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## First positive COVID-19 case in Alcona County

On Wednesday, April 15, testing through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) identified a presumptive positive case for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) service area. The specimen will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmatory testing.

The presumptive positive

individual is a male from Alcona County, who is hospitalized. DHD2 is working with those who have been in close contact with the patient. Contacts will be quarantined and monitored appropriately.

Health Department No. 2 COVID-19 report as of Monday, April 20 the health department reported:

- Alcona County had 45 tests administered for COVID-19 with four positive, 38 nega-

tive, three pending, and zero deaths in Alcona County.

- Iosco County had 121 tested, 14 positive results, 90 negative, 17 pending, three recovered and two deaths.

- Ogemaw County had 86 tests administered, six positive, 75 negative, three pending, four recovered and zero deaths.

- Oscoda County had 43 tests administered, four positive, 33 negative, six pend-

ing, three recovered and zero deaths.

Health Department No. 4 reported the following:

- Alpena County had 126 tests administered, 102 were negative, 15 positive, nine pending and one death.

- Montmorency County had 51 tests administered, 39 were negative, four positive, eight pending and zero deaths.

Cheboygan County had

107 tests administered, 81 were negative, 14 were positive, 12 are pending and one death.

- Presque Isle County had 33 tests, 26 were negative, two were positive, five are pending and zero deaths.

(Health Department No. 4 doesn't report cases of recovery.)

"As we continue to see additional cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the DHD2 jurisdiction, I cannot stress enough the importance of following the governor's executive order of Stay Home, Stay Safe," said Denise Bryan, health officer for DHD2. "Also, essential businesses should be screening employees and implementing social distancing measures."

"In addition, I urge citizens to obtain information about COVID-19 for reputable sources such as: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus); [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus); and [www.dhd2.org-COVID-19](http://www.dhd2.org-COVID-19)," she said.

"The importance of prevention measures such as hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, wearing face coverings in public, and social distancing are clear. We are working with this individual to make sure their needs are met during this time and wishing them a speedy recovery," said Dr. Hamed, medical director for DHD2.

COVID-19 symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Individuals who feel well, do not need to be tested. Mildly ill people are encouraged to stay home and contact their healthcare provider by phone for guidance.

According to Bryan, based upon the increase in COVID-19 cases statewide, DHD2 urges community members to continue to be cooperative with the recommendations to keep themselves and others safe. This includes following the governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order, and social distancing. This will help prevent additional spread and save essential healthcare resources for those considered high risk and who may need supportive care.

## Caring for children during COVID-19

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

While it seems like a skeleton crew is currently running much of the United States during COVID-19, essential workers are working and necessary. So are their reliable caregivers who are watching over their children while they do.

One such caregiver living in Lincoln has had her hands and house full since the onset of the crisis. Teresa Hart said she was used to having a lot of activity in the house and even more children than the nine she is watching, however, she had help with the additional children.

"When I had 12 kids here my mom would assist in watching them and the kids all had someone closer to their age and gender to play with. I didn't want my mom who is in her 80s exposed to the virus, so now I'm down to nine children, age two and a half to nine, two girls and four boys," Hart said.

She explained four of the children were related to her and although the boys all play together well, it has been harder for all the kids to stay entertained without doing activities such as going to the park and playing with other neighborhood children since the crisis began.

Her daycare crew includes children of essential workers such as employees of the county courthouse, Alcona Health Center, AuSable Mental Health, Ascension St. Joseph Hospital and Kalitta Air.

Hart said the children are very conscious about what is going on with the virus and have been good about washing their hands, but nothing is the same for them and probably won't be for a while.

"They are trying to understand and are handling things as best they can. The five-year-old made something and said he wanted to give it to his grandma, but he said he couldn't because of the virus and just visiting her might

get her sick and she could die. He didn't want that to happen. They worry about things and they need a lot more one-on-one attention," Hart said.

She explained her crew of nine are restless and get bored easily, especially the ones that would have been in school all day. "We do a lot of crafts to pass the time, but it's hard. I spend a lot more time with them than I used to because they don't have the additional friends to play with," Hart said.

Hart keeps the days busy by reading stories, going outside to play and doing things in a big group. "We play with chalk outside. Music is also a good way to entertain them and gets them dancing and moving. It's also good for relaxation," Hart said.

She explained crafts are chosen carefully according to age and it can be difficult to find one craft that all age groups can participate in. Hart finds many of her craft ideas online on Pinterest. Last

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Some of the children Teresa Hart watches during the day while their parents are working (front row, from left) Colton Kimball, Brady Lawuers, Myles Zielinski, (back row) Tanner MacNeill, Taelyn MacNeill and Paxton Zielinski show off their paper stars, just one of many craft projects Hart does with the children to keep them busy. Courtesy photo.

## Veteran's millage on August ballot

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

After some heated debate during the April 15 Alcona County Board of Commission meeting, commissioners voted to accept millage language for a proposed tax to benefit veterans of the county.

The millage language passed with a four to one vote; the only dissenting vote came from Commissioner Gary Wnuk.

Before the vote, commissioner Dan Gauthier spoke for the veteran's board explaining how in the past the veteran's office was open just one day a week. An influx of funds from the state allowed for veteran counselor Tony Atkinson to serve the county full-time last year.

"In that time, we have seen how veterans are using this office. It's been substantial. He (Atkinson) is busy and has been able to do a lot of things for the veterans, but the money is limited, and they must pick and choose veteran's requested and limit monies a veteran could receive. They just don't have the funding," Gauthier said.

The millage proposal is seeking a 0.2 mill tax from homeowners for eight years which would bring in an estimated \$155,332 the first year. The funds would provide financial relief for Alcona County Veterans, including peacetime veterans, something current funding does not cover.

Gauthier said there are 1,560 registered veterans in

Alcona County and probably many more who are not registered. He explained the workload Atkinson takes on and how the additional funding for the state only covers his ability to remain full-time and does not allow funding for veteran's claims, burials, and other necessities.

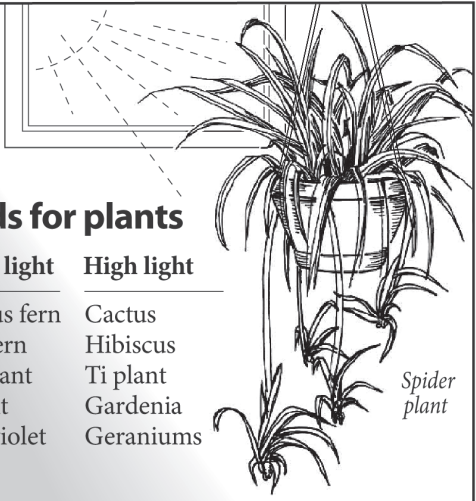
Although the state did send a \$50,000 grant this year to cover the cost of a full-time veteran counselor, it was Gauthier's consensus, and that of the veteran's board, the state funds would not be continuing, especially now since it will be hit hard with funding for COVID-19. Gauthier said with the county budget constraints the way they are, and without those

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# The Garden Bug



## Light needs for plants

Low light	Medium light	High light
Peace lily	Asparagus fern	Cactus
Snake plant	Boston fern	Hibiscus
Philodendron	Spider plant	Ti plant
English ivy	Jade plant	Gardenia
Diffenbachia	African violet	Geraniums

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## Shana Nova Borenstein, 1982-2020

Shana Nova Borenstein, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, died suddenly of unknown causes. She is survived by her parents, Trina and Nathaniel Borenstein, of Greenbush, Michigan, her grandfather Lawrence Glasser, her sisters, Lea (Michael) Grover and Miriam (Daniel) Mora, her nieces, Sophia, Deborah, and Rivka Grover, her nephew, Judah Mora, and her husband, Kirk Kitchen.



Shana was born in Pittsburgh, PA, but the most formative years of her childhood were lived in Morristown, NJ. It was there she began to show her deep insightfulness, her unwavering loyalty to her friends, and her sense of adventure. When her family moved to Ann Arbor, MI at the onset of her teen years, she quickly met the friends who became a second, chosen family throughout her life. The new proximity also allowed the family to spend a great deal more time together at their property in Greenbush, MI, which, at the age of five, Shana named Guppy Lake, and where her parents now live full-time. Shana's ties to her friends, communities, and family meant the world to her.

She was dedicated to addressing injustice, whether protesting heartless immigration policies or supporting local LGBTQIA health services. Her nieces held a special place in her heart, and she was looking forward to building a meaningful relationship with her infant nephew, as well.

Over the last twelve years, Shana overcame hardships that once seemed insurmountable. It has been one of the most profound joys to her parents and sisters to have her in their lives, the best Shana of all possible Shanas, funny, smart and compassionately present. She was a gift to all of us, and to the world. And she is indescribably missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Shana's memory to Howard Brown Health Centers, <https://howardbrown.org/>

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## Obituaries



### Gary E. Shaver

Gary E. Shaver, 80, of Spruce, died on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at home after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born September 20, 1939 in Yale, Mich. to Donald and Hazel (Rector) Shaver.

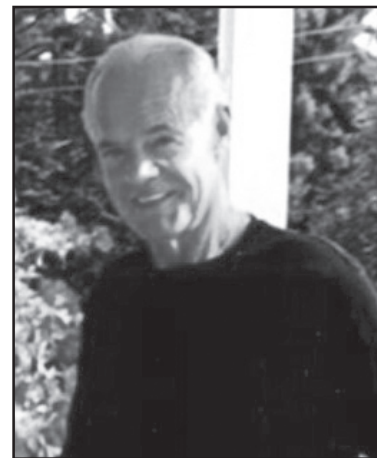
Mr. Shaver was a member of the Spruce Presbyterian Church for many years. He spent most of his adult life living and working for Arthur Baren Shoes in San Francisco, Calif. before retiring to Spruce.

He enjoyed playing golf and working in his yard. He was a very generous, loving soul.

Mr. Shaver is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; three sons, Tom McVeigh, Brandon Heaney and Christopher (Rachel) Heaney; two daughters, Tami Bailey and Traci (Ron) Churchill; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, one brother, Thomas (Nancy) Shaver; one half-brother Roy (Kelly) Gordon; and many cousins.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be



made to McLaren Hospice of Alpena, 2078 M-32 West Alpena, Mich. 49707.

### Amanda L. Reich

Amanda Lynn Reich 38, of Harrisville, died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at home.

She was born July 26, 1981 to Greg and Deborah (Polky) Bergeron at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

She attended Alcona High School for her senior year and was a member of the cheering squad. She graduated from Alcona High School in 1999.

She married Christopher Reich on August 10, 2013. The joy and love of her life was her daughter, Adrianna Marie Reich.

Mrs. Reich is survived by

her husband, Christopher; one daughter, Adiranna Reich; one stepdaughter, Jenna Reich; her mother, Deborah (Mark) Emrick; her father, Greg Bergeron; one step sister, Rebecca Emrick; one step brother, Nathan Emrick; her dear cousin, Danielle (Polky) Kingsland; her grandparents, Bernard and Viola Bergeron; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Gregory A. Bergeron and her grandparents, Sylvanus and Jeanette Polky.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Fu-



neral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of life event will be held at a later date.

### Rodger Wenzel

Rodger Wenzel, 85, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at home after a month-long battle with melanoma.

He was born November 13, 1934, to Otto and Elsa (Berg) Wenzel in Rogers City, Mich. where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Army and Reserves. He attended Central Michigan University where he obtained a master's degree in music education.

He married Carol Schalk on August 20, 1960.

Mr. Wenzel began his teaching career in 1957 with the Reese Public Schools. Among his many accomplishments was recording a band album and taking the band to the World's Fair in New York in 1962.

He was an ardent advocate for public education, teacher's rights, and was an essential part of creating fair and equitable working conditions for teachers across Michigan with his involvement with the Michigan Education Association and the Reese 44.

After arriving at Alcona High School in 1971, he began developing the music program, including writing the

school fight song and fundraising for band uniforms. As the program grew, Mr. Wenzel took much pride in the band's accomplishments. He retired in 1988.

His faith was extremely important to him and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Oscoda for almost 50 years. He served as an elder, trustee, and a member of the choir.

He loved his family deeply. He was a member of the Harrisville Lions Club, the Rogers City Servicemen's Club, and served on the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education. He loved rooting for Detroit sports teams, playing cards, hunting, fishing, gardening, and a challenging puzzle.

Mr. Wenzel is survived by his wife, Carol; three daughters, Sheri (Jerry Hudson) Tyler, Amy (Dwight) Mead and Paula (John Williamson) Moreau; five grandchildren, Scott Tyler, Kyle (Michelle) Mead, Jill Tyler, Alaina (Megan) Moreau-Leo, and Rachel (Eric) Mead Bockrath; one great-granddaughter, Charlotte Mead; and one sister, Bev Wirgau.



He was preceded in death by one brother, Ken Wenzel and one sister, Audrey Lewandowski.

Private services were held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be in St. Michael's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Belknap, Mich.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Memorial donations may be made to TLCW/LWML mites, Alcona Band Boosters, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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**Letters to the Editor**

To the Editor,  
Currently, there are two major issues facing all Michiganders: Coronavirus and the 2020 Census.

Protecting our families and communities is top-of-mind for all Michiganders as we face the Coronavirus together, and we as Michiganders are doing our best to help prevent the spread and to keep

each other safe. It's how we are helping each other now. The 2020 Census is how we are helping each other for the future.

Most households across Michigan have received mailed communication from the U.S. Census Bureau by now. Please don't ignore it. If we, as a community and region, want to benefit from

federal funding that supports our hospitals and rural health care access, then we all need to be counted.

If we want to ensure our senior populations have the food, care and housing they need, then we all need to be counted. If we want our children to have the safe, top-notch schools they deserve, then we all need to be counted. If we don't want our population left in an Internet desert, then we all need to be counted.

If you already threw it out mistaking it for junk mail, you can still complete the Census online at census.gov or by calling (844) 330-2020. With many of us being homebound right now, why not take 10 minutes to do something that will have a lasting impact on our area? Be counted.

You won't be asked for your bank account, Social Security number or your citizenship status. You will be asked the name, age, gender and nationality of everyone living in your household. There is much at stake if our region is undercounted.

Let's come together as a community to ensure everyone who lives here has access to basic, vital needs. When everyone counts, everyone wins.

Patrick Heraghty,  
Executive Director  
Community Foundation  
for Northeast Michigan  
Alpena

please do.

I'm organizing a collection of handmade and donated masks for people who don't have materials or ability to make their own. If you are making masks and would like to contact me for information regarding the plan to distribute them, contact me by phone at (989) 607-0187. Please help if you can.

Until there is effective treatment or a vaccine, I hope that everyone chooses to limit the spread of the virus by wearing a mask whenever out in public. The mask protects you and everyone around you.

Thank you to all the heroes who are caring for the sick and providing services in many essential areas. We are a community of caring people and we will help each other get through this difficult time.

Patty Thomas  
Harrisville

To the Editor,

I am writing today to thank all the generous people of Alcona County who have made and distributed face masks in an effort to protect us all from the spread of COVID-19.

It's now clear that the virus is making its way up north and we need to increase our efforts to do whatever we can to limit its spread by following the guideline including frequent hand washing, physical distancing, and wearing a mask when out in public.

In an effort to provide masks to anyone who must go out for essential activities, the CDC strongly recommends wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth. There are many patterns for sewn or folder masks online and if you are able to fashion one for yourself,

**Calendar of Events**

**\*\* Call ahead before any scheduled event to make sure it is still being held. \*\***

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

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. Clients must remain in vehicle for curbside pick-up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

Pop Up Pantry at Alcona Community Schools, 51 North Barlow Road at 4 p.m. (until food is gone). For your safety and the safety of others, this will be a drive-through type distribution. Please remain your vehicle. First come - first serve. Limited supply.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

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 information, contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

Euchre players meet at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln at 1 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

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-30. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

— Super Crossword —

Answers

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### Self-Quarantine as Necessary

Health Department Officials are asking those returning to northern Michigan from other areas of the state and country, to observe a 14-day self-quarantine to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Residents are asked to help save lives by staying at home, avoid direct contact with others and to refrain from going out to public places like grocery stores. It will take everyone doing their part to keep the community, state and nation as safe as possible from the impacts of COVID-19. Reminder: From the governor's executive order — after April 10 travel between residences is not permitted.

### Senior Quarantine Boxes

Anyone age 60 or older who is having trouble getting food while trying to stay home and stay safe during the pandemic may want to receive a Quarantine Box.

The Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency, in partnership with the Food Bank Council of Michigan, is providing each Area Agency on Aging (AAA) region with a quantity of quarantine boxes that are intended for older adults experiencing food insecurity as a result of the pandemic. The intent is to support housebound older adults not currently receiving food assistance from other programs. The boxes contain 33 shelf stable food items, enough for 22 meals. To check eligibility, complete the short survey at [www.nemcsa.org](http://www.nemcsa.org). The supply is limited.

### Away at School

• Mary Catherine "Katie" Dellar graduated on April 9 from Western Governors University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies elementary education. She graduated with honors as a member of Kappa Delta Pi. She is the granddaughter of Marjorie Forsythe

### CryptoQuip answer

If someone is in favor of red root vegetables, I reckon he might get called a beetnik.

of Harrisville. She is married to Jason Dellar and they live in Waukesha, Wisc.

• For the 27th straight year, Alma College students received top honors at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference. Every member of the team received at least one individual or team award.

The competition was held in February in St. Louis, Mo. and Alma students who represented the countries of Afghanistan and Cuba received "outstanding delegation" recognition, the highest award at the conference. Jack Montgomery, of Mikado was a member of the team representing Cuba that received the outstanding delegation award. He also received an individual "outstanding delegate" award.

Many of the students won "outstanding delegate," "honorable mention" and "delegate choice" awards. More than 500 students representing 65 delegations from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest participated in the conference. Alma College teams have won 50 "outstanding" awards at the Midwest Regional since 1994. Model UN attempts to replicate the real United Nations in a competitive manner. Teams of college students take on identities of countries, and delegates from each country meet in committee to propose, discuss and debate topics relevant to issues facing the world community.

### Application Deadline Extended

MidMichigan Medical Center – Alpena's Volunteer Services Department is extending the application deadline for its annual Thelma Orr Memorial Scholarship awards. It was decided to allow an extra two weeks for students to fill out and return the required materials. Applications will now be accepted through May 1, 2020. Those interested in learning further details regarding criteria or downloading an application may visit [www.midmidmichigan.org/scholarships](http://www.midmidmichigan.org/scholarships). Those needing additional information, contact Amanda Timm at [Amanda.timm@midmidmichigan.org](mailto:Amanda.timm@midmidmichigan.org).

The Thelma Orr Memorial scholarship is named in honor of Thelma Orr, R.N., director of nursing, and founding Auxiliary member as part of Volunteer Services Department at the Medical Center. The scholarship may be used to attend any accredited Michigan college and applicants must be in their second year or more working toward their degree.

### Urgent Need Fund

There are many needs right now. They are likely to continue for some time. By supporting local nonprofit organizations, community members can help meet some of those needs for individuals and families who are experiencing loss of income caused by COVID-19.

Food pantries and human services organizations that provide help with utilities and other necessities will see community needs increase in the weeks ahead. Donations to those organizations will ease the burdens faced by many who are unable to work due to necessary social distancing.

In response to this situation, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) has created the Urgent Needs Fund. This new fund has been established with an initial \$40,000 of CFNEM's unrestricted funding and an additional \$40,000 commitment from DTE Foundation, bringing the fund's starting total to \$80,000. The first round of grants will immediately put \$25,000 into our communities where needed, with additional funds to be released soon after.

CFNEM's service area includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties, as well as three affiliate foundations serving Iosco, Cheboygan, Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. All nine counties will be supported through the Urgent Needs Fund.

"Our goal is to gather resources for our entire region and make them available to our local nonprofits who will work to address needs of those affected by this crisis," said Patrick Heraghty, CFNEM executive director. "We hope that through this fund, we can get funding where it needs to go swiftly and efficiently."

To provide resources to nonprofits over the next weeks and months, and to help ensure funding will be available in the longer term, CFNEM encourages community members who want to help to donate to the Urgent Needs Fund on the Foundation's website at [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org).

"We recognize that the needs in northeast Michigan are, and will continue to be, substantial," said Heraghty. "Along with providing support, this fund provides donors with an avenue to support northeast Michigan's communities through this incredibly trying time."

To learn more about the Urgent Needs Fund and CFNEM's COVID-19 response, visit [cfnem.org](http://cfnem.org).

### Business Preparedness Plan

On April 9 Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-42 imposing a temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not essential to sustain and protect life. As part of this Executive Order, businesses that are deemed essential and remain open are required to develop a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan consistent with recommendations provided in the "Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19" document which was developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA).

To aide businesses deemed

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## Social Security offers lump sum payouts to retirees

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Seeking Cash

Dear Seeking,

There is indeed a little-known Social Security claiming strategy that's been around for many years that can provide retirees a lump-sum benefit, but you need to be past your full retirement age to be eligible, and there are financial drawbacks you need to be aware of too.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that while workers can begin drawing their Social Security retirement benefits anytime between ages 62 and 70, full retirement age is 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but it rises in two-month increments to 67 for those born

in 1960 and later. You can find your full retirement age at [SSA.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://SSA.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm).

At full retirement age, you are entitled to 100 percent of your benefits. But if you claim earlier, your benefits will be reduced by five to 6.66 percent every year you start before your full retirement age. If you delay taking your benefits beyond your full retirement age, you'll get eight percent more each year until age 70.

### Lump Sum Option

If you are past full retirement age, and have not yet filed for your benefits, the Social Security Administration offers a retroactive lump-sum payment that's worth six months of benefits.

Here's how it works. Let's say, for example, that you were planning to delay taking your Social Security benefits past your full retirement age of 66, but you changed your mind at 66 and six months. You could then claim a lump-

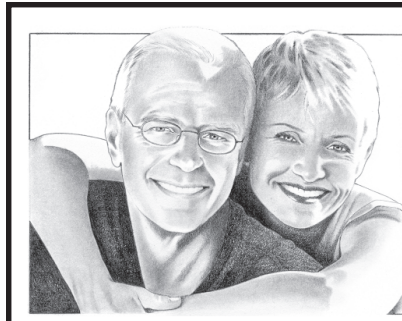
sum payment equal to those six months of benefits. So, for instance, if your full retirement age benefit was \$2,500 per month, you would be entitled to a \$15,000 lump sum payment.

If you decided at age 66 and three months that you wanted to file retroactively, you'd get only three months' worth of benefits in your lump sum, because SSA rules prohibit you from claiming benefits that predate your full retirement age.

### Drawbacks

The downside to this strategy is that once you accept a lump-sum payment, you'll lose the delayed retirement credits you've accrued, and your future monthly retirement benefit will be reduced to reflect the amount you already received. It will also affect your future survivor benefit to your spouse or other eligible family members after you die.

You also need to consider Uncle Sam. Depending on



Savvy Senior

your income, Social Security benefits may be taxable, and a lump-sum payment could boost the amount of benefits that are taxed.

The federal government taxes up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits at ordinary income tax rates if your combined income – defined as adjusted gross income plus nontaxable interest income plus half of your Social Security benefits – exceeds \$25,000, and up to 85 percent of benefits are taxable if combined income exceeds \$34,000. For married couples, the comparable income thresholds for taxing benefits are \$32,000 and \$44,000.

To help you calculate this, see IRS Publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits" at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](http://IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf), or call (800) 829-3676 and ask them to mail you a copy.

In addition, if the lump-sum payment of retroactive Social Security benefits boosts your yearly income beyond the \$85,000 level, it will increase your future Medicare premiums too. See [Medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11579-medicare-costs.pdf](http://Medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11579-medicare-costs.pdf) for details.

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**Ticked off with ticks**

**By Gregg Schefferly**

*Outdoor Writer*

One doesn't expect big changes in the outdoors, but over time change is inevitable.

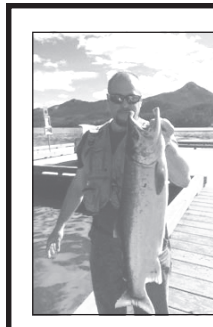
I can remember hearing stories of deer drives when those on stand saw more fox than deer. When I started trapping the numbers of red fox were down as a result of coyotes taking over locally. Additionally, trappers started catching opossum in their traps and, finally, gray fox.

Things started changing in the 80s when our winters were becoming milder. Winter used to show up mid-November. As the winters became milder, the snow didn't stick until late December. This was about the same time the snowshoe hare population crashed. Pretty understandable since they turn white around the first of November and for several weeks, they stuck out like a neon sign to anything wanting to eat them. Fox, coyote, bobcat, hawks, and owls had a field day and in a short time decimated their population. Now seeing a snowshoe in Alcona is almost as difficult as seeing Sasquatch.

Evening grosbeaks and whippoorwills were birds I enjoyed growing up — summer nights lying in bed listening to the whippoorwills outside my bedroom window and in the winter enjoying huge flocks of the colorful grosbeaks around the bird feeder. Now both species have pretty much disappeared locally.

Some changes are missed, some welcomed, and there are others that are the scourge. Some can be debated such as zebra mussels and gobies — aquatic invasive species. The water is clearer as a result of zebra mussels, but they are decimating the tiny organisms, which is the start of the food chain in the Great Lakes. Gobies impact the food chain as well, but some native species of fish have learned to eat them. In fact, it's my opinion lake trout taste much better since they started feeding on gobies.

The one thing that is de-



**Exploring the Outdoors**

*By Gregg Schefferly*

tested by all outdoorsmen is ticks. All my life, until the last several years, I spent much of the spring and summer in the woods hunkering down, lying prone, or sitting on the ground against a tree in pursuit of turkeys. I'd fish along streams and rivers in the swamps for steelhead and brook trout and never, ever had a tick on me. Cutting firewood, working on hunting spots — spring was the perfect time for this.

I can remember when Lyme disease first popped up in the 80s. Everywhere you went you could buy kits to protect yourself when you were dressing a deer. At about the same time I had a taxidermist pull the hair back on a deer hide to reveal all the deer ticks feeding on it. Seeing that gave me the willies, but I never had one embed itself in me and felt the risk was minimal. So, I never bought any of these kits. Over the years these kits went the way of the deer whistles. You remember them? They attached to your front bumpers to keep the deer away.

In the last several years, I've picked up ticks simply by reaching under the rubber boot to unlock the camp gate. I've picked them up walking in the lawn. Nothing gives me the hebbie jebbies quicker than feeling one crawling on me. Afterward my skin starts to crawl.

I can't speak for everyone, but this has changed my spring activities. Now, instead of chasing gobblers and trout, I fish walleye out of a boat. I've found that the ticks don't seem to be a problem out there. I wait until late July and August when the ticks aren't such a problem. I believe it has to do with the

cycle of life they are in that makes spring so bad.

Tick eggs hatch in the spring and upon hatching are hungry and start looking for hosts to feed on. As a result, I wait until mid-to late-summer to work in the woods.

According to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, there are five different species of ticks identified as living in Michigan. They are the American dog (wood) tick, blacklegged (deer) tick, Lone Star tick, wood-chuck tick, and the brown dog tick. In addition to being disgusting, ticks are responsible to spread diseases; one of the most known locally is Lyme disease.

As for their sudden appearance to northeast Michigan, it sounds like they've slowly migrated from Wisconsin, through the UP and ultimately into the Lower Peninsula. Milder winters don't seem to be the reason for ticks moving into northeast Michigan because they live in colder climates. Weather can affect their numbers from year to year. Mild winters followed by wet and warm spring and summer temperatures promote tick numbers, while hot dry weather reduces tick numbers. Ticks can live two to three years and high densities of deer certainly promote the increase in tick numbers as well.

There are several repellents available on the market as well as some do-it-yourself (DIY) remedies using everything from vinegar to essential oils. The Internet is a good source to help determine which store-bought repellents or DIY mixtures are best for you.

My personnel treatment involves water, a fishing pole, and a boat.

Unfortunately, it seems we're stuck with these disgusting bloodsucking vermin. How we deal with them is up to each person.

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With the current situation demanding social distancing and rules changing daily I must bring this up. So far, the governor is allowing outdoor activities, keeping these privileges during this time is up to us. While we love enjoying the outdoors with others, please only spend time outdoors with those who live with you. Fishing from a boat is a perfect example, for the time being you do not invite any buddies to fish with you.

After a long winter, there's nothing more I'd like than to get together with some friends. I know I'm not alone. But don't do it. Be patient, this is temporary. This is why they stopped charter fishing, due to the possibility of spreading this virus. Too

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many people in tight quarters.

Law enforcement are visiting sites where outdoor enthusiasts gather to be sure everyone is practicing social distancing. Two things can happen if you are not. First, at the very least, you'll get a warning, possibly a ticket. Second, they report this ultimately back to the governor. Your bad behavior can result

in everyone losing their privileges.

A perfect example is the Tippy Dam. I was told that after hearing reports of shoulder to shoulder fishing there, the governor warned the fishermen at Tippy Dam. Simply put, practice social distancing or I will shut you down. They didn't listen and now you can't fish at the Tippy Dam.

We should consider ourselves fortunate, a lot of people would've shut everything down and been done with it. However, if we persist, she just might very well do that. I realize that in certain places there isn't much room. If you arrive and there isn't enough room — you can't fish. It comes down to the early bird gets the worm.

Simply put if we don't work with her and follow the rules every one of us will be sitting home for the next several weeks. So, practice social

distancing, stay safe, and healthy. Now, turn off the TV, put down the phone, and get outdoors.

*(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)*

## Caring

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week her entire crew made paper bag stars and said the project kept them busy for most of the day.

Teaching compassion during the virus is also something Hart enjoys doing with the children and said they spent some time writing letters and sending pictures to an ill friend.

Caring for the children is only part of Hart's day, the other part is spent cleaning and disinfecting her home twice a day after parents drop off and pick up their children so that her husband, Gregory, who has an autoimmune disease with diminished lung capacity, doesn't catch the virus.

"When kids are dropped off and picked up by parents Greg goes out to our RV camper and stays there until I can get everything wiped down. It's been hard. The kids get so bored, they are just bouncing off the walls. This is our new normal. Maybe some good will come out of this. Maybe we will all have a different look on life. Sometimes we get so busy with life we forget what's important. Maybe there will be more family bonding than there was before," Hart said.

## Local Notes

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essential that are remaining open to operate, District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) created a "COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for Businesses" template. Additionally, on April 13, DHD2 issued Emergency Order 2020-2, which required employers to conduct an employee health screening.

The document is designed as a planning template intended to assist businesses with meeting the requirements of the executive and emergency orders issued by state and local public health authorities.

While the template was developed to be consistent with OSHA planning guidance, it is not intended to be all inclusive of planning and preparedness activities that a business may need to undertake to ensure the safety of its employees. Each business will need to evaluate operations to determine if additional planning or activities need to occur.

The template can be found at [www.dhd2.org/COVID-19](http://www.dhd2.org/COVID-19), in the General Information section. For any businesses that have questions on the template, call DHD2 at (989) 343-1809.

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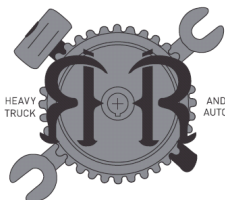
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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Pepsi-Cola truck rolls at Harrisville

**April 23, 1970** ~ Last Friday morning anyone going through Harrisville any time in the forenoon would have wondered what the occasion was, as US-23 between Alcona Seed Growers and the Methodist Church was lined with cars, on both sides of the highway, and people were carrying pop cartons in their arms, wrapped in blankets, in wheelbarrows and little wagons, and dumping them in car trunks and pickups or running to their nearby homes with their loot.

At approximately 6:15 a.m. a Ford tractor and trailer loaded with Pepsi Cola, in bottles, cans, and kegs, tipped over north of the US-23 and M-72 junction corner. According to the sheriff department report the truck skidded 72 feet on its side, breaking off a Consumers Power light pole hitting four other vehicles parked in the Standard Gas Station parking lot, and stopping about 160 feet north of the light on the east side of the highway.

The driver of the truck, Morris Raymond Fox, 51, of Flint, said he has made this run many times and it is assumed that the load shifted.

Alcona County Sheriff's Department investigated the accident and no ticket was issued.

## Man badly hurt in runaway

Loaded wagon passes over John Edgar, hip crushed

**April 22, 1920** ~ John Edgar was badly hurt last Thursday afternoon at his farm when he received injuries that will lay him up for many weeks.

He was driving his team hauling manure to the fields. The tongue of the wagon slipped out of the neck yoke and in the mix-up that followed John was thrown or fell from the rig in such a manner that the heavy load passed over him.

His hip is in bad shape, it being feared that both the ball and the socket of the joint are broken.

Dr. Miller, who has the case, advised that the patient be taken to a Bay City hospital, but this was not done and Mr. Edgar is being cared for at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. M. Burnham, of this city.

## Investigate several B & Es in county

**April 23, 1970** ~ Sheriff Martin Gehres and State Police detectives from the Alpena post, are investigating robberies at Alcona High School and the Black River Elementary school.

According to John Gruden, High School principal, entry was made, during the early hours of Wednesday morning, by smashing a rear window. He said several office doors in the building were jimmied open and the offices ransacked.

A small portable safe was taken from the principal's office, wheeled into the shop area where it was opened by use of the school's cutting torch. A supply storage room in the lobby was ransacked and a quantity of cash was stolen.

The breaking and entering was discovered by Wilbert Frickey, school custodian, when he reported for work Wednesday morning.

Gruden said the building was occupied until about midnight Tuesday, and is it there-for believed entry was made sometime between those times.

The principal estimates loss of cash at about \$60 but no estimate of damage to the building has yet been made.

Sheriff Gehres said the Black River school was entered sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday, morning. The same means of breaking in was used and the building ransacked in an apparent search for money. Only thing discovered missing so far is a radio, the Sheriff said.

Several other "breakings and enterings" were reported to the County Sheriff's Department, and all are under investigation.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, Mrs. Daggett, caretaker of two places on Hubbard Lake Road, reported that, during the night Tues-

day, the cottage of Paul Beard had been entered, and the windows and doors were broken. A house owned by Dr. Ormley of Bay City, was also entered, by breaking a lock on the shed door and the inside door was kicked in. The owners will be up this weekend to check and see what, if anything, was taken.

Wednesday morning Mr. Martin Curich reported that as he entered his cottage in Scotts Subdivision, Hubbard Lake, Tuesday night, intruders fled through the back door.

Shortly after 10:00, Wednesday night, Miss Marilyn Perkins was returning to her apartment in the Harold Bernson home (the old Dr. Carter home) on US-23 ~ in Harrisville, when she discovered that someone had broken the glass in the door on the East side of the house and entered the building. The Bernsons were out for the evening.

Alcona County Sheriff's Department officials reported that in the Curich and Bernson breakings and enterings it was evident that the intruding parties were looking for antiques.

## Alcona Review sold; new owner here Friday

**April 26, 1995** ~ The torch of Alcona County's only newspaper will be passed on Friday to a new owner.

The 118-year-old newspaper and printing business has been sold to Cheryl Peterson, originally from Oscoda, but who recently moved from Ionia to Alcona County.

Peterson will take the reins of the newspaper on Friday from Jim and Barbara Dunn, who have published the Review for the past five years.

## FFA presents awards at annual meeting

**April 26, 1995** ~ The Alcona FFA held their annual meeting on April 13 in the high school cafeteria. Following dinner, those attending heard speeches by Sandra Cambell and Jason Thomas, two of the state FFA officers.

Awards were presented to FFA members, including the Star Greenhand award, won

by Angie McGaugh; the Chapter Farmer Degree, won by James Apsey; and the Honorary Chapter Farmer, won by Bill, Carl and Gale Buchner. The Proficiency Awards were won by Chris Gagnon and Scott Kroon, the Honorary Chapter Business was won by the Village Home Center. Also held was a blind auction

on a pig, which was donated by Boyat Farms. The blind auction was won by Bill Buchner, Dr. Schwartz and Dale Byce.

The officers pitched in and bought FFA advisor Mr. Johnson a pickfork with flashlights attached to it, so he doesn't have the excuse of "being home too late" to muck

out the stalls. They also presented "Mr. C" with a new sweatshirt, since he can't manage to keep his clean. Mr. Johnson also had the crowd roaring with laughter as he presented gag gifts to all the officers.

The next FFA meeting will be held on May 9 at the high school. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

### Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
April 12	44	33	0.08	3.1	17	SW
April 13	47	29	0.01	6.2	36	SSW
April 14	39	24	0.00	3.6	30	WSW
April 15	34	20	0.04	2.9	23	WSW
April 16	40	19	0.00	2.6	23	W
April 17	43	23	0.00	7.3	25	SSW
April 18	56	26	0.00	4.9	23	SW

### Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2019-2020 Season		
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.13	0.0	0.56
April to Date	0.39	0.1	1.35
Year/Season to Date	3.55	54.1	6.59

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. **ACRONYMS:** What does the ZIP postal code stand for?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the longest river in the United States?
3. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was Walt Disney's middle name?
4. **BUSINESS:** Which company owns the Lamborghini line of sports cars and SUVs?
5. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary ingredient in the snack hummus?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** Where was Achilles' vulnerable spot?
7. **MOVIES:** In the thriller "Die Hard," what was the name of the high-rise building where the action took place?
8. **SCIENCE:** Which part of the atom has no electrical charge?
9. **ENTERTAINERS:** Which actress/singer's nickname was The Divine Miss M?
10. **TELEVISION:** Which 1970s comedy series spawned the spinoff series "Maude"?

**Answers:** 1. Zone Improvement Plan; 2. Missouri River; 3. Elias; 4. Volkswagen; 5. Chickpeas; 6. His heel; 7. Nakatomi Plaza; 8. The neutron; 9. Bette Midler; 10. "All in the Family" (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 3, 1469, the Italian philosopher and writer Niccolo Machiavelli is born. Machiavelli became one of the fathers of modern political theory. The term "Machiavellian" is used to describe an action undertaken for gain without regard for right or wrong.
  - On May 1, 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates New York City's Empire State Building. The building went up in just over a year, under budget and well ahead of schedule.
  - On April 30, 1948, the Land Rover, a British-made all-terrain vehicle, debuts at an auto show in Amsterdam. The first Land Rover was made from an old American-made Willys-Overland Jeep and had a boxy, utilitarian design, four-wheel drive and a canvas roof.
  - On April 28, 1967, boxing champion Muhammad Ali refuses to be inducted into the U.S. Army, citing religious reasons, and is stripped of his heavyweight title. Ali was convicted of draft evasion, but never served any of his five-year prison sentence.
  - On May 2, 1972, after nearly five decades as director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover dies. By 1969 the media, the public and Congress had grown suspicious that the FBI might be abusing its authority. Congress passed laws requiring Senate confirmation of future FBI directors and limiting their tenure to 10 years.
  - On April 29, 1992, a jury in the Los Angeles suburb of Simi Valley acquits four police officers who had been charged with using excessive force in arresting black motorist Rodney King. The verdict prompted the L.A. riots. The arson and looting finally ended three days later.
  - On April 27, 2009, the American auto giant General Motors announced plans to discontinue its 80-year-old Pontiac brand. Initially known for making sedans, Pontiac gained acclaim in the 1960s for its fast, sporty "muscle cars," including the GTO, Firebird and Trans Am.
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## Super Crossword

### TAKING OUT THE MIDDLE

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Musical pace</p> <p>6 — you note</p> <p>11 Looker's leg</p> <p>14 LaBelle with a Grammy</p> <p>19 Oak seed</p> <p>20 Perfume queen</p> <p>21 Pal, to Gigi</p> <p>22 One of the Three Musketeers</p> <p>23 LOUIS</p> <p>26 Painter Dufy</p> <p>27 Co. heads</p> <p>28 Zero in (on)</p> <p>29 What a white flag signifies</p> <p>30 Speed</p> <p>35 LLOYD</p> <p>37 Make — out of (toughen up)</p> <p>38 Jogger's gait</p> <p>39 Pre- (bump, so to speak)</p> <p>40 Candle blowers' secrets</p> <p>41 CAROL</p> <p>44 Caesar of old comedy</p> <p>45 Severe</p> <p>46 Hides from view</p> <p>51 Swan's kin</p> <p>56 Copy a bunny</p> | <p>57 "Nuts" director</p> <p>61 CHRISTIAN</p> <p>63 Pep rally cry</p> <p>65 Tarot card reader, e.g.</p> <p>66 Singer</p> <p>67 Folk</p> <p>70 JESSICA</p> <p>73 In the matter of</p> <p>74 Assembly with all members present</p> <p>76 Language of Bangkok</p> <p>77 Pastor's talk</p> <p>79 WASHING- TON</p> <p>82 Wren's home</p> <p>83 "Mike &amp; Molly" airer</p> <p>86 Adams of photography</p> <p>87 Small carpet</p> <p>89 "Ulysses" star Milo</p> <p>91 Cumulative pay abbr.</p> <p>93 JEAN</p> <p>97 Cuba's Fidel</p> <p>101 Some jeans, familiarly</p> <p>105 "No, mein Herr"</p> <p>106 Peruvian of long ago</p> <p>107 CONAN</p> | <p>109 Tropical grassy plains</p> <p>111 Kettle output</p> <p>112 Brand of fat replacer</p> <p>113 University in North Carolina</p> <p>114 1836 siege setting</p> <p>115 CARLOS</p> <p>122 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg</p> <p>123 Highway with a no.</p> <p>124 Leek relative</p> <p>125 With 59- Down, crude oil, in slang</p> <p>126 Deep pit</p> <p>127 Sun — -sen</p> <p>128 "— Hope" (old ABC soap)</p> <p>129 Build, as a building</p> | <p>8 Lunched, e.g.</p> <p>9 It's east of Calif.</p> <p>10 Painter Georgia O'—</p> <p>11 It's removed for a fill-up</p> <p>12 Total number</p> <p>13 Capital of Belarus</p> <p>14 Pheasants' cousins</p> <p>15 1980s video game consoles</p> <p>16 Despite the fact that</p> <p>17 "Clever comeback!"</p> <p>18 Florida keys, e.g.</p> <p>24 The Lone Ranger's companion</p> <p>25 Par for the course</p> <p>30 Hindu prince</p> <p>31 Mobil rival</p> <p>32 Settle the tab</p> <p>33 Boozing sort</p> <p>34 Fr. ladies with haloes</p> <p>36 Early 20th-cen. conflict</p> <p>42 Architect Saarinen</p> <p>43 "Stop talking!"</p> <p>44 IRS ID</p> <p>47 More like a hoarse voice</p> | <p>48 High on the draft list</p> <p>49 Online folks</p> <p>50 Grow dim</p> <p>52 Financial tipster Suze</p> <p>53 Bears, in Buenos Aires</p> <p>54 Faxed, say</p> <p>55 Prefix with spore</p> <p>58 Response to "Who's there?"</p> <p>59 See 125- Across</p> <p>60 Dentists scrape it off</p> <p>62 Houses for students</p> <p>63 Music style</p> <p>64 Skier Phil</p> <p>67 Women's links org.</p> <p>68 Steinhauer who wrote the 2009 bestseller "The Tourist"</p> <p>69 Antique cars</p> <p>71 "— Nagila"</p> <p>72 Sooner than</p> <p>75 Nasty bits of dirt</p> <p>78 Nebraska</p> <p>80 Ill-bred guy</p> <p>81 Barbecue spice mix</p> <p>83 Beijing's land</p> | <p>84 Judge's seat</p> <p>85 Epic tales</p> <p>88 Cotton deseeders</p> <p>90 Less chubby</p> <p>92 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards</p> <p>94 Grassland</p> <p>95 Resident maids</p> <p>96 Wholly</p> <p>97 Melon type</p> <p>98 Place to sculpt in school, say</p> <p>99 Dependable</p> <p>100 English river</p> <p>101 "Blaze" actress</p> <p>102 Davidovich</p> <p>102 Tennis shoe hole</p> <p>103 Israel's flag carrier</p> <p>104 12th grader</p> <p>108 Bride's property</p> <p>110 Nick of "Cape Fear"</p> <p>116 — old way</p> <p>117 Actress Wasikowska</p> <p>118 Gained</p> <p>119 Firefighter's tool</p> <p>120 Freddie —</p> <p>121 Onetime jet-set jet</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Humans are the only primates without pigment in the palms of their hands.
- American alligator blood contains a serum that is so effective at combating bacteria and viruses, even alligators that lose limbs in mucky swamps often avoid infection.
- Irish author James Joyce was a great fan of Norwegian dramatist Henrik Ibsen's plays. How great? He learned basic Norwegian just to send Ibsen a fan letter.
- There's a Facebook group called "Best Day of My Life: When I Realized the Old Brewers Logo Was a Ball & Glove AND the Letters M & B."
- China has the largest population of smokers in the world -- 316 million people -- accounting for nearly one-third of the world's smokers and 40% of tobacco consumption worldwide. But just more than 2% of Chinese women smoke, compared with more than half of all Chinese men.
- The term "deadline" dates to the American Civil War. Lines in the dirt would be drawn around prisoners. If they crossed one, they would be executed by their guards. Not surprisingly, both prisoners and guards soon took to calling such a line the "deadline."
- Philematology is the scientific study of kissing.
- Research has shown that men who kiss their wives goodbye live about five years longer, make up to 30% more money and are involved in fewer car accidents than those who don't.
- As if that weren't enough, kissing even helps keep your teeth healthy, by causing an increase in saliva, which helps wash away plaque.

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Thought for the Day: "Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within." -- James Arthur Baldwin

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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: Q equals E

ZI KBNQBLQ ZK ZL IERBM BI MQS  
 MBBX RQAQXEGPQK, Z MQYDBL VQ  
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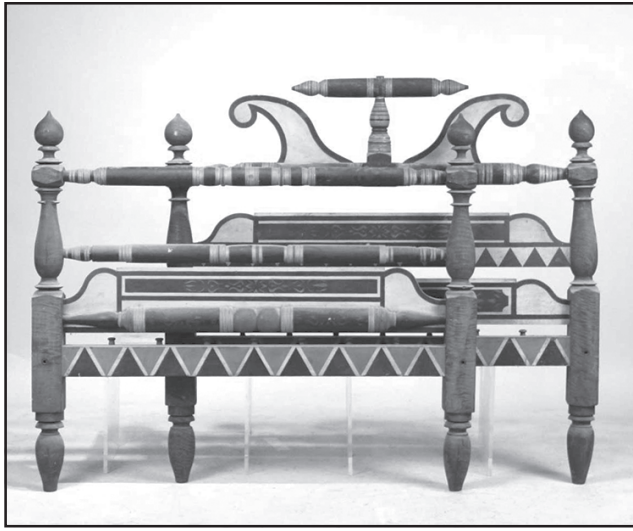


# Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Antique bed

Can an antique bed be used in a modern home without difficulties? Yes and no. The beds used before about 1900 are shorter and narrower than the standard sizes used today. That means that to use the beds, the fitted sheets, blankets, box springs and mattresses may have to be custom made. It might be possible to use toppers or foam rubber instead of springs. But then the top of the bed will be lower than normal.



This unusual bed with decorative bright paint sold recently for \$12,500. It was made about 1830. There are pegs to use for "sacking" to hold the mattress, not side holes for roping the bed. It can be converted to hold a modern mattress.

Until the late 1800s, the mattress was held in the bed frame with wooden slats or rope. An old rope bed will have holes in the side rails to "rope the bed." Some old beds have pegs in the side rails. These hold a mattress with "sacking," a piece of sailcloth with eyelets that match the positions of the pegs. It is strung into place in the center of the frame to hold the mattress. Ask a local antique dealer, historical house curator or search online for "roping a bed" for instructions.

An antique bed is shorter than a new one. Sometimes it is best to use just the head- and footboards and buy a modern metal frame. A colorfully painted antique Empire bed made in New England was auctioned by Nye & Co. recently for \$12,500.

Q: I'd like to know a reasonable value of an old portable record player, a Califone Model 1430K. I'd like to buy one and this model reminds me of the one I

used in school when I was younger. Can you help?

A: The Califone Model 1430K phonograph was made in the 1970s and '80s and popular with schools, libraries and churches. It was a solid-state phonograph with a built-in speaker and a 4-speed turntable that played 45, 33, 16 and 78 RPM records. It had some useful features, including a built-in 45 adaptor and an on/off knob with a Pause position. Older models were blue or gray and had a metal turntable platter. Newer ones were made in gray with a plastic platter. But while considered "portable" in a case with a removable lid, it weighs almost 20 pounds. A working Califone Model 1430K sells for \$50 to \$75.

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erald green font, beaded heart pattern, clear tapered base, 11 inches, \$70.

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Folk art cane, Eagle's head handle, black paint remnants, shaft with carved feathers, metal ferrule, American, 1800s, 35 1/2 inches, \$210.

Fraktur picture, house blessing inside heart, flowers & vines, watercolor details, grain painted frame, 1800s, 7 x 6 inches, \$370.

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TIP: Felt-tip markers in shades of brown and black can be used to camouflage a small nick in furniture. You can use several markers and blend the color.

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# Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

## Pharmacist convicted in huge fraud scam

A federal jury in Texas spent a week finding a pharmacist guilty of all manner of charges.

The 75-year-old Houston pharmacist, dubbed the "Compound King," had owned Piney Point Pharmacy. He was convicted on all charges: conspiracy to pay and receive kickbacks, conspiracy to commit health care fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, as well as 11 counts of health care fraud and three counts of wire fraud, beginning in September 2009.

Sounds like this pharmacist had been a busy boy. For his efforts, he'd nabbed \$21.8 million ... although maybe he'd had to split some of that with his partner in crime, Anoop Kumar Chaturvedi, age 48, a legal permanent resi-

dent from India.

The pharmacist and his buddy cooked up a scheme to bill the government and health care programs for compounded gels and creams that they sent to injured state and federal employees through fake prescriptions. They did this through a front, Wellington Advisors, and got the cash from billing the Department of Labor Workers Comp and Federal Employees Compensation Act programs. The pharmacist claimed that the illegal kickbacks were actually "marketing" expenses. Chaturvedi allegedly wrote out hundreds of prescriptions at a time, which the pharmacy filled.

The investigation, started in early 2018, was conducted by a large

group of Offices of Inspectors General of various departments, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, the IRS, the Department of Labor and the U.S. Post Office.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 27 for the pharmacist. He could get 20 years, plus 10 years, plus five years for all the charges. His wife, a real estate agent, hasn't been sentenced yet.

Meanwhile, Chaturvedi is still on the run. The government wants to find him. If you know of his whereabouts, call the OIG of the U.S. Post Office at 1-888-877-7644. He's presumed innocent ... for now.

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## HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township 2020-2021 proposed budget hearing was held March 11 at 6:45 p.m. at the township hall. Supervisor Spitznagel called the hearing to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board and eight guests were present. The supervisor went through the budget page by page, also the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget. After some questions and comments from the floor and the board, the hearing was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.  
Roger Jamieson,  
Harrisville Township Clerk

The Harrisville Township monthly meeting was held March 11 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board and eight guests were present. From the floor Jaynee Germond with 2020 Census gave the meeting a good presentation of the importance of the census and the need for volunteers (\$20 hourly - (855) 562-2020). Other comments were made about south Everett Road and safety of walkers on US-23.

Harvey/Johnston: To approve the clerk's February 11 minutes. Motion carried. Treasurer's report given and accepted, pending the audit, also reconciled with the clerk's office. Jamieson/Healy: By Resolution No. 31120, to adopt the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget as presented at the 6:45 p.m. hearing. Roll call vote: five ayes, zero nays, zero absent. Resolution carried. Harvey/Jamieson: Raise the FOIA request to 50 cents a page, motion carried. Harvey/Johnston: Transfer \$25,000 from the 101-265 hall account to the 101-101-851 professional account. Roll call vote: five ayes, motion carried. Harvey/Healy: Pay the bills, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.  
Roger Jamieson,  
Harrisville Township Clerk

## ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's April Zoom board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard. Motions to approve previous months' minutes, pay bills and accept treasurers report as presented. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.  
Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Caledonia Twp. Board met 4/11/20 via zoom. Motions to approve the agenda, March workshop, March Minutes, March Special minutes, pay bills, purchase a Fire Truck, Resolution 2020-04. Motion to adjourn at 1:37pm. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next Twp. meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Twp. Hall, at 7:00p.m. Kerry Scott, Caledonia Twp. Clerk  
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Public Hearing Announcement: The NEMCSA - Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will conduct a virtual public hearing on its proposed Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2021. The plan will outline the use of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The virtual online hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 1 p.m. To register, please contact Connie at (989) 358-4661 or mcquarrie@nemcsa.org. A summary of the plan may be obtained by calling (989) 358-4661 or online at www.nemcsa.org. Written testimony will be accepted through June 12, 2020.

Notice of Availability of Funds: The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) announces the availability of funds. Annual funds are available for Fiscal Year 2021 for the following services. Elder Abuse Prevention, Evidence-Based Disease Prevention Health Promotion, the Merit Award (Adult Day services), National Family Caregiver Support Group, and State Caregiver Support. Funds are available for the counties of: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The Region 9 AAA must receive letters of intent to apply for funds by 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2020. For more information contact Yvette Smigelski, Business/Financial Resources Manager-Aging Programs, Region 9 AAA, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, Mich. 49707 or call (989) 358-4613.

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## Garden Tips



From the Sunrise Gardening Club

Now is the time to start getting your garden ready for spring planting. With limited access these days to grocery stores and fresh produce, consider growing your own. It isn't hard.

If you already have a space where you plan to plant, think about having your soil tested to check the ph balance. You can contact the Michigan State University Extension (MSU) office in Harrisville (989) 724-6478 for information on how to purchase a soil test or visit the MSU soil test website <https://homesoil-test.msu.edu/get-started>.

According to MSU, "early spring is the perfect time for gardeners to plant their vegetable gardens."

Plants that like cool weather are lettuce, peas, radishes, and spinach.

- Order your seeds now.
- To garden on a budget, only plant what your family can use unless you plan to share.
- Start small, so you don't get overwhelmed with weeding and harvesting.
- Consider the option of planting in containers or raised beds (raised beds for vegetables should not be made of treated lumber). You can grow a lot in a small space, and maintenance is much easier.
- Make sure your pots have

proper drainage and purchase soil in bags or by the yard for vegetables.

• Make your own soil mix using one-part peat moss or manure compost, one-part loam or topsoil, one-part clean builders' sand, or perlite.

• Start panting seeds about three weeks after the soil thaws in late April, early May. Growing your own veg-

etables is fun, it saves money, and tastes so much better than store-bought produce.

Hopefully, this has been helpful. If you have any gardening questions, send them to the Sunrise Gardening Club in care of beckybean-48@gmail.com or call (989) 724-6569.

Stay safe and play in your garden.



A raised bed garden helps keep maintenance down. Courtesy photo.

## Veteran's Continued from page 1

funds, the veteran's office would have to return to being open just one day a week.

Wnuk said he struggled with putting the millage on the ballot. "We pay for things on a federal and state level and now we are going to do this on a local level. We are asking people (to pay) who don't live up here, and there is a lot of complaint about them coming to their property and paying more in taxes than a person who home-stays up here. Now we are

adding this to their tax bill as well.

"We are feeding people who are not in school twice a day. I think the role of government has gotten so expanded. This is not what government was set up to do. I struggle with it. I have nothing against veterans," Wnuk said.

Commissioner Carolyn Brummund argued if it were not for veterans they would possibly not have the opportunity to vote on the ballot.

Commission chairperson Craig Johnston disagreed with Wnuk on the point that those who don't live here would be paying for the millage. "Those veterans fought for those who don't live here too. They didn't fight just for people in Alcona County," Johnston said.

Wnuk felt it was double taxing people. "Most of this money is wasted. A lot of this stuff should be done privately, individually and locally, not through government. Government is the absolute worse cure. Our founders set this up so the government's job is to bare the sword. It's kind of uncomfortable to have your nose and your butt wiped with the sword. Other institutions are supposed to do this. It's not just veterans, I have problems with the way we do all kinds of social (causes)," Wnuk said.

Johnston asked Wnuk if he felt providing for veterans is a social safety net equal to food stamps and free money? "That's a pretty big reach. These veterans served the whole country, not just Al-

cona County," Johnston said.

Wnuk responded, "When you go and serve in the military, does the government not compensate you for going into the service? The answer is yes, and you are also compensated after you leave with veteran's benefits."

Johnston felt what they have learned by having a full-time veterans counselor is that veterans need assistance in wading through the miles of red tape to get the benefits they are supposedly deserving of.

"I believe we should take care of this at a local level so we can look at things and say we can take care of our veterans. I believe government was designed so we can have local oversight and control," Johnston said.

Also discussed during the meeting was a new millage for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) intended to keep up with rising costs. A vote on the EMS millage verbiage is expected at the May 6 commission meeting.

At a previous commission meeting, held March 4, verbiage was approved in a four to one vote for a millage renewal to be on the August ballot for Michigan State University Extension 4-H office in Alcona County. Wnuk was the only dissenting vote.

Alcona County Board of Commission meetings are held twice a month on the first and third Wednesday at 10 a.m. A live feed Zoom meeting is available by accessing the [Alconacountymi.com](http://Alconacountymi.com) website.

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