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satety practices worry health officials

By Cheryl Peterson Editor

As northern Michigan eases into the first holiday weekend of the summer and many plan to travel to the area, local health department officials continue to encourage health safety measures to keep the number of cases of COVID-19 down.

"I think many people have a false security blanket in northeast counties - they think it's not here or that it is contained," said Denise Bryon, director of Health Department No. 2. "That isn't the case. There is an increased risk as people travel to this area for summer activities and gatherings. Everyone wants things to go back to normal but we aren't done."

She said health officials are concerned about the senior population that is at high risk to exposure in Alcona County and surrounding counties as people travel from out of state and downstate to their summer homes, to visit friends and family and enjoy summer life in northern Michi-

She cited a recent COVID-19 exposure at a stag (bachelor) party held in Alpena County where 200 or more people of various ages attended and, potentially, everyone at that event was exposed. "We have to determine who might have been the source and, technically, every individual who attended should be in quarantine," Bryon said.

"I get it. People are tired of not having the freedoms and connections they used to have. I'm tired of it too," she said. "This is a new normal. This is a health issue. There is no vaccine with a (distribution) date that I've heard of and we have to continue to be vigilant in keeping the spread

According to the Health Department No. 2 website, 257 tests have been administered to Alcona County residents since mid-March with 239 negative results, one death and five recoveries. As of Monday, June 29, there have been 18 positive cases. Taking away the five who recovered and one death, that leaves 12 cases where individuals are recovering at home. They were not hospitalized for the infection, according to Devin Spivey, a health educator and epidemiologist with Health Department No. 2.

She explained the 12 cases were part of an exposure from Kalitta Air, a transportation business located on the former Wurtsmith Air Force base in Oscoda. Approximately a month ago the exposure was identified. As a result, roughly 1,200 people volunteered to be tested; thirty-nine tested positive -County.

"Because we did the testing and people were quarantined, it stopped spreading," Bryon said.

Spivey explained that unless there is updated information about hospitalization or death, 30 days from the onset of symptoms or testing positive, a case is moved into the recovered category. "However, because of state guidelines, if someone who has recovered passes away months later and their doctor assigns a COVID-19-related

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Alcona County Veteran Affairs seeks millage

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

To continue to meet the accredited Veterans Affairs office and offer additional assistance to veterans, the Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is asking voters to approve a new eight-year millage of .20 mills (\$0.20 per 1,000.00 of home value) on the August 4 ballot.

The millage will keep the VA office in Alcona County operating full time with an accredited veteran counselor/ director.

In 2019, the State of Michigan began asking all VA offices to become accredited and offered a one-year grant for a little over \$55,000 to assist veteran offices in getting established.

Accreditation stipulations asked for a director/veteran councilor be trained in-depth on veteran services and be available at least 20 hours per week to assist veterans.

the grant, the department was only working seven hours per state standard of being an week, leaving little time to passed, not only will the adassist the 1,500 plus veter- ditional funds, an estimated

ans in Alcona County. The grant was to be offered again in 2020, but early in the year Governor Gretchen Whitmer took the grant funding off the table during budget negotiations. The 2020 grant funds were eventually reestablished by the state, but funding didn't arrive until two quarters into the department's fiscal year.

"That was before the pandemic, who knows what will happen now with funding," said Tony Atkinson, Alcona County VA veteran counselor/director, who has been working for the department for four years.

Patrick Smylie, Chairman of Alcona County Veteran Affairs, said it was very unlikely the department will ever see VA grant funds again, especially in light of the budget

Before the county received constraints COVID-19 has over and over again. Our vetplaced on the state.

> Should the millage be \$155,332 the first year, help to keep Atkinson working fulltime for the veterans, but it will also assist with some financial relief for eligible veterans, helping both war and peace-time veterans whenever possible.

> Atkinson explained over the past two years, working five days a week, he has helped with well over 2,500 VA assistance requests in the county. Much of his time is spent making sure veterans and their families fill out the proper forms to receive the benefits due to them.

> Smylie said the red-tape and paperwork veterans must go through to get services is unconscionable. "When I first applied for benefits, they would send me the wrong forms. Most veterans give up rather than go through that

erans deserve and need the guidance Tony provides," Smylie said.

Atkinson can help with a variety of different services including, in-service and nonservice-connected pensions, widow pensions, VA health care enrollment, insurance benefits, burial benefits, housebound and aid and assistance benefits, emergency financial assistance, debt management, educational benefits, home loans, correction of military records, military discharge records and automobile and special adaptive equipment such as ramps, walkers, wheelchairs, safety grab rails and caption call phones for hearing im-

"Having an accredited VA department has been a total success in this county. Before the grant, the veterans here were not getting nearly

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Calendar of Events



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Learn about animals with Exotic Zoo via an exclusive YouTube link provided by Alcona County Library. Visit the library's Facebook page website at http:// www.alcona.lib.mi.us from home, or you may use the Wi-Fi at the branches in Harrisville, Lincoln, Caledonia, or Mikado. This virtual learning experience is sponsored by Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs mini-grant administered by Art in the Loft. Don't forget to sign up for the "Imagine Your Story" Summer Reading Program. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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.

Community Walking Club for 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 are recommended.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

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.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Celebrate Independence Day at the Harrisville Harbor with fireworks at dusk — approximately 10:15 p.m. (In case of inclement weather, they will be held on Sunday.)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Yoga for a Cause - Liz

McNichols is offering Hatha Yoga on the lawn at the Harrisville United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Participants should bring their own mats and props with six-foot physical distance setup. Classes are by donation and all proceeds will support the Alcona Food Pantry.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Community Walking Club for 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 are recommended.

The Newcomers Lunch Group will meet at noon at the Big Boy Restaurant on Ripley Avenue in Alpena. Call Terry at (989) 340-0676 if planning to attend.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry (for Alcona County residents only) will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the following locations: Lott Baptist Church, (4257 M-65) Glennie; South Shore Fire Hall, (367 W. Mt. Maria) Spruce; Smokies Bar parking lot (5982 N. Hubbard Lake Road) Spruce; Alcona Township Hall, (5576 US-23) Black River, Barton City Fire Hall (1868 W. Trask Lake Road) Barton City; Mikado Fire Hall (2226 S. F-41) Mikado; Greenbush Fire Hall (5063 Campbell Street) Greenbush; and Alcona Elementary School (181 N. Barlow Road) Lincoln. Drive through only pickup. Limited supplies. First come, first served.

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cause of death, then that will be recorded as a COVID-19 death (in the health department's statistics). That is one of the reasons why numbers can change without an explanation," she said.

Other than the Kalitta Air exposure, as far as the health department is aware, there have not been any infection sites in Alcona County to date.

When questioned about the approximate number of cases on the health department's website where it shows cases by ZIP code (on a map on page two of the COVID-19 breakdown), both Bryon and Spivey said they could not - because of HIPAA Privacy Rule – be more specific. Where there are no cases, it is zero, or where there are five cases, it states five. However, the number of cases that may be specifically two or three it states, "less than five."

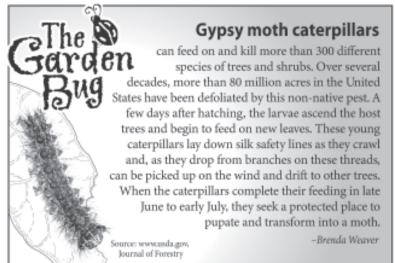
These are the numbers provided by ZIP code from Health Department No. 2: 48740 - five; 48742 - less than five; 48745 – less than five; 48738 – less than five; 48737 – less than five; 48762 less than five; 48705 – zero; 48728 – zero; 49747 – zero.

Both Bryon and Spivey encourage the adherence to health safeguards that have been in place to protect from getting and/or spreading COVID-19:

- · Wash hands often with soap and water.
- If soap and water are unavailable, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Wear a cloth face covering when in public.
- · Maintain social distancing (at least six feet) when possible.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed
- · Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- · Stay home if sick and contact healthcare provider.
- Frequently clean and disinfect high touch surfaces such as light switches, phones, keyboards, etc.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms such as cough, fever, and shortness of breath.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the DHD2 COVID-19 web site at www.dhd2.org/COVID-19 or the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ coronavirus.

(The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' medical records and other personal health information and applies to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and those health care providers that conduct certain health care transactions electronically. The rule requires appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy of personal health information and sets limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures that may be made of such information without patient authorization. The rule also gives patients rights over their health information, including rights to examine and obtain a copy of their health records, and to request corrections.)



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Local Notes

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Glennie Events Cancelled

Glennie's July Fourth hometown parade and fireworks have been cancelled this year. With the unforeseen circumstances surrounding COVID-19 the Curtis Activities Committee volunteers voted unanimously to cancel this year's activi-With uncertainty on social distancing guidelines and the size of crowd gatherings, they felt best to cancel. They appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to events next year.

Away at School

- Jorge Freer of Harrisville was one of 600 students from Saginaw Valley State University whose determination and commitment to academic excellence earned a spot on the winter 2020 semester President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.
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- London Mardney of Harrisville was named to the Saginaw Valley State University Dean's List for the winter 2020 semester. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.
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- Tasha Merillat of Mikado was named to the Saginaw Valley State University Dean's List for the winter 2020 semester. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.
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Brain Injury Support Group

Brain injuries can range from mild to fatal and can be caused by a number of factors, such as genetic or congenital disorders to concussions, after childbirth, tumors or even gunshot wounds. Everyone is susceptible to a brain injury and they affect all age groups from infants to the elderly. Recovery from a brain injury varies from person to person and cause to cause. Often people need help adjusting to changes in their lives following a brain injury.

To help those who have suffered a brain injury, as well as their caregivers, family and friends, a new online support group is available. In collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, the support group is designed to provide the opportunity to share information and experiences, while gaining valuable knowledge about brain injuries. The group meets on the second Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p. m. and are currently being conducted via Zoom. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020.

Registration is required. Once complete, participants will receive a password protected link to the Zoom meeting. Those interested in learning more about brain injuries and resources available may visit www.biami.org. Those interested in registering or have questions about the meeting may call, Nancy Kotwicki at (989) 356-7359 or Sandy Smith at (248) 417-2810.

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Coles celebrate 69th anniversary

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The couple started dating in high school. Following graduation, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Virginia during the Korean War. After Jack was told he would stay stateside during his tour of duty, the couple married while Jack had a 10-day furlough. When he returned to his base, Jack received orders to Korea where he served for two years until his discharge.

They owned and operated Cole's Appliance in Lincoln for 30 years and retired in 1962.

They are life-long members of First Baptist Church. Dorothy, a bookkeeper, played piano and organ for approximately 50 years for the church.

For many years, they enjoyed camping and spending a few weeks every winter in Florida.

They have four children, Kenneth Cole, Kevin Cole, Cathy Cole and Brad Cole.



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MSU Extension seeks renewal millage

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The Michigan State University Extension Service (MSUE) will be asking Alcona County voters to renew a millage on the August 4 ballot to continue its many service amenities, such as having a full-time 4-H program coordinator and access to other MSUE programs.

This is the second request for the four-year, 0.14 mill request, which was originally voted on in 2012 and renewed in 2016. The millage directly pays for a full-time 4-H coordinator, office support such as phones, Internet and other office expenses annually.

In addition to having a fulltime 4-H coordinator in the county, the renewal millage funds also offer residents of all ages access to educational programs such as family financial health education so families can learn to manage money and household resources effectively; gardening programs which provide support to Master Gardners and homeowners including plant, insect and disease identification and management; health and nutrition programs that encourage adults, seniors and youth to eat healthy through food safety and nutrition programs; and agriculture programs which help Alcona County farmers grow, produce local food and protect the environment; and the MSUE Books for Learning program which offers new books for children of all ages and reading levels to keep.

The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills in youth ages five to 19 through experimental learning programs with a positive youth development approach. The 4-H program has guiding Alcona County youth for 100 years

Life-long resident Judy French has been an active 4-H leader for the last eight years and was involved in 4-H and MSUE activities as a teenager while growing up in Alcona County.

She feels the benefit of having the expertise Les Thomas, 4-H program coordina-

tor in Alcona County has helped to keep youth involved in 4-H activities which can make a huge difference in their lives.

Thomas is also a life-long resident of Alcona County and has been involved with 4-H for most of his life. He has worked for MSUE for 20 years and was given the National Distinguished Service Award last year by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

"The 4-H organization promotes leadership. It's being part of something competitive, similar to youth sports, but can also give youth individual and team experience in a different, nonathletic atmosphere," French said.

She explained 4-H kids are very good at helping other kids learn. Many times older youth will teach the younger ones what they know, but sometimes it's the younger child that teaches the older one. "It instills a lot of confidence and pride in the youth and helps to make them want to be a better person overall. Especially at functions like the fair. The kids take on leadership roles, it just comes naturally to them," French said.

"There are many opportunities for 4-H youth, French said, "It's not just about going to fair. There is a shooting club, an archery club, and technology and science clubs. There is a club for just about every interest a child could have.

"They offer summer camps and going to Exploration Days on campus at Michigan State University. It is a wonderful experience for any child. When you are a teenager and you get to stay in a dorm room, it's very cool," French said. She remembers attending MSU Exploration Days as a teenager and how much fun she had.

The MSU experience often has youth thinking about their education after high school graduation.

She feels having those types of positive programs influences youth to grow to be confident and contributing adults and keeps them



Les Thomas

from making poor decisions.

Craig Johnston, chairman of the Alcona County Commissioners said during a commission meeting last March when voting on whether or not the MSUE renewal should go on the ballot, that he would much rather pay for positive 4-H programming than to pay later in taxes for child care or to incarcerate (if the child continues on a bad path into adulthood).

"This could be looked at as an investment to keep kids on the straight and narrow, which this program has proven to do. Our childcare fund is getting costly for this county. We could potentially cross \$200,000 in childcare costs this year.

"If keeping MSUE in Alcona County keeps kids from having us take care of them when they get into trouble, it's worth it," Johnston said.

If passed, the four-year

If passed, the four-year renewal millage will raise about \$106,354 its first year and cost homeowners of Alcona County about \$7 per year for every \$100,000 of home value.

The MSUE extension office in Alcona County is located at 320 S. US 23 in Harrisville. To contact Thomas about any of the MSUE programs, call (989) 724-6478.

MSUE millage renewal ballot language

For the purpose of sustaining 4-H youth development, agriculture and agribusiness, health and $nutrition, horticulture\, and$ other community educations programs through Michigan State University Extension services in Alcona County, shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sections 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Alcona County of .14 mil be levied for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of paying costs of operating Michigan State University Extension services in the County of Alcona and shall the County of Alcona levy such renewal millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$106,354.00."

Oscoda-Wurtsmith Spaceport Development Seeking Volunteers to Serve as a Community Advisory Committee

Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association has selected Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport as a preferred location for establishing space vehicle launch operations. They are now conducting feasibility investigations and assembling application materials pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Commercial Spaceport licensing. The FAA licensing consideration process includes demonstrating the results of public outreach and participation from the local community. Community outreach is are being initiated by establishing a Community Advisory Committee. The Community Advisory Committee will serve to solicit feedback regarding community interests with respect to establishing safe, secure, efficient, and environmentally respectful Spaceport operations.

Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority is seeking applications from individuals that are willing to serve as volunteer members of Oscoda-Wurtsmith Spaceport – Community Advisory Committee. Application forms and additional information may be obtained by calling (989) 739-1111. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit completed applications by July 15, 2020.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Can I stop Social Security if I go back to work?

Dear Savvy Senior,

I lost my job last month because of the coronavirus crisis. With little savings, I've been thinking about starting my Social Security benefits early to help me get by. But my question is, if I find a new job can I stop my Social Security benefits and restart them at a later date so they can continue to grow?

Almost 63

Dear Almost,

Yes, there are actually two ways you can stop your Social Security retirement benefits (once you've started collecting them) and restart them at a later date, which would boost your benefits. But in order to do this certain rules and conditions must be met. Here are your options.

• Withdraw your benefits: One way to pause your Social Security benefits is to simply withdraw your Social Security application. But this must be done within 12 months of starting your benefits and you'll also have to repay what you've received so far. If you

choose this option, Social the suspension. Your pay-Security will treat your application for early benefits as if it never happened.

To withdraw your benefits, you'll need to complete Form SSA-521 (SSA.gov/forms/ ssa-521.pdf) and send it to your local Social Security office. Also be aware that you can only withdraw benefits once in a lifetime.

• Suspend your benefits: If you aren't eligible for withdrawal, but you've reached your full retirement age and have not yet reached age 70, another option is to voluntarily suspend your retirement benefits. With the suspension option you don't have to repay the benefits you've received, and you can restart them anytime you wish, or they will be automatically be reinstated at age 70. (See SSA.gov/planners/retire/ ageincrease.html to find your full retirement age.)

By suspending your benefits you'll earn delayed retirement credits, which means your benefit amount increases for every month of ment will go up by two-thirds of one percent monthly or eight percent annually. A benefit of \$1,500 monthly, for example, increases by \$10 for each month you have benefits suspended.

You can request a suspension by phone, (800) 772-1213) or in person at your local Social Security office.

Working and Collecting **Benefits**

If you start collecting Social Security and you do go back to work, but your income is modest, you may want to continue drawing your benefits while working at the same time. But if your earnings are higher, it makes sense to stop your benefits.

Social Security has a "retirement earnings test" that says if you're under your full retirement age and you earn more than \$18,240 in 2020, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn over that amount. Those who reach full retirement age in 2020 a less strin-



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gent rule applies. In this case, \$1 gets taken out for every \$3 you make above \$48,600 until you reach the month of your birthday.

It's also important to know that if you were to lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

Also, if you do decide to work and collect Social Security benefits at the same time. you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how this works. If your combined income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 as an individual or between \$32,000 and \$44,000 as joint filers, you will pay tax on up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits. If you earn above the upper limit of these ranges, you will pay tax on up to 85 percent of your benefits. To help you calculate this see the IRS publication 915 at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/ p915.pdf.

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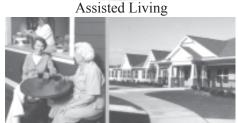
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PUBLIC NOTICE Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport- Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. July 9, 2020

In order to mitigate potential spreading of COVID-19, the 10:00 a.m. July 9, 2020 meeting of Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority is being conducted as an electronic "Remote Public Meeting" in accordance with provisions of Michigan Governor Executive Order 2020-129. Interested parties may attend this meeting utilizing internet website or via telephone connections available through the ZOOM remote meetings service. Join via internet website at https:/ /us02web.zoom.us/j/89083410536 Meeting ID: 890 8341 0536. Participate via telephone by dialing 1-929-205-6099 and inserting Meeting ID: 890 8341 0536. For additional information, Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority can be reached by calling 1-989-739-1111.





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Wednesday, July 1, 3:00 p.m. Exotic Zoo

Wednesday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. Rockin' Fairy Tales

Wednesday, July 22, 1:30 p.m. **Ark Animals**

Wednesday, August 5, 1:30 p.m. Cameron Zvara Magic Show

Exclusive links to access these events will be available on our Website and Facebook page the day of the performance. You may also use our free Wi-Fi to view events at any branch parking lot.

Activities supported by the Michigan Council for Arts And Cultural Affairs Minigrant Program, Administered by Art in the Loft.

No contact programs keep 4-H kids involved

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

When the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools last April to help deter the spread of the virus many other youth activities, such as youth sports, were also suspended.

There were, however, a few programs, including some Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) 4-H groups in Alcona County that refused to be suspended and chose other non-face-to-face contact options in order to stay in touch with youth and their projects.

They met through a variety of online formats including Zoom, Google Hangout, and Facetime to talk about animals they were raising, and learn the proper way to show and groom them. Some youth even posted videos and photos on group Facebook pages to show others their projects and what they have learned.

According to Les Thomas, Alcona County 4-H program coordinator, normally there are about 250 youth in the county involved in 4-H programs, but due to COVID-19 this year and the no meeting in person order that MSUE put into place until September, the number of youth involved has dropped a bit. He feels confident the number of youths involved will pick up again after the pandemic sub-



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Lily Schroeder practices rabbit showmanship via a Zoom 4-H club meeting. Lily's mother, Jen Schroeder, is a co-leader of the Jolly Rogers 4-H group in Alcona County with Judy French. Courtesy photo.

"It hasn't halted some groups at all, and leaders are still keeping in touch with their groups, they are just doing things a little differently," Thomas said.

He explained while many of the 4-H events for this summer have been canceled such as Exploration Days on the campus of Michigan State University and the annual day trip to see a Detroit Tiger baseball game, other activities have been planned such as virtual day camps.

According to Thomas, there are two virtual 4-H day camps planned July 6 through July 10 on garden-

"It's day camp in a box geared for kids between eight and 12 years of age. We will be creating project boxes for the campers who register. This is open to all children, they do not have to be a 4-H member. We are also keeping the cost minimal, just \$10 per child which gives you most of the supplies they will need," Thomas said.

The 60-minute daily sessions include making a birdhouse, learning about pollinators, planting a herb garden, keeping a journal about the experience, nutrition and guest speakers.

Thomas said two weeks after the gardening day camp they will have a virtual outdoor education day camp for the same age group and cost. The outdoor education day at thoma 322@msu.edu or call camp will focus on being out-

doors and outdoor survival.

In addition to virtual day camps, MSUE is also pleased to offer free books to children of any age or reading level through its Books for Learning program.

The program offers new books to children free of charge to add to their personal home library. Titles for the books are offered through an application process once a month during June, July and August with hundreds of titles to choose from. The books will then be bagged, labeled with the child's name and available for pick up at the Alcona Community School's "Grab and Go" food distribution on the last Monday of the month.

Thomas said a lot of new titles have been added to the list since the June application, so all readers should be able to find something they will like each month.

He said it didn't matter where the child lived, even children outside of Alcona Community School district can apply for free books, but they would have to attend the distribution of the books at the school on the designated Monday afternoon. No books will be shipped.

For more information on the book application or virtual day camps, visit the Alcona County 4-H Youth Development page on Facebook or contact Thomas via email (989) 724-6478.

Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to local, regional or statewide issues. However, letters on national topics will not be accepted.

- Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name and <u>include an address</u> and phone number where the author can be reached for confirmation or questions during regular business hours. *Unsigned letters will not be published*.
- Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.
- Letters should be no longer than 300 words. Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.
- This forum is not intended as a thank you section for groups and organizations. *Thank* yous are considered personal messages and therefore advertising.
- Drop off letters to the Alcona County Review office at 111 Lake Street, Harrisville; mail to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; or e-mail using plain text format to editor@alconareview.com.

MSP Seventh District gets new commander

Captain Christopher Stolicker has been named as the Michigan State Police (MSP) Seventh District Commander. As the District Commander, he is responsible for overseeing all state police operations in the 19 counties that make up the Seventh District in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula.

Stolicker, who started his career with the Michigan State Police in 1987, served as a trooper at the Gaylord and Mount Pleasant posts. He was promoted to sergeant and served at the Ithaca Post from 1998 until 2001. In 2001 he was promoted to lieutenant and served as the commander of the Central Michigan Enforcement Team.

Stolicker was promoted to first lieutenant in 2004 and has served as the post commander at the Cadillac, Kalkaska, and Mount Pleasant posts. In 2013 he was promoted to inspector and served as the assistant district commander in the Seventh District.

In 2015 he was promoted to captain and served as the commander of the MSP Special Investigation Division. He had been the commander of the Sixth District since 2019



Christopher Stolicker

and officially began his duties in the Seventh District on March 24. Stolicker also served in the United States Army prior to joining the MSP.

He will be based at Seventh District Headquarters in Gaylord, Mich. and will oversee posts in Alpena, Cadillac, Houghton Lake, and Gaylord.

Returning to the Seventh District is a homecoming for Stolicker, who also served as the post commander in Cadillac, Mich. and Kalkaska, Mich. He began his career as a trooper in Gaylord, Mich. where he worked from 1987 to 1994

Hospital entrance closes for construction project

On Wednesday, July 1, MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena will close its hospital entrance for the duration of the Medical Center's patient tower expansion project. The 99,000 square-foot project is slated to be opened in spring 2022.

During this time, the Healthplex North entrance will serve as the hospital entrance. Patients and visitors will continue to use this entrance throughout the construction project. The main driveway onto the campus will remain open, with driveway changes expected later this summer. Signage will be in place to assist in wayfinding.

The \$63.5 million expansion and renovation project feature a three-story patient tower. The tower will house 60 new private patient rooms. including eight intensive care unit beds, eight labor and delivery rooms, and 44 medical/surgical/telemetry beds. The new tower will also include 18 prep and recovery rooms, flex rooms, as well as five new operating rooms. Once the project is complete in 2022, many areas in the existing Medical Center will be renovated.

"We recognize the size and length of this construction project will no doubt impact the Medical Center and all those coming to our campus," said Chuck Sherwin, president of MidMichigan Medical Center – Alpena. "However, we are working hard to ensure details are in place to make it as convenient as possible for our patients, visitors and staff."

While most of the existing hospital entrance lobby area will be accessible through internal routes during construction, changes will occur throughout the project, which may temporarily affect internal patient, visitor and staff traffic flow.

"This expansion and renovation project is important to both the Medical Center and those we serve. It will enable us to provide enhanced quality of care, patient comfort and privacy," said Sherwin. "We are committed to maintaining the safest environment for our patients, visitors and staff throughout the length of this project."

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **MONDAY**, **JULY 20**th, **2020** is the last day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

Any qualified elector who is not already registered may register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office, a designated State agency or with their respective County, City or Township Clerk. Registration forms may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492/497) with their Township Clerk at the below address:

CITY OF HARRISVILLE: 200 N. Fifth Street, Harrisville, MI 48740 (989)724-6666 Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALCONA TOWNSHIP: 4892 LaVergne Road, Black River, MI 48721 (989) 471-2948 Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MIKADO TOWNSHIP: 2268 Hamilton Road, Mikado, MI 48745 (989) 736-7721 Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 2, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m.

MILLEN TOWNSHIP: 1433 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City, MI 48705 (989) 736-3401 Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 2, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MITCHELL TOWNSHIP: 2101 N. Reeves Road, Curran, MI 48728 (989) 884-1354 Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All Township Clerks are available on election day to register to vote from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following offices and proposals will appear on the ballot:

Congressional: U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress-1st District

Legislative: Representative in State Legislature-106th District

County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Road Commissioner and Commissioner Districts 1-5

Township: Supervisors, Clerks, Treasurers, Trustees, Constable, Curtis Township Park Board and Precinct Delegates

City: Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Alderman–Wards 1, 2 and 3 and Precinct Delegates School Proposals: Alcona Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal Alcona Community Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

County Proposals: Michigan State University Extension/4-H Millage Renewal

Veterans Millage

Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Millage Proposal

Township Proposals:

Alcona Township: Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage Renewal

Greenbush Township: Road Improvement Millage Increase and Fire Department Millage Increase Proposal

Gustin Township: Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage Renewal

Hawes Township: Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage

Haynes Township: Road Millage Renewal Mikado Township: Fire Millage Renewal

Millen Township: Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage

Mitchell Township: Fire Department Millage Renewal and Road Millage

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk's office. Sample ballots may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote

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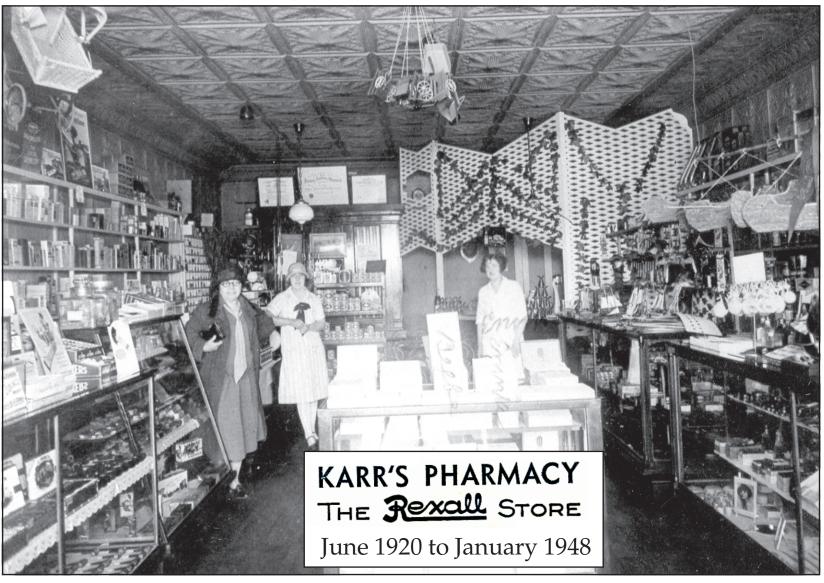
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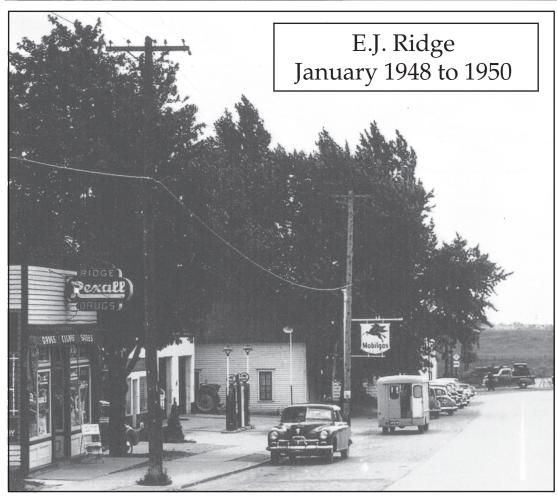
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Sunday, March 11, 1986 - Alcona County Herald —

"Bev and Dave Snyder take break to pose with their employees during the second week of their Grand Opening Sale at Lincoln Pharmacy. The new addition they've put on more than doubles the size of the original store which they purchased in May of 1984 from March and Joann O'Callaghan following the latter's retirement from business here for more than thirty years. "We're very happy with the support we've received from the people of this community," Dave says. "It's been a little hectic working around the construction crew these past few months but our new store is more spacious and easier to shop in." The 3,500 square foot drug store offers a new, fully computerized pharmacy which, according to Dave and Bev, will still retain its old fashioned service. Stop in Lincoln and see them today."

(From left) Ida Marion Hansen, Dave Snyder, Bev Snyder Kris Laurain and Lori (Morang) McGuire





Fishing tip: How to catch nightcrawlers

For those who are interested in catching and keeping their own nightcrawlers - it's fairly easy to do, just follow these steps:

- Know where to look. Scout locations such as parks, playgrounds and open, grassy areas after a good rain. Look for nightcrawler castings (the little piles of dirt they leave behind) and then plan to visit again following the next good rain.
- Know when to collect. Nightcrawlers are best caught an hour or so after dark.
- Bring the right equipment. Nightcrawlers are sensitive to vibrations, so wear lightweight shoes. They're also sensitive to bright light, so consider rigging a flashlight with a red cover over the lens.
- Store them properly. When catching nightcrawlers, just lay them on top of some storage bedding don't mix them in. This will allow for removing sick or dead ones more easily.

Northeast Lower Peninsula June 24

- Cheboygan: Anglers were getting occasional limits of lake trout at Spectacle Reef when trolling spoons and spin-glos in 25 to 65 feet. Lake trout were caught in 45 to 65 feet off Reynolds Reef.
- Cheboygan River: The dam has had one chute open, and there was a heavy mayfly hatch in progress. More freshwater drum and catfish have moved in. Anglers drifting and bottom bouncing worms caught rock bass, smallmouth bass, perch, bluegill, walleye and channel cats. Anglers were fishing at the dam, in the Bois Blanc Island ferry parking lot and at the fishing piers near the base-

ball fields. The best success for walleye was in the morning and at dusk.

- Rogers City: Those running lines throughout the water column and picking up their speed have caught Chinook, coho, pink salmon and steelhead. Very good lake trout action when trolling dodgers or cowbells with spinglos in 50 to 70 feet. Those suspended were hitting on spoons. Those fishing late into the evening or very early were most likely targeting Chinook. Hot colors were green, orange, blue, silver or glow.
- Presque Isle: Had some better fishing for trout and salmon. Those targeting lake trout are running lines throughout the water column and taking more fish on dodgers and cowbells with spinglo's or spoons.
- Alpena: Those trolling spoons and spin-glos in 60 to 100 feet caught trout along with a few coho, pink salmon and walleye off the Nordmeer Wreck, Thunder Bay Island and North Point. A couple fish were also caught casting crankbaits. Walleye fishing picked up some in the morning and evening when trolling crawler harnesses and body baits in 15 to 30 feet in front of the harbor, off the north shore and down by South Point.

A few freshwater drum also were caught. Smallmouth bass were caught when casting crankbaits or jigs and soft plastics in Squaw Bay.

• Thunder Bay River: Anglers caught a few freshwater drum, rock bass and the occasional channel cat when still fishing or drifting crawlers. A couple walleye were caught when jigging soft plastics and crawlers or casting crankbaits.

- Oscoda: Anglers caught lake trout, steelhead, pink salmon and a few walleye, coho or Atlantic salmon when trolling spoons and spin-glos in 65 to 100 feet between the AuSable River and AuSable Point or out at the Humps in 150 to 180 feet. Lake trout were found in the bottom 15 feet, and walleye were found in the top 40 feet. Pier anglers caught freshwater drum, channel cats, rock bass, yellow perch, smallmouth bass and the occasional walleye with crawlers or minnows.
- AuSable River: Anglers drifting or still fishing crawlers caught freshwater drum, rock bass, smallmouth bass and the occasional walleye. Hex hatches continue between Grayling and Curtis-

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ville. A couple pike were caught by those trolling crankbaits in the old stream channel in Mio Pond.

• Tawas: Lots of walleye, including some limit catches, were taken south of the point towards the "crib" in Alabaster in 70 feet with spoons, body baits or crawlers. Good catches of lake trout were taken southeast of the point in 85 feet with spoons.

- Tawas River: At Gateway Park, those using crawlers or lures caught large and smallmouth bass.
- AuGres: Had a lot of fishing pressure all the way down toward Eagle Bay Marina. Nearly every boat had some walleye, including a few limit catches taken in 30 to 40 feet with crawlers, plastics or spoons.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of June 22–28, 2020

111 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 2 Warrant Arrests; 1 Operate Under Influence of Drugs; 5 Citations.

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should be getting. Many, especially veterans's pouses and widows didn't even know they were eligible for benefits, Smylie said.

Smylie explained how he didn't know he was eligible for certain benefits and went for over 50 years struggling with service-related injuries, "When I came home from the military, I had problems and I couldn't get any help. I had hearing problems and ringing in my ears. I was a combat veteran in Vietnam and I never got any benefits. Now, 51 years later with Tony's assistance, I'm getting help," Smylie said.

Smylie expelled the myth that all veterans are compensated when they get out of the military. "That simply is not true. If you are a career veteran, yes, but many veterans, especially war-time veterans, are not career veterans," he said.

Atkinson said it depends on what they did while they were in service and some veterans get more compensation than others, still, there is endless paperwork and hoops to jump through to get compensation or other benefits.

Smylie explained how the 1,500 registered veterans in the county doesn't include the veteran's spouses, widows or children that the county VA also assists. "There is probably still a lot of veterans in this county who haven't registered yet. We are still getting the word out that we are here to help them," Smylie

Even during COVID-19 shutdowns, Atkinson's work never slowed down as veterans still needed assistance. "We've put \$7,000 into our emergency relief fund from the 2020 state grant to assist veterans with COVID-19 related issues. We have about

Veteran millage ballot language

Shall the limitations on the amount of taxes which shall be assessed against all property both real and personal in Alcona County, Michigan be increased as provided in Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, and the Alcona County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed two tenth of one mill (\$0.20 per \$1,000.00) of Equalized State Taxable Value for a period of eight (8) years starting with the levy made December 1, 2020 which will generate estimated revenue the County of Alcona will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year 2020 is \$155,332.73. For the purpose of funding Alcona County's obligation to provide financial relief and services for Alcona County Veterans, including the payment of eligible indigent veteran claims, and to fund the administration of the Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs.

the representation they three months to use those funds and if we don't, we have to send those funds back to the state," Atkinson said.

> Having an accredited veteran department in the county is also enticing other veterans to move to the area. Tony said just the other day a veteran called him from New York to find out if help would be available if he moved to Alcona County should he need veteran services.

> Smylie said the county is very fortunate to have Atkinson at the helm, "He's done a great job for the community. He doesn't just sit behind a desk. He goes out to the veteran's homes, helps them out doing things for them, even goes out to the veterans who are homeless and finds where they are living in the woods."

> Atkinson said many soldiers, especially from the Vietnamera war, came home with

war-related mental issues. "Once home the public treated them like garbage which caused additional problems. Many turned to drug or alcohol dependency which led to ioblessness, illness and a life without direction.

'We can refer them to a crisis line or set them up with a doctor to evaluate them. Especially if they are homeless or low-income, there are programs we can help them with. We are under Saginaw's jurisdiction, but we are still a long way from Saginaw. That's where I can help, I can connect them with a doctor in Saginaw and they can talk to them right from my office.

"We want to make sure every veteran in Alcona County gets the help they need and deserve, that they are mentally and physically healthy, a part of society with a place to live here," Atkinson

If a veteran is not eligible for some VA services or needs additional services, Atkinson works together with other county entities such as the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) and Northeastern Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) to help the veteran as much as possible.

"There are a lot of benefits out there, we just need the veterans to call and ask. Hopepassed and we can continue

this work. On a home valued at \$100,000 it would cost the homeowner \$20 a year. It may be a lot to ask but we want to be able to do the right thing for those who served this country," Atkinson said.

The Alcona County Department of Veteran Affairs is located in the Alcona County Building, 106 5th Street, Harrisville. To set an appointment or talk to Atkinson, call (989) 724-9510 or email fully, the millage will be tatkinson@alconacounty.net.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Curtis Township offices located at 4875 F-30, Glennie, MI 48737. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and act upon the following items: The consideration of a Re-zoning request.

Paul Grabstanowicz, Secretary Curtis Township Planning Commission

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Free thinkers busy building

Making Many Improvements — Summer Guests Arriving

Van Buskirk place at Springport, will be a lively spot during this summer. It has been acquired by a corporation founded for the purpose of providing a home for aged freethinkers. However, it will also be used for a summer resort.

The first guests arrived Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. Steichman and the Misses Josie and Pearl Keifer of Indianapolis. Other guests from Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Evansville and Indianapolis are expected to arrive next week.

While some of the visitors will stay in the large house, others will live in a camp which is being erected now. First tents will be put up. Also a shelter house with din-

Century old building being torn down

July 2, 1970 ~ The old Oddfellows building, on the east side of Lake Street north of the Bank, in Harrisville is being torn down, after being in use for at least a century.

The Harrisville I.O.O.F. Lodge bought this building, commonly known as the Switzer Building, from C. M. Lund in March, 1908, after losing their other meeting place across the street, in a fire on March 22, 1907.

At one time Mr. Lund had a post office on the main floor of the building. After the I.O.O.F. bought it they used the second floor for their meetings, and the main floor was used as a recreation room for Lodge members for a number of years. In the forties Douglas Harris, a former Harrisville resident, and a carpenter, had his shop in the lower part of the building. Some time after Harris moved away, Ralph Warner, also a local carpenter, moved his shop in and occupied the building for seventeen years.

Last winter for several months, Larry's Electric was doing business in the building, after they sold their initial business place and were waiting completion of their new building.

About a year and a half ago the Harrisville I.O.O.F. merged with the Mio I.O.O.F., and by doing this, the Harrisville Lodge property automatically became the property of the Mio Lodge.

Mr. Jack Ashford, of Harrisville, and his sons, were granted permission to tear down the building for whatever they could salvage from it. This work was started about two weeks ago and the roof is nearly all off at-this

July 1, 1920 ~ The old ing room and kitchen. The camp is particularly intended for Alumni of the Normal College of Physical Education in Indianapolis with which Mr. and Mrs. Steichmann are connected. Since physical directors are usually experts in camp making it is to be expected that this camp will be up-to-date in every respect.

> The corporation owning the property has engaged a Detroit architect to draw plans for a park-like summer resort. It is intended to develop the place by selling lots to people who will build summer cottages; restrictions in the constitution of the corporation will prevent the erection of any but high class cottages.

> Many wealthy Detroiters are interested and there is a possibility that building may begin soon after the plans for the sub-dividing the property are completed.

Many improvements have been made on the place during the past year by Mr. W. Fleck, who has been placed in charge of it and is superintendent of the home as well as the summer resort. Much cleaning is yet necessary, however, at the lower end where the mill was once oper-

It may be mentioned that the plans of the corporation include the rebuilding of the old Springport pier.

Married at Lincoln Baptist Church

MacDermaid became the bride of John Alvin Heath Saturday, June 20, at 7 p. m., in a candlelight setting at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln before an altar flanked with large baskets of pink and white peonies.

The bride's gown was empire style of white satin with bodice and sleeves of peau d'ange lace and train edging also of lace. Her headpiece was of matching lace petals and tiny pearls and secured a double silk illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lily of the valley, centered with a corsage of red

The bride is the daughter of Lt. Col (Ret.) and Mrs. Harry E. MacDermaid of Harrisville, and the groom is the son of Lt. Col (Ret.) and Mrs. John A. Heath of Tampa, Florida.

The Rev. Aaron Givan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given by her father.

The organist was Thomas

July 2, 1970 ~ Gail Ann MacDermaid, brother of the bride, and the vocalist, Mrs. Harry R. MacDermaid of Huntsville, Alabama, who sang "Because" and "More," accompanied by Mrs. Everett Schram at the piano.

Maid of honor was Kay MacArthur of Wixom, and bridesmaids were Alta Heath, sister of the bridegroom, and Lou Ann Adair, cousin of the bride. Candlelighters were Wanda MacDermaid cousin, and David MacDermaid, brother of the bride. Flower girl was Linda Kay Adair of

The bride's attendants wore gowns of pastel blue nylon dotted swiss, trimmed with appliqued white daisies. They wore matching petal headpieces with short veils and carried bouquets of pink

The best man was George Gardiner of Big Rapids. Ushers were Robee Deese of Oscoda, and David Heath, the bridegroom's brother of Tampa, Florida. Ring bearer was Keith Fox of Clio.

Mrs. MacDermaid's gown was of aqua lace with white accessories and her corsage was of miniature pink roses. Mrs. Heath wore a yellow silk shantung and lace gown with a corsage of miniature yellow

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony, in the Church dining room, with one hundred and fifty guests present.

The bride wore a blue linen coat dress for her going away.

Her corsage was the center of her bridal bouquet. Upon their return from their honeymoon in Pennsylvania, they will reside in Alpena.

Gail is a graduate of Michigan State University and has been employed as a teacher in the Alcona Community School system.

Her husband is a graduate of Ferris State College and a teacher at Anna Besser Junior High School, Alpena.

The Lamplighter to open in new building

July 2, 1970 ~ "The Lamplighter," south of Greenbush, will open for business in their new building on Friday, July 3. The hours are from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., Mondays through Saturdays, and 11 a. m. to 6 p. m., Sundays.

The building owned by Harold and Mildred Rieth replaces one that was burned to the ground on September 9, 1969, and is across U.S.-23 from the former site. It has 6,700 square feet of main floor area, and also a second floor, and houses several different departments, including Infants Department, separate Men's Department, Card and Candle Department and Ladies' Wear.

The first building to house the Lamplighter was built in 1957 and was opened for business on July 4th of that year.

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		Precipitation Summary (Inches)				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Normal</u>			
Weekly Tota	l 0.19	0.12	0.63			
June to Date	1.01	2.77	2.26			
Year to Date	10.17	12.82	12.42			

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.)



ACROSS

1 Boat docks

8 Mere penny

15 Stair face

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez







2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the state capital of Delaware? 3. GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution limits presidents to two terms

4. HISTORY: What was the highest social class in the early Roman empire?

5. ENTERTAINERS: Which 20th-century actress was born with the name Lucille LeSueur?

6. TELEVISION: What were the names of Elly May's two pet chimpanzees in "The Beverly Hillbillies"?

7. ART: Which artist painted "The Persistence of Memory"?

50 Nine-footer

with 88 keys

53 Game with a

cue stick

54 "Cat on -

1. ASTRONOMY: How often does the Sun rotate on its axis?

8. MOVIES: What kind of gun did Clint Eastwood carry in the "Dirty Harry" series?

9. MUSIC: Which singer-songwriter's nickname was "The Lizard King"?

88 Like a spud-

slicina GI

90 Some small

89 Aide to

Santa

10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the most expensive spice on earth?

Answers: 1. On average, every 27 days; 2. Dover; 3. 22nd; 4. Patricians; 5. Joan Crawford; 6. Skipper and Bessie; 7. Salvador Dali; 8. .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson Model 29; 9. Jim Morrison; 10. Saffron (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

2 White-faced

3 Seldom seen

5 Greek letters

4 Pupil site

6 "Nashville"

HOLDING THE LINE

86 Joking types

87 Cowshed

90 It's faster

site

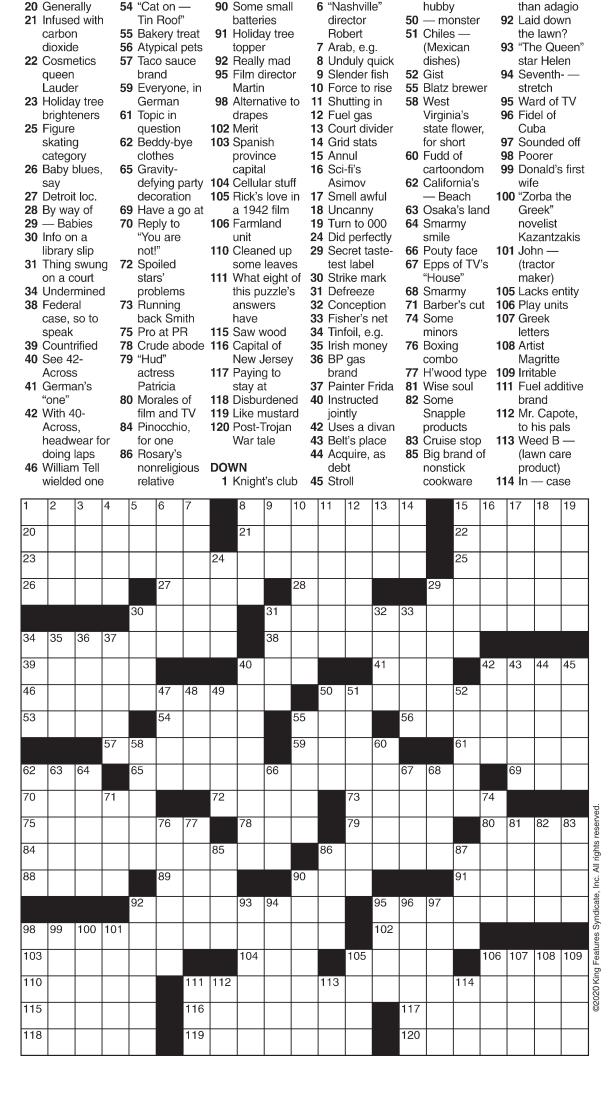
47 Be worthy of

Silverstein

49 Bacall's first

hubby

48 Kids' writer



- Tennis Club begins its first lawn tennis tournament at Wimbledon, then an outer-suburb of London. Twenty-one amateurs showed up to compete in the Gentlemen's Singles tournament, the only event at the first Wimbledon. The winner was to take home a 25-guinea trophy.
- On July 10, 1887, a dam breaks in Zug, Switzerland, killing 70 people. The resulting wall of water was so powerful that rescue boats were ineffective, as they capsized in the roiling waters.
- On July 7, 1917, Britain establishes the British Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), authorizing female volunteers to serve alongside their male counterparts in France during World War I. Some 80,000 women enlisted to perform labors such as cookery, mechanical and clerical work, and other
- On July 6, 1944, in Hartford, Connecticut, a fire breaks out under the big top of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum Bailey Circus, killing 167 people and injuring 682. An investigation revealed that the tent had been treated with flammable paraffin thinned with three parts of gasoline to make it
- On July 8, 1959, Maj. Dale Buis and Master Sgt. Chester Ovnand become the first Americans killed in the U.S. phase of the Vietnam War when guerrillas strike a Military Assistance Advisory Group compound in Saigon.
- On July 11, 1979, parts of Skylab, America's first space station, come crashing down on Australia and into the Indian Ocean five years after the last manned Skylab mission ended. Skylab weighed 77 tons.
- On July 12, 1995, a heat advisory is issued in Chicago, warning of an impending record-breaking heat wave. When the heat broke a week later, nearly 1,000 people were dead in Illinois and Wisconsin. The temperature in the city hit 106 F with a heat index of 120 F.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- During the Great Fire of New Orleans in 1788, priests refused to allow church bells to be rung as fire alarms because it was Good Friday. As a result, 856 buildings burned during the conflagration.
- Ancient Egyptians believed that men menstruated too and that blood in men's urine and stool was a positive sign of fertility. Little did they know that parasitic worms were the likely cause.
- It would take less than six months to get to the moon by car at 60 mph.
- It's not every day that a man in love demonstrates his affection by holding a funeral, but future president Ulysses S. Grant wasn't every man. When his future wife Julia's pet canary died, he painstakingly fashioned a small coffin for it, which he painted yellow, then summoned eight of his fellow military officers to Julia's house, where he conducted a service for the bird.
- · Babe Ruth once said he knew he didn't swing hard enough if "a little poop didn't come out."
- August Rodin's work "The Age of Bronze" was so realistic that some people thought he'd actually sacrificed a real person inside the cast.
- English poet Lord Byron was a student at Cambridge University when he took issue with the ban on keeping dogs as pets, so he came up with a unique way of getting back at the school: Since there was no prohibition in the fine print against bears on campus (probably because they'd never had a pupil quite like Byron before), he not only found a bear to keep as a pet, but also took it for walks around the grounds on a leash.
- Despite being raised and identifying as Jewish, singersongwriter Leonard Cohen spent five years in seclusion at the Mt. Baldy Zen Center in California and was ordained a Buddhist monk in 1996.

Thought for the Day: "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." -- 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: D equals O

KGT HNWFT DS CGWMQYTC GLC TCFLYLKTP NLHWPYI. IDE FDEYP CLI WK'C QDWMQ KGNDEQG KGT NDDS.

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Estate of Lorraine P. Gauthier Date of Birth: October 16, 1929 To All Creditors

Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Lorraine P. Gauthier, died December 27, 2018. Creditors of the decent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald D. Gauthier, persona representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this

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Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Defendant

Robert A. Carlson and Helen J. Carlson, his wife; Donald E. Carlson and Betty J. Carlson, his wife; and Douglas G. Taipalus, and all of their unknown heirs, legatees and assigns.

The court finds: Service of process upon the defendants above named cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

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Spotted lanternfly could be the next invasive species to threaten agriculture, natural resources

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is asking the public to be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect with the potential to seriously affect Michigan's agriculture and natural resources.

According to Robert Miller, invasive species prevention and response specialist for MDARD, this insect could damage or kill more than 70 varieties of crops and plants including grapes, apples, hops and hardwood trees. To date, spotted lanternfly has not been detected in Michigan.

First found in the United States in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania, spotted lanternfly has been spreading rapidly across the nation. Infestations have been confirmed in Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia.

Spotted lanternfly causes direct damage by sucking sap from host plants and secreting large amounts of a sugarrich, sticky liquid called honeydew. This honeydew and the resulting black, sooty mold can kill plants and foul surfaces. The honeydew often attracts other pests, particularly hornets, wasps and ants, affecting outdoor recreation and complicating crop harvests.

"Spotted lanternfly could negatively impact our grape industry," Miller said. "But it also has the potential to dam-



Adult spotted lanterfly's bright wing coloration is hidden when wings are closed. *Photo courtesy of Robert Gardner*, *Bugwood.org*.

age stone fruits, apples and other crops in Michigan's fruit belt as well as important timber species statewide.

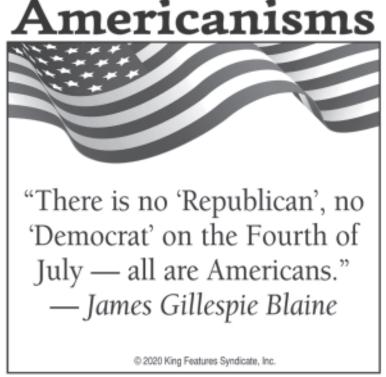
"Spotted lanternfly egg masses resemble old chewing gum, with a gray, waxy, putty-like coating. Hatched eggs appear as brownish, seed-like deposits. Spotted lanternfly nymphs are wingless, beetle-like and black with white spots, developing red patches as they mature. Adults are roughly one inch long. Their folded wings are gray to brown with black spots. Open wings reveal a yellow and black abdomen

and bright red hind wings with black spots transitioning to black and white bands at the edge.

"Prevention and early detection are vital to limiting the spread of spotted lanternfly," said Miller. "Spotted lanternfly cannot fly long distances, but they lay eggs on nearly any surface, including cars, trailers, firewood and outdoor furniture. Before leaving an area where a quarantine is present, check vehicles, firewood and outdoor equipment for unwanted hitchhikers."

Anyone who finds a spotted lanternfly egg mass, nymph or adult, is asked take one or more photos, make note of the date, time and location of the sighting, and report to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, MDA-Info@Michigan.gov or phone the MDARD Customer Service Center, (800) 292-3939. If possible, collect a specimen in a container for verification.

For additional information on identifying or reporting spotted lanternfly, visit M i c h i g a n . g o v / SpottedLanternfly.







Spotted lanternflies may lay egg masses on vehicles, outdoor furniture or other items that can be transported to new areas, leading to new infestations. Photo courtesy of Emilie Swackhammer, Penn State University, Bugwood.org.