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Feeding America here today

The Feeding America truck returns to Newberry today to drop off food at the LINK. The delivery will include dairy and produce, and line-up can begin by 2 p.m. Coordinator Mary Archambeau requests people come with empty trunks, coolers if needed, and line up along the same route as in the past.

Food from Feeding America has been shared with 600 people from 17 different towns, Archambeau said.

Bottle returns can resume June 15

Retailers with bottle return facilities at the front of their store or in a separate area are required to resume accepting returnable beverage containers for refund on Monday, June 15. Stores can limit the number of containers returned each day by a single person, have limited hours for bottle return facilities, and use other restrictions as necessary to maintain a safe environment.

Meanwhile, non-profit groups like Pet Pals and the Shriners have been accepting cans and bottles during the pandemic. A collection unit has also been set up at Three Lakes Academy in Curtis.

COVID cases continue to decline

The number of new, confirmed coronavirus cases continues to decline in the state of Michigan. On Monday, June 1, the state reported only 135 new cases and 25 deaths.

In the Upper Peninsula, the caseload has gone up slightly in the past week. There are now 115 confirmed cases in the U.P., with 17 deaths. Marquette County has the highest number of cases, with 56, and 12 deaths. Luce County still has only three confirmed cases.

Across the state, there have been 57,532 confirmed cases and 5,516 deaths. The number of recovered people currently stands at 38,099.



Above, clockwise from left: The families of Cameron Depew, Seth Huffman, Austin Troop, and Tristin Skidmore attended individual graduation ceremonies. The four graduates have joined the military and are leaving town for training. Three left on Monday; Huffman leaves in mid-June.

Four tiny graduations

Depew, Huffman, Troop and Skidmore have enlisted

By Carol Stiffler

Four members of the Newberry High School Class of 2020 have enlisted in the military - two in the Army, two in the National Guard - and were scheduled to leave town before their July 24 graduation ceremony.

So the school held four tiny graduations for them - one for each student. State restrictions allowed only groups of 10 or less, so the graduates were each given their own 15-minute ceremony and allowed to bring only their immediate families. The ceremonies were held Friday, May 29.

Cameron Depew (Army), Seth Huffman (Army), Austin Troop (National Guard), and Tristin Skidmore (National Guard) wore blaze orange caps and gowns and showed up one at a time on Friday.

Depew was first. With a family as large as his, grandparents and other relatives waited in cars outside the high school while Depew graduated. Superintendent and High School Principal Stacy Price gave a short address, and co-valedictorians Carlee Corinth and Jared Wallace and salutatorian Julia Seitz gave recorded video messages. Depew was given his diploma, a clock from the Tahquamenon Education Foundation for having a grade point average above 2.5, an American flag from the American Legion, and a laundry basket full of gifts.

"It was pretty quiet," Depew said of his graduation. But it did have some of the feeling he expected.

Depew left for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on Monday. He joined the army to save money, he said, and plans to become an electrician.

Cameron Depew / U.S. Army

Seth Huffman / U.S. Army

Austin Troop / National Guard

Tristin Skidmore / National Guard

"It would have been nice to see all my friends one more time," said Depew, who unfurled his new American flag and refused to put it down after the ceremony.

Huffman graduated next, wearing a photo of his friend, Julian, on his graduation cap. Army recruiters on the scene described Huffman as "smiley" and said he would get very strong in the Army. He'll be able to call home about one week after he arrives to boot camp later this month.

Though he graduated in the mostly empty Bystrom Auditorium, Huffman said he appreciated it. He also received a

flag and a pile of gifts - all the graduates did that night.

"It was the best we can do in this pandemic," he said.

Huffman has wanted to join the Army since he was two years old - he's following in his grandpa's footsteps, and his uncle's.

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Whitmer ends 'Stay Home', puts state in phase four

In a press conference on Monday, June 1, Governor Gretchen Whitmer promoted the entire state of Michigan to phase four of the six-phase pandemic timeline. She also ended the stay at home lockdown and asked residents to simply "be smart".

By the end of the week, Whitmer plans to move the Upper Peninsula and northern lower peninsula - regions 8 and 6, respectively, to phase five. That's the phase when larger groups can gather and school can resume, and the coronavirus is considered contained.

"Here in Michigan, we can turn the dial a little bit more and reengage sectors of our economy in a safe manner," Whitmer said. "But we can't let our guard down."

Effectively immediately, groups of 100 or less can gather outdoors as long as they maintain "strict social distancing" by staying six feet apart. Outdoor fitness classes are allowed, drive-in movie theaters can operate, and house-cleaning services can resume.

By Monday, June 8, restaurants can open indoor and outdoor seating as long as tables are six feet apart and the restaurant is using 50% capacity or less.

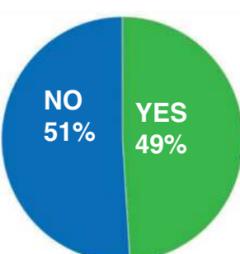
She has not yet reopened hair salons, tattoo parlors, gyms, and casinos. Whitmer also encouraged all eligible Michigan residents to get tested for the coronavirus. Anyone who has a symptom of coronavirus - even mild symptoms like a cough or a fever, has worked outside the home for 10 days, lives in a congregate setting, or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19, is eligible to be tested for coronavirus.

Testing does not require a doctor's order and usually does not require a co-pay.

You voted

Two lucky astronauts were able to rocket off the planet this week to join the crew on the International Space Station. It was the first lift-off from American soil in 12 years, and a triumph for SpaceX and NASA.

We asked on Facebook: Did you watch the SpaceX launch this past Saturday? With 196 votes, you said:



There will be fireworks in July

By Carol Stiffler

In a year when most things have felt strange, one thing is the same: In Curtis, there will be fireworks for the Fourth of July.

And a parade. And the Lions chicken dinner.

The Curtis Area Chamber of Commerce voted on May 27 to move forward with the village's annual Independence Day celebration, which is scheduled for Sunday, July 5.

"It was a unanimous vote by the Chamber of Commerce board that we do not want to miss an opportunity to celebrate our country's independence," said Mary Gowan, who is chairing the event with her husband, John. The theme of the parade is "United We Stand".

In Newberry, the Kiwanis Club will host the parade again, though the route will be elongated and people will be encouraged to watch from in or around their vehicles. The theme of



Carol Stiffler

the Newberry parade is "Let Freedom Ring". "Things are still going to be uncertain," said Sarah Freeman, secretary and past president of the Newberry Kiwanis Club. "We're going to say no candy, no handouts. The politicians will have to just wave and smile."

There should be no crowds of people, Free-

man said, so social distancing measures can stay in place.

In Curtis, the Gowans are hopeful that the coronavirus pandemic will continue to decline as warm temperatures prevail. They will also ask parade goers to use "common sense" and practice social distancing as much as possible.

To make the parade crowd less dense, the parade route will be modified to extend beyond its usual stopping point at the top of the hill and will proceed past the elementary school before turning around. In addition to hand washing stations near the port-a-potties, new hand sanitizing stations will be on site, and most vendors have added hand sanitizer to their booths, Mary said. And there will be no inside events whatsoever. There will be no restrictions or changes for the fireworks.

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Sterling McGinn

Seth Huffman accepts an American flag, a gift from the American Legion, from Superintendent and Principal Stacy Price during his graduation ceremony on Friday, May 29.

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"It's more of a tradition," he said. "I feel I owe our country, and the people of the United States, my service." Huffman is now heading to Fort Benning, Georgia.

Austin Troop has the unique distinction of graduating high school one day after getting married. He married his high school sweetheart, Madison Garrett, in the Luce County Courthouse on Thursday, May 28. The pair dated throughout high school and became engaged last fall. Garrett, also a member of the Class of 2020, was homecoming queen.

Going through high school in such a serious relationship was a challenge, they said. "You've got those who support you and those who don't," Troop said.

"You've got to be each other's best friends," Garrett said.

Troop says he is excited to complete his military duty. While he's gone to Fort Leonard Wood, his wife will go to college. The next time they'll see each other is August 1.

Finally, Skidmore collected his diploma and gifts. The graduation was "different" he said, but it worked out. He will now head to Fort Leonard Wood, like Depew and Troop.

Joining the military is something he's always wanted to do, and he will serve as a combat engineer. After serving, Skidmore plans to become an electrical lineman.

Skidmore will be gone until July 24 or 25, which means there's a chance he'll be able to attend the graduation ceremony for the rest of his class.

Having his senior year come to a sudden stop was a challenge. "I took it better than some," Skidmore said.

Price spoke from the heart at each of the four graduation ceremonies and said she felt very strongly that it was important for each of the young men to have a chance to properly graduate.

"You only have one chance for your high school graduation," Price said. "It is not something that you can redo with your classmates."

She respects their decisions to join the military.

"I feel that the military is a calling that individuals have," she said, "and it is one that needs to be recognized and honored."

FIREWORKS, continued

"I think people are going to understand," Mary Gowan said. "There's so many people that understand right now what they need to do to protect themselves and each other. I think that will just flow through an evening event."

The Gowans understand that there will be a mixed reaction to the announcement. Some people will be thrilled, others will be concerned the parade will cause a local surge in coronavirus cases. But with the unanimous support of the chamber board, and overwhelming enthusiasm from vendors, Curtis and the Gowans will continue with plans for the event.

"We will follow any guidelines from the state," Mary Gowan said. "And we will certainly use common sense that way, too. If it looks like it's getting out of hand again, we would make a common sense call."

Similarly, if the state says public gatherings of this sort aren't allowed, the chamber board will have to vote to cancel it this year.

Many summer events across the state are already canceled, like the famous Cherry Festival in Traverse City (July 4-11) and the North American International Auto Show in Detroit (June 6-20).

The Curtis event will abide by the rules of Michigan's Festivals and Events, the Gowans said, and they are hoping to draw a decent crowd.

"We almost anticipate more local folks than tourists this year," Mary Gowan said. "Which would be very pleasant for us to offer this event for our local community."

But people have a choice.

"If they don't feel comfortable, we certainly want them to pass on this event," she said. "If they want to celebrate with us, we certainly welcome them."

The end of an era



Sterling McGinn

The First Baptist Church in Newberry was condemned by a structural engineer last year, and is in the process of getting demolished. Pastor Jon Michael said the building wasn't built well and described the process as bittersweet. "There's a lot of memories in there," he said. Some members of the congregation have been attending there for 80 years. The congregation has been meeting in the adjoining Reed Hall in recent months.

Grass roots prayer movement takes hold

By Carol Stiffler

Riots and anger across the country are rippling across the country in the wake of the death of George Floyd, and Newberry resident Casey Robinson Gehrett was feeling it intensely.

On Saturday morning, while having coffee with her mother, she began to wonder what would happen if the destruction could be channeled into something positive.

"And it got me thinking, why don't we all just pray?" she said. "So I decided to just do it."

Rather than sitting home feeling frustrated, she posted a message in the Newberry Area Yard Sales group on Facebook inviting everyone in the

surrounding communities to meet together for a non-denominational, non-political gathering to pray. The goal was to drive out hate with love.



Casey Robinson Gehrett

"Prayer, to me, is essential for everything in my life - the bad things and the abundance of good things," she said. "It always takes the edge off for me. I had to plant the seed and just hoped others would feel the same and want to accom-

pany me in doing something good." Gehrett didn't know who to ask for permission to meet at the football field, and didn't have much time to organize the event.

But the pieces fell where they would, and it worked. At 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, a group of about 20

people met at the Newberry football field. They were led in prayer by Karl Bergman and Travis Sumbera.

"I was so nervous about how to lead a group," Gehrett said. "Not all of us pray in the same way, I didn't want to exclude anyone or make them feel left out."

The prayer gave way to an open discussion of thoughts and anxieties and had the positive effect Gehrett was hoping for.

"It was actually really cool," she said. "And when we wrapped up, everyone wanted to meet again."

Gehrett said the group prayer meetings will repeat every Sunday at 7 p.m. at the football field, unless the group is told to meet elsewhere.

With riots spreading across the globe, there is much to pray about. "We are pretty far removed from everything here in the U.P., so we might feel safe, but in the big picture, we are all responsible," she said.

The LINK will reopen as soon as possible

LINK director Mary Archambeau wants the community to know: She'll reopen the LINK, located at 103 W. Helen Street in Newberry, as soon as she can.

At this time, the center is forced closed by state restrictions. As soon as restrictions are eased and guidelines for reopening are shared, she'll be back.

"I miss the youth terribly and look forward to spending time with them," Archambeau said. "I know this is hard on the youth. They definitely need our support."

When the young people do return to the LINK, Archambeau or other staff will have to screen them for wellness upon arrival. She will call the parents of any guest who is sick, and they will be

sent home.

Archambeau remains on call for food needs and says members of the community can call her at home at 293-3819 if they need help with food. She gets a lot of phone calls, she said, and often hears that people are running out of food when they reach out to her.

"I am told this a lot," she said. "This is why I make sure they get food. No one goes without."

Archambeau believes no one has truly gone hungry, because food resources have been plentiful throughout this crisis. The Feeding America truck has visited twice a month, and is here today.

Archambeau is eager to get back into the swing of things.

"I believe our community has suffered deeply and hope they know my heart is with each of them," she said.

Blood drive nets 53 pints

A blood drive for the U.P. Regional Blood Bank on Monday tied a new local record for attendance.

A total of 63 locals went to the Trinity Lutheran Church to donate blood. Ten of them were deferred, meaning they could not donate, but 53 people successfully gave a pint of blood. The past record saw 63 people attend and 55 pints given.

The Upper Peninsula is currently in critical need of blood, according to the center. All blood donated to the UPRBC stays in the Upper Peninsula.

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A note of thanks to our communities

In March, we all entered an uncertain time of staying apart to protect one another. It has been a difficult time and difficult roads still lie ahead.

All of us at LMAS District Health Department thank each of our residents, businesses, agencies, emergency services, and health care workers for doing so much to take care of each other. Your hard work has kept the number of cases low in our communities.

As some restrictions are being relaxed, we are grateful for businesses who are taking the time to put plans in place to protect your workers and your customers. We are thankful for so many residents being careful to maintain distance from others, and for wearing cloth face coverings to protect those you may encounter.

Don't give up now. Distance. Handwashing. Cloth Face Coverings. We can do this.

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For more information: LMASDHD.org



Read all about it...

Online checkout report

By Dion Mindykowski, Tahquamenon Area Library Director

It has been nearly 3 months since the Tahquamenon Area Library started offering Hoopla digital download services. We signed up for this service utilizing a library enhancement grant from the Northland Library Cooperative. The setup took a couple months and once it was ready, Covid-19 shut down libraries, as well as, many other places. It was lucky timing as we could provide access to over 600,000 more items at a time when our doors were closed.

I thought it would be interesting to look at the data from this early usage and share some of it in this column. As of May 29, 428 items have been checked out. Though the service offers music and television shows, books have definitely been the most popular, accounting for 72% of all checkouts. E-books slightly beat out Audio-

books in popularity; 38% vs. 32%, while comics accounted for 2%.

The most popular item for our patrons was the music album *Unorthodox Jukebox* by Bruno Mars.

It had a total of 5 checkouts. Tied for second place is an episode of the television series *The Librarians* and the juvenile picture book *I Need a New Butt* by Dawn McMillan. Both of those items had 4 checkouts. This is all anonymous data, so I don't see who has checked out the items. I admit that I am curious if it is library staff missing working at the circulation desk checking out *The Librarians*, or library users who miss visiting the library. The most popular Adult Fiction book is *Sold*



Dion Mindykowski

on a Monday by Kristina McMorris. It had 3 checkouts so far.

There is a comparison of trending titles at our library with trending titles based on data from all libraries. Our readers seem to have pretty unique tastes.

Only two items trending in the Tahquamenon Area School District were the same as those at all libraries. They were the *Frozen 2* soundtrack and the multimedia book *Dragons Love Tacos*. I was surprised not to see the *Paw Patrol* children's series trending locally, knowing how popular it is with some of our Story Time families.

The average local user checked out 5.14 items during the month of May. Originally, we set a limit of 4 items per month, but

expanded that to 10 items during the shutdown. This expanded limit is still in effect. I'm glad to see this being utilized and chances are when we resume normal operations we will keep the checkout limit higher to meet this documented demand.

If you'd like to use this service yourself, it just requires a Tahquamenon Area Library card and an email address to use. You can download the free Hoopla app on your smart phone or tablet, or visit hoopladigital.com in a web browser. Student library card numbers are the letters TQ + their lunch number. For example, if their lunch number was 9999, their library card number would be TQ9999. If you don't have a library card, we are continuing to offer temporary online cards via email. If you are in need of a temporary card, or need assistance setting up Hoopla, please contact us at tahquam-circ@gmail.com.



Lyle and Marge Painter

Snowbird Chirpings: Looking for the calm in the storm

By Lyle Painter

I sit here tonight during our daily thunderstorm and rain in Naples, Florida trying to think of something to say to lighten the mood of all of the negativism of the last few days. There is no lightening. I am sad.

The murdering of a man by a police officer who had a counterfeit \$20 bill which he may have known or not known was counterfeit is absolutely unconscionable.

The vandalizing of stores and businesses is unconscionable.

The undoing of orders in some states to ignore social distancing is unconscionable.

The non-requirement to wear masks when out in public to protect others is unconscionable.

The continuation of activities and events which bring many people together with no thought of social-distancing is unconscionable.

This is a sad time in our history.

The best man at Margie and my wedding died three weeks ago in southern Michigan of the COVID-19 virus. Yes, he was not a young man, but he was a husband, a father, grandfather and great-grandfather and a retired, revered public school teacher. He was in an assisted living home, living with his wife who he

had married 58 years ago, when he acquired the disease.

He died alone. She could not visit him. Like her, his children and grandchildren could not be with him as he took his final breath. When his wife called and informed us of his passing she said, "Only God was there to hold his hand". He has requested his ashes be spread on the high school lawn of the high school where he taught for almost 40 years in Avondale, MI.

When I was working for the Michigan Education Association in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, I hired a lady to be my administrative assistant, and she is now a close family friend. Last week she informed me her son, who is a dual U.S. and Canadian citizen, died this week in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Due to the COVID-19 situation, she was not able to go across the border to check on him when he did not answer his phone. She had her Canadian friend go to his apartment to make a "well-check". The friend found her son dead in his bed. He was 40 years old. She will not be able to claim his ashes until the scheduled border reopening on June 28th. So sad.

This is a sad time. I look forward to returning to Curtis.

MSU Extension offers Lunch and Learn programs

Michigan State University Extension is offering a series of Lunch and Learn presentations on emergency preparedness.

MSU Food Safety Educators will be hosting four live, online webinar sessions focusing on: what food is safe after a power outage, handling food safely during severe weather events, how to prepare an emergency kit, and sanitiz-

ing, disinfecting, and what are the best types of bleach to use.

Participants are encouraged to ask their questions during the Q & A portion of the event. Food Safety Educators will be available to provide the most up-to-date research-based information.

Dates, topics and registration links are below:

Lunch and Learn Series

on Emergency Preparedness

June 5, 2020 - 12 pm EDT

Power Outages and Food Safety

June 12, 2020 - 12 pm EDT

Food Safety after Severe Weather Events

June 19, 2020 - 12 pm EDT

Making an Emergency Preparedness Kit

June 26, 2020 - 12 pm EDT

Sanitizing and Disinfecting: Types of Bleach

To register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/emergency-preparedness-june

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Pointers from Pet Pals

While Luce County Pet Pals is not currently meeting due to the global pandemic, its members want to share pet information with each other and the community.

The Signs, Diagnosis and Treatment of Parvo in Dogs

By Lianne McLeod, DVM
for The Spruce Pets

Canine parvovirus (also called parvo) in dogs is a very contagious and potentially fatal viral disease. Most commonly, parvovirus causes gastroenteritis or inflammation of the stomach and intestines.

About Parvovirus

Canine parvovirus is contagious and can survive for several months (some experts say as long as two years) in the environment, and it is also resistant to many disinfectants. Infection can occur directly through contact with infected dogs, but it is also spread through indirect contact with contaminated surfaces and objects. It is estimated that parvovirus is fatal in 16 to 48 percent of cases.

Risk Factors

Dogs of any age can get parvo, depending on their vaccination history, but some dogs are more susceptible than others:

- Puppies 6 to 20 weeks old are most susceptible (it takes some time for the vaccination series to become fully protective).
- Unvaccinated dogs.
- Certain breeds are at an increased risk, including Rottweilers, American

Pit Bull Terriers, Doberman Pinschers and German Shepherds.

• Dogs under stress or which have other intestinal infections (including worms) or other health problems.

Signs and Symptoms

If your dog has the following symptoms, consult your vet:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (may be bloody)
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Fever

If parvovirus is the cause, early treatment is essential. A tentative diagnosis can be made based on age, vaccination history, symptoms and a physical exam. Confirmation of the diagnosis is through detection of the virus in a fecal sample

Treatment

Treatment depends on the severity of disease and is aimed at managing symptoms until the virus runs its course. Fluid therapy to combat dehydration is extremely important. Medications and antibiotics are sometimes used and in severe cases blood or plasma transfusions may be given. Hospitalization is usually required.

Prevention

Vaccination is the best defense against parvovirus. Your vet will recommend a course of vaccinations

suitable for your dog.

Until puppies have had their last vaccination, it is prudent to be careful about their exposure to other dogs and places where dogs frequently defecate (e.g., dog parks) to avoid exposure as much as possible.

Because the virus survives for so long, if you have had a dog with parvovirus in your home, you should be careful about introducing a new puppy or unvaccinated dog for at least 6 months (possibly longer).

Home Care and Disinfection

A dog with parvovirus should be isolated from other dogs, especially puppies. An infected dog can shed the virus for three weeks or more after being ill (keep your dog at home during this time to avoid spreading the virus to other dogs).

Parvovirus is resistant to many disinfectants. A solution of one part bleach to 30 parts water is effective, but can only be used on bleach-safe items. Other disinfectants that are labeled as effective against parvovirus can also be used and may be available through your vet.

If you suspect your pet is sick, call your vet immediately.

For more information on the Luce County Pet Pals, visit lucepetspals.org.

There are no obituaries for this week's *Newberry News*.

Stay healthy!
– The News Staff

HNJH Foundation golf outing and fundraiser postponed until 2021

As a precaution, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the HNJH Foundation Board has made the difficult decision to postpone the HNJH Foundation Golf Outing and Fundraiser until 2021.

During the past 11 years of the event, over \$120,000 has been raised to enhance the quality healthcare services and programs provided to the patients, residents, and community members.

“As a healthcare organization, we are not willing to put our community in any situation that may put them at risk. With safety being the utmost importance, the decision was a difficult but necessary one,” explained HNJH CEO, Hunter Nostrant. “We thank the Newberry Country Club for hosting and those participants, sponsors, and volunteers throughout the years for making this a successful event.”

Individuals and sponsors who already have paid will be contacted and have the option of either receiving a refund or putting fees towards the 2021 fundraiser. The date for next year's event is Friday, July 16, 2021.

Special enrollment period for health insurance may be closing soon

Deadlines are fast approaching for people who lost their health insurance due to layoffs, reduced hours, or a change in income during the COVID-19 pandemic to take advantage of low or no-cost health care options available through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Consumers in these situations must sign up for health insurance within 60 days, which is coming soon for people who were impacted in the early weeks of the COVID-19 response.

“Ensuring Michiganders have access to health care coverage is critical as we continue our ongoing response to COVID-19,” said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. “Resources are available for Michiganders who have been financially impacted during this crisis, and I encourage them to explore these options for their health and the health of their families.”

Michigan has been battling COVID-19 since its first cases were identified in early March, and layoffs have been announced by impacted businesses throughout the following months. Consumers have 60 days after losing health coverage as a result of a job loss or a change in income, to take advantage of a Special Enrollment Period to either temporarily continue their employer-provided coverage under COBRA or purchase coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Consumers may wish to look into the Health Insurance Marketplace, as the Marketplace options may be less expensive than COBRA.

To see if you are eligible, visit the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.healthcare.gov. Depending on income and their situation, consumers may qualify for cost sharing reductions, premium tax credits, coverage for their children (CHIP), or Medicaid.

Enrollment help is available

DIFS can help. Contact DIFS at 877-999-6442 or email at DIFS-HICAP@michigan.gov.

Continued need for foster families in Michigan

As Michigan takes measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, families are still needed to provide temporary foster homes for children.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) wants to raise awareness of that need during Foster Care Awareness Month. The department also wants to inform prospective foster parents about actions that are being taken to protect them and the children who are in foster care from COVID-19.

“During the coronavirus pandemic, many Michigan families continue to provide safe and loving homes to Michigan children in foster care,” said JooYeun Chang, executive director of the Children's Services Agency in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

“Foster families from around the state have shown tremendous grace and flexibility during these uncertain times. MDHHS provides resources to families to keep them together whenever possible, but placement in foster

care may be necessary when a child is not safe at home.”

While MDHHS is thankful for the families who are already caring for youth in foster care, there is always a need for more families to open their hearts and homes to fostering, even during the pandemic.

Michigan has approximately 12,500 children in foster care. Children of all ages who have been victims of abuse and neglect need temporary foster homes to care for them until they can be safely reunited with their parents or – in a smaller number of cases – until they can find adoptive homes if it's not safe for them to return home.

During the pandemic, MDHHS is informing prospective foster parents of a child's health status prior to placement. The department is also asking health screening questions of all household members in a foster family before placement. MDHHS has changed policies to temporarily decrease in-person contact and put practices in place to help keep everyone healthy and safe.

The first step to becoming a foster

parent is contacting a Foster Care Navigator.

Navigators are experienced foster parents who can answer questions, help individuals find an agency that's right for them and provide guidance along their journey to becoming a foster parent. They can be reached at 855-MICHKIDS. Foster Care Navigators are ready to assist families thought the foster homes licensing process.



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Brenda J. Cashman
Sat., June 6, 2020
Visitation: 10-11:00 am
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Funeral Services follow with Pastor Arthur Bode
Interment at Engadine Cemetery

Northern Lights Vision Center
Dr. Dale Muth, O.D.
216 Elm Ave. 504 W. Harrie Street
Munising Newberry
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You also can make donations by sending checks made payable to Luce County Pets and mailing them to Luce County Pet Pals, P.O. Box 345, Newberry, MI 49868
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All pictures sent to us electronically should be at least 200 dpi.

It is time to listen.

By Carol Stiffler

Now is a time to listen. George Floyd was accused of paying for cigarettes with a counterfeit \$20 bill. He was arrested, and minutes later, he was dead. Regardless of his race, or his temperament while he was getting arrested, death was the wrong outcome for that incident. But he was black, and the cop who arrested him and pressed a knee into his neck was white, and the very worst thing happened. While the black community mourns and protests yet another outrageous act of inequality, it is time for members of other races to listen to them. If we aren't black, we don't know. My ancestors chose to come to this country and did what they wanted after getting here. They've done so ever since.



Lauren Burton

I've never been pulled over for driving while being white. I've never been suspected of shoplifting because of my pale

skin. I've never worried my children will be targeted because of what they look like. But those are everyday concerns for members of the black community. Their anxiety and anger is justified, even if

their destructive behavior and looting right now doesn't seem relatable. Don't dismiss their case because of way they express their anger.

Some of the protests have been peaceful and filled with dignity. In either case, they've lived lives we can't imagine.

To understand each other, we are told to "walk a mile" in each other's shoes. Consider their perspective.

Until we do that, we can't understand why some members of the black community are so upset, they're rioting in the streets across the country.

We can't imagine that we understand how they feel. And we can't say they should not feel that way. So let's listen to them. Really listen. Let's start there.

Local demonstrators Lillian Harmon, left, and Eryn Corinth stood in peaceful protest on Main Street on Tuesday, June 2.

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Why I play Taps: A bugler's honor

By Sterling McGinn

The 24 perfect notes played on a trumpet or bugle must have drawn my attention to learning to play the somber piece called Taps.

I started playing the trumpet when I was in 6th grade at Newberry Middle School. After trying out three other instruments, I decided the trumpet was it. Shortly after learning to play, I decided I wanted to learn Taps. I didn't know why at the time, but I soon learned the piece.

One of my first performances of Taps was at the annual Newberry High School Veteran's Day program my senior year in high school. I vividly remember being very nervous, but did my best to not miss a note. What I did felt right, and like it might be something I want to do the rest of my life.

The following Memorial Day was the first time I played at the Newberry and McMillan ceremonies. Two years later, I became the bugler for the Hugh Allan McInnes American Legion Post 74 in Newberry. Although I did not serve in the armed forces, many in



Bob Bowser

Sterling McGinn plays taps at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in Manistique in 2018. McGinn has performed the ceremonial tribute hundreds of times and says providing the honor for veterans is a priority in his life.

my family did. My father served in the U.S. Navy, so I joined the Sons of the American Legion at Post 74. Since joining, I have played at over one hundred funerals and ceremonies in the Easter U.P. and Northern Lower Michigan. I have also played To the Colors at flag raising and Flag Day ceremonies.

Playing Taps at a military funeral or burial is not an easy job, but I learned to close my eyes and complete the task at hand. I have played for friends, family, family of friends and many veterans that I never knew, and after many years, it never gets any easier.

To me, it is very important. I feel

every veteran deserves a live bugler, and that is why playing at a veteran's funeral is my priority in life.

This year's Memorial Day was different due to Covid-19. The only thing that was not different to me was the meaning of this day. Our annual program was live streamed by M-123 FM, and I was still able to play at Forest Home Cemetery.

This Memorial Day, I also participated in Taps across America at 3:00 p.m. that day.

CBS News "On the Road" correspondent Steve Hartman and a retired Air Force bugler Jari Villanueva asked veterans, and anyone able to sound Taps, to do so from their homes at 3:00 p.m.

As I played next to the American flag in my friend's yard, many neighbors and friends came out of their homes to pause and reflect on the meaning of this simple but eloquent salute to the honored dead. They listened quietly. Someone in the neighborhood even stopped a piece of equipment in their yard, stood, and listened. All of that is why I do what I do.

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 November 2012, the citizens of Michigan rejected the Emergency Manager law by ballot initiative. Following that rejection, Governor Snyder signed into law a new Emergency Management bill passed by the legislators on December 27, 2012. The new bill signed into law included funding making it an appropriation bill that is immune to public referendum.

To those who are concerned that liberals are trying to take away freedoms can rest assured: the conservatives already have.

Gary Bowman
Curtis, Michigan

Traveling through time: This week, through the years

By Sterling McGinn

From June 7, 1895

Local

—Harrie Street west has been re-graded and the job so far as it goes has been well done, but a covering of gravel is necessary to make it permanent and the street committee could not expand money to a better advantage.

—Mark Gregory has a fine bear cub which he brought home with him while down the river at the falls last week. Mark claims he caught the animal himself, but we confess to being a little doubtful on that score.

—The sidewalk to Dollarville is now complete. It will be appreciated by pedestrians as well as owners of bicycles. There is some talk of adding an extra plank, making it four feet wide all the way through.

—Bicycles are becoming so numerous in Newberry that the council really ought to adopt an ordinance to regulate the running of same.

—Attend the first commencement exercises ever held in Luce County and listen to the orations by the

first graduates from the Newberry Public Schools.

—The Hotel Murphy has been undergoing improvements inside. Paper and paint has been liberally used, and the rooms present a comfortable and inviting appearance. The Murphy house is deservedly popular.

Limiting Their Speed

At a meeting of the Tahquamenon Cycle Club held Monday evening, June 3, among other representatives the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the speed of wheelmen, members of the club, on the sidewalks of Newberry ave, be limited to not more than five miles per hour, and on turning the bank corner, the corner at Shattuck's brick block, and the corner at Pelletier's saloon, the speed not to exceed three miles per hour. And that a fine of 35 cents be paid for each violation of this resolution. Be it Further Resolved, that wheelmen coming from Dollarville to Newberry be given the right of way.

From June 11, 1920

Local

—Due to the scarcity of

coal and to conserve the limited supply now off hand, the city lighting service has been curtailed, all lights being turned off at midnight. The public is asked to bear with patience this inconvenience until such time as the fuel situation improves.

—Lavine and Ryerse announce that their restaurant and cafe will be open after midnight as usual in spite of the curtailment of the lighting service. Other arrangements have been made for lighting the cafe.

—The party who "borrowed" the two phonograph records from Lavine and Ryerse's restaurant is requested to return the same and avoid trouble.

From June 11, 1970

NHS Indians Win Two, Lose One

The Newberry Indians got off on the right foot last Thursday as they defeated Brimley 21-0 in an Eastern Upper Peninsula Baseball Conference contest.

John Bennett was credited with the win as he threw three innings of no-hit ball. Bennett helped his own cause with a triple and a single, while George

Labron also chipped in with two hits. On Saturday the Indians won their second game of the season when they squeezed by Engadine at Engadine 5-1. George Labron, following the footsteps of John Bennett, also threw a no-hitter. Labron struck out six Engadine batters, while Chuck Labron provided the offensive punch with a pair of doubles and some fine base running.

Rudyard handed the Indians their first loss of the young season Monday at Rudyard, winning by a score of 5-2. Bulldog pitcher Mike McCarthy silenced the Indians' bats by striking out 11 and allowing only three hits in recording the win.

Moisio Speaker at Graduation

Elmer Moisio of Newberry was commencement speaker Saturday evening, June 6, at graduation exercises for St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. Thirty seniors received diplomas, representing a 33-month course of study held at the Forest Roberts Theater at Northern Michigan University. Mr. Moisio, a 1967

graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, was the first man to graduate from the school and in 1966 was named "Student of the Year" by the Michigan Student Nurses Association.

He is employed in psy-

chiatric nursing at the Newberry State Hospital and is completing work on his baccalaureate degree in nursing at Northern Michigan University. He is the son of Mrs. Elmer Moisio Sr. and the late Mr. Moisio of Newberry.

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Middle & High School

This day in history: June 3

Good news only edition!

There is plenty going on in the world today to increase stress levels. We don't want to contribute to that by bringing up negative events of the past. While there are a lot of events that happened on this day, June 3, throughout history, we're limiting our listings here to positive or neutral events.

- 1540 – Hernando de Soto crosses the Appalachian Mountains, 1st European to do so
- 1856 – Cullen Whipple patents a machine for making screws
- 1884 – John Lynch (R-MS) chosen 1st black major-party national convention chair
- 1889 – The Canadian Pacific Railway is completed from coast to coast.
- 1918 – US Supreme Court in Hammer v. Dagenhart rules child labor laws unconstitutional
- 1946 – 1st bikini bathing suit displayed (Paris)
- 1948 – Korczak Ziolkowski begins sculpture of Crazy Horse near Mt Rushmore
- 1949 – 1st African American to graduate from US Naval Academy (Wesley Anthony Brown)
- 1959 – US President Eisenhower routes Canadian premier Diefenbaker a message off the Moon
- 1965 – Gemini 4 launched; 2nd US 2-man flight (McDivitt & White)
- 1966 – Gemini 9 launched; 7th US 2-man flight (Stafford & Cernan)
- 1970 – 1st artificial gene synthesized
- 1976 – US presented with oldest known copy of Magna Carta
- 2015 – Dr. Jesse Selber performs the world's first partial-skull and scalp transplant at Houston Methodist Hospital
- 2017 – The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum opens in Springfield, Massachusetts

Choose one of the above events and find a way to tie it to some current events. (Example: The recent SpaceX launch can be related to the two Gemini launches listed above in 1965 and 1966.) How are the events similar? How are they different? How might the past event have affected the current event?

All Ages

Astronomy

Summer Triangle Corner: Vega

By David Prosper and Vivian White

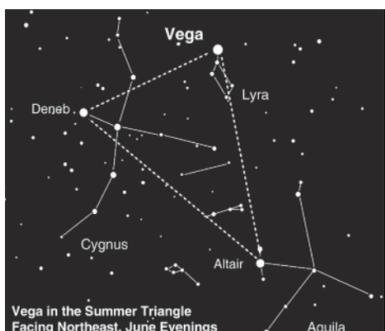
If you live in the Northern Hemisphere and look up during June evenings, you'll see the brilliant star Vega shining overhead. Did you know that Vega is one of the most studied stars in our skies? As one of the brightest summer stars, Vega has fascinated astronomers for thousands of years.

Vega is the brightest star in the small Greek constellation of Lyra, the harp. It's also one of the three points of the large "Summer Triangle" asterism, making Vega one of the easiest stars to find for novice stargazers. Ancient humans from 14,000 years ago likely knew Vega for another reason: it was the Earth's northern pole star! Compare Vega's current position with that of the current north star, Polaris, and you can see how much the direction of Earth's axis changes over thousands of years. This slow movement of axial rotation is called precession, and in 12,000 years Vega will return to the northern pole star position.

Polaris and Vega have something else in common, besides being once and future pole stars: their brightness varies over time, making them variable stars. Variable stars' light can change for many different reasons. Dust, smaller stars, or even planets may block the light we see from the star. Or the star itself might be unstable with active sunspots, expansions, or eruptions changing its brightness. Most stars are so far away that we only record the change in light, and can't see their surface.

Interested in learning more about variable stars? Want to observe their changing brightness? Check out the website for the American Association of Variable Star Observers

(AAVSO) at aavso.org. You can also find the latest news about Vega and other fascinating stars at nasa.gov.



Kindergarten & Early Elementary

Money Matters

The world revolves around money, so it's never too early to begin learning to recognize and count coins.

For younger students, identify the coins below.

For older students, count out the coins to find the total amount of money on each line.

	Total _____

Late Elementary

50 United States of America

How many of the 50 United States can you identify? Below is a map of the States. Label each state without cheating! Now check it against a labeled map online. How did you do?

Are you feeling particularly ambitious? Try naming each state's capitol as well! How many states have you visited? Can you remember an anecdote from each state you've been to?



Middle & High School

Writing Prompts

Attempt to write a choose-your-own-adventure story. We all face many choices every day, some exciting and some mundane. Even the smallest choice can have a large impact on a person's life.

How would your protagonist's day change if they turned right to avoid construction instead of turning left toward work? Or if they took the extra time to make waffles for breakfast instead of just having cereal? If they found out they forgot to get coffee last time they went grocery shopping, would they stop at a coffee shop on their way to work or go without? And will your protagonist accept the promotion, or quit their job?

The possibilities are endless. How many of them can you explore?



Kenn Depew, Newberry High School Athletic Director, presented his nephew, Cameron Depew, with the Terrence E. Webb Memorial Military Award. This is a cash award to be used by a Newberry High School graduate who is pursuing a future in the United States Armed Forces. The intent of the award is to defer the travel cost for the servicemember's loved ones to attend his or her graduation from Basic Training; however, it can be used at the servicemember's discretion.

Cameron has enlisted with the United States Army and left Monday, June 1. In his words, Cameron wrote: "Since I was little I have dreamed of serving my country in the Army and helping those who need us most. To be able to say 'I am a soldier' will be one of my proudest accomplishments in my life."

Whitefish Township Community Schools: A small school doing big things

By Sonny Skeans

The small community of Paradise, where the Whitefish Township Community School is, can be found on the shores of Lake Superior. With an enrollment of 52 students total in K-12, WTCS does amazing things.

One of those things is having students maintain a year round greenhouse/hoop house, harvesting in both summer and winter. WTCS students from K-12 are all involved; whether it's starting seeds in their classrooms, or pulling weeds at recess, the students love working in the dirt.

Paradise is what the USDA considers a food desert. Which means that our students and their families do not have easy access to fresh vegetables or fruits without having to drive an hour one way to the nearest market or grocery store. This past year, electric heat was installed for the winter months so our students get fresh vegetables all year, rather than buying

them from a food supplier. Any leftover produce is saved for future months because besides learning how to plant and harvest, the greenhouse and environmental classes are learning how to preserve food through canning and freezing their produce. During the summer months, when school is not in service, the greenhouse/hoop house and the gardens are available to the community to use. They may bring their own plants in or buy a share of what the students have grown. It is an ever-growing project.

Recently, the WTCS secondary science teacher and elementary English Language Arts teacher received a grant to put in an apple orchard this spring. The high school students are currently designing the layout of the orchard. The students would also like to figure out how they can get heat to the beds and gardens that are surrounding the outside of the greenhouse, to add to their winter

harvesting. Some of the vegetables that they have harvested in December have been spinach, leaf lettuce, kale, red, yellow and white onions, and even purple potatoes.

Jacob, one of the Enviro/Greenhouse sophomore students said he "loves the hands on learning and knowing that in some way he is helping out the lunch program and his community".

They also grow herbs, such as oregano, basil, lemon balm, thyme, and rosemary and even horseradish, and chives. The herbs are used in sauces and flavorings rather than salt in the lunch program. The local restaurant will also come and buy the herbs when needed.

I've said in the past, "If the students are involved with the entire process, they tend to eat more vegetables and fruit rather than buying it from a supplier or a store." I cannot wait to see what the prospects of the orchard will bring.

Scholarship notes

—The American Legion Post 290 awarded the \$1,000 Greg Griffin Memorial Scholarship to Engadine senior Andrew Legault.

—Helen Newberry Joy Hospital has presented five Health Careers Scholarships to Luke Jordan and Majken Labadie of Newberry High School, and Emma Butkovich, Alicia King, and Hunter Sapp of Engadine High School.

Three Lakes Academy Update

Hooray! You did it!! You made it through the craziest school year of your lives. I'm so proud of the work you've done. Students, I encourage you to take some time for yourselves this summer, but don't forget that you can learn from any opportunity. Pick up a book, do some research, write a story!

Completed work, computers, and any other borrowed materials may be returned to school the week of June 8 from 10-1 Monday-Friday or by appointment. Please contact Mrs. Bommarito to set something up if those times do not work for you. Food distribution is done for the year.

Some overall concerns I've heard from parents regarding next year:

How will teachers address the diverse needs of all learners, including my child?

This is the work we're made for. Teachers are experts at differentiating instruction to meet kids where they are. Some kids may need a little more review to start the year, and some may be ready to jump in with both feet. We will be ready for both. If you have specific concerns about your child's academics next year, please let me or your child's teacher know. We are here to help!

Will it be safe to attend school? What will school look like?

The school will be thoroughly disinfected during the summer months and continue once students are allowed back into the building. We want school to be as "normal" as possible while prioritizing the safety of students and staff. Much of the decision making will depend on the governor's orders and the number of coronavirus cases in our area, but please be assured that keeping students safe is our number one concern, and giving them a sense of normalcy is a close second. I will update you as I know more.

Kindergarten round up is cancelled due to COVID-19, but we have a form we'd like parents of incoming kindergarten students to fill out prior to next year: <https://bit.ly/TLAForm>. We hope to have an Open House at the end of August and will send out more information as we receive it.

-Rachel Bommarito

Engadine Consolidated Schools Update

We have entered the final week of classes for the school year. This week will be light on school work and focused more on wrapping things up. Our update topics for today include food service, fourth quarter grades, and returning school supplies. Please see below for further details.

Food Service

With the school year ending, we will also be finishing up our food service program for the summer.

The final meal service will take place on Monday, June 8. Delivery and pickup times are listed below for both dates. Hats off to our food service workers and volunteers for making this program come together so quickly.

Engadine School Library Entrance - Monday - 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

M-28 Bar and Grill (former Pickleman's Restaurant) - Monday -

1:00 p.m.

Fourth Quarter Grades

Teachers will begin compiling fourth quarter grades starting next week. With this in mind, all student work must be submitted online or returned to the school by Friday, June 5. Grades will be assigned 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.

Student Device Return

Student computers and supplies can be dropped off at the main entrance. Our doors are open Monday-Friday from 8am-1pm. Student devices must be returned by Monday, June 8, which is also our last food service day.

In order to avoid a bill for the device and phone calls from our offices, please return computers ASAP. We will be working to update and refurbish devices for school in the fall.

Joshua Reed

Engadine Consolidated Schools Superintendent and 7-12 Principal

Tahquamenon Area Schools News

Thank you to M-123FM for helping us live stream the Military graduations on Friday, May 29. It was greatly appreciated by the families and the community. Also, thank you to Jeff Rochefort for taking pictures for these families to preserve these memories. Everyone was patient and respectful of social distancing.

Thank you to Synder Drug for providing flowers and mulch to enhance the front of the school during the summer months.

Five days and counting to the end of the 2019-2020 school year! This year certainly is not ending the way anyone could ever have imagined or dreamed. **WE** made it!! WE are teachers, administrators, parents, guardians, students, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, kitchen staff, custodians, secretaries, and anyone else who helped get to the end. THANK YOU! -Stacy Price

School Work

Work needs to be turned in by Friday, June 5. This will allow time for teachers to access the work and prepare report cards. Work can be returned at each of the food distribution locations on Monday. Also, there is a drop-box by the main entrance that is available all the time. Work could also be mailed to 700 Newberry, MI 49868. Please put student name and teacher name on ALL work being returned.

School Computers

Computers will be collected at food distribution locations or can be dropped off at the school Monday - Thursdays 9-1:00 p.m. **DO NOT PUT COMPUTERS IN THE DROP BOX.** If you choose to deliver it to school, please ring the buzzer at the main entrance and we will meet you at the

door. Please return computers by Thursday, June 11.

Graduation

Graduation for the Class of 2020 will be on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the football field. More detailed information will be coming out later in June.

Food Distribution:

Distributions are **MONDAYS ONLY** thru June 29, 2020
Bus Drop-off Sites 10:00-11:00. Behind the school 12:30-1:30.

July distribution information will follow.

If you would like to begin picking up meals, call 293-3226 ext. 1101. State the number of children under 18 years of age and the location at which you wish to pick up.



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Lauren Burton

It's Spring!

Village workers Dan Puckett (in the Bobcat) and Jerry Overland (on the sidewalk) started placing the annual flower pots along downtown Newberry Avenue this past Monday, June 1.

Curtis Library notes

Curtis Public Library will reopen on Thursday, June 21, offering curbside service only. The library, which is a member of the Superior District Library system, is following the guidelines of the Superior District Library board. The library staff is looking forward to seeing and assisting library patrons again soon!

Cover to Cover: The Gunslinger

By Dion Mindykowski

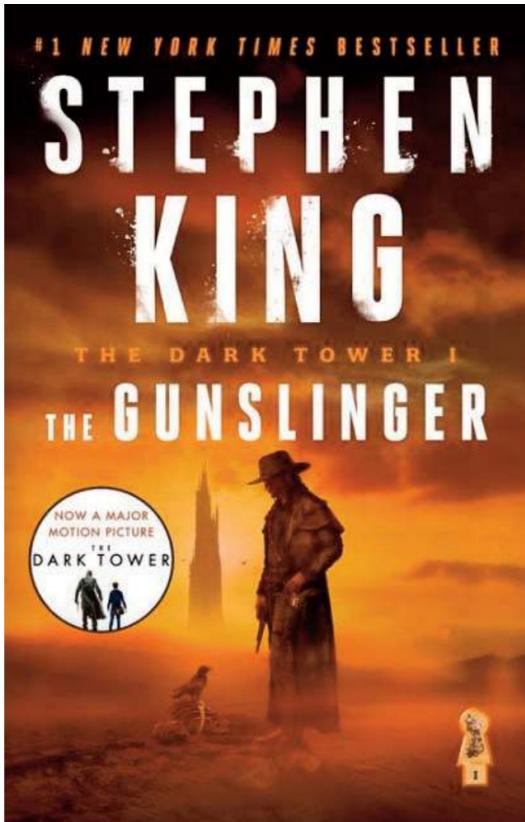
When I was about 13 years old, I read Stephen King's *The Gunslinger*. I had already read a number of King's most famous works and it was this one, along with *The Stand* and *It* that to this day stand out in my memory.

I remember loving *The Gunslinger*, which is the first book in the *Dark Tower* series. Immediately after I moved on to *The Drawing of the Three* and *The Wastelands*, books 2 and 3. If I recall correctly, the end of *The Wastelands* promised the forthcoming book 4.

For several years, I checked in at the local library and bookstore asking if it was out yet. Eventually, I gave up and that book didn't come out for a couple more years. As a side note, it is funny that I ended up working in a field where people frequently ask me the status of their favorite series.

For this column, I wanted to revisit *The Gunslinger*, exploring why it appealed to me so much and eventually complete the entire *Dark Tower* series, which I failed to do when I was younger. The final book didn't even come out until 2012, 30 years after book one. Immediately upon starting, I could see what I loved about it. It is a fantasy novel, which was something I was immersed in at that age. However, instead of the typical fantasy with elves and orcs and dragons, this book put a different spin on it. It is written like a Western, but, instead of just cowboys and horses and shootouts, which the book does include, there are some very weird fantasy elements. These include magic and zombies.

In addition, the world that King creates isn't Earth, but shares some elements with it, including Beatles songs and the



Bible. Much of the novel is set in a desert wasteland, but there are relics of abandoned gas stations with familiar corporate logos.

In addition to those fantasy ele-

ments combined in a new, weird way, my rereading of *The Gunslinger* also revealed why I was so interested in continuing the series, even though it hadn't even been written yet. This first book builds up a lot of mystery by dropping clues throughout. The reader knows that the mystery won't be solved until later books. You're left wondering about what the *Dark Tower* really is? Who is the Man in Black that the *Gunslinger* chases across the desert? Why are there elements of our reality in this place that is obviously not Earth?

If you'd like to do what I did and reread this book, or if you're a Stephen King fan and haven't yet tackled *The Dark Tower* series, you can checkout both the eBook and the audiobook versions from the Tahquamenon Library's Overdrive service. Or if you wait until we reopen the physical book will be available for checkout.

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From the press box:

What I think I know

By Dan Hardenbrook

We are getting closer. Sports may soon be a part of lives again.

Coaches, athletes, administrators, and fans have waited and wondered when - and if - they would get to return this fall. While the pro leagues race to save their season, high schools now have a map of their own to get back in the game.



Dan Hardenbrook

With the NFHS and the MHSAA both recently releasing their guidelines for a return to school sports, those in charge can make plans of their own to start summer workouts, practices, and eventually play games.

Let me say this first: The NFHS and MHSAA plans are great, but they are not perfect. There are many holes that go beyond just getting back on the field or court.

While the plan states "how" and "when" schools can return, there are many hurdles to clear. Schools will have to spend a ton of time, and even scarier, extra resources that they may not have, to make the plan work.

The coach in me finds it hard to figure out how volleyball players can practice without two players hitting a ball back and forth to each other. Or how football teams can conduct summer workouts and 7-on-7 scrimmages when the NFHS and MHSAA forbids handoffs, passes, or any other act that requires the ball to change possession from one player to another.

Heck, even baseball players are being told they should not warm up by tossing a ball back and forth or playing catch.

It's hard to throw someone out when the first baseman can't catch the same ball someone else threw.

Good luck to pitchers, because as of now, you can't use a catcher.

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel. There is a clear path back for many sports, especially those classified as "low risk".

The top two sports mentioned to me when I ask athletic directors, school administrators, and coaches are cross country and golf. As early as April, I had people telling me that if sports get the green light, there will be cross country.

Its core principles perfectly fit the messed up times we live in. Running has been one of the few things we have always been able to do despite lockdowns and stay at home orders.

It requires little to no changes to make it work. Runners can easily be spread out while waiting for their race. The course is 3.1 miles long. It's the most spread out sport we have.

I believe we will see XC in the fall with staggered starts, making it even safer. Teams will assign a number to each of their runners, and that will determine the group they run in. This will divide the full field of runners into smaller, more spread out groups. Everyone still runs the same amount. Now it's about your time rather than your place.

One person told me the golf team is going to "get huge!" That is because golf has already opened up with social distance and cleaning rules in place. Courses will have plenty of time to perfect a plan to host meets.

One other path I see is a little bit more complex.

If I were in charge (trust me, I'm nowhere even close) I would look at a one-year shuffle of some sports seasons. Move baseball and softball to the fall. They play outside, most players wear gloves. There are very few times where players come into actual physical contact.

Even when players are close, such as the batter's box, the hitter has a helmet and gloves, and the catcher has a full suit with a mask. They are moderate risk sports which could be reclassified as low risk with a few minor changes to how players share equipment.

Putting them in the fall would actually help. It's a heck of a lot easier to schedule outdoor games in August and September than it is in April and May.

With no JV programs for those sports, you are limiting the amount of players transporting or sitting in the dugout.

This would also buy more time to figure out how we are ever going to play full contact football. Run an eight-week season in April and May with the playoffs in June. Spring volleyball means they get the whole gym to themselves with no scheduling conflicts for games, tournaments, or practices.

No plan is perfect. But we are getting close.

That may be the biggest win we have had in awhile.

The baseball team that never was



Jeff Rochefort

The Newberry High School baseball team didn't even get to practice this season before the entire season was called off by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Team coach Jason Tokar asked for a team photo anyway as a gift to the team that never was. Team members are (back row, from left): Nick Nance, Lucas Martin, Devin Cameron, Pedro Pardo, Luke Jordan, Jesse Simon, Josh Magnusson, Chandler Galor. Front row, from left: Sam Massey, Seth Huffman, Cameron Depew, Ryan Huffman, Connor Rintamaki, Hunter Dennis, and Logan Depew.

MHSAA makes plans to return

By Dan Hardenbrook

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has released its recommended guidelines and requirements for its nearly 1,500 member schools to return to athletics. The "MHSAA/NFHS Guidance for Re-Opening School Sports" details a return to school sports into steps. Many of the guidelines fall into line with the recommendations from the National Federation of State High School Associations return to play suggestions that were released in late May.

The plan was sent to MHSAA member schools last week and was released to the public Friday.

In a press release announcing the guidelines, MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl stated, "The MHSAA and its Representative Council believe restarting school sports is essential to the physical and mental well-being of students, and the guidelines outlined for schools today provide the 'How' for schools to return to athletics when they've received the go-ahead from state and county health officials."

The MHSAA outlines a three step process for a return to high school sports.

Step 1 mainly covers summer workout and training sessions. In order to participate in Step 1, schools must provide pre-workout screenings for all participants. This will include temperature checks and all results must be recorded.

No more than 10 people will be able to gather at one time, and locker rooms must be closed. Workouts should be conducted in pods of 5-10 athletes who continue to work out together, which the MHSAA says will limit exposure to more athletes.

There must be at least six feet between all athletes at all times. Facilities will have cleaning and sanitization requirements, and there should be no shared athletic equipment.

All equipment must be sanitized after each individual use. During Step 1 workouts, players and teams cannot conduct any drills that re-

quire more than one person to touch the same ball.

Step 2 covers conduct for conditioning and practice sessions. All Step 1 rules and regulations must remain in place. Step 2 allows the use of locker rooms, but students must be separated by six feet. If students cannot be safely separated, the facility must reduce the number of athletes allowed, or close the facility to everyone. Appropriate social distancing rules must also be applied to benches and sidelines, and the facility hosting the practice. For example, if a volleyball team is

Low risk sports include individual running events, throwing events, individual swimming events, weightlifting, alpine skiing, sideline cheer, and cross country running.

using the gym, everyone must remain six feet apart.

If space does not allow this, the number of students must be reduced until students can safely be apart. Sports classified as "low risk" by the MHSAA and the NFHS will be fully allowed to resume if they meet and follow all Step 2 requirements.

Low risk sports include individual running events, throwing events, individual swimming events, weightlifting, alpine skiing, sideline cheer (no contact - chants and jumps only), and cross country running (with staggered starts).

Moderate risk sports may resume practices in Step 2 with modified plans in place. These sports include basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer, gymnastics (if equipment can't be sufficiently cleaned between competitors), bowling, ice hockey, tennis, swimming relays, pole vault, high jump, long jump, girls lacrosse, and 7-on-7 football.

Many moderate risk sports can be reclassified as low risk by following all rules and recommendations.

The toughest road back may be for the high risk sports, such as wrestling, football, boys lacrosse, and girls competitive cheer. These sports were listed as high risk due to concerns over close, sustained contact between participants, lack of significant protective barriers, and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.

Many of these sports may not be able to return until Step 3 and will face even stricter requirements on sanitization, testing, social distancing, and possibly in some cases, rule changes or modifications.

Another key part of Step 3, which focuses mainly on game day events and facilities, covers who is allowed to watch. Schools may group individuals into tiers from essential to non-essential and decide which tiers will be allowed at an event:

Tier 1 (Essential): Athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, medical staff, security

Tier 2 (Preferred): Media
Tier 3 (Non-essential): Spectators, vendors. Only Tier 1 and 2 personnel will be allowed to attend events until state/local health departments lift restrictions on mass gatherings.

Appropriate social distancing will need to be maintained on sidelines/bench during contests and events. Tape or paint could be used as a guide for students and coaches. Social distancing (as required by state or local health departments) will need to be maintained on buses/vans. Thus, multiple buses/vans and/or parental/guardian transportation will likely be needed.

Many small schools in the EUP often struggle to find one bus under normal circumstances, so athletic departments may have to make tough choices regarding athletic transportation, including cutting it out completely.

The full list of guidelines and recommendations is on the MHSAA website at [MHSAA.com/coronavirus](https://www.mhsaa.com/coronavirus).

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Turning in tagged fish could net cash reward

People who regularly fish Michigan waters likely are familiar with the state's marked and tagged fish program. Through assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Great Lakes states, including Michigan, are mass marking popular gamefish (like steelhead, Chinook salmon, Atlantic salmon, brown trout and lake trout) before those fish are stocked.

As more anglers get out on the water this summer, the DNR reminds them that catching a trout or salmon with an adipose fin clip could be worth a \$100 re-

ward. The adipose fin is the small, fleshy lobe on the fish's back, just forward of the tail fin.

Most trout and salmon with an adipose fin clip also have a coded-wire tag in the snout. Because the tags are small – like the tip of a lead pencil – they must be removed by lab technicians. If anglers catch and want to keep an adipose fin clipped fish, they are asked to turn the head in at one of the local drop-off stations.

Randy Claramunt, the DNR's Lake Huron Basin coordinator, said the department relies on the help of anglers to supplement

the marked and tagged fish program.

"We have limited capacity to take that important data from sport-caught trout and salmon," he said. "We have creel clerks at some ports, but there are several areas – including some river systems with unique fisheries, like Atlantic salmon or steelhead – where we don't have staff. To get enough tag returns to learn about these species, we're asking people to take a little extra time to turn in those heads."

The Great Lakes Salmon Initiative recognized the need for citizen science in

this effort and teamed up with Captain Chucks II in Ludington and Moonshine Lures to sponsor 33 rewards worth \$100 each. Fish with tags submitted before Nov. 1, 2020, will be eligible for the rewards, which will be randomly selected.

Additional details about the reward program:

—Each head with a tag that is turned in equals one drawing entry.

—Eligible tagged fish include steelhead, brown trout, and Chinook or Atlantic salmon.

—The drawing will occur around January 2021.

—Contact information (name, address, phone number) must be provided with each head.

—Catch data (date, location and body of water) must be included with each head.

—The head must be left at a Michigan drop-off location.

According to Jay Wesley, Lake Michigan Basin coordinator, fish tag returns help biologists understand survival, age and movement of important sportfish.

"We are particularly interested in confirming how naturally reproducing Chi-

nook salmon contribute to the fishery; the movement and wild contribution of steelhead in lakes and rivers; and survival and movement of Atlantic salmon," Wesley said. "This reward program sponsored by Captain Chucks II, Moonshine Lures and the Great Lakes Salmon Initiative will help incentivize anglers to become citizen scientists, and that ultimately helps us collect valuable data."

For more information on how to recognize a tagged fish and how to fill out the proper information, visit Michigan.gov/TaggedFish.

Provide input on proposed 2020 deer hunting regulations by June 5

A new package of deer hunting regulations designed to simplify rules and remove barriers to participation recently was introduced to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission. The regulations, proposed for the 2020 deer hunting season, are scheduled for an NRC vote in June.

Hunters are encouraged to review the proposed regulations and share their feedback through

an anonymous survey or by email to NRC@Michigan.gov. All comments must be received by June 5 and will be shared with NRC members.

The regulations, if approved, will provide additional opportunities and cost savings for hunters and offer flexibility in how hunters pursue deer. The DNR uses existing and projected data to gauge the impact of proposed regulations. The data shows that

the projected changes will not have a significant negative effect on the deer herd or the quality of deer hunting.

"These recommendations are aimed at making it easier for hunters of all ages and experience levels to enjoy a Michigan outdoor tradition, while at the same time facing the present and future challenges of managing the state's deer population," said Chad Stewart, the DNR's

deer, elk and moose program leader. "We hope that hunters across the state will take the opportunity to review the regulations and share their opinions, because their feedback is critical in shaping the future of deer hunting."

Read the full NRC proposal memo or the justifications behind the 2020 proposed regulation changes at Michigan.gov/Deer.

Keep your eyes on the forest this spring

Spring in Michigan brings the blooming of flowers, trees leafing out, more and more animal activity, and insects like the favorite mosquito.

Spring also brings the Yoopers out to their farm lands, gardens, camps and forests as the weather warms up. While walking through the forests remember to keep an eye on the trees. We have seen Emerald Ash Borer claim almost all the Ash trees in Michigan except for three counties, and now Spruce Budworm has come back

and is feeding on our Balsam Firs and Spruce trees.

The Michigan Eyes on the Forest Program, which "links research, outreach and communication activities through MSU's Department of Entomology and MSU Extension", is looking to keep people aware of exotic pests that threaten our forests. The target pests are Asian Longhorn Beetle, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, and Thousand Cankers Disease in Walnut trees. All three of these species can cause tree mortality, and are in many states bordering Michigan.

The Asian Longhorn Beetle is an exotic invasive species that arrived in wood packing material from China, Japan, and Korea. Since this beetle's discovery in the mid 1990's, eradication efforts have been in place wherever populations have been detected. New York, New Jersey, Illinois and Ontario, Canada have successfully eradicated the populations found within their borders. Southern Ohio is currently in the process of battling the beetle. Current known host trees include, but may not be limited to Maple, Ash, Birch, Elm, Poplar, Willow, Horsechestnut, and others.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA), like the Asian Longhorn, came from Asia in the 1950's. HWA's host tree is the Eastern Hemlock. HWA has since established itself in eighteen states from Georgia to Massachusetts. Within those states Hemlock trees have been devastated.

HWA has been found in small areas within Lower Michigan, and professionals are implementing control methods and actions to remove the infected trees and treat remaining adjacent trees. The Adelgid is susceptible to long stretches of harsh cold. However, with our warmer than average winter, the Adelgid has a better chance of survival.

Though these pests are either not found or have only had a small outbreak that has been treated, keeping an "Eye on the Forest" for these pests and others can make a difference in preventing a large outbreak. For more information on these pests or other in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Contact your local Conservation District, MSU Extension, or your Professional Consulting Forester. Keep your Eyes on the Forest.

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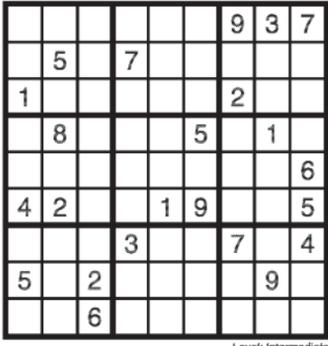
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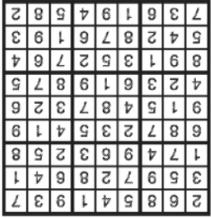


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ANSWER:

Crypto Fun Answers: A. engine B. helmet C. bike D. roadway

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Butterflies and Moths

Spring has sprung, and we're seeing an influx of butterflies and moths. Did you know some of them have some... interesting names? Search for the below moth and butterfly names in the puzzle.

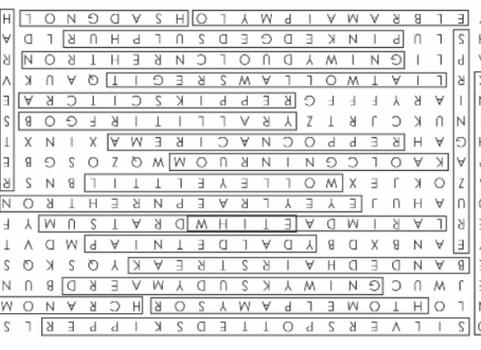


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Bog Fritillary

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Harvester
Long Dash
Monarch

Butterfly & Moth Word Search answers



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

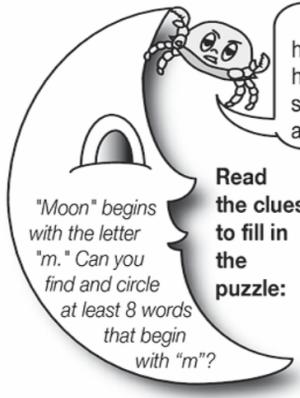
Solve the code to discover words related to motorcycles.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = e)

A. 23 3 15 2 3 23
Clue: Powers a vehicle

B. 12 23 25 13 23 20
Clue: Protective device

C. 14 2 17 23
Clue: Motorcycle

D. 16 11 19 6 24 19 5
Clue: Surface for vehicles



Can you see the moon in the sky? People have always wondered about the moon. They have written about it in poems, songs and stories. Even though people have flown to it and walked on it, the moon is still mysterious.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- moon _____ or 'lunar soil'; the remains of meteors that have hit the moon over billions of years
- shape made by sun's light hitting only part of the moon; first or last stages of waxing and waning moon
- stars linked together with imaginary lines to make shapes like the 'Big Dipper'
- group of eight planets and the sun they orbit
- more scientific name for our sun; originally named after the color of light it shines through our atmosphere; its small size compared to other stars
- gravity keeps things (moon, satellites) moving in curved path around earth
- moon and sun's pull (gravity) on the ocean causing sea levels to rise and fall
- phase of moon where its face is completely lit up by the sun
- instrument with a series of glass lenses and mirrors that lets us see things that are very far away
- put first man on the moon; U.S. space agency
- person who leaves earth and spends time in space
- moon looks different every day because the sun lights it up from different angles; there are 8 _____ of the moon
- star exploding in an incredible burst of light; can be so bright that it is the brightest thing in the whole galaxy for a short time
- largest planet in solar system; most moons of any planet
- the Milky Way _____ is where our solar system is located; it is only one of billions of such collections of stars and planets



Mysterious Moon & Stars!



Here are some fun expressions. Can you match them to their meaning?

- reach for the moon
 - once in a blue moon
 - to promise the moon
 - many moons ago
 - to howl at the moon
 - to be over the moon
 - by the light of the moon
 - ask for the moon
- Can...almost reach it...
- very rarely
 - a very long time ago
 - try to do something that seems impossible
 - to make a promise that you cannot keep
 - to be very happy, pleased
 - to make a lot of noise
 - make crazy demands, ask for too much
 - out where there are no powered lights

Everyone "knows" that (the)...

- Moon is made of _____ .
- _____ jumped over the moon.
- full moon makes _____ act crazily.
- _____ in the moon is looking down at us.
- Moon is a romantic _____ in the night sky.
- Moon has been walked on by only 12 _____

Hey! Some of these aren't real.

What Do You Know? Pop Quiz!

Gray dust. That's what the astronauts stepped into on the surface of the Moon. They brought back rocks for scientists to study. You can see and touch one at the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C. What do you know about the moon? Read each sentence. Mark the letter "T" for True or "F" for False in the boxes.

- In 1969, two American astronauts walked on the Moon.
- The Moon is thought to be about the same age as the Earth.
- A Moon day = 100 Earth days.
- 100 pounds on the Earth = 100 pounds on the Moon.
- The Moon is about 240,000 miles from Earth.
- The Earth has its moon, but other planets also have moons.
- The Moon's gravity causes the fish to fly in our planet's oceans.
- The Moon looks small, but it is twice the size of the Earth.



Thank you
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Secretary of State branch offices are open by appointment only

Secretary of State branch offices reopened June 1 by appointment only for essential transactions not available online in order to continue to balance the need to provide critical services and protect public health.

Beginning this week, all 131 branch offices in Michigan will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for appointment only services for transactions including:

- Driver licenses and state ID transactions that must be done in person
 - Title transfers
 - Operator, CDL, chauffeur, mechanic and motorcycle testing
 - Seasonal commercial vehicle renewal
- Branch staff will follow strict health and safety protocols, including wearing masks, standing six feet apart, using desk shields, and continuously disinfecting shared or common surfaces. Branch doors will be locked, and each branch will have a greeter to let customers with appointments in at scheduled appointment times.

Anyone scheduling an appointment or receiving an appointment reminder should:



- Arrive at the appointment alone
- Wear a mask or homemade face covering over their mouth and nose
- Wait in their vehicle or outside prior to the appointment time and maintain six feet of distance from staff
- Follow directions on where to stand during the transaction — only stepping forward toward the clerk when providing or retrieving documents
- Cancel their appointment if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 within 14 days of the appointment

— Adhere to CDC guidelines when in public

The Michigan Department of State began sending updated renewal forms last week, color coded based on the type of transaction needed. Renewal forms, which will be mailed in redesigned envelopes measuring 9.5 inches by 6 inches, come in six colors:

- Red: Vehicle registration
- Blue: Driver's license
- Green: State identification card
- Teal: Watercraft
- Gray: Snowmobile
- Purple: Special plate

Instructions at the bottom of each form provide information on whether the transaction can be completed online, at a self-service station or by mail, or by appointment at a branch office.

Advance appointments can be made up to 180 days ahead of time. Same-day appointments become available 24 hours prior to the appointment time.

**LAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
CLEAN-UP DAY**
Saturday, June 13, 2020
9:00am to 4:00pm

- Scrap Metal
(please separate from other material)
- Scrap Tires – limit 8
- No Pesticides • No Batteries
- No Household Garbage

**ATTENTION
PENTLAND UTILITIES CUSTOMERS**

The Pentland Township Utilities Consumer Confidence Report for the year 2019 regarding water quality for the Pentland Water System is now available upon request at the Pentland Township Utilities Office. Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday. The office is located at 13105 C.R. 400, which is 3/8ths of a mile south of M-28 off of C.R. 403 (also known as State Forest Drive). The phone number is 906-293-8755. Also available on our website at pentlandtownship.org.

A. J. Downey,
Utilities Superintendent

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

The Village of Newberry wishes to inform our customers that we will be flushing our water system from June 15 through July 3. Customers may, at times during the flush, notice discolored water, lower pressure, or a complete outage for short periods. The flushing timeframe has been extended due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing. We ask that residents do not approach the staff when they are working. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office at 906-293-5681.

Thank you for continued cooperation and patience.

NOTICE

On April 29, 2020, an application to renew the license for FM translator station FM TRANSLATOR W259AD, Newberry, MI was filed. FM translator station W259AD operates on Channel 259, 99.7 FM, with an effective radiated power of 0.027 kW from a transmitter site located at 46-18-53.0 North Latitude, 85-33-45.0 West Longitude and rebroadcasts FM station WHWL, Marquette, MI on Channel 239.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to the renewal application and to whether FM translator W259AD has operated in the public interest should file comments with the FCC by September 1, 2020.

Mackinac County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity Report

For the week of May 24 through May 30, 2020 the following activity was reported by the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office:

- Traffic accidents reported involved the following: one car/deer accidents, and one ORV accident with injuries.
- Deputies provided assistance to the following Agencies: Michigan State Police (twice), St Ignace Police Department (twice), Child Protective Services (once), and Clark Township EMS (once).
- Deputies investigated one suspicious vehicle and one suspicious situation.
- Deputies took one breaking and entering complaint.
- Deputies responded to one felonious assault complaint.
- Deputies stopped two subjects for operating while intoxicated.
- Deputies cited one motorist for no insurance and as-

sisted one motorist.

- Deputies investigated and responded to a juvenile runaway complaint, subject was located safely.
- Deputies responded to two threat/harassment complaints.
- Deputies conducted one well-being check, one property check, and one civil stand-by.
- Deputies took one larceny of property and larceny of fuel complaints.
- Deputies investigated one natural death.
- Animal complaints taken included one dog at large and stray kittens.
- Five subjects were booked into the Mackinac County Jail.

Deputy Eli Leach- 4931
Mackinac County Sheriff's Office

Luce County Sheriff's Log May 25-31

- May 27**, Larceny of wallet, County Road 478, Lakefield Township, investigated, report taken.
 - May 29**, Disorderly persons, M-123, McMillan Township, investigated, report taken.
 - May 29**, Malicious destruction of property, E. Ave B, Newberry, investigated, report taken.
- Traffic Stops:** 12
Traffic Citations: 2
Verbal Warnings: 11
Motorist Assists: 0
Property inspections: 62

- Liquor inspections:** 2
- Assist Other Agencies:** 4
- Assist Own Agency:** 2
- Investigative arrests:** 2
- OWI Arrests:** 0
- Concealed Pistol License Fingerprints Taken:** 0
- Process Servings conducted:** 6
- Hours Patrolled:** 36
- Miles Patrolled:** 960
- Complaints taken:** 3
- Bookings**

- May 27**, 37-year-old male, Domestic assault
- May 31**, 34-year-old male, domestic assault
- May 31**, 42-year-old male, Operating while intoxicated – third offense

**NON-EMERGENCY,
906-495-2140
(Central Dispatch)**

**EMERGENCY,
CALL 911**

**McMILLAN
TWP BOARD**

May 26, 2020
The regular telemeeting of the McMillan Township Board was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present were: Schultz, Villemure, Medelis, Rahilly and Nutkins.

Motion by Medelis, supported by Nutkins to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 meeting as read. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Nutkins, supported by Villemure to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting as read. Ayes-all, motion carried.

Motion by Villemure, supported by Nutkins to approve the bills. Those being GENERAL checks 7670-7707 totaling \$25,491.44 and UDAG checks 1349-50 totaling \$82,213.82. Ayes-all, Motion carried.

Motion by Nutkins, supported by Medelis to adjourn. Ayes-all, motion carried.

These minutes are unofficial until approved at a future meeting.

Whitefish Township Community Schools

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at 7221 N M 123, Paradise, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Whitefish Township School District will hold a public hearing VIA ZOOM to consider the district's proposed 2020-2021 budget. To gain access to the ZOOM meeting, please contact the school at (906) 492-3353 and leave a message with your email address. The link will be emailed to you on

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Superintendent's Office, 7221 N M 123, Paradise, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Teresa Biehl, Secretary

**Cloverland
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Members are welcome to join via Zoom (by computer or phone)
Meeting URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9066356800>
Meeting ID: 906 635 6800
Toll-Free Audio: 888-788-0099 (if calling in or not using computer audio)

Submit questions or comments in advance to membercomments@cloverland.com

The purpose of the annual meeting is to inform members of director election results and cooperative business matters.

Owned By Those We Serve!

Why I stomp on earthworms

By Bill Cook, MSU

As a kid walking to school on rainy days, I would routinely pick-up nightcrawlers stranded on the pavement, and toss them back into a yard or roadside. Now, I stomp on them. While I don't think that my heart has hardened against innocent animals, I've come to understand the ecological misfits that nightcrawlers represent. Regardless, my inner child still feels a little guilty.

The glaciated part of North America has no native earthworms. They do not belong here.

Who cares? A good question that deserves an answer.

Earthworms, about 30 invasive species, all imported, mostly from Europe, are voracious feeders of organic matter. In a vegetable garden, this might be a good thing. In a forest, earthworms are rather serious change agents.

Many of our northern forest types have thick layers of organic matter, in various

stages of decomposition. The blanket helps keep soil surfaces moist and fosters a massive fungal ecosystem. Trees and other plants have adapted to, and benefit from, these conditions. Until the earthworms eat it. Change presents new regeneration challenges, among other things.

Strip away that nurturing blanket, and soils become warmer and drier. Chemical processes change. Nutrient and water composition shifts. Our native seedlings, both trees and herbs, don't particularly like this. Sugar maple, our most common Michigan tree species, is especially stressed by this new environment.

Not only does regeneration suffer, but the fine roots have trouble without the organic matter blanket. They're more vulnerable to drying and higher temperatures. Loss of these fine roots is a "predisposing stressor" that reduces

and pathogens.

Earthworm activity has been linked to current regional declines in sugar maple vitality. Tara Bal, at Michigan Tech, has studied maple decline for years. Often, earthworms don't

Green Bay, has studied one of these synergies. Brand new tiny seedlings are eaten by slugs (another exotic species). For those that survive the slug attacks, and grow a bit larger, provide a picnic for mice and voles.

For the remainder, if there are any, they may grow large enough to be eaten by overabundant rabbits and deer.

Talk about running the gauntlet of hunger games!

As shrub species, such as exotic honeysuckles, advance,

they contribute to the scenario. The animals create habitat better for these exotic shrubs, and not so good for

native plants, then the advancing exotic shrubs help maintain habitat for slugs and friends.

This negative feedback loop works against native flora and those habitat components important to many species of wildlife. These new vegetation types are less diverse with fewer natives and more exotics. Ecosystems change. Not for the better.

A changing climate also weighs-in, favoring the exotics and discriminating against many of the natives. As Kermit the Frog would say, "It's not easy being green!"

The forest floor can be a complex set of ecologies, as humble as it may appear. It's a critical nursery for plant regeneration, nutrient cycling, and water storage. Earthworms, and their allies, are degrading this nursery.

So, I don't mind so much when I stomp on those worms.



Earthworms, seen above, are an invasive species. While helpful in a garden, they are harmful on the forest floor. Photo credit: Dodo-Bird/Wikimedia commons

their availability to absorb water and nutrients which, in turn, slows growth and increases vulnerability to pests

work by themselves. They are cogs in a synergy of both native and exotic species. Matt Dornbush, at the UW-

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