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## AuSable River Canoe Marathon celebrates 75th anniversary

“Anticipation is building among AuSable River Canoe Marathon fans everywhere and that feeling of excitement is almost palpable here in the communities of Northern Michigan’s AuSable River Valley,” said Phil Weiler, spokesperson for the Consumers Energy 75th AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

One of the toughest, fastest paced, most grueling and competitive professional marathon canoe races anywhere, the Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon, held Saturday and Sunday, is the middle leg of the prestigious Triple Crown of Canoe Racing.

The iconic, ultra endurance event is widely recognized as “One of the Greatest Races on Earth!” and “The World’s Toughest Spectator Sports.” Tens of thousands of devoted fans follow the race in person or online every year, but according to Weiler, “this one is extra special.”

“Paddlers from throughout North America and beyond will soon begin arriving in northern Michigan with their stealthy, sleek carbon fiber racing canoes for the marathon. It’s a busy and exciting time for communities in the AuSable River Valley!”

A record field of more than 100 teams are anticipated, with entries from Australia, Germany and Belize, and representation from an additional 20 U.S. states and Canadian provinces expected.

On June 24 there was a showing of the first episode of “Au Sable,” a three-part docu-series, produced by Consumers Energy in conjunction with the AuSable Marathon’s organizing committee.

Weiler explained that “Au Sable” is the story of the river, the race and the legends that have shaped the race’s 75-



“Au Sable,” a three-part docu-series, is shown this summer in celebration of the marathon’s 75th anniversary. *Courtesy cover photo.*

year history. Told through exclusive interviews with some of the race’s most iconic figures, “Au Sable” provides a rare glimpse into what it takes to conquer the challenge of a lifetime.

According to Weiler, “the fans, paddlers, our sponsors, event volunteers...everyone was impressed by the trailer for ‘Au Sable’ when we de-

buted it at our annual kickoff event in May. The team at Consumers Energy is really taking the story of the race and these incredible athletes to the elevated platform they’ve long deserved.”

For more information, see the AuSable Marathon’s Facebook Page and YouTube Channel@ausblemarathon or the Consumers’s website, [www.AuSableCanoeMarathon.org](http://www.AuSableCanoeMarathon.org).

## Alcona County 4th of July Events

### SATURDAY, JULY 1

A farmers market and Kid’s Day will be held behind the Hubbard Lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a bouncy house, face painting, snow cones, along with more than 30 vendors with edible items, craft wares and raffles. This event is sponsored by the Hubbard Lake Farmers Market and the Hubbard Lake Community Association.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Arts and Crafts fair at the Craftmakers’ Cabin in Harrisville from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Lincoln Train Depot will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop in and see how trains transported people, goods and livestock. The depot is located on the corner of Lake and Fiske streets.

Harrisville’s annual Fourth of July Kid’s Parade will start at 1 p.m. Line up is at Jefferson and Main streets. Kids are encouraged to decorate themselves, their bikes, wagons, pets, skateboards and anything else and join in this 50 year (plus) tradition. The parade will travel down Main Street and Lake Street to Harrisville Harbor for refreshments immediately following.

The annual Fourth of July Lions Duck Race will begin at the Mill Pond in Harrisville at 5 p.m. Tickets are available prior to the race at local businesses (look for signs).

Harrisville’s fireworks display will begin at approximately 10:15 p.m. with viewing in and around Harrisville Harbor. There will be music at the harbor – provided by Rex Manning of Soundafex Rex – starting at 6 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 2

Barton City is holding a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Barton City fire department from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The Barton City Blast 3K Fun Run Walk begins at 9 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. the Blooper Softball Game begins.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Arts and Crafts fair at the Craftmakers’ Cabin in Harrisville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 3

The Earl Cordes Memorial Horseshoe Tournament begins with qualifying at 11 a.m. Players must qualify to play. Tournament begins at 1 p.m. Cash prizes and trophies.

### TUESDAY, JULY 4

Line up for the Barton City Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m. at the VFW hall. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Following the parade through downtown Barton City there will be craft and food vendors, kids games and races, a sawdust pile, and bounce houses in the park. Fireworks begin at dusk. (Rain dated is July 7 at dusk.)

Glennie celebrates Independence Day with a parade that begins at 2 p.m. through downtown. The theme is peace, love and 4<sup>th</sup> of July 70s era. Fireworks will be held at dusk at the transfer station.



# God Bless America





Also known as "tickseed" or "pot-of-gold," coreopsis is easy to grow. Sprinkle the seeds over a prepared area of soil in a very sunny location, and cover lightly with soil. Keep this area watered until the seeds germinate in about 3 weeks. This plant tolerates heat, humidity, and drought. It is well suited to beds, borders and containers. Not only do bees and butterflies love its nectar, but also small birds like goldfinches love its seeds. It's an excellent cut flower in a mixed bouquet. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: linnnet.gog.abc.ca, www.gardeningknowhow.com, almasac.com

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# Americanisms



"If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane."  
— Robert Frost

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## MEET & GREET

Come and meet our new 4-H Program Coordinator, Stephanie Domke and her staff Friday, July 7 at 7 p.m. at the Fair Grounds Pavilion

Event sponsored by Alcona County Fair Board

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# Local Notes

## Be Kind to our Planet

The Alcona County Library will present the program, "Be Kind to Our Planet," by Dynamic School Assemblies. Everyone is welcome to attend these presentations at the Curtis Township branch at 1:30 p.m. or the Harrisville branch at 5 p.m. for an interactive experience.

This program sheds light on the issue of pollution and its detrimental effects on wildlife worldwide. Through a series of fun activities, participants will discover how everyone can contribute to a greener planet by reducing waste, conserving water and adopting eco-friendly practices. Moreover, this presentation emphasizes the significance of safeguarding ecosystems and showcases an array of live animals. This event is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, National Endowment for the Arts and Art in the Loft. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

- Monday, July 3: Ham and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, pickled beets, cottage cheese, peaches.
- Tuesday, July 4: Senior Center Closed.
- Wednesday, July 5: Barbecue chicken, baked potato, cauliflower, apple sauce.
- Thursday, July 6: Taco salad, chips, Michigan-blend fruit.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability.

Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Away at School

• Autumn Schwarz of Glenie is one of nearly 600 students from Saginaw Valley State University whose determination and commitment to academic excellence earned her a spot on the winter 2023 semester President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

• Conner McCoy of Black River was named to the Saginaw Valley State University winter 2023 semester Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

• Katherine Edwards of Greenbush was named to the

Saginaw Valley State University winter 2023 semester Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

• Brett Nelson of Lincoln was named to the Saginaw Valley State University winter 2023 semester Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

• Kendal McLaughlin of Mikado was named to the Saginaw Valley State University winter 2023 semester Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

## Happy Memories

The Hubbard Lake Community Association, in conjunction with Preserve Hubbard Lake History and Flowdesign Strategic Brand, developed an 18-month historical calendar to raise funds for the new library/community center.

Janet McClain Rennie, an employee of Lincoln Haven, purchased a calendar and gifted it to Dan Shunk, a resident of Lincoln Haven in Lincoln. She took a photo of Shunk holding the calendar opened to June 2024 which features a picture of Shunk's Garage in Hubbard Lake. According to Janet, Dan was "Over the moon to get his calendar." Dan's response to seeing the historic photo, "That's my dad."



Dan Shunk

## Maritime Festival

The Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary is holding this year's Thunder Bay Maritime Festival combined with the Festival of Sail which will be held on July 21-23 at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena. The three-day festival in Alpena will continue to be free and will include tall ships, science research vessels, live music, kids' activities, food trucks, helicopter rides, the world's largest rubber duck, and much more. Shipboard tours and day sails aboard tall ships will be available for an extra fee.

On July 4, the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center will

remain free and open to everyone, with opportunities to explore 10,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and cruise through Shipwreck Alley aboard the glass bottom boat Lady Michigan.

## Artist Recognition

Thunder Bay Arts Council and Gallery, Inc. presents Sharon Rickard as its featured artist for the months of July and August. There will be an open house held for her on Friday, July 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the TBA Gallery, 127 W Chisholm Street, downtown Alpena. The reception is free and open to the public.

Rickard has always had a love of art, from the new crayon box and "dad-made" art table, which she still has, at age five, until the "husband-made" studio of the present. She is mostly self-taught, though she has taken workshops and classes in watercolor and experimental media. She taught third grade for 26 years and later taught art for future teachers at Alpena Community College. She has always received inspiration from nature, having grown up surrounded by it, but also enjoys "people subjects" and, especially, animals. She is a member of the Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild.

## Caregiver Education

Trualta, a leader in online family caregiver education across the country, and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging are bringing it to northeast Michigan. This online caregiver support platform provides families managing care at home with on-demand, personalized, skills-based training, support groups, and peer connections.

Trualta engages trained, confident family caregivers who can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. Trualta's mission is to make caregiver education easier by providing short five-minute articles and videos that give caregivers practical tips and tricks to use right away.

When in the Trualta portal participants receive access to the full library of lessons including 16 different topics as well as local resources. Some of the topics include mobility and injury prevention, medication management, caregiver wellness, documents and decision-making, personal care, communication changes, Alzheimer's and dementia, caring for grandchildren, and chronic conditions.

For more information or to register, contact Brooke Mainville at (989) 358-4616 or mainvilleb@nemcsa.org. To register visit: region9aaa-trualta.com/login

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is a division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), a community action agency.

To find out more information regarding NEMCSA's programs and services, visit www.nemcsa.org.



# Calendar of Events

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

The 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 pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Lincoln branch at 4 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 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. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

A family movie matinee will be held at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Attendees will see a newly released DVD and buttered theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Dynamic School Assemblies will present "Be kind to Our Planet" at the Curtis Township Library (Glennie branch) at 1:30 p.m. This is an interactive program about pollution and its impact on wildlife around the world. There will also be a variety of live animals in the presentation. This free program is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council and Art in the Loft. Call (989) 735-2601 for details.

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

Story time and a craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Arts and Crafts fair at the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville from noon to 5 p.m.

Harbor Nights concert series features Audra Kubat in this week's free concert at the Harrisville Harbor at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees should bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Harrisville Art Council's building.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**  
The Blue Water Ramblers kick off this year's Summer Concert Series. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. (Donations are welcome.) Seating is on the lawn; attendees should bring a chair or blanket.

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**  
Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

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 7**

Harbor Nights concert series features Kyle Rasche in this week's free concert at the Harrisville Harbor at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees should bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Harrisville Art Council's building. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

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**SATURDAY, JULY 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.

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**  
"Golden Grocery Giveaway" (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 205 Church Street, Lincoln.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**  
The 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

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## Correspondence

To the Editor,  
A big thank you to Greenbush Township.  
The weather was beautiful on Father's Day but so was Spencer Park in Greenbush. Two baseball fields all mowed, pavilion freshly painted, even a handicap accessible Port-a-Potty provided, playground, picnic tables, and nature trail.  
If you haven't been to Spencer Park you should check it out, just go west on Ridley. It's a hidden gem.  
Barb Taylor  
Greenbush



## Horseshoe League

Northern	
June 22	
Mikado Legion 1	72
B.C. 1	54
B.C. 2	50
Glennie 1	46
Glennie 2	40
Mikado Legion 2	40
Hale Eagles 1	37
Northwoods	35
B.C. Eagles	26
Hale Eagles 2	22

## NOTICE

Bolen Excavating has arrived i Harrisville this week to begin the resurfacing of city streets.

- All Streets will receive treatment.
- Bolen will be in the city for approximately two weeks: June 19 - June30, 2023.

Church Street - Lake Street to Mill Street  
8th Street - Church to Parking Lot  
Swamp Street - Mill Street to Church Street  
Mill Creek Road - Church Street to Swamp Street  
Lake Street - Madison Road to Washington Street  
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# Students learn to lead at youth summit

Students from schools across northeast Michigan gathered for a youth leadership summit, led by Dawn Flood of Student Leadership Services.

Up North Prevention staff from Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties recruited high school students this spring to start Students Leading Students (SLS) chapters in their respective schools. Each chapter was represented and kicked off the summer with the first of three leadership summits, held at the NOAA Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena.

According to Alcona Chapter Advisor Les Thomas, students learned about the three promises of SLS and about the traits of a good leader. The promises are simple but

important statements, central to the work of SLS and vital for the students to understand and buy into them.

The promises are:  
 • I will not participate in self-defeating behaviors that can damage who I am or who I choose to be;

• I will make appropriate decisions when driving or riding in a car;

• I will help and support my friends to do the same.

He explained that students worked in small groups throughout the morning and finished with team building exercises hosted by Laser Team Challenge. Each chapter is looking forward to upcoming meetings in July in East Tawas and August in Millersburg to build momentum towards a kickoff event this fall at area schools.

Thomas was excited about the turnout and the energy in the room. "We had nine of our 14 members attend the conference. It's always awesome to see a room full of individuals move towards becoming a cohesive group. In this case, students were from eight area schools, and by the end of the conference, the school you represented became less important than the reason you're there – to affect change in your community."

For more information on Up North Prevention, visit [www.upnorthprevention.org](http://www.upnorthprevention.org). For ideas about how to have the drug conversation with a child, visit <https://talk-sooner.org>. For more information on Student Leadership Services, visit: [www.slstoday.net](http://www.slstoday.net).



Students representing Alcona High School (from left) Lee Kozlow, Emma Schroeder, Makayla Prince, Nyhia Jackson, Bella Szucs, Addison Birk, Cadence Barnes, Sage Gauthier, and Edju Hechlik. Alcona SLS members missing from the photo are: Zygmund Villalobos, Liberty Kimball, Alyssa Williamson, Kioni Peoples and Elli Spalding. *Courtesy photo.*

**Super Crossword**

Answers

WASHER	LIMBOS	ONPOINT
IMPEDE	ATEASE	PERUSER
NORRIS	NOWHERE	WEREWE
GRABBED	HOLD	ORBS
REY	LANA	SISSY
REBELS	BELAMI	LAI
XENA	REMISS	DAY
SLIKETH	SESE	AVER
FEAR	SIRE	LIL
HARD	TRUTHS	ICK
STOLI	TAMSO	MEASURE
UPTO	SMARTIE	AAR
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ADA	COTAN	ALEE
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## Poet's Platform

### I Will Always Remember

*By Phillip Lerchenfeld*

I will always remember the fun I had spending time with my dad.

The trips to the museum and the arcade, such wonderful memories they have made.

When I hear a song that makes me think of you, I shall laugh and smile, if only for a little while.

The life lessons you've taught me to be smart will always be with me in my heart.

Although there were times I've made you mad, you've always been the greatest dad.

I miss you, oh so much. I miss your hugs, your gentle touch.

Even though I can't see you from afar, I will always love you, no matter where you are.

Now as I prepare myself to go to bed, close my eyes and rest my head

I shall slowly drift away and count to seven and pray for the day when I can see you in heaven.

**Do you have news we can use?  
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# Be alert for fake letters in collections scam

Michigan residents and businesses with past-due state debts are urged to be on alert for scam letters making the rounds through the U.S. Postal Service.

"It is disheartening to see the lengths scammers will go to make a quick buck from Michigan residents," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "The state of Michigan works collaboratively with individuals to find solutions to their outstanding state debts. If you receive an aggressive and threatening letter, please contact us through a verified phone number so we can log the scam and talk about options."

In the scam, according to Eubanks, residents or employers receive a letter about an overdue state debt that requests immediate contact through a toll-free number to resolve the outstanding balance. The letter aggressively threatens to seize property – including bank accounts, wages, business assets, cars, real estate, refunds and cash – if the debt is not settled.

She said the correspondence appears credible to the recipient because it uses personal facts and information pulled directly from the Internet and public records. The scammer's letter attempts to lure a person or business into a situation where they could make a payment to a criminal.

Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency Director Julia Dale cautioned businesses to be on alert for bad actors who try to scam money using questionable documents. "It's important for businesses to recognize when they are receiving legitimate correspondence from the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency and when to be suspicious," Dale said. "Employers face many obstacles every day. Falling victim to an attempt to steal hard-earned income should not be one of them. The UIA urges employers or third-party administrators to contact the agency if they have any suspicions about letters they receive asking for payment."

The Michigan Department of Treasury, which functions as the state's collections

agency, and the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency correspond with residents and businesses through official letters sent through the U.S. Postal Service that use state of Michigan letterhead.

Treasury's letters embody both the names of the governor and state treasurer, provide several options to resolve an outstanding debt, and outline taxpayer rights. UIA's letters embody both the names of the governor and the director of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). UIA is a part of LEO. Letters from the unemployment agency will include information about how to protest and appeal payment determinations.

The UIA posts correspondence to an employer's Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM) account. If an employer has questions about their account, a payment, or their balance, contact UIA by calling (855) 484-2636. Any business that is unsure about official-looking correspondence requesting direct unemployment insurance payments should call the UIA's Office of Employer Ombuds-

man at (855) 484-2636.

Attempts at fraud or identity theft can also be reported through an employer's MiWAM account.

Individuals who receive a letter from a scammer or have questions about their state debts should call Treasury's Collections Service Center at (517) 636-5265. A customer service representative can log the scam, verify outstanding state debts, and provide flexible payment options. To learn more about Michigan's collections process, go to [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) or follow the state Treasury Department on Twitter at @MITreasury.

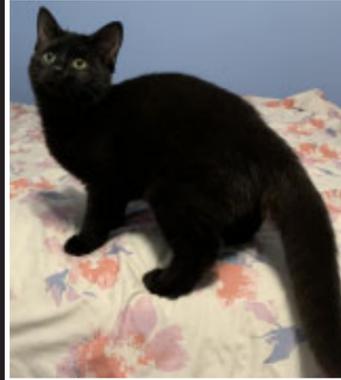


**The cartoon strip "Krazy Kat," introduced in 1913, in the New York Evening Journal was the first animated cat (drawn by George Herriman).**  
freakibble.com

## PETS OF THE WEEK

At the Alcona Humane Society

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Clover is 1 years old, spayed, microchipped, feline leukemia negative, has her distemper vaccine, and has been dewormed. This working gal is looking for a indoor/outdoor or outdoor home. She gets along great with other cats and dogs! She would make a great addition to any mostly outside setting! She purrs to your hearts delight and is very friendly!



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2. Plateau Station, Antarctica
3. Oymyakon, Russia
4. Verkhoyansk, Russia
5. North Ice, Greenland
6. Eismitte, Greenland
7. Snag, Yukon, Canada
8. Prospect Creek, Alaska
9. Fort Selkirk, Yukon, Canada
10. Rogers Pass, Montana

Source: The Travel Almanac

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# Calendar of Events



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and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

The Beach Katz will perform in this year's Summer Concert Series. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend

this free event. (Donations are welcome.) Seating is on the lawn; attendees should bring a chair or blanket.

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**

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 14**

Harbor Nights concert series features Kitty Donohoe in this week's free concert at the Harrisville Harbor at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees should

bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Harrisville Art Council's building. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

The Jon Archambault Band will take the stage in this year's Summer Concert Series. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. (Donations are welcome.) Seating is on the lawn; attendees should bring a chair or blanket.

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

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 21**

Harbor Nights concert series features The Lucky Nows in this week's free concert at

the Harrisville Harbor at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees should bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Harrisville Art Council's building. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

## 2022 Water Quality Report for City of Harrisville

Water Supply Serial Number: 3050

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of Harrisville for the 2022 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2022. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from two (2) groundwater wells, each over 60 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderately low susceptibility to contamination based on the 2014 State report.

There are no significant sources of contamination included in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by keeping a containment area around the wells.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: City of Harrisville 200 N. 5th St. P. O. Box 278 Harrisville, MI 48740 Phone: 989-724-6666 Email: [Harrisville@Harrisvillemi.org](mailto:Harrisville@Harrisvillemi.org)

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

**Water Quality Data**

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2022. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **NA:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **Q.Qfl:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **.QQQ:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **QQ!:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

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## 1 Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	ND		2022	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.1		2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium <sup>1</sup> (ppm)	N/A	N/A	3.6		2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	0.0088		2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	0.001		2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

<sup>1</sup> Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND		2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	ND		2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	ND		2022	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND		2022	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND		2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND		2022	No	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	ND		2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water <sup>2</sup>	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0		2021	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.18		2021	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

<sup>2</sup> Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

**Information about lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Harrisville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements:

The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2022.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City of Harrisville 200 N. 5th St P.O. Box 278 Harrisville, MI 48740 Phone: 989-724-6666 Email: [Harrisville@Harrisvillemi.org](mailto:Harrisville@Harrisvillemi.org) Web Page: Water - Sewer- D.P.W I harrisville (harrisvillemi.org) This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Council Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. 200 N. 5th St. Harrisville, MI 48740. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Tom Keerl 989-724-6666 or 989-724-7050. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

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**By Terry Roorda**

*New NEV Rider*

Living on Lake Street brings with it certain obligations, some of which I've touched on in the past including the obligation to smile and wave at everyone passing by the porch, and that includes their dogs. This I have done unfailingly. I'm waving even as I write this, in fact.

With the June onset of the Lake Street summer promenade season, however, I suddenly realized, to my horror, that I'd been failing in another fundamental obligation and losing my neighborhood status and relevance as a result. I had failed in my obligation to maintain the promenade parade lifestyle expected of the neighborhood. I was ashamed and understood that in order to retain my good standing on the street I would need to get a golf cart.

Or, more precisely, a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV). You know the ones: they look like a golf cart only they can transport four adults, a dog or two, a cooler, a picnic basket, and pretty much anything else except, of course, a bag of golf clubs.

I resisted. I'd never desired a golf cart or any such vehicle in my life and not because they didn't look fun and handy for popping in on the neighbors stealthily, but because of what the possession of the vehicle would signify. It would signify that I've gotten old.

You see, in the life arc of the Detroit-born motorhead there are several stages. There's the early stages of a myriad of basic sedans and pick-ups and motorcycles,

and then the later stages of muscle cars and 4x4s and especially, in my case, Harley-Davidsons. Then comes the electric golf cart. It's the final stage and there's nowhere to go from there but down. Literally down. Like six feet down.

Nevertheless, my obligation to Lake Street was plain and inescapable. I sighed and bought a Club Car NEV.

And then the damndest



## A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

*By Terry Roorda*

thing happened. Within two days I had become utterly seduced by the thing. It helped that this Club Car had been heavily customized with a jacked-up chassis, beefed-up suspension, fat gnarly tires and badass polished billet wheels. With this

phenomenon has exploded in recent years.

I discovered that there is even a curious smattering of golf cart literature including titles like – and I'm not making this up, for once – “Jesus in my Golf Cart”, and “The Purple Golf Cart; the Misad-



My smoking hot Club Car NEV.

baby I could hold my head high while scooting around to the ballpark, boat launch and marina, and into town to the post office and bar and city hall, and even take it bouncing down Swamp Road.

And not only could I hold my head high, I could lord it over lesser carts, and in short order became a real snob

ventures of a Lesbian Grandma.” I think that pretty much runs the gamut.

To a career motojournalist who spent 25 years editing and writing for American motorcycle publications, focused principally on Harley-Davidson and biker culture generally (including, the vast genre of biker literature), this was all familiar ground. I suddenly felt at home and enthused by the possibilities, including that of beginning a second late-life career as a NEV-focused motojournalist.

I'll need flashier wheels, of course. While my Club Car is pretty hot stuff in Harrisville, it would barely bring a yawn down in Florida. To swim in that pond I'll need a real humdinger, and I've already settled on a new Club Car CRU. In addition to every top-of-the-line feature the company offers, this unit has a table and seating for six adults when the front seats are swiveled backward. This will be my new remote office, and it will do Lake Street proud. It sells for a measly \$27,000.

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# In pursuit of carp

**By Gregg Schefferly**  
Outdoor Writer

As a kid, I vividly recall my grandfather, uncle, and dad going carp shooting with their Bear recurve bows equipped with those old vintage reels. Those days passed slowly while I waited for their return home. I couldn't wait to see how they did. The carp they brought home were huge and I couldn't wait to be old enough to try it myself.

At that time, they'd search the bays along the shoreline of Lake Huron for spawning carp. In early summer the carp would make their way into the shallows to spawn, making them accessible to bow fishermen. I remember them reminiscing about the times they'd spent shooting carp downstate in the flats of Lake St. Clair.

I finally did go. My brother and I went with dad one time. By the time we were old enough it was more difficult to get access to the local places dad used to go. I actually managed to take one shot at a carp in the reeds. Like hunting, I had to move along silently, which isn't easy wad-



## Exploring the Outdoors

*By Gregg Schefferly*

year we went downstate to see them in early spring. Shannon and I ended up going along on a late night scouting trip the night prior to a tournament. It was very interesting to see how the light illuminated the water and exposed any fish around the boat. I know it would be a blast pursuing carp at night, but at my age, I just don't do all night fishing trips anymore.

On the weekend of June 16 Morgan and Alex came north for a bow-fishing tournament. They are part of the Bow-fishing Association of Michigan. They were one of 16 teams competing. The tournament weigh in was scheduled for Sunday morning at Fletcher's Floodwater, and

fish. Next, they'd fill a tub with their 20 best fish and have them weighed. Then, finally, fish were counted.

The teams were very successful in removing a large number of rough fish. This is a good thing and a battle as we try and reduce their numbers in the local inland lakes. The lakes that I fished as a kid were once filled with bass, pike, perch, bluegill, and sunfish; now they are being taken over by carp, bowfin, and suckers.

State agencies struggle to reduce or eliminate the populations of rough fish and bow-fishing is an effective tool to assist in preserving inland lakes for future fishing.

I remember my grandfather cutting up the carp he'd



Morgan Woloszyk, Alex Ziegler, and teammate Jordan Damron took the day with a 20-fish weight of 442 pounds and also got the biggest carp with a weight of 38 pounds, four ounces. *Photo by Gregg Schefferly.*

ing through water.

When shooting carp, anglers have to aim differently when shooting into the water. Due to optical refraction, you have to shoot lower to hit your target. While I didn't get the carp, I will forever remember that it was like a freight train when it took off. The carp's path was easy to follow as a result of the reeds violently parting as it blasted through to deep water.

Over the years I've occasionally read or have heard of people shooting carp. Recently, there's been a resurgence in the sport of carp shooting. Now, instead of wading the shallows, there are flat bottom boats equipped with lights and generators to pursue carp and other rough fish.

Because my stepdaughter, Morgan, and her boyfriend, Alex, are avid bow-fishers I got some first-hand exposure to the sport. I've heard stories and seen pictures and last

anglers could bow fish on other lakes. Morgan and Alex spent Friday night on the water scouting for fish. The tournament started Saturday evening and went on until Sunday morning. Shannon and I got up bright and early Sunday and made our way to Fletcher's Floodwaters for the 7 am weigh in.

Upon our arrival, it was a sight to behold. There was quite an array of fishing boats. There were flat bottomed air boats with big V8 engines, and boats with regular motors. All had platforms to shoot from, generators, and lots of lights. There are several ways to win. Categories are for the most fish, heaviest 20 fish, biggest carp, and biggest bowfin.

The night's success was apparent as everyone had their biggest fish sorted and laying on the platforms of their boats. One boat at a time pulled up to the scale and presented their biggest

shot and putting them in the ground in his vegetable garden. The affect it had on his garden was easily recognized. I'm told when they have a contest the fish are taken to farm fields and worked into the ground providing excellent free fertilizer for the farmers.

Anyone who is looking for a truly exciting sport and has no problem staying up most of the night, bowfishing may very well be something to consider. Bowfishing boats are easily recognized, normally they are a flat bottom boat with a platform and lights.

*(Gregg Schefferly grew up and spent the majority of his life in northeastern Michigan. With the lakes and forests as his playground, he has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)*

### THANK YOU

Recycle Alcona County Inc.- Would like to thank all the volunteers and the participants that help make this year's County Cleanup Day a success.

This year the loads were less, there were only 176 vehicles. The tire collection was also down to just 1 semi trailer, which holds equivalent to a 1000 tires.

The cubic yards of compacted trash was 225 c.y. this year, that was hauled to the landfill. So lets hope we may have turned the corner on the trash in our county.

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# What do Michigan rattlers chow down on?

**By Eric Freedman**  
Capital News Service

What's on the menu today?

For an eastern massasauga rattlesnake in the Lower Peninsula, the main course on the menu is likely to be small mammals like meadow voles and masked shrews, with an occasional side order of bird and snake.

Yummy!

A recent study by Grand Valley State University scientists who researched what Michigan's only venomous snake eats found that eastern massasaugas "strongly prefer small mammal prey, yet individuals occasionally consume other prey, including amphibians, reptiles and birds."

The eastern massasauga spends most of its time in year-round wetlands hunting its primary prey, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The department says the rattler is a "rare sight for most Michigan residents (and) has been declining due to fragmentation and loss of wetland habitat."

Lead researcher Alyssa Swinehart said the snakes'

main prey prefer living in wetlands areas with open tree canopies, so it's important to preserve areas that are hospitable to such small mammals as shrews and voles.

Such areas are vulnerable to encroaching invasive plant species such as the glossy buckhorn, according to Swinehart, who is now a lab technician at Grand Valley State. She said she "had always liked snakes and wanted to work with reptiles" so undertook the project for her master's thesis in biology.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which helped fund the project, classifies the massasauga as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The Grand Valley State team conducted field research in Montmorency, Crawford, Lenawee, St. Joseph, Oakland, Manistee, Barry, Kalamazoo and Alcona counties and on Bois Blanc Island in Lake Huron east of Mackinac Island. Their study published in the journal "Ecology and Evolution" didn't identify specific locations "to prevent illegal collection."

It was the first time that researchers used a recent

technique called "DNA metabarcoding" to test the content of snake feces, although it's been used to study what other wildlife species eat.

Each species has a unique bar code, Swinehart said.

The analysis found that eastern massasaugas are "somewhat opportunistic predators" and identified at least 12 prey species for adults and a smaller number for younger snakes. Among the most common menu items were northern short-tailed shrews, woodland jumping mice and white-footed mice.

"We conclude that small mammals are a crucial part of eastern massasauga rattlesnake diet and recommend this be taken into consideration when conservation strategies are developed," the study said.

Study coauthor Amy Russell, a Grand Valley State biology professor, said, "We now have a much more accurate characterization of what those prey species are for the eastern massasauga rattlesnake, whether it varies by geographic region or whether it is different for older and larger snakes versus younger and smaller snakes."



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service classifies the eastern massasauga rattlesnake as a threatened species. Photo courtesy of Michigan Natural Features Inventory.

"This will allow (land and natural resource managers) to get a more finely resolved assessment of whether a particular property is really valuable as potential eastern massasauga habitat and whether it is likely or not to support a self-sustaining population," Russell said.

Swinehart said the team also documented some prey species in places that previous research hadn't found,

including the star-nosed mole, northern water snake, field sparrow, red-backed salamander and southern bog lemming.

A "cool byproduct" of the project was discovering changes in where some prey species can be found in the state, she said. For example, the woodland jumping mouse, which is "more of a northern Michigan species," was identified for the first time in some southern Michigan locations.

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# Collect Social Security from ex-spouse, best nonprescription hearing aids

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Is it possible to collect Social Security benefits from my ex-spouse? We were married for 12 years but have been divorced for almost 20 years now.

Never Remarried

Dear Never,  
Yes, depending on your specific circumstances, you may very well be eligible for divorced spouses Social Security benefits. Here's what you should know.

### Who's Eligible?

A divorced spouse can collect a Social Security retirement benefit on the earnings record of their ex-husband (or ex-wife) if you are at least age 62, were married for at least 10 years, are unmarried, and are not eligible for a higher benefit based on your own earnings record.

In order to collect, your former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits. But he doesn't have to be receiving them in order for you to collect divorced spouse's benefits, as long as you've been divorced for at least two years.

Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorcee benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.

### Benefit Amount

A divorced spouse can receive up to 50 percent of their ex's full Social Security benefit, or less if they take benefits before their full retirement age, which is 66 for people born in 1945-1954 but is gradually increased to age 67 for people born in 1960 or later. To find out your full retirement age and see how much your benefits will be reduced by taking them early see [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/agereduction.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/agereduction.html).

Keep in mind though, that if you qualify for benefits based on your own work history, you'll receive the larger of the two benefits. You cannot receive benefits on both your record, and your ex's work record too.

To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at [SSA.gov/myaccount](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social Security at (800) 772-1213. You'll need to show your marriage certificate and divorce decree to prove your marriage lasted at least 10 years along with his Social Security number to get it.

### Other Factors to Know

You also need to be aware that working can affect your divorced spouse's benefits. If you start taking benefits while working, and are under full

retirement age, your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which is \$21,240 in 2023. In the year you reach full retirement age, however, the annual limit increases to \$56,520 and the reduction lowers to \$1 for every \$3 above that limit. See [SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf) for more details.

Another factor that can reduce your divorced spouse's benefits is receiving a pension from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes (like a government). This is a rule known as Government Pension Offset (see [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/gpo-calc.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/gpo-calc.html)) which can reduce your benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

### Divorced Survivor's Benefits

You also need to know that when your ex-spouse dies (and if you were married for 10 or more years), you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits, which is worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due.

Survivor benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled). But if you remarry before 60, you become ineligible unless the marriage ends. Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.



Savvy Senior

Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when your ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.

For more information visit [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7-.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7-.html) and click on "Benefits for Your Divorced Spouse."

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good over-the-counter hearing aids for seniors on a budget? I'm not sure what to get or where to buy them.

Hard of Hearing

Dear Hard,

The new FDA approved over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids that hit the market last October have become a very attractive alternative to millions of older Americans with hearing impairment.

These new hearing aids can be purchased at pharmacies, consumer electronics stores, or online without a hearing exam, prescription, or ap-

pointment with an audiologist. And the savings are significant. The average cost of an OTC hearing aid is about \$1,600 per pair, which is about \$3,000 less than the average price of a prescription hearing aid.

But sorting through all the different options and styles can be confusing. Here are some tips along with a reliable resource that can help choose the right aid for you.

### Check Your Hearing

Your first step to getting a hearing aid is to get your hearing tested. Be aware that OTC hearing aids are designed only for people with mild to moderate hearing loss (signs include trouble hearing speech in noisy places, in groups, and during phone calls).

The best place to get your hearing tested is through a hearing care provider like an audiologist. These in-person tests are usually covered by private medical insurance,

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**Buggy Rides**




# First Baptist Church plans to build hall

June 24, 1998 ~  
By Cheryl Peterson

A Lincoln church is making big plans for the future. The First Baptist Church of Lincoln is in the preliminary stages of planning and raising funds to build a 6,600 square foot fellowship hall that will include a gym, kitchen and restrooms. "We feel there is a need for more space," said Pastor Robert Buchanan. The current fellowship hall is a large room in the basement and we find

this to be inadequate." Congregation members have been working for months in different committees - oversight, finance and building - to bring proposals and plans to the congregation. The entire congregation will have a chance to choose which plans will be used for the building. Buchanan said once the hall is constructed, it will be available to the public to use for functions and events. The estimated cost to construct

the fellowship hall is \$225,000 and as soon as more than half of that amount is raised construction will be underway. Buchanan said it could take up to six years to raise the funds needed for construction, but he wouldn't be surprised if it took less time. This church has done really well in recent years (raising money for projects). We completed an elevator project that cost \$20,000 and that was done in two years. We also

purchased a house on Main Street, next to the church that is used as a rental, he said. Buchanan said the fellowship hall will be located across from the church on the property where the rental house is located. The church was founded in 1891 as West Harrisville Baptist Church. The current building located in Lincoln was built in 1962. There are about 170 members of the church.

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and as of this year, Medicare will pay for general hearing evaluations without a doctor's referral. You can also assess your hearing at home with a good app-based hearing test like Mimi (mimi.health) or Sonic-Cloud (soniccloud.com). If you find through your test that you have severe hearing loss (signs include being unable to hear spoken words even in a quiet room or trouble hearing loud music or power tools) then OTC aids aren't the right solution for you. You'll probably need a prescription hearing aid, which you must get through an audiologist or hearing instrument specialist.

**Choosing an OTC Aid**  
If you decide that an OTC hearing aid may work for you, here are a couple pointers to help you choose. First, you need to know

that OTC hearing aids come in two types: self-fitting and preset. Self-fitting aids typically use a smartphone app to setup and adjust the device to suit your specific hearing needs, which makes them better suited for seniors who are technologically inclined. While preset hearing aids are much simpler devices that come with a number of set programs for different levels of hearing loss, and the controls are directly on the hearing aid. Also, because OTC hearing aids have a learning curve, it's very important to know the level of customer support you'll have access to. So, before you buy, find out how long the company provides support after your purchase, and what sorts of experts will be providing the support. You also need to find out about the company's return policy. It can take weeks to

get accustomed to wearing hearing aids and figure out whether they're really working for you or not. So, make sure to choose a brand that offers a minimum 30-day free trial period, or money back return policy.

**Best OTC Hearing Aids**  
To help you cut through all the different options the National Council on Aging (NCOA), which is a national nonprofit organization that advocates for older Americans, recently assembled a review team who collectively spent more than 5,000 hours researching, testing and interviewing customers about OTC hearing aids. The NCOA came up with a list of nine winners based on such criteria as affordability, style and fit. Their best OTC hearing aids for 2023 in their nine categories include:

- Best for Seniors: Jabra Enhance (jabraenhance.com).
- Best Invisible Fit: Eargo (eargo.com)
- Most User-Friendly: Lexie (lexiehearing.com)
- Most Affordable: Audien (audienhearing.com)
- Most Financing Options: Audicus (audicus.com)
- Best Remote Customer Service: MDHearing (mdhearingaid.com)
- Best Rechargeable for the Money: Go Hearing (gohearing.com)
- Best Variety: Lucid (lucid-hearing.com)
- Best Earbud-Style: Sony (electronics.sony.com)

To learn more, see NCOA.org/adviser/hearing-aids/best-otc-hearing-aids. (Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

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# Franklins retire after 40 years of service

June 24, 1998 ~  
By Cheryl Peterson

After 40 years of being there for hundreds of children, a Mikado family has decided to lead a quieter life. Up until this spring Marie and Robert Franklin have opened their home to an estimated 400 children through the foster parent program. Now, they are busy enjoying their grandchildren. The Franklins were married just over a year when they became licensed by the State of Michigan to be foster parents in 1966. After several years of providing care for children brought to their home during all hours of the day and night, they decided to adopt children of their own. They remained licensed while raising their six children, but it wasn't until their youngest was almost grown that they resumed providing foster care. Several of their children live in the area: Terry, Rich-

ard and Eddy live in Lincoln. Billy lives in Cheboygan, Mich., Sheridan in Muskegon, Mich, and Debby lives in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. They have 11 grandchildren. Maintaining a foster home was not a new concept to Marie Franklin. Her parents, Fred and Marian Sharboneau, were foster parents. Marie remembers many children in her home while she was growing up. She liked the atmosphere and "I like kids," she said. "I know I'm crazy, but I do. I couldn't say no. I just couldn't do that." Some of the children the Franklins had in their home stayed only a few hours, some stayed for almost a year and many more stayed for different durations. "Some might come in the middle of the night and leave the next morning," Marie said. "Some were left for about a year if they worked out. It was really difficult for some (children). They came with a lot of prob-

lems. Sometimes their problems never left them. Sometimes they snapped out of it and were fine. "If people only knew what some of these kids were going through, they would be sick. It's too bad more people don't get into foster care - but it is a 24-hour job," Marie said. "Tough love is what they needed, and they got it. I was very strict; I will say that. But you develop a bond - the same as you do with your own kids. You treat them the same as your own kids - so you would develop a bond." In addition to running their 147 acre farm, raising six adopted children and 400 foster children, Marie Franklin has been a bus driver for Alcona Community Schools for 26 years. Something she enjoys and will continue to do. "I made sure they went to school every day and that they came home," Marie said as she talked about her bus

driving career. "The social workers and juvenile officers and judges were terrific over the years. And, Alcona Community Schools - the administration and teachers especially - were wonderful. They took all of my kids." Both Marie and Robert developed close bonds with the children who stayed with them. They often have foster children, who are now adults, show up at their farm or call to say "thank you" for their love and kindness. The Franklins also keep in close contact with several of former foster children, who now have children of their own. "We get calls from all over the country - Georgia, Florida, California," Marie said. "You hope that they learn something (while they stay) and that it sticks with them. If we are able to accomplish one little thing - then we've done our job."

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# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Butter prints

It isn't easy to recognize this wood piece with a deeply carved design. Unlike today's familiar decorating stamping tools, it wasn't pressed into ink and used to print on fabric or paper; it is a butter print.

Nineteenth-century farm families made their own butter, shaped it in molds, and pressed designs into it with handcarved butter stamps or prints. If the butter was sold at a market, printed designs would appeal to customers and identify the maker. Designs with symmetrical, repeating or divided elements may have helped divide the butter into portions. Some butter prints had handles or were attached to a butter mold.

This oval print with a flower-and-heart design and notched border sold for \$5,015 at Conestoga Auction Co. It was made in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the 19th century.

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Q: In the 1950s or '60s, my mother had a Barbie doll that wasn't like any I have seen since. It had painted brown hair with a painted blue headband, and it came with three wigs: long and dark brown, curly and reddish-brown, and short and blond. I have seen a lot of Barbies at auctions but not one with wigs like this. Is this one rare?

A: Your mother's doll sounds like the Fashion Queen Barbie doll, introduced in 1963. This doll had a molded head with brown hair and a blue headband and non-bending legs. It was dressed in a one-piece swimsuit with white and gold stripes, a matching turban and white open-toe shoes. It was sold with three wigs: one blond, one brunette, and one titian (the term used for red-brown Barbie hair). It was marked "Midge T. M. [copyright] 1962 Barbie [registered] [copyright] 1958 by Mattel, Inc." The 1964 edition had "Patented" added to the mark. Mattel also made



Butter prints like this one pressed a design into freshly made butter as a decoration or for marketing. Today, collectors search for antique butter prints and consider them folk art.

Barbie "wig wardrobes" in the 1960s, which were sold with a doll head, not a complete doll. Fashion Queen Barbies without the wigs or box have sold for less than \$100 at recent auctions. A doll with all three wigs and the original outfit and box can sell for \$100 to \$400.

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TIP: Put a silver spoon in a glass before pouring in hot water. It will absorb heat and keep the glass from cracking.

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Textile, United States flag, 35 stars, coarse linen, hand sewn, double-applique stars, two brass grommets, c. 1863, 52 x 91 inches, \$2,600.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit [www.Kovels.com](http://www.Kovels.com)

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## Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

### Fraud and theft

Not all the thefts and fraud the Office of Inspector General uncovers runs into the millions. But a stolen dollar is a stolen dollar, and the Department of Veterans Affairs OIG will go after it, no matter the size.

Take the perp who stole used precious metals that were supposed to be recycled. This dental tech at a VA facility nabbed the metals and sold them to a third party. He could get 10 years in prison and a possible fine of \$250,000 ... all for the \$17,000 he made passing along stolen metals.

Then there were the 44 doctors, who should have known better, who have to pay back \$5.7 million that they netted from a fraudulent self-referral program. The eye and ear clinic broke the law that bars them from referring patients to facilities where they have a vested interest and financial relationship. It's called the Stark Act, and it keeps physicians from sending their patients to places where they know they'll get a monetary return, instead of caring more about the patients' actual health.

Then there was the couple who, for seven years, submitted over 100 fictitious applications claiming that their company was providing services to veterans in need of aid and attendance. Aid and attendance is giving assistance to homebound veterans who need help with everyday basic functions, like eating, bathing and taking medications.

This couple hunted up veterans and surviving spouses and got the needed information, like DD-214s, bank docs and others. Over 70 veterans were approved for funds, and the couple took over \$2 million while the veterans themselves got only a portion of that. The couple could get a max of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine ... each. As of this writing, their company web information still pushes the aid and attendance angle and describes how they will submit all the documents to the VA.

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## Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• Save the rubber bands from broccoli. You can put them around the body of a drinking glass so that it will be less slippery as it condenses.

• "I save the wrappers from my unsalted butter sticks in a baggie in my refrigerator. I

use them to grease a pan when baking." -- M.M. in Wisconsin

• Corn is best cooked within a day or two of being picked, so farm-stand corn is the best. Add a little bit of milk to the cooking water, and it will bring out the natural sweetness.

• Cherries are in season! Much like strawberries, they need to be kept refrigerated but taste best at room temperature. Before eating your cherries, let them sit out for about a half-hour.

• Mmmmm. Dried lentils don't need to be soaked prior to cooking like other dried beans. And they're packed with protein.

• "If you lose a contact lens and can't find it right off, try turning out the lights and shine a flashlight across the ground. The lens might reflect the light and cause a flash. That will make it easier to find." -- T.L. in Texas

• Use the measuring cups when adding detergent to the washer. It avoids using too much, which can get costly. And it will avoid residual soap left in the fabric.

• If you use air-conditioning, use a programmable thermostat. You can set it to a higher temperature over-

night, when it's naturally cooler, and have it cool down the house right about the time you'll get home, so there's no wasted energy cooling a house with no one in it.

• When putting woody-stem flowers, such as roses, in a vase, cut the stem diagonally and whack with a small mallet. It will absorb water much better this way. -- A.R. in Mississippi

• Save small milk cartons and wash well. Fill with water and freeze. You can use these in your picnic basket for an easy cold pack to keep foods chilled.

• Too many suds in the sink? Try sprinkling them with salt. The foam will settle down quickly!

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## Spots Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Australian basketball player scored a WNBA-record 53 points in a July 2018 game?
2. What European country hosts the annual Algarve Cup invitational women's soccer tournament?
3. R. Norris Williams, a two-time U.S. Open tennis singles champion, survived what 1912 disaster?
4. What UCLA Bruins running back was selected in the first round of the 1988 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams?
5. Fast-food magnate Ray Croc purchased what Major League Baseball team in 1974?
6. What multi-sport event, featuring sports disciplines that are not in the Olympic Games, was first held in Santa Clara, California, in 1981?
7. The "keystone combination" is a baseball term for a play involving what two positions?

Answers: 1. Liz Cambage.; 2. Portugal.; 3. The sinking of the RMS Titanic.; 4. Gaston Green.; 5. The San Diego Padres.; 6. The World Games.; 7. The shortstop and second baseman. (c) 2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the tallest building in the world?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does HTTP stand for in a website address?
3. **LITERATURE:** Which kind of animals are featured in the novel "Watership Down"?
4. **HISTORY:** When was the first iPhone released?
5. **MOVIES:** What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?
6. **GAMES:** What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?
7. **ASTRONOMY:** How many planets in our solar system have moons?
8. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was licensed as a bartender?
9. **MEDICAL:** What is a more common term for somniloquy?
10. **TELEVISION:** How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?

**Answers:** 1. Burj Khalifa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.; 2. HyperText Transfer Protocol.; 3. Rabbits.; 4. 2007.; 5. Clownfish.; 6. Rainbow Road.; 7. Six of the eight planets.; 8. Abraham Lincoln.; 9. Talking in your sleep.; 10. Seven (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Dryer's partner</p> <p>7 Neither-here-nor-there states</p> <p>13 Not straying off topic</p> <p>20 Get in the way of</p> <p>21 "You may relax, soldier"</p> <p>22 One looking something over</p> <p>23 "The Delta Force" actor Chuck</p> <p>24 Question after a chat interruption</p> <p>26 Latched on firmly</p> <p>28 Space balls</p> <p>29 San Luis —, California</p> <p>30 Mount, as a jewel</p> <p>31 "Diane" star Turner</p> <p>32 "Carrie" star Spacek</p> <p>35 Mutineers</p> <p>37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel</p> <p>39 Chou En- —</p> <p>40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"</p> | <p>41 Lax in duty</p> <p>44 British remake of "That '70s Show"</p> <p>50 Say for sure</p> <p>51 Trepidation</p> <p>53 Fathered, as a horse</p> <p>54 Start of many rapper names</p> <p>55 Realities that are tough to face</p> <p>58 "E-e-ew!"</p> <p>59 Vodka brand, informally</p> <p>61 Reply to "You are not!"</p> <p>62 Fulfill, as standards</p> <p>65 Wiseacre</p> <p>69 River to the Rhine</p> <p>70 Hint at</p> <p>71 "That's impossible!"</p> <p>74 Reagan adviser Edwin</p> <p>76 Flooring units</p> <p>77 "... bug — feature?"</p> <p>78 Identity before turning over a new leaf</p> <p>83 City in Oklahoma</p> <p>84 Trig function</p> | <p>86 Away from the wind, nautically</p> <p>87 Non-iron club</p> <p>88 Revealing interference with the contents, as a package</p> <p>92 Key related to D major</p> <p>94 Saharan</p> <p>95 Oct.-Dec. link</p> <p>96 Creek, e.g.</p> <p>99 Garbage collectors</p> <p>102 Very easy thing</p> <p>104 "Back in Black" band</p> <p>105 Italian monk's title</p> <p>108 Runner Sebastian</p> <p>109 Really eager</p> <p>111 With</p> <p>114-Across, source of the phrase formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle</p> <p>114 See</p> <p>111-Across</p> <p>118 Is identical to</p> <p>119 Famed French mime</p> <p>120 Interfere</p> <p>121 Nuanced</p> | <p>122 Places in categories</p> <p>123 Flip one's lid</p> <p>124 Plant with prickly leaves</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Hot bar food</p> <p>2 Roman love</p> <p>3 Fat avoider Jack</p> <p>4 Sage, e.g.</p> <p>5 Items of food</p> <p>6 Closes tightly again</p> <p>7 Suburb of D.C. in Maryland</p> <p>8 "Am — late?"</p> <p>9 Cries weakly</p> <p>10 In a ribald way</p> <p>11 —Kosh</p> <p>12 B'gosh</p> <p>13 Notice</p> <p>13 Phone button abbr.</p> <p>14 Novel kind</p> <p>15 Not absent</p> <p>16 "— Gang"</p> <p>17 River to the Rhone</p> <p>18 Stairway post</p> <p>19 Low cards</p> <p>25 Banjoist Clark</p> <p>27 Genetic helix</p> <p>33 More cheeky</p> <p>34 Stuff in sand</p> <p>36 "Humbug!"</p> | <p>37 Avian creature</p> <p>38 Boise's home</p> <p>40 1960s Jaguar model</p> <p>41 Team booster</p> <p>42 Actress Longoria</p> <p>43 Sea, to Gigi</p> <p>45 "— longa ..."</p> <p>46 Vexes</p> <p>47 Flee to wed</p> <p>48 Sediments</p> <p>49 Writer T.S.</p> <p>51 Showed rage</p> <p>52 UFO fliers</p> <p>56 "— Andronicus" (Shakespeare play)</p> <p>57 Locomotive supporter</p> <p>59 Singer Bob</p> <p>60 Yank</p> <p>62 Actress West</p> <p>63 "I'm here to help"</p> <p>64 Bit of artifice</p> <p>65 Join, as a table</p> <p>66 Peak in W. Turkey</p> <p>67 Happy as —</p> <p>68 Fish eggs</p> <p>69 Run out on</p> <p>72 Tube lover's punishment</p> <p>73 57-Down vehicles</p> <p>74 De-feathers</p> <p>75 Prior to, poetically</p> | <p>78 Team booster</p> <p>79 Exercise in a pool</p> <p>80 Long time</p> <p>81 Leicester lav</p> <p>82 WWII prez</p> <p>84 Recoil from</p> <p>85 Multivolume</p> <p>89 Asian Brit. lexicon</p> <p>89 Dawber of "Mork &amp; Mindy"</p> <p>90 Amazon Kindle, e.g.</p> <p>91 Dodgers</p> <p>92 Recuperation by lying down</p> <p>93 Asian monkey</p> <p>97 Natural gift</p> <p>98 Rival of Sony</p> <p>99 In — (not just sleeping)</p> <p>100 Big couches</p> <p>101 Many future kings</p> <p>102 Long time</p> <p>103 Tubular pasta</p> <p>105 Edicts</p> <p>106 Esther of "Good Times"</p> <p>107 Photographer Adams</p> <p>110 Creative work</p> <p>112 Cl doubled</p> <p>113 Big brass instrument</p> <p>115 Sarge, e.g.</p> <p>116 Sports org. with skaters</p> <p>117 Scooby- —</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On July 10, 2011, the British newspaper News of the World published its final edition after 168 years in print, when owner Rupert Murdoch received a high amount of criticism following accusations against his staff that complained of phone hacking and bribing police to obtain the paper's stories.
  - On July 11, 1977, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by Jimmy Carter, who called King "the conscience of a generation" who "made our nation stronger because he made it better."
  - On July 12, 1957, Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first sitting American president to opt for flying in a helicopter over using a motorcade to get to his destination (in this case, Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland).
  - On July 13, 1930, France defeated Mexico 4-1 and the United States defeated Belgium 3-0 in the first-ever World Cup football matches, played simultaneously in host city Montevideo, Uruguay. The World Cup has since become the world's most watched sporting event.
  - On July 14, 1882, gunfighter John Ringo was found dead in Turkey Creek Canyon, Arizona. Romanticized as a supposedly Shakespeare-quoting fellow of honor and courage whose wit was as quick as his gun, Ringo was not formally educated and came from a struggling, working-class Indiana family, but cultivated the image of a refined gentleman.
  - On July 15, 1986, Columbia Records dropped Johnny Cash from its roster after a 26-year partnership, due to changing tastes in country music and declining album sales. At the time, Cash hadn't made it into the Top 10 with a single since releasing "The Baron" in 1981.
  - On July 16, 2007, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 struck central Japan, killing nine people and damaging hundreds of homes, as well as one of the world's largest nuclear power plants, which had a small electrical fire and leaked of radioactive air and water into the environment. The incident prompted increased safety in power plants over concern of a repeated scare.
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The largest volcano in the solar system is Olympus Mons, on Mars, standing at an impressive 13.6 miles high with a diameter of approximately 370 miles. That's nearly three times the height of Mt. Everest.
- During World War II, a U.S. naval destroyer won a battle against a Japanese submarine by throwing -- wait for it -- potatoes at them. The Japanese thought they were grenades.
- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.
- Gennaro Pelliccia, a taster for Costa Coffee, had his tongue insured for \$22 million.
- The rotund Buddha so commonly depicted in statues and pictures isn't at all an accurate representation. Instead, his real-life counterpart was actually quite thin, due to self-deprivation.
- GPS may be free to use, but it still costs \$2 million per day to operate. The funds are supplied by American tax revenue.
- One of the World Trade Center towers was purposely built to a height of 1,776 feet to reference the year the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- Want to generate electricity from mud? Crazy as the concept may sound, it is indeed possible, thanks to geobacter sulfurreducens, which belongs to a group of organisms known as electrogenic bacteria that are able to transfer electrons from organic matter to metals or other conductive materials.
- According to a study done by French researchers, if you listen to loud music, you are more likely to drink more in less time.

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Thought for the Day: "Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark." -- Rabindranath Tagore

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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: **Q** equals **R**

RY SIUGLIQO, N'U YJXXIYGT HI  
 QGRT HSNY MIIO ME LQNHGQ  
 TRSZ NA IAG TRE.  
 HNUG HI SNH HSG QIRZT!

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# Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazotta

## Cat reacts to thunderstorms poorly

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Yesterday, we had a pretty big thunderstorm roll through. My 8-year-old cat, Sphinx, is normally never afraid of anything. But for the first time, he hid underneath the sofa, and even after the storm passed he stayed underneath the coffee table and wouldn't come out. Why would he suddenly be afraid when he wasn't before? -- Claire A., Utica, New York

DEAR CLAIRE: A sudden change in behavior may warrant a trip to the veterinarian. This can rule out any physical causes for the change in behavior, such as a silent infection or a chronic condition.

Cats may seem aloof and resilient to us, but they are actually creatures of habit -- much more so than dogs, who thrive on applied structure, like walks at the same time each day. Cats develop their own daily routine: when they eat and drink, when they "patrol" the house, where they sleep at different times of the day.

Any change in that routine can be very upsetting to them, but most still won't let you know it. (Some will -- they might turn their back on you, meow incessantly, or even, when deeply aggrieved, leave a special present right where you can find it.)

Observe Sphinx as much as you can, and think about any changes to the home. Did you recently rearrange furniture or install new flooring? Did a family member leave or did a new person move in?

To reduce his anxiety, spend more time playing with Sphinx. When a storm rolls in, place one of your favorite old shirts next to him wherever he is hiding. Speak to him calmly during the storm. If his anxiety doesn't improve, or begins to get worse, talk to his veterinarian about temporarily giving him anti-anxiety medication.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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# To Your Good Health

By Dr. Keith Roach

## High blood pressure readings call for additional medication

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 68-year-old female who was diagnosed with high blood pressure at 32. I am 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weigh 130 pounds. I've been taking 240 mg of verapamil for all of these years.

A few years back, my medication started coming in 120-mg dosages, so I started taking one in the morning and one at night. My blood pressure both at home and at the doctor's office is often higher than I think it should be, averaging 138/88.

Recently, I used a 24-hour blood pressure monitor, which showed that more than 50% of my daytime readings were above 140/90, while my nighttime readings averaged 118/82. I am still waiting to hear back from my doctor regarding the results of this test, but I wanted to get your thoughts. Should I be on some other type of medication? Should I alter the timing to get better daytime readings?

-- E.T.

ANSWER: In my opinion, these readings are not ideal. Twenty-four-hour, ambulatory blood pressure readings are usually 5 to 10 points lower than office blood pressure readings, so your average daytime readings are correspondingly higher.

There is strong evidence that in people at high risk for heart attack (such as those who are already known to have blockages), controlling blood pressure to an average of less than 120 systolic (the first or top number) and less than 70 diastolic (the second or bottom number) reduces risk. It's not as clear for people who are at a lower risk, such as people who have high blood pressure without any additional risks.

In my own practice, however, I will usually try to get my patients close to those optimal numbers, as long as the medication does not cause side effects. In a situation

like yours, I would consider additional daytime medicine. More verapamil might be reasonable, but many doctors might use a different medication, such as a diuretic, in the morning to try to get the optimal blood pressure with less risk of side effects.

Very often, the choice of blood pressure medication depends on any other medical issues a person may have. Only your doctor knows enough about your medical condition to make a personalized recommendation.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).

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 Decedent's Estate

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 Court telephone No.  
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 Date of birth: April 20, 1932  
 To all creditors:  
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 David H. Cook, P40560  
 Attorney  
 5466 M-72  
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
 (989) 724-5155  
 Barbara Foerster  
 Personal representative  
 4307 Howe Road  
 Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439  
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# Real Estate Guide

## The benefits of energy-efficient homes

Consumer efforts to be more eco-conscious are more and more noticeable. For proof of that, one need look no further than the increase in vehicle charging stations. Such stations are more accessible than ever and illustrate that consumer preference is increasingly leaning toward products that leave as small a carbon footprint as possible.

Another indicator of a growing interest in eco-friendly products is the popularity in energy-efficient homes. In fact, a recent survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that energy-efficient features are among the most sought-after "must-haves" among homebuyers. Among those surveyed, 83 percent desired Energy Star-rated windows, 81 percent wanted Energy Star-rated appliances and 80 percent preferred

energy-efficient lighting.

Though eco-conscious sensibilities compel millions of homeowners to make their homes more energy-efficient, that's not the only reason to upgrade your home. The following are a handful of the many benefits of energy-efficient homes.

- **Save money:** Inflation was one of the biggest stories of 2022, as the cost of living rose dramatically in the wake of world events. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation led to an overall 6.5 percent increase in prices. But that increase was dwarfed by the cost of electricity, which increased by 14.3 percent in 2022. Energy-efficient appliances can help homeowners overcome that spike, as the U.S. Department of Energy indicates upgrading to such products can help

homeowners reduce their energy costs by as much as 30 percent.

- **Improve resale value:** As the NAHB survey indicates, modern homebuyers want energy-efficient homes. They're also willing to pay more for such homes. Research from the mortgage lender Freddie Mac found that homes with energy-efficient ratings sold for nearly 3 percent more on average than homes without such ratings.

- **Live healthier:** The benefits of energy-efficient homes aren't just economic, though health-related benefits certainly produce an economic incentive as well. According to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, insulation and air sealing protect individuals from heat waves and other ripple effects of climate change. The ACEEE notes that weatherization can improve indoor air quality and comfort, a notable benefit for asthma sufferers and seniors. In fact, the ACEEE estimates that integrating energy efficiency programs in homes could reduce seniors' risk for falls in their homes, potentially saving \$2 billion in fall-related health care costs over the next decade, and improve asthma outcomes, which could reduce health care costs by as much as half a billion dollars.

Energy-efficient products and practices pay numerous dividends, making them a worthy expenditure for any homeowners looking to upgrade their homes. TF235945

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**1971 McGregor Road, Lincoln**



80 Acre Farm! Two bedroom 1 bath home with basement. A little bit of love this would be a nice home. attached 24x24 garage. 80 acres is half wooded half open field, the field is currently being leased out to a local farmer. Apple orchard, great hunting in this area! **\$300,000**  
**401 N Poor Farm Road, Harrisville**



Absolutely amazing 80 Acre property with a large pond. Three bedroom all with large closets. One bath home on a basement. Generac whole house generator. 32x34 detached garage with woodshop quarters in the back. large 36x60 pole barn to the north of the house. To the west of house is a old grainary barn, also to the west is a large older barn. The property is apprx 50/50 split of woods and field, currently a local farmer is growing hay, he will have the right to remove his hay when its ready. This property is prime location for wildlife. **\$425,000**

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