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## Two regions can open retail stores, restaurants and offices

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

On Monday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed two executive orders, 2020-91 and 2020-92, which allows for the reopening, in two regions, of retail businesses, office work that cannot be done remotely, and restaurants and bars with limited seating and the steps these businesses must take in order to do so.

The two regions are both in the northern part of the state—specifically, the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula.

According to a press release from the governor's office, "the partial reopening will take effect on Friday, May 22. Cities, villages, and townships may choose to take a more cautious course if they wish: the order does not abridge their authority to restrict the operations of restaurants or bars, including limiting such establishments to outdoor seating."

"This is a big step, but we must all remember to continue doing our part to protect ourselves and our families from the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer in a press release. "It's crucial that all businesses do everything in their power to protect their workers, customers, and their families. And as we approach Memorial Day weekend, I encourage everyone to be smart and be safe."

"The data shows that these regions in Michigan are see-

ing consistent encouraging trends when it comes to the number of cases, deaths, and the percent of tests that are positive for COVID-19," said MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun in the press release.

According to the press release, "all businesses that will reopen in Regions 6 and 8 must adopt the safety measures outlined in Executive Order 2020-91. That means they must, among other things, provide COVID-19 training to workers that cov-

ers, at a minimum, workplace infection-control practices, the proper use of PPE, steps workers must take to notify the business or operation of any symptoms of COVID-19 or a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and how to report unsafe working

conditions.

Restaurants and bars will also have to limit capacity to 50 percent of the normal seating, to keep groups at least six feet from one another, to require their servers to wear

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A Greenbush widower fights grief, loneliness and social distancing by picking up where his wife left off. See the story of Northern Living Photography on page 8. Photo courtesy of Dee Gray.

## Class of 2020 laments loss of making senior memories

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Like many graduating seniors across the state, Alcona High School seniors are feeling the effects of the stay at home orders, more so this month.

May and June are generally the months for traditional senior proms, cap and gown commencement ceremonies and graduation parties. This year, however, school staff, teachers, family and the community have had to think outside of the box to try and give proper recognition to the graduates.

Brooklynn Pagels, a senior, explained while the stay at home orders are challenging, she truly appreciates what is being done by the school and the community to give her and her classmates their due.

She was recently surprised by her employer, Snyder's Lincoln Pharmacy, who took



Alcona Senior Nelson French is trying to keep busy until he goes into the military in July. Courtesy photo.

out a rather large color ad in the Alcona County Review with her photo. The ad also listed the senior's many accomplishments and future plans.

"I was excited and surprised when I saw it in the paper. It was a great idea and a different way to recognize seniors. I'm very thankful they did that for me. Work even made a larger copy of the ad and put it on the store counter," Pagels said.

She was glad to hear the school board is entertaining the idea of having an actual graduation ceremony take place on July 24, contingent on safety recommendations, rather than just canceling the whole event or trying to do a virtual ceremony.

She would also like to see a senior prom moved to a date further out, so her class could have one more dance together.

Senior Nelson French said he was disappointed his final year at Alcona High School ended so abruptly.

Earlier in the stay at home orders, after a suggestion from his mom, French made a large sign for his front yard to acknowledge that a 2020 graduate lived there. He challenged other students to make similar signs, which some did, while others purchased signs, something graduating students rarely thought of before this year.

"The sign wasn't just for recognition, not a lot of people drive down my road to see it. It was more to just give me

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## Obituaries



### Ronald D. Swales

Ronald D. Swales, 84, of Harrisville, died on Monday, May 11, 2020.

He was born July 16, 1935 to Clifford and Thelma (Steadman) Swales in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

On July 24, 1954, he married Elaine Plew in Detroit, Mich. He owned a commercial laundry business for 23 years. He retired in 1995.

Mr. Swales loved the City of Harrisville. He and Elaine raised their family there and enjoyed 65 years of marriage.

He loved vacationing in Florida each winter. He was an avid reader.

Mr. Swales is survived by his wife, Elaine; three daughters, Beth (LeRoy) Travis of Harrisville, Susan (Terry Griffith) Rickert of Mikado and Leann (John) Hanner of Spruce; two sons, Dave (Debbie) Swales of Tawas and Michael (Janice Murry) Swales of Flint, Mich.; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one great grandson, Caden Gordon; two sons-in-law, Bob Stone and Rick Rickert; and one sister, Marijane Hague.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

### Betty Campbell

Betty Campbell, 92, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at Maple Grove Adult Foster Care.

She was born January 16, 1928 to Louis and Sarah (Merrick) Dault of Alpena, where she was raised.

On May 1, 1954, she married Bruce Campbell. They were residents of Harrisville, where they owned and operated a farm.

Mrs. Campbell attended County Normal and was a kindergarten teacher. She was a bus driver with Alcona Schools for 27 years.

She was a member of Harrisville United Methodist Church. She was a former Cub Scouts den leader, and enjoyed quilting, decorating cakes, canning, and baking -- especially cookies and bread.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by two sons, Terry (Linda) Campbell of Harrisville, and Duane (Kathy) Campbell of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; one daughter-in-law, Ginger Campbell; five grandchildren, Jamie (Jim) Baker, Rebecca (Andrew) Sikes, Jessica (Ben Apsey) Campbell, Christopher (Janine) Campbell, and Laura (Steve) Barkus; seven great-grandchildren, Harper Sikes, Hudson Sikes, Avery Sikes, Zachary Campbell, Caroline Campbell, Haley Barkus, and Ronan Barkus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce, on June 8, 2016; one son, Louis Campbell on December 28, 2018; one great-grandchild, Cristin Steiner; two sisters; and three half-sisters.

Family graveside services will be held at Mt. Joy Cemetery May 23, at 2 p.m. in Haynes Township. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

### Sharon L. Olson

Sharon L. Olson, 75, of Ossineke, died on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at home after a battle with lung cancer.

She was born September 9, 1944 to Joseph and Leona (Rubash) Pula in Kelliher, Minn., where she was raised.

She worked as a waitress at Wally's Restaurant in Flint, Mich. and later worked for Alpena Dry Cleaners, Werth Dry Cleaners and Express Dry Cleaners.

On May 5, 2007, she married her long-time companion, Arthur Olson, in Ossineke.

She was a member of Ossineke United Methodist Church. She enjoyed providing music as a DJ with Art for many years at Smokey's, the Wagon Wheel, and for Exceptional Friends.

Mrs. Olson is survived by her husband, Arthur; one daughter, Tracie (Mark) Porath of Swartz Creek, Mich.; four step children, Debra Compeau of Spruce, Dan Olson of Black River, Doug Olson of Spruce, and Michael Morris of Flint, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Nikole (Don)



Spencer, Cortnee Birdsley, Kyle Flynn, James Compeau, Jeffery (Sydney) Compeau, Jordan Compeau, Jacob Compeau and Kendra Olson; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Linda (Bob) Bonadurer; and three brothers, David (Shelly) Pula, Karl (Debbie) Pula and Gary (Judy) Pula.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Cleona Halvarson, Loretta Bronner and Eleanor Rikard; two brothers, Michael Pula and Richard Pula, one son-in-law, James Compeau; and one great-granddaughter, Abigail Spencer.

No services will be held. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

### Paul G. Owen

Paul Geroge Owen, 93, of Lincoln died on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at home.

He was born May 17, 1926 in Bradley, Ill. to George and Lorena (Schumann) Owen. His family moved to Chicago in 1929.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from December 1943 to June 1946. After basic training he was stationed on Boca Chica Key in Florida as a 3rd Class Petty Officer.

He married Harriette Stroner on April 6, 1946. They were married for 52 years and had four children.

Mr. Owen worked as a conservation officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources from July 1, 1956 until his retirement on June 30, 1984. During this time he and his family moved from Marshall, Mich. to Mio.

After retiring from the DNR he worked as a part-time deputy in Oscoda County from July 1984 to November 1988.

He and his wife, Harriette, moved from Mio to Sage Lake, Mich. in 1989.

Later, he moved to Lincoln, to be with his dear friend, Delores Blumer.

Mr. Owen is survived by three daughters, Diane (Dennis) Stutesman of Palm Coast, Fla., Denise (Paul) Botkin of Curran and Sue Owen of Kalamazoo, Mich.; his beloved partner, Delores Blumer, of Lincoln; four grandchildren, Todd Stutesman, Shannon Stutesman, Lacey Owen and Jaclyn McCusker; three great-grandchildren, Taylor Perry, Lincoln McCusker and Lucas McCusker; two nephews; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriette, in 1998, one son, Bruce Owen in 2013, and an infant great-grandson, Donny Perry.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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## Regions

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face coverings, and to follow rigorous disinfection protocols."

Region 6 in the governor's "MI Safe Start Plan" includes the following counties: Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Emmet.

Region 8 includes the following counties: Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Iron, Baraga, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa.

Executive Order 2020-92 also states, in part, "subject to the exceptions in section 8 of this order, all individuals currently living within the State of Michigan are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence. Subject to the same exceptions, all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household are prohibited."

"All individuals who leave their home or place of residence must adhere to social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), including remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household to the extent feasible under the circumstances."

Under Executive Order 2020-91, businesses that resume in-person work must, among other things, develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan and make it available to employees and customers by June 1.

Businesses must also provide COVID-19 training to workers that covers, at a minimum, workplace infection-control practices, the proper use of PPE, steps workers must take to notify the business or operation of any symptoms of COVID-19 or a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and how to report unsafe working conditions.

For more details about the latest executive orders issued by Governor Whitmer go online to: Michigan.gov/whitmer. Click on the "news" button and scroll to "executive orders." There are 92 total, with the most recent at the end.

 **Letters to the Editor** 

To the Editor,  
Governor Whitmer will not release total control of the state back to the Legislature. Let's put an end to the Governor's unchecked emergency powers. We must return to full production and normalcy as soon as possible. This includes restaurants, schools, civic events, sports, and the like.

Art Robinson, a relative of my wife, running for congress in Oregon stated, "It is unsustainable to give Oregonians money to buy things that they are simultaneously ordered not to produce." It is no different for Michigan. To shutter education, commerce, and industry and then pour trillions of dollars of "stimu-

lus" all over it is a formula for inflation and shortages which we are beginning to see.

I hope Michiganders remember this the next time she comes up for reelection. She owns the financial pain and uncertainty we are feeling.

Andy Jamieson  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
I am writing today to send out a huge than you to all the amazing Alcona residents who have devoted their time, energy, materials and skills to the local mask making effort.

Many masks have been delivered to the Lincoln Senior Center and are now available to residents by calling the center at (989) 736-8879 extension zero to speak to the operator or leave a message. You should give your name, phone number and the number of masks you need and an arrangement will be made for you to pick them up.

mission of the virus. When you put on or take off a mask, it's important to wash your hands and only touch the side ear pieces.

Because some people carry the Coronavirus but have no symptoms, it is very important for everyone to wear a mask in public to prevent the spread of the virus. Wearing is caring for others and yourself.

Patty Thomas  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
I am 13 years old and have four siblings. It may not seem like I know much since I'm so young, but my dad has educated us in economics and politics.

sess unlimited and undefined power. That's called a dictatorship. Doesn't that look a lot like the power that Governor Whitmer has right now?

so is our liberty. We should fight for both while keeping our common sense. Lansing must've forgot that people know how to keep themselves safe without their interference. Meshawn Maddock at operation gridlock in Lansing said, "Quarantine is when you restrict movement of sick people. Tyranny is when you restrict the movement of healthy people."

Danica Jamieson  
Harrisville

I'm writing to let people know that my family and I strongly disagree with the shutting-down of our economy in the name of keeping people safe. To question or disagree in any way with our Governor's actions right now is unpopular. But we have a right and a duty to question those actions when Constitutionally protected rights seem to be ignored.

When an entire society is kept in fear, they will tolerate an otherwise unnecessary expansion of governmental authority, because it promises a solution. That's exactly what's happening right now. Did Ms. Whitmer even consider any other options that took little government involvement but were still effective?

Even in times of crisis, the government's authority and power should not exceed what the Constitution allows.

On the bright side, I am happy to see so many people have become pro-life! It's pretty ironic that our governor, who supports killing babies in the womb, will gladly plunge our state into economic ruin if it means it "saves even one life."

Look at Russia's and China's leaders. They pos-

Every life is precious, and

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regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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.

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**

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 info., call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Clients must remain in vehicle for curbside pick-up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

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.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

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.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

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The tour provides opportunities to photograph the birds. *Courtesy photo.*

**Tip of the Mitt Challenge**

As spring inches toward summer, lots of people aspire to a more active lifestyle and healthier eating choices. Michigan State University Extension and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-education Community Nutrition Instructors in Alcona, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties aim to help people turn those aspirations into reality through the Tip of the Mitt Health Challenge.

The purpose of the four-week challenge is to make healthy eating and movement choices fun. Fruit and Veggie Bingo allows participants to track their intake of healthy foods, and Miles for a Marathon provides a tracker to

encourage walking one mile or getting 30 minutes of physical activity daily. Participants are encouraged to share their progress in the Tip of the Mitt Health Challenge Facebook Group on the MSU Extension District 4 Facebook page. Healthy efforts will be shared to motivate others on the @MI HealthMatters Facebook page as well.

The Tip of the Mitt Health Challenge runs May 23 through June 20 and is open to all ages and abilities. Visit [bit.ly/ToMHealth](http://bit.ly/ToMHealth) to join. For more information, contact Michelle Luttrell at [luttre15@msu.edu](mailto:luttre15@msu.edu).

**Caregivers Support**

Michigan State University Extension is offering a free online series entitled Powerful Tools for Caregivers for six consecutive Thursdays starting Thursday, May 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. via Zoom. The entire six-week series provides support and tools to help caregivers in a variety of ways. The series is designed to provide support and strategies to keep the caregiver strong and empowered. Participants will benefit from the series whether they're helping a parent, spouse, or friend of someone who lives at home, in a nursing home or across the country. The series limits participants to 15, allowing for groups to develop trust, conversation, unity and support. The series will provide strategies to: Reduce stress; effectively communicate with other family members, doctors, paid help; notice signs and steps towards better self-care; reduce guilt, anger and depression; make difficult decisions; setting goals and problem-solving.

The topics the series will cover are as follows: Hiring in-home help; understanding

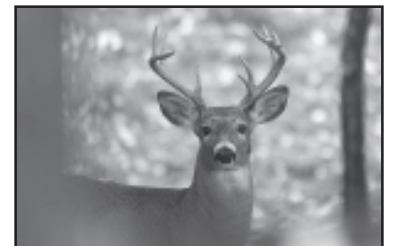
depression; helping memory impaired elders; making decisions about driving; making legal and financial decisions; making decisions about care facility placement; communicating with other family members; and planning, creating and using agendas for family meetings

To register for this series, go to Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Events Management site at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/PowerfulToolsForCaregivers521/>

Once registered, participants will receive a registration confirmation that will have the Zoom link to the series. If anyone needs assistance with downloading or using Zoom, or technical assistance, contact MSU Extension series presenters Tracie Abram at [abram@msu.edu](mailto:abram@msu.edu) or Bree Carlson at [Bree@msu.edu](mailto:Bree@msu.edu) to schedule an appointment for assistance before May 21.

**Hunter Input Wanted**

A new package of deer hunting regulations designed to simplify rules and remove barriers to participation was introduced to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission Thursday, 14 at the commission's regular monthly meeting, which was conducted in an online and conference call format due to COVID-19 public health and safety concerns. The regula-



Whitetail buck. *Courtesy photo.*

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## What older diabetics should know about Coronavirus

Dear Savvy Senior,  
My husband and I are both in our late 60s and have diabetes. We would like to find out if our diabetes increases our risk of getting the coronavirus.

Concerned Diabetics

Dear Concerned,  
Currently, there's not enough data to show that people with diabetes are more likely to get coronavirus (COVID-19) than the general population. But the problem for diabetics is, if you do happen to contract the virus, your chance of developing serious complications are much higher. This is especially true if your diabetes isn't well-controlled. Here's what you should know.

### Diabetic Risks

Health data is showing that about 25 percent of people who go to the hospital with severe COVID-19 infections have diabetes. One reason is that high blood sugar weakens the immune system and makes it less able to fight off

infections. Your risk of severe coronavirus infection is even higher if you also have another condition, like heart or lung disease.

If you do get COVID-19, the infection could also put you at greater risk for diabetes complications like diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which happens when high levels of acids called ketones build up in your blood.

Some people who catch the new coronavirus have a dangerous body-wide response to it, called sepsis. To treat sepsis, doctors need to manage your body's fluid and electrolyte levels. DKA causes you to lose electrolytes, which can make sepsis harder to control.

### How to Avoid COVID-19

The best way to avoid getting sick is to stay home as much as you can. If you have to go out, keep at least six feet away from other people. And every time you come back from the supermarket, pharmacy or another public place, wash your hands with warm

water and soap for at least 20 seconds.

Also wash your hands before you give yourself a finger stick or insulin shot. Clean each site first with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.

To protect you, everyone in your house should wash their hands often, especially before they cook for the family. Don't share any utensils or other personal items. And if anyone in your house is sick, they should stay in their own room, as far as possible from you.

The CDC also recommends that you stock up on medications and diabetes testing supplies to last for at least a month. The same goes for grocery supplies and other household necessities.

Also know that Medicare is now covering the cost of telehealth visits, so if you have questions for your doctor, you can ask by video chat or phone instead of going into the office.



Savvy Senior

### If You Get Sick

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a dry cough, fever, or shortness of breath. If you develop any symptoms that are concerning, call your doctor about getting tested.

If you find that you have contracted COVID-19, the first level of care is to stay home and check your blood sugar more often than usual and check your ketones too. COVID-19 can reduce your appetite and cause you to eat less, which could affect your levels. You also need more fluids than usual when you're sick, so keep water close by, and drink it often.

You should also know that

many over-the-counter medicines that relieve virus symptoms like fever or cough can affect your blood sugar levels one way or the other. So, before you take anything check with your doctor.

And be aware that if you start experiencing severe shortness of breath, high levels of ketones or DKA symptoms like severe weakness, body aches, vomiting or belly pain, you need to see your doctor or get to an emergency room right away.

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something to do. I like having a routine every day and going places. This sitting around and waiting has been challenging for me," French said.

French, an only child, said fighting boredom has been difficult for him during COVID-19 but it was more of an issue when it first began than now since the weather is getting nicer.

He feels the best way to fight boredom is to exercise, which he does daily, and is now taking on odd jobs such as chopping wood.

He explained one traditional event the school has for seniors which he will miss is the loyalty and decision day where graduating seniors announce to their peers what their plans are for the future. French was very excited to tell his peers and teachers he has enlisted in the Army National Guard and is scheduled to leave for boot camp on July 27.

"We just have to do what we can to get through this. It's not going to last forever. It sucks now, but eventually, we should be back to normal. We need to stay focused on that and stay healthy," French said.

Senior Courtney Winter was looking forward to celebrating her graduation this month with her three cousins, Annabelle Rowe, Madison Donovan and Faith Calloway -- all graduating this year from Alcona High School.

While the actual ceremony may be delayed, Winter is not putting off making plans for the grand party the four girls had hoped for, although it may be a bit different than traditional parties to keep guests socially distanced.

"We understand some people will not be able to attend the party because of the COVID-19 threat, we may have to limit how many people will be there at a time and how we have the party," Winter said.

She explained while it was upsetting that plans are so up in the air about when and how things might return to normal, she isn't upset with how the school and the community have stepped up to try and do everything they can to acknowledge them.

Whether it is through individual lawn signs, ads in the paper, or Facebook acknowledgments of the students, she is happy so many are trying to make it as special as they can.

"The school has been doing Friday night lights where they light up the football field at 20:20 military time," Winter said. She also spoke about the large banner the school has put up on the lawn listing all the graduating seniors. Similar banners will also be

put up in Lincoln and Harrisville.

Not being able to thank teachers before they take their summer break concerned Winter so she and classmate Brett Nelson reached out to other graduates and decided to post a thank you video.

Winter said nearly all the senior class participated by sending their photo holding up words to convey a message of thanks. The message and the music chosen for the video was a collective decision among the graduates.

While Winter coordinated photos, Nelson pieced them together with the music and posted it on the school's Facebook page.

According to Winter, if stay at home orders had not happened, the class would have never thought to participate in such a thing, "We collectively wanted to do that to say good-bye," Winter said.

Winter will be leaving for Cornerstone University on a pole-vaulting scholarship in August and hopes restrictions are a thing of the past by then. Although she was disappointed not to participate in track and field her last year school, she is looking forward to participating at the university.

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From a Local Poet

**Patricia Ann Cook** submitted this poem on April 1. She and her husband, Tom, live north of Harrisville. In her note she said, "this poem is about spring and our current COVID-19 crises. I find that writing helps me sort through these current events."

2020 April Thoughts

A red dawn streak meets the Great Lakes horizon, Waves are vocal, Icy waters rising. A metamorphosis is coming No time stands still, April is upon us Spring comes to fulfill.

Birds bursting with chatter Before dawn each morning, Nocturnals heading home From a night's foraging. Mother Nature is painting all scapes, land and sea, From dusk, dark to dawn A new day will be.

But wait! My eyes open early, The brain finds its footing. I remember that a monster Continues its looting. With pain, death and fear It creeps with no sound, On all people everywhere, It knows no bound.

This monster is void of race, gender and age. It carries on like a mysterious Invisible sage.

Getting ahead of this monster's game, Is the only way to control and tame. If this challenge can be met In this closing window of time, Lives can be spared From this insidious crime.

Oh, the irony! Every morning with April dew, Mother Nature, like clockwork, unveils her lovely spring venue. As every corner Of our island home braces, A desperate stand rises Against the monster of all ages.

April lives on Like Ground Hog Day. Tulips burst forth In spectacular display. As we morn lives lost By the hundreds each day, We pick flowers for loved ones, We pick flowers in May.

Hope is not enough To entrap this evil. Will take intelligence, leadership And a love for all people.

Is this Mother Nature, revealing in her way, How we need to revere Our island home every day?

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## Four lakes at record water levels

Lakes Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie set new monthly mean water level records for April 2020, which were previously set in 1985 or 1986, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Detroit District.

All of the lakes are either in their period of seasonal rise or are reaching their peak, as the year continues into late spring and summer.

Although the end of April brought heavy rainfall to some areas of the basin, the month as a whole was quite dry for the Great Lakes region. According to the Army Corps, during the spring, water levels typically rise on the Great Lakes due to increased rainfall and runoff. In the coming months, water levels are projected to continue to be near or above record high water levels on all of the lakes, except Lake Ontario.

Significant erosion and

flooding continues in many locations as water levels remain extremely high.

Lakes Michigan and Huron are still projected to peak above last year's levels after a marginal seasonal decline this fall and winter. While it is extremely unlikely that water levels on Lake Ontario will approach the record high levels from last year, the other lakes are still projected to peak near last year's record levels.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers urges those impacted by the high water levels of last year to continue preparing for similar impacts over the next few months.

"During this high water level period, it is rewarding to get out and work with our partners and communities to help alleviate flooding where possible," said Pat Kuhne, emergency manager for the Detroit District. "We are here

to provide services within our authorities, to additional communities. Any community or individual homeowner needing assistance should reach out to their county or local emergency manager to so that coordination for assistance with us can begin."

During response operations, Detroit District, Emergency Management Office conducts emergency operations to save lives and protect public facilities and communities. The Corps can provide technical assistance in the form of advice and expertise in the construction of temporary flood protection measures such as sandbagging, or direct assistance by providing flood fight supplies to state, county or local public officials. Assistance is supplemental to local and state efforts and at the request of the state.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, has conducted many on-site assessments under technical assistance authority in 16 approved counties and has provided flood fight supplies under direct assistance authority in two counties. To date, the Detroit District has given out 350,000 sandbags to counties to assist them in their flood fighting efforts.

In addition, citizens of Indiana and Michigan may decide to work on personal construction projects to alleviate erosion or flooding, which could potentially impact the nation's rivers, streams, wetlands and other aquatic resources that may require a permit from the Corps of Engineers' Regulatory Office.

To find more information about Great Lakes high water, emergency management and the permit process visit: <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 Corps programs and authorities.

ping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

The high-risk period of infection occurs from April 15 to July 15, so it's important to avoid pruning or injuring oak trees during this time. If a tree gets damaged during the risk period, immediately cover all wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint.

Don't move firewood, especially if it comes from oaks that may have died from oak wilt, as firewood can harbor the fungus. Anyone who suspects their firewood is infected by oak wilt, they can help slow the spread by burning it, chipping it or debarking it before April. Once the firewood has been dried over a year and/or all the bark loosens, the firewood can no longer spread oak wilt.

To minimize the risk of oak wilt infection caused by logging damage, the DNR restricts cutting of red oak trees on state-managed land between April 15 and July 15.

The DNR recommends private forest landowners exercise caution during this period and, whenever possible, delay harvesting activity in oak forests until after July 15.

What to do if oak wilt is suspected:

- Report infections at [Michigan.gov/ForestHealth](https://Michigan.gov/ForestHealth) using an interactive map.
- Contact a local DNR forest health specialist for more information at [DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@Michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@Michigan.gov) or (517) 284-5866.
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• Get help from an oak-wilt qualified specialist. Visit [MichiganOakWilt.org](https://MichiganOakWilt.org) for a listing and more information.

Learn more about invasive species in the state at [Michigan.gov/Invasives](https://Michigan.gov/Invasives).

## Trees at higher risk of oak wilt now through mid-July

For anyone who has oak trees – especially red oaks – this is the time to be wary of oak wilt spores carried by flying beetles.

From April 15 to July 15, oak trees are at high risk for oak wilt, a serious fungal disease that can weaken white oaks and kill red oak trees within a few weeks of infection.

"The guidelines against pruning oak trees during this period are a way to help prevent the spread of the disease," said James Wieferrich, forest health specialist in the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "Unfortunately, many people learn not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-July only after they lose their oaks to oak wilt."

He explained, fungus travels by insects, through root grafts. Once a tree is infected, the fungus also can move to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within about 100 feet of each other – depending on the size of the trees – have connected, or grafted, root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, killing more red oaks over an increasingly larger area. As more trees die from oak wilt, more fungal spores are produced, which allows the beetle to carry infection to new locations.

According to Wieferrich, oak wilt was first identified in the 1940s and is now widespread across Michigan. Red oaks are most susceptible to the disease. These trees have leaves with pointed tips and include black oaks, northern red oaks and northern pin oaks. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oaks and swamp white oaks. They are less susceptible.

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# Healing grief one photograph at a time

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Grief knows no boundaries and its grip may be all-encompassing. It cripples with stages of denial, anger, bargaining, and depression and may take years for the living to finally come to some type of acceptance and the ability to move forward.

When a spouse dies, many feel as though they have lost their better half, the one person who completed them. Often, the surviving spouse is left not knowing how to pick themselves up and carry on.

Michael Gray is one of those surviving spouses who was left to carry on after his wife, Dee, died rather suddenly last November. They were married for 34 years.

Instead of grieving inconso- lably Michael did something different. He picked up his wife's camera and began taking photographs. Through her lens, he is not only helping his heart heal but he is heal- ing others as well.

Michael explained many years ago he had an interest in photography, but Dee was the artistic one and came from

a family entrenched in artistic endeavors. Twenty-five years ago when Dee first picked up a camera, Michael was not surprised that she would have a natural gift for it. "She had an eye for taking photos and it became her passion. When Dee set her mind to do something, there was no stopping her. She would go all out," he said.

Dee's scenic nature and wildlife photography gave her a sense of peace, a sense that everything was right with the world. Before long, she began sharing them on a website and Facebook. Her calming photos not only gave her peace but, with an online presence, she helped others find comfort through stressful situations.

She posted a new photograph daily and her audience grew to appreciate and rely on waking up to fresh and uplifting photos. The photos were of still waters lapping gently at the shore of their Greenbush lakeside home, or an eagle soaring above with dark wings spread wide, its vivid white head and tail contrasting brightly against a heavenly blue sky or perhaps




Michael Gray is finding his way through loss by honoring his wife and her passion for photography. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

a shot of a yellow sunrise dusting lady Huron's water with sparkles of gold dust beckoning the promise of a great day ahead.

"She wanted to take photos for people to feel peace and she wanted everyone who saw her photos to feel like they were sitting right there

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Dee Gray, a photographer who called Alcona County home until her passing last November, enjoyed traveling around Alcona County and other Michigan locations to find just the right shot. Patience, luck and dedication brought joy and to her many followers. *Courtesy photo.*



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next to her when she took it. Her whole goal was to bring peace and harmony. I wanted to honor that and to continue her journey, so I began taking pictures and adding them to her Northern Living Photography Facebook page," Michael said.

He explained for Dee to find just the right shot it meant a lot of days waking up very early before sunrise to see if the clouds were accommodating a spectacular sunrise photo. It also meant getting up and out in cold icy weather.

Timing was everything because a two-second delay could make the difference between a great shot and a dismal failure.

"No matter what, Dee was always up for it. She'd wake me up when it was dark and I'd tell her I was retired, but we'd head out to get to the right location in time. I learned getting a great photo



Michael and Dee Gray in happier times before her death last November. *Courtesy photo.*



The Harrisville Harbor at sunrise was one of the places Dee photographed frequently. *Photo by Dee Gray.*

took patience. I don't regret it.

"We drove all over and got good at searching for just the right shot. She loved taking pictures and sharing how beautiful this area was. Together we came up with the name for her Facebook page, Northern Living Photography, to reflect her love of this area," Michael said.

At first, the thought of honoring Dee properly was a little intimidating, Michael admitted, saying he didn't know if he could keep up or do her Facebook page justice. Just getting to the page itself was a bit trying, because he was not well-versed on computer applications and when time got small before her death, they didn't think about things like getting computer passwords.

His granddaughter, one of eight he and Dee share from a blended family, helped him get access to the page and become acquainted with how it works.

Michael explained his late wife died of ovarian cancer at the age of 59 and by the time she was diagnosed it had spread rampantly throughout her body. The doctors gave her a few months, instead, she was taken in just a

few weeks. "It was a shock when she died, I'm still in shock," Michael said.

Little by little, Michael has been photographing and sharing his thoughts and feelings on the page Dee created. Although he denies his talent, his gift for photography is almost as good as hers and the words he writes to accompany the photo comes straight from his heart.

"I don't do this for myself, it was never about me, this is for her. Through this process, I realized people depended on her photos and how her pictures helped them, especially now with COVID-19. These are historical and crazy times. I've found a lot of solace by taking photographs and posting them for Dee. If I didn't have this right now, I don't know how I'd be handling things. This has been a therapeutic blessing for me.

"So many people have shared their stories with me on Facebook. I didn't know who these people were or what they were like, but everyone has a story and it's been wonderful sharing stories. This is why Dee took pictures, to bring people peace. She loved what she did for people and near death, she said she would miss taking pictures

and sharing them to comfort people. She always thought about everyone else first and herself last. I am privileged and honored to be able to do this for her," Michael said.

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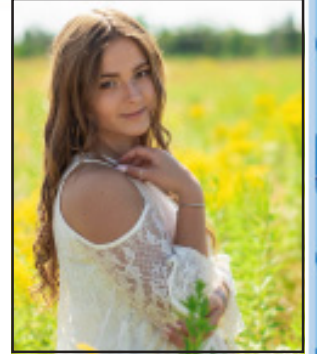
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## Local Notes

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tions, proposed for the 2020 deer hunting season, are scheduled for an NRC vote in June.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources deer program experts say the regulations, if approved, will provide additional opportunities and cost savings for hunters and offer flexibility in how hunters pursue deer. The DNR uses existing and projected data to gauge the impact of proposed regulations. The data shows that the projected changes will not have a significant negative effect on the deer herd or the quality of deer hunting.

“These recommendations are aimed at making it easier for hunters of all ages and experience levels to enjoy a Michigan outdoor tradition, while at the same time facing the present and future challenges of managing the state’s deer population,” said Chad Stewart, the DNR’s deer, elk and moose program leader.

Read the full NRC proposal memo or the justifications behind the 2020 proposed regulation changes at [Michigan.gov/Deer](http://Michigan.gov/Deer). Hunters are encouraged to review the proposed regulations and share their feedback either through an anonymous survey or by email to [NRC@Michigan.gov](mailto:NRC@Michigan.gov). All comments must be received by June 5 and will be shared with members of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

### Weekly SUDOKU

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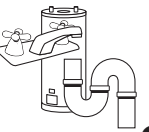
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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** The island of Hispaniola is divided into which two countries?
2. **U.S. STATES:** Which state is known as the Badger State?
3. **MEDICAL:** Which human organ is involved in the development of diabetes?
4. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company advises clients to "leave the driving to us"?
5. **MONUMENTS:** How long ago was Stonehenge built?
6. **ENTERTAINERS:** Which singer/actress was born with the name Anna Mae Bullock?
7. **COMICS:** What kind of dog is Snoopy in the "Peanuts" comic strip?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many official languages does the United Nations have?
9. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many drops are in a teaspoon?
10. **MUSIC:** How many members sing in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir?

**Answers:** 1. Haiti and the Dominican Republic; 2. Wisconsin; 3. Pancreas; 4. Greyhound bus lines; 5. About 5,000 years ago; 6. Tina Turner; 7. A beagle; 8. Six: English, Spanish, French, Russian, Arabic and Chinese; 9. 76; 10. 360 (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 30, 1899, amateur bandit Pearl Hart and her boyfriend Joe Boot hold up an Arizona stagecoach. After taking \$421 in cash from three passengers, Hart took pity on them and handed each back \$1 so they could buy something to eat when they arrived in town.
  - On May 28, 1902, Owen Wister's "The Virginian" is published. It was the first "serious" Western. The book became a sensation almost overnight, selling more than 1.5 million copies by 1938 and inspiring four movies and a Broadway play.
  - On May 26, 1927, Henry Ford and his son Edsel drive the 15 millionth Model T Ford out of their factory, marking the famous automobile's official last day of production. The "Tin Lizzie" averaged about 17 mpg and could travel up to 45 mph.
  - On May 27, 1939, a ship carrying 937 Jewish refugees is turned away from Cuba. The ship sailed close to Florida, hoping to disembark there, but a State Department telegram stated that the asylum-seekers must first "await their turns on the waiting list and qualify for and obtain immigration visas." After appeals to Canada also were denied, the ship was forced to sail back to Europe.
  - On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest. News of their achievement broke on June 2, the day of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation.
  - On May 31, 1962, in Israel, Nazi SS officer Adolf Eichmann is executed for his crimes against humanity during World War II. Following the war, Eichmann had fled to Argentina, where he was found by Mossad agents.
  - On May 25, 1977, Memorial Day weekend opens with an intergalactic bang as the first of George Lucas' blockbuster "Star Wars" movies hits American theaters.
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## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Duelist's weapon</p> <p>5 — Club (retail chain)</p> <p>9 Weds on the sly</p> <p>15 Swine food</p> <p>19 Carter of "Gimme a Break!"</p> <p>20 "Stat!"</p> <p>21 Film director George A. —</p> <p>22 Bluish hue</p> <p>23 Cruel Curry in a London borough?</p> <p>26 Kitty chip</p> <p>27 The real —</p> <p>28 Skirt's edge</p> <p>29 Give Mason the ax?</p> <p>31 Make do with Paul?</p> <p>34 "— a Letter to My Love" (1981 film)</p> <p>35 Road goop</p> <p>36 Song syllable</p> <p>37 Acne care brand</p> <p>38 Physics prize of note</p> <p>42 Show penitence</p> <p>44 College founded by Hagen?</p> <p>51 Heredity determiner</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Sheffield loc.</p> <p>2 Pervade</p> <p>3 It's negatively charged</p> <p>4 Vote in</p> <p>5 Twain's Tom</p> <p>6 "— live and breathe!"</p> <p>7 Very virile</p> <p>8 Nearly globe-shaped</p> <p>9 Palindromic "before"</p> <p>10 Lounges idly</p> <p>11 All: Prefix</p> <p>12 Lab's — dish</p> <p>13 Great Lakes tribesmen</p> <p>14 Northern French river</p> <p>15 Commence</p> <p>16 Monocle, e.g.</p> <p>17 Pledge</p> <p>18 Answer from the accused</p> <p>24 "Warrior" co-star Nick</p> <p>25 2,065, in old Rome</p> <p>30 Year, in old Rome</p> <p>31 Fawn's father</p> <p>32 Defective</p> <p>33 Uvea's organ</p> <p>39 Cat breed</p> <p>40 Virtual marketer</p> | <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>52 Attired</p> <p>53 Flummoxed</p> <p>54 Mrs., in Bonn</p> <p>55 Question for Knotts when he's holding a package?</p> <p>60 Bygone space station</p> <p>61 Extreme joy</p> <p>64 Arcing tennis shot</p> <p>65 Second letter addendum: Abbr.</p> <p>66 Singer with the 2011 album "21"</p> <p>68 Goes by car</p> <p>69 Came in first</p> <p>71 Sculpting aid</p> <p>72 Not too tasty</p> <p>73 "— a Rock" (1966 hit)</p> <p>76 "Ni-i-ice!"</p> <p>78 Semis, say</p> <p>79 Go bad</p> <p>80 Return Shearer's phone call?</p> <p>84 Operatic solo</p> <p>86 Running shoe brand</p> <p>87 Traffic sound</p> <p>88 Billion : giga- :: trillion : —</p> <p>92 Anthony championing personal liberties?</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>96 — noires (bugbears)</p> <p>97 January, in Spain</p> <p>98 Coll. dorm supervisors</p> <p>99 — -haw (donkey's sound)</p> <p>101 Moose kin</p> <p>102 With 111-Down, connect two dots, maybe</p> <p>106 Battling it out with Murdoch?</p> <p>109 Put Arthur on mood-stabilizing medication?</p> <p>113 Regatta tool</p> <p>114 Poet John</p> <p>115 Exclude</p> <p>116 "Whew, such a relief that Kahlo arrived!"</p> <p>120 Area</p> <p>121 Samplings</p> <p>122 Kin of beige</p> <p>123 Prep school on the Thames</p> <p>124 Tram loads</p> <p>125 Ukrainian port city</p> <p>126 Exclude</p> <p>127 Unit of force</p> | <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>41 Victors' wreaths</p> <p>43 Sir Isaac —</p> <p>45 Slangy negative</p> <p>46 Shaft of light</p> <p>47 Call a halt to</p> <p>48 "The jig —"</p> <p>49 Turner and Kennedy</p> <p>50 Ming of basketball</p> <p>52 Elliot of the Mamas &amp; the Papas</p> <p>56 Feature of "gum" but not "gem"</p> <p>57 Pledge</p> <p>58 Download for a Kindle</p> <p>59 Bible book before Habakkuk</p> <p>61 Give a hug to</p> <p>62 Fill with a crayon</p> <p>63 Not dynamic, as a verb</p> <p>67 Expand</p> <p>70 "— so much"</p> <p>71 Lug</p> <p>73 "Who's there?" answer</p> <p>74 Make — deal out of</p> <p>75 Speed-of-sound ratio</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>77 Scorching</p> <p>78 "The — Coochi Coo" (1961 hit)</p> <p>81 Musicality</p> <p>82 Winter hrs. in Wichita</p> <p>83 "... — iron bars a cage"</p> <p>85 When shows are broadcast</p> <p>89 Forever</p> <p>90 Had faith in</p> <p>91 Inquires</p> <p>93 Bereft</p> <p>94 — Lanka</p> <p>95 Myopic "Mr."</p> <p>96 "I — You" (hit for Elvis)</p> <p>100 Concludes</p> <p>103 Hard — follow</p> <p>104 "I thought — a deal!"</p> <p>105 Humble</p> <p>106 Phonies</p> <p>107 Fast one</p> <p>108 One way to mark losses</p> <p>109 Clown name</p> <p>110 Love deity</p> <p>111 See 102-Across</p> <p>112 Sinus docs</p> <p>117 Cookie-pushing org.</p> <p>118 Hexa-halved</p> <p>119 Hex- ending</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A swarm of 20,000 bees followed a car for two days because their queen was inside the vehicle. The insects were removed by a beekeeper after the car was parked, but were back the next day, as the queen was still inside.
  - Peter Ostrum, who portrayed Charlie Bucket in the original "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," declined the offer of a three-picture deal and bought a horse with his movie earnings. His resulting love for animals led him to pursue a career not as an actor, but a veterinarian.
  - During World War II, Coca-Cola wanted soldiers to have a taste of home and opened bottling plants near Europe. However, the soda was synonymous with the States, making it problematic for non-Americans to be seen drinking it, especially in the Soviet Union where it was viewed as a symbol of American imperialism. Soviet Gen. Marshal Georgy Zhukov, a fan who didn't want to be seen consuming it himself, appealed to the company to make a clear version. A chemist at the Austrian bottling plant obliged by removing the drink's coloring, after which "White Coke" was bottled in clear glass with a white cap and red star.
  - "Jeopardy" fan Cindy Stowell dreamed nearly her entire life of being a contestant on the show. In 2016 she successfully auditioned and became a six-time champion even while battling Stage 4 cancer during filming. Sadly, she didn't live to see her episodes air, but her \$103,000 in winnings was donated to cancer organizations.
  - "Alice in Wonderland" author Lewis Carroll wasn't the best at personal finance. Sure, he paid his debts on time, but would also often overdraw upwards of 7,500 pounds sterling -- in spite of being a mathematics scholar at Oxford!
  - The Vatican Bank is the world's only bank that allows ATM users to perform transactions in Latin.
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Thought for the Day: "Failure is a bruise, not a tattoo." -- Jon Sinclair  
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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**

UMZ ETCKWR CYLC KYQWUTKVME L

BLRTVG PXG'E LZBXV BLVV BQWR

PQLKM: "RG CYQMM ETUE."

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# Novels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Seed tape box

It's spring and time to plant the seeds that grow into vegetables and flowers that often are tasty salads for deer, rabbits, squirrels and other local wildlife. In 1790, a Shaker religious community started to sell packets filled with seeds saved from the previous year. It was a new idea. Seeds for farmers had only sold in bulk quantities. At first the packets held only vegetable seeds, but by the mid-1800s, flower seeds also were sold. Sometime before 1918, Shaker seed tape was invented and sold.

Today, gardeners can buy seed tape for hundreds of plants or make their own. Just unroll some toilet paper and press one or two seeds into the paper at spaced intervals. Then roll up the paper until it's time to plant. The seed tape (toilet paper) can be stretched into a shallow line in the dirt, then covered with more dirt, watered and kept free of weeds. Rows of plants will come up in a few days.

The American Seed Tape Company of Newark, New Jersey, had a seed tape brand called Pakro that advertised in farm publications from 1918 to at least the 1920s. Recently, a Wm Morford advertising auction offered an early cardboard Pakro seed tape display box that held 60 different types of seed tapes in original small boxes with color pictures like those on the packets. The 15- by 18-inch display sold for \$1,033.

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Q: I have a vintage hammered aluminum chafing dish with original glass bowl, but I believe the aluminum "cup" placed in the space for the heating element isn't origi-



Advertising collectibles are very popular today despite decreased interest in displaying old signs in family restaurants, a popular decorating idea in the 1980s. This seed tape box is in great condition with original small boxes of seed tape filling each compartment. It sold for \$1,033.

nal. The space is the perfect size for a tea light candle, but I hesitate to put a direct flame under the glass. What was used originally, and what would be safe to use now? Would Sterno be acceptable?

A: Don't use canned heat (Sterno) if the glass dish is directly over the heat. A tea candle will help keep the food warm if the food is hot when it's put in the dish. Canned heat can be used if the chafing dish is the kind that has a metal outer dish that holds water, which heats the glass dish. A chafing dish that uses a water bath to keep the food warm has the French name "bain-marie."

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TIP: Recycle your unused ashtrays as drip-catching candleholders, trays for change on your bedroom dresser or as a dish for imitation sweeteners.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

## VA's emergency preparedness

Did you know the Department of Veterans Affairs has a disaster preparedness team? They do, and it's called the Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System (DEMPS).

Part of DEMPS is the National Emergency Medical Response Teams: medical and nonmedical volunteers on call for two months at a time who are able to deploy within 48 hours after either the VA requests help or there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Whether it's a flood, earth-

quake or other natural disaster, once a Presidential Declaration is issued the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) jump in. That's when the VA's DEMPS programs can be activated.

The VA isn't just helping veterans during this coronavirus crisis. Per its fourth mission (to support the country in emergencies), the VA started up its 3D printing network to test designs of medical equipment. Along with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), it's creating 3D prototypes of face shields, masks and ventilators.

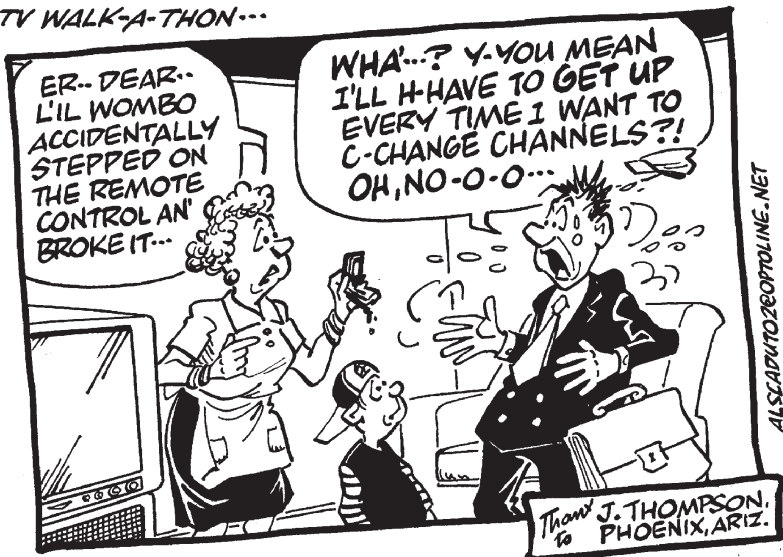
Additionally, at the request of FEMA, the VA has made 1,500 beds available across the country for nonveterans who need acute and intensive care. In some places it's sent additional medical staff to state veterans homes, given clinical support to the homeless, loaned a pharmacy trailer to a medical center and built a hospital with 1,000 beds. As of this writing, DEMPS has moved into Louisiana to help with the explosion of coronavirus cases, and the VA is seeking medical professionals to help with intensive care units as well as biomedical technicians with ventilator experience.

If you have a nonessential medical need, call your VA facility and talk to them. You might decide to postpone your visit for a little while. Or perhaps you can be seen via Telehealth, either on your tablet or computer.

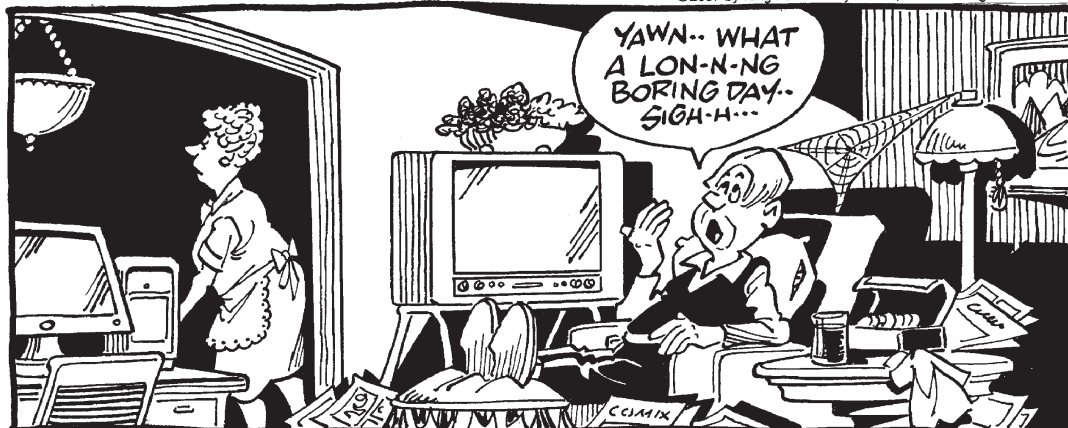
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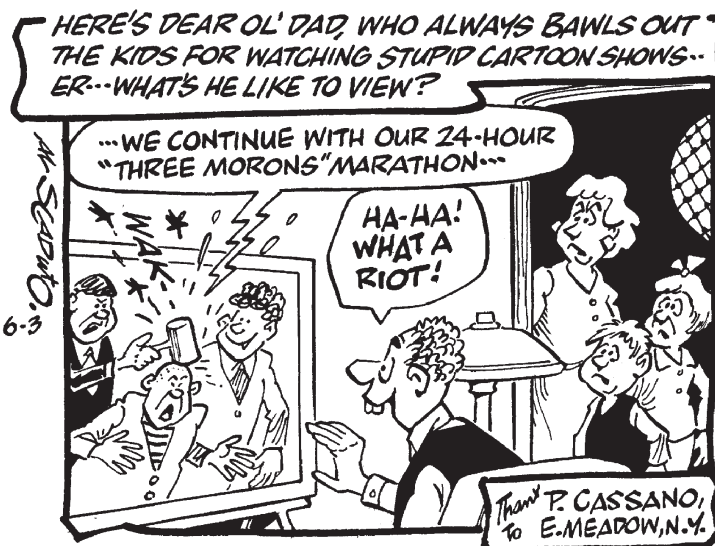


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## CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisville City Council for April 13, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 virus concerns. The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on May 11 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 and Ferguson, and attorney Cook.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz, to approve the minutes of March 9. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,826.41. Motion carried 4-0.

Spring cleanup dates are May 22 and June 5. Place bundled and bagged yard waste (only) at curbside for pick up. Hydrant flushing took place April 27 through May 8. All went well. Mayor Gehring discussed the need for council to determine rates and fees associated with any FOIA requests. The rates and fees will be posted on the city's website for review by any interested party regarding FOIA requests.

Mayor Gehring discussed the issue of hiring summer help for the city this season. Discussion. Mayor Gehring, with support from council, recommended not hiring additional help for the summer season. Mayor Gehring updated council as to the latest information concerning the construction of the playground. The bid application has been published and the city is waiting to hear from OHM Engineering and the DNR Passport Grant as far as the status of the bids and the next step in the process.

Reports: Mayor Gehring discussed with council the hiring of Huron Engineering of Alpena to

assist the city in an application process to the Office of Economic Development, Category B: Community Service Infrastructure Fund Application for city street funding. Tom Keerl, DPW senior maintenance, has met with Huron Engineering and discussed the needs of the city. Huron Engineering will complete the application form and submit it to the state as part of the initial consideration. Clerk Pierce has spoken with the State Bureau of Elections concerning mail-in-ballots for the upcoming elections. Registered voters have the option of mailing in a request to be placed on a permanent Absent Voter list to the city at: City of Harrisville/Clerk, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 as well as applying online to: Michigan Voter Information Center(MVIC) at Michigan.gov/Vote.

The Summer Concert Series was discussed. Clerk Pierce has chosen to cancel the concerts for this summer season because of COVID-19 health concerns. Harbor commission reported by Mayor Gehring that he will meet with harbor master Wilson and harbor commission chairman Weber to review policies and procedures for the opening of the harbor facilities for this boating season.

Planning commission will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 at the city offices.

Comment cards: None. Councils last comments: Alderman Schwanz is investigating alternative sources of renewable energy using a water turbine source. Alderman Kaiser asked about the progress of the Pocket Park. Mayor Gehring moved the meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next city council meeting: June 8 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Published prior to council approval.

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m., on June 17, 2020.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Alcona County, and state of Michigan on January 9, 2006, in Liber 426 on page 1,253, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of forty three thousand forty three and 12/100ths (\$43,043.12) dollars including interest at 6.625 percent per annum along with attorney fees and costs as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the date and time stated above, the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, and all other legal costs, charges and expenses including the said attorney's fee, also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect their interest in the premises. Said premises are described as follows: Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, to wit: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, T28N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the NE corner of Section 9, T28N, R8E, thence west 276.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence west 60 feet; thence south 130 feet; thence east 60 feet; thence north 130 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

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Karen L. Rowse-Oberle (P41893) Attorney for Mortgagee  
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 Dated: 5-13-2020  
 5-13, 5-20, 5-27, 6-10

## State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 20-6076DE

Estate of Eleanor M. Silverthorn  
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 To all creditors:  
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Eleanor Silverthorn, died December 7, 2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Holly Fulsher, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal representative: Holly Fulsher  
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## ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's May Zoom board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard. Motions to approve the previous months minutes; pay bills as presented; accept treasurer's report; to approve Jessica Bolanowski to the fire dept.; and to approve costs to update the website. All motions passed.

The kayak launch has been installed for the season. Thanks to the following volunteers for their help: Dan Gauthier, LeeRoy LaLonde, Dennis Scott, Sam Scott, Carson Jamieson, Pam Wilson, Tim MacNeill and Jerry Ludwiciak.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met May 13 via Zoom. Motions to approve the agenda; April minutes; pay bills; porta potty/clear stumps at Tollson; tanks pumped at North End Park; sign at Holcomb Creek; Hubbard Lake and Sanborn fire contracts; and road contacts.

Motion to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next township meeting is June 10 at the township hall at 7 p.m.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Kerry Scott, Caledonia Township Clerk

## HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Supervisor Spitznagle opened the Harrisville Township meeting with treasurer Harvey, trustee Johnston, deputy clerk Kaylie Landrum and several unnamed guests online. Harvey/Johnston: to approve the clerk's March 11 minutes. Roll call vote: three ayes, zero nays, two absent. Carried.

Accept the treasurer's report and put on file pending the audit. Clerk Jamieson and trustee Healy finally got through and online for meeting. Healy/Harvey: to renew the township's three annual items: to have Robert J. Eppert, attorney at law, of Tawas City as the township's attorney for the fiscal year 2020-2021; to continue with Huron Community Bank as Harrisville Township's primary depositor; that the township's monthly meeting will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Roll call vote: five ayes, zero nays. Carried.

Johnston/Jamieson: Accept FOIA request and denial forms as recommended by MTA (cost 50 cents a sheet and \$20.62 an hour). Roll call vote: five ayes, zero nays. Carried. Harvey/Healy: Pay the bills. Void check number 13849. Roll call vote: five ayes, zero nays. Carried.

Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson Township Clerk

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Commercial fertilizers contain percentages of three elements: nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash. Nitrogen promotes leaf and vegetative growth. Phosphorus encourages root growth. Potash increases general sturdiness

general health and disease resistance.

Gardeners can follow the suggested application amount on the package, but with her years of gardening experience, Noreen innately knows how much to sprinkle.



Noreen Kruttlin sees great results each year and one of the reasons is she fertilizes in the spring. *Photo courtesy of Ann Pringle.*

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When you buy commercial fertilizer, you'll see three numbers on the bag. They are in order of nitrogen, phosphorus, potash. (5-10-5; 12-12-12, etc.)

Most perennials are not heavy feeders, and they will be happy with one spring application of a low-nitrogen, high-phosphorus fertilizer. For established plantings, scratch in a good handful of fertilizer around each plant. Annual or biennial applications of aged manure or finished compost will restore trace elements and improve soil texture and water retention.

Noreen Kruttlin is a founding member of the Sunrise Gardening Club and has one of the most beautiful and extensive perennial gardens in Alcona County. Late April - early May is the time she fertilizes her garden beds with 6-24-24. This combination emphasizes root growth and

Don't worry if some of the plants haven't emerged from their winter hibernation yet. She also sprinkles fertilizer around her daffodils and other spring bulbs, which provides food for the bulbs, makes a better flower, and increases the number of bulbs in the case of daffodils, which can then be divided.

She also adds compost that she makes from grass clippings and other plant material. Periodically throughout the summer, she will spray Miracle Grow Bloom Booster.

If you aren't sure what the best fertilizer is for your garden, consider a soil test to check the ph balance. You can contact the MSU extension office in Harrisville at (989) 724-6478 or visit the MSU soil test website (<https://homesoiltest.msu.edu/get-started>.)

Give your garden a helping hand and be ready to enjoy a season of beautiful blooms.

**The Garden Bug** **Roses in the Middle Ages**

Roses were widely grown in medieval gardens. They were used medicinally, but also served as symbols and reminders of religious devotion and romantic love. The red rose represented the blood of Christ and of those martyrs dying for the faith. The Virgin Mary was often compared to a white rose. - B. Weaver  
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