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Commission on aging fills two board positions

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The Alcona County Commission on Aging board of directors appointed two new board members, hired a bookkeeping service, appointed a new president and looked toward the new year with plans of further organization during its regular November meeting last week.

The meeting began last Tuesday with former ACCOA executive director Suzan Krey in attendance along with five board members – Dan O'Connor and Dean Geyer were absent. Krey, who retired from the position roughly a year ago, agreed to help with specific duties for 20 hours per week at \$25 an hour until the end of November to ensure that bookkeeping, payroll and other financial aspects of the organization continued without interruption. She began in this limited capacity on November 11.

Delores Schlicker was appointed as president of the board in a three to two vote, with Stan Wojnar, Rolland Lynch and Schlicker casting votes for and Roger Schutte and Bev Zorn against. Later in the meeting the resignation of Allan Baldwin – both as board president and as a board member – was approved

in a four to one vote with Zorn voting against.

Two new board members were appointed to begin serving immediately – Mike Maturen, who was in attendance and Pamela Ashford, who was not able to attend because she is working full time. She will retire from her job at the end of the year and then will have the time to be involved. Both were approved unanimously. Their appointment – through a nomination process that closed on Monday, Nov. 18 – is for positions that will expire in October 2020.

"I am very interested in the senior center and with the work I do, I am here quite often. I'm interested in working with everyone and getting things back on track," Maturen said. "As the lady mentioned earlier (during public comment), our reputation has been tarnished. We need to let the community know that the board is trying to make things better and turn everything around." Maturen works for Up North Prevention, an arm of Catholic Human Services that is geared toward substance abuse prevention.

During the appointment process, the meeting was disrupted by Alan Fisher, a former board member, who

wanted to be placed back on the board because he felt he had been unjustly removed from the position without due recourse. His loud, and at times belligerent, behavior and refusal to leave the meeting as requested by Schlicker and Lynch, ended with his removal from the building (for the day) by an Alcona County Sheriff deputy.

After a presentation by Cynthia Scott and some discussion, the board approved a proposal of services – on a month-to-month basis – with Stephenson & Company P.C. for day-to-day bookkeeping services including, but not limited to: payroll/benefits, payroll tax returns, accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger maintenance,

bank reconciliations and other bookkeeping needs as necessary.

"You will be responsible for management decisions and functions, and for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for such services," Scott said

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Ten students from the Alcona FFA Chapter attend the 92nd National FFA Convention & Expo held in Indianapolis, Ind. from October 30 to November 2. Students attended sessions run by the national officers and listened to motivational speakers. There were also many displays and interactive stations at the expo during the convention. Alcona students in attendance (from left) Amanda DeSouza, Alisha Reed, Cayden Hendrix, Hunter Rigby, Makala Mendyka, Aidan Wrobel, Patrick Payne, Liz Henderson, Avery Wrobel, Bill Jones, and advisor Connor Hubbard. *Courtesy photo.*

Community foundation hosts Giving Tuesday event to support northeast Michigan nonprofits

On the heels of the upcoming supersized shopping days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, comes Giving Tuesday. In northeast Michigan, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is helping to raise awareness and support for many local nonprofits.

"Last year, we were floored when over \$156,000 was raised in just 24 hours," said Patrick Heraghty, CFNEM executive director. "This year marks our fifth year of hosting Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan. We see every day how generous our entire region is, and we hope they'll show up online again on Tuesday, Dec. 3 to make this year another successful year for the nonprofits in our area. We all need it."

According to Christine Hitch, CFNEM marketing communications director, although this will be CFNEM's fifth year leading the event in northeast Michigan, Giving Tuesday as a global day of

giving is now in its eighth year. Meant to harness the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to celebrate generosity worldwide, the 24-hour giving event is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanks-

giving (in the U.S.).

She explained it follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, to kickoff the holiday giving season. The hope is that people will set

aside a few minutes from holiday shopping to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

"We are really excited that out of the 60 nonprofits participating this year, 19 of those are organizations that have never participated in Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan," Hitch said. "You'll definitely see many organizations that have participated previously as well, and many of the nonprofits are sharing the specifics of what Giving Tuesday donations will support."

To help local nonprofits participate in Giving Tuesday, CFNEM will provide the technical infrastructure through its website and social media to showcase and manage donations for more than 60 nonprofits that meet IRS tax requirements to operate as a nonprofit, all at no cost to the participating organizations. Donors will be able to visit cfnem.org on Giv-

ing Tuesday and make donations to any or all of these nonprofits.

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

"While we have many organizations participating in the campaign, CFNEM also holds 500 different charitable funds that support so many different causes and organizations," Heraghty said. "Donations to those funds will be counted on December 3 as Giving Tuesday gifts."

Two years ago, Grant the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose was introduced as a fun way

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To see how to support local nonprofit organizations go online to website: www.cfnem.org; Facebook: www.facebook.com/CommunityFoundationforNortheastMichigan; or Instagram: CFNEM. *Courtesy photo.*



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to bolster some friendly competition between nonprofits. Grant is awarded to the nonprofit raising the most money on Giving Tuesday, and went last year to Thunder Bay Theatre (TBT). After spending nearly a year at TBT, Grant has migrated back to the Community Foundation to await word on his 2019-20 residency.

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

Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan begins at midnight on December 3. The public will be able to make donations for a full 24-hours, and monitor the total amount donated online throughout the day. The total amount donated to each organization

will be announced at an event shortly after Giving Tuesday with participating nonprofits at the Community Foundation headquarters.

"This is a great opportunity for nonprofits to mobilize their supporters and rally them around their organization," Heraghty said. "The more enthusiastically they promote their nonprofit for Giving Tuesday and utilize the tools we give them, particularly through social media, the more donations they are likely to receive."

Heraghty notes that while Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan is primarily an online giving event, donors are welcome to drop off checks at the CFNEM offices at 100 N. Ripley, Suite F, in Alpena. Checks must be dropped off on December 3 in order to be counted as a Giving Tuesday donation.

To learn more about northeast Michigan's participation in Giving Tuesday, or to join in the celebration of giving, visit: Website: www.cfnem.org; Facebook: www.facebook.com/CommunityFoun-

ation for Northeast Michigan; or Instagram: CFNEM.

The following organizations are included in CFNEM's list for Giving Tuesday:

- Alcona Humane Society
- Alpena Area Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
- Alpena Blues Coalition
- Alpena Childcare and Development Center
- Alpena County Animal Facility
- Alpena Gymnastics
- Art in the Loft
- Association of Lifelong Learners
- Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
- Boys and Girls Club of Alpena
- Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan
- Community Foundation Community Impact Program
- Farm to Fork Alcona (Inspiration Alcona)
- Friends of Negwegon State Park
- Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Friends Together
- Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore
- Great Lakes Lore, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan
- Hope Shores Alliance
- Huron Humane Society
- Lewiston Area Historical Society
- Nature's Kingdom Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle
- Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC)
- Presque Isle District Library
- Presque Isle Township Museum Society
- Salvation Army of Alpena
- St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic School
- Sunrise Mission, Inc.
- Susan Lane Foundation
- Thunder Bay Arts Council
- Thunder Bay Theatre

Obituaries

Terry L. Wortley

Terry L. Wortley, 72, of Black River, died on Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born February 13, 1947 to Herbert and Alice (Burke) Wortley in Flint, Mich. He was raised in Saginaw, Mich.

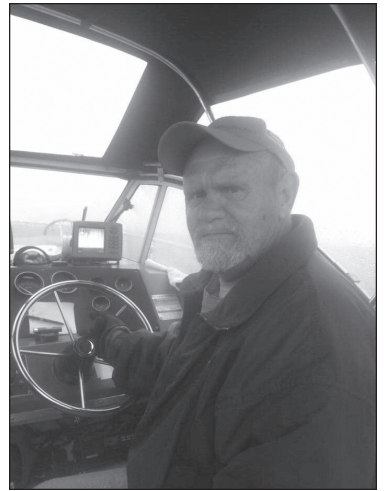
Mr. Wortley served in the U.S Army. He was awarded a Purple Heart for combat wounds received in the Vietnam War.

On June 18, 1968 he married Janice Billy in Saginaw, Mich., where they resided.

Mr. Wortley worked for General Motors, retiring in 1995. In 1996, the couple moved to Black River.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and mushroom picking.

Mr. Wortley is survived by three sons, Todd (Karen) Wortley, Troy (Melissa) Wortley and Ty (Kalee) Wortley; five grandchildren, Kaitlyn



Wortley, Cash Wortley, Aspen Wortley, Abby Wortley, and Jase Wortley, and one brother, Ken Wortley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice, on February 26, 2018.

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

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during the presentation. She explained the firm's bookkeeping representative will not work in the ACCOA office in Lincoln, but in Stephenson & Co. office in Tawas and conduct business remotely and only come on site as necessary.

Scott, who works for Stephenson & Co. as an auditor, explained that in order to adhere to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Independence Rules, bookkeeping services are provided by individuals separate from individuals who perform auditing services. "Therefore, even though the individual providing the bookkeeping services to the ACCOA is separate from the audit team, as part of this

engagement, you will be required to formally approve all account classifications, journal entries and transactions to process each month, in writing ... or through an email explicitly stating your approval of the information prepared. In addition, you will be required to authorize the payroll direct deposit transaction with the bank each pay (period), once it has been processed by our firm," Scott said in the presentation.

Since the ACCOA is without an executive director (due to the termination of Christine Brule on October 31), the limited time that Krey has as interim executive director and with the retirement of bookkeeper Ed Walsh, the board approved the agreement with Stephenson & Co. unanimously. According to the presentation, the bookkeeping agreement will cost approximately \$800 per month once the process is fine-tuned. Scott said it could take a couple of months to get everything in order and running smoothly.

The next ACCOA board meeting will be on January 28, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Lincoln Senior Center. These meetings are open to the public.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more info., call (989) 727-3606.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Ukulele jam sessions for all ages and levels at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Individuals whose lives are affected by depression or another mental health condition are welcome to attend Fresh Hope, a Christian-based support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church on the corner of Shaw and Poor Farm roads, Harrisville. For more info., contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

The Alcona Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. Free formula, diapers, toys, new and gently-used shoes and clothing for residents of Alcona County with newborns through age four. Layettees available in the eighth month. This is not an income-based program. Santa will be there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m. with goodies for clients and the Rotary will be giving books to children.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the 19th Hole Restaurant located on US-23 north of Alpena. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a donation of food for the needy. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

Homeschoolers at the library - children of all ages are invited for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9

to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

Guest speaker, David Jesse of the Detroit Free Press, will share his experience and research on educational challenges in rural Michigan at the Oscoda Campus of Alpena Community College, 5800 Skeel Avenue, Room 213, Oscoda. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., presentation from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (989) 739-1445.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host a potluck and prayer at 5 p.m. There will be a meal and a short Advent service. The church is located at 745 North US-23, Harrisville. For more info., call Jeanne at (989) 724-5090.

Mike Maturen, substance abuse prevention specialist will host a public town hall meeting to discuss the opioid crisis currently facing the nation. The meeting will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 6 to 7 p.m.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Santa Claus is coming to town! Enjoy an evening of free family fun starting at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Fire Hall and the Lincoln Depot. There will be hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate and coffee by the bonfire. Listen to the holiday sounds by the Alcona High School Choir under the direction of Emma Pendergrass. Additional entertainment provided by D.J. Donna Roussin. This event is sponsored by the Lincoln Lions, Friends of the Lincoln Depot and the Village of Lincoln.

Storytime and craft for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

A cookie walk will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street starting at 9 a.m. Why bake when you can take a cookie walk and get holiday cookies.

Frosty's Festival of Gifts Christmas Bazaar at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 East Kirche In The Woods, Spruce from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Holiday baked goods, pantry

items, frozen foods, hand-made note cards, fresh green floral arrangements, craft items, Rada cutlery and much more. A brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located six miles north of M-72 off Hubbard Lake Road, just south of Mt. Maria Road.

An all-you-can-eat taco and nacho bar fundraiser will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Backwoods Bistro in Lincoln. Cost is \$12 for adults and includes water, pop or coffee. There will be a cash bar, drawing and Chinese auction. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Spanish Club and proceeds will go toward the trip to Costa Rica in June 2020.

Christmas in the Village activities at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from noon to 1:30 p.m. Visit with Santa, create a holiday craft and decorate a cookie. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Thunder Bay Arts Chorus will join other area musicians to perform holiday music at Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 East Washington Ave., Alpena at 3 p.m. Song sheets for holiday music will be distributed at the door for the always popular holiday community sing. A generous reception with holiday favorites will follow the concert. There is no charge for admission.

Sunrise Side Strummers ukulele jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wiltse's Brew Pub, 5606 North F-41 in Oscoda. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. Family and friends are encouraged to come and sing along. There is a \$1 donation to defray costs. For more information, call Paula at (989) 724-5080.

(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.)

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Proof of insurance will be required.

Bids should be mailed to Cyndi Apsey Caledonia Township Supervisor, P.O. Box 74, Spruce, MI and must be post marked no later than December 6, 2019.

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Collegiate Athletic Award

Taylor Livingston, a sophomore at Alpena Community College (ACC) and a 2018 graduate of Alcona High School, was recently named to the 2019 Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Honorable Mention All-Conference Team for the 2019 volleyball season. She is studying psychology, and her parents are Jason and Linda Livingston of Alcona County.

This was Livingston's second year playing ACC volleyball; she has played middle blocker for the past two years at ACC. She was named as an All-Conference Honorable Mention after a successful season with the Ladyjacks. She had eight solo blocks, placing her 19th in the conference, she had a conference hitting percentage of .190, placing her 27th in the conference, and a kills per set of 2.16, placing her 25th in the conference.

"Taylor has amazing drive and courage both on the court and in the class room. She is a talented athlete who prepares and challenges herself to exceed expectations every day. We are proud of the leadership she has given to our athletic program," said Cindy DeRocher, ACC athletic director.

ACC is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (Region XII)



Taylor Livingston

and the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA).

Opioid Crisis Discussion

A public town hall meeting to discuss the opioid crisis currently facing the nation will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 6 to 7 p.m. Mike Maturen, substance abuse prevention specialist for Up North Prevention, will host the event and other community leaders will share information.

Lady Lions Celebration

All ladies are invited to the Harrisville Lady Lions will have a Christmas celebration party on December 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Wiltse's Restaurant and Brew Pub in Oscoda. Entertainment will be provided by Sweet Adelines, order off-menu at attendee's cost. Ladies are invited to participate in a secret Santa gift exchange game during the party. Bring a secret, wrapped gift (no tag) valued about \$10 or higher – it can be something nice, necessary or zany.

The Lady Lions and Lions are also be accepting small, unwrapped gifts for Jamieson Nursing Home residents to "free shop" to give their loved ones at Christmas. Bring items to the party. Suggestions for Jamieson's residents include gift soaps, lotions, gloves, snow scrapers, stationery, gift cards, scratch-off Lottery tickets, candles, home decor, Christmas de-

cor, or any item that would make a nice gift for someone. Reservations for the party are a must by December 5, call Mary Weber at (989) 335-0922.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at the United Methodist Church and at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Dec. 2—Fish almandine, baked potato, sour cream and chives, green beans, applesauce, bread and milk.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3—Beef chop suey over brown rice, peas, diced pears, and milk.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4—Oven fried garden chicken, sweet potatoes, broccoli, hot cinnamon apples, and milk.
- Thursday, Dec. 5—Beef taco salad, baby carrots and dip, diced peaches, and milk.
- Friday, Dec. 6—Pork chop, baked potato, squash, pineapple, wheat bread, and milk. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Writer Shares Findings

ACC Talks 2020 & Beyond will present Rural Education Deserts. Guest speaker David Jesse, from the Detroit Free Press will provide insights, thoughts and observations he experienced as he researched and prepared his series on educational challenges in rural Michigan. Jesse has been covering higher education issues in Michigan for more than a decade. He was named the best education beat reporter in the nation for 2018 by the Education Writers Association and is a 2016 Reporting Fellow of the EWA. The presentation will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Oscoda Campus of Alpena Community College, 5800 Skeel Avenue, Oscoda, room 213. For more info., call (989) 739-1445.

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Sheriff's department receives federal grant

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A grant for \$75,000 will assist the Alcona County Sheriff's Department in helping the federal government keep the Lake Huron border safe.

The funds are from the Stone Garden Grant, a federal grant for U.S. border patrol, and are to be used for equipment and overtime wages for the patrol of Lake Huron.

According to Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson, the county qualifies because it has 36 miles of shoreline on Lake Huron and 24 miles of international border. "This is something most of the border counties apply for.

We caught wind of it last year," Stephenson said. "I was pretty intrigued when I found out that Alpena County and Iosco County have a lot of equipment (purchased with Stone Garden Grant funds); as soon as I heard about this, I applied... It is 43 miles from our shoreline to the international border."

In his October 16 report to the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, Stephenson explained it is a three-year grant program. "We get to spend so much of it each year with part of it trickling in to next year. We plan to apply for this every year," Stephenson said. "I've been talking with the guys in Alpena who have been applying for this

for several years and they are to the point where they just don't know what to buy anymore...The grant wants you to spend quite a bit of the money on overtime wages - I think it's like 50-50. They want it spent on bodies, not just equipment."

The county will receive \$73,125 - the state of Michigan will act as the fiduciary and administer the funds and will take a percentage to do so. Stephenson plans to use \$36,500 in 2020 to purchase a three-quarter ton pickup truck capable of putting in and pulling out the department's Boston whaler, which is used on Lake Huron to assist boaters, patrol and other responsibilities as needed. The pickup will replace the 2000 Chevy Tahoe that has been used for the same purposes. Approximately \$28,266 will be used for overtime and fringe benefits (state and federal taxes associated with overtime wages).

Additionally, \$5,359 has been allocated for fuel and millage for border patrol and \$3,000 is set aside for record keeping and other documentation required for the program. "Overtime is only allowed for patrol because they don't want us to count on grant funds for staffing other areas that are not border-related," Stephenson said. "It's a cooperation deal - they are looking for assistance to help patrol the border not day-to-day operations."

"We hope to replace boat motors for the Boston whaler in the next grant cycle," Stephenson said.

Land conservancies protect natural areas across Michigan

By Nick Kipper
Capital News Service

Thousands of acres of endless trees and undisturbed waters belong to one of Michigan's best-kept secrets -- land conservancies.

The 26 land conservancies spread out in every region of Michigan protect natural land from development and give residents an escape into nature. Conservancies acquire land either donated by property owners or purchased through grants and fundraising efforts.

Heart of the Lakes, a statewide organization that represents the majority of Michigan's 26 land conservancies, found in its 2017 survey that its members control 638,317 acres.

want to have, but also to protect land that has some sort of community worth."

Walloon Lake is within the Little Traverse Bay watershed that eventually empties into Lake Michigan. "We're working hard to be relevant to landowners throughout the watershed, as well as people who own the lakefront homes who have been coming here for generations, Huffstutler said.

State and federal grants for conservancies have decreased over the years, forcing local conservancies to turn toward contributions from private foundations and donations, explained Andrea Denham, the executive director of the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy.



The Dead River Community Forest managed by the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy. Photo courtesy of the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy.

There has been no recent change in the number of conservancies throughout the state, but there has been a steady expansion of already established lands, increasing by at least 10,000 acres every year since 2013.

The land acquisition priorities for the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, located roughly between Petoskey, Charlevoix and Boyne City, are heavily based on a property's contribution to the protection of water quality and water resources in the area, according to Heather Huffstutler, the group's director of conservation programs.

"This might mean protecting wetlands or the stream corridor or the lakeshore line," Huffstutler said. "There's water quality impact that we

The group started in 1999 and protects just over 6,600 acres of forest and wetlands across the U.P. "There's a demographic shift particularly in the U.P. People at retirement age whose kids live out of state and aren't necessarily interested in the family land are worried about the future of their land," Denham said. "It's a challenge to figure out if we have the resources to take care of this additional property."

The U.P. Land Conservancy is working on acquiring a 190-acre expansion of the Dead River Community Forest that will protect and give public access to the property. The area has been eyed by housing developers and high-profit timber management companies, according to Denham.

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The group's yearly contributions, made possible by Monday bingo, proceeds are for funeral dinners, hospital and medical expenses, benefits in Alcona County, fire victims, Salvation Army, Friends Together, Alcona County Fair, Harrisville State Park Halloween Event (all monies stay in Alcona County). At Christmas, donations are made to the three churches, Calvary Baptist, St. Raphael Catholic and Community Church of Christ along with St. Vincent de Paul and the Baby Pantry. The group also sponsors a Christmas party for the kids where a bag of candy and a gift are given to each child. Santa visits with the children, and punch and cookies are served. The Mikado Goodfellows put up annual decorations at the Mikado Civic Center and the street decorations.

Seniors (age 70) are also on the groups priority list with pocket planners and gift of money.

The Mikado Goodfellows awards four \$500 scholarships, two for Alcona High School students and two for Oscoda High School students, annually. The group's service area is west to the county line, east to Poor Farm Road, and north to M-72 and south to Kings Corner Road (north side).

We also participate in three parades yearly, throwing beads to the young and old! "Without your continuing support, we can't make this all possible," said Lovelace president of the Mikado Goodfellows.

Our bingo is every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Please support the Mikado Goodfellows. We are also in need of members/volunteers, call Lovelace at (989) 464-7103 or Denise Lee at (989) 736-6491.

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is an online program created by the American Bar Association that matches low-income clients with volunteer lawyers who agree to provide brief answers online for free. This service will not answer criminal law questions, and it's not available in every state. Visit ABAFreeLegalAnswers.org to look for a program in your state.

- **Pro bono and senior legal hotlines:** Usually sponsored by state or local bar associations, pro bono programs help low-income people find volunteer lawyers who are willing to handle their cases for free.

There are also a number of states that still offer senior legal hotlines, where all seniors over age 60 have access to free legal advice over the telephone. To find out if either of these services are available in your state, go to LawHelp.org, and click on "Find help near you."

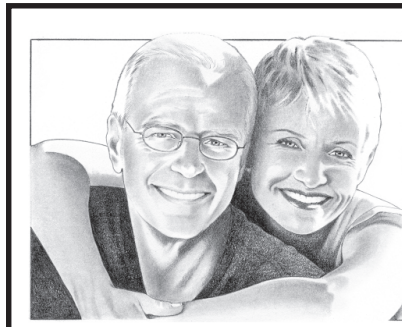
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Savvy Senior

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Many bar associations offer public service-oriented lawyer referral services that will interview clients and help identify the problems a lawyer could help them with. If a lawyer can help with your problem, the service will provide you with a referral to a lawyer.

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Forest management in practice at Alcona Community Schools

By Dan O'Connor

Guest Columnist

Alcona Community Schools owns a parcel of 70 acres in Caledonia Township just east of Hubbard Lake. As the district has looked at creative ways to engage students in education outside the walls of the classrooms, they have begun to utilize this property. One of the primary ways to teach students about their environment is to start taking care of it. By working with two local foresters, the district will conduct a wood cutting on the Caledonia property that not only cares for the property but provides additional opportunities to students.

The Caledonia property used to be home to the elementary in the township. Several years ago, the district used to take students to the property to conduct forestry activities in agri-sci-

ence. As bell schedules for the building changed, requirements to graduate from the state, and staff have come and gone, the property has been utilized less frequently.

After consulting with foresters, it was deemed it was time to manage the property and conduct a wood cutting. While this was being explored, the district also had been investigating purchasing 43 acres behind the elementary building to provide students closer access to outdoor learning opportunities.

Once the district was able to move forward with the cut at Caledonia, they were also able to utilize the planned revenue to purchase the 43 acres behind the elementary with some money to spare to help offset additional new school bus purchases the district sorely needed.

It was indeed a win/win.

Students will also be able to visit the logging project as it takes place over the next few weeks to see the management and equipment in action, which should be a tremendous learning experience for all involved.

One additionally unique benefit of the cut is that the district plans to work with students to map, sign, and create a multiuse trail loop on the property after logged that will be available for community use. There are plans to have parking available, and the trail could be used for walking, hiking, running, and

**Superintendent's
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By Dan O'Connor

Alcona Community Schools



potentially cross country skiing. We will pass along more details as the plans develop.

We want to thank all the community partners who participated in the community planning meeting that

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By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Something fishy is going on at Alcona Elementary School and the third-grade science students are extremely excited and proud that it is.

The school has been chosen as one of 20 in the state to maintain a temporary home for a threatened species, a six-month-old sturgeon, until it is released back into the waters it came from in May.

Lake sturgeon are prehistoric bottom-dwelling fish which can grow to eight feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds and live up to 150 years.

Jennifer Schroeder, the school's new first through third-grade science teacher, explained the project will help students reach learning objectives by engaging a need in the community. "Lake sturgeon are not only a threatened species but a cultural icon and a living fossil. This opportunity allows students not only to learn about our natural resources but participate as citizen scientists to have a real impact," Schroeder said.

Brenda Archambo, president of Sturgeon for Tomorrow Black Lake Chapter, accompanied the fish, which is about eight inches in length, from Cheboygan to the school and took time to answer the many questions the students had about the fish.

"Mostly they want to know where it came from, where it is going and what will they



Third-graders will be choosing a name for their new classmate, a six-month-old sturgeon, until it is released back into the wild next May. Science teacher Jennifer Schroeder said name has been narrowed down to one of two, "Bubbles" or "Toothless." *Photos by Mary Weber.*

name it. They find the fish fascinating. It's a fish that has no scales, no teeth, and no bones – they have cartilage. Sturgeon have been around since the days of the dinosaurs, 136 million years ago.

"Because this fish can live so long, 150 years for females and 80 years for males, people who are working on the program now, won't be alive then. We felt it was incumbent upon us (Sturgeon for Tomorrow) to develop and teach our next generation of conservation stewards.

"If they don't know about it, they won't appreciate it. This is an exclusive opportunity, we only have a few we can deploy out into classrooms. Out in the bay, Sturgeon do exist, but very little. There are recovery efforts statewide to bring the sturgeon back. It's important to teach children about clean air, clean water, and things they can do to prevent the

third-grade students will be responsible for the daily care of the fish and the 125-gallon ecosystem it lives in. They will learn basic water chemistry such as pH, a scale used to specify how acidic or basic the water is, ammonia, nitrite and temperature. "We will also be discovering why the sturgeon is shaped the way it is, its lifecycle, population and the social impact it has had on our culture. Why is it called the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse?" Schroeder asked.

Since this particular sturgeon came from the Black River, it will be released back into it. Archambo explained sturgeons are known to migrate long distances through their lifetime – however, in Black Lake there are dams to the north and to the south, so they are locked in the lake.

Archambo explained during the school year the students will grow to understand and appreciate the sturgeon

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~ Jennifer Schroeder
 Elementary Science Teacher

extinction of native species," Archambo said.

As the fish slowly acclimated itself to its new home, students were busy asking Archambo many questions: How the fish lowers and raises itself in the water, what it eats, and why it was threatened.

When Archambo explained how the species became threatened that led to a discussion on why the fish was desirable. Students learned a little about caviar and illegal poaching and what happens to people who are caught poaching the fish.

"It's really only been in the last 100 years or so the populations have declined so low that an effort to recover them is necessary. These students are now a part of this. They will raise the sturgeon, feed it, check the water quality and quantity, weigh it, measure it and keep the tank healthy. The tank is a living organism in and of itself," Archambo said.

Schroeder explained the

as majestic, iconic and native beings. The project also connects them to the watershed as a whole and how they are interconnected to it.

She said many students become deeply connected to the fish, which will most likely double in size before it is released, and feel a rush of emotions when they accompany it for its send-off in May. "It is almost a spiritual feeling. Those kids have taken care of this animal for so long and have learned so much about them. Now they must bring the fish home. It is bittersweet for the students, but when they set it free in the river, it is very exhilarating for them. They understand they were part of sending out one more fish into the population," Archambo said.

She explained the fish is microchipped so biologists will be able to collect long term data on it. When the fish matures, in about 20 years, and if it is captured when it comes back to the

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river to spawn, students will be able to find out about the fish they raised.

Since the classroom is now outfitted to raise sturgeon, with the tank and curriculum in place, Archambo said there was a very good chance Alcona Elementary will be able to participate in the program again next year and possibly additional future years.

The program has a multitude of collaborative entities

including the Sturgeon for Tomorrow Northeastern Michigan, Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Watershed Education and Training, Michigan Department of Natural Resource, Michigan State University Michigan Sea Grant, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, and Tower Clever Limited Partnership.

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Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor said the sturgeon is an extension of past projects the elementary school has taken on with salmon. "It's a way the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative has helped connect staff and students with more authentic learning. The students will enjoy this experience and get some hands-on learning as well."

For additional details visit sturgeonfortomorrow.org.



Alcona Elementary science teacher Jennifer Schroeder (front) sits next to the newest member of her class, a baby sturgeon, with Brenda Archambo (center), president of Sturgeon for Tomorrow who brought the fish from Cheboygan and Tracy D'Augustino, Michigan State University Extension and Northeast Michigan Great Lake Stewardship Initiative educator. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Developing the Tahquamenon Falls

Prior to becoming the premier attraction at Michigan's second-largest state park, the Upper Tahquamenon Falls was known only to locals. Native Americans, missionaries and fur traders were the only people to witness the 200-foot-wide, tannin-stained Tahquamenon River tumble over a 50-foot sandstone ledge north of Newberry.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow took creative license in describing the origin of the amber color of the river in his famous 1855 poem "The Song of Hiawatha." According to Longfellow, the mighty Gitche

Manito called a great peace conference somewhere in the territory that is now northwestern Luce County.

Warriors from tribes of the whole country met and listened to Gitche Manito, as he pled with them to forget tribal quarrels, throw away their war hatchets and wash in the clear water, he said. The warriors leapt into the river, washed the war paint from their faces so that the stream was colored orange, brown, black and blue – and the river runs with these colors to this day.

Michigan's famed state ge-

ologist Douglass Houghton canoed up the Tahquamenon River to the Upper Falls in 1840. He noted signs of native life along the river, including well-worn portage trails and a large clearing near the Lower Falls likely used for farming.

Houghton wrote in his journal, "the route bears evidence of being frequently traversed ... for the portage path is deeply worn and there are remains of Indian lodges at both ends. The Indians residing upon the banks of the Tequomenon formerly num-

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The view of the Upper Falls has stayed the same for generations but getting to the falls has improved dramatically. The park remains open year-round. *Photos courtesy of the Michigan DNR.*

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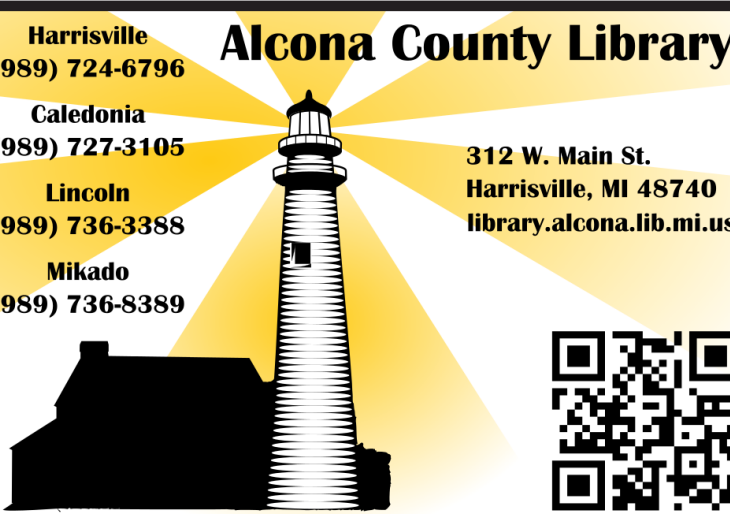
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Dennis Rau of Harrisville harvested this eight-point buck with a bow on November 14 at the Rau Lodge in Glennie. Hunting with him are (from left) Charles Rau, Jim Rau, Dennis Rau, David Rau and Mike Rau. *Courtesy photo.*

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Jury duty -- pain or privilege?

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

Jury Duty. For some, the words evoke a sense of dread, lost wages and stress. Others know it as a privilege of a U.S. citizen to participate in the judicial process and are proud to do their duty.

There are many citizens, however, who have never been called to jury duty or even know how a jury is selected.

According to Alcona County Clerk Stephany Eller, in order to begin the process of finding qualified jurors, a jury duty questionnaire is sent out to a prospective batch of citizens in a county compiled by the Secretary of State Driver's License Bureau.

The names are chosen randomly by computer of county residents who have a driver's license or state-issued identification cards. A person does not have to be a registered voter to be chosen for jury duty.

Questionnaires, designed

by the State of Michigan, are then sent out by the county jury board. The jury board consists of three members appointed by the county board of commissioners at the recommendation of the chief judge for circuit court. Not more than two jury board members are of the same political party and the appointments are for six-year terms.

The jury board meets in early September to review all juror questionnaires for the coming juror fiscal year which runs from October 1 to September 30.

The number of jury questionnaires sent varies according to Eller. "Back when I started (on the jury board) in 2005, I believe we sent out 1,000 (questionnaires) annually. It went to 1,200 and then 1,400. This year is the most we have ever sent 1,600 with a total of 1,083 being approved," Eller said.

She explained the number of questionnaires rising was

because Alcona County has a large retirement community and anyone over the age of 70 may permanently excuse themselves from jury duty. Once they do that, the jury board pulls them out of the system, so they do not receive any further notices. Other reasons for excusal from jury duty would be a conviction of a felony or if a person has serious health concerns.

Eller said the questionnaires are sent out in late May/early June and the recipient has 10 days to fill it out and return the form. A person can be penalized for not responding. A cover letter for the two-page questionnaire form states: The questionnaire form must be fully completed, signed and returned within 10 days. Non-responses are referred to the Alcona County chief circuit judge for action. Failure to complete and return the questionnaire is punishable as civil contempt of court.

The respondents are not notified if they are approved

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Land

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While the Dead River Community Forest area will be owned by us, it will have public input for the management and activities that happen on it," Denham said. "We really want people to get out on the properties, understand them, get to know them and fall in love with them."

The public has recreational access to most conservancy land and is free to visit, volunteer or work with their community programs, said Alyssa German, the outreach coordinator for Heart of the Lakes.

"People love going outdoors and they love being able to see new places but don't realize there's a lot of natural areas right in their backyard that land trusts work hard to preserve and protect," German said.

"Our goal is to make sure people are aware of the fact that there is funding that goes into protecting these lands and unless we have that funding, we can't protect them."

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bered vastly more than at the present day.”

Survey work of the great swamp of the Tahquamenon began that same year. William Austin Burt and his crew traversed the area throughout two summers, marking the township and range lines. Clouds of mosquitoes swarmed the men, who resorted to covering their skin with a mixture of pulverized charcoal and grease.

“This is the best remedy that I can find against the flies,” Burt wrote in his journal.

This difficult work laid the foundation for the upcoming logging operations that would continue for the next half-century.

Early timbering operations relied on hearty lumberjacks, swinging axes, crosscut saws, teams of oxen and ice roads to haul the logs to the edge of the Tahquamenon River.

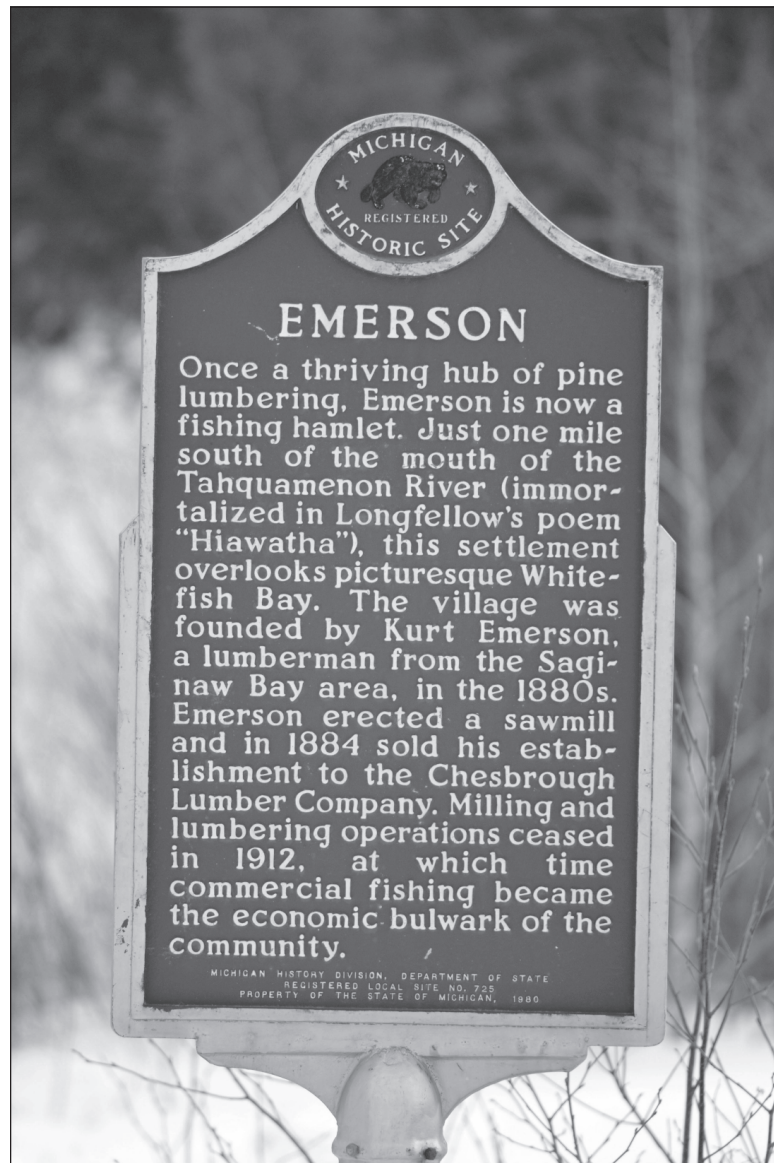
Once the snow began to melt and the river swelled, logs were slid into the water and floated toward the sawmill at Emerson – a small town situated near the current state park’s Rivermouth boat launch, located five miles south of Paradise.

Of several small communities – such as Deer Park, Shelldrake and Dollarville – developed around sawmills and lumbering operations in the Tahquamenon River area, Emerson was most notable.

The village was founded by



One of the earliest photos of tourists visiting the Upper Falls, taken in the early 1900s. Notice the saw logs stuck at the top of the waterfall and floating in the river.



A Michigan historic site sign details some of the background of the former town of Emerson.

Kurt Emerson, a lumberman from downstate Michigan, around Saginaw Bay. Emerson built a sawmill, which he sold in 1884 to the Chesbrough Lumber Co.

The Chesbrough sawmill, which was powered by three steam engines, and could cut up to 125,000 board feet of lumber per day. The timber used at the Chesbrough mill contained a large percentage of big trees, which produced high-grade timber that sold as far away as New York and Chicago.

Emerson consisted of 30 houses, a company store, post office, boardinghouse, blacksmith shop and school. Emerson was isolated; all supplies came in via boat once every two weeks. In 1891, a 16-mile-long road was cut south, connecting Emerson to the train station at Eckerman, which provided a connection to the rest of the Upper Peninsula.

This road is now M-123, a

paved state highway providing year-round access to Tahquamenon Falls State Park for over 600,000 people each year.

In the early 1900s, the timber industry began to fade. Small communities near the towns of Paradise and Newberry began searching for another way to make a living. It was clear lumbering was no longer an option, as most of the big pine was gone. The milling and lumbering at Emerson stopped in 1912, with future economic livelihoods there shifted to commercial fishing.

It wasn't until a group of six men successfully snowshoed to the Upper Falls in 1929, and published photographs with their story, that Tahquamenon became better known. The group included outdoor writer and photographer Ben East, who spearheaded the effort.

“The party snow shoed approximately 50 miles, part of

the trip being made on the ice of the river,” reported an article from The Escanaba Daily Press in 1929. “The photographs of the upper and lower falls being the first newspaper pictures to be taken of the falls in wintertime.”

These images paved the way for public involvement to begin acquiring land around the Tahquamenon River. Newspaper articles from 1935 showed an interest by local community leaders to set aside land for a state park. These small locales sought to prosper from the beauty of the Tahquamenon Falls and tourism as the next economic boost.

However, an article that year from The Escanaba Daily Press detailed a concern expressed by some residents. “Running a road in to the falls before a state park is established ... is likely to result in despoliation of one of the state’s most scenic areas,”

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the newspaper said. Community leaders held public meetings to rally support for driving tourism to their areas through creation and development of a state park that would be the key attraction.

An article in the Newberry News argued that "the people should own the Falls and a large tract around it." In a 1938 article, Carl Clarke of Emerson was quoted as saying, "summer travel in Paradise can be largely increased if we can provide better facilities."

In 1936, 2,200 acres around and including the Upper and Lower falls, owned by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., was put up for sale. The State of Michigan did not have the funds to purchase the land, so the U.S. Forest Service agreed to buy it for \$198,000. The Forest Service then agreed to trade this cov-

eted piece of property for state-owned land within the Manistee and Huron national forests in Lower Michigan.

In 1937, a prominent businessman from Detroit gifted over 2,000 acres of land to the State of Michigan to be used for public recreation. This area, now known as the Rivermouth, provides public access to the Tahquamenon River and Whitefish Bay via a Michigan Department of Natural Resources boating access site and campground.

Other lands were acquired through gifts, tax delinquency and exchanges. In January 1947, the Michigan State Parks Commission officially dedicated 17,000 acres as Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

The park has since grown to over 49,000 acres and continues to attract visitors from around the world. Today's Tahquamenon Falls State



The Upper Tahquamenon Falls are shown during a particularly low water flow in July 2005.

Park features accessible paved walkways, four campgrounds (one of which stays open all winter), rowboat and kayak rental, 35 miles of hiking trails and special events year-round.

The Tahquamenon Falls are among Michigan's most photographed places. While small improvements have been made over the years, the core concept of keeping the falls wild and undeveloped has remained.

The views of the Upper and Lower falls are essentially the same as they were generations ago, when those dark, tannin-stained waters were gazed upon by local American Indians and early explorers.

Find out more about Tahquamenon Falls State Park at Michigan.gov/TahquamenonFalls.

Jury

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by the jury board, but if they are and a jury trial is scheduled, a notice is mailed to them.

Eller said just this year the trial court's procedure has changed a bit. "If we have a jury trial scheduled, we send out notices to the selected panel of jurors that they are on jury service for the following month. They then need to call each Friday of that month after 4:30 p.m. to see if a jury trial has been scheduled for the upcoming week. If there is a trial scheduled the information will be given on the day and time they need to appear," Eller said.

Snowbirds and other people out of the state when they need to be at jury duty can request a Jury Relief Request form which is submitted to the judge. "It is the judge's determination to excuse someone or not," Eller said.

Of course, there is the whole process of jurors being questioned by attorneys to see who is accepted to sit as a juror.

Judge Laura Frawley, said she understands it may be an imposition for most people to set their lives aside to serve as a juror, but it is the most crucial civic duty that a citizen can fulfill.

"The jury system is the crown jewel of our justice system," Frawley said. "It is not perfect, but, in my opinion, it is by far the best system of justice in the world. These matters are imperative to the parties involved and are far too important to be left to lawyers and judges. I am always grateful to those who answer the call and I am always impressed to see how hard they work to bring fairness and integrity to the process."

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Greenbush Tavern entered by thieves

November 27, 1969 ~ Greenbush Tavern, owned and operated by Selma M. Boyd and Albert P. Wehrle, was broken into some time in the early morning hours Tuesday of this week.

Alcona County Sheriff's Department was called to the scene at 7:50 a. m. on Tuesday, November 25. They reported that entrance had been gained through a bathroom window. A cigarette machine had been forced open; a money box on the pool table was broken into; \$23, in one dollar bills, of Goodfellow money, \$3 in bills and change, belonging to the weight club and \$5 in quarters, from the cash register, were taken. The Sheriff's Department is still investigating.

Mikado soldier killed in action in France

November 30, 1944 ~ Mikado—Friends here were grieved Tuesday of last week when a telegram to Mr. John Mayes from Washington, D. C., brought the news of the death of his son, Charles, in France on November 3. He was killed in action.

Charles was the youngest son of Mr. John Mayes and Mrs. Mayes of Mikado. He was born in Mikado and spent his youth there. Prior to entering the service he was employed in Lansing. He is survived by his father, step-mother, three brothers: Joseph, John and James, and a married sister, Myrtle, of Adrian, Michigan.

Body of Alcona soldier arrives from Russia

Funeral Services for Ernest Berry Held Thursday at Curtisville.

November 27, 1919 ~ The body of Private Ernest Berry arrived last Wednesday at his home in Curtisville from Archangel, his being one of the 111 bodies of our soldiers dead in the North Russia expedition brought home by the United States Government.

Funeral services were held at Curtisville Thursday in charge of the Rev. C. S. Brown of Glennie and were attended by the members of Glennie Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which Private Berry was a member.

Harrisville farm designated centennial

November 30, 1994 ~
By Jim Dunn

Brother and sister Fred and Margaret Sharboneau celebrated Thanksgiving this year with more than the usual dinner and visits with family, as the weekend marked the installation of the new green and yellow sign recognizing their farm as one of the state's centennial farms, having been in the family for more than 100 years. Fred, 86, and Margaret, 81, were both born on the farm, two of 12 children of Napoleon and Margaret Sharboneau, who came here from Flinton, Ontario in 1894.

"Mother came to Lincoln by rail on November 29, 1894," recalled Margaret. "She stayed with Dad's brother, Trifley, who lived on Benton Road, until my dad got here three weeks later with the cows, horses, and all their belongings."

"Our father bought the 80 acres from John Burt," added Fred. "It was wooded and he cleared it all off to farm it."

The farm, located at 1040 Poor Farm Road, now consists of 70 acres, although the 10 acres that was sold some years ago to a nephew still remains in the family.

As the Sharboneau farming operation grew, so did the size of their family, with eight boys, including John Philip, David, Eli, Frank, Fred, Paul, and Howard (Joe); and four girls, Ida, Venetta, Gladys,

and Margaret. In addition, the Sharboneaus took in a 14-month old baby, George Wildey, whom they raised as their own. The family raised hay, grain, cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, turkeys and geese, with all of the men working the farm. "We all worked together, we all ate together, and we all played together," said Fred. "I guess the best thing was that we all liked each other; we enjoyed each other's company," he added.

"This was always a very happy place," agreed Margaret. "It was a big family with lots and lots of love," she reflected.

There were times of tragedy for the family as well, however; the original house burned to the ground in 1910. "It burned on May 16, 1910 - on Fred's birthday," recalled Margaret. "Mother was down getting water; when she saw the smoke she came running, and her screams brought all the neighbors over, but they couldn't save it. They never knew what caused it."

"We had a big family; my dad didn't know what to do. My brother Philip was working in Flint as a conductor on a streetcar. He told my dad to go ahead and build a house; that he'd pay for it. But then he came home in October of that year with typhoid fever and died in November."

His insurance ended up paying for the house," she

remembered.

The family stayed in a vacant house down the road until they could get another one built. Their father built the new house, with the men making their own cement blocks, and hauling in 100 loads of gravel by horse from John Campbell's farm down the road.

"Over the years, we hauled a lot of gravel," said Fred. "We used to pay our taxes by putting gravel on the roads." "We used to pay \$4 in taxes," recalled Margaret. "They've gone up just a little bit now," she chuckled.

Fred remembers two momentous days in the history of the farm with fondness, the day they got electricity and the day they got running water. "We got the house wired in 1937," he recalled, "and I even remember that it was Sabourin and Snyder who did the wiring. We got water the next year."

Of the 12 children, only Fred, Margaret and another brother, Joe Howard, who lives in the Los Angeles area, still survive. Fred and Margaret, neither of whom has ever married, have lived their entire lives on the farm. Fred retired about 25 years ago from Harrisville Tool, where he was a Iceland die worker. Their brother Paul, also unmarried, lived on and worked the farm with them until his death two years ago. At that

time, they sold off the remaining sheep and retired from working the farm.

Two of their brothers served in World War I. John, who went to England, ended up spending 13 months in Siberia. "He said he saw the sun go down, and come up again two minutes later," related Fred. "It was 76 below zero there, and even the crows were white to blend in with the snow. He was awfully thin when he came home from there," he added. Another brother, Eli, joined the army but only got as far as Camp Custer when he died of the flu outbreak which killed hundreds of thousands of people that winter.

Asked what advice they'd give to young farmers starting out today, both were blunt. "You better start out with a pocketful of money," warned Margaret. "It's very expensive nowadays." "According to my figuring, you'd probably need about a million dollars to start with," added Fred. "Machinery is so high; everything is so high. It's a tough way to make a living," he concluded.

CryptoQuip answer

If a tiny village only needs a single funeral vehicle, I would call it a one-hearse town.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2019

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
November 17	35	22	0.00	5.4	24	SSW
November 18	37	29	0.00	1.4	8	SSW
November 19	38	29	0.00	0.6	7	SSW
November 20	40	28	0.00	1.8	12	SSW
November 21	43	33	0.14	7.6	22	SSW
November 22	37	23	0.00	3.3	24	N
November 23	38	22	0.00	4.1	18	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

2019-2020 Season

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.14	0.0	0.49
Month of November	0.81	13.3	1.61
Year/Season to Date	19.51	14.4	26.10

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MUSIC:** Who composed the "1812 Overture"?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the sixth gift in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
3. **SCIENCE:** What is the softest mineral?
4. **GOVERNMENT:** Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolished slavery?
5. **ENTERTAINMENT:** Who are the only two people to receive an Oscar award and a Nobel Prize?
6. **U.S. STATES:** How many states border Oklahoma?
7. **LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century novel features a place called Shangri-La?
8. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president's famous speech included the line, "Tear down this wall"?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country lies directly south of Venezuela?
10. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Which filmmaker and author once wrote, "Don't you love New York in the fall? It makes me want to buy school supplies. I would send you a bouquet of newly sharpened pencils if I knew your name and address"?

Answers: 1. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky; 2. Geese; 3. Talc; 4. 13th; 5. George Bernard Shaw and Bob Dylan; 6. Six: Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado; 7. "Lost Horizon"; 8. Ronald Reagan, urging Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to destroy the Berlin Wall; 9. Brazil; 10. Nora Ephron (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 13, 1577, English seaman Francis Drake sets out from Plymouth, England, with five ships and 164 men on a mission to raid Spanish holdings on the Pacific coast of the New World. Three years later, Drake's return to Plymouth marked the first circumnavigation of the earth by a British explorer.
 - On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite and other explosives. It is believed that Nobel created the prizes out of moral regret over the increasingly lethal uses of his inventions in war.
 - On Dec. 14, 1911, Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first explorer to reach the South Pole, beating his British rival, Robert Falcon Scott, by more than a month. Amundsen used sleigh dogs, while Scott employed motor sledges, ponies and dogs.
 - On Dec. 15, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in the Pacific, brings an end to Shintoism as Japan's established religion. The Shinto system included the belief that the emperor, in this case Hirohito, was divine.
 - On Dec. 11, 1961, the ferry carrier USNS Core arrives in Saigon with the first U.S. helicopter unit, including 33 helicopters and 400 air and ground crewmen. Their assignment was to airlift South Vietnamese Army troops into combat.
 - On Dec. 9, 1979, a commission of scientists declares that smallpox has been eradicated. The disease, which carries a 30% chance of death for those who contract it, is the only infectious disease that has officially been eradicated.
 - On Dec. 12, 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays over \$5 million at auction for an almost 500-year-old notebook containing writings and detailed drawings by artist Leonardo da Vinci, all relating to water and how it moved.
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Super Crossword

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1 One-sixth of a fl. oz.
4 Fess (up)
7 Hikers' trails
12 — Lankan
15 Suffix with 83-Down
18 Alternative to a barrette
20 Moral code
21 One getting toasted, e.g.
23 Waldorf — (New York hotel)
24 1970s TV spinoff
25 Clingy mollusk
26 Start of a riddle
29 RSVP card encl.
30 Saudi export
31 Sup in style
32 Farrow of "Alice"
34 Indian kings
38 Buy and sell
41 Nonstandard contraction
42 Riddle, part 2
47 Casino stake
48 Claimed psychic gift
49 Engraving tool
50 Germany's Merkel
51 Clothing | 53 Skylights?
55 Vigor, muscially
56 Riddle, part 3
60 Tachometer inits.
63 Cuts down with an ax
64 Furiousness
65 Stein quaff
66 Giga- times 1,000
67 Eon division
68 Riddle, part 4
75 Rationalist Descartes
76 Render blank
77 Japanese condiment
78 Eye in awe
81 Comic actress Oteri
83 Devour
84 Grassy tract
85 End of the riddle
90 Ever so slightly
91 Directed (at)
92 Pasta tube
93 Yang go-with
94 White bird
96 Really good bud, in brief
97 Zeus' mother
101 Riddle's answer
109 Like the Dalai Lama | 110 Filch
111 Babka nuts
112 Shoulder bone
113 Bitterly pungent
114 Rider not in a seat
115 Always, in verse
116 Submitted texts: Abbr.
117 Rotor noises
118 Chicken — (varicella)
119 Carders' requests
DOWN
1 Becomes liquid
2 Younger Obama daughter
3 "For — sake ..." (start of an urgent appeal)
4 Other, in Zaragoza
5 Nintendo console released in 2012
6 Patricia of "Hud"
7 Not let up
8 Playwright — Fugard
9 — McAn shoes
10 Camouflage | 11 Healing sign
12 Blocking more sunlight
13 Actress Lively or musician
14 Hitchcock
14 Dumbstruck
15 Nickname for boxer Tyson
16 Watchman
17 Golf ball prop
19 Regatta athletes
22 Ending for Motor or Rock
27 Capital of Qatar
28 More quirky
33 "— girl!"
35 "No man is — to his valet"
36 Composer Franz — Haydn
37 Extra for an iPhone
38 Pre-1917 despots
39 Word after ballet or charlotte
40 Big primate
41 2012 film set in Iran
42 Canine chain
43 Canada's capital
44 "What a shame"
45 Actress Kate or Rooney
46 Blue dye from a plant
47 Wash oneself
52 "— in there!"
53 Vassal of old
54 Beech, e.g.
55 Certain sib, in dialect
57 Marcher's flute
58 Big tanks
59 River in Germany
60 Junk dealer's transaction
61 Takes a close look at
62 Group in "GoodFellas"
66 QBs' stats
68 Numb
69 Misfires from QBs: Abbr.
70 Actor Christopher
71 Made a misplay, say
72 Hammering target
73 Pulitzer, e.g.
74 Related to birth
75 Marsh stalk
78 Aussie "Hi" | 79 Clever trick
80 Lounge featuring ivory-ticklers
81 "Hear ye!" shouter
82 That dude
83 Swelled head
86 Cigars from Cuba
87 Wraps around
88 Tip, as a cap
89 Human being
94 Piece of information
95 Flattened circles
96 Via a flight
98 Language akin to Urdu
99 Finished up
100 Obstinate equines
102 Agent, informally
103 "— Mommy kissing ..."
104 Cut with acid
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century German poet Johann Peter Eckermann who made the following sage observation: "Invention requires an excited mind; execution, a calm one."
- Those who study such things say that if you want to know if someone is likely to keep your secrets, you should look at their birth order in the family. First-born children tend to be better at keeping secrets than kids born later.
- According to biologists, young giraffes have been known to grow up to half an inch per hour.
- You might be surprised to learn that in addition to being the father of our country, George Washington was quite a successful purveyor of alcohol. According to the U.S. Distilled Spirits Council, he operated one of the largest whiskey distilleries in early America, producing 11,000 gallons in 1799.
- You may be familiar with the famous scene from Shakespeare's "Hamlet," in which the title character picks up the skull of an erstwhile acquaintance and declares, "Alas, poor Yorick!" It's an icon of the stage -- and the screen, with more than 50 known film versions of the play. Of course, it's also been published too many times to count, and in too many different formats. One in particular stands out, though; in 2009, Czech bookbinders and artists Jan and Jarmila Soboda created their own unique edition. It's a tiny script tucked inside a plastic skull housed in a small metal casket with a hinged lid.
- If you're planning a holiday in Paris this year, keep in mind that in that city it's against the law to spin a top on a sidewalk.

Thought for the Day: "One does not advance the swimming abilities of ducks by throwing the eggs in the water." -- Eduard Douwes Dekker

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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: P equals L

NO U JNXF ZNPPUDA QXPF
 XAAMR U RNXDPA OCXAWUP
 ZAINYPA, N BQCPM YUPP NJ
 U QXA-IAUWRA JQBX.

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

'Adam style' settee

The auction described the settee as "in the Adam taste," but an online search for the words won't explain what that means. When it says "Chippendale style" in a catalog, it means it is a reproduction made long after the original pieces designed and made by Thomas Chippendale in the 18th century. "Adam taste" is even more confusing. There were two Adam brothers who died in the 1790s. Their work is now called the "style of the Brothers Adam" or "Adam style." It was popular in the late 1760s. The brothers designed the building, then designed and made all the furnishings, including fireplace mantels, fixtures, fittings, carpets and, of course, furniture. The look spread to Scotland and Russia, and inspired Federal style in the United States.



Caned arms, back and seat make this settee a little different. It was made in the 19th century in the "Adam taste." Neal Auction Co. in New Orleans sold it for \$1,250.

The brothers admired and adapted the classical designs of Greece and Rome. They wrote a book with their engraved designs, which made their ideas available to everyone. Pastel color combinations of green, blue, yellow, lilac, pink and terra-cotta were possible with new, affordable, lighter paint colors. The rooms had classical scenes on the walls along with swags, ribbons and plaques. This settee in the style of the Brothers Adam is made in a simple shape of paint-decorated satinwood with a caned back, arms and seat. It sold for \$1,250.

Q: As a young boy, my husband received a Popeye doorstop. He's had it since about 1939. It says "1929, King Feature SYN" on it. Can you tell us anything about it and its worth? It's certainly a keepsake!

A: Popeye first appeared in 1929 in a comic strip called

"Thimble Theatre." The character and the comic strip were created by Elzie Crisler Segar and distributed by King Features Syndicate. Popeye became a hit with readers and is still a popular character. He has appeared in comic books, cartoons, a full-length movie featuring Robin Williams as Popeye, on a postage stamp, and on toys and novelty items. The Popeye doorstop was made by Hubley Manufacturing Company, which was in business in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from 1894 to 1965. The date on your doorstop is the copyright date for the character, not the date it was made. Popeye collectibles are sought after and bring high prices. The value of your doorstop is about \$2,000 if the paint is in good condition.

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Stoneware, jar, Martaban, mask loop handles, oval body, dragon, clouds, iron stand, glazed, 35 x 42 inches, \$440.

TIP: Don't sticky-tape a top on a teapot. The decoration may come off with the tape. Secure a top with dental wax or earthquake wax.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

VA boosts adaptive sports programs

Some of us have been waiting for this: The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded another \$14.8 million in grants that will go to veterans adaptive sports programs. These grants will go to 120 organizations that create and manage sports programs for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces. That's nearly double the funding from just a few years ago.

The groups that receive these grants (at the local, regional and national levels) are in all 50 states, plus D.C. and Puerto Rico, and will serve

11,000 participants.

To see what's going on, go online to www.va.gov/adaptivesports. Look for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games for those with stroke, amputations, spinal injuries and more. For veterans age 55 and older, look for the Golden Age Games. If you like the snow and cold, check out the Winter Sports Clinic. Like golf? Take a look at the National Disabled Veterans T.E.E. (Train, Exposure, Experience) program.

If you hope to train for the Paralympics, go to www.teamusa.org. Your options are many: wheelchair tennis, archery, rowing, wheelchair rugby, track and field, equestrian, snowboarding, biathlon, cross-country skiing and many, many more.

To find sports in your area, put Sports Club Finder in the search box at the va.gov site.

To see all of the organizations that received grants, go to www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/grant-program/ and click on the recipients list.

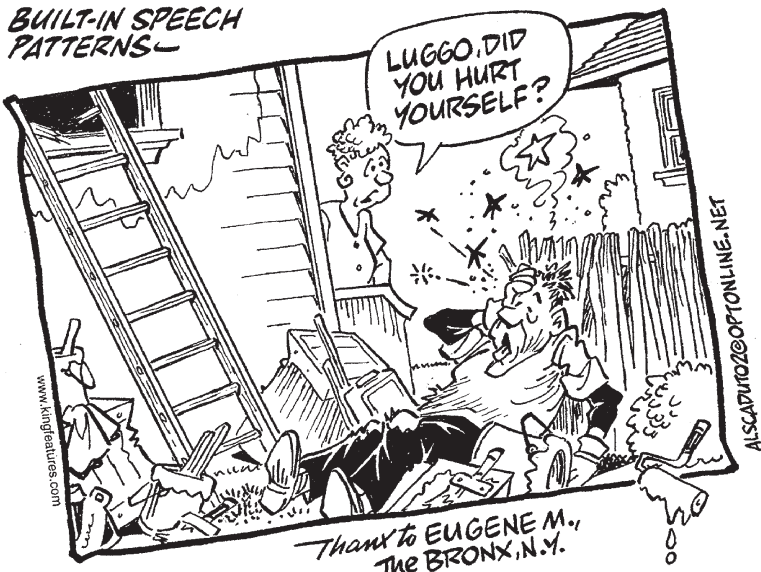
Don't miss the @Sports4Vets page on Twitter. You'll find lots of personal stories and videos by and about veterans. Surfing, cycling, rowing ... they're doing it all.

And for veterans who need new ways to deal with stress and anxiety, \$1.5 million is going to equine therapy, that is, working with horses and learning how it can open new doors to coping. (Did you know that biochemical changes occur in the brain while working with horses?) Watch the video at www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/63128.

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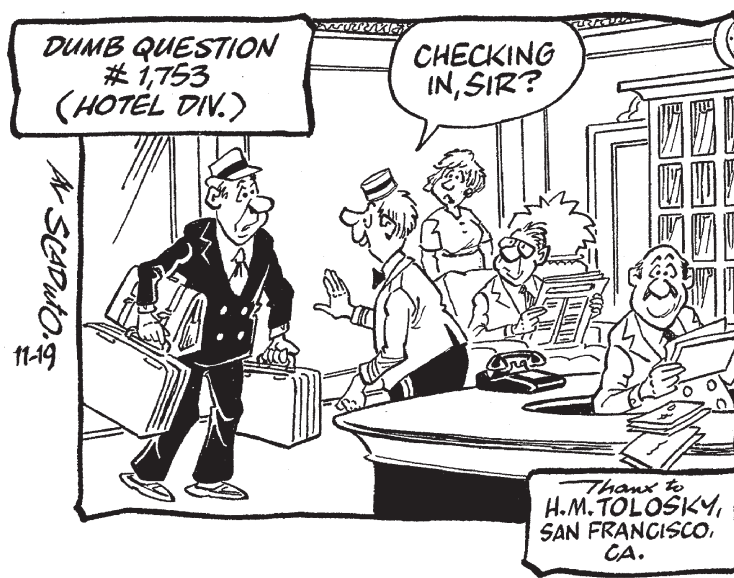
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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1/2 of the west 1/2 of the south-east 1/4 of Section 34, Town 27 North, Range 9 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 20, 2019
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State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 19006030 DE

Estate of Mary Lou Ross
 Date of birth: March 2, 1948
 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Mary Lou Ross, died August 1, 2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carl T. Skuse, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: November 22, 2019
 Carl T. Skuse
 3585 South F-41
 Mikado, Mich. 48745
 (989) 254-9436

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held October 8 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance."
 Harvey/Johnston: Approve the clerk's October 8 minutes with adding of "auxiliary" to the fire department. Motion carried.
 Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office. Good reports from other areas of township business.
 Jamieson/Healy: To allow the supervisor to purchase a copier for the township hall, not to exceed \$250. Motion carried.
 The Alcona County chapter of the Michigan Township Association will meet October 22 at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall.
 Johnston/Harvey: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
 Roger D. Jamieson,
 Township Clerk

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NOTICE

Notice of budget hearing. The Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the road commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, December 19. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed road commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2020. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the road commission office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or online at www.alconacrc.com beginning November 30. Alfred J. Scully, Chairman Board of Road Commissioners, County of Alcona, Michigan.

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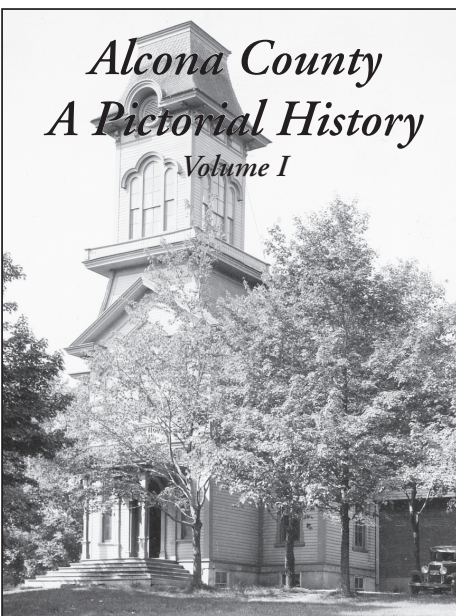
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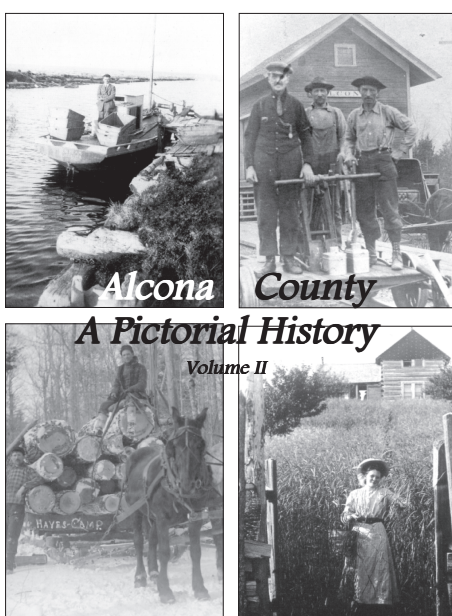
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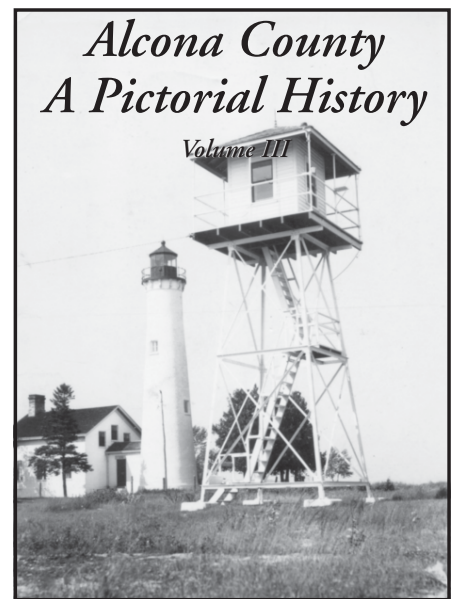
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Insect indecision: Which should be Michigan's state bug?

By Indri Maulidar

Capital News Service

What's orange, flies to Mexico every year and was recently proposed as a Michigan icon?

It's the monarch butterfly.

Four senators recently introduced a bill to make the monarch butterfly Michigan's state insect. The idea, pushed by a group of schoolchildren from the West Bloomfield School District, has some support. But others think that there are many other more suitable insects.

"That seems like a cool idea," said Daniel Eichinger, the director of the Department of Natural Resources. Designating the monarch could lead to an essential conversation about the loss of pollinators in the agricultural system, he said.

But if he had to pick, Eichinger thinks that mayflies would make a better state bug. "Just because I am a trout fisherman," he said.

Michigan and Iowa are the only states without a state



Monarch butterflies. Courtesy photo.

insect. And there are plenty of ideas which one Michigan's should be.

Sen. Rosemary Bayer, D-Beverly Hills, introduced the monarch bill after elementary students from West Bloomfield and their teacher approached her during a coffee hour, said her aide, Katie Reiter.

If it's passed, Michigan would join seven other states

with the same butterfly as their official bug: Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia.

That makes some Michigan insect experts suggest that a more unique insect better represents the state.

James Dunn, a Grand Valley State University entomologist, said the Karner blue butterfly is perfect. "This but-

terfly is found mostly in the Midwest and in western Michigan and is federally endangered. It's very beautiful and it needs help in order to survive, more so than the monarch," Dunn said.

Another option is the Hungerford's crawling water beetle, Dunn said. It's also a federally endangered species and unique to Michigan. It lives on the bottom of a few rivers in the northern part of the state. "It's not as showy or as beautiful as a butterfly, but just as important," he said.

Michigan State University entomologist Deborah McCullough favors dragonflies. "Their biology is cool with a rectal gill and the big scoop they use to grab prey," McCullough said. "They are voracious predators of mosquitoes and other small insects. They are diverse, colorful, common. Part of their life cycle is aquatic, and big fish like to feed on them."

McCullough, who has been studying the invasive emer-

ald ash borer for years, doesn't think that insect – the most destructive and costly forest bug to ever invade North America – is much of a candidate.

"I'm not sure we want to make emerald ash borer the state insect," she said.

The monarch bill is now before the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

When second-grade students at Gretchko Elementary School presented their research about declining monarchs, Bayer agreed the issue is vital, Reiter said. "The butterfly is an essential part that contributes to Michigan's agricultural economy."

Karen Meabrod, a special education paraprofessional, said the students had been studying the butterfly for a while before they met Bayer. "The whole idea is not only to help preserve the butterfly but also introduced the kids to the legislative process," she said.

At least 127 students are involved in the project. They will continue to write letters urging lawmakers to give the bill a hearing.

Rep. Brenda Carter, D-Pontiac, earlier had introduced a similar monarch bill in the House. And Rep. Sarah Lightner, R-Springport, has proposed legislation favoring the green darner dragonfly as Michigan's official bug.

Michigan's environment is well-suited to the monarch, said David Mota-Sanchez, a Michigan State entomologist who's been studying monarch migration to Mexico for years. "We have a very diverse landscape — woodlands, trees, field crops, diverse flowers," he said. "This kind of place is a refuge for the butterfly, whether adults or the larvae."

Making monarchs the state insect may prompt people to grow the milkweed which hosts and feeds their young, he said. The number of monarchs overwintering in Mexico has dropped more than 80 percent over the past 20 years. "It's vital to bring light to this issue," he said.

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