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Newberry, Michigan

School isn't (really) canceled

Coursework is required

By Carol Stiffler

Though there are no students in school these days, and no yellow busses combing the area for children, school is still in session.

Students at all area schools are receiving assignments online and/or via paper packets sent through the mail, and teachers are expecting work to get done.

At Tahquamenon Area Schools, the district created a standard requirement that students complete at least 60% of the work they are assigned during this time. In grades kindergarten through 8, meeting that threshold will earn them a score of "complete" for the spring quarter. Students who do not hand in 60% of their work will receive an "incomplete" for the quarter.

High school grades have more at stake - they'll need to complete 60% of their work to earn credit for each class. Handing in less than 60% will deny them credit for those classes.

The Tahquamenon district has created two short sessions for students to work from home. The first began last week and extends for only three weeks. The second session lasts four weeks.

"The learning that's taking place is important, but it's not the same as if they were in a classroom with their teacher," said Superintendent and High School Principal Stacy Price. "Kids are still learning."

The work holds value but won't be graded, Price said.

"It just has to be completed in a reasonable fashion," she said. "It has to be a reasonable effort. Some of this content is new and it's the content they need to know."

Teachers are sending out assignments via Google classroom to students who have good internet access. Students without reliable

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Sunset at the Dollarville Dam



Steve Stiffler

This aerial shot of the water west of the Dollarville Dam was taken on Sunday, April 26, while several fishermen were exhibiting perfect social distancing.

Village will delay shut-offs until May 12

By Sterling McGinn

The Newberry Village Council held their monthly meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. All members of the council participated as well as two members of the public; however, there were no comments from the public.

Interim Village Manager Allison Watkins gave a report on how the village is handling utility billing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"To date there has not been any money set aside or assigned to help local government utility providers cover the debt from unpaid utility bills during this time," stated Watkins. "We continue to be told that increased unemployment amounts, funding to DHS type agencies and stimulus checks are how the state and federal government are assisting utility companies, and that those funds will be used to pay bills."

Delinquent notices for February's bills were sent to customers on March 16 with late fees included. "Red tags were scheduled to go out on March 26 and I chose to suspend them," explained Watkins. "I did not want to cause any additional stress or concern within the community."

Watkins stated that instead of issuing red tags to customers behind on payment, the staff called each account holder they could reach and encouraged them to pay or to seek assistance if they couldn't pay. The customers were also told they would not be shut off.

"We send out about 130 red tags a month, that usually goes down to about 10 to 20 actual shutoffs," she said. "A lot of people use the red tags as reminders that they need to pay." The shutoffs normally scheduled for April 13, have been suspended until May 12.

Currently there is about
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A new mandate You must wear a mask

By Carol Stiffler

Wearing a mask in public seems commonplace in some countries, like China, where air quality is very poor at times.

But in the Upper Peninsula, it is far outside the norm.

Until now, that is. On Friday, April 24, Governor Gretchen Whitmer extended the Stay at Home order to May 15, and added a mandate that anyone who ventures out into public buildings must wear a face mask. She asked citizens to leave the medical-grade masks for health care workers and to wear a cloth face mask, scarf, or bandana over their nose and mouth when they head out. Though she said it is mandatory, she also said no citations will be given to people who don't comply.

A majority of people complied quickly, and now a quick trip to the grocery store can leave you wondering who all these masked people are you are shopping with.

Newberry resident Kathy Dzelak has been making cloth face masks for months, after her niece in Minneapolis asked for 45 of them. She



Carol Stiffler

Kathy Dzelak has been filling and refilling this box with homemade face masks at Rahilly's IGA.

has been producing them at great speed since and says she has now made more than 250 masks.

"My oldest daughter is a pharmacist in Alaska," Dzelak said. "She sent me a pattern. She said 'Mom, people are going to need these masks.' I just used that pattern."

Dzelak says it's simple - just a 6.5 inch by 9.5 inch piece of fabric, doubled, with pleats and elastic.

"It's pretty basic, but it works," she said.

Once she got going, she figured IGA employees could use some... The Newberry Fire Department might need some... Workers at the Catholic church might need masks. She kept sewing.

Word got around.

"People were calling: 'Can I have a mask?'" she said. "I was starting to feel like a drug dealer. I would hang a bag on my garage door. People were pulling up to get bags off my garage door to get masks."

Dzelak has placed a box of masks on the lottery counter at Rahilly's IGA with a sign that advises people to take a mask if they need one. She has refilled it more than once and believes she has placed about a hundred masks there.

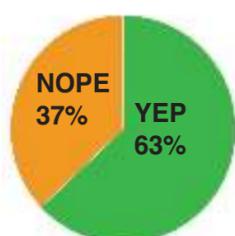
If she pushes it, she thinks she can do between 20 and 30 masks a day. And she's not the only person in town piecing masks together:

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You voted

Our very short growing season is nearly here, and we can buy seeds again. Farmers and families who have hobby gardens are preparing their grounds for this year's crops. Some people are planning to plant more than usual this year.

We asked on Facebook: Will you plant a garden this year? With 147 votes, you said:



Local teens form lawn care company

By Carol Stiffler

Johnny Nutkins is 16, and he should be in school right now. His days should focus on math and history and preparation for state testing.

But like all children in Michigan - and like most across the world - Nutkins is at home these days, obeying a stay at home order that has completely upended normal routines.

Nutkins isn't slacking. He's getting his homework done in an hour or two a day, and then he's off to work. He has joined forces with his brother, Gavin, and their friend Ethan Salter, to rake and mow yards across Newberry. Together they are operating a business they call Advantage Lawn Care.

"We're hardworking and believe in the customer coming



Courtesy of Advantage Lawn Care

From left: Johnny Nutkins, Ethan Salter, and Gavin Nutkins have teamed up to mow and rake lawns in Newberry this summer.

first," Johnny said.

They play competitive hockey together, so the trio really does know all about hard work. That grueling sport has led to Ethan breaking his collarbone three -

THREE - times, and to Johnny getting sliced by the blade of a skate. But they wouldn't dream of quitting.

They also play other sports individually: Johnny plays football

and golf; Gavin, 13, plays football and baseball; and Ethan, 16, plays football and runs track.

"I have mowed lawns as a side job for a few years," Johnny said. "This year we decided to do it together and expand the amount of lawns we could rake or mow."

The group is working to raise money for college, vehicles, vehicle repairs, hunting and fishing equipment, and other sports equipment - "just so if the situation presents itself, we'll have the money," he said.

They currently have about a dozen clients, but they're hoping to attract as many as 40 Newberry customers to serve this summer. Johnny takes customer calls right on his cell phone - 906-287-0685

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internet access are receiving their assignments through the mail. And they're getting assignments back all kinds of ways: in their e-mail, as photos in text messages, and on paper through a new drop box at the school.

"So far, I'm impressed by the efforts of my students," said Christine Rathje, who teaches high school English and AP Literature. "We have no precedence for an event like this, so I wondered what would happen. Our students really have stepped up to the challenge."

Some students do their work right away; others chip away at it, and some complete it in a burst right before it's due. However they do it, they're getting it done, she said.

Dawnica Burton, who teaches 7th and 8th grade language arts for the district, said her students have worked predictably - those who handed in homework while school was running normally are handing in their homework now. And those who weren't handing in their assignments in class still aren't.

Teachers like Rathje and Burton have been in contact with students and parents throughout this unique time and they understand that it's a difficult situation.

"This is not a snow day," Burton said. "This is a pandemic. The stress is not the same in family homes as when we are just off for snow days."

Some parents, whose jobs are deemed essential, have reported feeling overwhelmed by the sudden requirement to complete their regular jobs and then return home to help educate their children.

"I tell them 'Do the best you can do,'" Burton said. "That's all you can do right now."

When school is back in session, Price hopes parents will have a better understanding of and appreciation for what teachers do. Until then, she has this advice:

"Hey guys: put your best foot forward, just like if you were in front of your teachers," Price said. "Your teachers know what you're capable of and they still want to see that. They still want to see that learning going on. Please perform as if you were in the classroom, and do the best you can."

COUNCIL, continued

\$6,000 in lost revenue and a carry over of utility debt of \$8,300 that would have been \$0.00 if customer's bills had been paid.

Delinquent notices for March bills went out on April 16 with no late fees. Red tags would go out on the 27. Watkins stated she would prefer to not make a decision on shutoffs until the first week of May. The suspension of shutoffs is not a forgiveness of debt; all customers will be required to pay past due amounts.

In other business, Watkins informed the council that the 2019 audit is still not completed and it may be done the week of April 27.

Also on the agenda was a resolution establishing rules of remote attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was approved. This also includes the Water and Light Board, Planning Commission and village committees.

The council adopted a proclamation for the Newberry nightly neighborhood nod. Village residents are encouraged to step out of their homes each evening at 6:30 to wave and visually check on neighbors.

"I think this is a good idea," trustee Dennis Hendrickson said. "It's sometimes difficult to get people out, but when the weather warms up, that will probably change."

Other business that evening included the payment of Village and Water and Light bills.

MASKS, continued

Marie McNamara, Linus Parr, Dixie Stewart, Judy Haupt, Vicki Derusha, Bob and Cheryl Powell, and Girl Scouts in Curtis have been sewing, too - to name a few.

As Whitmer begins opening the state back up - some outdoor industries are able to resume work - employers are immediately required to provide masks to employees, and demand for masks will increase. The state Attorney General office asked law enforcement to respect "good faith efforts" by employers who must now scramble to find masks.

Dzelak says she'll keep making them, and says it's easy for anyone to do. Anyone without a mask can cover their nose and mouth with a scarf or bandana.

Two road projects on US-2 underway

On Monday, April 27, work began on two portions of US-2.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is resurfacing about 16 miles of US-2 from east of M-77 to east of M-117 near Engadine in Schoolcraft and Mackinac counties.

The project will cost about \$2.9 million.

Work will include crack sealing, paving, centerline and shoulder rumble strips, shoulder aggregate, and pavement markings. The work will require single-lane closures during daytime hours only.

The department is also beginning work near the Cut River bridge, where they will relocate 1.4 miles of US-2, from Prater Boulevard to just west of the Cut River Bridge, moving the roadway about 350 feet north.

Due to sinkholes related to the area's geog-

raphy, the roadway is settling. This work was originally scheduled to begin in 2021, but was rescheduled to 2020 after evidence showed accelerated movement of the existing slope and pavement.

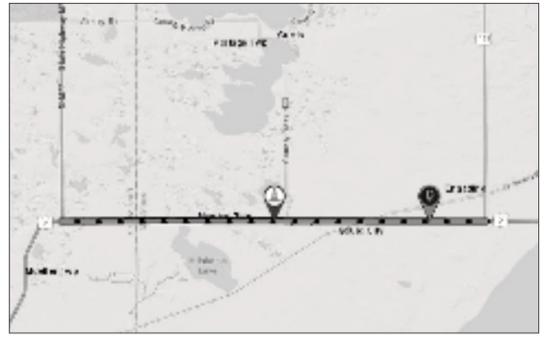
The project will cost about \$3.2 million.

Most of the initial work will take place off the current highway. Both lanes of traffic will remain open between April 27 and May 27, with intermittent daytime shoulder closures and a speed reduction to 45 miles per hour when workers are present.

Work after that date will require single-lane closures with alternating lanes of traffic.

The project should be completed in November.

This roadwork is an essential function. Transportation workers will follow CDC guidelines to limit their risk of getting sick.



Michigan Department of Transportation

A 16-mile portion of US-2 near Engadine, above, will be resurfaced this spring. 1.4-mile portion of US-2 west of Cut River Bridge, seen below, will be relocated 350 feet north of its current location.



LAWN, continued

- and says they'll be raking until sometime in June, when lawns need their first cuttings.

"We strive for the best we can do to make sure customers are satisfied and happy with their lawns," Johnny said. "Especially since that's one of the only things people can control in these uncertain times."

His aunt, Mary Nutkins, was one of his very first customers.

"They've done a good job for me for a lot of years," she said. "Since they were old enough to push a lawn mower."

Her brother trained them well, she said. They power through blisters and tired muscles to get the work done.

"They come in and say, 'Is there anything else I can do for you?' before they leave, and everything," she said. "They're good boys."

Johnny said they love the work.

*"They come in and say,
Is there anything else
I can do for you?
before they leave.
They're good boys."*

"Being outside and doing jobs like raking and mowing for people are more up our alley," he said. "We're pretty active and enjoy hunting and fishing, so we're no stranger to nature."

The work also gets the boys around town a bit in an otherwise quiet time.

"It's a great experience that allows us to meet new people all over

town as well as stay in shape for sports," he said. And it gets them out of the house on a quarantine-approved task.

Johnny admits that the days are very different since the pandemic took over the world.

"It's very weird," he said. "I never would've imagined experiencing something like online school in my life."

His classmates, who used to tell him they hate school, have lately been expressing how much they miss it.

"I haven't seen some people from school since the last day we were there," he said. "It really makes you think. I can't imagine what the seniors are going through."

While he hopes to be reunited with classmates someday soon, for now, he is just hoping that he and his coworkers can make life easier for customers.

"It's been great seeing people and the smiles on their faces," he said.

Bob Powell's Snow Report

Winter is over, but we should expect more snow, according to NOAA Weather Spotter Bob Powell.

Powell studies historical weather patterns over the last 20-30 years and says we are due for snow next month. "Usually the first week in May, we will have snow, but the ground is so warm it will melt," Powell said.

Quote of the week: A family that prays together stays together!

God bless you all and God bless America.

Month	2017	2018	2019/2020
Oct.	2.5	6.0	2.7
Nov.	28.4	43.1	57.5
Dec.	33.8	14.8	69.2
Jan.	54.6	56	57.8
Feb.	60.3	25.1	43
Mar.	18.6	10.4	19.6
Apr.	6.1	38.1	6.4
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*to April 27

Saluting Newberry Small Businesses and Remembering Fred Becks (1908-2001)

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Read all about it...

By Dion Mindykowski

There have been a couple of questions about the Tahquamenon Area Library that I continue to get as the Stay at Home order continues. I wanted to revisit those items, so that readers of this column will know the answers.

First off, as the Stay at Home order is now extended through May 15, people have been wondering what happens with the books and other items that they have checked out from the library prior to the shutdown. Please continue to hold onto those items and enjoy them until we reopen. You will not be charged late fees for those things you checked out, even if the due date stamped is a date before the shutdown. We will not be punishing anyone for having material beyond the due date, since we are unable to accept returns at

this time. This will be a great chance to catch up on your reading and finish everything without having to worry about the typical two- to three-week check-out period.

Another question is about our WIFI. We have left the password the same during the entire shutdown and it can be reached from your car if you're parked in front of the library. The network is Library Guest and the password is 5214CV19. You will want to make sure the C and the V are capitalized.

If you wanted to setup a temporary online library card, there is still time.

We will continue to offer this the entire length of the shutdown. This temporary card will allow you to download free eBooks, audiobooks, comic books, music, and movies via our Hoopla and Overdrive services. We can also get you a temporary card if

you lost your card and don't have the library card number required to login to these services. Email tahquamc@ gmail.com with the following info:

- 1) First & Last Name
- 2) Home Address
- 3) Mailing Address (if different from Home)
- 4) Email Address
- 5) Phone Number
- 6) Birthdate.

You will receive a reply within 24 hours and will be given a temporary library card number that can be used to access digital services. Once we reopen you can bring a picture ID and proof of address to the Tahquamenon Library Circulation Desk to receive an official library card.

Each month you are able to check out 10 items from Hoopla. This was originally limited to four, but was adjusted due to the shutdown. On May 1, your current number will be



Dion Mindykowski

reset and you can check out 10 more items, even if you currently have items checked out. If you have any borrows remaining for April, be sure to use them up before May, or they will disappear.

If you have any additional questions that weren't covered in this column, please email tahquamc@ gmail.com. We look forward to being able to assist you in person soon, but until then this is the best way for us to answer questions.

Lions Club receives grant from Superior Health

The Superior Health Foundation awarded nearly \$124,000 in health-centered grant funding this spring.

The Superior Health Foundation awarded \$123,636.51, with \$96,261.07 being dispersed in spring grants to nine organizations across the Upper Peninsula.

In light of the need for social isolation, SHF did not hold a spring grants celebration. Grant monies were mailed to all the recipients in early April.

"The Superior Health Foundation is honored to award large grant funding to nine very deserving organizations across the region," said Jim LaJoie, executive director of the Superior

Health Foundation.

At the celebration, the SHF also awarded \$9,875.44 in mini-grants to nine U.P.-wide organizations from October through April 2020, along with \$17,500 in Indigent Care funding.

The grants included one for \$5,547.10 to the Single District 10 Lions Club of Michigan.

In April of 2004, the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation began working with Lions of Tennessee to bring Project KidSight in Michigan to provide free vision screening to children ages 6 months to 18 years old. In April 2005, this became an official project for Single District 10 Lions.

A Curtis note:

There will be no recycling collection in Curtis in May. Stay tuned for more updates next month. And please stay safe!

Snowbird Chirpings

Pest control didn't prepare me for armadillos

By Lyle Painter

The sunshine state is certainly living up to its moniker in Southwestern Florida. It has been sunny, hot (90+) and humid for the last few weeks in Naples, Florida. According to present research and news reports, this summer-like weather should eliminate the COVID-19 virus, but, there are still many confirmed cases and deaths in this area. Go figure!

We are still practicing social distancing and "hunkering down" in our small condo. I love the word "hunkering" it sounds like we are doing something positive as opposed to saying, "I am home, sitting in a chair and watching Netflix." Margie, on the other

hand, is being pro-active and making very pretty protection masks for friends.

On a virtuous and controversial note, the Governor of Florida has issued a really interesting pandemic order. He stated the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment, pro wrestling) is to be considered an "essential business"! It just so happens, the owner of this "essential business" is a good friend of the Florida governor. The WWE owner also donates large sums of money to the governor's campaigns. I am sure the people in Florida who can't go to the beaches or restaurants are delighted that the WWE is up and running. I know it made my day. Political fun in the sun!

Besides dealing with the COVID-19 virus, we now have an additional frustrating situation; armadillos and iguanas. Margie worked long and hard this winter planting a beautiful flower garden in front of our condo. But recently we have had these two pests invading the garden to eat the flowers, leaves and digging for grubs and plant roots. We have dealt with cute bunnies, chipmunks, and deer in Curtis but I must confess, even as a licensed pest control business owner, my knowledge of prehistoric-looking creatures like armadillos and iguanas is negligible.

I have been reading about these two invasive quadrupeds in an attempt to find the best way to thwart their invasion and protect Margie's flowers from unplanned annihilation. We have a condo friend who said to plant garlic cloves. She said it keeps the bunnies and chipmunks out of her garden at her Ontario residence. The garlic cloves were planted and they are growing very well but their success against armadillos and iguanas is questionable. I have tried a commercial armadillo repellent with uncertain results. At least these two intrusive species have given me an invigorating, new, professional challenge.

Stay healthy, stay safe, and continue to practice social distancing.



Graduate news

Cassidy Jo Lavender, the granddaughter of McMillan residents Sallie and Chuck Lavender, just graduated from the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs. Cassidy earned a degree in business marketing. She is seen here in this photo, proudly wearing her Grandfather Chuck's varsity jacket from Michigan Technological University, where he graduated 68 years ago. Congratulations, Cassidy!





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Darlene Brow

NORWAY- Darlene Lena Brow age 82 of Norway, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020, peacefully at her home after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born on December 12, 1937 in Manistique, the daughter of the late Charles and Lena (Lafnear) Snyder.

Darlene attended Manistique High School and grew up in Germfask, Michigan.

She married Elmer Brow on May 16, 1959 in Newberry and lived in Norway for 50 years.

Together they owned and operated Cheers Bar and party store in Quinnesec for many years.

Darlene enjoyed collecting antiques and decorating her home, planting flower gardens, shopping with her best friend Rose, and spending time with her family and friends. She had many adored animals and leaves behind her scotty dog Rufus.

Darlene is survived by her husband of 60 years Elmer; daughter Karen Brow; son Joseph (Jean) Brow; grandchildren David Gronowski, Melisa Gronowski, Charles (Amber) Garbrecht, Katey (Josh) Bedgood, Lindsey Garbrecht, and Camie (Allen) Carlson; great grandchildren Brandon, Kylie, Kamden, Alivia, and Ronnie; sister Donna (Mark) Ketola; brothers James Snyder, William (Candy) Snyder, Robert Snyder, and Garold Snyder; brothers-in-law Richard Brow and Michael Brow; sisters-in-law Bernadette (Charles) Derusha and Annette Przybysz; special niece and nephew Sandy Macdonald and Jayme Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Lisa Brow; brothers Sonny Fritz and Charles Snyder; brothers and sisters-in-law Donald Brow, Mary and Stanley MacCallum, Orpha and James Fredenburg, Ellen and Charles Kennedy, Kathleen and Jerry Quill and Velma Snyder.

A Memorial Service will be announced at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway when restrictions on public gatherings are lifted.

Condolences to family of Darlene may be expressed online at www.ortmanfuneralhome.com

Arrangements announced by the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.



Are you an organ donor?

April is Donate Life Month

In recognition of national Donate Life Month, the annual call to action for organ, tissue and eye donation, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and statewide registry partners encourage everyone to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Although some transplant surgeries have been put on hold during the COVID-19 crisis, the surgeries continue for the most ill patients, and the need for more will be critical once the pandemic subsides.

"It can be easy during a crisis like the one the world is facing right now to feel helpless, and wonder what

more you could be doing, but the truth is many of the most important contributions any of us can make are simple," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. "One of the easiest things is to sign up to be an organ donor. In spite of everything else we're facing that need still remains great, and making the commitment today to join the registry is a contribution that lasts a lifetime."

In the U.S. a new person is added to the transplant wait list every 10 minutes, with nearly 2,800 Michigan residents waiting. Yet a single donor can help up to 75 people. Approximately 85 percent of people who join the registry in Michigan sign up to do so through the Secretary of State's offices or website.

"This is obviously a very trying time in our history. We are facing an unprecedented health emergency in our state, across the country and around the world," said Dorrie Dils, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue donation program. "The need for donors still exists, even in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are still thousands of people who are desperate to receive these gifts, and anyone, regardless of age or health history, can give them hope by sign-

ing up to be an organ, tissue and eye donor."

Those who join the registry receive a heart emblem for their driver's license that indicates their decision to be an organ, tissue and eye donor. Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry by visiting www.Michigan.gov/organdonation.

In-house COVID-19 testing available in Marquette

UP Health System-Marquette announced recently that it has developed an in-house molecular test to help diagnose patients and employees with novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

This capability greatly increases the scope and speed of COVID-19 testing available locally. Due to state testing priority guidelines, testing is limited to specific individuals at this time, including healthcare workers, admitted patients, ER patients presenting COVID-19 symptoms and patients requiring emergency surgery.

St. Ignace Rock and Run Goes virtual

This year's annual Rock and Run event has gone virtual! Instead of participants running and walking through downtown St. Ignace, they will be encouraged to participate virtually from anywhere.

"We had to make several adjustments to allow this event to take place," said Mike Grisdale, director of the Mackinac Straits Health (MSH) Foundation.

The 2020 Rock and Run includes a 10-K run and a 5-K run/walk. Registration is \$25 per person for either distance. All levels are welcome.

"People can participate from any location, their backyard, nearby trail, or even on a treadmill," said Kim North, event coordinator for the MSH Foundation. "Of course, we urge everyone to follow social distancing guidelines no matter where they are running or walking."

Registration is online by visiting the Events page at www.mackinacstraitshhealth.org. Deadline is May 15, From 8:00 a.m., Friday, May 15 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 17, participants can post their results on the event Facebook page, "Virtual St. Ignace Rock & Run", and use their own social media profiles with #stignacerockn-

run. Each participant receives a commemorative shirt along with a finisher's medal.

"We are also encouraging everyone to keep with the theme and listen to their favorite tunes during their run or walk," added North.

For more information on sponsorships or registration, call (906) 328-0006.

Proceeds from the 2020 Rock and Run help the MSH Foundation support Mackinac Straits Hospital with its response during the pandemic. These funds will be directed to help pay for things like personal protection equipment to keep hospital employees and patients safe.

In memoriam...

The Family of Roger Martin Newland of Trout Lake gathered for a memorial service April 15th 2020 for Roger's unexpected passing April 15, 2019. Debra Wiser Newland, sons Benjamin and Kaira (Jones) Newland and Jonathon Newland regaled all with many Fishing Stories.

Roger was an avid Fisherman and a Fisher of Men through his Church, He is sadly missed by all who knew him.

Bob Powell

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A walk in the woods

By Carol Stiffler

On Saturday afternoon, I went for a walk in the woods with my husband, Steve. We crunched last year's leaves, smelled fresh leeks, and heard crows warn all the other creatures about our presence. We were on their turf, even though it's ours, too.

We ignored their warnings and sat on a log for a while, letting the woods settle around us. The crows quieted down. Songbirds took their place, but we were quiet. We just listened.

I put a pause to the buzzing in my head about coronavirus, statewide unemployment, potential food shortages, and the question marks that hover over the future. Those things don't exist when you're in the woods, healthy, with no need of money or anything at all. We had everything we needed right then - a place to sit, and each other to lean on.

As Yoopers, we are in one of the very best places to weather out a storm like this. We have enough space between us, yet good enough roads that we can help each other or get what we need. We are surrounded by forests and natural parks - places where social distancing is pretty much guaranteed. Did we invent social distancing? I wonder.

What's more than that is the fact that it takes perseverance in general to live in the U.P. We are used to the difficulty of staying warm in the winter, and we know all about how hard



Carol Stiffler

it can be to find a job. A lot of us have created our own jobs. We aren't scared.

Now that we are half adjusted to living in a crisis, some things are clear. Namely, that we can do this. For every new struggle, there is a way to manage it. Money is tight and food can be unpredictable, but we are managing.

We are coming into our growing season, too, and many of us are proud of the fact that we grow a lot of the foods we eat. No doubt those who garden will try to plant a little extra this year, enough for themselves with some extra to share. That old "Look, I have way too many cu-

cumbers" situation usually bodes well for neighbors. My neighbors load us up with bell peppers year after year, and we cut and freeze them to use all winter long.

Imagine what we could do if we were intentional about taking care of our neighbors. I bet we'll do that this year, since our community is already radiating love and care. I can feel it when I'm driving on the weirdly empty streets of Newberry, and strangers in other vehicles lift a hand to wave. I feel it when I see boxes of homemade face masks at the store, with a sign that says I should take one if I need one. (I took one - thank you!) And I feel it when my kids' teachers reach out to see how their students are doing - we've received phone calls, had one-on-one Zoom meetings, and even got a postcard in the mail.

This is not an ordinary time, and those are not ordinary experiences. They're special.

Sometimes the buzzing and the worry feels louder than those things, though. It can make us worry there might not be a way out of this mess. Right now can feel like forever.

In those moments, head for a walk in the woods, or to a place where you can't see anything to worry about. Nature is carrying on the way it always did. Spring is springing. The birds are sure to notice you. And you can just listen.

Letters to the editor

All letters reflect the opinion of the letter writer and not necessarily the opinion of the *Newberry News*.

To the Editor:

In recent days we have been treated to the spectacle of demonstrations, in Michigan and elsewhere, of individuals gathering to protest government orders to self-quarantine and limit travel, as well as social distancing policies.

From the photos I've seen of these demonstrations, the protesters, many armed with automatic weapons, are neither social distancing nor wearing personal protection equipment. In at least one demonstration protesters blocked roads leading to a hospital. Also, many of these cretins traveled from distant parts of the state, defying government guidelines against unnecessary travel. It's obvious that these self-centered protesters regard what they believe are their constitutional rights to assembly and free speech more than the health and welfare of their fellow man.

My answer to this selfish nihilism is quite simple: At some future time, God willing, our medical community will produce a vaccine that gives promise of protecting people from the scourge of Covid-19. In order for this vaccine to be proven effective it will need to be rigorously tested, including clinical testing on thousands of individuals.

Therefore, I propose "A Modest Proposal": A database be created by the state government of all persons participating in anti-government demonstrations against state enacted societal safety measures be voluntarily or involuntarily enrolled in any clinical trials for new Covid vaccines. By their speech and actions, the protesters exhibit a cavalier disdain for their (and unfortunately others') lives so why not put them in the forefront of those willing to play Russian roulette with Covid?

I assume that clinical testing for a Covid vaccine would proceed along the usual path: a number of persons are injected with a new vaccine, and others with a placebo. Test participants are then exposed to the disease and the devil take the hindmost.

Surely the protesters wouldn't object to being part of a life and death study when they've already exhibited their reckless fearlessness (read: foolishness) in previously exposing themselves and potentially spreading this terrible contagion.

Doug Mills
McMillan

Don't get me wrong!

The snow hides a multitude of sins

By Reed Goodwell

In January a crew arrived to thin the maple trees in my ten-acre woods. I am not sure if I felt I was betraying my principles or my trees by the decision to turn a generation's growth into money. I had thought myself some sort of morally superior being for letting nature take its course, growing old and majestic, as it were. Perhaps I got a glimpse of myself growing old among these trees and desired to stall or reverse the process, or at least destroy the evidence. Anyway, I berated myself for what I'd done.

Until it was done. After a few days the cutting was done, a few more days and the skidder moved to another job, and a week later the pile by the road was gone. Snow half-concealed the twisted limbs. Then more snow and more snow and everything went peacefully to sleep.

Then a light shined in. I noticed that as I looked from my windows I could see what

I hadn't seen before. The big white pine stood proud after years of seclusion, deer wandered through and even a few turkeys, wildlife we had never seen in our cherished thick woods.

And there was distance out there, something one doesn't see in the thick woods. In the secluded old growth, one sees close and dark and comfortable, but not the scene of which the scene is part. I could see my house from deep in the woods, as if it hadn't been there before. I gained perspective, I was part of something larger. Less is more? Maybe so.

Then the snow began to melt and the tortured limbs began to reappear. But more painfully, the stumps. Two feet across and oozing sap to upper story branches that were no longer there. A hundred years they struggled and celebrated life to be zipped and stripped and trucked to a processing mill to serve the whims of my human family.

And the small thin trees, as thin as my arm and 20 feet tall, reach out of the snow like the dead in some horror show. These are the unfortunate juveniles who happened to be situated between the massive tracked harvester and the target of its hungry jaws. They lie attached at one end and stripped of bark, laid open to leak their vital juices and mocked by the suddenly available sun.

The whole floor of the woods is the remnants of a gruesome battle, tree-soldiers twisted and abandoned and left to rot for efficiency, not worth the effort to remove. I tell myself it's the way of the world, happens everywhere, all the time. This is what a modern forest looks like. A walk in my woods shall no longer be a walk in the park.

I could mourn and moan over my deeds forever, but where would it get me? The glorious past is going to stay right where it is, despite my delusionary attempts to drag it along. And the future? Those sunny days of new life and rapid growth will have their way with or without my applause. I'm the one that chooses which direction to point my gaze.

Each generation gives way to the next, and the process cannot avoid pain. And the future, the place we are going, belongs to those who embrace it.

Traveling through time: This week, through the years

By Sterling McGinn

From May 3, 1895

Local
—The Newberry Cemetery Association should take steps to fix up the fence on the south side of the grounds, as cattles are damaging the graves.

—Highway Commissioner Lester of McMillan and Commissioner Swanson of Pentland will open a new road on the town line from the Newberry Avenue road to the asylum grounds. As this will be the main road to the asylum, it cannot be

regarded in any other light than that of a much needed improvement.

—An effort is being made this week to assure the putting in of electric lights into the Presbyterian church and chapel, which is met with gratifying encouragement. If successful, they will be put in early next week, so as to have the lights turns on for the first time at the annual meeting of the congregation next Wednesday evening.

There will be nine 32-candle power lights at the ceiling, controlled by two switches, and one each of 16-candle power lights at the pulpit and choir gallery; making the whole equal to twenty 16-candle power lights in the body of the church. There will also be one at the vestibule and four in the chapel.

From May 7, 1920

Auto Runs Wild

Driving an auto through the plate glass front of his own restaurant was the stunt pulled off Wednesday by Fred Lavine.

Mr. Lavine drove up to the curb nice and easy, with his clutch in and the motor idling, and then without putting his machine out of gear he took his foot off the clutch pedal.

Instantly the machine plunged forward across the sidewalk through the plate glass front and half way into the restaurant before the astounded driver could gather his wits together and throw off the power.

Local

—Motion picture shows will never be perfect until they eliminate the noisy gum chewers, the woman who read the titles out loud and the turtle doves cooing in the dark corners.

From May 7, 1970

Junker Car Pickup May 23

The Newberry Booster Club is planning to hold a pick-up of old dilapidated cars which are of no longer of use except to create an eyesore and a detriment to health and safety, to be held on Saturday, May 23.

Equipment and men are still needed for this project which includes a possible hundred or more cars in the area which are slowly rusting to dust thou art, to dust returneth, at the expense of a Better Luce County.

Besides lending a great helping hand to the Better Luce County campaign, the Booster Club has another idea. Funds received from the sale of old junkers will go as a starter for new bleachers at the high school athletic fields.

The present wooden bleachers, now two score years old, have been condemned for use another school year, and new stands must be built this summer. The old ones built of raw, untreated lumber have been patched and braced and fixed until they have passed the standards of safety necessary, and it is planned to replace them with lumber treated to resist rot indefinitely.

At the baseball field, Jerry Hetrick has presented funds for one new dugout in memory of his son Jerry Jr.,

recently killed in Vietnam.

The Booster Club plan to build the second one as soon as funds are available.

Now, really, wouldn't you rather help along one of these worthy projects than maintain that junker forever?

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Middle & High School

English

English can certainly be tricky! Many words sound or look similar and are easily confused. Words that sound the same or very similar are called homonyms. Words that sound the same but are spelled differently are called homophones.

Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the correct words to show your mastery of the English language! Then identify which are homonyms and which are homophones.
(Hint: at least one entry below is neither one!)

Lose/Loose

It is much easier to _____ a piece of paper after it is torn _____ from a notebook.

Accept/Except

I will _____ most pizza toppings, _____ anchovies!

Are/Our

_____ the twins coming over to _____ house later? (No, because you're in quarantine!)

Allusion/Illusion

The magician's book spoke extensively about _____. It also contained a lot of _____ to Harry Potter.

Breath/Breathe

I forgot to _____ while lifting weights, so I had to take several deep _____s when I was done.

Capital/Capitol

Every state _____ must start with a _____ letter.

Cite/Sight/Site

The archeologist's dig _____ was in _____. Later, history books would _____ his discovery.

Conscience/Conscious

He was _____ of the fact his _____ was telling him he shouldn't throw the rock.

Counsel/Council

The _____'s job was the _____ the president about which choices were best.

Elicit/Illicit

The discovery of _____ substances on the criminal _____ed a confession.

Ensured/Assured/Insured

The company _____ the homeowner that his house was _____ against the damage. The agent would _____ he received a check.

It's/Its

_____ important to remember that a wild animal will defend _____ territory.

Lead/Led

The supervisor _____ the workers through their training at the new _____ purification plant.

Passed/Past

As they _____ by the trophy case, they observed photos of _____ school athletes.

Principal/Principle

The _____ of the school hosted a meet-and-greet with the parents for the _____ purpose of putting faces to names.

Then/Than

If he is taller _____ me, _____ he gets to go first in line.

There/They're/Their

_____ celebrating _____ children's birthdays over _____ in the park.

Through/Threw/Thought/Thorough

He _____ the pebble _____ the window, _____ it would take a _____ inspection to see the hole.

To/Too/Two

The students took _____ many classes his first semester in college and had _____ drop _____ of them.

Your/You're

If you don't get _____ homework turned in, _____ not going to pass the class.

Seen/Saw

I _____ a duck, but whether it was friendly or not was yet to be _____.

Pre-K & Kindergarten

Numbers and Matching

Draw lines to match the numbers on the right to how many animals there are in each group!



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

Elementary School Spelling

Study these spelling words and have an adult quiz you on them. Can you get a perfect score? Words are compiled from 5th grade spelling bee lists.

Committee	Frequency	Bacteria	Climate	Security	Airborne
Mosquitoes	Laminate	Solar	Assignment	Minimum	Their
Honorary	Gigantic	Tourism	Scheme	Plaid	Annoy
Exhaust	Carpenter	Deodorant	Wriggle	Librarian	Exceed
Calculation	Length	Radioactive	Consideration	Delicious	Rustle
Ceiling	Fennel	Treasury	Acrobat	Waiver	Genuine
Fraction	Guardian	Sequel	Lunge	Prism	Psychic
Literature	Measured	Evidence	Promotion	Coffee	Grammar

High School Writing Prompt

Author an anecdote applying as much alliteration as you are able!

Punctuate each paragraph with a particularly palpable presence of sound.

Explore how expertly you can excel at extending sentences using exciting exclamations and exact exposition.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Newberry, Engadine, and Whitefish seniors: Please fill out this questionnaire (use complete sentences wherever possible!) and return it to us with one of your senior pictures by May 10. You can email your responses and photos to nbynews@jamadots.com, Or snail mail them to P.O. Box 46, Newberry, MI 49868. We will feature you and the class of 2020 in our May 20th edition of The Newberry News.

Class of 2020 - Senior Questionnaire

- Full name:
- Nicknames:
- Parents and siblings:
- Accomplishments: (Clubs, sports, etc., both in and outside of school)
- List your hobbies and favorite things to do:
- What is your favorite home-cooked meal?
- Band(s) you're listening to right now:
- What's next? And what are your future goals?
- What are your favorite memories from school?
- What advice do you have for younger students?



Tahquamenon Area Schools News

Grades 6-11

Scheduling for the 2020-2021 school has begun. Virtual meetings for grades 6-9 were held on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Meetings for grades 10 and 11 is Wednesday evening. A dual enrollment meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.

If you didn't receive scheduling information or you missed the virtual meetings, please contact Ms. Palmer at kpalmer@taschools.org or 906-293-3226 ext. 1119. She will arrange a time to work with you.

This process is again new for all so please be patient and we will work with all of you on getting student schedules right for the next school year.

Locker/Desk Items

Over the next few weeks, school personnel will be contacting parents and students regarding items that were left in lockers and desks. Items were bagged and labeled. Textbooks 7-12 will need to be returned if they were brought home. Food distribution sites will accept them as will the drop box in front of the school.

School Work

We are working on week two of the first three weeks



Stacy Price

of schoolwork. I hope that everyone is finding a routine. Please know that schoolwork should not be encompassing your whole day. Teachers know that this time is different, and difficult for parents, as it is for them to be teaching from a distance. We are all in this together and we will get through it. I advise small chunks of time for work and then time to go and be outside on these gorgeous days. Physical and mental health are the most important thing right now.

Work can be returned at each of the food distribution locations on Mondays. There is a drop box by the main entrance that is available all the time. Work can also be mailed to: Tahquamenon Area Schools, 700 Newberry, MI 49868. Please put student first and last name and teacher name on ALL work being returned.

Contact your child's teacher if you have questions. The teachers will be reaching out to parents and/or students to answer any questions and to assist with learning.

Food Distribution:

Distributions will be MONDAYS ONLY thru June 8, 2020 Bus Distribution sites: 10:00-11:00 Behind the School: 12:30-1:30

If you have not been receiving meals and would like to start, please call 293-3226 ext. 1101. State the number of students under 18 years of age and the location of desired pick-up.

Three Lakes Academy Column

As I reflect upon this new way of life we've all been thrust into, I can't help but be amazed at how quickly everyone has adapted. I cannot say enough how impressed I am with the hard work of the teachers, food service staff, students, and parents. Each of you is doing something you've never done before and I am proud to see how you've all risen to the challenge.



Rachel Bommarito

I've put together a quick survey to gather parent feedback. Since this is so brand new we'd love to hear what's going well and what needs work. Please complete here: <https://bit.ly/TLAFeedback>

This week's feel good challenge will be a repeat of last week since we only had one participant. Take a picture or e-mail me to let me know you've done something that makes you happy. Writing a list of things that make you happy helps. Some of the things on my list are: reading, cooking, jogging, and playing the piano. What's on your list? The winner for this challenge will be drawn on Sunday, and the prize will be something that makes you happy, so it will be purchased after the winner is drawn.

The Continuity of Learning Plan is complete and can be found on our website: www.threelakesacademy.com. Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

The best way to contact staff right now is to e-mail them or call and leave a message at school. All staff e-mails are listed at www.threelakesacademy.com under 'Contact Us'. Most important messages go out via School Messenger, so if you are not signed up for that service, please call (906) 586-6631 to get on the list. Many tips can also be found on our school Facebook page.

Food distributions will happen every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at Three Lakes Academy until the last week of school, June 2nd. We will return students' personal items each Tuesday when we run the food distribution. If there is something particular you need, please let your child's teacher or Mrs. Bommarito know and we will work to secure it. If you are unable to pick up packets, we will mail them after each food distribution.

Please return your enrollment forms for next year if you haven't, already. We are excited to start planning for next year's Bobcats! Even if your child does not plan to attend, we'd like to know. We are always sad to see children move on, but we understand you have to do what's best for your family. The enrollment forms give the office staff and teachers an idea of how many supplies we may need to order for the upcoming year as well as help with grade configuration. Your participation is very much appreciated.

If you need anything at all, please let us know. We miss you all so much!

Rachel Bommarito
Superintendent-Principal
Three Lakes Academy

From the Eagles' nest

Engadine Consolidated Schools Updates

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather this weekend. This week brings with it the release of our third quarter report cards. Specific information regarding those can be found below. Also, with the extension of the Governor's "stay at home" order, we have some additional clarity to share regarding our Graduation Ceremony.



Josh Reed

Rounding out the week will be our K-6 bike giveaway in partnership with WNBV. As always, I want to extend my continued appreciation to the Eagle community as we come together to continue our students' education in these difficult circumstances. Your efforts will be realized through the academic and emotional growth of our students.

Report Cards

Student report cards for the third quarter will look the same as usual. The initial school closure in mid March occurred just shy of the end of third quarter, hence there will be no change in how we assign third quarter grades. Fourth quarter marks will vary significantly, with differences existing between the elementary and secondary schools. The differences are as follows:

K-6

Due to school closure and our move to distance learning, elementary fourth quarter report cards will be marked as follows: students who are making progress in distance learning and/or physical learning (packets) will receive a score of 3. Students who are not attempting learning will receive a score of 1. If you have questions or concerns about fourth quarter grading, please contact Ms. Reese.

7-12

Students will earn a credit-or-no-credit grade based on weekly participation in class. "Credit" will equal an "A", while "no credit" will equal an "F." Third and fourth quarter grades will be combined to arrive at a final semester grade and student grade point average.

Graduation

With the Governor's "stay at home" order being extended until the 15th and social distancing guidelines being the norm for the foreseeable future, we have decided to postpone our in-person graduation until July 17.

Additional details will follow in the near future. We thank you for your patience and look forward to putting on an event worthy of our senior class' efforts.

Bike Giveaway

Thanks to our friends at WNBV, we will be giving away several bicycles to students in the elementary school. Tune in at 1:00pm on April 30 for the live drawing!

Whitefish Township Schools: Uncertain Times

By Tom McKee

I wanted to take a moment and brag about a few things that we have seen happening at our school.

On March 12 at 11 p.m., Governor Whitmer ordered all schools to close their doors. The next



Tom McKee

morning, a Friday that we had off from school, every staff member was at the school preparing lessons, enrichment activities and plans for connecting with our student population over the closure.

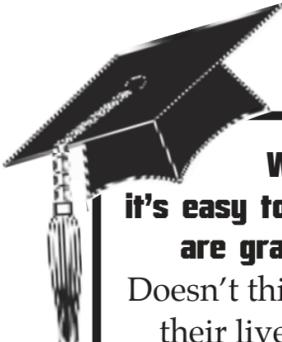
Since that time, the Governor has closed schools down for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. The one constant in all of this uncertainty has been the staff at Whitefish Township Community

Schools, who are doing all they can to educate our student population. Roberta Bourque, Heidi Kuehne, Vince Gross, Aletha Hildebrandt, Mikal Doke, Peggy Imhoff, Sean Stark, and John Griebel have been in and out of the school weekly, preparing online classrooms from home, planning ahead in developing packets and still finding time to reach out and connect and check in on our students weekly.

Sonny Skeans has dropped all of his menu plans for the remainder of the year and put together a plan to order and deliver food to all of our students and families. Steve and Jennifer Guidebeck have sanitized and cleaned the school from top to bottom on a weekly basis to ensure that every surface in there is spotless and germ free.

And then there is Terry Clark. In her last year working here, she has been going above and beyond to coordinate with teachers and parents, mail out packets to those individuals that do not have internet access, and keep the day-to-day operations of the school going, from afar at times.

In these uncertain times, filled with anxiety and stress, if you sit back for a moment on your front step up here in Paradise, you will be able to hear the noises coming from the school. That noise is our staff, pouring their hearts out into their planning and preparations for our students. The community should be proud.



With schools out for the year, it's easy to forget that many area students are graduating without a ceremony. Doesn't this monumental achievement in their lives deserve a little pomp and circumstance? Wish your son, daughter, grandchild, etc.

Congrats! *You did it!*

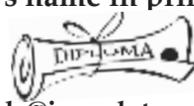
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Tahquamenon Area Schools
ATTN: Elem Secretary
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Newberry, MI 49868

Children who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2020 are eligible to register. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!





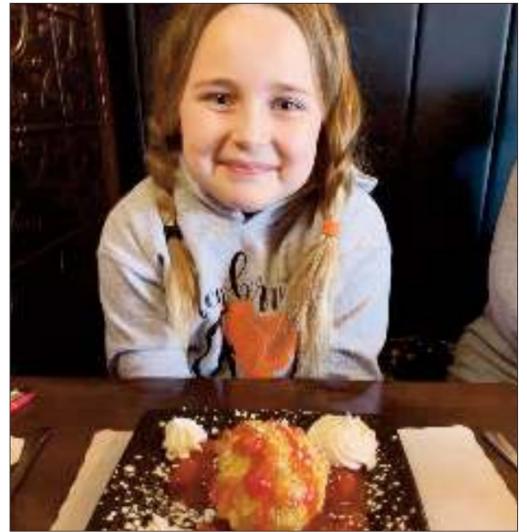


Brantley McNamara turned 8 on April 19.

Quarantine birthdays

School has been out since March 13, and we've been seriously stuck at home for weeks. These local kids had birthdays during the quarantine and couldn't celebrate with school friends.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BRANTLEY
BELLA
OREN
and GAVIN!**



Bella Dewitt turned 9 on March 14.



Oren Dewitt turned 10 on March 23.

We hope you had tons of fun on your birthdays!

Do you have a kid with a quarantine birthday? Send in a picture and we'll help celebrate them! Email photos to nbynews@jamadots.com or message them to us on our Facebook page.



Gavin Maki turned 10 on April 20.

Cover to Cover:

The Rise of the Ultra Runners

By Dion Mindykowski

I don't remember the exact year that I read Dean Karnazes' *Ultramarathon Man*, but I do know at the time I was running what would be considered normal distances, and was in awe that the human body could accomplish such feats as Karnazes covering 262 miles without rest.

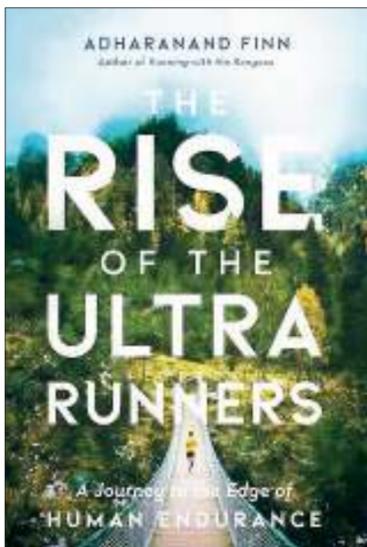
In 2009 I read *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen*, by Christopher McDougall. At that time, I had moved up to marathon distance running, but was healing up from an injury.

Not only did McDougall's book inspire me to think more about achieving ultra-distances myself, but also to rethink my running shoes. *Born to Run* promoted minimalist or barefoot shoes and as I experimented with them, I found they were what I needed to get past my injuries and continue running, which I was anxious to do after reading this.

Now nearly 10 years later, I have run numerous ultra-distance races and am currently training to improve my time at the Marquette Trail 50k, provided the current pandemic doesn't cancel it. I was considering rereading some of these favorites that started my love of this sport, but instead came across a newer book, *The Rise of the Ultra Runners: A Journey to the Edge of Human Endurance* by Adharanand Finn, which was exactly what I needed to ramp up excitement for my training.

As I read it though, I kept thinking how it is a perfect introduction to the sport of ultrarunning and would be a great title for this column.

Maybe as you read the



some of the biggest races, as well as some of the top athletes that compete in them. He gives some mention of McDougall and Karnazes, along with many others. This book is one of the best introductions to the sport I've come across, giving

through the Alps, which includes 32,940 feet of elevation gain. There are moments throughout that Finn questions exactly why he's putting his body through this. There are times that he fails in his goals, which he doesn't shy away from discussing. There are also times that Finn deals with injuries and discusses what helped him to overcome them.

His personal experience combined with a journalistic approach to the background, will give even non-runners a clear understanding of what ultrarunning is and maybe inspire a few runners to give it a try.

The Rise of the Ultra Runners is available via the Tahquamenon Area Library's Hoopla service. If you'd like to check out *Born to Run*, it is available via Overdrive. If you have an interest in *Ultramarathon Man*, you can request it via interlibrary loan when the library reopens.

Dion Mindykowski is the director of the Tahquamenon Area Library.

above paragraphs you wondered exactly how someone could run 262 miles non-stop or even distances great than a marathon.

Your next question is probably why would someone even do that. Finn answers these questions and more. His book is a fairly thorough examination of running distances greater than 26 miles. He begins with a history of endurance sports, and goes on to cover

ing an absolute beginner, including someone with just an intellectual curiosity about it, some entry level knowledge and name recognition.

One of the most interesting aspects of this book is that along with the background information on ultrarunning, Finn shares his own experiences from starting out to his goal of running the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc; 106 miles

Some US-2 billboards to become art spaces

Nationwide public art nonprofit SaveArtSpace has partnered with Erickson Center for the Arts to bring more public art to the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Five billboards along US 2 between St. Ignace and Manistique, MI will be transformed into public art starting June 22, 2020.

Artists of all ages and talents are invited to submit their artwork by May 15, 2020. Artists are encouraged to submit up to 10 images. There is a \$10 donation per imagesubmission; donations are tax deductible and support producing the public art.

The selected artists will be announced the week of May 26, and will be exhibited on billboard ad space on US 2 in the eastern Upper Peninsula, starting June 22. The art will also be on view at Erickson Center for the Arts in Curtis, with an opening reception on July 3, 6-9 p.m.



Katie Eberts, creator of this Scarlet Tanager drawing, is curating this opportunity.

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Spring season's top teams

By Dan Hardenbrook

Over the past few weeks, we've been looking at what could've been for the spring sports season. With the beautiful weather over the last week, many people have mentioned to me how nice it would be to be at a track meet or out at the ball diamonds watching games and getting some sun. With the announcement that golf courses may soon get the green light, there is a glimmer of hope for sports fans. But once again, what if we were playing? Here is my list of the top teams from the EUP that we should've seen this spring.

BASEBALL

1. Rudyard
2. Newberry
3. Pickford
4. Sault
5. Brimley

My former coach, Jason Tokar, will probably kill me for doing this. But there is no doubt that Rudyard is a baseball dynasty. The proof is in the program's results. Multiple state tournament runs, district and regional titles, and terrific players that made it to the next level. While they may not be powerhouse like they were under old coach and current high school referee Ronnie VanSloten, the Bulldogs are always a contender. There's a lot of good young talented athletes in Rudyard, and somehow, they always find a way.

With Newberry playing up in Division 3, Rudyard would've had a clear path in Division 4. The Indians were primed for a fantastic season. If you've read my profile pieces with Tokar over the past couple weeks, you know how high the hopes were. A senior-led, deep, flexible roster would've made the Indians one of the top teams in the EUP. I think they would've been in a close competition with the Sault for the next team in line in the Straits Area Conference.

I put Pickford third because that's a special group of guys over there. I've gotten to spend more time watching the Panthers in person throughout the year. They get it. They know how to win. They have an "it" factor. Add in Co-Op kids from Cedarville and Maplewood and it just puts more fuel in the fire. Jimmy Storey may have been their third or fourth best player this year. He just signed to play col-

lege football and baseball at Albion.

SOFTBALL

1. Rudyard
2. Newberry
3. Pickford
4. Sault
5. St. Ignace

The Lady Bulldogs have had a great year. Semifinals in volleyball, district final in basketball, They were in the state quarterfinals last year in softball. What a ride. Most of the core was coming back. A coaching change was the only thing holding them back, with their longtime head coach and top assistant switching roles. But Rudyard and Newberry would've been just as exciting on the diamond as it was on the basketball court. The Lady Indians were going to rock some people this season. This was a lineup that could flat out hit. They had speed, power, and depth. The offense would've been on fire.

Jen Dzelak would take the ball a hundred games in a row if she could. Her development, backed by a good defense and a strong offense, was going to be a highlight. The Lady Indians and Lady Bulldogs were destined for the district tournament.

Last year, Newberry had Rudyard on the ropes in the tournament. This year Newberry might have won.

Once again, I go with Pickford at third. I really like their core of female athletes. Darcy and Lucy Bennin would've been two sports stars. Pickford's big problem would be balancing the dual participation commitments between softball and track. They easily could've played spoiler in a single elimination tournament setting. As for the Sault, they have been rebuilding and look beatable. I really feel like they've never quite reached their full potential for a program that is three classes larger than anyone else they play. I throw in St. Ignace here because this will be the only chance I have to write about how one of their girls programs really struggles. Think completely opposite of basketball.

GIRLS TRACK

1. St. Ignace
2. Pickford
3. Newberry
4. Engadine
5. Cedarville

A big part of the Lady Saint's struggles in softball is because so many top athletes choose track. It shows. The Saints could've swept the EUP and SAC portion of the season. They won a regional title and took the Division 2 Girls Championship at U.P. Finals last year. Their top athletes are juniors or sophomores. They have the talent and the experience. Another season, another title. Yay.

Pickford surprised many last year with their depth. They have three sprinters, solid middle distance, and a potential UP qualifier for the shot and discus. They are balanced from sprints to relays, and in the field.

Newberry would have been a strong contender. They would have had more U.P. qualifiers. Katie Rahilly and Bailey Zellar are good enough to qualify in four events. A big boost in numbers from the freshman class, and some new additions from the older grades would've added depth. I think Engadine could've been one of the biggest surprises of the season. Being in a regional out west would have boosted their U.P. Finals group and kept them from the top teams in the EUP.

BOYS TRACK

1. Brimley
2. Newberry
3. Pickford
4. Cedarville
5. Engadine

Brimley's best sports program is track. They are consistent contenders at the highest level every year. Austin Plotkin is a star. They may have had the two best distance guys in a loaded field for the mile and two mile. Thomas Bohn from Cedarville. Ephram Evans from Newberry. Hunter Sapp from Engadine. The boys distance races would've been a must watch this year.

Brimley gets the edge because they would've got Mason Harris back after he left the basketball team this winter. He's one of the fastest guys in the entire Upper Peninsula. Zach Gross is one of the best pure athletes around.

Newberry would've been good again. Along with Evans, you have Ivan Oswald, Jared Wallace, Noah Gielecki, and Carter Smithson, who all qualified for events at UP Finals last year.



Jeff Rochefort

Vaughn receives additional accolades

By Dan Hardenbrook

The postseason awards keep piling up for Engadine senior Sophia Vaughn. After a standout senior season, in which she led the Lady Eagles to the regional round of the MHSAA tournament, Vaughn's name keeps popping up on prominent postseason awards lists.

Vaughn was recently named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's (BCAM) All-State list for girls basketball in Division 4.

Vaughn was one of a handful of EUP players to receive a spot on the All-State list. Six girls were awarded BCAM All-State, four of which were from perennial powerhouse St. Ignace. Saints juniors Hallie Marshall and Emmalee Hart, as well as sophomore Ally Schultz represented St. Ignace, which was slated to play Engadine in the regional championship

before the season was suspended. Schultz's father Joel is a former head coach for Engadine. He took the Lady Eagles to their first state semifinal back in 2005. Also making the BCAM Division 4 All-State list was Pickford sophomore Kennedy Guild. The Sault's Julia Beaumont was selected as All-State in Division 2.

Vaughn also caught the eye of the state's biggest media market. *The Detroit News* selected her for their 2019-2020 Girls All-State Team. Vaughn was a Fourth Team selection in Division 4 making her one of the state's Top 20 players in D4.

Vaughn is now one of Engadine's most decorated female athletes of all time. In addition to her athletic excellence, she was also selected as Engadine Valedictorian and helped Engadine's Girls Basketball program earn Team Academic All-State honors.



A look back:

Newberry's 1914 baseball team

Newberry baseball team in 1914. Back row left to right: Phil Hamilton, (first name unknown) Langtree, J. T. Lewis (umpire), "Shorty" Reynolds and Wallace Stephens, Middle row: Leo Smith, Archie Ludlow, Jay Hamilton and Frayne Richardson. Front Row: Orrie Flynn, Sam Newmark, "Bat-tling Nelson" (light weight boxing champion of the world), Carl Reiter and Carl Sorenson. The man in front is a companion of Nelson.

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Bacterial and Viral Infections: A Brief Review

By James A. Surrell, M.D.

Here is some basic information about bacteria and viruses.

While both of these organisms can cause disease, their method of survival is different. Viruses can only survive and be active when they are within host cells, which they need to survive and reproduce. Bacteria are single-celled organisms that produce their own energy and can reproduce on their own.

As we all know, both viruses and bacteria can cause very significant potentially life-threatening infections. Tragically, we currently have the very significant worldwide Corona viral infection that is also here in the United States. It is so important that we all follow the recommended guidelines to avoid getting and/or spreading this infection.

As you would expect, bacterial infections are caused by bacteria, and viral infections are caused by viruses. Perhaps the most important distinction between bacteria and

viruses is that there are numerous antibiotic drugs available to treat various bacterial infections. However, antibiotics are not considered to be effective against viruses. As you know, there are currently very active programs underway to develop effective programs and medications to treat and hopefully prevent viral infections as well.

Bacteria - Bacteria are single-celled microorganisms that thrive in many different types of environments. Some varieties can also survive even in extremes of cold or heat. Other bacteria naturally make their home in people's intestines, where they help us digest our food.

Many bacteria exist that do not cause any harm to people, but there certainly are bacteria that may cause serious infections. Some all-too-common infections caused by bacteria include strep throat, pneumonia, urinary tract infections, among many others. Fortunately, many antibiotics are readily available to effectively treat multiple bacterial infections.

Viruses - Viruses are much smaller than bacteria and they all require a living host, such as people, plants, or animals, to survive and to multiply. Without a living host, a virus cannot survive.

When a virus enters our body, it invades some of our cells and takes over the cell machinery, redirecting it to produce the virus. Some common diseases caused by viruses include chickenpox, the common cold, and multiple varieties of the flu. In some cases, it may be difficult to determine whether a bacteria or a virus is causing a person's illness and their symptoms. Further, it is very important to also know that many illnesses - such as pneumonia, meningitis, diarrhea, and others - can be caused by either bacteria or viruses.

With regard to the current very significant Coronavirus infection, it is very important to follow the recommended guidelines to hopefully prevent getting this illness, and also to prevent the spreading of this serious flu illness to others.

As you know, these guidelines include stay at



Dr. James Surrell

home, wear a mask, avoid being in large groups of people, stay at least six feet away from others, avoid handshaking, and use your common sense to avoid any and all close contact with other people.

Of course, if you have signs of any infection, call your health care provider without delay to get medical advice regarding possible evaluation.

The reported most common signs of the Coronavirus infection include excess tiredness, fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Do not ignore any of these symptoms, especially at this time. Doctor's orders!

Cloverland Electric extends disconnects to June 1

As part of the statewide COVID-19 Affirmation, Cloverland Electric Cooperative will suspend disconnects for non-payment until June 1, 2020. This action ensures minimum protections are in place for vulnerable customers related to bill payment, disconnection of service and reconnection of service. More specifically, the agreement will:

Suspend disconnects for Michigan's most vulnerable populations, low income and senior customers through June 1, 2020 and waive late fees for eligible low-income customers receiving energy assistance.

Allow customers exposed to, quarantined or infected by COVID-19 to be eligible for an additional 30-day medical hold to suspend disconnection of service.

Waive deposits and reconnection fees for low-income customers, seniors and customers experiencing financial hardship related to COVID-19 and seeking restoration of electric or natural gas service.

Extend access to flexible payment plans for customers financially impacted by COVID-19 and provide

customer assistance personnel with the resources necessary to connect customers to available financial assistance and social service agencies.

Safeguard customers and utility workers by eliminating face-to-face contact by closing office lobbies, focusing efforts on emergency and critical infrastructure-related activities, and adopting COVID-19 best practices as outlined by the State of Michigan and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We understand these are uncertain times," says Cloverland Electric President and CEO, Mike Heise. "We realize our members' circumstances may have been negatively impacted as a direct result of the pandemic and urge our members to seek state resources or reach out to our member services team to discuss flexible payment options."

Cloverland Electric's Member Services team is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-562-4953. Call 2-1-1 or visit mi211.org to learn about agencies in your county that can assist with your electric bill.

Cloverland Electric connects members with agencies ready to help

Cloverland Electric Cooperative urges residential members struggling to pay their electric bill during the COVID-19 pandemic to contact local assistance agencies and work with the cooperative to make a payment plan.

The State of Michigan is estimated to receive \$30 million in additional assistance funding as a result of the President Trump's March 27 stimulus bill. Another economic stimulus package from the President is pending approval.

Since April 1, qualifying members of Cloverland Electric are eligible to receive State Emergency Relief (SER) which is funded through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

To serve Michigan families struggling with energy costs related to COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) streamlined the

application process for its primary energy assistance program, State Emergency Relief (SER). Changes were implemented to ensure faster processing of emergency requests and make access to benefits easier for Michigan's most vulnerable households.

Updates include eliminating the shortfall determination (co-pays) and no longer requiring a phone interview. SER energy services will also no longer be limited to one payment for the remainder of the fiscal year; however, assistance caps will remain the same.

Local agencies reported same-day approvals as a result of these changes. MDHHS advises members to apply for funding via MiBridges online at <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov> or by calling 1-844-464-3447.

Cloverland contacted local agencies and confirmed

funding is available. The coop has a long-standing relationship with these agencies to assist members to expedite the application process. Although the Dafter member service center remains closed due to COVID-19 precautions,

Member Services staff can assist members Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 800-562-4953.

Alternatively, contact Cloverland by email at memberserv@cloverland.com or with the SmartHub mobile app.

Restrooms at five welcome centers closed due to layoffs

Restrooms at five additional Michigan Welcome Centers are closed through Sunday, May 10, as the result of the layoff of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) employees who clean and sanitize those facilities.

The restrooms at MDOT's Sault Ste. Marie, Monroe, Coldwater, New Buffalo, and Detroit Welcome Centers will be closed for the two-week period.

Ramps and parking lots will be closed as well (due to security and sanitary concerns), with the exception of the Detroit Welcome Center, which has

a shared parking lot. The restrooms at these Welcome Centers are currently expected to reopen on Monday, May 11.

Restrooms at the Marquette, Ironwood, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Dundee, Clare, and Port Huron Welcome Centers will remain open. Restroom maintenance in those facilities is provided by private contractors.

Two other Welcome Center facility restrooms had already been closed: Menominee, due to no separation between the restrooms and the information lobby, and Iron

Mountain because it shares space in a closed facility.

Most of the state's other 63 rest areas remain open at this time, with the exception of five that are closed seasonally (St. Ignace, Topinabee, Hebron, Ludington, and Hart) and one that is closed due to drainage issues (Chelsea). Seasonal roadside parks remain closed.

Michigan Welcome Centers are also closed until further notice.

RE-ELECT VIRGIL MONROE

Cloverland Electric Cooperative Board of Directors

It has been my honor to serve District C on the board of Cloverland Electric Cooperative for the last nine years. I was born and raised in Curtis, graduated from Newberry High School, degree from North Central Michigan College. I retired as Chief Electrical Inspector for the Bureau of Construction Codes, State of Michigan. I was responsible for the implementation and enforcement of all laws, rules, and codes that govern the electrical industry in the State of Michigan. I dealt daily with State legislators and local code officials.

I was a licensed Master Electrician and registered electrical code instructor with the State of Michigan.

I completed the education requirements for the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and Board Leadership certificate to be better prepared to perform my duties as a member of the Board.

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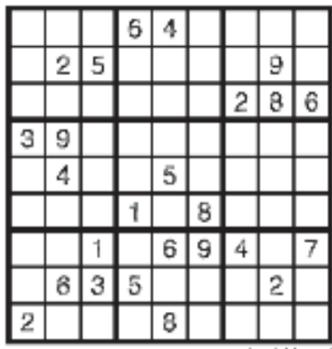
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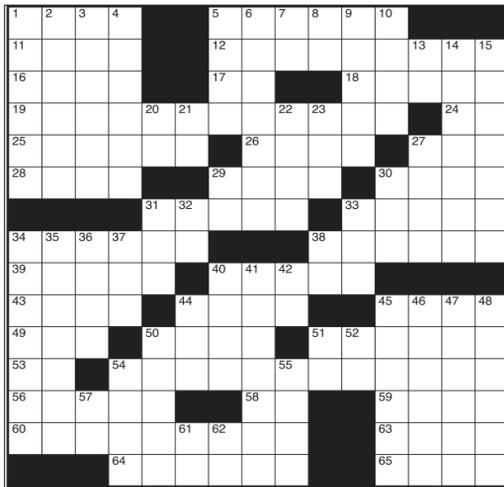
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ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

- Curved symmetrical structure
- One's partner in marriage
- Male admirer
- Spent in a period of dormancy
- Popular Easter meal
- Doc
- Bearing a heavy load
- Gratitude
- The Mount Rushmore State
- Driving
- Girl
- British thermal unit
- Makes a mistake
- A defined length of time
- Lions do it
- Large quantities
- Become less intense
- Famed peninsula
- Emerges
- Rare Hawaiian geese
- Dance style
- Drove
- Measures speed of an engine (abbr.)
- Yankee hero Bucky
- Midway between west and northwest
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Makes clothing
- Spielberg's alien
- Agreeable to the taste
- Injury treatment protocol
- Cools your house
- Imaginary line
- New convert
- Some do it to their windows
- Wore away
- Work units

CLUES DOWN

- Remove body tissue
- Harvester
- Roadside living quarters
- Excessive self-confidence
- Lapp
- Bicycled
- Entrance to a passage
- Western U.S. state
- Grain towers
- "Westworld" actress __ Rachel Wood
- Commercial
- One who left a will
- Makes it through
- Within (prefix)
- Sea patrol (abbr.)
- Cigarettes (slang)
- A doctrine
- Constrictor snakes
- Atomic #73
- Baseball stat
- Female sibling
- A soft gray metal (abbr.)
- Southern constellation
- Belgian city
- Go in again
- In a different, more positive way
- A place for sleeping
- Blood type
- Syrian news agency (abbr.)
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- Millihenry
- Populous Israeli city __ Aviv
- Widen
- Magical potion
- Acknowledging
- Private romantic rendezvous
- Cavalry sword
- Terabyte
- Artificial intelligence
- Bullfighting maneuver
- Breeded through
- Santa says it three times
- __ and behold
- 36 inches (abbr.)

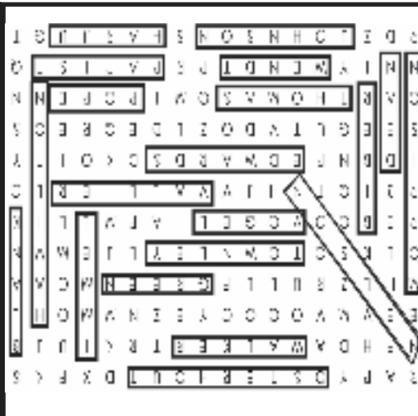
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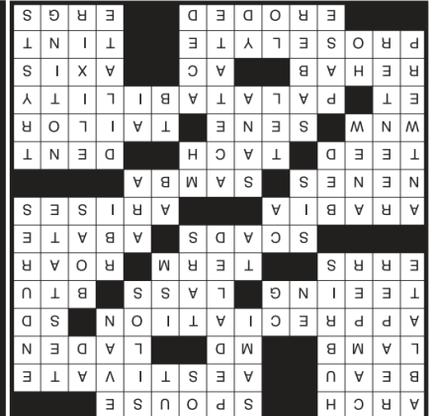
Let's look at some surnames commonly found in our area. This is the eighth in a multi-part series. Search for the following names:

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Local Surnames Part 0777 Word Search answers



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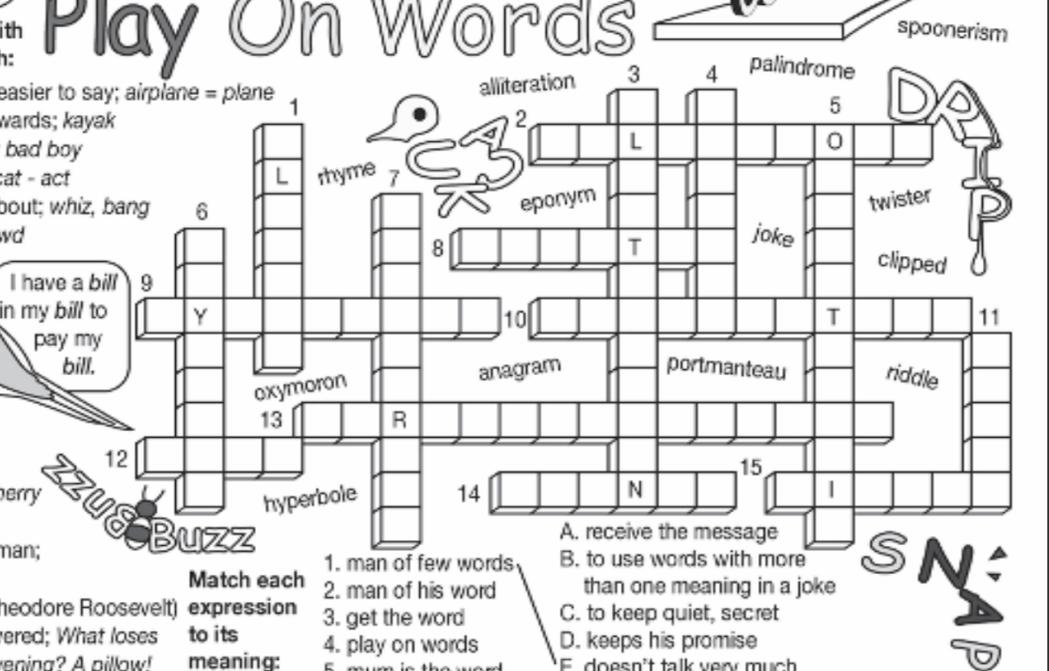
We use words when we speak or write. We use them in songs, stories, poems, letters and speeches! We use words to tell others what we are thinking, how we are feeling or how things work. We use words for fun too! We love to "play" on words in jokes and riddles, and in other ways.

Don't be chicken! Some of the words are long, but I sprinkled in letters to help you fit them into the crossword!

...jokes, puns, riddles and rhymes.
Kids, color stuff in!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with different kinds of word play that we have fun with:

- a _____ word shrinks a word making it easier to say; *airplane = plane*
- word that is spelled the same backwards and forwards; *kayak*
- series of words with the same starting sound; *big bad boy*
- words with the same letters, but moved around; *cat - act*
- words that resemble the sound they are talking about; *whiz, bang*
- set of "opposite" words; *jumbo shrimp, small crowd*
- swapping of letters or syllables in words; *bunny rabbit = runny babbit*
- a tongue _____ puts together words that are hard to say in a row; *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers*
- an exaggerated statement; *I died laughing*
- putting two words together to make a new word; *squeeze + crunch = scrunch*
- words that have the same ending sound; *very cherry*
- a humor-filled story or trick; *knock, knock!*
- giving human-like abilities to something non-human; *the wind howled, time marches on*
- a word named after a real person; *teddy bear (Theodore Roosevelt)*
- a clever question that needs thought to be answered; *What loses its head each morning, and gets it back in the evening? A pillow!*

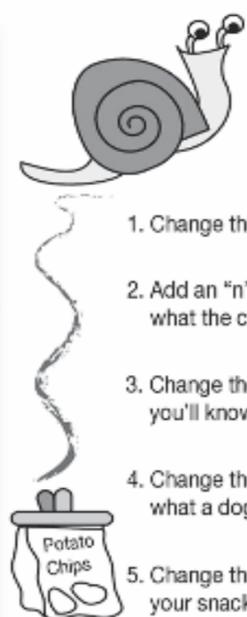


Match each expression to its meaning:

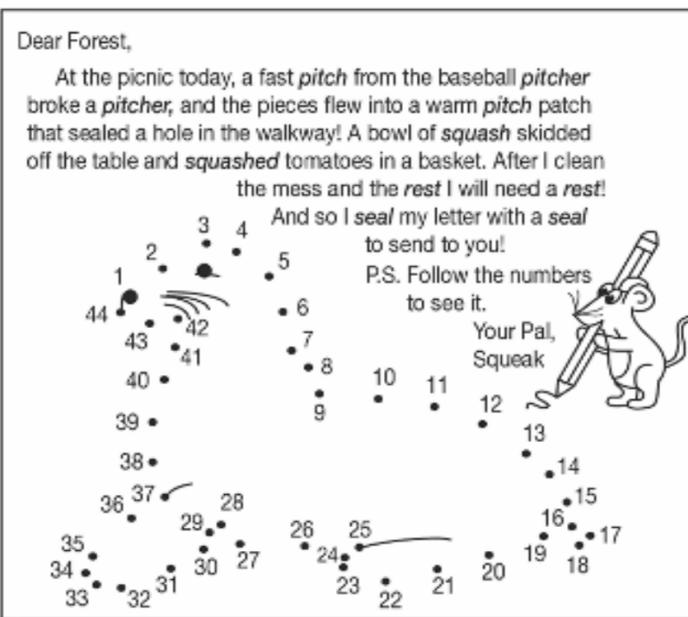
- man of few words
- man of his word
- get the word
- play on words
- mum is the word

Word Ex-Change!

You can make a play on words just by exchanging letters in words. After you finish the activity below, try to write one of your own and share it with a friend.



- Change the "sn" to "tr" and see the "goo". _____ snail
- Add an "n" to this word and you'll know what the cow said and what she jumped over. _____ moo
- Change the first letter to "b" and you'll know what happened to my car. _____ fender
- Change the "k" to "t" and you'll see what a dog gave me as I was riding by. _____ bike
- Change the "ch" to "cl" and it will close your snack bag. _____ chip



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NEWBERRY VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Electronic Public Meeting – Due to COVID-19 Virus

****NOTE – All votes were done by Roll Call Vote**

Present: President Stokes, Trustees: Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Interim Village Manager/Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement – Watkins, Clerk – Schummer, Sterling McGinn, John Bergman.

Call to Order: President Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Administration Building.

Adoption of Resolution: Moved by Puckett, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to adopt 2020-04-1 the Resolution Establishing Rules of Remote Attendance by Village Council Members, Planning Commission Members, Village Committee Members, Water & Light Board Members, and members of the public at meetings due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Freese, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Minutes: Moved by Hardenbrook, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020, regular meeting as written. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson. Abstain: Puckett (was not present at the meeting).

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Village President's Announcements: President Stokes thanked the staff and Interim Village Manager Watkins for keeping things up and running at this difficult time.

Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:

A.) **Village of Newberry – Monthly Bills:** Moved by Puckett, support by Freese, **CARRIED**, to approve payment of the March 14, 2020 – April 17, 2020 bills, in the amount of \$21,865.94. Roll call vote: Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

B.) **Water & Light monthly bills for March 7, 2020 to April 9, 2020:** Moved by Hardenbrook, support by Cameron, **CARRIED**, to accept the recommendation of the W&L Board to pay the Electric and Water Funds in the total amount of \$186,573.36. Roll call vote: Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

C.) **Christmas Lights Fund** – as of 3/31/2020 – \$12,118.46.

D.) **Treasurer's Report** – March 2020 – N. Moulton gave a written report. Council accepted the report as presented.

E.) **Request for Disbursement of Funds:**

a.) Stormwater/Asset Management/Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program, pay when paid: Moved by Hendrickson, support by Puckett, **CARRIED**, to pay Request #22 –

03/01/2020 to 03/31/2020 –C2AE invoice #69569: \$2,900.19. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:

1.) **Resolution 2020-04-21:** Addressed and voted on at the beginning of the meeting.

2.) **Proclamation:** Moved by Freese, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to adopt the Newberry Nightly Neighborly Nod Proclamation. Discussion followed. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

Unfinished Business:

1.) **Review of Utility Billing Payment and Processing approach used in April:** Watkins discussed how the Village has been, and plans to, handle current and future unpaid debt from past due bills, at least through May. Discussion followed.

2.) **Public Comment Follow-up from Previous Meeting:** None needed.

New Business:

1.) **Executive Order 2020-48:** Temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings. Information

only.
2.) **Executive Order 2020-28:** Restoring water service to occupied residences during COVID-19. Information only. Copy of Water Service Report, submitted by Watkins to the Michigan State Emergency Operation Center, dated April 8, 2020, was presented as well.

3.) **Utility Billing and Payments deadlines for month of May:** Discussed in #1 under Unfinished Business.

Reports of Boards:

1.) **Water & Light Board:** Minutes provided from the April 14, 2020 meeting. Report by Freese.

2.) **Planning Commission Meeting:** March 23, 2020 meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

Committee Reports:

None.

Reports of Village Officers & Management:

A.) **Fire Chief:** Wendt submitted a written report.

B.) **Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant & DPW:** Blakely submitted a written report. Watkins stated there is a problem with people using 'flushable wipes'. The wipes do not break-down and are causing issues with the pumps.

C.) **Water & Light:** Written report submitted

by Dan Kucinkas.
D.) **Interim Village Manager/Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement:** Watkins gave a verbal as well as written report. Discussion included update of the audit being done by the State and how our revenue sharing is being impacted by the audit not being done yet. Watkins stated that once the audit is completed and an F65 form is submitted, we should get our revenue funds. Discussion followed.

Public Comment: None

Comments by Council Members: Comments heard from the Board thanking the Fire Department for all they are doing for the Village during the Stay home - Stay Safe order. Hats off to the staff and Allison Watkins for guiding the ship that is our Village through these rough times.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Puckett, support by Hardenbrook, **CARRIED**, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Ayes: Stokes, Cameron, Freese, Hardenbrook, Hendrickson, Puckett.

These minutes are unofficial until voted on at the next meeting.

Terese Schummer, Clerk
Lori A. Stokes, Village President

Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders

—Executive Order 2020-56 extending her previous order which gives pharmacists increased operational capacity and increases access to prescriptions.

Executive Order 2020-56 continues to allow pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of prescriptions for up to 60 days' worth of supply for patients and require insurers to cover early refills for up to 90 days' worth of supply during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

—Executive Order 2020-57, extending and building upon her earlier executive order expanding eligibility for unemployment benefits during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

—Executive Order 2020-58, to extend the deadline of case-initiation in civil and probate matters, in accordance with Administrative Order 2020-3 of the Michigan Supreme Court.

—Executive order 2020-59, extending her "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order through May 15. The new order will require people to wear homemade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. It will also lift some restrictions on outdoor activities and allow some workers who perform previously suspended activities to go back to work.

— Executive Order 2020-60 to establish strategies to reduce exposure to COVID-19 for both customers and employees. The order also provides temporary relief by suspending certain licensing requirements and regulations for food service industries.

— Executive Order 2020-62 which extends protections for vulnerable pop-

ulations in Michigan's county jails, local lockups and juvenile detention centers during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The order replaces her previous order 2020-29 and details risk-reduction protocols that have been adopted and implemented by the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) and that county jails and local lockups are strongly encouraged to adopt.

— Order 2020-61, to extend and expand Executive Order 2020-30, which relaxes scope of practice laws to give hospitals and other health care facilities the flexibility they need to deploy qualified physicians, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, nurses, and other health care providers the ability to give the critical care needed to combat COVID-19.

—Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-63, which extends validity of existing personal protection orders that would otherwise expire during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

—The Whitmer administration along with the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) and Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) announced today that businesses across Michigan are now able to apply for an additional \$310 billion in Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Read the full text of all of Michigan governor Whitmer's executive orders at bit.ly/2IP8gQg.

Luce County Sheriff's Log

April 20-26

— **April 20**, Violation of license restrictions, M28, Pentland Township, investigated, report taken.

— **April 20**, Personal protection order violation, E. McMillan Ave, Newberry, investigated, report taken.

— **April 21**, Abandoned trailer, CR403, Pentland Township, investigated, report taken.

— **April 24**, Larceny of firearms, E. John St., Newberry, investigated, report taken.

— **April 24**, Domestic disturbance, Newberry Ave, Newberry, investigated, report taken.

— **April 24**, Stalking, Robinson St, Newberry, investigated report taken.

Traffic Stops: 5

Traffic Citations: 3

Verbal Warnings: 8

Motorist Assists: 2

Property inspections: 49

Liquor inspections: 10

Assist Other Agencies: 10

Assist Own Agency: 2

Investigative arrests: 2

OWI Arrests: 0

Concealed Pistol License Fingerprints Taken: 0

Process Servings conducted: 2

Hours Patrolled: 45

Miles Patrolled: 1896

Complaints taken: 6

Bookings (people logged into jail):

— **April 21**, 42-year-old male, Felonious assault

— **April 25**, 23 yr old, male, Operating while intoxicated

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\$1.37 billion in benefits sent to 820,000 unemployed Michigan workers affected by COVID-19

The Michigan Unemployment Agency (UIA) has already provided an estimated 820,000 unemployed Michigan workers \$1.37 billion in benefits. Today, the U.S. Dept. of Labor released numbers showing that 1,178,021 Michiganders have filed for unemployment since March 15, with 134,119 workers filing claims just last week.

The vast majority of workers who have yet to receive benefits will receive payments shortly after they complete the federal requirement to certify their claim two weeks after filing.

Michigan is among the first states in the nation to begin sending the additional \$600 federal payments under the CARES act and make the unemployment application available to self-employed workers and independent contractors.

In the weeks preceding the pandemic, the UIA received around 5,000 new weekly unemployment claims. During the Great Recession, the weekly high was around 77,000 in 2009.

Unemployment claims during COVID-19:

Week-Ending April 18: 134,119

Week-Ending April 11: 222,207

Week Ending April 4: 388,554

Week Ending March 28: 304,335

Week Ending March 21: 128,806

Five Week Total: 1,178,021

How to File The fastest and easiest way to file and certify a claim is online at Michigan.gov/UIA where it takes around 25 minutes.

Customers are urged to use the site during off-peak hours between 8pm-8am. For anyone having difficulty with their account, the UIA Call Center - 866-500-0017 - is available 8am-6pm Mon-Fri and 7am-2pm on Saturday.

CANCELED

May T.A.R.S.P. meeting

Questions? Call 293-6042

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To help protect our workers during this COVID-19 pandemic, the Luce County Road Commission will not be removing downed trees from seasonal roads until the current executive stay home order is lifted. There will likely be significant numbers of seasonal roads with trees across due to the storms during Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. The Road Commission will be placing a barricade with a "ROAD CLOSED" sign at the entrance to any seasonal roads that are found to have trees across them. Please be aware that if a seasonal road does not have a barricade, it does not guarantee the road will be clear. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented event.

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Comment period on Enbridge project is open through May 13

Enbridge Energy LP's application to replace and relocate the portion of the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac is on hold.

The Michigan Public Service Commission placed the hold to take public comment and consider the company's request for a declaratory ruling on whether new siting authority from the MPSC is needed for Enbridge to construct this segment.

Enbridge filed its application April 17, requesting siting approval to replace and relocate the Line 5 section into a tunnel to be constructed beneath the Straits. In the alternative, Enbridge asked the MPSC for a declaratory ruling that it already has the authority from the Commission to construct the replacement segment based on the Commission's original 1953 order granting authority for the Line 5 pipeline.

The Commission said it would hold the Act 16 siting application in

abeyance while it considers the request for a declaratory ruling. Should the Commission issue such a declaratory ruling that Enbridge already has the authority for its Line 5 project, no further proceedings will be necessary, saving time and resources of the Commission and interested persons. Conversely, if the Commission issues a declaratory ruling that Enbridge does not already have the authority for its Line 5 project, the application would be reviewed as part of a contested case, starting with public notice and a prehearing conference.

In addition, given significant public interest in the Line 5 matter, the Commission also established a public comment period on the request for a declaratory ruling. Comments should address only the declaratory ruling issue, not the merits of Enbridge's Act 16 application.

Any interested parties may submit comments, written or electronic, no

later than May 13, 2020. The Commission explicitly invited commenters to provide legal analysis of the issues presented in the request for a declaratory ruling, which could include references to statutes, rules and prior Commission orders relevant to the matter and analysis of their applicability to the Line 5 project. Replies to comments on the declaratory ruling request must be filed no later than May 27, 2020.

Electronic comments are preferred and may be e-mailed to mpscedockets@michigan.gov. All comments should reference Case No. U-20763. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure. Written comments may be addressed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

DNR to allow open burning Permits still required

Just over a month since it suspended open burning across the state in response to COVID-19 concerns, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced that it will begin issuing burn permits starting today.

"We're going to issue burn permits based on local fire risk and weather conditions, just as we have always done," said Dan Laux, fire section supervisor for the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "We still expect people to practice social distancing and use good sense to prevent the possible transmission of the COVID-19 virus."

Laux said that firefighters, now with a month of experience during the COVID-19 emergency, have better protocols in place to slow the spread of the virus.

The DNR issues burn permits online at Michigan.gov/BurnPermit if weather and fire danger conditions are favorable. Make sure to check local regulations before you burn.

Open burning of yard debris and brush were suspended March 26 to make firefighters available for emergencies related to COVID-19 and to protect first responders. With more favorable fuel conditions occurring as Michigan moves toward the "green-up" of vegetation where plants and trees are leafing out and filled with sap, fire potential can now be regulated based on local fire danger ratings.

People who want to burn are still expected to check in at Michigan.gov/BurnPermit to make sure fires are allowed on the day they want to burn.

More on open burning guidelines and safety

- Michigan Burn Permit - Wipe Away Fires, a 30-second, educational video with how-to tips, is available at <https://bit.ly/BurningVideo>.

- Additional fire safety information and resources are available at Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires.

Trees at high risk of oak wilt now through mid-July

If you have oak trees especially red oaks – now is the time to be wary of oak wilt spores carried by flying beetles.

From April 15 to July 15, oak trees are at high risk for oak wilt, a serious fungal disease that can weaken white oaks and kill red oak trees within a few weeks of infection.

"The guidelines against pruning oak trees during this period are a way to help prevent the spread of the disease," said James Wieferrich, forest health specialist in the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "Unfortunately, many people learn not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-July only after they lose their oaks to oak wilt."

Fungus travels by insects, through root grafts

Once a tree is infected, the fungus

also can move to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within about 100 feet of each other – depending on the size of the trees –

Oak wilt was first identified in the 1940s and is now widespread across Michigan. Red oaks are most susceptible to the disease. These trees have

leaves with pointed tips and include black oaks, northern red oaks and northern pin oaks. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oaks and swamp white oaks. They are less susceptible.

Symptoms most often appear from late June until September. Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

Take steps to reduce risks to your trees

The high-risk period of infection occurs from April 15 to July 15, so it's important to avoid pruning or injuring oak trees during this time. If you have a tree that gets damaged during the risk period, immediately cover all wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint.

Don't move firewood, especially if

it comes from oaks that may have died from oak wilt, as firewood can harbor the fungus. If you suspect your firewood is infected by oak wilt, you can help slow the spread by burning it, chipping it or debarking it before April. Once the firewood has been dried over a year and/or all the bark loosens, the firewood can no longer spread oak wilt.

To minimize the risk of oak wilt infection caused by logging damage, the DNR restricts cutting of red oak trees on state-managed land between April 15 and July 15.

The DNR recommends private forest landowners exercise caution during this period and, whenever possible, delay harvesting activity in oak forests until after July 15.



Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Oak leaves showing damage from oak wilt.

have connected, or grafted, root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, killing more red oaks over an increasingly larger area. As more trees die from oak wilt, more fungal spores are produced, which allows the beetle to carry infection to new locations.

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