 Lauder of fragrances</p> <p>17 Lois' partner</p> <p>18 Its capital is Nairobi</p> <p>21 Aspiring doc's major</p> <p>27 Person stashing stuff</p> <p>30 In the buff</p> <p>32 Cracked, as a cryptogram</p> <p>36 Info group to be input</p> <p>38 "Dagnabbit!"</p> <p>40 Bee-luring fluids</p> <p>43 Chief female officers in sacred rites</p> <p>44 Gets bigger</p> <p>45 First division of a 13-Down</p> <p>46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause</p> <p>47 Utter with a hissing sound</p> <p>49 Arena relative</p> <p>51 Crafts' counterparts</p> <p>54 Apple's Jobs</p> <p>56 Pop in a blended family</p> <p>58 Egypt's Nasser</p> <p>60 Detects like a dog</p> <p>62 Intertwined</p> <p>65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.</p> <p>67 Neutralized, as a bomb</p> <p>70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles</p> <p>72 Planes' first fliers, often</p> <p>75 Operations</p> <p>77 Infer (from)</p> <p>81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction</p> <p>83 Faith</p> <p>86 Difficulty</p> <p>88 Finisher just under the winner</p> <p>90 Beach footwear</p> <p>92 Overalls for hitting the slopes</p> <p>93 Sci-fi automatons</p> <p>95 Grand home</p> <p>96 Purloined</p> <p>97 Soundboard control knob</p> <p>98 Mojave plant</p> <p>99 Northern French city</p> <p>101 Inflicted upon</p> <p>105 Actor Bert</p> <p>109 "Well well!"</p> <p>110 Fedora, e.g.</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 13, 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon's car was attacked and nearly overturned by an angry crowd shouting anti-American slogans as Nixon traveled through Caracas, Venezuela, during a goodwill trip through Latin America. TITLE: None of the car's passengers were injured and the driver was able to speed away to safety.
- On May 14, 1904, the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis, Missouri. The Games had initially been awarded to Chicago, but were later given to St. Louis to be staged in connection with the St. Louis World Exposition. Unfortunately, the Games were poorly organized and overshadowed by the fair.
- On May 15, 2009, General Electric, one of America's most prestigious corporations, finally began its government-mandated efforts to clean up New York's Hudson River, after decades of environmental damage and legal wrangling. The company had dumped harmful chemicals into the river for years and spent a fortune trying to avoid a cleanup.
- On May 16, 1975, Norma Armistead checked into a Los Angeles hospital with a newborn infant she claimed to have given birth to at home. But when it became clear she hadn't, and another woman turned up dead nearby with the baby she was carrying cut from her body, Armistead was arrested for murder and sentenced to life in prison.
- On May 17, 1885, Apache leader and medicine man Geronimo escaped from an Arizona reservation. After a year and a half of running, he and his 38 remaining followers surrendered the following September. Geronimo was relocated to Florida before finally being freed two years later.
- On May 18, 1593, an arrest warrant was issued for Christopher Marlowe after fellow playwright Thomas Kyd claimed that "heretical" documents found in his room were actually written by Marlowe. Arrested two days later, Marlowe bailed out but died in a bar brawl on May 30.
- On May 19, 1943, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt set a date of May 1, 1944, for the cross-Channel landing that would become D-Day. Due to bad weather, it was rescheduled for June 6 instead.

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In June 2017, a tire shop in Fort Worth, Texas, was robbed so often that the owner bought a guard dog. But that didn't solve the problem -- the next time the shop was robbed, the intruders stole the dog!
- Native Americans planted "Three Sisters"-- corn, beans and squash -- together for their mutual benefit. Corn provided a structure for the beans to climb, beans provided nitrogen to the soil, and squash spread along the ground, preventing the growth of weeds.
- PayPal once accidentally credited a man with \$92 quadrillion.
- "Highway hypnosis" is a mental state where a person can drive a vehicle great distances while responding to external events in a safe and correct manner, but with no recollection of having consciously done so.
- Andrew Myrick, a storekeeper on a Minnesota Native American reservation, allegedly suggested that starving natives eat grass. While the quote's validity has been debated, he was notably found dead on the first day of the Dakota War of 1862 with grass stuffed in his mouth.
- The average man spends about one year of his life staring at women.
- In 2014, 13-year-old Danielle Lei, a Girl Scout in San Francisco, became the first Girl Scout to make news by selling cookies outside a marijuana dispensary, unloading an impressive 117 boxes in just two hours.

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Thought for the Day: "You must believe in yourself enough to be the person now that others will remember you for later." -- Greg Plitt

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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: Y equals B

UCPX QCBW OIP YVLX QIPKG  
 IK KEC GOLCG VS SVWVG'  
 ECILG KEIK IPC GEIQCL WOMC  
 BEDTMG VS YIMCL YPCIL:  
 CIP WVIUCG.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: A SHORT — SHIRT

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Veterans Post**

By Freddy Groves

**Avoiding foreclosure with VA help**

At the end of May, the Department of Veterans Affairs will start a new program called VASP, Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase, to help over 40,000 veterans stay in their homes when facing foreclosure.

If you have a VA home loan, and if you're active duty, a veteran or a surviving spouse, you could be eligible for help through VASP if you're in serious financial trouble. VASP will come in and buy out your loan, modify it and then handle it as a direct VA loan. One of the best parts is that you'll get a fixed 2.5% interest rate. (As of this writing, a standard 30-fixed mortgage rate is 7.9%.)

VASP is not something you apply for. Instead, the mortgage companies will put in requests to the VA to help veterans they've identified as having problems with their loans. You'll have to do your part by being in touch with your lender. If VASP is the best option, they will be responsible for submitting your name to the VA. If you have a problem with your lender, call the VA at 877-827-3702 and press 4.

For the specifics of VASP, go to [benefits.va.gov/WARMS/M26\\_4.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/WARMS/M26_4.asp) and select Chapter 9, VA Purchase.

For general information about VA home loans, if you've never had a VA home loan, download the buyer handbook at [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp). Start with the Eligibility section.

If you're just starting the process of buying a home, you'll need your Certificate of Eligibility (COE), which will tell a lender that you have that benefit either for the first time or again after you've paid off a previous VA home loan.

Then send for your credit reports either at [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://AnnualCreditReport.com) or by calling 877-322-8228. If there are any errors in your credit history, the time to get them resolved is at the beginning of your home buying experience, not after you've already picked out a home and have mentally moved in. Get your ducks in a row first.

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Law enforcement officers in northeast Michigan combine something they enjoy with giving back to community organizations. The Blue Knights Michigan Chapter 13, which includes Alcona, Alpena, Iosco and Montmorency counties, came into existence roughly five years ago with 10 members and has grown to 27 members. The group includes active and retired law enforcement officers from any agency. According to chapter 13 president Scott McKenzie, the group focused on gaining membership and finding its place in the community during the first several years. Recently, the group donated to two Alcona County nonprofit organizations (top left photo) Ray Stanley (left), vice president of Blue Knights, chapter 13, Jena Richards from the Alcona Humane Society and McKenzie, and to the Lincoln Lions Club (right photo) with McKenzie, Lincoln Lion representative Steve Weichel and Stanley. “We are looking to grow and do more for the community,” McKenzie said. The Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. is a nonprofit fraternal organization consisting of active and retired law enforcement officers who enjoy riding motorcycles. In the Spring of 1974, several law enforcement officers from the Bangor, Maine, USA area met and formed a small, local motorcycle club. The Blue Knights® LEMC have approximately 600 chapters, 15,000 members in 11 Conferences within 34 countries and territories. To learn more, contact any Blue Knight members or go to the international website and then message Chapter 13. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*

**Owners** Continued from page 6

ground as an emergency technician, certified nursing assistant, and a phlebotomist. “The medical profession is 24 hours, seven days a week. As I got older, it just got harder... especially as I was raising my daughter. So, I decided to look outside the medical profession for work,” Becca said. Until recently, she worked for Omni Metal Craft in Alpena. Chris, who received certifi-

cation three years ago, worked for Vick’s Auto for a year and Alcona Motors for two years. He also has a background in welding and construction. “I just wanted more,” he said. “I started a family... When I realized that the potential to make this work was really good, I went for it at 100 miles an hour thinking it would happen the next day. It didn’t.”

happy just as much as Becca does, we want to help our community,” Chris said. “Honesty is my number one policy in the mechanics business. I want to carry on the legacy of John and Carla.”

And, then it did happen. They officially purchased JB’s Auto in the first week in April, closed for a week to transition into the business. They opened as new owners the following week.

While Chris and Becca continue to learn the business by spending long hours there, Carla and John will be spending less time there while they are adjusting to retirement. They don’t plan on leaving Alcona County much at all. Their children and grandchildren live locally, and Carla’s favorite place is sitting on the beach at their cottage in Greenbush. John will be “wrenching on my own projects” in a space he recently purchased in Greenbush.

“We have a great support system in Alpena, and I feel this here. People have been great so far,” Chris said. “It’s great. But it’s overwhelming and scary. I want my family to be happy and comfortable and I just want to work for myself.”

JB’s Auto is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 375 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. The phone number is (989) 736-9978.

Chris and Becca have an eight month old together, Kinsley, and Lexi, 15, who attends Alcona High School.

“I enjoy making people

**Annual Meeting Sneak Preview**


**Save the date for AHS’s annual meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall on US-23 in Black River.**

The program will feature author and historian Dianna Stampfler, professional speaker with 40 years’ experience in radio broadcasting and public speaking.

**Made in the Mitten:**  
*Savoring Michigan’s Rich Foodie & Ag History*

Michigan is the second-most agriculturally-diverse state in the country. From cherries and grapes to blueberries and pumpkins, peaches and apples to asparagus and celery (and many, many more), the Great Lakes State is often referred to as the “Mitten of Plenty.” Add to that a growing industry focused on locally-sourced products such as cheese, poultry, sauces, jams, breads, chocolates and so much more, and you have a feast just waiting to be devoured. Michigan is also home to many significant food manufacturers — such as Kellogg’s, Better Made Potato Chips, American Spoon Foods, Biggby Coffee, Jiffy Mix and Kowalski meats, just to name a few — that have helped shape Michigan’s culture. This program will not only introduce audiences to Michigan’s rich foodie and agricultural history, but will allow everyone to sample a few Michigan-made products as well!

**Join us for a Michigan-picnic dinner at 6:00 p.m., program will follow.**



**Thyme** can grow indoors in a pot on a sunny kitchen window, but really does best outside, in sandy or rocky soils, with good drainage and full sun. It is quite tolerant of drought, and can be a great addition to a rock garden or a dry embankment. It is a perennial, with numerous woody stems that grow upward. Its stems have very aromatic gray-green leaves that reach their peak just before the plants flower, and are used fresh or dried to season soups, stews, sauces, meat and fish dishes. Its delicate lilac flowers are attractive to bees. — Brenda Weaver  
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