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Light sets the mood: Michigan is becoming a stargazing destination

By Kelsey Lester
Capital News Service

As the Great Lakes region becomes more aware of dark skies and light pollution, efforts are underway in Michigan to reduce nighttime non-natural lighting.

Although Michigan has no state laws in place to reduce light pollution — alongside 30 other states with no such laws — the number of dark sky protected areas is growing.

Many parks are paying special attention to this trend because of a growing form of tourism: stargazing. And many are coming from across the country to see how Michigan's glassy waters reflect the night sky.

Mary Adams, a star lore historian from Ann Arbor, Mich., said that it "sets the mood." "These large bodies of water are like mirrors, reflecting the sky and environment. So it's quite a poetic and natural expression of something in the world," she said.

"This is the largest collection of freshwater in the world that is continually reflecting the sky. I think we ought to pay attention to that," Adams said.

Six state parks are considered dark sky preserves, and an additional three are certified as international dark sky parks by Dark Sky International — an organization devoted to advocacy and conservation.

The six preserves are Lake Hudson Recreation Area in Lenawee County; Negwegon State Park in Alcona County; Port Crescent State Park in Huron County; Rockport Recreation Area in Presque Isle County, Thompson's Harbor State Park in Presque Isle County; and Wilderness State

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Veteran Eileen Oposnow (left) is all smiles as Alcona County Veterans Affairs service officer, Tony Atkinson, lifts the first shovel of dirt from the site of the new building in the Village of Lincoln. Also present for the event were a few dozen citizens and dignitaries who worked hard to accomplish the groundbreaking including (from left) Dennis Kruttlin, president, Village of Lincoln Downtown Development; Marsha Mahalak, village treasurer and zoning administrator; Craig Johnston, county commissioner; James Pangonis, Alcona County VA vice chairman (holding the United States flag); Sheila Phillips, president, Village of Lincoln; and Patrick Smylie, chairman, Alcona County VA board. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Alcona veteran receives Honor Flight to DC

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, a regional hub of the Honor Flight Network, recently awarded a free trip to Washington D.C. for a local distinguished and decorated veteran.

John Baker of Mikado, a recipient of three Purple Hearts, who survives daily with the effects of Agent Orange was recently awarded the flight.

The Honor Flight Network exists because while veterans sacrificed greatly for their country, most have never seen the memorials erected for them.

Most people cannot comprehend the tragedy of war unless they have lived through it, boots on the ground, weapons ready with bombs exploding around them in a war-torn country far from home. Only veterans

of war can attest to it — and the memory of war is nearly impossible to erase.

Baker, who would never call himself a hero, knows the sacrifices of war. In 1969 at the age of 18, he was deployed to Vietnam where he drove an armored personnel carrier (apc) for reconnaissance in the US Army.

His first purple heart was received after his apc hit a mine and blew the tank up. His second was for wounds received when he was in an apc in a rice patty and the enemy shot the fuel tank with a rocket-propelled grenade. He caught shrapnel and suffered a concussion. The third Purple Heart was awarded after an ambush.

"The enemy shot a rocket. It hit the side of the tank and blew me on top of it. I was just hanging there. It messed up

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Thomas Baker and his dad, decorated veteran John Baker at the Washington Monument. *Courtesy photo.*



God Bless America



Obituaries



John R. "Jack" Foster

John R. "Jack" Foster, 84, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at home.

He was born March 27, 1939, to Ward and Velma (Walker) Foster. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959.

On September 5, 1981, he married Gloria Caruthers.

Mr. Foster worked as a lineman with Consumers Power and served as the mayor of Harrisville for one term.

He was a member of the Harrisville Goodfellows and the Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department for more than 40 years.

He was an avid bowler and was known for his green thumb. He loved growing things and working in his garden.

Mr. Foster is survived by his wife, Gloria; one son, Robert Foster of Pensacola, Fla.; one daughter, Kathryn (Fred Bishop) Angles of Brooklyn, Mich.; two step children, Shannon (Phil Golke) Pemble of Charlevoix, Mich. and Douglas (Corina) Powell of Savannah, Ga.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one brother, Raymond (Virginia) Foster of Augusta, Mich.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the Harrisville Goodfellows, in care of: 2079 E. F-30, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

Nona L. Trigger, 93, of Hubbard Lake, died on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, at Besser Senior Living in Alpena.

She was born July 12, 1930, to Benjamin A. and Gladys A. (Meinzinger) Lamerand in Dearborn, Mich., where she was raised. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1948.

On August 6, 1949, she married Richard Anderson in Canton Township, Mich. They were residents of Plymouth, Mich.

Mrs. Trigger worked as a secretary for Plymouth Schools for 12 years. She moved to Spruce in 1970, where she worked as a clerk for the Spruce Post Office, and eventually became postmaster. She retired prior to her husband's death in 1992.

On December 29, 2001, she married Earl Trigger in Spruce.

Nona L. Trigger

She loved gardening and tending to her flowers. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed crochet, especially dishcloths. She was a very social woman, known for her style and love of life.

Mrs. Trigger is survived by three daughters, Chris Vadnais, Lenore Blanton and Kathy (Kim) Leaym; four grandchildren, Kimberly (Mike) McDade, Sam Blanton, Jessica (Nick) Myers, and Nicole Leaym; four great-grandchildren, Lily McDade, Benjamin Myers, Faith Myers, and Liam Myers; and two sisters, Janet Spencer and Cindy (Dick) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, on December 26, 1992; her husband, Earl, on November 28, 2014; two sons-in-law, Al Vadnais and Sanford "Walt" Blanton; and one brother, Ronald Lamerand.



A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 30. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. until the service at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Trigger's family suggested planting a tree in her honor, or make a donation to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48740.

Correspondence

To the Editor,
As a resident of the great, peaceful village of Greenbush, Mich., I would like to welcome our new great Greenbush Market owners, replacing my dear friend, Faye, who is deeply missed.
We now have the good luck of having two great markets – both with very kind, consid-

erate owners. I have had the blessing of meeting the owners of the Greenbush Market and have known Scottie at the Cedar Lake Market for over 20 years!
So, let's all welcome the new owners to our peaceful home town.
L. Abigail Jesiek
Greenbush

Barbara Ann (Adams) Merkel

May 1936 - September 2023

Barbara died peacefully at home surrounded by family.

Barbara was born in Taawas in May 1936. Barbara was an only child and was lovingly raised by her grandparents, Ethel and Eugene Adams. She was also surrounded by aunts and uncles who loved her dearly.

On March 7, 1953, Barbara married the love of her life, John (Jack) Merkel. On March 7, 2023 John and Barb celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2023.

Barbara spent many years at home raising her children. She then went on to work in the healthcare field for many years. Barbara had a beautiful smile

and was well known for her kind and loving heart.

Together they had four children, Christy Merkel, Dorey (Mike) Osbun, Jerry (Robin) Merkel, and Fonda (Brian) Brice. Family also includes nine grandchildren, Donica Spence, Mike Osbun, Matt Osbun, Noel Shihadeh, Tarick Shihadeh, Joe Merkel, Jake (Callie) Merkel, Garrett (Ashley) Brice, and Brett (Gabrielle) Brice. Followed by 12 great-grandchildren, Jordan (Tessa) Osbun, Jaylynn and Jax Spence, Degan and Addison Merkel, Rose and Leo Merkel, Landon, Norah and Sadie Brice, Ellie and Miles Brice; and two great-great-grandchildren, Avery Rose and Hudson Leo Osbun.

Barbara is survived by her in-laws, Mary Swartz, Ron



(Yvonne) Merkel, Karen Merkel, David (Donna) Frayer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a few very dear friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her in-laws, Elihu Swartz, Richard (Ann) Merkel, and Una (Mike) Mikazes.

Per Barbara's request, no service or memorial is planned.

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Timothy J. London

Timothy James London, born October 4, 1950, in Lincoln, left his earthly body on August 7, 2023, with his family and beloved wife, Marhea, by his side.

Tim was the oldest child of Jack and Marget (Ford) and was the big brother to Mike (Debbie) London, Steve (Bobbie) London, and Tracy (Bernard) London. Tim was preceded in death by both his parents, along with his sister, Bev Post, and his brother, Dave London.

Tim married Anna Marhea on February 27, 1981, and remained by her side until his passing. Tim and Marhea raised their blended family together while Tim served this country for 27 years in the U.S. Army until his retirement in June of 1994.

Tim leaves behind not only his wife of 41 years, along with their children,

Justin (Lori) London, Jason (Melinda) London and Kala London.

As a proud father of his children Tim was an amazing and prouder Papa to Ashley (Derek) Shetler, Andrew (Sara) Ziel, Amber (RC) Wise, Mackenzie, Katarina, Zoe, Jack, James, and Sarah. Tim was also blessed with several great-grandchildren, Asa, Luka, Julian, Ellen, and baby girl, Ziel, due later this year.

As a veteran to our country Tim served two tours in Vietnam from 1968-69. He re-entered the military in 1973 to continue his service to our country. Tim traveled the world serving this country after Vietnam as a paratrooper and communication specialist.

While protecting our country took Tim away from his family many days, he always made sure they knew he was leaving and never forgot to



tell his wife "remember to take out the trash." In lieu of a funeral Tim had requested not sorrow but a celebration of life, which took place on September 16 at the Mikado Civic Center. To sign online guestbook, visit www.cremationsociety-midmi.com. Arrangements made with Cremation Society of Mid Michigan.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register and for details.

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry for Alcona County residents will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building in Lincoln (near the AAA Credit Union) until the food is gone.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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, SEPTEMBER 22

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

State Rep Cam Cavit will be available to talk with constituents in person at TackleLand, 200 N. State Street (US-23), Harrisville, from noon to 1 p.m. No appointments are necessary to attend. Those who are not able but would like to share their thoughts with him may call his Lansing office at (517) 373-0833.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addition 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Discover a world of imagination, where heroes are born, and legends unfold in the lounge of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. for the new Dungeons and Dragons Club. For more details call, (989) 724-6796.

Traditional baseball returns to Harrisville. Join friends and neighbors at 1 p.m. at the north end of Lake Street in Harrisville for the Friends of Cuyler Park Old Timers Game.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues

will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register and for details.

The Craftmakers' Cabin will hold its fall meeting at the Harrisville Harbor Community Room, 1 East Harbor Lane, Harrisville (at the Harrisville Harbor). All interested artists and crafters are welcome. Call (734) 904-0108 for more information.

Michigan's geological diversity has gifted the state with a rich array of gemstones, each with its own unique story and allure. Jordan and Zara Pride will delve into the captivating world of Michigan gemstones and the phenomenon of Yooperlites at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5:30 p.m.

Super Bingo will be held at the Mikado Civic Center. Doors open at 4 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds go to charity. Hosted by the Mikado Goodfellows.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Ukulele practice for confident beginners is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The ability to read music is not required. Confident beginners will know several chords and are eager to become familiar with playing in a group. Call (989) 724-6796 for information.

All seniors are welcome to play Euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A Pop-up Pantry will be put on by the Sunrise Community Food Pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients are to stay in their vehicle, bring boxes, and make space for the items. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register and for details.

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.

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Harrisville State Park held its 14th annual Hunter's and International Bow Education program the weekend of September 9 and 10.

A big thank you to all who donated, volunteered or helped out:

- Alcona Sheriff's Office
- Glennie Sportsman's Club, Glennie
- Haglund's All Outdoors, Harrisville, Oscoda & Alpena
- Hall's Serv-All, Posen
- Iosco Sportsman's Club, East Tawas
- Jay's Sporting Goods, Gaylord
- Kentucky Fried Chicken, Oscoda
- Klenow's Market, East Tawas
- Lincoln Outdoor Center, Inc., Lincoln
- McCardel Culligan, Alpena
- Northeastern Window and Door, Harrisville and Alpena
- St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville
- Standard Provision, Alpena
- Sunrise Firearms and Tactical Equipment, Harrisville
- Walmart, Alpena
- Will Brothers Restoration, Ossineke
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- C.O. Jesse Grechowski
- C.O. Johathan Warner
- C.O. Tyler Sabuda
- Dale Willett
- Dave Dekett
- Jack and Nancy Lindell
- Mickey Higgins
- Nathanael W. Leeseberg
- Paul Hegwood
- Paul Fink
- Randy Thompson
- Sam Johnson
- Harrisville State Park staff

Without this help, the two-day event wouldn't have been such a huge success to reach out to our community and youth. We certified 27 participants in Hunter's and International Bow Education. Hunting is a great family sport and thanks to the instructors and volunteers, many more individuals will be able to take advantage of the great outdoors!

Academic Recognition

An Alcona High School senior earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance.

Carter Upper earned national recognition in the rural and small town category for his academic performance. Upper is a 4.0 student, vice president of the National Honor Society and is a dual enrolled college student in the Alcona Community Schools Early College Program. He is active on the varsity soccer (captain), cross county, basketball, and track teams, and he is captain of the Knowledge Bowl team.



Carter Upper

"We're thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they've been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on college board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and AP® exams," said superintendent Dan O'Connor. "There's so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this

honor reinforces this as an asset for their future. Carter embodies our eight traits of a graduate and our school motto of excellence today... success tomorrow. We are excited to recognize his outstanding academics at a Board of Education meeting this fall."

Planning Future Housing

A Virtual Town Hall event is planned where community members are encouraged to ask questions, and share concerns, and ideas about the Regional Housing Plan that is being developed for northeast Michigan. The Regional Housing Plan is a comprehensive strategy aimed at addressing community housing needs, and individual input is crucial to its success. During this one-hour Virtual Town Hall, participants have the opportunity to engage with a panel of experts and stakeholders who will discuss various aspects of the plan, its goals, strategies, and potential impacts.

It will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. in a virtual forum where access details are provided upon registration.

This event is an opportunity for residents, community leaders, and stakeholders to come together and contribute to the ongoing dialogue about housing in the region. To participate, register by Monday, Sept. 25 at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Jz-QzogYzR5OUyNcWFar98A.

Another opportunity to be involved is by completing the regional survey Participation is easy and can be done from home. Visit the survey link: Community Engagement Survey <https://alpenachamber.com/nemha/> and com-

plete the questionnaire. The deadline is Saturday, Sept. 30.

No Excuse for Elder Abuse

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member, friend or caregiver. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological, or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect. According to the State of Michigan, Aging and Adult Services Agency, it is estimated that more than 73,000 of the state's older adults are victims of abuse annually.

This year Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is hosting an Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention Conference on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Gaylord Eagles Club to raise awareness about elder abuse.

It is important to raise awareness about elder abuse as it can be experienced by an older person, no matter race, gender, or socioeconomic status. This is a social issue which affects the health, well-being, independence, and human rights of older people around local communities.

Older people can reduce the risk of elder abuse by making sure their financial, medical, legal and other affairs are clearly stated and recorded. Older people must also be empowered to recognize the signs of elder abuse and encouraged to state when they are not comfortable with an arrangement.

For more about the Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention Conference, contact Maija Aikens at (989) 358-4630, or aikensm@nemcsa.org or visit the website at nemcsa.org.

City of Harrisville Public Hearing Notice

City of Harrisville -Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to recommend adoption of a zoning ordinance amendments to the City Council. The public hearing will be held at 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan, 49740. The full text of the amendments is available at the Harrisville City offices at the above address during regular City Hall hours or online at <https://harrisvillemi.org/>. Written comments may be sent to the above address prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The proposed amendments modify the City of Harrisville Zoning "Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.1 (Definitions) to include the definition of Marijuana Delivery Services.

Amend Section 4.0 (Use Matrix -Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses/ "Accommodation and Food Service) to allow restaurant drive-through service in the CBD and MU zones.

Amend Section 7.22 (Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver Facilities, Commercial Medical "Marijuana Facilities and Marijuana Establishments) as follows:

Part E, item 1e; increase the preservation of security recordings and documentation from 48- hours to 30-days.

Part E, item 2a; modify the hours of operation for provisioning centers from 8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m., to 8:00 -9:00 p.m.

Part E, Item 2c; remove the restriction on provisioning centers that prevents walk up or drive "through windows.

Part E, Item 2c (new); allow provisioning centers to provide curbside service.

Part E, Item 2d (new); allow provisioning centers to provide drive-through service.

Part E, Item 2e (new); allow provisioning centers to provide marijuana home delivery services to residential addresses and designated consumption establishments.

Springport's Top Ten Champions



Louise Godbout of Mikado was the women's Top Ten Champion at Springport Hills Golf Course this season and Terry Bush of Oscoda was the men's Top Ten winner. *Courtesy photos.*

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Alcona Tigers bounce back by trouncing Hillman

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

A week after suffering its first loss of the season, the Alcona varsity football team bounced back in a big way last Friday.

The Tigers traveled to Hillman for a North Star League crossover battle and came away with a 56-0 victory.

"The guys came out and played well, which is a great thing to see after a loss," said head coach Jason Somers.

Alcona found the end zone three times in the opening quarter, leading 24-0 after one. By the half that swelled to 40-0 and it was 48-0 entering the fourth quarter.

"What stood out was the fact that all of our players saw significant time on the field and the scoring came from multiple sources," Somers said. "The following players scored points in the victory: Garrett Somers, Jeremiah Bullis, William Liebler, Collin Walker, Ricky Schott, Evan Woods, and Jacob Rechenski. I think this shows the growth of the team and how everyone matters on this team. I can't speak highly enough about how everyone on this team contributed Friday."

Somers finished four-of-six passing for 117 yards and three touchdowns. Bullis had two receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns. Collin Walker had two receptions for 36 yards and a touchdown and he also had six carries for 24 yards.

On defense Evan Borsvold



Alcona Tigers Zean Monnier (58) and William O'Neill (99) tackle a Mio ball carrier in an earlier game this season. Photo by Ben Murphy.

had 12 tackles and one sack and William O'Neill had 10 tackles, two of which were for loss.

Alcona (3-1 overall) returns to NSL Big Dipper action on Friday, Sept. 22 when they host the Patriots of Charlton Heston Academy (0-4), which

lost last week to Posen 64-6 and have the longest losing streak in the state at 41 games. Somers though isn't going to let his squad overlook anyone.

"Their record is not great, but they are a team that is on the rise," he said. "They al-

ways play hard and we expect nothing less than their best. It will be very important for us to not turn the ball over and on defense create some takeaways. It is our hometown hero game so that will have some added spark for the guys to perform well."

Cross Country runners at Roscommon

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country team saw action at a mid-week race at Roscommon on Wednesday, Sept. 13. The Tigers did not have enough runners to compile a team score at this event, but still had many fine showings.

Cole Upper led the team with a third place finish on a time of 18:09. Carter Upper wasn't far behind, taking seventh with a time of 18:54. Darren Boyat was 17th on a run of 20:22 and Zygmund Villalobos was 23rd with a run of 21:21.

"The four boys all reached their season best," head coach Tammy Nelson said. "These boys are so determined this year. I am so proud of their work ethic and how far they have come this early in the season."

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Lady Tigers sweep Fairview, Hillman

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team competed in two North Star League crossover games last week and won both, including a sweep at Fairview on Thursday, with scores of 25-16, 25-16 and 25-9.

"It was a great team effort," said head coach Kristi Miller. "We played consistently and worked to have a more balanced attack."

Kaylee Wambold and Angelina Howe led the team in kills, according to Miller. Emma Travis had six aces.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12 Alcona took down visiting Hillman in four sets, 15-25, 25-22, 25-23 and 25-12.

"During the first set our reaction time was a bit delayed and we needed to do a better job reading the court and anticipating," Miller said. "The girls were very enthusiastic going into the second set and stepped up defensively, which led to much stronger plays at the net."

Howe led the team with 11 kills and two blocks. Sage Gauthier led the team in digs.



Calendar of Events



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The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Mikado branch at 2 p.m. The public is welcome.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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, SEPTEMBER 29

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A Tailgate event before the Alcona High School football game will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Alcona High School. Meet Alcona FFA members, compete in a cornhole tournament, purchase chili and cornbread, and more. All profit from this event will benefit the Alcona FFA Alumni &

Supporters Association and be used to support FFA and agriscience education at Alcona Community Schools.

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Curran Black Bear Festival will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall and grounds starting at 9 a.m. Car show registrants may register until 11:30 a.m. The parade begins at 1 p.m., followed by kids games, cake walk, door prizes, cars on display, a craft show, food and music. Mitchell Township Hall is located near the corner of M-65 and Tower Road. For details, see www.curranblackbearfestival.com.

Discover a world of imagination, where heroes are born, and legends unfold in the lounge of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. for the new Dungeons and Dragons Club. For more details call, (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
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 Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

A Blessing of the Animals will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church beginning at 10 a.m. This is a family friendly and joyous event, plus a perfect photo opportunity. Everyone – humans and animals – are welcome.

The annual dinner and auction for the Alcona Humane Society will be held at Mariah Hall in Harrisville beginning at 5 p.m. with a social hour (cash bar available). Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the silent auction, with many items to bid on. Tickets are available to purchase prior to the dinner at Precious Paws Resale Shoppe in Harrisville or the Alcona Humane Society (animal shelter), in Lincoln.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that a hearing, as required by M.C.L.A. 41724, shall be held on the Petition for Improvement and Maintenance of the roads in Scott Sub., Scott Park Sub., and adjacent properties filed with the Alcona Township Board for the purpose of hearing any objection to be said petition and the special assessment to be formed.

A legal description of the Special Assessment District is on file with the Township Clerk at 5576 US-23, Black River, MI 48721.

Said hearing shall be held at the Alcona Township Hall located 5576 US-23, Black River, MI on October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Alcona Township Clerk
Dawn LaLonde

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**City of Harrisville
Public Hearing Notice**

City of Harrisville - Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to recommend adoption of a zoning ordinance amendments to the City Council. The public hearing will be held at 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan, 49740. The full text of the amendments is available at the Harrisville City offices at the above address during regular City Hall hours or online at <https://harrisvillemi.org/>. Written comments may be sent to the above address prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The proposed amendments modify the City of Harrisville Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 3.22 (Circulation and Parking) to include substitution of bicycle parking for “vehicle parking, provide for deviation from the parking section, require well-defined circulation, require parking lot landscaping, address electric vehicle charging stations, and reduce the “required parking for multiple-family dwellings.

Amend Section 4.0 (Use Matrix) to change the following uses from special uses to permitted by right uses: Multiple-family dwellings (in R3 and MU Districts) and secondary dwelling units (in R1, R3, and MU Districts).

Amend Article 10 to add Conditional Rezoning section.

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Alcona soccer plays well against Roscommon

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Some nights, a loss doesn't feel too bad.

That was the case for the Alcona varsity soccer team last Thursday, in a home game with Roscommon.

The Tigers lost the contest 2-0, but head coach Tim Steiner just couldn't stop raving about his team's play.

"Can a loss be a win? It sure felt like it (this game)," he said. "Our defense played their hearts out and our goalie, Michael Nevin's, performance was nothing short of amazing, turning away 26 shots on goal."

The Bucks play in the very challenging Northern Michigan Soccer League, and won a Division 4 district championship last year. Earlier in the week Roscommon topped Tawas 2-0 and Oscoda 9-1.

"Our three seniors, Carter Upper, Michael Nevin and Dawson Rigby, stepped up their game and the rest of the team followed them with outstanding play," Steiner said. "While we didn't get the win, the scrappy determination this team plays with is exciting to watch. I am proud of (our) effort and sportsmanship given on the field and



Tiger goalie Michael Nevin (30) kicks the ball out of goal range. He had a busy game with 26 rejections. *Courtesy photo.*

looking forward to playing Alcona (0-3-2 overall) plays Fairview at home on Monday, Sept. 25.

New strategy to combat exotic water plants

By Vladislava
Sukhanovskaya

Capital News Service

In the waters where it's a native species – Europe, Asia and Africa – the aquatic plant known as European frog-bit is no trouble at all.

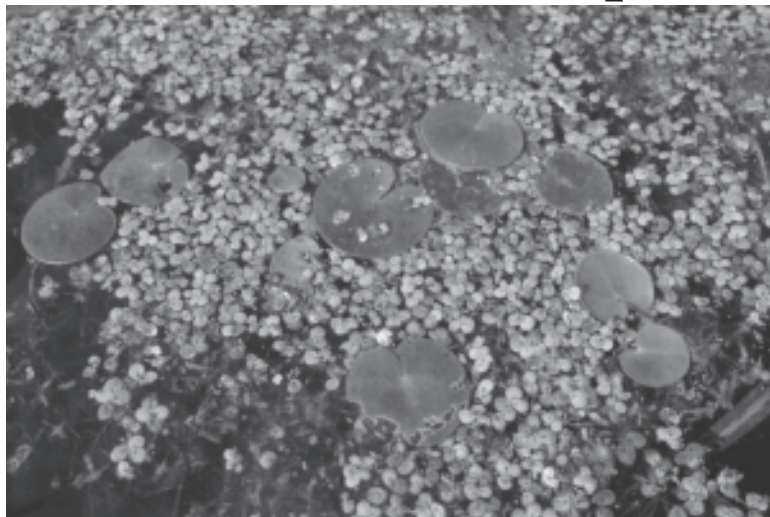
Though its name summons images of slime and bumps, frog-bit is a decorative display of coin-size leaves that looks like lily pads in shallow water and serves as food source for insects, snails, rodents, waterfowl and fish.

In the 1930s, frog-bit was transported out of its home region to decorate ponds and aquarium tanks in the U.S. and Canada. It escaped, likely in the first half of the century, and like so many other non-native exotic species of plants and animals started to spread in streams and rivers. It made its way to Michigan, the waters of the Great Lakes and to parts of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington where it has no predators.

Almost a century later, frog-bit has become a formidable nuisance, especially along parts of Lake Huron and in southeast Michigan. First, the plants form mats in surface waters so thick that they block sunlight and diminish oxygen levels for native species and make it impossible to swim, boat or fish. Second, frog-bit defies effective control.

In June, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers promoted what the agency said it hopes will be a new control strategy. It offered researchers a \$200,000 grant to develop a biological control for the frog-bit and its unwelcome relative – water soldier.

One major cause of frog-bit's expanding presence, say state authorities, is that boat owners are not following the



The European frog-bit looks like a little lily pad and lives in shallow waters. *Photo courtesy of Shelby Bauer and Huron Pines.*

"clean, drain, dry" rule to remove remnants from their hulls. As a consequence in Michigan, frog-bit is creeping inland. Established populations are found in Monroe, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair, and Wayne counties. It has been documented in 12 counties in total, including Arenac, Alpena, Kent and Chippewa. "You should clean your boat before you leave. Ideally, dry it off and drain any water out of it. So that you're not moving water and mud that has seeds or turions in it," said Tom Alwin, a senior aquatic biologist at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy who works with aquatic invasive species.

Additionally, frog-bit can move without human help using water currents.

On top of its mobility, frog-bit is an evolutionary intelligent fighter and can hide among other plants such as cattails, said Noah Jansen, a restoration manager at the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council based in Petoskey, Mich.

And if one or two plants are missed, frog-bit will rebound

and appear in the same place again, Alwin said. That's because frog-bit is resourceful. The plant uses two reproduction strategies to spread – seeds and turions, a bud that is able to grow into a complete plant. Seeds and turions can't be eradicated by herbicides. They hide on the bottom in the mud and wait till the right time to grow.

Hand pulling can work for adult plants. "It's a rewarding feeling to reach into the water and pull out a big handful of it and know that you're removing it from the ecosystem. But it's a lot of work if you're going to do it all day long," said Chris Engle, a communication associate at the non-profit Huron Pines, based in Gaylord, Mich.

With its grant for biological control, the Army Corps is embarking on a program of research, safety testing and approval of a new eradication strategy.

Michigan has had some success with bio-control. In 1994, the state introduced the galerucella beetle, which feeds on invasive purple loos-

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ALCONA TOWNSHIP BIDS WANTED

The Alcona Township Board is accepting bids for the following snow plowing

- East Bay Fire Station 5132 N Hubbard Lake Rd., Hubbard Lake
- Alcona Township Hall 5576 US 23, Black River

A person can bid on one or both jobs but each job should be priced separately. For more information, contact Supervisor Marlena MacNiell at (989) 727-3788. Must provide proof of insurance. Sealed bids must be marked "BID" on the outside envelope. Bids will be received until October 9, 2023. Mail bids to Clerk Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721. The Alcona Township Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that a hearing, as required by M.C.L.A. 41724, shall be held on the Petition for Maintenance and Improvements of N. Ridge Road filed with the Alcona Township Board for the purpose of hearing any objection to be said petition and the special assessment to be formed.

A legal description of the Special Assessment District is on file with the Township Clerk at 5576 US-23, Black River, MI 48721.

Said hearing shall be held at the Alcona Township Hall located 5576 US-23, Black River, MI on October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Alcona Township Clerk
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Southern Towers BTS, LP proposes to build a 365-foot Guyed Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is on or about Barlow Rd, Harrisville, Alcona County, MI 48742, Lat: 44-40-4.2, Long: -83-24-34.4. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1252924.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Camille Neitzel, c.neitzel@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square, Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 630-227-0202.*

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my back and I suffered another concussion," he said. His greatest war injury, however, was coming into contact with Agent Orange herbicide in Vietnam. As a result, Baker has developed ischemic heart disease reduc-

ing the blood supply to the heart muscle. Baker has had over 30 angioplasties and 27 stints placed due to his ischemia. He also survived triple bypass surgery but suffered loss of blood to his optic nerve. He

can see straight ahead but has no field vision. So many veterans came home with multiple physical and mental scars. Some arrived missing limbs, others succumbed later to the effects of Agent Orange. Many others never made it home, giving their life to protect freedom.

In recognition of veteran's duty to their country over the history of the United States, memorials have been erected to honor them. Unfortunately, many soldiers have never seen the memorials. That is where Honor Flights step in.

starting with the arrival in Flint at 9 a.m. where they were treated with a hero's welcome. "We were surprised by the hero's send-off. Emergency workers, police and fire departments were there. The firetrucks gave us a water salute streaming water over the plane before we took off and again when we got home," Baker said.

The veterans arrived at Baltimore Washington Airport a few hours later to another hero's greeting. After checking into the hotel, a meet and greet was held with an honor guard presentation and

made cards written and signed by grateful adults. Others were pictures with letters written by children thanking them for their service to protect their freedom.

"One little youngster wrote a letter and said he was glad I wasn't dead so he could say thank you. This was different from when I got home from Vietnam, a lot different," Baker said. As he sifted through the letters at his kitchen table a soft, but stubborn, teardrop hung on his bottom lash before he quickly adjusted his composure and whisked it away.



Are you looking for some old fashioned summer fun for the entire family? Is so mark your calendar for Saturday, September 23 in Harrisville at 1 p.m.. First pitch of the second annual Hazen KiKi Cuyler Old timers baseball game will be thrown at Cuyler Field, located 1/2 mile north of Harrisville Harbor. Concessions available



John Baker at the Korean War Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. The first time he has visited the city. *Courtesy photo.*



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The Honor Flight Network is a national organization with programs to transport veterans across America to see their memorials. Baker said he applied for the flight in May and was surprised to hear back so quickly there was a spot on a September flight for him.

"Even though it was only an overnight trip, it was a great experience with good camaraderie. It was also very emotional and touching. I choked up several times," he said.

Baker was one of 73 Michigan veterans who took the maiden Mid-Michigan Honor flight out of the Bishop International Airport in Flint, Mich. and said the flight included two World War II veterans, two Korean War veterans and one veteran who was in three different conflicts, including Vietnam, which made up for the bulk of the veterans on the flight.

He explained the two days were grueling, but worth it,

reception dinner.

Reveille was called at 6 a.m. the next morning. After an early breakfast the veterans were loaded into busses to see the memorials including the World War II Memorial, Korean, Vietnam and Lincoln memorials. They went to Arlington National Cemetery to witness the changing of the guard and a wreath-laying ceremony, then on to the Women in Service, Air Force, and Marine Corps Memorials.

"We also had a group picture taken. We were so busy we had to eat a sack lunch and dinner on the bus. We received medals and pins and were each given a Project Hero Hugs teddy bear and a quilted lap quilt," Baker said.

He explained toward the end of the day, a mail call was given and each veteran received a small stack of cards and letters, some were hand-

The group boarded their plane at 6 p.m. that day and arrived back in Flint three hours later for another hero's welcome reception at the airport where greeters lined the halls singing "God Bless America."

While the veterans' flight is free of charge, which is made possible by donations to Honor Flights, each veteran must fly with a guardian who assists the veteran throughout the process and must pay an all-inclusive fee of \$500.

Baker's wife, Bonnie, said because of the age of the veterans and like her husband, many are disabled, every veteran on an Honor Flight flies with a guardian.

"It's usually a close friend or relative. It is someone other than the veteran's spouse. They need someone with them

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Bonnie Baker greets her husband at the airport after returns from Washington DC. *Courtesy photo.*

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Park in Emmet County.

With extra guidelines and protections, the three international dark sky parks are Headlands International Dark Sky Park in Emmet County, Keweenaw Dark Sky Park in Schoolcraft Township, near Copper Harbor, and Dr. T.K. Lawless Park in Cass County.

The Keweenaw park is the most recent addition to Michigan's international designated preserves and recently marked the first year of that status. Going international made it the first in the Upper Peninsula and the world's first privately owned international dark park.

Since winning its international recognition, its tourism has peaked — with many out-of-state visitors, according to the outdoor activities lead Chris Guibert. “When doing this, you kind of become an advocate for dark skies, and really once you learn about it, it’s hard to not become one,” Guibert said.

“The point that resonated most with me is up until 100 years ago the world operated in total darkness at night. There’s a lot of things being affected besides humans,” he said.

Adams said the same. “Is electric light always the last

light I see before I close my eyes and go to bed? And does that matter?” she said.

In 2011 Headlands was the ninth in the world to be recognized internationally.

The park’s experience has influenced successful efforts to protect over 35,000 acres of state-owned land and dark skies, according to its website. Although there are no state laws specifically intended to reduce light pollution, state parks are required to point down and shield their outdoor lighting.

According to the Univer-

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A visitor’s car and bike are silhouetted against the night sky at the Upper Peninsula’s Keweenaw Dark Sky Park. *Photo courtesy of Chris Guibert.*

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strong enough to push the veteran in the wheelchair. It’s a long day, so even able-bodied veterans need to sit down and each veteran is offered a wheelchair.

“It was hot that day so I’m glad our son, Thomas, was able to get off work and take his dad. I’m glad one of our kids got that experience,” Bonnie said. The Bakers were also grateful to the Veterans of Foreign Wars local 8135, who sponsored Thomas’ entire \$500 fee.

Thomas said it was a privilege to be able to assist his dad in that capacity and he enjoyed seeing his dad meet comrades and listening to the great stories they told. “I got to push his wheelchair, hold his cane and get him something to eat and drink.

“I will never come close to the realization of anything these brave military heroes went through to secure our freedoms, but through this trip, I’ve come to understand a little more.

“These outstanding people selflessly put their lives, mental stability and futures on the line for current, and future Americans and allies. We owe these heroes more than most of us can fathom.

“When they got letters from people as if they were still deployed, their faces lit up and they were excited to see what was written to them. If you know a veteran, try mailing them a thank you letter. Give them a call or stop by

with a beer and visit. I bet they would enjoy that.

“At 43, I’m realizing that my father, the man that could fix anything, whoop anyone and lift 10 times his weight is now 73. We are getting older and time is flying by. This

was a genuine honor. He is and always will be my hero,” Thomas said.

For more information or to donate to the Mid Michigan Honor Flights visit midmichiganhonorflight.org or call (213) 803-4255.



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- **Record low unemployment** rate for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and people with disabilities.
- The percentage of **women in the workforce** aged 25-54 is at a 70-year high.
- **More small businesses were created** in the first 2 years of this Presidency than ever before.
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- The **Inflation Reduction Act** is lowering the cost of prescription drugs and healthcare, tackling climate change, and making investments in clean energy.

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BUDGET NOTICE

The proposed budget of the Alcona Conservation District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, will be presented to the District Board for final approval at the regular monthly meeting at 5 p.m. on October 11, 2023. The Public is invited to comment on the proposed budget at this time. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the District Office after October 5, 2023, located at 310 S. State St., Harrisville, MI 48740.



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1957 Class Reunion

Alcona High School Class of 1966 celebrated its 57th year with a celebration at Rosa's Lookout Restaurant. Thirty six people attended the '57 classic themed event. Those in attendance included, (front row, from left) Kay (Procnier) Smith, Loleta (Apsey) Kirschner, Connie (MacIntyre) Tucker, Cecile Pizer, Joyce (Ritchie) Keena, Jeanne

(Procnier) Vaughne, (back row) Carl Brooks, Steve Hendricks, Carol (Anderson) Luck, Linda Goodwin, Shirley (Bootz) Bartlett, Charlotte (Lessard) Utecht, Diana (Rasche) Friedt, Rochelle (Papineau) LaGraff, Paul Ellinger, Jim LaBlance, John Budreau, Esther (Tacia) Budreau, Ron Stevens, Janice (Norris) Little, Richard (Tim) Gleason, Gladys (Hart) McKay, Kurt Benghauser, Earle Brooks, and Marvin Dean. Not pictured Don LaFave. *Courtesy photo.*

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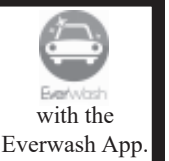
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How seniors can save on prescription drug costs

Dear Savvy Senior,
I take several medications for multiple health conditions and the prices keep going up, even with my Medicare prescription drug insurance. Can you recommend any tips that can help cut my costs?
Tapped Out Tina

Dear Tina,
The high cost of prescription drugs is an ongoing problem that stings everyone, but it usually affects seniors more because they have a greater need for medications and because Medicare doesn't cover all their drug costs.

While the Inflation Reduction Act, that was signed into law last year, will help seniors save on their medications by negotiating lower drug prices and capping out-of-pocket spending at \$2,000, it will be a few years before the law is fully enacted. In the meantime, here are some different strategies that can help reduce your costs so you can afford what you need.

- **Talk to your doctor:** A good first step is to review your medications once a year with your doctor to find out if any of them can be stopped or reduced. If you're taking any brand-name drugs check to see if they are available in a cheaper generic form. Also, for any drugs you're taking long-term ask your doctor for a cheaper three or six-month prescription, versus a one

month. And find out if any of the pills you're taking can be cut in half. Pill splitting allows you to get two months' worth of medicine for the price of one. If you do this, you'll need to get a prescription for twice the dosage you need.

- **Review your insurance:** Carefully review your drug coverage during the open enrollment period, which runs from October 15 through December 7 for Medicare beneficiaries. Make sure all your regular medications are covered in the plan's formulary; that your current pharmacy is in the plan's network; and that your plan covers additional medication coverage in the gap. To shop and compare Medicare prescription drug plans go to Medicare.gov/plan-compare.

- **Pay cash:** Not using insurance for prescriptions seems counterintuitive, but in some cases, it may save you money. For example, many chain pharmacies and big-box stores like Walmart and Costco have their own prescription savings programs that may be lower than your insurance copayment. Or you can use coupons through GoodRx.com or RxSaver.com that can save you up to 80 percent off the list price of generic and some brand-name drugs in certain pharmacies.

- **Shop online:** You can also save on regularly used medi-

cations by having them sent to you from a mail-order pharmacy. Check with your health insurer or regular pharmacy to see whether it will get you a better deal. If not, check online pharmacies like CostPlusDrugs.com or HoneybeeHealth.com. With these, you may spend less in some cases than you might with insurance.

- **Buy from Canada:** Because prescription drugs are often much cheaper north of the border, many Americans have chosen this option for years. While this is technically illegal in most states, the Food and Drug Administration generally does not stop people from doing it. If you want to explore this option use PharmacyChecker.com,



Savvy Senior

an online tool that will help you identify reputable Canadian and international online pharmacies.

- **Get more help:** If your income is limited, you may also be able to get help through Medicare's Extra Help program (Medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs), your state pharmaceutical assistance program

(Medicare.gov/plan-compare/#/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/states) or patient assistance programs (Medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program). Visit each website to see if you're eligible and to apply.

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

Strategy

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estrife, a shoreline plant that is displacing native plants across the state. Engle said several hundred beetles were recently released in Mio, Mich. to eradicate the loosestrife growing on the AuSable River shoreline.

Jansen said, "It's always a risky proposition to introduce a new species. But at the same time, I feel that can be a really effective way to also help control an invasive species like frog-bit."



Volunteers remove frog-bit by hand. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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Baseball game looks to raise \$1,000

Ann Eddinger, president of the Alcona County Backpack Program, appreciates that the players have come together for another year to play baseball on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. at Cuyler Park (end of Lake Street) in Harrisville because funds raised will go to the backpack program. The program was started in 2012, and supports more than 69 Alcona Elementary students on weekends throughout the school year with supplemental food items. "The families supported by the Backpack Program really appreciate the hard work of the players, all the volunteers and the support of our sponsors that bring this fun, free event to our community. The money raised at the baseball game comes primarily from the concession sales," Eddinger said. "Last year we raised over \$600 and this year we hope to double that." In addition to the concession items of hot dogs, pop, and chips, there will be a 50/50 raffle, and a "Pass the Backpack" fundraiser. This event is a family friendly event where residents and visitors can watch fall baseball with friends and neighbors. *Courtesy photo.*



Buggy Rides



Cuyler wins new car as MVP in Dixie league

September 20, 1923 ~ The laurel wreath of Dixie baseball rests today where it belongs, on the head of Hazen (Kiki) Cuyler, centerfielder, who was this morning adjudged the most valuable player in the Southern League, to the league.

As such he is the winner of the automobile offered by the Gardner Sales Company of St. Louis to the player winning such an honor. The presentation will be made in Memphis on Friday by Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball.

His victory meets with the approval of all fandom in the Dixie circuit.

Never has there been a man in the Southern League who was as popular as is Nashville's great player. His popularity was not attained by an effort on his part to get in the good graces of the fans. He is of a retiring disposition and his honors and popularity were attained by playing the game square and hard. His brilliant catches, his burning speed on the base paths, his terrific hitting, have all brought him to the front as one of the greatest players the league has known.

On the diamond he is known as a great baseball player. Off the diamond he is known as a gentleman and a man. He is a clean liver, a "home" man with a real family. Kiki Cuyler is a credit to his profession on and off the field. That is why his honor is well deserved.

His rise in the baseball world has been sensational. In 1919 he was playing on a team representing the Chevrolet automobile factory.

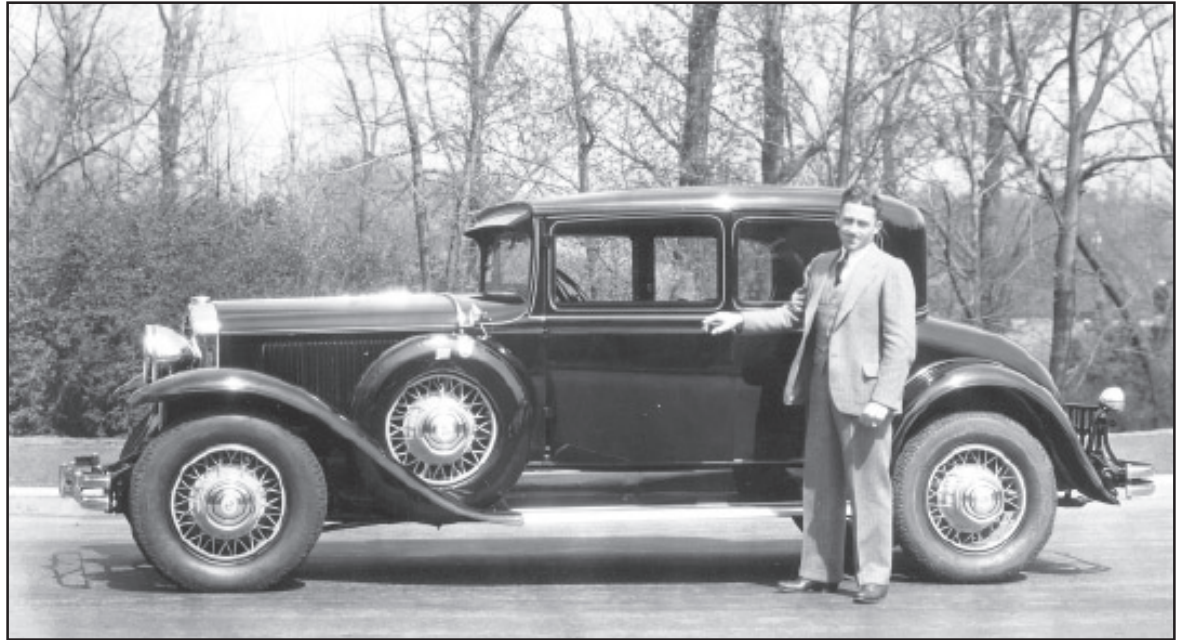
He was but 20 years old and pitcher. He was picked up by Bay City in 1920 and played such a remarkable game that he was signed by the Pirates. The great Pirate outfield gave him no chance to break in and he was sent to Jimmy Hamilton in the Sally League.

Last season, he was a big factor in winning the flag for Charleston. He led the league in stolen bases and was well up in hitting.

This season he won distinction after distinction. At one time, he led in stolen bases, total bases, extra bases, yuples, doubles and runs scored all at the same time. He is leading now in stolen bases with 53; is one of the three men in the league who has scored more than 100 runs; he leads in total bases; he heads the league in triples; and in the outfield he is supreme in put outs and assists. Quite a fancy record, not equaled by any other performer in Dixie.

His honor is causing more Vols joy than anything that could have happened to Nashville aside from winning of a pennant. From bat boy to president they are all overjoyed. Even the supposedly hard-hearted umpires will be glad to learn of his triumph. They had been pulling for him all season. They make the endless round of the circuit and early in the season announced that Cuyler was by far the best man that could be selected for the winner of the automobile.

For no matter how the Vols have slumped, Cuyler has been playing baseball. No matter how many boots might be made, "Kiki" Cuyler was



Harrisville native, Hazen (Kiki) Cuyler stands by the new car he won for being the most valuable player in the Southern League. *Courtesy photo.*

out there making those circus catches that made him famous. He has played baseball, has this Cuyler, and off the field he has done nothing that might cause any enemy of the game to cast any reflection of the profession.

President J. A. G. Sloan of the Nashville club expressed his delight in Cuyler's victory. "I am mighty proud that one of our boys won the automobile. I am especially glad that it was Cuyler. He has played wonderful baseball for us this season and certainly deserves the honor."

Manager Jimmy Hamilton was also greatly pleased at the result of the contest. "Cuyler has been one of our most valuable men," he said. "He is still a youngster and will make good in the majors."

Cuyler will, of course, be given permission to go to

Memphis to receive the automobile Friday. He will leave Thursday night and be back in time for the Saturday game. This will mar one of his records. He is the only player in the league who has played in every game at one position.

The winning of the automobile means more than the receiving of a thing of material value. It will mean much to him in his profession. It will place his name before all those connected with the game and be a great impetus to his career.

Nashville fans rejoice with him in his moment of triumph. Even the bleacher wolves, who are slow to praise and quick to condemn, are strong for their idol Cuyler. This is one time when a fellow managed to please everyone at the same time. —

Nashville Banner

The presentation of the

auto took place Friday at the home plate of the diamond at Memphis. Ed Killmaster was there to see the performance and to enjoy in a reflected way the honor conferred upon his former associate on the old home team.

Judge Landis shook hands with Hazen and presented him the auto with a few brief remarks.

"Congratulations, my boy. A great honor has been conferred upon you. An honor that you should be proud of," said Judge Landis.

"It's nice to own an automobile, but being known as the most valuable player in your league is much nicer.

"Many ball players nowadays own automobiles, but just think of the honor of being referred to by the kids—the youngsters—as the most valuable player in your league.

"You have set an example for the youngsters and every young man starting in baseball that you should be proud of," he said.

Cuyler, smiling modestly, drove the car off the field. Shortly after returning to Nashville he was called in to Pittsburg on account of injury to one of the Pirates.



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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Game boards

On top of the world! In September 1909, The New York Times published Robert Peary's claims of reaching the North Pole in April of that year, crediting him with the pole's discovery. However, just a week earlier, another newspaper claimed that Frederick Cook had reached the pole the year before. Both claims have been disputed since then, but they were sensations at the time.

The journey to the North Pole inspired commemorative figurines, souvenirs and games. This North Pole game has a patent date of 1910. It is a game of skill in which the player rolls one of the included metal balls along the winding track, earning points for each hole the ball passes without falling in. The rules are printed on the back of the board, along with a scene of two explorers approaching the pole.

This game sold for \$480 at Morphy Auctions. The lot included the colorfully lithographed tin game board, two metal balls, the instructions sheet and the box with a color picture of a family in early 1900s dress playing the game. Commercial game boards sell for higher prices when they come with the original box and pieces.

Q: How can I safely clean old coins?

A: Coins should not be cleaned. Collectors want coins with the patina unchanged. If your coins are collectible,



To play the North Pole Game, tilt the board and roll the ball along the track. Watch out for the holes! Photo courtesy of kovels.com

they should be protected from fingerprints and stored properly. Don't touch the coins to examine them unless you are wearing white gloves. The oil from your skin will damage the coin. If you must touch a coin, hold it by the edge. Coins should not be stored loose in a box or envelope. They may be scratched. Paper, cardboard, plastic and wood give off chemical vapors that speed corrosion. You can buy archival coin holders online or at a coin shop. Coins should be kept in a cool, dry location. You can find more information on properly storing coins on the American Numismatic Association website, money.org.

TIP: Clean cast iron with coarse salt and a soft sponge. The salt is abrasive enough to remove bits of food and absorb oil without harming the pan's seasoning. Rinse and wipe dry.

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Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• When I need to dust the ceiling, I don't have a fancy contraption; I just use my broom. If you have popcorn ceilings, you can rubber band a feather duster to the end of your broom. Look around your house, and maybe you'll find a sneaky cleaning purpose for everyday items.

• Dirty candles can be cleaned up quickly with a leg of panty hose. Slip the candle in the hose, rub the outside of the candle and release.

• "Rub banana on CDs with scratches. Wipe the excess off with a soft towel and make sure all of the banana is gone before you put it in your player. It usually does the trick for me." -- E. in Maine

• You can use a coffee filter to clean the screen of your television. It's not scratchy and non-static. Be sure not to press down hard into today's screens. And use only approved cleaners for your flat-screen and plasma television sets.

• "I purchased a medium-size colander with a handle at the dollar store. I have it hanging on a hook in the kids' bathtub. It's much easier for them to scoop toys out of the water, and more fun too, I think." -- A.C. in Nebraska

• Need to clean your iron? Scrub the face with salt. Then heat it and run the iron over the salt. I pour the salt on foil for even more heat effect.

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

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Disability claims lost since 2018

As far back as 2018 there have been technical problems with uploading disability claims on the Department of Veterans Affairs' website, except nobody knew. There were no indications at the time that anything was going awry. But those claims weren't received.

When you hit the SEND button, it didn't go. Your disability claim has likely been sitting in that internet "dead zone," neither moving forward nor backward, unseen.

But somehow they found them, 32,000 claims sitting there unprocessed since 2018.

Now, having found those 32,000 claims in the dead zone, the VA is sending out letters to all the affected veterans. The problem was first reported by Military.com, when the spouse of one of their former employees received the letter about the lost claims.

It brings up several questions:

Did veterans file alternate claims when they didn't hear back? Did they assume they'd been denied when they received no reply? Have the veterans, unfortunately, passed away? Do the surviving spouses know their veteran

had filed? And are they due any money?

At this point you don't need to do anything, they say. All affected veterans whose claims were found stuck in the system will be notified and their claims hustled through. Claims benefits will be backdated to the "stuck" date.

Unless you decide to take charge of your situation and check it out. The VA's website gives this page of instructions to file disability claims: www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim. You can file your claim online, by mail using Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ), in person when you deliver your application to a VA regional office or with help from a Veterans Service Officer.

That same instruction page says that it's taking 104 days to get a decision. You can also check the status of your claim from that page. Do that, just to make sure. And if you have trouble signing into your MyVA411 account, or creating one, you can call 800-698-2411 for help.

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Sports Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. The Dave Rimington Trophy is awarded annually to the best college football player at what position?
2. What French tennis player won Australian Open and Wimbledon women's singles titles in 2006?
3. Basketball Hall of Famer Maurice Cheeks won his only NBA title as a player in 1983 with what team?
4. In 1940, members of the Arena Managers Association formed what entertainment group that featured former competitive figure skaters doing theatrical ice-skating performances?
5. What American freestyle wrestler won a gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics and competed in the Ultimate Fighting Championship from 1997-98?
6. What Baseball Hall of Famer hit 58 home runs with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1932 and hit 50 with the Boston Red Sox in 1938?
7. Dr. Dick Traum, who completed the 1976 New York City Marathon with a prosthetic leg, founded what organization to encourage people with disabilities to participate in mainstream sports?

Answers: 1. Center.; 2. Amelie Mauresmo.; 3. The Philadelphia 76ers.; 4. The Ice Capades.; 5. Kevin Jackson.; 6. Jimmie Foxx.; 7. Achilles International (formerly Achilles Track Club).
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

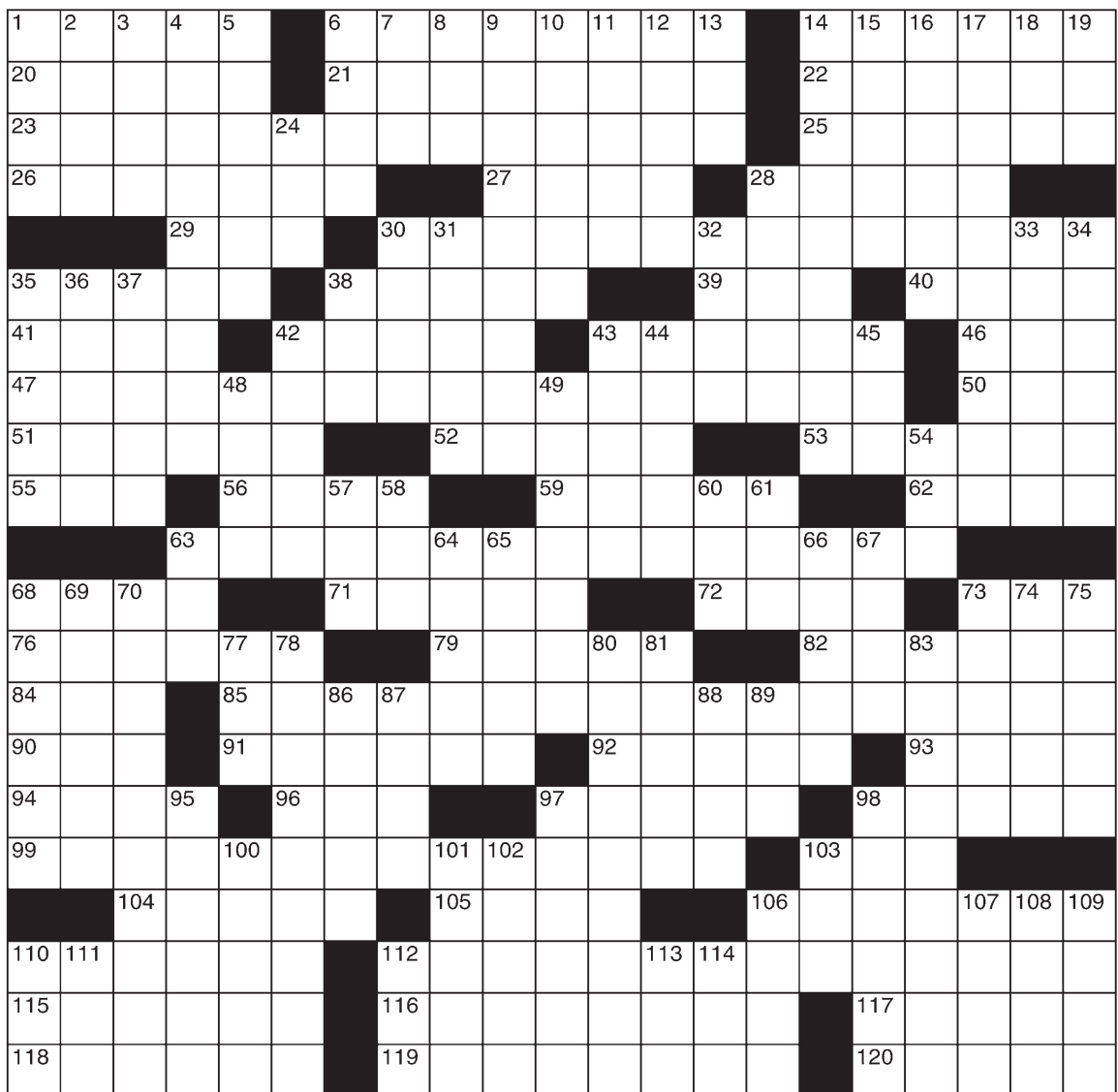
1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which European city has almost 2,500 bridges?
2. **MOVIES:** How many infinity stones exist in "Avengers: End Game"?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How many digits do pandas have on each hand?
4. **AD SLOGANS:** Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan, "Life is a journey. Enjoy the ride"?
5. **LITERATURE:** What is Hogwarts' motto in the "Harry Potter" book series?
6. **TELEVISION:** Which show spawned the spinoff TV comedy "Laverne & Shirley"?
7. **SCIENCE:** How long is an eon?
8. **MUSIC:** What is the name of the band that John Lennon, George Harrison and Paul McCartney were in before The Beatles formed?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does the Apgar score measure?
10. **U.S. STATES:** Which state has an active volcano named Mount St. Helens?

Answers: 1. Hamburg, Germany.; 2. Six.; 3. Six — five fingers and an opposable pseudo thumb.; 4. Nissan.; 5. "Never Tickle a Sleeping Dragon."; 6. "Happy Days."; 7. 1 billion years.; 8. The Quarrymen.; 9. The health of newborns.; 10. Washington. © 2023 King Features Synd., Inc

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Oct. 2, 1614, Louis XIII of France was declared an adult. His mother, Marie de' Medici, continued to act as his Regent, however, as she had begun upon the assassination of his father, King Henry IV of France, in 1610, until Louis turned 16.
 - On Oct. 3, 1967, singer/musician/activist Woody Guthrie, lauded by Bob Dylan as "the true voice of the American spirit," died from complications of Huntington's disease at age 55. His music focused primarily on American socialism and anti-fascism, influencing numerous other artists ranging from Johnny Cash to Jerry Garcia.
 - On Oct. 4, 2006, the widows of two war veterans brought a lawsuit against the United States government for the right to include Wiccan religious symbols on graves in military cemeteries. While the religion is recognized by the military, its followers were not permitted to display a Wiccan pentacle on such markers until the following year.
 - On Oct. 5, 1999, torrential rains caused flooding and mudslides that completely buried 80 homes in the small Mexican city of Teziutlan. Authorities estimated the village received nearly half the amount of its annual rainfall in just three days.
 - On Oct. 6, 1945, tavern owner William Sianis bought a seat for himself and his pet goat, Murphy, for Game 4 of the World Series, featuring the Chicago Cubs vs. the Detroit Tigers. Chagrined that Murphy was denied admission, legend holds that Sianis declared the Cubs would never win a game again until the animal was allowed on Wrigley Field. Though he "lifted" the curse in 1969, the Cubs didn't see another victory until 1984.
 - On Oct. 7, 1979, President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter welcomed Pope John Paul II as the first pontiff to visit the White House. Carter greeted the Polish-born pope in his native tongue with "Niech bedzie bog Pochwalony" ("May God be praised").
 - On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire broke out in the barn of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary and lasted for two days. By the time it ended, 300 people had died and a large swath of the city had been devastated. The exact cause of the blaze was never determined.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- More people from nudist colonies play volleyball than any other sport.
- New York's Girl Scout Troop 6000, whose entire membership is homeless or living in shelters, has sold more than \$1.6 million worth of Girl Scout cookies since 2017, earning not just national recognition, but money to benefit about 2,500 women and girls in more than 20 shelters throughout the greater New York area.
- Competitive trash collecting is a sport in Japan.
- Just in time for global warming, scientists have developed a paint that reflects the sun's rays, potentially reducing the need for air conditioning by up to 40%.
- The oldest known photograph, taken by French photographer Nicéphore Niepce in 1826, took eight hours to expose.
- In 5th-century Greece, handshakes were done to make sure that the other person wasn't carrying a hidden weapon. The hand clasp proved that your hand was empty, and shaking it was meant to "shake out" any weapons hiding in the sleeve.
- Farm-raised salmon are fed carotenoids to give their flesh its trademark pink color.
- If a woodpecker goes too long without food, it will pin down other birds and peck at their heads until it can eat their brains.

Thought for the Day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." -- Henri Nouwen

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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: **M** equals **T**

MQYM EKGTYRJ AHVV BSVHXSL

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County Probate
Order Regarding
Alternative Service
Case No. 23-240-SP**

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Plaintiff
Louis W. Cutliff and Geraldine Cutliff
6421 Tower Drive
Hudson, Fla. 34667
Plaintiff's attorney
David H. Cook, P40560
5466 M-72
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
Phone No. (989) 724-5155
Defendant
Robert E. Miller Sr. and Kim M. Miller, husband and wife
1787 Curran Road
Curran, Mich. 48728
The court finds service of process upon the defendant, Robert E. Miller Sr. and Kim M. Miller, husband and wife, cannot be reasonably be made and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. It is ordered that tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 1787 Curran Road, Curran, Mich. 48728. Publication in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks.
Date: September 6, 2023.
Judge Laura A. Frawley, P39644
9-6, 9-13, 9-20

**Notice of Foreclosure
by Advertisement**

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023.
The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
The foreclosure sale is pursuant to the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Wissmiller and Marilyn K. Wissmiller, mortgagors, to First National Bank of America, mortgagee, dated July 23, 2004, and recorded July 27, 2004, in Liber 404, page 125, of Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$35,143.27, including interest at 14.5 percent per annum.
Said premises are described as: Parcel 1: Situated in Gustin Township, Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, Lot 4 of Lincoln Industrial Park, a subdivision recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 60, Alcona County records, c/k/a 620 S. Lake

Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, and Parcel 2: Situated in Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 36, T27N, R8E, less the west 50 feet of the south 250 feet thereof, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes, c/k/a 2588 Apsey Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.
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3233 Coolidge Hwy
Berkley, Mich. 48072
(248) 236-1765
9-13, 9-20, 9-27, 10-4

**Notice to Creditors
Richard E. Weichel Trust
Dated September 20, 1999**

To all creditors: The Settlor, Richard E. Weichel, born May 14, 1937, who resided at 5599 N. Hubbard Lake Road, Spruce, Mich. 38762, died on August 14, 2023. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letter of administration has been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Richard E. Weichel, personally and/or The Richard E. Weichel revocable living trust dated September 20, 1999, as amended, will forever be banned unless presented to: Thomas Jay Weichel or Amber E. Redlinger now serving as co-trustees at P.O. Box 189 Harrisville, Mich. 48740, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
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**ALCONA
TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS**

Alcona Township's September 12 board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: LaLonde, Gauthier, Bolanowski, and Bouchard. Excused MacNeill.
Motions to approve July minutes; to approve treasurer report and bills as presented; to appoint a committee to advocate for a long term solution to keep the Black River Mouth Harbor as a priority to be navigable; to suspend the Gypsy Moth Special Assessment; to proceed with a special assessment district for Scotts Park Sub, as well as Island View Drive; to appoint Karen Schroer to the planning committee; to switch workman's comp. insurance companies. All motions passed.
The board expressed thanks to Erich Carlson for the great job he did as a spokesperson for the Black River Harbor issues when he was featured on Michigan Out of Doors. Township assessor Sarah Gohl was congratulated for her perfect score on her state audit.
This synopsis published prior to board approval.
Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

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sity of Michigan, light pollution is increasing globally at a rate of 10 percent every year. However, light pollution is 100 percent reversible — by turning off lights, reworking the shape of an outdoor light or changing the hue.

Adams, who was the Headlands program manager for eight years, helped the park earn international certification. “I got on the agenda for the Emmet County Board of Commissioners. I told them, ‘You have a park, it’s naturally dark, we can get it protected and we have to get ready because people will come from around the world to come see it.’”

“They laughed at me,” Adams said.

“My experience is that people really want this kind of relationship because they experience a fundamental

disconnect in contemporary culture,” she said.

Headlands park manager Jamie Westfall said tourism has been booming with thousands of people showing up on one clear night. “We’re lucky that we live in an area where the skies are still fairly dark. People travel here to see the features in the night sky that they can’t see in their home area — they don’t get to see the Milky Way, northern lights, constellations or features in the moon,” she said.

“They’re special to our region because we still have dark skies,” Westfall said.

Now Adams is working alongside Dark Sky International to urge the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to make Belle Isle State Park in Detroit a dark sky preserve.

Urban dark sky parks are less common but just as valuable as those in more remote areas, she said.

Two other locations are being considered as dark sky preserves: Beaver Island in Lake Michigan and Lutz Park in Livingston County. State officials said they intend to approve Beaver Island’s dark sky sanctuary application soon, which will then head to

Dark Sky International for the requested special designation.

The Livingston County park also applied to become an urban night sky park and already hosts dark sky events. Its application is pending.

Guibert said he’s excited to see what’s to come. “Some of the changes we made might seem radical to others where it seems natural to us,” he

said. “But I just really hope we’re turning the tide towards people being aware of the night sky and the impacts for all living species.”

Adams agreed. “If you go to a theater production — let’s just imagine they need to change the mood on the stage. You don’t move around the props. What you do is you change the lighting,” she said. “Light sets the mood.”



The tree line at Keweenaw Dark Sky Park in the Upper Peninsula *Photo courtesy of Chris Guibert.*

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