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## Fourth of July Weekend Events

### Friday, July 2

The annual Fourth of July weekend **Arts & Craft Show** at the Craftmakers' Cabin will be held from noon to 5 p.m. in Harrisville on the corner of US-23 and M-72.

The featured performer for the **Harbor Nights Concert** is Beverly Meyer, a singer-songwriter who has 30 years' experience in music. Her songs are reflections of everyday experiences. Inspiration can arise from a glorious piece of pie or a worrisome night waiting for her love to return. She is a gifted story teller as well. She well known in children's music circles and has traversed the state performing in schools and in libraries as the Music Lady, bringing music into the lives of Michigan's children. Bring youngsters to this concert. This free concert runs 7 to 9 p.m. on the lawn above Harrisville harbor in Harrisville. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket as seating is on the lawn. This concert is provided by Inspiration Alcona, [www.inspirationalcona.org](http://www.inspirationalcona.org).

### Saturday, July 3

Registration for the **BC Blast 3K Fun Run/Walk** begins at 8 a.m. in the park in downtown Barton City. The race begins at 9 a.m.

A **pancake breakfast** will be held in the Barton City Park from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Barton City Fire Volunteer Department.

The annual Fourth of July weekend **Arts & Craft Show** at the Craftmakers' Cabin will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Harrisville on the corner of US-23 and M-72.

The **Earl Cordes Horseshoe Tournament** will be held in the park in Barton City starting at 11 a.m. with qualifying from 11 a.m. to noon. Must qualify to play.

A **softball game** will be held at 2 p.m. in the ball field in Barton City between the Screaming Eagles and The Ball Busters sponsored by the BC Eagles. This is a "blooper" game where traditional rules do not apply.

The **Duck Race** will begin at the Mill Pond in Harrisville at 4 p.m. Spectators can watch 4,000 rubber duckies race downstream to Lake Huron at the Harrisville Harbor. To participate, purchase tickets from any Lincoln/Harrisville Lions club members in the area. Prizes will be awarded following the race.

**Fireworks** will be set off at the Harrisville Harbor at approximately 10:15 p.m. (In case of unfavorable weather conditions, they will be held July 4.) Sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, (989) 724-5107 or [alconacountychamber@gmail.com](mailto:alconacountychamber@gmail.com).

### Sunday, July 4

The annual Fourth of July weekend **Arts & Craft Show** at the Craftmakers' Cabin will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Harrisville on the corner of US-23 and M-72.

**Barton City's Biggest Little 4<sup>th</sup> in the North** will be held with a variety of activities and events including a parade at 11 a.m. followed by kids' games, food vendors, music and a beer tent at the township park. Fireworks will be held at dusk.

## Commission on aging buys land

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) made a major step last week by purchasing land for a future housing and community center project.

The 13.69 acres of land owned by the Overland Group, who owns Dollar General in Lincoln, was sold to the ACCOA for \$40,000. It is part of a 10-year plan the ACCOA has to first provide clean, affordable apartment housing and secondly, provide a community center that is all-inclusive to residents of Alcona County.

Months ago, when the ACCOA began seeking a site for the project a parcel of land which would have been within walking distance to Alcona Community Schools and the Alcona Health Center was the focus.

According to Leny Avery, ACCOA executive director, the first parcel might have worked, but Alcona Health Center, who owned the land had conditions the ACCOA couldn't meet. "We appreciate them letting us explore the property but the feasibility for the site and what ACCOA is looking to do wasn't a good fit. The secondary option we chose was the best option for the longevity and success of the project," he said.

The property purchased is located next to the Dollar General on Barlow Road in Lincoln and is within walking or golf cart distance to the store as well as Kris Mart Grocery Store, Lincoln Hardware, the Alcona County Fairgrounds, parks and other downtown Lincoln businesses and amenities.

"When the Dollar General (Overland) group came in 2017 to purchase land for their store, they only wanted a small parcel of land (3.5 acres), the owner of the land, however, made them purchase the full 17 acres.

"It was a stroke of luck when Warren MacNeill (a resident who sits on the school board) and I were looking at property lines one day on the back of a Kabota and that property popped up on the GPS (global positioning system). ACCOA reached out to the group and they agreed to sell the property. Everything worked out well and it is still less than a mile to the health center and school," Avery said.

The property is in a general business district of the Village of Lincoln and allows for multipurpose buildings so the ACCOA did not have to request a zoning variance.

ACCOA is waiting on a final environmental study of the land. Avery explained preliminary observations gave them the impression the site had about three acres of wetlands, but after the first survey was done it is looking more like only a half-acre is taken by wetlands.

He said they are only at the very beginning stages of the project. "I want to stress that a lot of this is still in the very early stages of planning and development. This could change a lot before it is finished. Our deadline is to submit the housing project to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by October 1. There will be two projects succinctly, first the housing project which we plan to have 95 percent funded through MSHDA," Avery said.

The anticipated housing project, which is not yet set in stone, is anticipated to have 44 multifamily units, including both one- and two-bedroom units on three-floor levels.

The ACCOA is conducting a survey asking members of

## County building adds security kiosk, scanner

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted and the Alcona County Building has opened its doors to the public.

However, because the courts are still under restrictions, a new piece of equipment will be greeting all who enter.

A kiosk machine has already been added to the top floor entrance between the lobby foyer doors and soon an additional machine and foyer wall will be added to the lower-level entrance.

The decision to purchase a second machine was made by county commissioners at the meeting on June 16 after a lengthy discussion that the machines will add a small amount of security to the building long after all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Commissioner Bill Thompson, who is on the county's

security council, said while the machine was put in place at the suggestion of the courts to screen individuals entering the building using COVID-19 protocols, it could also act as security by slowing individuals down and photographing each person who enters the building.

Thompson explained the machine is in place between unlocked doors to the outside and locked doors to the inside of the upper floor. Once a person steps up to the kiosk, they must answer certain questions including their name and who they want to see. It will then ask COVID-19-related questions. Once the touch screen is filled in the machine reads the individual's temperature and photographs them. It will then notify the department the person intends on going to see, provides the visitor

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
Our county commissioners and township boards need to realize, as we all know or should know, that we have a major problem with gypsy moths. We, as a county, need to be ready to take the problem on next year because it's going to be bad.

I spoke to a crop duster that told me when townships get serious about the problem, they can spray like they did in the 1990s.

The gypsy moth caterpillars have eaten all oak, birch and other trees and plants and have started on pine and cedar. I'm not really sure if

the pine and cedar will come back.

Surely, there must be funding for something like this. It's in the interest of us all in this county to be ready to do whatever needs to be done next year. It's too late this year.

Who is going to want to picnic or vacation in our county when we don't have a leaf left or the droppings are falling in your food.

I urge all the people of this county and surrounding areas to do what we can do to bring this devastating problem under control.

Charlie Fowler  
Greenbush

To the Editor,  
The Soloing Singles group held a reunion on Father's Day at Spencer Park in Greenbush. We all want to thank Greenbush Township for the excellent maintenance of the park and its amenities. We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon there and encourage other to get out and enjoy the park. Thank you, Greenbush.

Barb Taylor  
Greenbush

To the Editor,  
Since the release of the COVID-19 vaccinations, many Alcona County citizens have expressed concerns relating to vaccine passports. Many are also concerned about vaccination being required by private entities, potentially affecting the ability to provide for our families. Representative Sue Allor of Michigan's 106th House District recently authored two bills which addressed these concerns: HB 4667 and HB 4471, respectively.

I am writing on behalf of our small, growing group of citizens: Alcona Grassroots Conservatives. We seek to bring awareness regarding the need for each citizen to be active within our local political landscape. Comprised of people from all walks of life, we advocate for Constitutional freedom, local citizen involvement, and using our collective voice to shape the course of local government.

On May 15, core members from our group attended the Alcona commissioners meeting to share our support for this legislation. Our goal? That the county would adopt a resolution endorsing what we perceive as medical freedom. Representative Allor has stood in the proverbial line of fire over these issues, and we feel it important that we stand behind her.

While our members were allowed to speak, not one of the county commissioners wished to put our resolution on the table for a vote. We believe this goes against a core tenet of the Constitution allowing citizenry to petition elected officials for a redress of grievances.

Since these bills have not been made law, we would like to emphatically encourage our team of commissioners to recognize our voice, and bring this to a vote. Whether the resolution is passed or not, we deserve to be heard by those we elected.

We encourage all to get active on this, or any matter of importance to you. Visit [alconacountymi.com](http://alconacountymi.com) to contact your commissioner.

Jeffrey Dobbs  
Glennie  
Alcona Grassroots  
Conservatives

Obituary

Susan Klein



Susan Klein, 70, of Lansing, Mich. died on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Grandhaven Living Center in Lansing, Mich.

She was born July 17, 1950 in Harrisville to Otto and Vera (MacNeill) Klein. She graduated from Alcona High School in 1968.

In high school, Miss Klein participated in a number of plays and was known for having fun. She was employed by a few local businesses through her early teenage years.

She attended Alpena Community College before moving to Lansing, Mich. She worked as a department analyst and later, a project manager for the State of Michigan Treasury Department before retiring in 2010.

Miss Klein faithfully followed Michigan State athletics, the Detroit Tigers, and was a March Madness fanatic. She was an avid golfer and participated on a Lansing area golf league called the Lady Teebirds.

She liked to travel and spent many vacations on cruise ships traveling to the Caribbean. She also enjoyed crosswords, reading and knitting. Miss Klein enjoyed so-

cializing with friends and family, making funny faces, and being her quirky self.

Miss Klein is survived by one sister, Sheila (Lon) Wilkinson of Lansing, Mich.; one brother, Kim Klein of Marquette, Mich.; and two nieces, Julie (Tina) Wilkinson and Beth (Eric) Clark.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Vera, on August 14, 2009 and her father, Otto, on July 13, 2013.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 7 at 2 p.m. at the VFW Post No. 701 at 123 N. Rosemary Street in Lansing, Mich.

Memorials may be made to either Laurus Hospice or Hospice of Lansing.

Americanisms



"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom."

— John Thune

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Local Notes

Golf Scramble

There will be a four-person scramble on Saturday, July 10, hosted by Alcona Football, at Loggers Trace Golf Course in Harrisville. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and cost is \$80 per person. Contact Jason Somers (989) 335-5323.

New District Manager

Kerri Turner has been hired as the new district manager of the Alcona Conservation District. She has replaced Janet Reins, who has taken a position with the U.S. Forest Service.



Kerri Turner

Turner, a resident of Mikado Township, has a bachelor of science degree in biology from Boise State University. She has extensive book-keeping and computer skills which will be helpful with the continuation of the district's programs like the annual tree sale, hunter access and forestry assistance program.

In addition to teaching at-risk children, as a volunteer she has worked with animals at the Boise (Idaho) Zoo and the Ruth Melichar Bird Cen-

ter which rescues and rehabilitates over 3,000 injured and orphaned birds and mammals each year.

The Alcona Conservation District is located at 320 S. State Street in Harrisville. The office hours remain the same, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, check the on Facebook page and website: [www.alconaconservation.org](http://www.alconaconservation.org).

Suicide Intervention

Learn the skills to help save a life by taking the free Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) in July. Participants will learn the skills to competently and confidently help friends, family members and colleagues stay alive by taking this free training for suicide-safer communities. ASIST is a hands-on workshop that includes presentations, discussions, audiovisuals and simulations to learn and practice intervention skills.

Training is scheduled Wednesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 15 at Alpena Community College, 106 Newport Center, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Full attendance is required. This two-day workshop is open to anyone 16 or older.

There is a \$50 charge to participants which includes course materials, lunch, snacks, and beverages both days. Register by calling (989) 356-2880 or (800) 354-2880 or email [ruth@nemcpi.org](mailto:ruth@nemcpi.org).

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## Calendar of Events



### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Get inspired about conservation with REPCO Animal Encounters' Traveling Zoon by engaging wildlife "edventures" at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited, and social distancing will be practiced. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this event.

### THURSDAY, JULY 1

All veterans and their spouses are welcome to attend Veterans Coffee Hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Organizers are looking forward to seeing veterans who attended in the past and welcome new friends.

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### FRIDAY, JULY 2

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

**For local Fourth of July holiday events, see page 1.**

### SUNDAY, JULY 4

The Sunrise Strummers encourage all levels of ukulele players to join an evening of strumming and singing at the Bobcat Bar and Grill, 1981 S. US-23, Greenbush from 6 to 8 p.m. Friends are welcome to sing along.

### MONDAY, JULY 5

All branches of the Alcona County Library are closed in observance of Independence Day.

### TUESDAY, JULY 6

Euchre will be played at the Lincoln Senior Center (lower level), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

It's Kid's Day at Lumberman's Monument and the featured event, "Life of a Wildland Firefighter," begins at 1 p.m. Kids will learn how firefighters do their jobs and the equipment they use. Watch for a visit from Smokey. The Lumberman's Monument visitor's center is located at 5401 N. Monument Road, Oscoda. Call (989) 362-8961 for more information.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:25 p.m. All levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Bring a lawn chair, blanket or musical instrument to Docksides Jams at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion for a free open mic night. This weekly event encourages musicians and singers to play informally in front of an audience. Music runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Fancy dress is discouraged.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 11 a.m.

Youth ages nine and up are invited to fly dragon kites with Jenifer Strauss at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 1:30 p.m. Chinese kites usually represent mythological characters, symbolic creatures and legendary figures like the dragon. Learn about the great dragon king of the sea and make a dragon kite to take home and fly. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program supported by MCACA and Art in the Loft.

Harrisville's Summer Concert Series at the Harrisville Harbor will feature Flipside. Music begins at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. For more information, contact Barbara Pierce mornings at (989) 724-6666.

### THURSDAY, JULY 8

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### FRIDAY, JULY 9

A story time and craft activity for children 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, JULY 10

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.

Get up close and personal with birds of prey through live animal presentations by Hawk Hill Raptors at the Curtis Township Library in Glenie at 1 p.m. Bring a chair. Call (989) 735-2601 or (989) 724-6796 for more information about this free program supported by MCACA and Art in the Loft.

### SUNDAY, JULY 11

Hike the Discovery Trail at Lumberman's Monument with a ranger and learn about forest management, local wildlife, and plant life. The hike begins at 11 a.m. and will finish at the sand dune overlooking the AuSable River. The Lumberman's Monument visitor's center is located at 5401 N. Monument Road, Oscoda. Call (989) 362-8961 for more information.

### MONDAY, JULY 12

The project for July is Macramé Air Plant Hanger in the Craftomania for Adults session. There is a \$3 fee. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information about this free pro-

gram supported by MCACA and Art in the Loft.

### TUESDAY, JULY 13

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet via telephone conferencing at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. Conference line access is (877) 402-9753 - access code is: 8013514. For more information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

Euchre will be played at the Lincoln Senior Center (lower level), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

*(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**

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Curtis Township Fire Station in Glennie regarding a special Land Use Permit for 4300 & 4301 Fraser Rd. Glennie, MI 48737.

6/30 & 7/7

**NOTICE**

The Alcona County Road Commission, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law Annotated Section 224.18, has absolutely abandoned and discontinued the public roadway commonly referred to as Burton Avenue beginning at US-23 then East .04 miles, Section 3, T25N, R9E, Greenbush Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

6/23 thru 7/7

**NOTICE**

The City of Harrisville is accepting applications for Alderman, Ward 1 to fill term ending December 31, 2024. Applicants must be a registered voter and resident of the City of Harrisville. Letters of interest will be accepted at the City Clerks Office, 200 N. Fifth, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740 or call 989-724-6666, Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 13:30 p.m. for more information.

6/23 thru 7/7

**NOTICE**

The Alcona County Road Commission, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law Annotated Section 224.18, has absolutely abandoned and discontinued the public roadway commonly referred to as Hubbard Lake Road beginning .31 miles south of F-30 then south .19 miles Section 1, T25N, R7E and Section 6 T25N, R8E, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan

6/23 thru 7/7

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (immediately following twp. board meeting, but not starting before 7:00 p.m) at the Alcona Twp. Hall. The variance is requested by Dan Gabbard, 5341 Mt. Maria Rd., Hubbard Lake, MI 49747. The Petitioner is requesting a variance to construct a building on a non-conforming lot. Written comments will be accepted by Alcona Township Clerk, Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721.

**Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport – Local Development Finance Authority**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport – Local Development Finance Authority (OWA-LDFA) captures and utilizes portions of property taxes collected from businesses that are located within the boundaries of Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport. Therefore, Michigan PA 57 of 2018 requires OWA-LDFA to conduct a minimum of two public information meetings each year. The next public information meeting is scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Preliminary information is posted on the website for Charter Township of Oscoda at [www.oscodatownshipmi.gov](http://www.oscodatownshipmi.gov). This meeting will be conducted with the option of attending in person at the Airport terminal building - which is located at 3961 E. Airport Drive, Oscoda, Michigan 48750 or via ZOOM meeting service. ZOOM connection information is provided below. While this meeting is scheduled to commence at 4:00 p.m. - attendees via ZOOM are encouraged to connect by 3:50 p.m.

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For additional information, please contact Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport by calling (989) 739-1111.

**Lincoln Lions fishing tournament results**

The Lincoln Lions Club hosted its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Lions Fishing Tournaments on the weekend of June 4-6 out of the Harrisville Harbor. The event consisted of the STIHL Three-Day, Shotmaker's Sports Bar & Grill Ladies Classic (June 4), and the Budweiser/Ken Beloskur Super Tournament (June 5-6).

Participants included: Lowell Kiester, captain of Evie K III; Bill Washabaugh, captain of Smoked Salmon; Jimmy Nolan, captain of Just Bite It Again; Tom Morgan, captain of Fishin Again; Lee Major, captain of Lazy Days; Mark Feldhiser, captain of Hooker Farm; Terry Wortley, captain of Looney Bin; Dan Bouchard, captain of Killin Time II; John Conklin, captain of Role Model; Steve Alexander, captain of Reel Explosion; and Wally Jambeck, captain of Fishing Fanatic.

The STIHL Three Day contestants included 11 boats with the prizes awarded for the largest fish of three divisions (salmon, lake trout, steelhead/brown) over the course of three days as well as the largest fish of each division each day.

Results of the Three Day:

- Salmon Division: First place - Lazy Days, 9.6 pounds. Second place - Killin Time II, 8.2 pounds. Third place - Just Bite It again, 6.8 pounds.

- Lake Trout Division: First place - Looney Bin, 16 pounds. Second place - Hooker Farm, 14.8 pounds. Third place, Evie K III, 13.2 pounds.

- Steelhead/Brown Division: First place - Just Bite It Again, 11.4 pounds. Second place - Looney Bin, 6 pounds. Third place - Just Bite It Again, 5 pounds.

- Three-day, largest fish daily prize - Salmon Division: Friday - Killin Time II, 8.2 pounds; Saturday - none weighed; Sunday - Lazy Days, 9.6 pounds.

- Three-day, largest fish daily prize - Lake Trout Division: Friday, Hooker Farm, 14.8 pounds; Saturday - Looney Bin, 16 pounds; Sunday - Smoked Salmon, 10.8 pounds.

- Three-day, largest fish daily prize - Steelhead/Brown Division: Friday - Looney Bin, 6 pounds; Saturday, Just Bite It Again, 11.4 pounds; Sunday, Just Bite It Again, 5 pounds.

- The Shotmaker's Sports

Bar & Grill Ladies Classic saw limited participation with only three boats registering with prizes awarded for total weight of fish caught based on a three-person limit. Results of the Ladies Classic: First place - Fishin Again, 63.8 pounds. Second place - Evie K III, 60.6 pounds. Third place - Lazy Days, 32.2 pounds.

The Budweiser/Ken Beloskur Super Tournament contestants included 10 boats with the prizes awarded for the total weight of fish caught based on a three-person limit. Typically, the total includes that of each of two days. In the interest of safety considering a United States Coast Guard Small Craft Advisory on Saturday the final results were determine by Sunday's catch as Saturday's Super Tournament was cancelled. Results of the Super Tournament were: First place - Fishing Fanatic, 87.4 pounds. Second place - Smoked Salmon, 73 pounds. Third place - Fishin Again, 68.4 pounds. Fourth place - Lazy Days, 67.8 pounds. Fifth place - Hooker Farm, 47 pounds.

Next year's tournament will be held on June 3-5.

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the community what they would like to see in a community center. Avery said they are very interested in what the community wants in a center and how best to make it all-inclusive. He anticipated a town hall-type meeting will take place in August for additional community input.

According to Avery, a seven-member advisory council of business leaders, politicians, and community stakeholders has already been selected to help shape the project.

During the last ACCOA board meeting, held June 22, the board looked at proposed plans and talked to a variety of consultants about the project's feasibility. The meeting is available to view via a YouTube link on [alconaseniors.org](http://alconaseniors.org).

ACCOA board president, Mike Maturen, said they were pursuing MSHDA financing for the housing project and explained MSHDA awards are based on a point scoring system and the consultants they are working with have helped to ensure ACCOA is maximizing their points.

The design team is looking at the possibility of adding

handicap access to all floors. Avery explained while adding elevators could be an additional \$100,000 per elevator, it may be advantageous in the long run, not only offering access to all but would garner more MSHDA points and possibly funds in the future. The design team is also looking at environmentally sound "green" measures to be implemented into the project as well, which would also garner additional MSHDA points.

Maturen felt confident in the project's ability to move forward. "While nothing is a sure thing, Lenny and our project team have done the research and proceeded in the right direction for success.

"There is a shortage of housing all around, including Alcona County. Our studies show this is a critical need in our area. These apartments will not only provide housing for seniors but others as well.

"With the Spaceport project coming to Oscoda in the next few years, there will be a need for housing for the employees they hire, which are going to number in the hundreds. By offering attractive, affordable

housing, Alcona County can benefit.

"Local businesses will grow, and more may set up shop. Eventually, as the community center comes to fruition, there will be opportunities for fitness, office spaces, learning centers, etc. This will be one of the largest investments into Alcona County in many, many years," he said.

In addition to working on the new housing and community center project, the ACCOA is finally able to relax its COVID-19 closure protocol and is planning a reopening party on Tuesday, July 6 at 10 a.m. with Karaoke, hot dogs, popcorn and tours of the new computer lab, technical library, health and fitness center and day center.

Currently, the center is open for the euchre group on Tuesday, Alcona needle crafters on Wednesdays, and there are fitness classes available on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Soon the woodcarvers will return and the general fitness center will open to the public July 6 from noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, call (989) 736-8879 or visit [alconaseniors.org](http://alconaseniors.org).



Proposed plans which ACCOA Executive Director Lenny Avery said are likely to change as the project proceeds for the affordable housing and community center project on land recently purchased by ACCOA. *Courtesy graphic.*

# Helping seniors find discounted high-speed Internet services

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Surfing Susan

Dear Surfing,  
There are actually two new resources available today that can help save money on your home Internet services, but what's available to you will depend on your income level and where you live. Here's where to begin.

### Internet Discounts

Depending on your financial situation, a good first step to reducing your home Internet costs is through the new Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. This is a temporary federal benefit that provides a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on tribal lands.

Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10 to \$50 toward the purchase price.

To qualify, you'll need to show that your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is \$17,388 for one person or \$23,517 for two. Or, if you're receiving certain types of government benefits such as Medicaid, food stamps (SNAP), SSI, public housing assistance, veterans' pension or survivors pension benefit, or live on federally recognized tribal lands.

Households that experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 due to job loss or furlough can also qualify for the EBB program, as long as their household income for 2020 was at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers.

To apply, go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org where you can apply online or print out an application and mail it

in. If you're already receiving assistance through the federal Lifeline benefit (see LifelineSupport.org), which is a \$9.25 monthly subsidy for phone or Internet costs, you automatically qualify for the EBB program, and you can receive both benefits at the same time. You can apply your EBB and your Lifeline benefit to the same or separate services.

Or, if your broadband provider already has its own low-income or COVID-19 relief program, you may be able to qualify through this program as well. Talk to your broadband provider for more information.

### Low-Cost Internet

If you're not eligible for the EBB program, another resource for locating cheaper high-speed Internet is Aging Connected, which has a higher income qualification.

Created by Older Adults Technology Services from AARP (OATS) and the Humana Foundation, Aging Connected is a nationwide campaign created to help lower-income seniors find



low-cost, in-home broadband options in their area.

Partnering with telecommunications companies, nonprofits and public entities, Aging Connected will help you search for services in your area that provide high-speed Internet at a very low cost. Most participating companies charge around \$10 to \$15 per month, with no contract and no equipment fee.

Aging Connected also provides referrals to affordable desktop and laptop computers for under \$160.

To qualify, you'll need to show that your annual household income is at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is \$23,800 for one person or \$32,200 for two. Or, if you're

receiving certain types of government benefits similar to the EBB program.

To search, go to Aging-Connected.org and type in your ZIP code, name and email address, or you can call (877) 745-1930.

### Other Search Options

If you find that you're not eligible for either of the previously listed resources, you may still be able to save on your Internet by shopping and comparing. The best way to do this is at websites like InMyArea.com and BroadbandNow.com, both of which provide a list of Internet providers in your area, along with pricing and download speeds.

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

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| B.C. 2      | 24 |
| Glennie 1   | 20 |
| B.C. Eagles | 16 |
| Hale Eagles | 15 |
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June 24

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**By Karen Cleveland**

*Michigan DNR*

Merriam-Webster defines the verb “peregrinate” as “to walk or travel over; traverse,” and peregrine falcons are truly travelers.

Peregrines can be found on every continent except Antarctica. They may travel thousands of miles on migration, and it’s not unusual for birds to settle down and start a nest hundreds of miles away from where they hatched as chicks.

While it’s now fairly common to read about falcons nesting on a bank in a downstate Michigan city or a cliff overlooking Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula, it wasn’t always that way.

In Michigan’s early years of statehood, peregrines wouldn’t have been a common sight in southern cities. The species nested only in northern Michigan, and then mostly on remote forested bluffs in the Upper Peninsula. The best estimate of how many birds called the state home at that time is around 10-15 nesting pairs. Despite living in isolated and inaccessible places, peregrines weren’t safe. By the late 1950s, they’d disappeared from the landscape.

Michiganders likely know the story well – the buildup of toxins in the environment ranging from DDT to PCBs knocked out vital parts of the food web, sickened animals and kept them from being able to breed.

In the case of peregrine falcons, the concentration of DDT up the food chain, from insects to birds, meant the falcons’ diet contained high levels of the poison that would be their doom. As the DDT accumulated in their bodies, the shells of the eggs they laid got thinner over time until the weight of the parents was enough to crush them, foiling reproductive success.

It wasn’t until the 1970s, when these environmental contaminants were banned, that recovery of Michigan’s peregrines became a possibility. But by that time, all the peregrines in the eastern United States were gone.

Bringing them back would rely on an infusion of birds from a different source: captive breeding. These efforts were groundbreaking.

A captive breeding program involves numerous facets, including researchers and



A peregrine falcon photographed at the Otto E. Eckert Power Station in Lansing, Mich. *Courtesy photos.*

falconers working together to better understand how to breed peregrines in captivity and ensure a healthy genetic mix in their offspring. Federal scientists and regulators needed to provide legal protections, and state conservation partners would have to supply resources and expertise to find these birds new homes in the wild, along with the support they’d need to give them their best shot at survival.

The first step in the journey to Michigan’s peregrine falcon recovery was taken in Minnesota by Pat Redig and Harrison “Bud” Tordoff at the University of Minnesota. In the early 1980s, they acquired captive-bred peregrines and released them in Michigan.

In 1986, Bob Hess with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources approached Redig and Tordoff about acquiring birds to release in Michigan as well.

“Bob Hess contacted me one day to inquire about sourcing young falcons for release. I had an extensive network of breeders that were supplying our releases in Minnesota to the tune of about 30 falcons a year and in order to avoid a bidding war, I told Bob I would serve as an intermediary in acquiring young falcons that were matched age-wise and gender-wise for release,” Redig said, recalling how this led to the growth of the Minnesota program. “Based on this model, the program expanded to more than 100 falcons per year going to more than a dozen sites throughout the Mid-

west.”

Eventually, Redig and Tordoff built a network of conservationists across 12 states and one Canadian province to share resources, expertise and research to support the recovery of peregrine falcons across the region.

It sounds simple: get birds and release them, but that fails to capture the complex process that was involved in turning hand-raised birds into wild ones.

It starts with something called a “hack box.” Since it was well known that birds often return to near where they hatched when it’s time for them to breed, one way to attract birds to nest in a location is to raise some chicks there and hope they return.

This is where the hack box comes in. It’s a large wooden box with a barred metal door covering the front and a small hinged door in the back. Chicks that are old enough to feed themselves, but not yet ready to fly, are kept in the box to get familiar with the sights and sounds of their new home while food is supplied through the small door in the back.

Once they’re ready to fly, the metal door on the front gets opened so the chicks can start testing their wings. Over time, they teach themselves how to hunt and live away from the support of the team that cared for them.

Each chick that learned these skills and flew away was an investment in the species’ future. With all the daily

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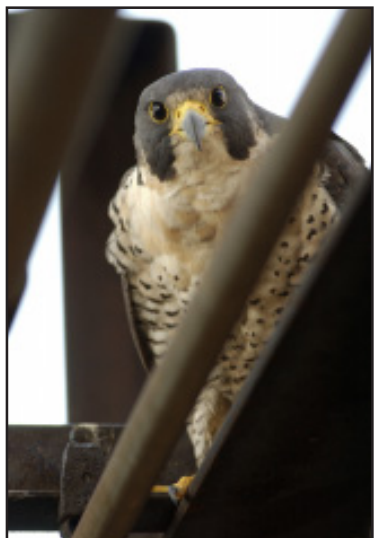
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care required to give these chicks their best chance at survival, the DNR looked beyond the places where peregrines historically nested in the state and set its sights on the man-made cliffs of Grand Rapids for the state's first hack box.

McKay Tower, the tallest building between Detroit and Chicago, Ill. until 1983, was chosen to host Michigan's first peregrine release in the summer of 1986. With access to the roof to house the hack box, feeding and monitoring the chicks wouldn't require packing supplies for a backwoods hike. The building where the hack box was placed was situated in the heart of downtown.

Lessons learned at this first site were invaluable as the hack box program expanded first to Detroit and then to more natural habitats on the bluffs of Isle Royale and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the U.P. in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

By 1988, Michigan had its first pair of peregrine falcons defending a nesting territory in downtown Detroit. They didn't raise any chicks that year, but their territorial behavior was an encouraging sign for the future.



It was a slow process waiting for falcons to discover Michigan as a possible home where they could nest. Some of those released chicks came back, but found birds were also found from as far away as Toronto, Ontario Canada and Kentucky setting up housekeeping here.

Each year, DNR wildlife biologists watched for new nest sites and worked with the landowners there to help those pairs succeed. "The local response has almost always been very positive," said DNR wildlife biologist Nik Kalejs. "Elementary school classes have helped name the chicks and raise money for peregrine conservation. Local peregrine watchers have provided valuable information about nest box use, egg laying dates and hatching dates to help coordinate banding operations.

"Audubon club field trips were organized around falcon hatching and fledging activity. Newspapers and local television stations ran yearly stories about the peregrines and the newest batch of chicks, and the local building and utility companies took lots of pride in the peregrines and the company's role in the restoration of the falcons. Sure, there were a few complaints about bird parts lit-



Peregrine falcons at the Otto E. Eckert Power Station.

tering the ground around some downtown buildings, but the feedback was overwhelmingly positive."

With their diet composed almost entirely of birds they catch in flight peregrines will sometimes drop an uneaten head or leg to the sidewalk below as they feed their chicks.

Over the years, the DNR built up networks of connections with peregrine landlords, birders and conservationists to keep a watchful eye on these nesting sites to protect them. In 2020, the DNR and its partners actively monitored over 30 nesting pairs across the state.

Dina Maneval, of the Lansing Board of Water and Light, where the birds nest on the utility's Eckert Power Station, had an experience typical of peregrine landlords. "The peregrines chose the BWL, and we were here to help support their nesting efforts. When they identified Eckert as a good place to nest given the height of the building, BWL knew we could help them be successful," Maneval said. "I found a blueprint of a peregrine nesting box online, asked our BWL construction shop to build it, and a nest was placed on the Eckert roof in 2007.

"In 2009, working with the students and staff at Moores Park Elementary School, who collected money for a program called Pennies for the Peregrine, BWL was able to purchase and install two Falcon Cams at the nest site, which still run 24/7 to this day. The connection has helped educate local classroom students, the Lansing community and those around the country on peregrines."

While the bulk of these birds are ones taking advantage of man-made structures, the number of birds reclaiming homes on cliffs and bluffs in the U.P. has been slowly climbing, and there are at least seven pairs of peregrines using these sites now.

The future of peregrine falcons in Michigan will likely be written by networks of urban landowners and U.P. conservationists.

Coal-fired power plants, like Consumers Energy B.C. Cobb Plant in Muskegon and the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette, once a core component in the falcon's nesting landscape, are being decommissioned and demolished as they age, and cleaner power generation technology becomes available. The birds nested on the smokestack structures.

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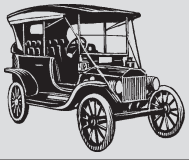
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# Buggy Rides



## Health center back to normal and better than ever

**July 3, 1996** ~ By Cheryl Peterson

Months of planning, construction and remodeling officially ended last week as the expansion and renovation of the Alcona Health Center was completed.

The building was dedicated to Ralph Mills, the Lincoln man credited for the existence of the health center and for his 23 years of service on the board of directors of Alcona Citizens for Better Health - the entity that operates four centers in Lincoln, Harrisville, Ossineke and Alpena. A portrait of Ralph Mills will be hung in the waiting room of the Alcona Health Center.

Mills, Christine Baumgardner said, has been the foundation of Alcona Citizens for Better Health. He was a founding board member in 1972 — six years before the clinic was built in Lincoln. He served as the board's chairman from 1972 to 1995 when he decided to become a board member. Wayne Doering is the current chairman "He is our rock," Baumgardner said Wednesday.

"He is Mr. Alcona For Better Health and has been an advocate for better health care since 1972."

Mills, who will turn 80 on Saturday, has been married to his wife Marion for over 50 years. They have two children Rich Mills of Harrisville and Janice Heyd of Georgia. Mills owned and operated Mills 5-\$1 Variety Store in Lincoln for years. In his spare time he has focused on working to improve Lincoln any way he could. He is a former Alcona Community Schools Board of Education member, former president of the Village of Lincoln, member of the Lincoln Lions, and member of Economic Development Council. He helped develop the recreation area in Lincoln.

Executive Director Christine Baumgardner recognized Don Reed, of M.D. R. Inc., as the general contractor for the expansion and renovation of the building. She said the work was completed on time and under budget. "We are really pleased with everything," Baumgardner said. "I don't think we've found anything we don't like yet. I just can't say enough good about that man (Reed) and I mean it."

Cynthia Swise, business administrator, said Reed helped his father build the original building for the health center in 1978.

Baumgardner also had a lot of praise for the County Board of Commissioners who helped make the existence of the clinic possible. She praised staff members at the clinic for their input and planning of the addition and renovation

and for helping make the construction period go smoothly. Baumgardner highlighted one staff member in particular as being extremely helpful. "Mary Reddy was always asking what she could do to help and she and her husband Jack were always pitching in to help where ever it was needed," Baumgardner said.

Baumgardner said the price tag for the addition and renovation came to \$525,000. Congressman Jim Barcia's office assisted in securing a federal grant of \$100,000 for construction on the new building. Alcona Citizens for Better Health was also able to secure a loan through the Michigan Hospital Financial Authority that provides tax free bonding to finance the rest of the restoration.

The addition to the health center is 3,000 square feet that includes office space for administrative staff, mental health counseling and the billing department.

It also provides a staff meeting room that seats 50 people. Baumgardner said the meeting room is available for outside use, anyone interested in using it can contact the Alcona Health Center.

Renovations have provided the center with an additional

examination room and treatment room, health education offices, a rest room in the patient waiting area, staff offices and a lot more working space.

"The whole staff put their heads together in planning this," Baumgardner said. It is so nice. It's amazing when you have the space what you are able to do. We are really enjoying the staff room."

A few new faces can be seen at the center. A part time billing person and a part time volunteer coordinator have been added to the staff and Nancy Beckman-Baird, physicians assistant, has joined the center full time.

Baumgardner said there are a few finishing touches that have to be made throughout the addition and renovated areas, but for the most part everything inside is complete.

Landscaping continues outside the building thanks to a donation from the family of Rosa Apsey. Rosa, a patient of hospice, died on Oct. 19, 1994. Her husband Howard and family wanted to share her love of trees and flowers with those visiting the center. Her family attended the dedication ceremony last Wednesday.

## Carl Stein to head local Lions

**July 1, 1971** ~ Installation of officers was held at the McClelland Hall for the Harrisville Lions Club and the Harrisville Lady Lions, Monday evening, June 28. James Rau, Past District Governor, installed the Lion officers, and Ronald Edwards in stilled the officers of the Lady Lions. The entertainment was furnished by the Girl Scouts.

Lion officers installed for the 1971-1972 year were:

- President— Carl Stein
- 1st. Vice Pres.— Wm. Skrobak
- 2nd. V. Pres.— John Swanson
- 3rd. V. Pres.— John Wittenberg
- Rec. Sec'y— Caius Gordon
- Fin. Sec'y— Kenneth Noyes
- Treasurer— Ralph Moore

Tail Twister— Ronald Edwards

Lion Tamer— Ronald Jansen

Directors— James Kelly, Fred Moebs and Wesley Keyser.

Directors held over are Ernest Grimm, Taylor Mathieson and Gordon MacGregor.

Lady Lion officers installed were:

- President— Barbara Skrobak
- 2nd. V. Pres.— Jean DeJarlais
- Sec'y— Dorothea Baker
- Treasurer— Leona Greene
- Tail Twister— Ruth Gauthier

The Fourth of July Celebration in Harrisville will be held Saturday and Sunday with the parade on Saturday morning.

Super Crossword

Answers

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| Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2021 |                  |       |                      |                |            |                    |
|--|------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Report                                    |                  |       |                      |                |            |                    |
| Date   | Temperature (F°) |       | Water Content        | Miles Per Hour |            | Dominant Direction |
|  | High             | Low   |                      | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed |                    |
| June 20  | 66               | 51    | 0.00                 | 3.0            | 15         | SE                 |
| June 21  | 74               | 46    | 0.26                 | 4.1            | 26         | N                  |
| June 22  | 61               | 39    | 0.11                 | 4.4            | 16         | N                  |
| June 23  | 69               | 45    | 0.00                 | 6.5            | 25         | S                  |
| June 24  | 73               | 62    | 0.01                 | 6.6            | 23         | SW                 |
| June 25  | 65               | 61    | 0.06                 | 3.4            | 13         | SSW                |
| June 26  | 71               | 58    | 1.50                 | 1.7            | 16         | SSW                |
| Precipitation Summary (Inches)                   |                  |       |                      |                |            |                    |
|  | 2021             | 2020  | Normal Water Content |                |            |                    |
| Weekly Total                                     | 1.94             | 0.19  | 0.63                 |                |            |                    |
| June to Date                                     | 2.91             | 1.01  | 2.17                 |                |            |                    |
| Year/Season to Date                              | 7.66             | 10.17 | 12.33                |                |            |                    |

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. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president to sign into law a declaration of war?
2. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the federal agent in the 1990s drama "Twin Peaks"?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the smallest country in South America?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the color maroon?
5. **INVENTIONS:** When was the can opener invented?
6. **MOVIES:** What was Andy Dufresne's profession before he was sent to prison in 1994's "The Shawshank Redemption"?
7. **U.S. STATES:** Which state was the last one to be admitted to the union?
8. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who wrote this about summer, "Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air"?
9. **HISTORY:** In what year were the first slaves from Africa brought on a ship to the American colonies?
10. **GEOLOGY:** What kind of rock is coal?

**Answers:** 1. James Madison, War of 1812; 2. Agent Dale Cooper; 3. Suriname; 4. Dark brownish red; 5. 1858 -- almost 50 years after canned food was invented; 6. Banker; 7. Hawaii; 8. Ralph Waldo Emerson; 9. 1619; 10. Sedimentary (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

### TINKERING WITH THE ELEMENTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Austrian peaks
  - 5 MLB stat
  - 8 Mitch who wrote "Tuesdays With Morrie"
  - 13 Three-tone chords
  - 19 Toxin-fighting fluids
  - 20 Critter treater
  - 21 "The king," in France
  - 22 Popular social news website
  - 23 Extracted element #79 with a big hammer?
  - 26 Renée of silent films
  - 27 "Science Kid" of PBS
  - 28 Reinforcing eyelet in a hole
  - 29 Go out on —
  - 31 Chilling stuff
  - 32 Unfeeling
  - 34 Element #16 that's causing difficulty?
  - 37 Owls' prey
  - 38 Carrere of "Jury Duty"
  - 41 Fleming and McKellen
- DOWN**
- 1 Invites
  - 2 Russian Revolution theory
  - 3 Things made for sale
  - 4 Small pouch
  - 5 Unendingly
  - 6 Change
  - 7 Very little bit
  - 8 Change
  - 9 Without a — stand on
  - 10 Good pal
  - 11 "So chic!"
  - 12 Hanging to the calves, as a dress
  - 13 Brits' trolleys
  - 14 Popular energy drink
  - 15 Altar reply
  - 16 Free-floating
  - 17 Punched out, as jigsaw pieces
  - 18 Pilots
  - 24 CIA's onetime rival
  - 25 MLB arbiter
  - 30 Rescuée's cry
  - 33 "Give — call"
  - 35 Big box
  - 36 The, to Yves
- ACROSS (continued)**
- 42 "August: Osage County" playwright Tracy
  - 43 "That celestial object seems to be composed of element #5"?
  - 48 Tartan wearers, e.g.
  - 50 Some dashes
  - 51 Neighbor of Lithuania
  - 52 Off-road rides, in brief
  - 53 Before now
  - 56 Sea rovers plundering element #6?
  - 60 Big road rig
  - 63 Bismarck-to-Austin dir.
  - 64 — Tomè
  - 65 Overcomes
  - 66 Shawls, e.g.
  - 68 ICU worker
  - 71 Genetic ID
  - 73 Small sample
  - 74 Very virtuous
  - 77 Gaudy scarf
  - 79 Suffix with peace
  - 82 Prattle
  - 83 "Quit asking about my supply of element #83"?
  - 88 Stew tidbit
- DOWN (continued)**
- 89 Birch, e.g.
  - 90 "Impossible for me"
  - 91 Small sample
  - 94 Twyla of dance
  - 96 Element #30 in a medicine cabinet?
  - 98 "George & —" (old talk show)
  - 101 Special glow
  - 103 "FWIW" part
  - 104 Gets the total
  - 105 Element #18 found in a city opposite Vancouver?
  - 110 Lightish sword
  - 111 Hub city for Israel's El Al
  - 112 Bad-smelling
  - 113 Narcissist's quality
  - 117 Biol. or anat.
  - 119 Combo punch
  - 121 Element #29 collected by actress Loni?
  - 124 Ancient Crete native
  - 125 To the point
  - 126 ETs' ship
  - 127 Gershon of "Face/Off"
  - 128 "— Wedding" (1990 Alan Alda film)
  - 129 Great Lakes tribespeople
  - 130 Go bad
  - 131 Crumb toters
  - 37 Fannie —
  - 38 Rows
  - 39 Lands in el océano
  - 40 Subsidized
  - 44 MLB stat
  - 45 Raw rock
  - 46 Toys — (kids' chain)
  - 47 Bears, in Spain
  - 49 Suffix with opal
  - 52 Loads
  - 53 Put to shame
  - 54 "I — run!"
  - 55 First stage
  - 56 Brought (in), as music
  - 57 Voguish thing
  - 58 Rear, at sea
  - 59 Make it to
  - 60 Boggy area
  - 61 Bert's friend
  - 62 — Carta
  - 67 Surreptitious
  - 69 Double-reed instrument
  - 70 Bovine critter
  - 72 Aziz of "Master of None"
  - 75 Very little bit
  - 76 Small raisin
  - 78 Actress Kendrick
  - 80 "— one to complain ..."
  - 81 Accolades
  - 84 Disavow
  - 85 Net automaton
  - 86 I, to Wilhelm
  - 87 Hanks of film
  - 91 Slice-serve motion
  - 92 Not proper
  - 93 Windows 10 runners
  - 94 Blasting inits.
  - 95 To the middle point
  - 96 Drinking spot
  - 97 Microwave
  - 98 Poise
  - 99 Canadian dollar coin
  - 100 Passionate
  - 102 Comedian Gilda
  - 106 Long spans
  - 107 Fliers in V's
  - 108 Ugly beasts
  - 109 Tel. book collection
  - 110 Angsty rock genre
  - 114 See 123-Down
  - 115 News
  - 116 Kilt sporter
  - 118 Nest egg funds, for short
  - 120 How- — (DIY books)
  - 122 Soft & —
  - 123 With 114-Down, it includes the Brit. Open

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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 29, 1613, the Globe Theatre, where most of Shakespeare's plays debuted, burns down. The Globe was built by Shakespeare's acting company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men, in 1599 from the timbers of London's very first permanent theater, Burbage's Theater, built in 1576.
- On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress, assembled in Philadelphia, formally adopts Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence from Great Britain. The vote was unanimous, with only New York abstaining.
- On July 4, 1884, in a ceremony held in Paris, the completed Statue of Liberty is formally presented to the U.S. ambassador as a commemoration of the friendship between France and the United States. The statue was then disassembled and shipped to New York City, where it would be reconstructed in 1886.
- On June 30, 1936, Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind," one of the best-selling novels of all time and the basis for a blockbuster 1939 movie, is published. Scarlett's name was originally Pansy, but a change was requested by the publisher.
- On July 1, 1979, the Sony Walkman goes on sale. Only 3,000 were sold in the first month, but after a massive advertising campaign, available stocks quickly sold out.
- On July 3, 1989, Martha Ann Johnson is arrested in Georgia for the 1982 murder of her oldest child after an Atlanta newspaper initiated a new investigation into the suspicious death. Her three other children had also mysteriously died. Johnson's case sparked a trend in which authorities look closely into the sudden deaths of young children.
- On June 28, 1997, Mike Tyson bites Evander Holyfield's ear in the third round of their heavyweight rematch. Though Holyfield was in obvious pain, the fight resumed after a brief stoppage, and then Tyson bit Holyfield's other ear. Tyson was disqualified from the match and later suspended from boxing.

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A green cat was born in Denmark in 1995. Some people believe that high levels of copper in the water pipes nearby may have given his fur a verdigris effect.
- Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of the iconic jungle man Tarzan, worked as a pencil-sharpener salesman before trying his hand at fiction. He only started writing at the age of 36 to support his wife and two kids.
- The infamous crocodile jump by James Bond in "Live and Let Die" was performed with real crocs by the only person willing to attempt it -- the owner of the crocodile farm.
- In early 2015, Mattel released Hello Barbie, an interactive talking doll that didn't just repeat preprogrammed phrases, but could actually hold a two-way conversation. The doll raised major concerns over privacy, however, since the discussions between it and child owners were recorded and sent to third-party vendors. Goodbye, Barbie!
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with a pass and unlocks the door for access to the building.

"Individuals who must leave the building, say to get something out of their car, may re-enter using the visitor pass," Thompson said.

The second kiosk machine for the lower level will cost approximately \$8,000 which the board understood to include the construction of a foyer wall because there is no entrance lobby on the lower level. Discussion ensued if the second machine was purchased while COVID-19 restrictions were still in place it may fall under guidelines for government COVID-19 funding.

Thompson explained the kiosk was not a foolproof system as far as securing the building; it would not stop someone intending to harm people inside the building, however, it would slow them down.

"Anyone can still come in, but they would have to register at the kiosk first. It's a lower-level type of security but it does let us know who is in the building" he said.

Judge Laura Frawley said a more secure way to stop a possible shooter would be to have each individual entering the building go through a metal detector which would require a deputy to monitor. Something, according to Frawley, the county does not have money for.

She explained many courts have implemented metal detectors stationed at entrances and a deputy in place to watch the detectors and screen people, but after purchasing expensive detectors realized the cost to man them was too high and have since shut the detectors off.

According to Frawley, the



Alcona County Commissioner Bill Thompson demonstrates how to use the new machine which will allow entry into the Alcona County Building. Photo by Mary Weber.

court system has placed stringent protocols in terms of screening people for COVID-19, but even before that, Supreme Court Security has advised the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of its lack of security in the building.

"We have had the kiosk up and running with two jury trials and no one seems to have objected to it," Frawley said.

Recently, after Alcona County lifted its restrictions and opened the building to the public, Frawley said the kiosk was shut off, causing havoc to her personnel in trying to screen those entering the courts.

"The courts are still under COVID-19 restrictions; it still mandates screening and masks. It makes it difficult because we share the building. One of the reasons we got the kiosk is because we do not have the personnel to be at the front door and screen every person entering for the courts," Frawley said.

She told the board she was able to talk to maintenance and Bill Thompson and the kiosk was turned back on. She also commended the board and personnel in the building for their understanding and how well the courts, board and departments who share the building all get along and work together within the county.

Frawley explained to the board of commissioners how the court has had to do jury selection off-site during COVID-19 restrictions to space people out appropriately and that the process exhausted their jury selection funds and put a strain on the sheriff department because of the number of people and time it took to do off site screenings.

"There has been a lot of challenges, but purchasing the kiosk pays for itself rather quickly by not having to have personnel there to screen people and it is simple to use. We've talked to all the departments in the building and everyone seems in favor of keeping the kiosk operating," she said.

The kiosk machine is programmable, according to Frawley, so when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted in the courts, they can change the questions on the kiosk machine to better fit the needs of security to enter the building.

"We haven't had security in this building for many years until recently when we began locking all the doors except the main entrances. I think this will be helpful to know who is in the building," Frawley said.

In the last several months, Frawley explained, there has been an uptick in threats to people working in the building including a threat just a few weeks prior when someone called threatening to come into the building with weapons.

"It's the world we live in now and the hostility that has generated. I think we need to be proactive. It's only a matter of time before something happens. Someone may come in mad at the court, but they won't make any distinction when they get in the building. Stephany's (county clerk) office is a sitting duck," Frawley said.

She explained even if someone is entering the building irate if they have to stop for a moment and fill out questions on the kiosk, they know it is taking their photo and the information is out there on where they intend to go in the building, it may be a moment to pause, take a deep breath and calm them down a bit. Sending notice to the department that someone is coming also better prepares each department.

According to Frawley, instructions on how to use the kiosk are clearly printed and a list of all department phone numbers will also be added and visible. If an individual should have an issue in understanding how to use the machine, they can call the department they are going to and get further assistance to enter the building.

Commissioners agreed that until a proper policy and procedure manual is in place the kiosk system will be in operation only when there is an active court docket in session. Once a policy has been reviewed by the commissioners and approved, the kiosk will be operational during the day when the county building is open.

The Alcona County Commissioners meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the county building. A link to Zoom the meeting is available at [alconacountymi.com](http://alconacountymi.com) under meetings and notices.

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