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Brick by brick – pocket park dream begins installation

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

With the delivery of 16 pallets of bricks, work will finally begin on a long-awaited dream of a Harrisville resident to take a small, unsightly piece of land and turn it into something beautiful.

In 2016, Becky Bean had a vision to purchase an irregular piece of land located on Main Street. Her hope was to make a tiny oasis where people could visit, read a book, listen to music or sit quietly to observe small-town life.

She shared that dream with a handful of other like-minded individuals, including Kathy Matteo, Val Baker, Mary Ann Vallad, Ann Pringle, Mary Peterson, Connie Sysak, and Bean's good friend, the late Jackie Trimmer. Together they toiled to collect donations for the purchase of the property, the pathway bricks and to have them professionally installed.

In addition to the plain bricks, 225 memorial, honorary and sponsor bricks with inscriptions will be laced throughout the path. “The (inscribed) bricks are pretty exciting. I've been the lucky one because I was able to see those bricks as they came in. Many are very heartfelt,” Matteo said.

“A lot of people had some great ideas in designing the (inscribed) bricks. There is one with a freighter on it. Cedarbrook Trout Farm used their logo on a brick and Alcona Music Project put a ‘Reddy Kilowatt’ (character) on theirs. They are all very cool,” Bean said. Reddy Kilowatt was a cartoon character that served as a corporate spokesperson for electricity generation for over seven decades.

Bean explained Trimmer, who was a big part of the success of the park and worked many hours designing and distributing fliers while gathering donations, wanted nothing more than to see the park begin its transformation last year while she was battling cancer, but COVID-19 shutdowns caused a huge delay. Trimmer lost her battle on January 1.

Bean also acknowledged

the City of Harrisville, Inspiration Alcona and a caring community that have given a much-needed hand with getting the project this far.

Jeff Gehring, City of Harrisville mayor, explained there haven't been any costs to the city, noting the pocket park beautification team has done all the fundraising so far, but there will be minimal costs for the city down the line to pay water and electric bills.

Bean is excited the project is finally beginning but said there is still a lot of work, and much more funding needed to complete it. “We still need about \$7,000 to \$10,000 to complete the park.

“We have some plants for the park, but we will need more. We will also need funds for signage, trash cans, electric/irrigation lines and lighting. For now, we will use old city benches, but eventually, new ones will be needed. The

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Kathy Matteo (left), Becky Bean and Jeff Gehring gather at the site on Main Street where work will begin soon on the pathway for the Pocket Park. Photo by Mary Weber.

Firefighters work to contain forest fire

Fire suppression is still underway on the forest fire that began from a prescribed burn on Friday, April 23 in the Huron National Forest in Iosco County.

According to Joshua Veal, public affairs officer with the Huron Shores Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests, the Brittle fire started from the imple-

mentation of prescribed fire operation scheduled for last Friday.

As of Monday, according to a press release, “The fire is currently at 5,600 acres. The

reduction in acreage is a result of better mapping of the fire. Current fire containment is now at 40 percent, with an estimated full containment date of April 30. The fire is no longer actively spreading.”

The press release also stated, “There are no reported injuries or structures damaged.”

On Saturday, firefighters continued working to improve the line around the fire. Firefighters do this by patrolling along the fireline and extinguishing hot spots, a process known as mopping up, Veal explained in a weekend press release. As this work is completed, containment of the fire will increase. Firefighters are also working along public trails in the fire area to remove fire damaged hazard trees that may fall into the trail.

The public is asked to remain away from closed areas, to allow the firefighters, engines, helicopters, and other equipment to work safely.

All evacuation warnings for residences within and adjacent to the fire area have been lifted.

On Monday morning, the Type 2 Eastern Area Incident



An aerial view of the Brittle Fire shortly after it went from a prescribed fire operation on Friday, April 23 to a declared a wildfire. Multiple aircraft were on the scene and worked with ground resources throughout the weekend. Photo courtesy of U.S. Forest Service Huron Manistee National Forests.

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God Bless America





Obituaries



Barbara Fowler

Barbara "Barb" Fowler, 81, of Comins, Mich. died on Thursday April 22, 2021 at Mid Michigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich.

She was born on July 13, 1939, in Saginaw, Mich., the daughter of Chester and Dorothy (Doran) Burkey.

Mrs. Fowler was the In Home Service supervisor at the Oscoda County Council on Aging for many years as well as the dispatcher for the Mitchell Citizens Watch. She was an active member of the Curran Black Bear Festival and was a grand marshal in the annual parade.

She met her soul mate, "Claytie" Bugg, in 1980 and they grew in love for 41 years.

She was a caretaker for anyone that would let her be and always made sure to never show up anywhere empty handed. She loved to be with her family and friends, sharing in long conversations and family dinners with the people who filled her heart most. She enjoyed taking long rides with Clayton, always



finding a new adventure and memory to cherish.

Mrs. Fowler is survived by one son, Larry (Monica) Fowler; three daughters, Vicky Fowler, Kathy (Mike) Bujalski and Lisa (Ray) Schanck; eight grandchildren, Troy (Rebecca) Fowler, Todd Fowler, Dean (Yvonne) Spitzer, Tonya (Terre) Rowden, Paul Rowden Jr.,

Cody Fowler, Chelsea (Nick) Kalbfleisch, and Dustin Schanck; nine great-grandchildren, Gauge Spitzer, Bow Spitzer, Madelyn Kalbfleisch, Hayden Kalbfleisch, Tyler Fowler, Aaliyah Fowler, Torrence Fowler, Piper Fowler, Blake Fowler; many great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Sue Burkey and Nicki Burkey.

She was preceded in death by her partner, Clayton Bugg; her husband, Ernest Fowler; her parents; two brothers, Mike Burkey and Ted Burkey; and three grandchildren, Sheena Nichols, Brad Nichols and Darla Crowe.

Cremation will take place after visitation at the Comins Community Church on Thursday, April 29 at 11 a.m. The service will start at 3 p.m. A dinner will follow where she will be celebrated in life alongside her soul mate, Clayton Bugg, as that day marks his one year of passing.

Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

Donald E. Kilgore

Donald E. Kilgore, 84, of Spruce died on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

He was born November 6, 1936 to Albert L. and Eula Bell (Barnes) Kilgore in Ethridge, Tenn. He was raised in Michigan.

On April 14, 1956 he married Phyllis Pulley in Denver, Co.

He served 25 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a Sr. Master Sergeant in 1980.

Mr. Kilgore worked for ITT in Oscoda for 13 years and was a substitute bus driver for Alcona Community Schools.

He was an active member and deacon of Northland Baptist Church. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, and riding his motorcycle.

Mr. Kilgore is survived by his wife, Phyllis; one daughter, Desiree (Al) Lipski of Hubbard Lake; one son, Michael (Laurie) Kilgore of Hubbard Lake; four grandchildren, Timothy (Jessica) Kilgore,



Jeremiah (Dawna) Kilgore, Janelle (Brett) Trepanier, and Sydnie Lipski; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

The funeral was held on Monday, April 26. Pastor Greg Lepianka officiated. Burial was in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Death Notice

Nona M. Elkins

Nona M. Elkins, 91, of Spruce, died on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Medilodge in Alpena.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann Shaver of Spruce. No memorial is planned at this time.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Help prevent the spread of oak wilt: Avoid pruning or wounding oak trees

Oak trees have a reputation for being mighty, but these majestic trees need human help in spring and early summer to prevent the spread of a microscopic killer.

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 weeks of infection. During this time of year, flying beetles can carry oak wilt fungus spores from tree to tree and the fungus can infect trees through wounds left by pruning or storm damage.

The guidelines against pruning oak trees during this time can help prevent the spread of the disease," said James Wieferrich, forest health specialist in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Forest Resources Division.

The fungus can move from an infected oak to neighboring oaks through root grafts. Depending on tree size, adjacent oaks may be connected to other trees, or grafted,

through root systems. Roots of large trees can reach 100 or more feet. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, killing more red oak 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.

Trees in the white oak family are more likely to survive an infection because they are capable of compartmentalizing the fungus.

Oak wilt was first identified in Michigan in 1951 and this invasive species is now widespread across the state. An invasive species is one that was introduced to Michigan's environment from elsewhere and can cause harm to the environment, economy or human health.

Red oaks are vulnerable; they can die within weeks of infection.

Trees in the red oak family are most susceptible to oak wilt. These trees have leaves with pointed tips and include

black oak, northern red oak and northern pin oak. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oak and swamp white oak. They are less susceptible. Symptoms most often appear from late June through September. Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

Anyone who has a tree or trees that get damaged during the risk period from April 15 to July 15, should immediately cover all wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint.

Firewood can harbor the fungus, so don't move firewood from place to place in the state. Anyone who suspects their firewood is infected with oak wilt 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

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

A free Zumba class for adults will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All adults are welcome. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. State health guidelines will be followed.

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held at two locations - Alcona County Fairgrounds (854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln) and Greenbush (5036 Campbell Street) from 4 to 6 p.m. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alcona-seniors.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

The 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 will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

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A story time and craft activity will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced and seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

MONDAY, MAY 3

Senior Commodities will be distributed in the parking lot behind the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, call (989) 358-4700. The next distribution is August 3.

A Senior Boot Camp will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

A gentle exercise class for seniors will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Knitting Klub & Crochet group will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Free formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing is available for residents of Alcona County with newborns thru age four. Layettees are available in the eighth month. This is not an income-based program. COVID-19 regulations will be in place.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

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Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at all branches of the Alcona County Library. Trees are provided by the Alcona Conservation District. Limit one per person while supplies last.

A story time and craft activity will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

MONDAY, MAY 10

Teenagers (ages 12 to 18) can pick up their DIY kit at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. May's kit is mini library card notebooks. Students may also pick up their kits at the Alcona High School main office. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00p.m. (immediately following twp. board meeting) at the Alcona Twp. Hall. The variance is requested by Dan Gabbard, 5341 Mt. Maria Rd., Hubbard Lake, MI 49747. The Petitioner is requesting three variances: 1. To place an accessory building on a lot where no primary building exists. 2. The proposed accessory building would be larger than the cottage on the lake. 3. Proposed building would be on a non-conforming lot. Written comments will be accepted by Alcona Township Clerk, Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721.

Alcona track opens season with win

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona track and field teams had a winning start to the new season on Tuesday, April 20. The Tigers won both sides of the North Star League jamboree held at Fairview.

On the boys side, the Tigers won with 115 points. Fairview was second with 48, Rogers City was next with 32 and Hillman rounded out the field with 12 points.

Leading the way for the boys was Gavin Walker and Nick Rasmussen, who tied for first place in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.9. Rasmussen was also a winner in the 200 with a time of 24.6 and Jacob Sytek took

second in the same event. Sytek added first place points in the 400 meter on a run of 57.8, Ashton Rigby won the 800 on a time of 2:52 and Ryken Wallenmaier was second in the 800.

Carter Upper won both the 1600 and 3200 runs with respective times of 5:49 and 13:29. Dawson Rigby was also second in the 1600. Hunter Rigby was team's top finisher in the 110 hurdles, coming in third and the team swept first place in the relay events.

In the shot put, Jakob Tanner was second, Zuchowski Logan was second in the discus and Walker won the high jump at 4'8. Rasmussen won the long jump at 18' 3.25,

with Upper taking second in the same event.

For the girls, Lily Bilbey won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 13.0 and 26.9, with Carmen Dellar taking second in each event. Emma Travis won the 400 on a time of 1:14.9, Caroline Forsythe won the 100 hurdles at 16.8 and the Tigers won the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

The shot put saw Kelsey Hansen and Brielle Keyser take first and second, with Hansen's winning throw going 30'7. In the discus it was Keyser winning with a 99' 3 and Hansen taking second with a 90'. Hansen also won the long jump at 13' 9.

How to have "The Drug Talk" with your kids

By Mike Maturen

Having "the drug talk" can be a difficult thing for parents and grandparents. We often don't know where to start. Sometimes, we are afraid of planting ideas in their heads that will eventually lead them to try drugs or alcohol. The purpose of this four-part series of articles is to help you, give you ideas and provide assurances and support. We will discuss, at age appropriate levels, ways to provide a protective factor to keep your kids and grandkids safe from future problems with substance misuse.

When should we begin having discussions with our kids about drugs and alcohol? Waiting until middle school and high school is too late. The average age of first use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana is between the ages of 13-14. So the earlier we start, the better off we will be.

This month, we will lay the foundation by looking at ideas and concepts that we can begin using from birth to age six, the time we call early childhood.

The preschool age is when children regard adults as the most powerful. This age group, like no other time, is when kids crave your approval and really prize your opinion. What you teach them now will be well received and believed. This is because at this age, your child has unconditional love and devotion to you.

There are several things to remember when teaching our children about our values and starting conversations about substance misuse.

First, we must be good role models. There is an old saying that "more is caught than taught." In other words, our words have little effect if our actions don't match up. Now is the time to teach our kids healthy habits. This will lay the foundation for the future decisions they will make that can affect their health.

We can teach children how to blow their nose, or choose healthy foods. When your child begs you incessantly for a piece of candy, don't snap! Instead, make it a teachable moment. Repeat your rule, and the reason behind it. Teach that too much sugar is bad for your body, and that we need healthy foods to grow strong and healthy.



Prevention
Columnist

Mike Maturen

Second, it is very important at this age (and all ages, really) to spend time with our kids. Studies show that families that eat at least one meal together are less likely to use drugs than families that do not eat together. It can be difficult when our kids are involved in so many activities, but it is very important. Kids that are starved for attention and lack affection from their parents are more vulnerable to drug use when they get older.

It is very important for this age group to tell them that you love them often, and give them praise when they have done something to deserve it (even if they didn't do it to "our" standards).

Third, now is the time to start teaching our kids to say "no." Although anyone with a two-year old knows they are already well versed in that particular skill!

If we teach our children at this young age what our family values are, and how to assert themselves, they will be much better able to resist the peer pressure that they will experience in their pre-teen and teenage years. It's important at this age that we listen to our kids (*really listen*). Their opinions are important.

If you disagree with their opinion, do so in a manner that respects them as an individual with dignity, value and worth. Be polite when disagreeing. It has been shown that kids that constantly hear their parents lash out at them or argue with them will be more likely to be rebellious, and less likely to listen to the values and good sense that you have taught them.

And finally, just start the conversation! These simple ideas will lay the foundation for further conversation as our kids grow. Simple things like health can be used to teach later that drugs, tobacco and alcohol are un-

healthy choices. The dinner table is a great place to start these conversations...and ensures that you are eating that all-important meal together as a family. You can also use everyday activities as teachable moments.

For example, while watching TV, we can ask our kids what they think of the program or cartoon. Perhaps we can discuss how some of the characters are like or unlike people we know. Television is full of violence. Limit what they see. But when violence does occur in a program, use that time to discuss how violence and bad decisions can hurt people.

We can even use something as mundane as a trip to the grocery store as a teachable moment. Let them try to pick out healthy foods, and praise them when they do. This reinforces the idea of taking responsibility for their own health. Of course, we still need to guide and teach during this process, but we must do so in a way that is respectful and polite. We can use words like "That's a great try! Next time, maybe we can try_____." This is a great way to teach and correct without our children feeling chastised or put down.

This age is the time to be building the foundation for a healthy future. For more information, go to www.talk-sooner.org, or contact Mike Maturen at Catholic Human Services/Up North Prevention at (899) 335-1661.

(Mike Maturen is a certified prevention specialist with Up North Prevention, an initiative of Catholic Human Services. He works in Alcona, Iosco and Oscoda counties. Mike and his wife, Sue, live in Harrisville and have three grown children and three grandchildren. He can be reached at (989) 335-1661 or by email at mmaturen@catholic-humanservices.org. You can also visit www.upnorth-prevention.org.)

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- Monday, May 3: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, bread, pears, milk.
- Tuesday, May 4: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, peaches, milk, AB cake and ice cream.
- Wednesday, May 5: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, milk.
- Thursday, May 6: Three meat pizza, tossed salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

Smart Gardening Advice

Now that spring is officially here many people are thinking about improving their lawns and gardens. Michigan State University (MSU) Extension experts can help. Smart Gardening is MSU Extension's campaign using earth-friendly messages to help gardeners make smart choices in their own backyards. The goal is to equip gardeners with a "tool kit" of research-based knowledge to use immediately at home. Whether choosing plants, using garden chemicals, fertilizer or applying water, gardeners need to understand the long-term impacts on their communities.

These videos and tip sheets are a quick reference for Extension Master Gardeners and home gardeners alike. Topics covered include soils, plants, lawns, vegetables,

fruit, and pollinators. Go to: https://www.canr.msu.edu/home_gardening/tip_sheets/ to see the list of videos and tip sheets.

Visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/home_gardening/events page to find related workshops and classes.

Wildlife Habitat Grants

Now through June 4, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Habitat Grant Program will accept applications for habitat improvement and enhancement projects.

"We look forward to the opportunity to partner with those who want to increase habitat and enhance existing habitat through the Wildlife Habitat Grant Program," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Jared Duquette. "Healthy and abundant habitats not only benefit wildlife, but also benefit Michigan residents."

Funding is available for local, state, federal and tribal governments, profit and non-profit groups, and individuals through an open, competitive process. Minimum grant amounts will be set at \$15,000, with the maximum being the amount of funds available for the grant cycle.

The 2021 overall available grant amount is approximately \$1 million.

The Wildlife Habitat Grant Program began in October 2013 and is funded from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. The DNR administers the program with the main objective to enhance and improve the quality and quantity of game species habitat in support of the Wildlife Division's strategic plan.

The grant application period began April 19. Applications must be submitted through the MiGrants system no later than June 4 to be considered for funding. Projects enhancing game species habitat will be given priority. Successful grant applications will be announced in August 2021.

The detailed program handbook and more information are available at Michigan.gov/DNRGrants.

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Rosemary (18th-century woodcut)

Sources: *The Plant-Lore and Garden-Craft of Shakespeare* by Henry Ellacombe, 1884; www.botanicalshakespeare.com

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PUBLIC HEARING

On amending Ordinance 20-01. Millen Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. The hearing is regarding procedures concerning dwellings below minimum unit size requirements.

Public Hearing

On amending Ordinance 20-02. Millen Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The hearing is regarding publication notice deadlines. Amendments posted at Millen Township room Eagles Club, 671 Sanborn Rd., Barton City.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alcona Community Schools will hold a public Hearing on May 24th, at 5:30 p.m. Public comment and potential sale of school owned forest in Caledonia Township. 70 acres located in section 2 of Caledonia Township.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at the regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 1:45 p.m. for the purpose of closure of the CDBG Grant and reduction of total dollar amount.

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Management Gold Team assumed command of the Brittle Fire. The Type 2 Incident Management Team, according to Veal, will bring in additional resources to provide logistical and operational support for the suppression of the Brittle fire.

All evacuation warnings for residences within and adjacent to the fire area have been lifted. The public is asked to

be on high alert for moving fire equipment and personnel along roadways and encouraged to remain away from the fire area to allow firefighters and other equipment to work safely.

Fire damaged hazard trees are unstable and can fall unexpectedly. Burned areas are prone to rolling debris and burned-out stump holes. Under wet conditions, ash

and needles can make trails slippery.

The Huron-Manistee National Forests urge members of the public not to fly "Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)" or drones over or near the Brittle Fire area. Unauthorized drone flights pose serious risks to firefighter and public safety and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations.



The map depicts the area of the Brittle Fire which started last Friday. According to the U.S. Forest Service Huron-Manistee National Forests website on scheduled prescribed fire operation projects, "the goal of the Brittle Block 20 and 23 RX project was to treat 1,086 acres of a red pine, jack pine and oak forests adjacent to oak and pine forests south of Largo Road towards Webb Road between Allen and National Trout Pond Roads in Plainfield Township, Iosco County to reduce hazardous fuels, restore ecosystem function with fire adapted vegetation and enhance wildlife habitat. The intent of the project is to create an opening and fuel break to provide safe firefighter access in a high risk fuels area, as well as improving wildlife habitat." *Map courtesy of U.S. Forest Service Huron Manistee National Forests.*

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Oak wilt Continued from page 2

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 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.

Anyone who suspects oak wilt damage is encouraged to:

- Report infections at Michigan.gov/ForestHealth using an interactive map.

- Contact a local DNR forest health specialist for more information at DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@Michigan.gov or (517) 284-5866.

- Contact the local Forestry Assistance Program forester for a site visit in select counties.

- Seek verification from Michigan State University. Find instructions at canr.msu.edu/pestid or call (517) 355-4536.

- Get help from an oak-wilt qualified specialist. Visit MichiganOakWilt.org for a listing and more information.

- Learn more about invasive species in the state at Michigan.gov/Invasives.

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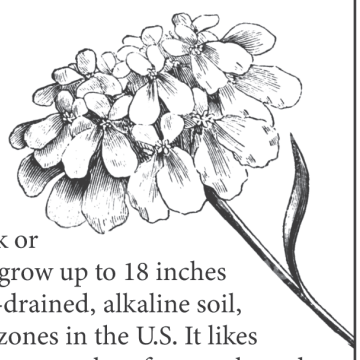
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final phase includes a gazebo and possibly a mural," Bean said.

She explained grants, which they may have had a chance to get, fell through when COVID-19 struck last

year and now it is almost impossible to find any beautification grants. "Even if you can find a grant there are so many requirements and hoops to jump through to get the funds, it's almost better if

we just do it on our own and raise the funds ourselves," Bean said.

She and the beautification group will also be coming up with a name for the park and how they would like to honor

James and Winona Cromar, who once lived on the property. According to Bean, one of the stipulations when the property was purchased from Diana Bailey Gibson, daughter of the Cromars, was that her parents would be memorialized with a plaque or a bench at the park.

"We don't know too much about the property's past except the Cromars lived there in a red brick house that had flowers all around it. There was also a small apothecary (pharmacy) next to their house," Bean said. She is hoping to gather more historical data on the property.

If all goes well, the beautification group hopes to have

an open house by this fall or sooner, even if all the work has not been completed.

The park is located at 105 Main Street between the Richard's Pharmacy building and the railroad tracks.

Donations for the park can be sent payable to Inspiration Alcona, P.O. Box 506, Lincoln, Mich. 48472 with a memo on the check: Pocket Park. Memorial/honorarium inscribed bricks may still be ordered until April 30. A form for the inscribed bricks can be found online at inspiration-alcona.org.

For additional information or to volunteer, contact Bean at (989) 724-6569.



The pocket park will be installed on the property where the home of James and Winona Cromar once stood on Main Street in Harrisville. *Courtesy photo.*

Study shows frequent marijuana users can suffer from multiple symptoms

By Brandon Chew
Capital News Service

While marijuana is commonly thought of as less dangerous than other drugs, frequent users can suffer from multiple withdrawal symptoms, as well as a heightened risk of anxiety.

The younger someone starts using marijuana and the more often it's used increases the likelihood of more severe withdrawal symptoms, said Lara Coughlin, an addiction psychologist and assistant professor at the University of Michigan's Department of Psychiatry.

She's the lead author of the study published in the journal, "Addiction."

Possible withdrawal symptoms included increased anxiety, sleeping difficulty, decreased appetite, restlessness, depressed mood, aggression, irritability, nausea, sweating, headache, stomach pain, strange dreams, increased anger and shakiness.

The survey analyzed the responses of 527 adults with chronic pain who sought medical cannabis certifications. They were predominately white (82 percent), 49 percent male and their average age was 45.6.

The study categorized multiple withdrawal symptoms in three categories: no symptoms or mild symptoms; multiple but moderate symptoms; and severe withdrawal with most, if not all symptoms.

Of participants, 41 percent had mild symptoms, 34 percent had moderate symptoms and 25 percent and severe withdrawal symptoms.

Marijuana legalization by states, "has gone a lot quicker than the research field has at understanding risks or consequences of abuse," Coughlin said.

She said the concern is that early use of marijuana may increase the risk of future problems, including more substance abuse prob-

lems and may cause brain changes.

Debra Pinals, the medical director of behavioral health and forensic programs at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, said there's also concerns that users who already suffer from depression and anxiety could experience negative side effects from frequent marijuana use.

"We certainly worry about people who have those kinds of disorders, depression, anxiety, even disorders that involve psychotic thinking with excessive intake, or intake at all, of THC that can worsen some of those conditions," she said. THC is the major psychoactive compound in marijuana.

"But we also worry about people who don't have those conditions because heavy use and exposure to THC can actually influence people having those adverse reactions," Pinals said.

Cara Poland, an addiction medicine doctor and assistant professor at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, said marijuana use can cause feelings of paranoia and cause people to isolate themselves and be less social. "Marijuana itself can cause some amount of paranoia, whereas alcohol causes disinhibition," Poland said. "Alcohol by its effects on the brain is going to make people more social, whereas marijuana can induce this kind of paranoia, and that itself can make people not want to be around others."

Marijuana also doesn't make as many users dependent. As a result, people are less likely to be concerned about developing a use disorder, Poland said.

"One in four people who smoke a cigarette will become nicotine-dependent during their lifetime," she said. "With marijuana, that number is

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How to determine if you have prediabetes

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about prediabetes, and how can you know if you have it? My 62-year-old husband, who's in pretty good shape, was recently diagnosed with prediabetes and didn't have clue. Could I have it too?
Wondering Spouse

Dear Wondering,
Underlying today's growing epidemic of type 2 diabetes is a much larger epidemic called prediabetes, which is when the blood sugar levels are higher than they should be but not high enough to be called diabetes.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 84 million Americans today have prediabetes. Left untreated, it almost always turns into type 2 diabetes within 10 years. And, if you have prediabetes, the long-term damage it can cause – especially to your heart and circulatory system – may already be starting.

But the good news is that prediabetes doesn't mean that you're destined for full-blown diabetes. Prediabetes can actually be reversed, and diabetes prevented, by making some simple lifestyle changes like losing weight, exercising, eating a healthy diet and cutting back on carbohydrates. Or, if you need more help, oral medications may also be an option.

Get Tested

Because prediabetes typically causes no outward symptoms, most people that have it don't realize it. The only way to know for sure if you have it is to get a blood test.

Everyone age 45 years or



Savvy Senior

older should consider getting tested for prediabetes, especially if you are overweight with a body mass index (BMI) above 25. See CDC.gov/bmi to calculate your BMI.

If you are younger than 45 but are overweight, or have high blood pressure, a family history of diabetes, or belong to an ethnic group (Latino, Asian, African or Native American) at high risk for diabetes, you should get checked too.

To help you determine your risk of diabetes, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) has a quick, online risk test you can take for free at DoIHavePrediabetes.org.

Diabetes Tests

If you find that you're at

risk for prediabetes, there are three different tests your doctor can give you to diagnosis it. The most common is the "fasting plasma glucose test," which requires an eight-hour fast before you take it. There's also the "oral glucose tolerance test" to see how your body processes sugar, and the "hemoglobin A1C test" that measures your average blood sugar over the past three months. It can be taken anytime regardless of when you ate.

Most private health insurance plans and Medicare cover diabetes tests, however, if you're reluctant to visit your doctor to get tested, an alternative is to go to the drug store, buy a blood glucose meter and test yourself at home. They cost around \$20.

If you find that you are prediabetic or diabetic, you need to see your doctor to develop a plan to get it under control. The ADA recommends losing weight and doing moderate exercise – such as 150 minutes a week of brisk walking. And when lifestyle changes alone don't work, medication might. The ADA recommends the generic drug metformin, especially for very overweight people younger than 60.

For more information on diabetes and prediabetes or to find help, join a lifestyle change program recognized by the CDC (see CDC.gov/diabetes/prevention). These programs offer in-person and online classes in more than 1,500 locations throughout the U.S. Over the course of a year, a coach will help you eat healthy, increase your physical activity and develop new habits.

(Send senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

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one in 10. So, fewer people have a problem with marijuana-use disorder. It's easy to think it's benign because it doesn't adversely affect as many people as some of these other substances."

"The marijuana of today is not necessarily the marijuana of 30 years ago, and people have to realize that some products are much more potent and much more problematic," Pinals said.

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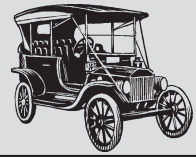
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Mining company can sell to petitioners only

General Sale of Stock Not Authorized by Utilities Commission

April 28, 1921 ~ Prosecuting Attorney Dehnke has received information from the Michigan Utilities Commission that the Michigan-Yukon Development Corporation was given permission to sell one-tenth of its stock, but that such sales were limited to the people who signed a petition to the commission asking that the company be licensed.

This qualification puts a new light on the matter. As given out by Mr. Croissant, president of the corporation, there was nothing to indicate that the sale was limited in his way.

The petition referred to was signed by about fifty citizens of this locality and asked that the company be authorized to do business in the state.

Messrs. Croissant and McDonald went south on Friday nights train stating they would be back when the derrick arrived here.

Gold found on Fleming farm in Haynes Township

"About two months ago while digging a well upon the farm, Mr. Fleming unearthed a mineral which he suspected might be the precious article and sent several samples to various assay offices to have it tested. So far but one reply has been received and that confirmed his suspicions as to the value of the find, the assayer pronouncing it gold." The article, from the Alcona County Herald on November 15, 1912, further states that several other holes were dug and gold was found in every instance, both nugget and dust form.

In February 1913 a \$40,000 Haynes Mining and Development Company was formed, an office set up in Harrisville, stock certificates were printed and selling began. In the spring of 1913, Yuill's mill cut the timber for the project. By June 19 a shaft was down 75 feet and going down at the rate of eight to nine feet a day. At this point they ran into water and had to set up a pump to remove it. No gold yet!

At the annual meeting of the company's board of directors in February 1914, it was announced that the company had made arrangements for further development work with a

Saginaw concern, the Michigan-Yukon Corporation. When this happened real estate in Haynes began to change hands at a fast pace. Why? Because there was gold!

October 22, 1914 the Alcona County Review reported the gold mine is proving a success. After this, things were very quiet until February 1921, it was rumored that operations would again be started at the Fleming gold mine.

By now many of the local folks were a bit skeptical, along with Alcona County Prosecutor Dehnke. In March 1921, he stopped the sale of stock. The money that had been received from the sale of stock was turned over to Dr. A. R. Miller of Harrisville, who acted as trustee for the stock buyers until legal matters could be resolved.

July 1921, the Michigan-Yukon Company was ordered to return all stock monies, because the company had never applied for a license to sell stock.

We will never know if this started as a joke or if it was a planned scheme to get rich.

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Pump at work at the gold mine on Fleming's farm.

Co-op Education

April 29, 1971 ~ Following is the third in a series of articles written by Alcona High School co-eds participating in the school's Co-op on-the-job training program.

By Beth O'Callaghan

On my job, at the Lincoln Branch, Alpena Savings Bank, I have the opportunity to meet new people and learn new things every day. I have the chance to work with other people and help them in any way I can, as they help me.

During a days work I act as teller and typist. I picture checks, file them in alphabetical order, post savings, and answer the telephone.

D.A.V. to honor J. Russell Hughes

April 29, 1971 ~ A Testimonial Dinner and Dance honoring J. Russell Hughes, State Department Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, will be held on May 15, 1971 at the Officers Club, Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

This dinner is being sponsored by D.A.V., Paul Bunyon Chapter No. 92, of Harrisville, and all veterans, friends and associates are cordially invited. Charles Pizer is Ticket Chairman, with Roy Lemons and Earl McCurdy assisting.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020						
Weekly Report						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
April 18	51	28	0.00	3.2	14	W
April 19	51	32	0.02	3.3	23	SW
April 20	41	27	0.00	3.9	20	NNE
April 21	38	25	0.00	4.7	28	N
April 22	41	25	0.00	3.7	17	NW
April 23	66	28	0.00	3.3	18	WSW
April 24	52	35	0.00	4.9	21	SSW
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
2020-2021 Season						
	Water Content	Snowfall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	0.02	0.0	0.56			
Month of April	0.70	0.4	1.83			
Year/Season to Date	2.49	26.9	7.07			

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

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the deepest point in Earth's oceans?
2. **COMICS:** What is the name of the newspaper in the "Shoe" comic strip?
3. **LITERATURE:** Which 19th-century novel features the characters Catherine and Heathcliff?
4. **MOVIES:** What was the name of Yoda's home planet in the "Star Wars" movie series?
5. **BUSINESS:** When did the social media service Facebook launch?
6. **MUSIC:** How many strings does a cello have?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of alcohol is distilled from juniper berries?
8. **HISTORY:** In what year did the first human heart transplant take place?
9. **SCIENCE:** Which plant can be processed to make linseed oil?
10. **LANGUAGE:** What is the scientific study of diseases and their effects on population called?

Answers: 1. The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean; 2. The Treetops Tattler; 3. "Wuthering Heights"; 4. Dagobah; 5. 2004; 6. Four; 7. Gin; 8. 1967; 9. Flax; 10. Epidemiology (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Insurance giant</p> <p>6 Italian side dish</p> <p>13 Govt. media watchdog</p> <p>16 Once lived</p> <p>19 Cheek makeup</p> <p>20 Put out of memory</p> <p>21 "Impressive!"</p> <p>22 Skiing peak</p> <p>23 "Glamorous" singer who's a member of the nobility?</p> <p>25 Dodgy</p> <p>27 Not disproven</p> <p>28 "This Old House" aier</p> <p>30 Hot and heavy</p> <p>31 Size above med.</p> <p>32 Kind of camera, for short</p> <p>33 "Raise Your Glass" singer being scandalous?</p> <p>36 Cheese variety</p> <p>38 With 82-Across, Tour de France, e.g.</p> | <p>39 Resident doctor</p> <p>40 "Kiss From a Rose" singer</p> <p>44 Inits. on an ambulance</p> <p>45 — Romeo</p> <p>48 "Marat/Sade" playwright Peter</p> <p>49 With 35-Down, short, easy putts</p> <p>50 Cup edge</p> <p>51 Lowly</p> <p>53 Hostelrys</p> <p>54 Tilted text: Abbr.</p> <p>56 "Material Girl" singer of high birth?</p> <p>58 "— chance!"</p> <p>59 Neither's partner</p> <p>60 Bit of dust</p> <p>61 Galena, e.g.</p> <p>62 Ending for peer</p> <p>63 "Every Breath You Take" singer working as a spy?</p> <p>68 — -TURN (traffic sign)</p> <p>71 Suffix with mountain</p> | <p>72 Writer Haley</p> <p>73 Clutch sitter</p> <p>74 Moby Dick's pursuer</p> <p>78 "Have You Ever?" singer doing commercials for Mac computers?</p> <p>81 Brazilian soccer great</p> <p>82 See 38-Across</p> <p>83 Make an exit</p> <p>84 Negatives</p> <p>85 In the style of</p> <p>86 Readily bent</p> <p>87 — -deucy</p> <p>88 Needle hole</p> <p>89 "Yeah!" singer as a deacon?</p> <p>92 Cheese variety</p> <p>95 Co. leaders</p> <p>96 Cry of pain</p> <p>97 "Hot in Herre" singer on edge?</p> <p>100 Vehicle navig. aid</p> <p>101 Bar bill</p> <p>104 UFO pilots</p> <p>105 Outer: Prefix</p> <p>106 Decided by ballot</p> <p>109 Deviate</p> | <p>111 "You Were Meant for Me" singer whom everyone treasures?</p> <p>114 "Sort of" suffix</p> <p>115 Sharp bark</p> <p>116 Most ethereal</p> <p>117 Popular font</p> <p>118 No longer active: Abbr.</p> <p>119 Ocean</p> <p>120 Frightful flies</p> <p>121 Shabby</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Paula of pop</p> <p>2 Tossed</p> <p>3 "Filthy" gain</p> <p>4 Court champ Arthur</p> <p>5 Emeril, e.g.</p> <p>6 Stole stock</p> <p>7 Deduce</p> <p>8 Olympic racer</p> <p>9 Atop, in odes</p> <p>10 "It" game</p> <p>11 Easel, often</p> <p>12 Last non-A.D. year</p> <p>13 Rival</p> <p>14 London's — Garden</p> <p>15 Cavalry cry</p> <p>16 Be part of a queue</p> <p>17 Ailey of dance</p> <p>18 Bit of dust</p> | <p>24 "Wake Up Little —"</p> <p>26 Hitter of high notes</p> <p>29 Revealing, as a bikini</p> <p>33 Dial or Coast</p> <p>34 Actor Linden</p> <p>35 See 49-Across</p> <p>36 Africa's Guinea- —</p> <p>37 ER workers</p> <p>38 Not fake</p> <p>40 Bed size</p> <p>41 Nevada city</p> <p>42 "— I a stinker?"</p> <p>43 Ringo who was knighted</p> <p>44 Downy duck</p> <p>46 Air blowers</p> <p>47 "Ah, me!"</p> <p>50 Kind of paint</p> <p>51 Nautical</p> <p>52 Shangri-la</p> <p>54 Seeing red?</p> <p>55 "— is human ..."</p> <p>56 — -dovey</p> <p>57 Super 8, say</p> <p>60 Sculpt's</p> <p>64 At no time, to bards</p> <p>65 Lake craft</p> <p>66 Crop off</p> <p>67 Too gaudy</p> <p>68 Not a thing</p> <p>69 Big oil gp.</p> <p>70 Northeast, on a map</p> | <p>75 Doth own</p> <p>76 It's a pain</p> <p>77 Lager, e.g.</p> <p>79 Time between flights</p> <p>80 "Do I have a volunteer?"</p> <p>81 In addition</p> <p>85 "Hey, sailor!"</p> <p>86 Filmmaker Jean- — Godard</p> <p>88 Nav. rank</p> <p>89 Cartoon pic</p> <p>90 Cowardly evasions</p> <p>91 Shucks</p> <p>93 Fiscal sums</p> <p>94 Oz resident</p> <p>95 Leachman of "Phyllis"</p> <p>97 Lowest point</p> <p>98 "Beloved" actress</p> <p>99 Yank in Europe, say</p> <p>100 Skein bird</p> <p>101 "Namely ..."</p> <p>102 Really got to</p> <p>103 Tummy</p> <p>106 Connections</p> <p>107 Open a bit</p> <p>108 Lynn or Miles</p> <p>110 Hot tub site</p> <p>112 Afore</p> <p>113 Op. — (kin of "ibid.")</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 27, 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler. Scientists in the 20th century developed the Big Bang theory, which showed Kepler's calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.
 - On April 28, 1789, three weeks into a journey from Tahiti to the West Indies, the HMS Bounty is seized in a mutiny led by Fletcher Christian, the master's mate. Captain William Bligh and 18 of his loyal supporters were set adrift in a small boat. They reached the East Indies in June, after a voyage of about 3,600 miles.
 - On May 2, 1939, New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig benches himself for poor play and ends his streak of consecutive games played at 2,130. The left-handed slugger led the American League in RBIs five times.
 - On May 1, 1941, "Citizen Kane" makes its debut at the RKO Palace Theater in New York City. The film about a publishing tycoon's dying words consistently ranks at the top of film critics' lists of America's greatest films.
 - On April 29, 1974, President Richard Nixon announces that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena. In August, Nixon resigned to avoid an impeachment trial after proof of his guilt was found on the tapes.
 - On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurs at the Chernobyl nuclear plant near Kiev in Ukraine. An estimated 4,000 clean-up workers died from radiation poisoning and a large area of land may not be livable for almost 150 years.
 - On April 30, 1997, at 12:11 pm, London's iconic Big Ben clock, the most famous clock in the world, stops ticking for 54 minutes. In 1962, snow delayed the bells, causing Britain's capital to ring in the New Year 10 minutes late.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Alligators will give manatees the right of way if they swim near each other.
- A day on Mars lasts 24 hours, 39 minutes and 35 seconds. You'd assume therefore that there are fewer days in a Martian year than an Earth year, right? Nope -- because Mars orbits the sun more slowly than Earth, a Martian year actually comprises 687 days.
- The board game Cranium was the first non-coffee product to be sold at Starbucks.
- A Mickey is the smallest detectable movement of a mouse cursor on a screen. The term was coined by computer scientists, who use it when programming mice and other input devices.
- And while we're on the subject of "small," the tiniest item ever photographed is the shadow of an atom, captured via a super-high-resolution microscope by a team at Australia's Griffith University in 2012.
- The Welsh word for jellyfish is "Psygod wibli wobli."
- Out of the millions of creatures that inhabit planet Earth, humans are one of just three species capable of laughter, the other two being chimpanzees ... and rats!
- "The Galop Infernal," composed for an opera as a soundtrack to a man descending into hell, is better known to most of us as "The Can-Can" song.
- Proof that some things never change: the world's oldest known joke is a Sumerian fart joke.
- The most expensive pizza in the world will set you back a cool \$12,000. Why? Well, it takes 72 hours to make, can only be produced in your home by three Italian chefs, and is topped with three types of caviar, bufala mozzarella, lobster from Norway and Cilento, and pink Australian sea salt!

Thought for the Day: "Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try." -- Jack Canfield

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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: J equals H

NJW NMXMLWVG MS MWKK JWJ
 ELHWPG X MXKW XTSBM X PSSNW,
 TBM MJWP KWEM JWJ JXPUHPU.

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting By Terry and Kim Kovel

Unusual paint sign

Part of the fun of collecting and going to shows and auctions is how often you see something that is a mystery. It's a learning experience. We took our children to shows as soon as they knew how to behave: Don't touch, hands behind your back, ask if you want to see something. We checked with the dealer before taking them into a booth and explained they knew how to behave and if there should be an accident, of course we would pay for any damage.

Each child had a collection -- small heart charms or tin spice boxes. We showed them the jewelry and named the colors of the stones, then the name of the stones, and by kindergarten, they were experts. They helped us buy things for the country store by asking the dealer the price of a sign or a box that they liked. Big, colorful signs with old-fashioned pictures were the favorites.

This tin paint sign is 27-inches tall and is unusual because it has a row of wooden color sample blocks at the bottom. The old car and the

"quaint" porch picture also had appeal. But although we agreed it would look great at our house, several bidders liked it, so when it sold at \$3,186 we were not the buyers. Our children learned that you don't always get what you want at an auction; sometimes the bidding goes past our limit because someone else wants it more.

Q: What is the resale price for a Fiesta 60th Anniversary pitcher with four matching cups in new condition?

A: Fiesta has been made by the Homer Laughlin China Co. since 1936 and has been made in many colors since then. To mark the 60th anniversary in 1996, Fiesta was made with the words "Still Proudly Made by The Homer Laughlin China Co., Genuine Fiesta, 60th Anniversary, 1936-1996" and the logo of a dancing lady. The Anniversary line includes a pitcher, mugs (cups), tumblers, a cake plate, a clock face plate and other items. The

price depends on color and condition. Pitchers sell online for \$25-\$48, mugs for \$3-\$10. A set with four mugs could sell for \$37 to \$88. Higher prices are asked but don't sell.

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Kitchen, kettle, copper, arched swing handle, goose neck spout, crimped seams, domed lid, J. Getz, Lancaster, Pa., c. 1830, 11 inches, \$148.

Redware, bean pot, sgraffito flowers, ribbed strap handle, Pennsylvania, 1800s, 5 x 8 inches, \$384.

Toy, phonograph with horn, fairy tale graphics, key wind, spring motor, Keimola, Germany, 1920s, 7 x 3 inches, \$575

Silver bowl, Art Deco, hammered, footed, Reed & Barton, 1929, 5 7/8 x 9 1/2 inches, \$855.

TIP: Keep a collection of photographs in an interior room of the house. Avoid the basement, garage and attic.

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Veterans Host By Freddy Groves

Why such a long wait for copies of records?

If you've been waiting for copies of military records so you can apply for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, you've likely been waiting for a long time. Unfortunately, your wait might continue, depending on the reason for your request.

Due to COVID, the National Personnel Records Center is closed, with a 10% staffing level and a backlog of half a million records requests. Most of the 60 million older records are on paper, so they must be accessed and touched by humans. The only exceptions are emergencies: burials, medical treatments or homeless veterans who are trying to get into a homeless shelter.

For anything else, the

NPRC is specifically requesting that you don't ask for records. If it's records research, corrections to records or replacement medals, it's not an emergency... at least for the NPRC.

I can foresee situations where getting medal replacements for an elderly, ill veteran might well be considered an emergency if that veteran wants to see his medals one last time, and tell stories and maybe give them in person to a grandchild.

If you have a genuine emergency, as defined by the NPRC, you'll need to submit a Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records (find it online). Sign it and then fax it to (314) 801-0764.

The good news is that newer records might be online.

Check www.archives.gov, click Veterans' Service Records, then click on More Ways to Get Service Records on the left.

It could be much worse: In 1973, up to 18 million files were destroyed in a fire the St. Louis record center. Plus, VA had loaned the NPRC millions of records, which also went up in smoke.

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by Linda Thistle

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