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Lincoln resident celebrates 107th birthday with family

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Bright sunny skies and hot summer weather was the backdrop for a very special birthday celebration held in Lincoln recently.

The Anstead family came together on Saturday, Aug. 8 to honor and celebrate 107 years of a life well lived with kindness, deep faith and a positive attitude.

Helen (Crowley) Anstead was born in Ellwood City, Pa. on August 9, 1913. She was the oldest of nine children. She married Russell Anstead in 1947 and moved to Michigan where they began raising their family. In 1952 they moved to the Lincoln area and operated a farm.

They raised three children, Helen Hillman of Grand Blanc, Mich., John Anstead of Westlake Ohio and Paul Anstead of Lincoln.

According to her daughter, Helen Hillman, life on the Anstead farm was busy, active and filled with laughter and joy. "We did everything from scratch," Hillman said. "We gardened, canned, raised cows, pigs, chickens, and cats and dogs... there were three of us and all the animals. It was a wonderful childhood."



Helen Anstead of Lincoln is all smiles as she celebrates her 107th birthday. *Courtesy photo.*

Helen and Russell were teachers as well. Helen taught grade school for approximately 16 years at St. Anne Catholic School in Alpena and Russell taught at Alpena Catholic Central, according to Hillman.

"She had a home economics background. She taught home ec before they moved to (Alcona County)," Hillman said. "She was a life-long teacher... she enjoyed many aspects of the community over the years. She was a member of and former president of the Michigan State University Extension ladies' group, and

member and former president of St. Gabriel's alter society."

Even after her children were adults, Helen enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening – both vegetable and flowers – and making homemade bread. Russell passed away in 1986.

When asked what the secret was to her mother's longevity Hillman said, "She has a deep faith and turns challenges over to the lord. She has an ability to stay calm in the midst of a storm. She loves people and has a

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MHSAA delays football season to spring

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity football team was putting in the work last week; preparing for its season opener against Tawas on Thursday, Aug. 27 through four days of practice.

The Tigers never got to practice for number five on Friday, as the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) announcement to postpone the football season to the spring was announced shortly before practice was to begin.

"It was disappointing," said Jason Somers, head football coach. "The kids really looked good and were gelling really well. We felt like it (the decision) might be coming down the pipeline, but we got some work in and were seeing some positives and to see that go away was kind of a tough pill to swallow."

The Tigers narrowly missed the playoffs last year with a 4-5 record, and looked to start the season off on the right foot against visiting Tawas -- a team they narrowly beat last year.

"Our kids were chomping at the bit to get together and for the most part COVID-19 wasn't hurting our numbers at all, we had really good numbers and we were going to be able to fill out a JV and a varsity squad and they would have both been competitive squads," Somers said.

"Hopefully, when we get ready to go in the spring, some more people will want to get out and join."

Since the MHSAA cancelled all competition on March 12, many were hoping that high school athletics could resume this fall. While football is the only sport postponed for now, speculation remains about the remaining fall sports.

The return to play guidelines put forth by the MHSAA, which included coaches wearing masks, limiting the amount of time athletes were grouped together, and athletes not sharing equipment or water bottles only added to the belief that sports could be played.

"It was really interesting, we didn't know what to expect with the kids coming off that big of a layoff," Somers said. "It was the first time they had seen each other in a while but they were gelling."

While it is a waiting game for word on the remaining fall sports, there are still plenty of questions about the proposed spring football season. Right now it looks as if it could get slotted between winter and traditional spring sports, but it could be weeks before an official announcement is made.

"I haven't heard of what the schedule will be or if it will be nine games or a shortened

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Special assessment sees replacement of Cedar Lake control structure

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A lake control structure that was originally installed in the 1950s will soon be dismantled and a new structure will go in on Cedar Lake affecting residents around the lake in both Alcona and Iosco County.

The work will begin on August 20 with an estimated completion date of September 11 during which time East Cedar Lake Road will be closed to the public.

The original structure received poor conditions ratings over the last 15 years by the State of Michigan triennial safety program deeming the structure was beyond its useful life according to Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Drain Commissioner.

"The old structure was mostly made of wood. Over the years it had been pieced together and repaired multiple times including concrete being formed and poured over the top of the original structure without any strengthening supports in the 1970s.

"Currently, the structure leaks severely and cannot adequately manage and release water properly during high water conditions. Its failure could be devastating for

Cedar Lake residents and visitors," Campbell said.

He explained the original plan was to repair the structure but in 2012 they tried to repair leaks in the west structure and found, because of major support deficiencies, it was unrepairable.

"That's when we had to contract engineering to design a replacement structure, reestablish court-ordered lake levels and create a special assessment district, so this has taken a few years," Campbell said.

He explained the new structure, costing about \$235,000, will help maintain

a legal lake level and allow the release of more water during high water and flooding conditions. It will also reduce unnecessary water loss in the summer and help with ongoing and routine maintenance by allowing larger debris to flow through the structure instead of plugging up in trash screens.

Campbell is encouraging residents around Cedar Lake to monitor lake levels, especially if they have watercraft on the lake that could be affected by the drawdown during construction.

A detour using F-30 to Cedar Lake Road to US-23 will

be established during the road closure.

There are 750 parcels along Cedar Lake which are affected, 632 are in Alcona County and 118 are in Iosco County according to Alcona County treasurer, Cheryl Franks. She said \$600,000 for the project is being collected by a special assessment of \$800 for each parcel.

Questions or concerns about the Cedar Lake level control structure or any other drainage issue should call (989) 736-8168 or email roads@alconacrc.com.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
I am writing today to share my thoughts regarding the unamerican and illegal stealing of political candidate's signs that's happening in our community.

I am outraged that people are stealing signs from someone else's private property. If a candidate can't win without his or her supporters breaking the law to demonstrate their allegiance, I believe that candidate isn't qualified to hold public office.

You are welcome to display your political preferences on your own property, but you have no legal right to prevent me from expressing my political choices on my property.

Patty Thomas
Harrisville

Obituary

Jeanne L. Griffith



Jeanne Louise Griffith, 89, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at home.

She was born November 16, 1930 in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. to Allan and Marie (Beauregard) Stahl.

Mrs. Griffith lived in Lincoln Park, Mich., until moving to Harrisville where she lived with her daughter for the last 11 years.

She enjoyed playing euchre, taking walks, entertaining friends and baking.

Mrs. Griffith is survived by one daughter, Susan Calder; one grandson, William (Dannielle) Calder; two great-grandchildren, Garrett Calder and Gavin Calder; her twin sister, Joanne Bokatzian; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allan and Marie Stahl; one son-in-law, Gordon Calder; one brother,

Allan Stahl; and ex-husband, William Griffith.

A memorial service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. Memorial donations can be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church or to Hospice of Michigan. Arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
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.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person, via Zoom, and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. The link will be posted on the library's website (<http://www.alcona.lib.mi.us>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary>). Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
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 Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
A Vender Fair will be held at the Mikado Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of vendors will be selling items including Thirty One bags.

Social distancing will be practiced, and masks are required for vendors and shoppers. This is a fundraising event for Alcona Helping Hands which provides school supplies and Stockings4Students in Alcona County. Money raised will go toward Stockings4Students.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
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.

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

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Local Notes

Seamstresses Needed

Alcona County seamstresses are needed to make masks for Alcona Community School students in order for them to return to school. Pattern, material and supplies have been provided by the school. Contact Patty Thomas at (989) 607-0187 or (513) 324-4432.

Youth in Flight

On the morning Saturday, Aug. 8 two young women from Greenbush, who are both

members of Scouts BSA Troop 7 in Oscoda, took to the skies as part of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles program. Miranda Roiter, 12, and Jennifer Heilig, 13, both learned how to preflight a real airplane and got to fly for half an hour apiece. Heilig had never flown before and wanted to see her school and her house, so after takeoff she steered south and saw both. She got a special treat as she also got to see a flight of four military helicopters flying north along the shoreline.

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schedule,” Somers said. “It will probably start in March and go into April and May. It is all kind of up in the air, but hopefully we find out in the next week or so. They have some big decisions with the other sports so football may be put on the back burner for a couple days and then they will let us know what we are going to be able to do.”

107th birthday

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great attitude. She eats all things healthy – fruits and veggies.”

According to Hillman, Helen watches EWTN, a Catholic television network, where she has Mass every day. She stays in touch with friends and family with regular telephone calls and her son, Paul, helps with anything she may need. Helen has five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a “baby” brother who is 91 years young living in Indiana.

Hillman explained the party was casual, outside and carefully planned to keep Helen safe. The weather was perfect, and Helen had a wonderful time. “I respect and honor her and continue to be amazed at how she is able to function so well at this age,” Hillman said.

Great Lakes water levels reaching peaks for year

Each of the Great Lakes, except Lake Superior, have likely reached their peak water levels for the year and are predicted to decline, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.

Lake Michigan and Lake Huron set another new monthly mean record high water level in July, however the water level is expected to slowly drop the rest of the year.

Water levels on Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario all continued to decline last month, with no new records set on those lakes in July.

The water level of Lake Superior is expected to peak next month before entering its period of typical seasonal decline.

“While we expect water levels to decline across most of the Great Lakes, levels still remain extremely high,” said John Allis, chief of the Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office, Detroit District.

The Army Corps’ most recent forecast projects that Lake Michigan and Lake Huron will likely set another new record high monthly mean water level in August before dropping back beneath record highs in September. With the continued high water on many of the lakes, and the approaching active fall storm period, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers urges those impacted by the high water levels last fall to be preparing for similar or worse impacts over the next few months.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District,

activated its Emergency Operations Center May 2019 in response to high water on the Great Lakes. July 2020 marked more than 450 consecutive days of providing support.

In that time, Detroit District has conducted many on-site assessments under its technical assistance authority in 16 approved counties, and has provided flood fight supplies under our direct assistance authority in two counties.

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To find more information about Great Lakes high water, emergency management and the permit process visit this link: <https://www.lre-usace.army.mil/About/Great-Lakes-High-Water/> which includes information about how to protect property and investments along the coast and related USACE programs and authorities.

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Medical director talks about COVID-19 at commission meeting

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Wanting to make sure Alcona County received correct information and continues to take COVID-19 seriously, the medical director of District Health Department No. 2 made a Zoom presentation to Alcona County Commissioners during the board meeting on August 5.

Dr. Mark Hamed, medical director of the departments of emergency medicine and hospital medicine at McKenzie Health System, medical director of the health departments of Sanilac, Tuscola, Huron and Lapeer counties and District Health No. 2 which covers Alcona, Iosco, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties, wanted to share his knowledge after hearing good questions asked last month during a health department meeting.

Hamed complemented Alcona County on doing well to stave off the virus with only 24 confirmed cases ranging in patient age from 15 to 88 years. He said the majority of the cases occurred in April and May and that June was a good month, but there was an uptick in cases in July.

The doctor said the virus was still here and that medical professionals were hoping with warmer weather it would just go away, but it is unlike other viruses and is maintaining a level during

the summer season. "Viruses typically get worse in the fall and winter. It is important to remain vigilant with this virus and keep precautions in place," Hamed said.

He explained his feelings and opinions about the virus were as a medical professional and he didn't always agree with governing bodies at the state capital.

"Currently, there is no cure for the virus. We have ways to treat it to help minimize the severity. I'm an emergency room doctor, so I've seen patients with this. Some have no symptoms; others can't breathe and are intubated. The scariest part of this virus is that someone may have it and they have no idea they do, which continues the spread," Hamed said.

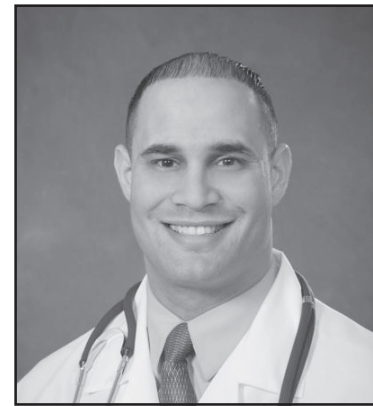
According to Hamed, the virus is unique in that it can attack the body in many different ways including blood clots, heart and/or lung issues and strokes.

"Typically, a virus causes cold symptoms and pneumonia, but we are seeing a lot of very abnormal ways this is affecting the body through super inflammatory states. This is very different from a typical virus. The Coronavirus has been around for a hundred years. Other coronaviruses do not cause this kind of sickness. It's a very confusing virus unlike anything we have seen before," Hamed said.

He talked to the commissioners about medications they have been using to lessen the symptoms of the virus and indicated that some, such as Hydroxychloroquine could help if given early enough to a COVID-19 patient.

"I work at Henry Ford Hospital and the study we did with Hydroxychloroquine showed it did work for those patients and reduced death by 50 percent. However, we were also giving patients who couldn't breathe steroids, not knowing later it would be found that steroids helped to save lives too. There is a lot of controversy on it. I don't rule out anything. We need more information," Hamed said.

He felt face masks were key in the prevention of spreading the virus but said



Dr. Mark Hamed

the ultimate transmission prevention is to stay at home, which is hard for everyone to do. Besides staying home, maintaining safe distances between six and nine feet, washing hands, using a hand sanitizer all helped in staving off the spread of infection.

According to Hamed, while masks are not 100 percent effective, they do help in reducing the transmission, especially if the person wearing the mask had the virus and didn't know it. If two people were in proximity and they both had masks on, it reduces the transmission even more. "With this virus, we found people who were wearing masks when they contracted the virus, didn't get as sick because they were getting fewer particles during the transmission. The mask will slow it down and minimize the severity of symptoms."

He cautioned that masks were not for everyone. They were not for the very young, people who have a lot of difficulty breathing or were on oxygen and people with arm or hand issues who could not put on or take off a mask effectively.

"There was a question about masks retaining carbon dioxide, which could make someone very sick, but cloth or surgical masks have openings for the air to get through. Some medical professionals wear masks seven to eight hours a day straight through and are fine," Hamed said.

He recommended that patients who have recovered from COVID-19 continue to wear a mask because the vi-

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My aunt recently asked me to be the executor of her will when she dies. I'm flattered that she asked, but I'm not sure what exactly the job entails. What can you tell me about this?

Inquiring Niece

Dear Inquiring,
Serving as the executor of your aunt's estate may seem like an honor, but it can also be a lot of work. Here's what you should know to help you prepare for this job.

As the executor of your aunt's will, you're essentially responsible for winding up her affairs after she dies. While this may sound simple enough, you need to be aware that the job can be time-consuming and difficult depending on the complexity of her financial and family situation. Some of the duties required include:

- Filing court papers to start the probate process (this is generally required by law to determine the will's validity).

- Taking an inventory of everything in her estate.

- Using her estate's funds to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.

- Handling details like terminating her credit cards and notifying banks and government agencies like Social Security and the post office of her death.

- Preparing and filing her final income tax returns.

- Distributing assets to the beneficiaries named in her will.

Be aware that each state has specific laws and timetables on an executor's responsibilities. Your state or local bar association may have an online law library that details the rules and requirements. The American Bar Association website also offers guidance on how to settle an estate. Go to AmericanBar.org and type in "guidelines for individual executors and trustees" in the search bar to find it.

Get Organized

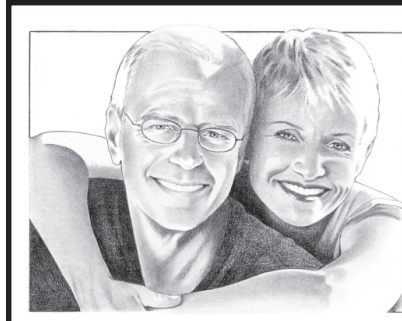
If you agree to take on the

responsibility as executor of your aunt's estate, your first step is to make sure she has an updated will and find out where all her important documents and financial information is located. Being able to quickly put your hands on deeds, brokerage statements and insurance policies after she dies will save you a lot of time and hassle.

If she has a complex estate, you may want to hire an attorney or tax accountant to guide you through the process, with the estate picking up the cost. If you need help locating a pro, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (naepc.org) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) are good resources that provide directories on their websites to help you find someone.

Avoid Conflicts

Find out if there are any conflicts between the beneficiaries of your aunt's estate. If there are some potential



Savvy Senior

problems, you can make your job as executor much easier if everyone knows in advance who's getting what, and why. So, ask your aunt to tell her beneficiaries what they can expect. This includes the personal items too, because wills often leave it up to the executor to dole out heirlooms. If there's no distribution plan for personal property, suggest she make one and put it in writing.

Executor Fees

As the executor, you're entitled to a fee paid by the estate. In most states, executors are entitled to take a percentage of the estate's

value, which often ranges anywhere from one to five percent depending on the size of the estate. But, if you're a beneficiary, it may make sense for you to forgo the fee. That's because fees are taxable, but Uncle Sam in most states doesn't tax inheritances.

For more information on the duties of an executor, get a copy of the book "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" at Nolo.com.

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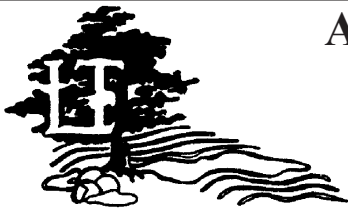
Catching big pike in summer

The men and women of Alcona County EMS would like to thank our Alcona voters for approving the EMS millage.

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Most anglers consider winter the best time to catch a trophy-sized pike but following a few key pointers can make summer pike fishing worthwhile.

When it's very warm out, think about where pike will hide - places with cooler water. These spots include along the thermocline (the layer of water between the deep and surface water), where cold-water streams/rivers flow into lakes or around springs.

Look for bodies of water that aren't densely populated with pike, so the ones there may have a chance to grow fairly large. Also consider locations that have special regulations like size limits.

Lastly, focus on bodies of water that have a good base of fish that pike feed on - particularly other species that prefer cooler water.

**Northeast
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August 13**

- **Cheboygan:** For trout and salmon, try trolling spoons, spin-glos and meat rigs between Lighthouse Point and Lafayette Point off Bois Blanc Island. Depending on water temperature and wind, start at 40 feet and slowly move out to 100 feet. Shore anglers casting soft plastics in Duncan Bay caught smallmouth bass.

- **Cheboygan River:** Had two chutes open. Anglers caught smallmouth bass, rock bass, walleye and freshwater drum when bottom bouncing, floating or drifting worms at the dam, from the fishing piers at the walk-over bridge and near the DNR office. Those casting soft plastics at the mouth caught smallmouth bass.

- **Rogers City:** Those trolling caught trout, salmon and walleye in 50 to 120 feet. Most were running lines above and below the thermocline with spoons, J-plugs, meat rigs and dodgers with flies or squid. Chinook were

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caught before sunup and after sundown.

- **Presque Isle:** Is producing trout, pink salmon, walleye and the occasional Atlantic or coho throughout the water column in 60 to 150 feet. Most are using spoons and dodgers with flies and squid. Lake trout were hitting spin-glos.

- **Alpena:** Anglers caught lake trout, pink salmon, walleye and the occasional steelhead when trolling spoons and spin-glos in 100 to 150 feet off the Nordmeer wreck, Thunder Bay Island and near the first set of "humps." Most were found near the thermocline, with a few pink salmon, walleye and steelhead coming up higher. Lake trout were near the thermocline or on the bottom.

- **Thunder Bay River:** Was producing rock bass, smallmouth bass and channel cats when floating or drifting crawlers. The occasional smallmouth and northern pike were caught in the harbor when casting spinners, chatter baits and soft plastics.

- **Hubbard Lake:** Was producing walleye at night.

- **Oscoda:** Boat anglers caught lake trout, steelhead, walleye and the odd coho, Chinook or Atlantic salmon in 100 to 150 feet straight out from the river and north off Greenbush. Fish were also caught further out at Yankee Reef. The thermocline was 70 to 80 feet down, and most fish were taken 20 to 80 feet down. Lake trout were on the bottom and hitting spin-glos.

- **AuSable River:** Those using crawlers caught a few rock bass, undersized smallmouth bass and a few nice channel cats in the evening.

- **Higgins Lake:** Had good smallmouth bass fishing in 15 to 20 feet. Rock bass have been caught around the lake. Those targeting big trout reported slow catch rates as the fish were not as aggressive. A few good-size pike were caught along the edge of the drop-off in the early morning. The perch are running small, but a few were caught here and there.

- **Houghton Lake:** Those trolling crawler harnesses and crankbaits over the weed beds caught a couple walleye. Panfish were caught on slip bobbers with crawlers or leeches.

- **Tawas:** Atlantic salmon, steelhead and coho were caught out near AuSable Point with spoons in 80 to 100 feet. Slower walleye action, with some caught inside the bay in 15 to 20 feet near buoys 4 and 6 with crawlers and body baits. Some good-sized perch were caught when trolling for walleye. Those using minnows caught smaller fish. Walleye were caught near Buoy No. 2 and south toward Alabaster with crawlers and body baits in 25 to 60 feet.

- **Tawas River:** Those using crawlers caught a few rock bass and some bluegills at Gateway Park.

- **AuGres:** Walleye fishing slowed, but a few were caught out near the Charity Islands and south of Eagle Bay Marina in 15 to 35 feet with crawlers and body baits.

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Small package, big picture

A view from above

Wildlife biologists from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources were looking for a bear.

Not just any bear. They were in search of a sow that had previously been used as a surrogate to raise orphaned cubs. But she had broken and slipped out of her radio collar.

So, they took advantage of one of the DNR's newest programs and called for a drone.

"We know the general area where she dens, kind of this 40-acre spot," said Kevin Jacobs, aviation manager for the DNR. "But there is a lot of heavy cover. We put a thermal camera on there and got a really good heat image that was the right size on the ground."

Finding a surrogate mom for bear cubs is just one way that the DNR uses drones – often referred to as UAV, or unmanned aerial vehicles. Licensed DNR staffers also use the pint-sized choppers equipped with cameras to help manage and promote state forests, parks, wildlife and fishing.

The drone program, based in the department's Forest Resources Division, has been expanding since it started with just three vehicles in 2016.

"The DNR entered this really at the front half of the drone industry. As far as commercial viability, we thought it was important to be at the head not at the tail," Jacobs said.

Jacobs and DNR resource analyst Nick Dohm have shepherded the program since its beginning, paving the way for thoughtful growth.

"We didn't want to get carried away at first," Dohm said. "We've got good control over what the program is, what we're looking for, where we want to grow in the future. We've been able to look at what worked and what didn't work so far, and we can expand on that a little further."

By the middle of 2017, the DNR program had three drones and a certificate of authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration. It's the second Michigan agency to receive a certificate, after the Michigan State Police.

"At that point, it was just sort of trial and error, 'show me what these things can do,'" Dohm said. "Over time we have built up just how useful they are for the department."

They can do a lot.

The DNR crew now includes seven licensed pilots and 10 drones of different sizes and capabilities. The team has explored using drones to assess forest health, look for various types of wildlife and get photos and video that show off Michigan's glorious landscapes. They are currently preparing to fly a drone down a four-mile stretch of the Tahquamenon River. They have also flown over harbors and shooting ranges to make promotional videos.

Examples of drone footage are in videos about Palms Book State Park - Kitch-iti-



Nick Dohm, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources resource analyst, who co-leads the DNR's drone program, prepares for a flight. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

kipi, the Rose Lake Shooting Range and the 2019 state parks centennial celebration.

Drones can never replace the DNR's existing aviation program. Instead, the tiny aircraft complement what their larger, fixed-wing counterparts can do.

"Drones will fly 20-35 minutes on a charge versus an airplane where we can fly six hours nonstop at 150 mph," Jacobs said. "You're really covering two different needs with those two different tools. The idea is to use both of those tools to their fullest."

One advantage for drones: hovering. That makes it easier to use thermal imaging to search for animals, people or hot spots in wildfires. "With the plane you would have to do continuous loops to look at the area," Dohm said.

DNR drones have been used in joint projects with the National Audubon Society to search for tern nests and to do a survey of muskrat huts with Central Michigan University.

Equip a drone with the proper camera, and forest health staff also can get a deeper look at what's happening in the forest, right down to single trees. "We can fly a regeneration site that has four-foot pines in it and get updated, high-resolution imagery and tell the health of individual trees," Dohm said.

In a partnership with Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, Mich., DNR drones used high-resolution imagery to map an 80-acre stand of trees that had root disease moving through.

"You could see what trees were dead, but also give a perspective of which trees were suffering or in the process of dying that you couldn't see with the naked eye," Dohm said. Once the images and

global positioning satellite locations were loaded into an iPad, forest health experts could walk up to individual trees for an in-person assessment.

Michigan also is exploring the use of drones to fight wildland fire. Dohm, Jacobs and other DNR staff members watched a demonstration of the IGNIS firefighting drone last fall and have purchased one for DNR use. Michigan is one of the first Midwestern states to adopt

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A meeting will be held September 1, 2020 at the Township Hall from 7:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. for information and comment on the transfer of the HTRA site to the City of Harrisville.



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it. "The tool is being used with great success nationally," Jacobs said.

The drone is equipped with a carrier that contains hollow spheres filled with a mix of chemicals that will burn when mixed and dropped. It can create fire breaks or start prescribed burns in terrain that fire fighters find difficult to reach. "These things can really cover a lot of ground versus somebody on foot," Jacobs

said. "When we do prescribed burns in some of these marsh areas, they're lighting phragmites or cattails out of a canoe or we have to wait until there is ice so we can navigate through the wetland."

Both Dohm and Jacobs see continued, strategic growth for the drone program. They're looking into even more possibilities such as using drones to plant new trees in clear-

cut Kirtland's warbler habitat and to spray herbicide, which is sometimes used to eradicate invasive species.

"We want to keep an open mind," Jacobs said. "There are ideas that are continuously evolving, so we see what is popping up and available and what might fit our needs."

"There is a tremendous amount of potential in areas where we probably don't even have a clue yet."



A drone image shows a prescribed burn.



To All of Our Wonderful Supporters:

This letter is to inform you of how we are trying to make our sale a safe environment for everyone involved. Due to an Executive Order from the Governor we are only allowed to have 100 people at our Market Sale. With this restriction it will limit us to about 70- 80 bidders. We are asking that you try to limit the representatives to one or two for your business, organization or family.

In order to accommodate our bidders the memberS of the livestock club will gather in a different location and only come to the sale ring when it is their turn to sell.

To try and maximize the number allowed to attend we are breaking the sale into Small Animals at 5 pm. and the Large Animals will follow about 6:30 pm. If you will be bidding only on large animals please plan to come by 6:30.

THE SALE WILL BE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Sale order is: Small Animals: Rabbits (14 pens), Turkeys (24), Chickens (6 pens), Large Animals: Steers (4), Lambs (2), Swine (16), Goats (2). Animals will not be on the grounds. This will be a photo sale. Animals will be sold by the head or pen.

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Please RSVP by calling or texting Jennifer Sweet our Advisor at 989-335-0555 by August 19, 2020.

If you are unable or uncomfortable attending the sale call Kevin Boyat 989-335-0307 and we will be happy to assist you in bidding on an animal.

We are trying to help the kids market their animals after all of their hard work with their projects during the year. Thank you for your understanding in these unusual times.

Alcona Junior Livestock Club



An uncommon visitor, a great egret, also known as a great white heron, stopped for a meal on the shallow edges of the backyard pond of Mary and Willy Weber of Mikado. The bird, which stands almost three and a half feet tall has a wingspan of about 52 to 67 inches, and finds food in shallow waters, spearing it with its long bill. While great egrets are commonly seen in the summer waters of Squaw Bay along US-23 in Alpena, sighting have been scarce this year, most likely due to the high water levels. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Low risk COVID-19 exposure sites in Iosco County

District Health Department No. 2 wants to make the public aware of location(s) that may have allowed for low risk exposure, therefore, making individual identification difficult.

The only time DHD2 will alert the public to specific location(s) where an individual who has tested positive has been is when the contact-tracing team are unable to contact all of the individuals who may have been present (for example: larger facilities)

Individuals who were present at the listed **Iosco County** locations, at the designated times, have the potential for exposure:

Sunday, Aug. 2

- G's Pizzeria, 115 East Bay Road, East Tawas, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Bayside Restaurant, 300 East Bay Road, East Tawas, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Bikini's Beach Bar, 300 East Bay Road, East Tawas, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Monday Aug. 3

- Bayside Restaurant, 300 East Bay Road, East Tawas, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Mango's Mexican Cuisine and Tequila Bar, 214 Newman Street, East Tawas, noon to 1 p.m.
- Mooney's Ben Franklin, 138 Newman Street, East Tawas, 1 to 2 p.m.

- Barnacle Bill's, 119 Newman Street, East Tawas, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Tawas Bay Beach Resort Lobby, 300 East Bay Road, East Tawas, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

- Bayside Restaurant, 300 East Bay Road, East Tawas, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 8

- Route 23 BBQ, 1626 U.S. 23, East Tawas, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 12

- Route 23 BBQ, 1626 U.S. 23, East Tawas, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13

- Route 23 BBQ, 1626 U.S.

23, East Tawas, from 2 to 8 p.m.

According to health department guidelines, individuals should monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. If they do not develop symptoms within 14 days of these dates, there is nothing to be done. Those that develop symptoms within 14 days of these dates should contact their doctor and consider COVID-19 testing.

DHD2 urges individuals to:

- Wear a mask when in public
- Maintain social distancing
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit DHD2 website at www.dhd2.org/COVID-19.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of August 10-16, 2020

104 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrest; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 5 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	2	Traffic/Traffic Stop	19
Medical Assist	24	Property Damage Accident	6
Fraud	4	Animal/Dog	7
Suspicious Event/Noise	2	Well Being Check	6
Unlawful Drive Away Auto	4	Civil	2
Trespass	1	Larceny	8
Operate While Intoxicated	3	Threat/Harassment	3
Assault	1	Suicidal Subject	1
Littering	2	Attempted Burglary	1
Drive While Lic. Suspended	1	Domestic	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	8	Curtis	16
Greenbush	13	Gustin	2	Harrisville	15
Hawes	7	Haynes	7	Mikado	11
Millen	5	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	7	Village of Lincoln	3		

Wolf surveys show stable, healthy population

Recent winter survey results point to a minimum estimated Upper Peninsula population of nearly 700 wolves

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources the state's wolf population has remained relatively stable over the past nine years, with the most recent survey completed last winter. DNR Wildlife Division staff who participated in this latest survey estimate there was a minimum of 695 wolves found among 143 packs across the Upper Peninsula.

Pack size has remained stable with averages just under five wolves.

Dan Kennedy, acting chief of the Wildlife Division, said the DNR has surveyed wolves since 1989 when they began naturally recolonizing the U.P.

"The survey is important because it helps us monitor wolf distribution and abundance, answer research questions and evaluate progress toward state and federal recovery goals," Kennedy said. "Our survey results continue to demonstrate that Michi-

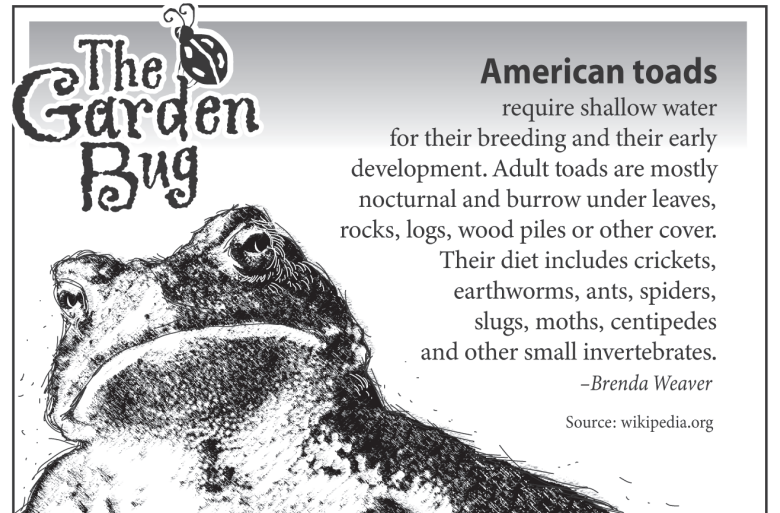
gan's wolf population has recovered."

The survey was conducted from December through March, before wolves had produced pups, when the population is at its lowest point in

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A DNR trail camera image, taken in August 2019, of a gray wolf in the Upper Peninsula. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.



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Local Notes

• Local Notes encompass news bits that are too short to merit a full news story, but are worth mentioning in order to recognize residents for their accomplishments, awards, hard work, etc. One column photos can also be used when there is space available.

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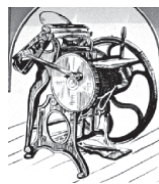
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Please, include a contact name & telephone number with each submission in case there are questions.



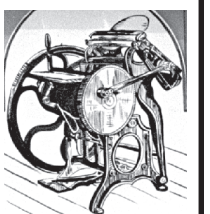
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rus is still so new and is not acting in ways other viruses do. Doctors are not sure of how much transmission they could share after they recover, or if they would get sick again from the virus.

Hamed said most people do not need to wear a mask in their home, but those who work in locations where they may contract the virus may want to protect other loved ones in the home by wearing a mask, especially if they feel sick with a cough or sore throat.

"If people are outside jogging, you probably don't need to wear a mask. If you are in a group of people not at a safe distance, you should. Again, people who can pass the virus don't even know they have it," Hamed said.

He feels there will be a vaccine out by the end of the year and there have been questions raised on whether those vaccines would be made of human embryos, something Alcona County Commissioner Gary Wnuk referred to when he spoke on the commissioner's behalf at the Alcona County Commis-

sion on Aging meeting last month.

Hamed said the data he has read has not supported that statement. "In the past, decades ago, there was a line of vaccines that were produced using human embryonic stem cells. That was back in the 60s and 70s. As far as I'm reading for the past 20 years that hasn't been the case," Hamed said.

Wnuk, who is a board member of District Health Department No. 2, asked Hamed if in trying to slow down the spread of the virus through the summer would we run the risk of seeing a buildup in the fall because we were not letting the virus run its natural course (herd immunity).

Hamed said this virus is not acting in ways that doctors can predict. "In a perfect world, herd immunity is a great concept, I'm all for it, but with this virus, we can't say for sure those who have had this virus will not get it again."

Commissioner Carolyn Brummund asked the doctor about how maxed out northern Michigan hospitals were

with COVID-19 patients. Hamed explained that in April and May the hospitals in our area were not overwhelmed, however, the hospitals in Detroit, Mich., were.

"What people need to understand is if a rural hospital has more than two COVID-19 patients, they are overwhelmed. Most rural hospitals in Michigan don't have even one intensive care unit bed. So, to have two COVID-19 patients at the same time taxes the hospital staff and causes issues for other patients in the hospital. Separating a COVID-19 patient from hospital staff and other patients is very difficult to do.

"In the hospital where I work, we have negative pressure rooms to help minimize the spread, but we don't keep COVID-19 patients for long term care. We either treat them in the emergency room and discharge them home or transfer them out to a hospital (that) can manage them with the physical separation needed to prevent the virus spreading to other patients," Hamed said.

Brummund asked about

payment for COVID-19 patients and if it was true hospitals/doctors are paid a greater amount of money for a COVID-19 patient. Hamed said he has heard that before too and said a COVID-19 patient was more expensive to care for because they require intensive care, more overtime and more resources. He said there was no special COVID-19 "trigger" where hospitals or doctors get a "big pot of money" just for treating COVID-19 patients. "There is a misconception about doctors being incentivized to say a patient has COVID-19, it's just not true," Hamed said.

In a chat message after Alcona County Commissioners agreed to send a letter to the governor requesting the Michigan Economic Recovery Council's (MERC) Reporting Regions change Alcona County from Region 4 which is in Phase 4 of recovery to Region 6 which is in Phase 5 of recovery, Hamed cautioned to everyone in Alcona County not to get complacent just because they live in a rural setting.

"The virus can spread through all settings. It spreads like wildfire. Just one person on a party bus infected 12 people. I must emphasize the importance of mask usage, social distancing and other measures which have been shown to help prevent the virus transmission," Hamed said.

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Super Crossword

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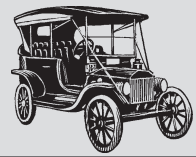
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Buggy Rides



Set new record on Alcona road job

August 20, 1970 ~ The contractor widening and resurfacing US-23 in Alcona County set a new Michigan record for placement of asphalt material in a single day, Thursday, August 13th.

Central Paving of West Branch, headed by Art Crawford, placed 4,100 tons of blacktop in a 14 hour span Thursday. The material covered a two-lane, 24 foot width approximately three miles long.

The previous record, set earlier this summer, was 4,057 tons placed on 1-75 by Lake & Howell in 16 hours.

The new record was reported by Alpena contractor William Gilliland, an associate of Crawford's in Central Paving, and by Frank

DesChamps, senior district engineer, State Highway Department.

Central Paving's contract calls for widening from 20 to 24 feet and resurfacing on US-23 from Harrisville south to the Alcona Iosco county line, about 10 miles.

Four layers of paving are to be placed. "Whenever a paving record like this is set by a contractor, the state always seems to get an exceptionally good paving job," noted DesChamps. "That's because all equipment has to be operating perfectly and there are no delays. Otherwise, setting a record would be impossible."

Art show at county library

August 20, 1970 ~ The twelfth annual Art Show at the County Library has quite a few new offerings on display this year by contributing artists.

Freda Woods from Spruce is showing two canvases. One is the 1920 last run on Central and Dix Ave., Detroit, by the last horse drawn steam fire engine.

Mountain scapes by Grover Wallace is his major theme. Especially intriguing is his Sleeping Giant Range of the Rocky Mountains.

Betty Leonard has used an entirely different treatment in collage with IBM cards to form a skyscraper approach. Other offerings are charcoal and oils.

Shirley Gonzales presents two sculptured hands which adds to the attractiveness of the exhibit.

Eggs in a basket is only one of a canvas by Nellie Chapelle that is bringing comments on its perfections. Another canvas is companion featuring still life, and a smaller one is a Chapel At Dusk.

John Ashford, who has been absent for a year or two, presents a portrait and two canvases in oils. Although John, is the youngest of the local artists, his talent has grown considerable with clearness of expression.

A permanent addition to the slowly growing canvases now owned by the County Library is a painting by the late Ethel Chapelle, past owner of the Alcona County Review. It is a painting of waves breaking on a rocky shore and was done recently.

It is again urged that those artists who have planned to exhibit, but have not brought canvases in, do so as soon as possible. The exhibit will be on display during the rest of August.

Spruce 4-H group brings home awards

August 23, 1995 ~ By Joanne Hanson, 4-H Program Assistant

Spring and summer 4-H clubs participated in the Alcona County Fair with a club and barn display competition. This year's winner for the best club display and most creative barn display was the Spruce Variety Club, Sheila Robbins, leader.

At fair time the leaders nominate youth for county awards. Awards are an honor to recognize youth for outstanding achievement in a project area. Award winners are: swine, Lisa French; beef, Tim Boyat; safety, Christina Blumer; citizenship, Scott Kroon; health, Patti Makela; sheep, Matt Thomas; goat, John Parson; and gardening,

Tara Robbins.

Scholarships were awarded to Amber Knight, Christina Blumer, Jeremy Mallory, Chris Mallory, Megan Gibson, Jordan Reynolds, Arin Rimer Emily Lovelace, Nathan Walker and Autumn Rimer. The Alcona 4-H Advisory Council held its first annual animal sweepstakes. Youths who won showmanship in their division during the fair, had the option to participate in the sweepstakes. Youths not only show their animal, but must also show animals from all the divisions. The all around fitting and showman-

ship winners were: small animal division with small fowl, large fowl, and rabbits. Senior - Holly Glomski; Junior - Christin Habitz.

Large animal division with horse, beef, sheep, swine, and goat - senior-Holly Glomski; junior-Christin Habitz.

Congratulations to everyone who participated, Alisa Kowalski, Casie Harmon, Jamie Methangham, Chris Mallory, Hope Harmon, Scoey Hendrich, Robert French, Jeff Souva, Jamie Metheringham and Stephanie Fowler. You are all winners in showmanship!

Three B & E's reported in county

August 20, 1970 ~ Three burglaries discovered early Tuesday, one at Harrisville and two at Hubbard Lake, are being investigated by the Alcona County Sheriff's Department.

Sometime after midnight, officers said, someone broke into Kerby Lanes on US-23, in Harrisville, through a south side door, and looted coin operated machines and a cash drawer.

A loss of about \$245, mostly in coins, was reported by owner George McIntyre, officers said.

Entries were also discovered at two cottages next door to each other on Hubbard Lake Road, near south shore Hubbard Lake.

Household goods, liquor and food of undetermined value were taken from the cottage of Elmer Teichman after entry was gained through a garage door, police said.

It has not yet been determined what was taken from the cottage of Charles Van Every, which was entered by breaking out the glass in a door, the sheriff's department reported.

Local news items

August 23, 1945 ~ Tonsil operations were performed Wednesday by Dr. Constantine on Linda Carnahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Carnahan of Haynes, Herbert Specht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Specht of Harrisville and Marilyn Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown of Harrisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hyatt of Plymouth, Mich., are now occupying the A. F. Longpre home on M-72 west of Harrisville. Mr. Hyatt is the new manager of Alcona Seed Growers Association, succeeding Mr. Longpre, who has purchased an elevator at Millersburg and is now making his home there.

Births

August 23, 1945 ~ A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forsythe of Harrisville, August 13.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martindale of Hawes, a daughter, August 13.

Born August 18, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Pattee of Spratt. Mother and babe are at the Thompson Maternity home in Harrisville Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Matthews of Rose City are the parents of a baby girl born August 19, at Thompson Maternity home.

CryptoQuip answer

If you liked to wear gold tiaras, I guess people would refer to you as "karat top."



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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	
August 9	83	64	0.04	1.3	11	SW
August 10	85	67	0.05	3.0	19	SW
August 11	80	58	0.44	1.4	14	NE
August 12	69	51	0.00	1.3	18	NE
August 13	75	60	0.00	2.0	9	NE
August 14	77	64	0.00	3.4	13	ESE
August 15	76	63	0.00	4.0	13	S

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	0.53	0.00	0.84
August to Date	1.38	0.09	1.73
Year to Date	15.23	13.79	17.59

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. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Hungary?
- 2. MOVIES:** What is the name of the necklace given to Rose in the movie "Titanic"?
- 3. TELEVISION:** Which TV comedy led to a spinoff series called "The Andy Griffith Show"?
- 4. HISTORY:** The Motion Picture Association of America established modern movie ratings in which year?
- 5. ADVERTISING:** What is the name of the rooster in the Kellogg's Cornflakes advertisements?
- 6. MEASUREMENTS:** How many gills are in a pint?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK:** What is spumoni?
- 8. LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century poet once wrote, "August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time"?
- 9. BIBLE:** How many times did Noah send a dove from the Ark to seek land?
- 10. ANATOMY:** What is a common name for the clavicle?

Answers: 1. Budapest; 2. The Heart of the Ocean; 3. "The Danny Thomas Show"; 4. 1968; 5. Cornelius; 6. Four; 7. A layered Italian ice-cream dessert; 8. Sylvia Plath; 9. Three; 10. Collar bone (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.



Moments In Time



By The History Channel

- On Aug. 23, 1784, four counties in North Carolina declare their independence as the state of Franklin. The counties lay in what would become Tennessee. In defiance of Congress, Franklin survived as an independent nation for four years with its own constitution, Indian treaties and legislated system of barter.
- On Aug. 21, 1911, theft of the Mona Lisa is discovered. After a two-year search for the painting, former employee Vincenzo Perugia was captured attempting to collect a ransom.
- On Aug. 20, 1920, seven men, including legendary football star Jim Thorpe, meet to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference, the forerunner to the National Football League.
- On Aug. 22, 1933, the notorious Barker gang robs a Federal Reserve mail truck in Chicago and kills Officer Miles Cunningham. Netting only a bunch of worthless checks, the Barkers soon returned to a crime with which they had more success -- kidnapping. Their first victim, William Hamm, had earned the gang \$100,000 in ransom.
- On Aug. 18, 1958, Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel "Lolita" is published in the U.S. The novel, about a man's obsession with a 12-year-old girl, had been rejected by four publishers before G.P. Putnam's Sons accepted it.
- On Aug. 19, 1960, in the USSR, captured American U-2 spy plane pilot Francis Gary Powers is sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for his confessed espionage. Only 18 months into his sentence, the Soviets released him in exchange for Rudolf Abel, a senior KGB spy who was caught and convicted in the U.S. five years earlier.
- On Aug. 17, 1978, the Double Eagle II, with three pilots, completes the first trans-Atlantic balloon flight when it lands near Paris after lifting off from Presque Isle, Maine. The helium-filled balloon had flown 3,233 miles in the nearly six-day odyssey.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Sociologists have discovered an interesting correlation between economic health and women's clothing: The worse the economy, the longer women's skirts become, while the better the economy, the shorter they rise.
- Coca-Cola owns all website URLs that can be read as ahh, up to 62 h's.
- The world's shortest escalator is the one in the basement of the More's Department Store in the city of Kawasaki, Japan. It's 33 inches tall and has only five steps.
- Realizing that surgical antiseptics were marketable to just a small group of professionals, the makers of Listerine began to market the product as a floor cleaner -- as well as a cure for gonorrhea. While we won't necessarily vouch for the latter, in a pinch, just add a capful for every gallon of water and mop away. Other uses include dandruff elimination, deodorant, a numbing agent for toothache pain and tick removal.
- The famous Battle of Hastings didn't take place in Hastings, but a town seven miles away, today called Battle.
- A 1938 issue of "Mademoiselle" magazine had a handy bit of advice for college gals seeking suitors: have your mom send you some flowers to trick all the boys into thinking they have competition. No word on whether it worked.
- According to an American study, Californians are less likely to barbecue on a Tuesday than any other day of the week.
- Ferdinand Demara, aka "The Great Impostor," posed as a surgeon aboard a Navy destroyer in the Korean War, where he was forced to operate on 16 people. He proceeded to speed-read a textbook on general surgery and was able to successfully perform all the operations without losing a single patient.

Thought for the Day: "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked." -- Mark Twain

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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: **C** equals **T**

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Inc. article subjs.</p> <p>4 Pharmacy chain</p> <p>7 "— fair in love and war"</p> <p>11 Luau guitar, informally</p> <p>14 Actress Skye</p> <p>18 Lure</p> <p>20 Tournament sit-outs</p> <p>21 Rebelled</p> <p>23 * "High gravity" lager brand</p> <p>25 Questioning intensely</p> <p>26 Tattered</p> <p>27 Sasha</p> <p>34 Prefix with hazard</p> <p>35 * "The Good Body" playwright</p> <p>37 * He played Uncle Leo on "Seinfeld"</p> <p>42 Prefix with hazard</p> <p>43 Deliberately disregarding</p> | <p>46 "That's —!" ("Not true!")</p> <p>48 Source of some syrup</p> <p>53 * Tense situations make them rise</p> <p>57 Kitchen cover-up</p> <p>58 Not as hard</p> <p>60 Noble's crown</p> <p>61 * Horizontal supporting piece on a ship's lower mast</p> <p>64 First-class</p> <p>65 Leaves off</p> <p>66 Be nuts over</p> <p>68 Woman's office outfit</p> <p>73 * Actor who played Hercules in 1958</p> <p>79 At odds with</p> <p>80 Biology slide specimen</p> <p>82 Accord</p> <p>83 * Unease</p> <p>85 Solidified</p> <p>88 Asia's — Sea</p> <p>89 Think up</p> <p>91 Part of TMI</p> <p>92 * Fitted forearm cover</p> | <p>96 * Not even a single time</p> <p>102 — populi</p> <p>103 Pluses</p> <p>106 Strauss one-act opera</p> <p>107 * Short-pile cotton fabric</p> <p>112 Instruments of angels</p> <p>114 Left amazed</p> <p>115 Push away</p> <p>116 * The answers to the starred clues are all drawn from a certain set of them</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 King's home</p> <p>2 13th-century German king</p> <p>3 "Tristram Shandy" novelist</p> <p>4 "Silent" prez</p> <p>5 Outdated TV hookup</p> <p>6 Pipe part</p> | <p>7 Husband of Héloïse</p> <p>8 Bit of a song's words</p> <p>9 Actor Burton</p> <p>10 Dir. opposite NNW</p> <p>11 Push along</p> <p>12 Corn piece</p> <p>13 Show plainly</p> <p>14 Misfortunes</p> <p>15 Redding of R&B</p> <p>16 Hawaiian state bird</p> <p>17 Outer limit</p> <p>19 Zellweger of films</p> <p>22 Butter substitutes</p> <p>24 Identical</p> <p>28 Wobble</p> <p>30 Not crooked</p> <p>31 Omegas' precursors</p> <p>33 Actress Woodard</p> <p>36 Mauna —</p> <p>38 Denials</p> <p>39 Relish</p> <p>40 Kagan of the court</p> <p>41 Made angry</p> <p>44 Snaky curves</p> <p>45 End in — (finish evenly)</p> <p>47 Punta del —, Uruguay</p> | <p>48 Gymnast's landing pad</p> <p>49 Fourth mo.</p> <p>50 Nuptial lead-in</p> <p>51 — Alamos</p> <p>52 — four (little cake)</p> <p>54 Get points</p> <p>55 One running easily</p> <p>56 Unit of work</p> <p>59 Gallery work</p> <p>62 Scoundrel</p> <p>63 Gives off</p> <p>64 Actress Feldshuh</p> <p>66 Nuclear trial, in brief</p> <p>67 Cotillion star for short</p> <p>69 Golden — (retirees)</p> <p>70 Like "m" and "n" sounds</p> <p>71 Duke, e.g.</p> <p>72 NBC hit since '75</p> <p>73 Sammy of baseball</p> <p>74 Author Welty</p> <p>75 Suffix with phenyl</p> <p>76 Actor Diesel</p> <p>77 Summer, to the French</p> <p>78 Pink Floyd's Barrett</p> <p>80 Like Peru's peaks</p> | <p>81 Assembles</p> <p>84 The "S" of RSVP</p> <p>86 Off-road bike, in brief</p> <p>87 Some deer</p> <p>90 Filling dishes</p> <p>93 Incident</p> <p>94 Religious adherent</p> <p>95 Phillips — Academy</p> <p>97 U.S. Open ailer</p> <p>98 Bring joy to</p> <p>99 Oath takers</p> <p>100 Come forth</p> <p>101 Boston ball team</p> <p>104 "Come Back, Little —"</p> <p>105 Roof overhangs</p> <p>107 Improvise jazz-style</p> <p>108 Writer Wiesel</p> <p>109 "Perfect Strangers" co-star Mark — Baker</p> <p>110 Waistcoat</p> <p>111 Twisting fish</p> <p>113 Squalid district</p> <p>116 U.S. "Uncle"</p> <p>117 Outer limit</p> <p>118 NFL stats</p> |
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Stolen medical equipment

It's hard to fathom how low some criminals will go. Right in the middle of the COVID crisis, a respiratory therapist working for the Department of Veterans Affairs was nabbed for theft. Hospitals were sweating out having enough space and equipment to take care of patients, and medical personnel were struggling to find enough protective gear for themselves. So what was this respiratory therapist doing? He was stealing ventilators and selling them on eBay.

He stole not only ventilators but bronchoscopes and other respiratory support equipment -- just the medical stuff COVID patients need to keep breathing while their bodies heal. Among other things, he sold on eBay a whopping five ventilators in two months -- March and

April -- right in the middle of the COVID chaos.

Staff at the VA hospital knew the items were missing, of course, and had reported each instance. They probably did a daily count of materials, worried about how they would cope with an influx of patients. Then someone thought to check sales of those medical items on eBay, and there they were.

The VA Office of Inspector General stepped in, as well as the U.S. attorney. The suspect initially denied involvement, of course. Criminals always do. He said someone else was using that seller name on eBay, that he hadn't stolen anything, even though eBay listings and IP addresses traced back to his house.

Search warrant in hand, the authorities collected all

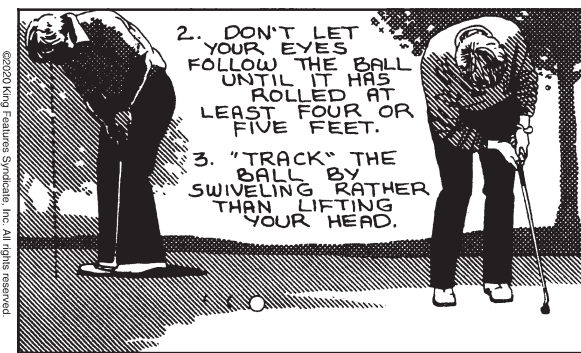
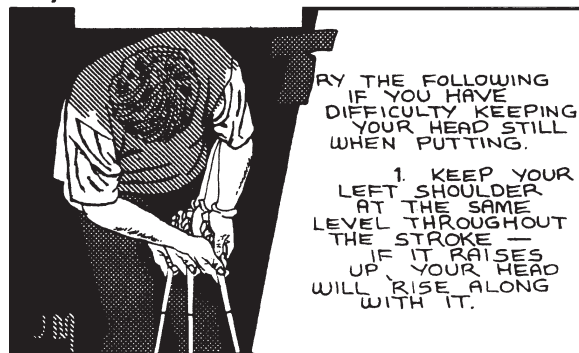
manner of stolen medical equipment from the guy's house, including CPAP machines and masks, ventilation tubes and more. eBay sales records were found, complete with serial numbers of the missing items. The U.S. Attorney's Office spoke with buyers of some of the equipment.

But one piece of the evidence was damning. The final nail in the crook's coffin was his own cellphone with photos of some of the items he stole.

Theft of government property can net a 10-year prison sentence. Hopefully, that 10 years will apply to each individual piece of equipment this criminal stole.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name (s) of the mortgagor (s): Joseph P. Greenwalt and Annette B. Greenwalt, husband and wife. Original mortgagee: Huron Lending Services, LLC foreclosing assignee (if any): Huron Community Bank. Date of Mortgage: August 22, 2003. Date of Mortgage Recording: August 29, 2003. Amount claimed due on date of notice:

\$22,521.85.
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 68, **except** a strip of land three feet in width along the northwesterly side of Lot 68 of the Supervisor's Plat of Jewel Lake, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 146 Alcona County Records.
 Common street address (if any): 1661 Burgess, Barton City, MI 48705-2501

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met August 12 via Zoom. All board members were present. Motions to approve the agenda, July minutes, bills, road contract, alternate to board of review. Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Kerry Scott
 Caledonia Township Clerk

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 10 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; and council members Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason and Bean; attorney Cook; and guests.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to approve the minutes of July 13. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 20, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,534.44. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring asked Bruce Weber, Harrisville Harbor Commission chairperson, to discuss the resolution from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the city to appropriate the sum of \$21,410 to match the \$47,100 state grant authorized by the DNR.

Mayor Gehring presented Resolution No. 2020-06. "Resolved, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, accepts the terms of the agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Grant Agreement -- Harbor and Docks -- Mooring Construction to comply with all terms of the agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this resolution." Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean, to accept Resolution No. 2020-06, Waterways Grant Agreement. Aye: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, and Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor discussed Annual Certification of employee-related conditions. Public Act 51. To be signed by street administrator Kaiser and treasurer Luenberger. Due September 30, 2020.

Mayor Gehring discussed the renewal permit application for the commercial marijuana facility in the city. Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, to accept the renewal application permit for a commercial marijuana facility in the City of Harrisville, from Cam Club LLC. Motion carried: 5-0.

Reports: Mayor Gehring recommended to council the appointment of alderman Schwanz as mayor pro tem. Schwanz accepted the nomination. Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser, to appoint alderman Schwanz as mayor pro tem. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the introduction of conversations concerning the upcoming sewer grant funding and the potential increases in residential and commercial sewer billing.

Discussion on stipend for treasurer Luenberger for her transcription work for the Clean Water Revolving Fund Project Plan (CWSRF). Motion by Peterson, support by Bean, to approve a stipend for Barbara Luenberger of \$132.50 for her transcription work for the CWSRF. Motion carried: 5-0.

Clerk Pierce reported the state and local primary on August 4 had 152 votes cast. Eighty-seven absent voter ballots were distributed. Ballots for the November general election will be available by the first week in September. All requests from voters who indicated they wanted to be on a permanent absent voter application file and checked the appropriate box on the state application, will receive their November general election ballot, in the mail, as soon as they become available. Call the city office for any further information. (989) 724-6666.

A thank you to Dean Pierce who volunteered to paint all the fire hydrants in the city this past week. Mission accomplished. Sixty-eight hydrants now Massey Ferguson red. Thank You Dean.

Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Lane Schwanz to the zoning board of appeals. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to appoint Lane Schwanz to the zoning board of appeals. Motion carried: 5-0.

Harbor Commission: Harbor has paid back \$10,000 of the \$15,000 loan request. Planning commission will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Klukowski reported the department has two fire rigs that it would like to put up for auction. Discussion on how best to bid them out.

County Commissioner Johnston reported the county building offices have gone on shortened business hours because of COVID-19. Call the county clerk's office, (989) 724-9410, for information on building hours of operation. The latest county audit appears to be in good standing.

Comment Cards: Ed Chrumka shared his plans for a marijuana processing facility on the grounds of the old NAS building at the end of Third Street at the state park.

Michael Baird presented his proposal for a zoning variance to council. The matter is recommended go before the Zoning Board of Appeals pending further information.

Councils last comments: Alderman Schwanz is in the process of investigating utilities and grant funding for alternative energy sources for the City of Harrisville to become an example of a "green city." Alderman Kaiser expressed continuing concerns about a property on Swamp Road which is out of compliance as far as the city's grass cutting ordinance. The city and zoning administrator are in contact with the bank which is now in possession of the property.

Mayor Gehring moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next city council meeting is Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at city hall. Published prior to council approval.

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Two gray wolves bedded down in the snow. Taken during a previous winter's aerial wolf survey.

the annual cycle. "Once survey units have been identified for a given year, surveyors drive roads and trails in trucks and on snowmobiles looking for wolf tracks," said Dean Beyer, a DNR wildlife research biologist who organizes the sampling and generates the wolf population estimate for the biennial survey. "Once they find wolf tracks, surveyors follow the tracks as long as is practical to determine the number of individual wolves that made the tracks."

The wolf survey is completed by DNR Wildlife Division and U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services staff who search specific survey areas for wolf tracks and other signs of wolf activity, such as territorial marking or indications of breeding.

"Surveyors try to locate adjacent packs on the same day, to ensure they are not double-counting the same wolves," said Beyer. State and federal wildlife staff also trap wolves in the spring and outfit them with GPS collars to help determine pack boundaries. This helps determine which tracks belong to each pack during the winter survey. In 2019-2020, approximately 62 percent of the Upper Peninsula was surveyed.

After wolves returned naturally to the U.P. through immigration from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ontario in the 1980s, the population rebounded over time. The pronounced long-term increase in wolf abundance is evident, despite human cause-specific mortality, such as poaching and vehicle collisions.

Over the past decade, Michigan's minimum estimate has hovered between 600 and 700 wolves, which is indicative of a stabilizing population.

"Given the relatively consistent abundance estimates since 2011, it appears the wolf population has likely reached the carrying capacity of the Upper Peninsula," said Cody Norton, a wildlife management specialist with the DNR's bear, wolf and cougar program in Marquette, Mich.

Since the winter of 1993-94, combined wolf numbers in Michigan and Wisconsin have surpassed 100 wolves, meeting one of the federally established goals for delisting wolves in the Great Lakes states. In 2004, Michigan achieved its recovery goal of a minimum sustainable population of 200 wolves for five consecutive years, and wolves were removed from the state list of threatened and endangered species in 2009.

Wolves in Michigan remain a federally protected species and may be killed legally only in defense of human life.

More information about Michigan's wolf population can be found at Michigan.gov/Wolves.

REPLACEMENT OF CEDAR LAKE LEVEL CONTROL STRUCTURE

The Alcona County Drain Commission will be replacing the existing lake level control structure on the north end of Cedar Lake in Greenbush, MI beginning on August 20th. The estimated completion date is September 11th.

The existing structure, built in the 1950's, has received poor condition ratings over the past 15 years as part of the mandatory State of Michigan triennial safety inspection program. The current structure is beyond the end of its useful life, and failure would be devastating for the Cedar Lake residents and visitors. The structure severely leaks and cannot adequately manage and release water properly during high water conditions. Alcona County Drain Commissioner, Jesse Campbell, said. "The new dam structure will help maintain the legal lake level, be able to release more water during high water and flooding conditions, and reduce unnecessary water loss through the structure in the summertime. The new design will also help with ongoing and routine maintenance by allowing larger debris to flow through the structure instead of plugging up in trash screens like the original structure."



The estimated \$234,885 project is being entirely funded by a special assessment district consisting of lake front property owners on Cedar Lake in both Alcona County & Iosco County. The Spicer Group out of Saginaw was awarded the engineering contract in October 2019 and Team Elmer's of Alpena was awarded the construction contract.

PRELIMINARY WORK SCHEDULE

Note: This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions or other unforeseen events.

August 13 & 14: Clearing of existing maintenance lane

Crews will be removing the culvert at Indian Creek Drive and also removing brush and debris from 350 feet of ditch along Cedar Creek between E Cedar Lake Drive and Indian Creek Drive to improve flow capacity.

August 20 & 21: Installation of new replacement culvert on Indian Creek Drive

August 24 – August 26: Install permanent sheet pilings and set up dewatering

Note: The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (ELGE) has authorized up to a 12-inch drawdown from the legal lake level. As of the end of July 2020, the lake was already 6.5 inches below the legal lake level. It is anticipated that only 2 additional inches will need to be dewatered to complete the project. The drawdown limitation is mandated by ELGE to minimize negative impacts on the aquatic wildlife and fauna.

August 27 & 31: Excavate for concrete box culvert

September 1: Install concrete box culvert

September 2 & 4: Install structures and backfill

Note: New sheet pilings will be installed early to prevent erosion and additional water loss thru the remainder of the project.

September 8 – September 11 Backfill pilings/ road reconstruction / concrete top cap placement

Drain Commissioner Campbell encourage residents and visitors to monitor the lake level at your property if you have watercraft in Cedar Lake that could be affected by the drawdown. All residents and visitors are asked to use the posted detour (F-30 to Cedar Lake Road to US23) as E Cedar Lake Drive will be closed to all traffic at the job site.

Questions or concerns about the Cedar Lake Level Control Structure replacement project ,or any other road or drainage issues, should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, PO Box 40, Lincoln, MI 48742, by phone at 989-736-8168, or by email to roads@alconacrc.com

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