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Celebrating dispatchers, unseen heroes who help save lives

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

When people are having a health crisis and need assistance immediately, 911 dispatch operators can offer lifesaving logic.

No matter what panic and chaos the caller may be in, dispatchers calmly gather information, assess the situation and offer sound lifesaving techniques over the phone to assist.

They are trained to ask important questions and relay that information to medical first responders and/or safety officials. Dispatchers play a crucial role in the emergency response sys-

It's a job with great responsibility and the Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch operators are immensely dedicated to their work according to the director, Kathleen Bell.

Bell will be recognizing each of her staff in April during National Telecommunication Week, observed from April 14 through April 20, and is asking the community to join in that recognition.

Bell explained dispatchers often go unnoticed in communities until a crisis happens and a 911 call is made. During that call, a dispatcher can make the difference between life and death.

While on the phone call, dispatchers triage the situation and offer instructions such as coaching individuals through childbirth, how to stop bleeding, how to help a burn or accident victim, instruction on assisting someone having a seizure or heart attack, provide instruction on CPR, maneuvers to aid choking victims or explain to children what to do until help arrives. They do this all while simultaneously coordinating medical responders or safety officials to reach the crisis destination, keeping them apprised of the severity of the call every step of the way.

"They are the first first responders in a crisis. We have an incredible staff of six full-time dispatchers in Alcona County and I am proud of their diligence. This work can be challenging and stressful. It would be great if the community recognized what they do," Bell said.

National Telecommunication Week is a time to honor



Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch Director Kathleen Bell, (left) is proud of her staff including Deanna McKenzie (right) an Alcona County dispatcher with 38 years experience. Photo by Mary Weber.

the contributions of 911 Dispatchers who operate the frontline of health crisis assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year as well as recognize telecommunication engineers, technicians and all those who keep the world safely connected.

dispatchers is appreciated at any time. It doesn't have to be during that week. Even something as simple as a message on our Facebook page or a card letting them know they are appreciated would be nice," she said.

Leslie Clink, an Alcona County mom of four, knows "Any acknowledgment of all too well the difference a 911 dispatcher can make during a crisis. Last year, while her youngest child at age two had a health crisis and stopped breathing, it was 911 dispatcher, Samantha LeBlanc, who calmed the panicking mom down in order for her child to recover while first responders and medical technicians were on their

"Mylah was convulsing. Her eyes were in the back of her head, and she had bubbles coming from her mouth. I called 911.

"I was losing it, I was screaming and crying, but the 911 operator kept informing me what I needed to do. The seizure stopped but Mylah was lifeless, she wasn't breathing, and her lips were turning blue. I thought my baby was gone. It was the scariest moment of my life," Clink said.

She explained between her husband Rob, a police officer for Oscoda Township Police Department, who just arrived home and started draping the toddler with cool towels, and the 911 dispatcher's instructions to hold Mylah sitting up and rub her chest, the child regained consciousness.

"I cannot thank Alcona 911 enough for understanding me through my hysterical screaming and sobbing. Mylah made a total recovery, and I will always be grateful," Clink said.

To send a message of appreciation, visit the Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch Facebook page or mail a card to Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch, 212 West Main Street, Harrisville, Michigan

Field trial to study vaccinating deer against bovine TB begins

A field study is underway in Alpena County to evaluate the delivery of an oral bovine tuberculosis (bTB) vaccine for wild deer.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is collaborating with Michigan State University (MSU) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services (USDA-WS) to explore the development of a new, future tool to manage bTB, which could help to further protect wildlife, livestock and the public from this disease.

"We are very excited to explore a potential new tool that can facilitate efforts towards the long-term goal of bTB eradication in Michigan," said Melinda Cosgrove, laboratory scientist manager with the DNR.

Bovine tuberculosis is an infectious, zoonotic disease affecting both humans and animals. The disease is slowgrowing and is primarily spread through respiratory secretions when infected animals expose uninfected animals by nose-to-nose contact or contaminate shared feed and water.

In Michigan's bTB area (which includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties), the disease is established in the deer population, and it can be transmitted between deer and cattle.

Michigan has been working toward the eradication of bTB in deer for 30 years, and significant progress has been made by the DNR and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Develop-

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Andy Lyke shares this photograph of a pileated woodpecker he took at his home in Alcona Township around the first of March. He said they, like a lot of birds, are difficult to photograph. Courtesy photo.



God Bless America



Obituaries



Sue L. Weber

Sue Lynn Weber, 76, of Alpena died on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in Galveston, Texas.

She was born in Alpena on April 30, 1947, to Morris and Mildred (Lapp) Rondeau.

She graduated from Alcona High School in 1965.

On November 9, 1968, she married David Weber. The family moved several times over the years. The couple retired in 2006 and moved to Alpena. They wintered in Galveston, Texas.

She enjoyed jewelry making, especially necklaces that she wore proudly.

Mrs. Weber is survived by her husband, Dave; two sons, Jay (D'Shea) Weber and Tim (Sonia) Weber; three grand-children, Nathan Weber, Sarina Weber and Krishna Weber; two brothers, Gary (Yvonne) Rondeau and Dennis (Janie) Rondeau; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen (James) Carls and Donna Rondeau.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, April 10 at First

The Sarden

Low light

Peace lily

Snake plant

Philodendron

English ivy

Diffenbachia



United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at noon. The Rev. Robert Nystrom will officiate. Interment is in Hubbard Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Autism Speaks. Arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home.

High light

Cactus

Hibiscus

Ti plant

Gardenia

Geraniums

Elizabeth J. "BeeJay" Bailey

Elizabeth Jane "BeeJay" Bailey, 90, of Greenbush died on Friday, March 29, 2024.

She was born January 9, 1934, in Umatilla, Fla. to William and Elizabeth (Wood) Bailey. After graduating from high school, she continued her education at Florida State University, and, later at Emory University. She earned a degree in medical technology and pursued a career in the hospital setting. She also co-authored medical papers and books.

Ms. Bailey moved to Detroit, Mich. in her mid-20s and began working for Wayne State University at the Detroit Medical Center.

Her career spanned more than 25 years, included with her work in the medical research field. She developed the virology lab at St. John's Hospital in Detroit, Mich. later in her career.

After retiring, she and her life partner, Marian Andrews,

made a permanent move to Greenbush after several years of enjoying the cabin up north.

Ms. Bailey was an animal lover, especially dogs and cats. Her golden retrievers and collies always accompanied the couple on their camping and canoeing trips. She was an accomplished photographer and loved taking pictures of the outdoors on all her travels, including much of Michigan and a trip to Alaska. Some of her favorite times were spent in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan camping, canoeing the rivers, and fly fishing. (She taught herself to tie her own flies and became quite proficient at it.)

She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Harrisville, where she served as treasurer for an extended period of time.

Ms. Bailey is survived by two cousins, Suzanne Ten

Broeck and Gordon (Louise) Wood. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by Marian Andrews.

A celebration of life event will take place later this spring at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Harrisville. Memorials may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, www.alconahumanesociety.org.

Barbara S. (Teeple) Hoover

Barbara Sue (Teeple) Hoover passed on Monday, March 4, 2024, at home in Ann Arbor, Mich. surrounded by her family, after a long, courageous battle with cancer

"Sue," as she was known, was born on April 12, 1941, to Muriel Josephine (Hines) and Ross George Teeple in Harrisville. Sue graduated from Alcona High School in

Sue moved to Detroit, Mich., with her best girl-friend, soon after graduating and returned to Harrisville where she met her husband, William"Bill" Hoover, who was stationed nearby at Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

Sue married William J. Hoover on June 11, 1966, in

Harrisville.
Sue and Bill raised their three children, Lisa-Marie Hoover, Catherine "Kate" (Todd) Webb and David J.

Hoover in Saline, Mich. before retiring to Las Vegas, Nev., where they spent nearly 30 years before moving back to Michigan in 2021.

Sue loved to go garage-saleing and spending time reading. She loved cooking for her family and celebrating the holidays.

Sue never met a stranger and would often chat with anyone about nothing in particular, whenever and wherever she met them. She had a quick wit about her, and sometimes you never knew if she was serious or teasing. This was especially true when she was around her brothers and sister.

Sue will be remembered as a caring mother, mummy, mama, wife, friend, aunt, sister, and step-grandmother.

In addition to her husband, Sue is survived by her children, Lisa, Katie, David; her son-in-law, Todd Webb; two step-grandchildren, Garrett

Paid Obituary



(Jessica) Webb and Hayden Webb; her sister, Kay Kohn of Harrisville; and many nieces and nephews. Sue was especially close to her niece, Muriel (Mike) Goddard of Harrisville.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Muriel and Ross Teeple; her brothers, Ross and Eddie; and one niece, Beth.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Arbor Hospice, or the American Cancer Society.

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Medium light

Asparagus fern

Boston fern

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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.

NE Michigan UAW Retirees RWC No. 31474 will meet at 11 a.m. at JJ's Steak and Pizza House, 411 2nd Ave., Alpena. There will be representatives from the UAW Trust and BCBS at the meeting. Attendees can have lunch for \$8. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. For more info., contact David Fletcher, chairman, at (248) 444-1193.

Homeschoolers, seasoned or curious, are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. to offer inspiration and camaraderie for schoolaged children. A special aspect will be a presentation on financial literacy with Smart Money MI Kids Read, sponsored by Michigan Financial Wellness Network and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Music Trivia will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 6 p.m. Host Brad Corpus will host this brain-teasing event. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Veterans and spouses and widow(er)s are invited to join other retired military members for a drop-in 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, APRIL 5

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it's about unleashing the joy of discovery. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

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, APRIL 6

Maple Syrup Celebration Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona FFA Sugar Shack, located behind Alcona Elementary on Barlow Road, Lincoln. Everyone is welcome to attend this free, family event. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be available. Maple syrup will be available for sale.

Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., which meets upstairs at the Hollyhock Emporium in Harrisville. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

The Seed Exchange hosted by Alcona County Library begins. Gardeners of all levels are welcome to stop in at the Harrisville branch during library hours to collect a wide selection of flower, vegetable and herb seeds at no charge. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Witness the celestial spectacle of the year – a solar eclipse – at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from approximately 2 to 4:30 p.m. Free solar eclipse glasses will be available to the community. For folks who would like to see the event via television coverage, they can watch inside the library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 3 p.m. at the Oscoda AuSable Senior Center, 653 State Street SW, Oscoda. A presentation by ReLeaf Michigan will be featured at the meeting. As the only statewide tree planting nonprofit organization, ReLeaf Michigan plants "the right tree in the right place at the right time." The public is welcome to attend this free event. For details, call (989) 387-5980.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Homeschoolers, seasoned or curious, are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. to offer inspiration and camaraderie for schoolaged children. A special aspect will be a presentation on financial literacy with Smart Money MI Kids Read, sponsored by Michigan Financial Wellness Network and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come one time per month and must be present to receive food. Distribution is by curbside pickup. Recipients stay in their vehicle. Identification is required. Clients are accepted regardless of where they live. Bring a box or bag. Call (989)

727-3443 for details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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.

Birding 101 with Peggy Ridgway, past president of AuSable Valley Audubon, will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This free, two-part class is for adults who want to hone their birding skills. Limited space for 20 individuals. Pre-registration is required by calling (989) 724-6796. Attendees should bring their field guide.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it's about unleashing the joy of discovery. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

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ment (MDARD) in reducing the prevalence of the disease and protecting deer and cattle health. However, while the level of disease in wild deer is low, it has remained steady for over a decade, prompting the need for new tools. A unified and sustained approach to protecting human, wildlife and livestock health is critical to further progress toward bTB eradication.

In 2016, researchers collaborated with the DNR to begin evaluating how wild deer could be vaccinated against bTB. This led to a multipart study that started in 2020 by investigating a method to potentially deliver an effective oral bTB vaccine to deer in the bTB area.

Dr. Henry (Rique) Campa Weekly SUDOKU ___ III with Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife shared that, "all of this work provided evidence and a foundation for how to implement the next step of this collaborative project."

Part 1: Spatial modeling to examine factors influencing disease spread and to improve understanding of how tools, such as harvest and vaccination, can aid in reducing or eliminating bTB in wild deer.

Part 2: Penned deer trials



A study is underway in Alplena County to vaccinate white-tailed deer (above) from bovine tuberculosis. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

that demonstrated orally vaccinating deer is feasible.

With Parts 1 and 2 completed, Part 3, the field trial portion of the study, is underway. "The amount of partner work involved in this project is impressive. It is exciting to be in Part 3. We are hopeful this pilot can lead to an effective tool to further reduce the presence of bTB in Michigan," said Mitch Marcus, DNR Wildlife Health Section supervisor.

From late February through April 2024, the USDA-WS is placing vaccine delivery units (VDUs) at selected sites in Alpena County

to evaluate the ability to deliver the vaccine to wild deer. With landowner consent, approximately 15 sites are being used for this field trial, focusing in the area of Green West, Green East, Wilson West, Wilson East and Ossineke West townships.

VDUs are systematically placed in crop fields where USDA-WS has determined deer are present. Vaccineladen VDUs are left out for up to two days; any units left unconsumed will be recovered. Sites are regularly being monitored with cameras and by USDA and MSU personnel. The VDUs consist of cubes of shredded alfalfa and molasses that house an edible sphere, encapsulating the liquid vaccine.

Several weeks following VDU deployment, USDA-WS will harvest deer under DNRissued deer permits from the trial sites and collect samples, which will be analyzed by the State of Michigan and USDA. Conducted under the guidance of a Michigan licensed veterinarian and approved by the USDA, this field trial is the next step in determining the practicality and viability of oral bTB vaccination of wild

"At MDARD, we are constantly looking for innovative new tools to integrate within our current programs to better protect Michigan's cattle from bovine tuberculosis and other harmful diseases," said State Veterinarian Dr. Nora Wineland. "We are supportive of this research and look forward to learning more about how this vaccine can be used to address this disease and keep cattle and other animals, including deer, safe from bTB."

The DNR will conduct a full evaluation of this initial study before undertaking any additional field trials. The public will be notified if further trials are initiated.

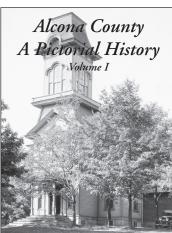
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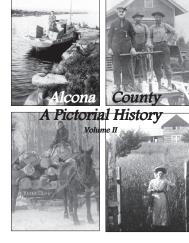
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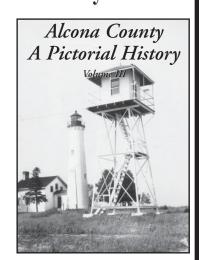
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How to tap underutilized burial benefits for veterans

Dear Savvy Senior,

What types of funeral benefits are available to old veterans? My 83-year-old father, who has Alzheimer's disease, served during the Vietnam War in the 1960s.

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Cemetery Administration actually offers a variety of underutilized burial benefits to veterans as well as their spouses and dependents.

Most U.S. veterans (both combat and noncombat) who didn't receive a dishonorable discharge are eligible for burial benefits. To verify your dad's discharge, you'll need a copy of his DD Form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." If you don't have it, you can request online at Archives.gov/veterans.

Here's a rundown of some of the different benefits that are available to veterans that die a nonservice related death.

Military Cemetery Benefits

If your dad's eligible and would like to be buried in one of the 155 national or 119 state, territory or tribal-operated cemeteries (see VA.gov/ find-locations), the VA provides a number of benefits at no cost to the family, including: a gravesite; opening and closing of the grave and perpetual gravesite care; a government headstone or marker; a United States burial flag that can be used to drape the casket or accompany the urn; and a Presidential Me-



morial Certificate.

If your dad is cremated, his remains will be buried or inurned in the same manner as casketed remains.

But be aware that funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are not taken care of by the VA. They are the responsibility of the veteran's family, but some veteran's survivors may be eligible for burial allowances.

The VA also offers a memorial web page called the Veterans Legacy Memorial for any veteran buried in a national, state, territorial or tribal cemetery. This allows families to post pictures and stories of their loved one online as a way to remember and honor their service.

If you're interested in this option, the VA has a pre-need burial eligibility determination program to help you plan ahead before your dad passes. See VA.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (800) 535-

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Local Potes



Away at School

Brooklynn Pagels of Spruce received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in December 2023 at Ferris State University College of Pharmacology. To be eligible for Academic Honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 Ferris credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher. (The previously published announcement was incorrect. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.)

CFNEM Grant Awards

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) recently awarded a new round of community grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties. The board of trustees recently approved 61 new grants totaling \$132,718.

Community Impact Grants for Alcona County:

- Alcona County Baby Pantry was awarded \$5,000 for the Alcona children safety
- Alcona Historical Society was awarded \$1,000 for Lighthouse Day.
- Harrisville United Methodist Church was awarded \$4,800 for the feeding Alcona County families project.
- Hubbard Lake Baptist/ Bible Church was awarded \$5,000 for the Feeding the Hungry project.
- Inspiration Alcona was awarded \$1,500 for the HARC - teaching basic pottery wheel skills project.
- · Iosco County Coats for Kids was awarded \$2,000 for the keeping kids warm project.
- Mikado Township was awarded \$2,500 for No Child Without a Christmas.
- Millen Township was awarded \$5,000 for the Millen Township baseball field fence post replacement project.

Youth Advisory Council *grants for of Alcona County:*

- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$2,000 for the Alcona football receiver training equipment project and for HARC's Sense of Place art tile mural project.
- Alcona County Library was awarded \$1,104 for the Alcona Visions Unleashed project.
- Harrisville United Methodist Church was awarded \$2,400 for the feeding Alcona County families project.
- Hubbard Lake Baptist/ Bible Church was awarded \$500 for the Feeding the Hungry project.
- Hubbard Lake Lions Community Foundation was awarded \$500 for the playground swing replacement project.
- Mikado Township was awarded \$906 for No Child Without a Christmas.

The next opportunities for submitting grant applications are through the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle and Community Impact Grant with respective grant deadlines of July 1, 2024, and July 15, 2024. Applications are available at cfnem.org.

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)

- Monday, April 8: Chicken salad croissant, spinach leaves, baby carrots, potato salad, oranges.
- Tuesday, April 9: Goulash, tossed salad, pears.
- Wednesday, April 10: Pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mixed ber-
- Thursday, April 11: Chicken tenders, three-bean salad, mac and cheese, orange-pineapple salad.

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

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of March 25-31, 2024

102 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 2 Arrest Warrants; 19 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	7	Traffic/Traffic Stop	42
Warrant Arrest	2	Property Damage Accident	2
Animal Neglect	2	Animal/Dog	5
Fraud	2	Well Being Check	5
Suspicious Event	4	Animal Neglect	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Finger Prints	5
Fire	3	Threats/Harassment	2
PBT/Drug Test	11	Fingerprints	3
Vehicle ID Inspection	1	Domestic	1
Civil	1	Sex Offender Reg. Violation	1
Child Neglect	1	Alarm	1
Truancy	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	5		Curtis	10
Greenbush	13	Gustin	5		Harrisville	8
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New book exposes local impact on introduction, loss of salmon in Great Lakes

By Shealyn Paulis Capital News Service

The fall of salmon in the Great Lakes can be seen as a good thing ecologically although some people prefer native species, according to biologist and author Carson Prichard.

But the personal perspective and the local impact are often forgotten. "I think it's just been overlooked — they had tried to look at the economic impacts of the loss, but not on the local scale whatsoever," said Prichard, the author of "The Salmon Capital of Michigan: The Rise and Fall of a Great Lakes Fishery" (Wayne State University Press, \$26.99).

The book, set to be published in April, is about the residents of Rogers City, a once-booming Lake Huron fishing community, who share personal stories of how the introduction and depletion of salmon impacted them.

Prichard has spent a lifetime learning about the outdoors as a Michigan native. He got his bachelor's degree in biology from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in fisheries and wildlife at Michigan State University. He then earned a doctorate in earth and ecosystems science at Central Michigan University.

As a biologist in Muskegon, Mich. for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, he was made aware of the discourse about nonnative salmon in the lakes.

He never planned to write a book, but noted the lack of cultural focus on this ecological event and said he was drawn to telling that side of the story. "I ended up getting my Ph.D., but by the time I was finishing that, I kind of didn't want to do science as a career anymore," Prichard

The COVID-19 pandemic gave him an opportunity to rethink his career options. Prichard said he decided to

write the book because the story blended personal connection and science.

That was a solution to using his education but not continuing along a path in hard science. Government agencies had published a lot of research that told the science of the changes brought by introduced salmon, he explained. What is less reported is the impact the fish had on towns where the salmon fishing industry once flourished.

That's a lot of tourism and cultural and physical presence to just go away," Prichard

Great Lakes salmon have had a long and complex history since state officials brought them to the lakes nearly 60 years ago. They were a solution to another invasive fish, the alewife, according to Amber Peters, an associate professor with the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and who has worked with Great Lakes salmon.

Alewives were a nuisance and harmed the fishing and tourism industries. Cities, like Chicago, Ill., encouraged tourists to have a fun day at the beach, but alewives often die in massive numbers and wash up dead and rotting, Peters said.

"They'd bring in trucks and bulldozers to take them away," Peters said. "But really, the biological solution made a lot more sense."

That solution was salmon. Although not native to the Great Lakes, the hope was that the fish brought from Oregon and Washington would feed on the growing alewife population. The salmon did their job and more, not only creating ecological balance and solving the alewife problem but also bringing economic prosperity and a new style of fishing similar to deep-sea ocean fishing, she said.

"In one fell swoop, we'd created this great sports fishery and we got rid of the stinky fish that were washing up all over the beach," Peters said.

Prichard received a grant in 2021 from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to focus on Rogers City. State officials once stocked this Lake Huron city with more salmon than anywhere else in the

"They had a fishing tournament there, a big one that brought people in to fish from



Carson Prichard

Ontario, New York, Detroit, all over the Great Lakes states, basically," Prichard said. "There were lots of boats, money and tourism coming into northern Michigan."

But his book is part of a larger conversation, he said. Many people believe that the lakes would benefit from fewer salmon and more native species like lake trout and walleye. Those native species are outnumbered and compete with salmon for food.

His book is less about fish science and more about how salmon have benefitted life and culture in fishing communities, he said.

"I have been exposed to some negative sentiments along the way, biologists against nonnative species, and it could easily be construed as a good thing that the salmon have collapsed," Prichard said. "I think there was a lot lost culturally with the salmon collapse, and I want to give a voice to the people whose lives were positively affected by them.'

The cause of the collapse of the salmon population is difficult to pinpoint. There are many reasons, including inconsistent stocking efforts, Peters said.

"A couple of likely contributing factors are the salmon did their job too well and they ate the alewives down to a point where the population was not replenishing itself enough to feed, and maybe some of the changing temperatures of the lakes," Pe-

Even those who know nothing about the salmon in the Great Lakes could benefit from reading and under standing the many sides of the story, she said.

"It just shows you how complex the big picture really is. Books like this really help."

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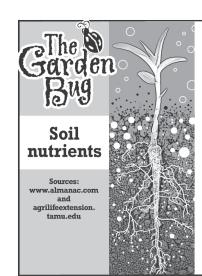
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Road commission invests in employee safety

As the winter season winds down, the Alcona County Road Commission is gearing up for a bustling road improvement project season.

This year, the commission has approved the purchase of two Automatic Flagger Assistance Devices (AFADs), a revolutionary technology that promises to make single-lane closures safer and more efficient for workers.

Jesse Campbell, Managing Director of the Alcona County Road Commission, explained that the annual project planning process includes reviewing past projects and identifying improvements that can be made.

When asked about the need for this equipment, Campbell stated, "Michigan had 7,436 work zone crashes, 22 fatal work zone crashes, 23 work zone fatalities and 1,928 work zone injuries in 2022 alone. This is ridiculous, the statistics should be zero!

"The automated flaggers are a great start towards zero deaths by reducing accidents and debilitating injuries to the crew of the Alcona County Road Commission and the traveling public."

The AFAD is a portable flagging station that has been designed to improve worker safety in temporary traffic control zones. It eliminates the need for a traditional human flagger, reducing the risk of accidents or injuries to flaggers who are exposed to traffic.



The Alcona County Road Commission will be using two new Automated Flagger Assistance Devices during road construction projects. *Courtesy photo.*

According to Campbell, they can be operated remotely from outside the work zone, which ensures workers' safety and makes the process much more efficient. Each device is equipped with two 12-inch lamps, one red and one yellow, a static "Stop Here on Red" sign, one gate with a flag, and a wireless remote controller.

The AFAD's lights indicate to drivers what to do. Flashing yellow means to drive with caution, solid yellow means to prepare to stop, and red means to stop. When the arm is down and the light is either solid yellow or red, drivers should stop at least one car length away. It's important to follow these instructions for

everyone's safety, even if there is no oncoming traffic, Campbell said.

He explained, it's important to note that while the AFAD improves safety, it does not eliminate the need for trained flaggers. AFAD operators must be certified flaggers who are trained on how to operate the device correctly. This ensures that there is still a trained individual who can step in and manually control the lane closure in the event of an AFAD malfunction.

AFAD technology enables the operator to safely control the device from a location outside the work zone via remote control. This means

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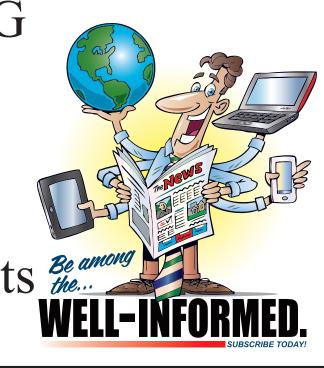
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Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., upstairs at the Hollyhock Emporium in Harrisville. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. April's book is "Middle School is No Place for Magic," by Mimi Olsen. Coffee and light refreshments are available during the discussion. For more details, call (989) 724-

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome to share

stories, tips and tricks while working on projects or starting a new one. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

"White Hurricane," a dramatic tale of the worst storm in Great Lakes history, will be presented by Historian Jeff Thomas at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street. This free "Cabin Fever" program is brought to you by the Alcona Historical Society and the library. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

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

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Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are again the responsibility of the family, and there are no benefits offered to spouses and

dependents that are buried in private cemeteries.

Military Funeral Honors

Another popular benefit available to all eligible veterans buried in either a national or private cemetery is a military funeral honors ceremony. This includes an honor guard detail of at least two uniformed military persons, folding and presenting the U.S. burial flag to the veteran's survivors, and the playing of Taps.

The funeral provider you choose will be able to assist you with all VA burial requests. Depending on what you want, certain forms may need to be completed which are always better to be done in advance.

For a complete rundown of burial and memorial benefits, eligibility details and required forms visit Cem.va.gov.

Burial Allowances

In addition to the burial benefits, some veteran's survivors may also qualify for a \$948 burial allowance and \$948 for a plot to those who

choose to be buried in a private cemetery. And \$231 for a headstone or grave marker allowance. To find out if your dad is eligible or to apply, see VA.gov/burials-memorials/ veterans-burial-allowance.

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



Buggy Rides



Cuyler "There" with the stick

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that the operator does not need to be physically present in the potentially hazardous work zone, further reducing the risk of accidents or inju-

Campbell added, "The safety of our crew is always a top priority, and we are excited to implement the AFAD technology to make our road improvement projects safer and more efficient for everyone involved. Please do your part by giving road construction zones your undivided attention allowing all to keep families whole.

Questions or concerns regarding this project should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at (989) 736-8168.

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April 3, 1924 ~ The following special telegram sent to the Pittsburgh Gazette Times from the training grounds in California, indicates that Hazen "Kiki" Cuyler is still doing good stick work:

PASO ROBLES, March 19 -The Pirates broke camp with a squad ball game this afternoon, and Hazen Cuyler gave the correspondents something more thrilling to write about than the departure. Cuyler achieved the astounding feat of hammering the ball over the left wall. The drive of the fast-stepping KiKi Makes Record Smash At Paso Robles

Michigander had to carry 402 feet to clear the barrier. The Regulars won the final, 5 to 3, the Cuyler clout giving the kids their sum total.

For three weeks the Regulars and Yans have been shooting at the left field wall. If you Pirate fans wish to get a better appreciation of the wallop, just visualize the left field fence in Oakland and then add about 40 feet while your eyes are hurt. Oh, what a smash it was. "I knew it was ticketed for a ride over the wall as soon as it left the bat," said "01" Charley Adams.

Pie Traynor predicted that "if anybody cleared the left field fence Cuyler would do it." That crack was made two weeks ago when the boys were giving the sphere both barrels with no better results than bounding smashes against the distant ramparts. Today Cuyler snapped his muscular swing against a Steineder fast pitch, and all hands were up to see the ball disappear over the garden

Eddie Moore and Everett Barnes were given passports to the plate on the Cuyler sock. The round-tripper gave the youngsters a one-run advantage over the first team, but the Regulars moved to the front again in their half and they were not headed off during the remaining in-

And thus, endeth the camp battles, the rubber scrap of the 11 fights going to the Regulars. The Yanigans threatened to take the long series, but they weakened at the finish, the Regulars deadlocking the situation yester-

basketball career Kilbourn wraps up

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Special to the Review

At five feet, five inches tall, few pick out Alicia Kilbourn as a basketball player.

Still, despite her less than average height for a basketball player, Kilbourn's success on the court has reached great heights.

The Alpena Community College hoopster was recently named to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's (MCCAA) First All-Conference Team.

Each year players from teams throughout the state, such as Oakland Community College, Henry Ford Community College and Mott Community College are named to the team. Ten players are chosen from the conference's nine teams for the honor.

While it was an honor for Kilbourn to be named to the team, she was also among the top three guards in her league to receive the most

In addition to these honors, Kilbourn was the only player this season to start every game for the Lady Lumberjacks. She scored 22 points against Muskegon Community College, which is ranked number seven in the nation.

Following this year's Oak-

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April 7, 1999 ~ By John land Community College's Christmas Tournament, she was named to the All-Tournament Team. Because of her being named to MCCAA's All-Conference Team, Kilbourn played in the All Region XII All-Star Game in Dayton, Ohio.

> The Lady Lumberjack's successful college career followed her equally good high school court presence as an Alcona Lady Tiger. During her high school senior year, she was named to the First All State Basketball Team.

> Kilbourn also received numerous individual team awards during her high school career. She was named Athlete of the Year because of her performance in basketball, and also her participation in volleyball and track. She graduated from Alcona High School in the top ten of her class and will graduate from ACC with honors.

> While she was playing high school basketball, Kilbourn recalled attending college games. At that time, she thought playing college ball would not be different, but she quickly learned that the game was much faster at the higher level.

> She also found out there was more training needed. While amount of on-court practice time in high school

and college remained the same, in college, she was required to lift weights and practice more free throws.

Playing against better competition from throughout the state helped her to improve her game. "The pace is so much faster. You don't realize it until you are out there playing. It's a lot harder," she said. It seems Kilbourn's success has resulted from a "team" effort both on and off the court.

She is the daughter of Craig and Debbie Kilbourn of Lincoln. Kilbourn said her family's support was particularly important to her basketball playing.

During high school, her family attended all of her home and away games. For her college games, they would often travel as far as Detroit to attend games. It she played in a game and had a problem, she would call her father and mother and ask them for ad-

"They would say just one or two things, it would really help me get my confidence back," she said.

Kilbourn's interest in basketball may have been greater than many of her peers. She said for the last six years, her life has been basketball.

"All I did was play basket-

ball. In the summer, I played in Gus Makers, and we went to camps. As soon as school started, I was playing basketball," she said.

This is not unusual for many local players, but Kilbourn took her basketball one step further.

After her high school season ended each year, she played with the Amateur Athletic Union in Grayling every Sunday. This included practices from December to April.

These practices were then followed by tournament play. She feels this contributed a great deal to her success because she was competing against people who wanted to play. "It kept me playing. It kept me in the game instead of sitting at home doing nothing," she said.

Last month's Ohio all-star game was Kilbourn's last collegiate competition. She plans to attend Northwood Institute to study accounting. Although she will not continue to play basketball competitively, she looks forward playing recreationally.

"My parents have really encouraged me the whole time to work my hardest and to do my best. If I don't achieve all the things I want to, I am still Alicia Kilbourn," she

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2. GEOGRAPHY: In which nation is the Great Victoria Desert located?

3. MOVIES: What sport is featured in the movie "The Mighty Ducks"?

4. HISTORY: What is the name of the island where Napoleon was exiled in 1814?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest rodent in the world?

6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's pet rat in the "Harry Potter" book series?

7. U.S. STATES: Which letter of the alphabet is not in any U.S. state's name?

8. TELEVISION: Which iconic 1960s sitcom inspired two spinoff hits, "Petticoat Junction" and "Green Acres"?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in

10. ANATOMY: How many pairs of spinal nerves exist in humans?

Answers:1. Likely in the late 16th century, when calendars changed from Julian to Gregorian.; 2. Australia.; 3. Ice hockey.; 4. Elba.; 5. Capybara.; 6. Scabbers.; 7. Q.; 8. "The Beverly Hillbillies."; 9. George H.W. Bush.; 10. 31 pairs. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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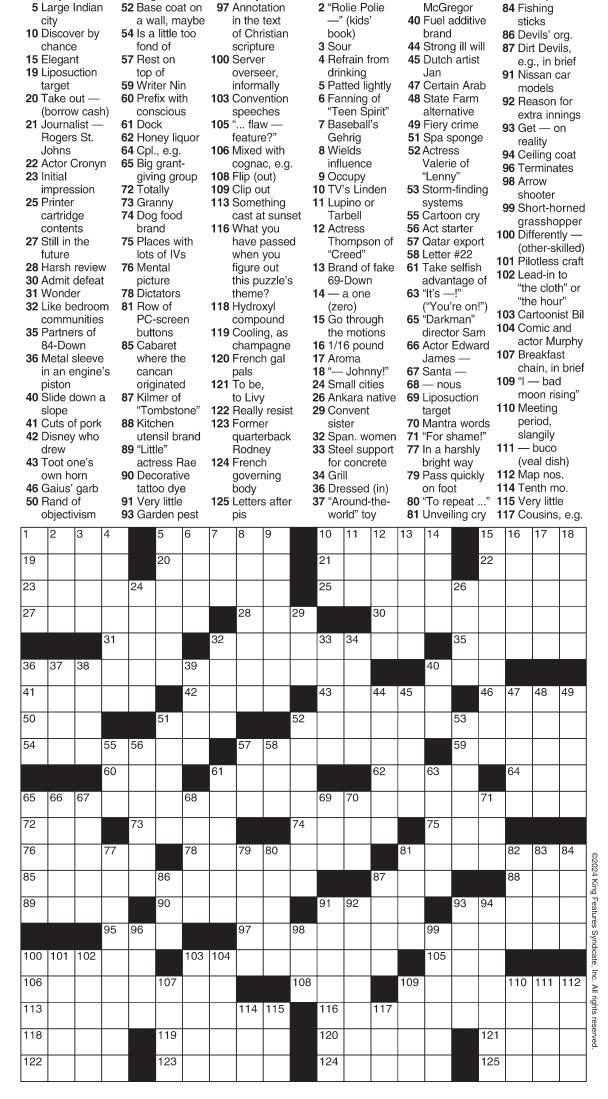
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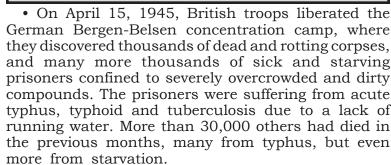
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 On April 16, 1964, The Rolling Stones' debut album, "The Rolling Stones," issued in the U.S. as "England's Newest Hit Makers," was released. The band consisted of lead singer Mick Jagger, rhythm guitarist Brian Jones, lead guitarist Keith Richards, bassist Bill Wyman and drummer Charlie Watts.

 On April 17, 1985, the U.S. government announced a campaign to increase organ donation awareness with the hope of making the procedure as widespread as donating blood, following similar campaigns from other countries around the world as organ transplants became more common.

• On April 18, 1997, major floods in Grand Forks, N.D., caused by the Red River's breaching a dike, necessitated the evacuation of 50,000 residents from their homes. In some areas, only the roofs of their houses were visible.

• On April 19, 1897, the world's oldest annual marathon run took place for the first time. Today the Boston Marathon ranks among the world's most prestigious road racing events, with an average of 20,000 participants, and is one of five members of the World Marathon Majors, which also include the cities of London, Berlin, Chicago and New York.

• On April 20, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York, the scene of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the city's Twin Towers, at the end of his six-day tour of America. He greeted survivors, fire and police workers, and relatives of some of the 2,749 people who died at the scene, and prayed for the rescuers and victims, as well as "those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred," before celebrating Mass at New York's Yankee stadium.

• On April 21, 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace pilot popularly known as the "Red Baron" and credited with 80 confirmed air combat victories, was killed in action during World War I.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- · Modern brunch was first proposed in 1895 as a posthangover meal.
- Quetzalcoatlus, the largest known flying animal, was as tall as a giraffe and may have used its powerful forelimbs to pole-vault into the sky.
- Cathay Williams became the first African-American woman to serve in the U.S. Army in 1866. Since women were barred from joining the military at the time, she enlisted as a man under the pseudonym William Cathay.
 - In Australia, weed whackers are called whipper snippers. • Beaver College changed its name to Arcadia in 2001,
- partly because anti-porn filters blocked access to its website.
- The human body emits visible light, but it's not visible to the naked eye.
- The FBI dubbed Ted Kaczynski "The Unabomber" because his early mail bombs were sent to universities (UN) and airlines (A).
- · As astronauts spend months traveling to Mars, their eyeballs may change shape. Some scientists believe that's due to the pressure from fluids that won't drain from their heads, thanks to the low-gravity environment.
- · President Thomas Jefferson hated formal affairs so much that he would often greet foreign dignitaries in his pajamas.
- Newborn babies have nearly 100 more bones than fullgrown adults.
- · The Antikythera mechanism, discovered by sponge divers in 1900, is sometimes called the world's first analog computer. Designed to calculate dates and predict astronomical phenomena, it was so advanced nothing surpassed it for nearly 1,500 years.
- Some libraries have been known to use extraordinary measures to ensure titles remained on shelves. A notable example is Marsh's Library in Dublin, Ireland, where in the 1800s, visitors desiring to peruse rare books were locked in cages until they finished reading!

Thought for the Day: "If we open a quarrel between past and present, we shall find that we have lost the future." --Winston Churchill

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Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Decorative silver

Collectors and makers alike know that there are many ways to decorate silver. It can have an engraved design or monogram. It can be pierced or reticulated with lace-like cutouts. A textured design may be hammered, gadrooned, repousse or made with another technique. Some of the most elaborate and complex decorations on silver are applied; that is, made separately and then attached to the silver piece. Applied pieces may be functional, like handles or finials, or strictly decorative. Three-dimensional figures, especially natural elements, human figures or mythological creatures, are popular.

This Italian silver plate bowl was listed as the "Sealife bowl" at a Rago auction, where it sold for \$1,188. Its design is more complex than a typical decorative silver bowl; instead of being applied directly onto the bowl, the three-dimensional silver sea crea-



Three-dimensional figures of animals and wildlife are often seen on elaborate silver pieces. This bowl takes a slightly different approach, with figures of sea animals attached to a wire net. Photo courtesy of thekovels.com

tures are "caught" in a wirework net attached to the rim.

Another feature of this bowl, its gilt enameled interior, may serve a purpose besides decoration. As any collector knows, silver is prone to tarnish, especially

when exposed to substances like salty, acidic or sulfurous foods. Some tableware is coated with gold or enamel on the interior, which protects the silver as well as adding decorative value.

Q: I bought some toys at an estate sale. One is a 4 1/2inch by 2 1/4-inch box that contains six smaller boxes that form puzzles. The boxes can be turned to make two different pictures. Each of the smaller boxes contains a tiny bisque doll. I would like to know more about these tiny dolls in puzzle boxes.

A: We've seen a set like this marked "made in Japan," which means it was imported into the United States. The 2-inch dolls are painted wearing various costumes. The set was probably made in the 1930s. It's listed for \$125 but hasn't sold yet, so the price is probably too

Tip: Be sure to remove salt and pepper from shakers and dishes after use. Wash, then store.

Current Prices • Poster, travel, 1964 New York World's Fair, Come Back to the Fair, mother, father

and two children with balloons, linen backing, 16 x 11 inches, \$110.

Quilt, applique, Bear Paws pattern, 16 squares, each with a small square center and bear paw corners, red on cream and cream on red printed fabric, Long Island City, 1910-1920, 72 x 72 inches, \$245.

- Wooden sailor's chest, mahogany, brass mounts, escutcheon and latch, hinged top, side handles, 18th century, 14 x 36 x 22 inches, \$535.
- · Sewing machine, table top, Goodspeed & Wyman, single thread, C-shape frame, hand crank wheel, black metal, gilt decoration, 1800s, 8 x 12 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, \$765.
- Stoneware crock, cobalt blue stripes and twisting vines, stamped E. Lulley, 616 Penn. Ave., Washington, D.C., rolled rim, two applied ear handles, 4 gallons, 14 3/4 inches, \$1,240.

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Heterans Host By Freddy Groves

The OIG in our corner

per a Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (OIG) report, a former veteran who worked at a VA hospital was found guilty of stealing money out of patient accounts. It came

You hate to learn of it, but about when the sister of a deceased veteran checked her brother's account and discovered the missing funds. An investigation showed that the thief was stealing from accounts where the veteran was unable to

appear in person at the cashier window to withdraw money due to illness and tried to blame the missing funds on someone using fake identification. All he got for his crimes was six months in jail and six months with an ankle bracelet at home.

An elderly veteran lost his foot due to deficient podiatry care. The whole sorry mess involved defective specialty diabetic shoes, blocked blood flow to the leg, a patient fall due to the shoes, lack of patient education, lack of communication among staff ... and ended with amputation of the patient's foot.

There was enough blame to go around, but nobody to throw in jail. The podiatrist didn't adequately instruct on the proper fitting of the shoes. The fall wasn't correctly reported because the safety officer was new. It could not be determined who did/didn't warn the patient about possible amputation. And so on.

But not all OIG investigations are so serious. There was the VA employee auction of VA property, which was for the purpose of gathering funds for employee activities and parties. When purchasing agents placed orders for supplies, sometimes there were freebies or incentives sent by the manufacturer when the order was large enough. The employees would then auction off the extra goods, which were government property. It appears that the auctioning of the freebies had gone on for many years, with nobody admitting to the OIG that the vendor was selected because of the freebies they would get. The bulk of the free goodies were big-name expensive

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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: Y equals X

PZNM AV MZX MXHO EQH VQOXQWX PZQ'V XYNOAWAWF MZX UAEX QE CHXVASXWM FXHNUS? N EQHS XYCUQHXH.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: A DOUBLE BOGEY IN GOLF

All the map All with Come here Do again

Eggs easy End end Fried easy Get it

Get with Go big Hand fist Head heels Moon Miami Not yet Voice IP

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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Couch Theater

By Demi Taveras

"The Iron Claw" (R) -- Based on a true story, this biographical sports film follows a family of professional wrestlers called the Von Erichs. Taking place in 1979, the patriarch of the family, Fritz, owns the World Class Championship Wrestling company and pushes his four boys --Kevin, David, Kerry and Mike -- to fight in the ring. However, a "Von Erich curse" seems to shadow their family wherever they go. As Fritz pushes each of his sons further into wrestling, whether they want to or not, the repercussions of his actions become more dire for the boys, even deadly. Zac Efron ("Ricky Stanicky"), Jeremy Allen White ("The Bear") and Harris Dickinson ("Trust") lead this tragic film that is available to rent now. (Apple

"Mean Girls" (PG-13) -Twenty years after the pop
culture phenomenon "Mean
Girls" premiered, a musicalcomedy film based on the film
of the same name released
in theaters. This new adaptation stars Angourie Rice
("Spider-Man: No Way Home")
as Cady Heron, a
homeschooled teen who



Andrew Scott stars as Tom Ripley in the series "Ripley." *Photo courtesy of Netflix*

moves from Kenya to the United States and begins her first public school experience. Cady quickly learns the rules of North Shore High regarding the "Plastics" who own the school, and she teams up with her new friends, Janis and Damian, to take the Queen Bee Regina George (Renee Rapp) down. Overall, the performances of Rapp, Auli'i Cravalho ("Moana"), and Jaquel Spivey were standouts in this campy musical. Keep an eye out for a cameo from Lindsay Lohan, who

played Cady in the original film. Out now. (Paramount+)

"Anyone but You" (R) --Another fun pick this week is this romantic comedy starring two all-American heartthrobs -- Sydney Sweeney ("Euphoria") and Glen Powell ("Top Gun: Maverick"). Sweeney plays law student Bea, who meets Goldman Sachs employee Ben (Powell) randomly at a coffee shop. The two spend the night together, but due to a miscommunication, they don't end up seeing each other for another six months.

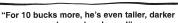
When they meet again due to a mutual friends' wedding, they're forced to swallow their pride, and even though they but theads, Bea and Ben make a deal to pretend to be together to ensure that the wedding goes smoothly. This movie is full of romantic tropes, so this watch will either make you cringe or entertain the heck out of you. Out now to rent. (Prime Video)

"Ripley" (TV-MA) -- Andrew Scott ("Fleabag") is putting his own twist on the character of Tom Ripley, who you might've met in Patricia Highsmith's 1955 novel or in the 1999 film adaptation starring Matt

Damon. In this eight-episode series taking place in 1960s New York, Tom is hired by a wealthy businessman to convince his son, Dickie, to come home from Italy. But Tom is a grifter who's accustomed to studying and impersonating people in an eerily accurate manner. So, when Tom arrives in Italy to get Dickie back, he unexpectedly becomes enamored with Dickie's life, so much so that he thinks he can become him. Johnny Flynn and Dakota Fanning co-star in this limited series premiering April 4. (Netflix)

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Mikado Township is asking for mowing and/or clean-up bids for all Mikado Township properties. Bid #1, mowing for all in-town properties. Bid #2, cemetery spring clean-up to be done between May 1^{st} and May $15^{\text{th}}.\;$ Bid #3, cemetery mowing, bid is per mow for at least 4 times per mowing season. Please call the Township Clerk for bidding details at 989-736-7721. All bids are required to be received by April 9th. Proof of all required insurance is required. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Rita Sands, Mikado Township Clerk.

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