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Briefs

Mich. restrictions extended; school board cancels meeting

During a press conference on Monday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer extended statewide restrictions, which include requiring all high school students to learn from home, for another 12 days. The original end date was yesterday, December 8. Whitmer and MDHHS Director Robert Gordon said the state needs to report fewer infections, a lower positivity rate, and have improved hospital capacity over the next 12 days.

After Whitmer's announcement, a special meeting of the Tahquamenon Area Schools Board of Education was canceled. The meeting was scheduled in response to growing concern amongst community members, and at least one board member, that students need to return to classrooms. The school board voted weeks ago that all TAS students would study from home for the rest of the semester, returning to school on January 4.

COVID by county

After a death in Mackinac County over the past week, Luce County is the only remaining Michigan county that hasn't lost a resident to COVID-19. The reported infection rate across the U.P. seems to have slowed somewhat. The U.P. has now had a total of 12,905 confirmed and 2,573 probable cases, and 263 confirmed and 51 probable deaths. Numbers for each county are below.

County	Cases	Deaths
Alger	170	1
Baraga	436	24
Chippewa	416	6
Delta	2,324	53
Dickinson	1,799	49
Gogebic	633	11
Houghton	1,407	13
Iron	719	31
Keweenaw	64	1
Luce	121	0
Mackinac	237	1
Marquette	2,841	37
Menominee	1,285	20
Ontonagon	269	14
Schoolcraft	184	2

Michigan currently has the 9th most cases in the U.S.



Michelle Christiansen



Heather Flatt

Easton and Brentlee Christiansen, left, and Madelyn Flatt, right, drops off letters in Santa's mailbox. Santa left the box on the lawn of Kirby Wendt, at 517 West Victory Way in Newberry, so he could still get mail from kids during this pandemic.

Santa's new mailbox

It's right on Victory Way

By Carol Stiffler

There's a bright red mailbox on Victory Way, and it's accepting letters to Santa.

The mailbox appeared last week at 517 Victory Way, the home of Kirby Wendt. Wendt is not playing Santa - he's just delivering the letters, he said.

"I'm just the middle man," Wendt said. "Santa dropped it off there because of the pandemic. He understands he's going to miss all the kids this year, so he brought a special mailbox so he could still get letters."

While about 100 cars filled with kids rolled up to the LINK on Saturday, where Santa was available for socially distant gifting and letter pick-up, plenty of other kids have raced to the box on Wendt's lawn to drop Santa a line.

In a year that up-ended all kinds of normal, Wendt couldn't stand the idea that kids might be unable to hand letters to Santa this year.

"When I was a kid, I gave my letters to Santa," Wendt said. "I thought 'What are kids going to do?' I'm doing it. Whatever it is."

So Wendt bought the last Santa's mailbox of its kind from Amazon and made a plan. He put the box on his

front lawn. Parents can bring their kids to drop letters in the box any time between now and December 21. On behalf of Santa, Wendt will mail a letter back to each child, and will include the original letter from the child if parents indicate they want it back. (Wendt requests parents add a star to the back of the letter, or the envelope, if they want it back.)

Wendt has already received nine letters in the box, and he's had a little assistance from Lakefield resident Nikki Costa.

"We always take our girls to see Santa at Chamberlin's and, of course, with COVID, that wasn't a possibility this year," Costa said. "They were both pretty upset and wondering how they would get their letters to Santa."

Costa purchased envelope-style ornaments to hang her girls' letters on their tree, but when she saw Wendt's plan on Facebook, she was touched. Costa gave Wendt books of stamps to cover the expense of sending Santa's letters back to kids. She's planning to bring her daughters to Newberry this week to mail their letters to Santa.

It's part of the Christmas magic. "Kids really believe it," he said.

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Good to know

What: Santa's mailbox

Where: 517 W. Victory Way,

Newberry

When: Through Dec. 21

Isn't this amazing

Lightning made fulgurite in Seney Refuge

By Spencer Townsend

I'm back at Seney, from a short stint of firefighting/lightning chasing out west, and wanted to share a note about one of my side projects at Seney that has finally come full circle. It's a cool look into the science of a natural phenomenon that occurred last summer on the Seney National Wildlife Refuge.

Last year, after we did our prescribed fire in the Red Pine Natural Area, Fred and I discovered a lightning-struck tree that appeared to have a rare anomaly at its base. Could it be fulgurite?

With some healthy skepticism, as it is quite uncom-



Seney Wildlife Refuge

Lightning struck the tree at right, creating a rare formation of fulgurite, also known as lightning glass.

mon, I shared my initial identification thoughts with staff. Upon inspection, collection and confirmation with mineral experts at the A.E. Seaman Mineral Mu-

seum of Michigan Technological University, it appears we did indeed find several intact pieces of fulgurite. Fulgurite, sometimes re-

ferred to as lightning glass or petrified lightning, is the formation of fused soil, sand, organic matter or other anomalous soil particulates. Often, it looks like straws or tubes, but clumps (like what we discovered) can also occur.

Several key components to its formation are required and it is quite rare for everything to exist at the same time. Only a handful have been collected and studied in the state. One sizable piece is currently displayed (and being studied) at Michigan Tech, which is why I reached out to the curator; they have

some experience with the mineral.

So, what does it take to create fulgurite?

First, we need soil. It exists everywhere, but it needs to have a certain proportion of sand, clay, loams and organic material that is all exposed to the open air. If it's too deep under leaves, pine needles, or other debris the formation won't occur; if there is too much sand or soil the lightning will strike and discharge its power into the ground almost immediately.

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And now, for some good news

U.P. native Kayla Myers, from Kingsford, is starring in a Christmas movie called "A Christmas Hero" that comes out next week. Myers is professionally known as Kayla Kelly. The movie is about a disillusioned, young war veteran who struggles to find happiness after returning home from Afghanistan.

The movie is available on DVD at Walmart and Amazon, and video on demand.

Send your good news to nbyeditor@jamadots.com.





Seney Wildlife Refuge

Two pieces of fulgurite, seen above, were recovered from the Seney Wildlife Refuge, the result of a lightning strike on a tree.

SENEY, continued

Next, a significantly strong lighting strike is needed. We're talking in excess of 100 million volts. One (1) AA battery has 1.5 volts and a car battery is considered charged at 12.6 volts.

Finally, we need the strike to get "trapped" in the soil and create a ball of plasma. Most lighting strikes touch ground and discharge almost immediately. Often, the discharge occurs over a surprisingly large area. Even if a tree is struck, the electrical discharge occurs throughout the tree's roots or soil around the tree.

Other times, lighting strikes will brown lawns or soccer fields, often over several square yards. For fulgurite to occur, the discharge of the strike needs to be slowed by the soil, its composition and its hydration. Too much water and the electricity will discharge, not enough water and the strike can still discharge through the soil. If the lighting can't discharge immediately (we're talking .001 seconds) the electricity will "build up" in the location from the strike.

This buildup is a small, super-heated formation of plasma. The plasma in turn will heat and melt the sand, soil, and any other localized materials. Once the location has heated up enough, the lightning finds an avenue to discharge - through a tree root, a patch of soil, or flow of water - and the electricity "escapes" its momentary capture.

The formation of plasma is something constantly studied and its crazy complicated. So much so that this firefighter's quick digest is significantly lacking and the time it would take me to study it for a better explanation is an endeavor in and of itself. All of this occurs in less than a second and the result, once cooled, is the phenomenon fulgurite.

Now this is where the science gets tricky and is still studied to this day. When you think of a mineral, it has a well-defined elemental structure; all table salt is NaCl, any agate you find, be it in Lake Superior or the deserts of Utah, is silicon dioxide (SiO₂). Regardless of the color, shape or clean edges, all iron pyrite (fool's gold) is iron sulfide FeS₂.

Fulgurite has no fixed composition, it can be made up of multiple chains of iron and silicon as its base structure (FeSi, FeSi₂, Fe₅Si₃, Fe₃Si₇) and can have other elements such as carbon, oxygen, or beryllium attached to its chemical chain.

I guess the cool thing is just knowing that all these variables (and others I don't fully understand) occurred on the Refuge just south of the M-2 pool.

Troopers make two meth arrests

Michigan State Police troopers recently arrested two Newberry residents on unrelated charges of possession of meth.

Heather Kimbler, 32, and Donald Bouchard, 33, were arrested.

At about 12:30 a.m. on December 4, troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Sault Ste. Marie Post stopped Heather Kimbler for an equipment violation on M-123 Highway near County Road 428 in McMillan Township.

Following the troopers' investigation, Kimbler was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. She was arrested and lodged in the Luce County Jail for possession of methamphetamine.

Kimbler was arraigned on December 4, 2020 in the 92nd District Court and was released on a personal recognizance bond with conditions. Kimbler is due back in court December 17, 2020.

Later on December 4, troopers stopped Donald Joseph Bouchard for a traffic violation on County Road 402 near County Road 405 in Pentland Township.

Bouchard was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine. He was lodged in the Luce County Jail, arraigned on Monday, December 7, and is being held on a \$250,000 bond.

Both parties are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Kristine McCraren appointed to TAS Board

By Carol Stiffler

Local realtor and appraiser Kristine McCraren was appointed to the Tahquamenon Area Schools Board of Education at a special meeting held on December 2. She takes over a vacancy left behind after former board president Brian Rahilly resigned.

Rahilly has been elected to serve as 11th Circuit Court judge starting in January, and cannot hold two elected positions. McCraren will serve as trustee, not board president. The board will select a new president in January.

Fellow candidate Alicia Heim was also considered for the position. The board gave numerical scores to Heim and McCraren after reviewing their responses to written and spoken questions, and McCraren ranked



McCraren

higher. Heim was encouraged to submit a letter of interest again in January when the board seeks to fill another vacancy.

McCraren was born and raised in lower Michigan, then lived in Tucson, Arizona for 20 years. She has a bachelor's degree in business and marketing, and additional college experience in landscape architecture and interior design.

She moved to Newberry in 2015 after learning about a need for appraisers in the area. Though McCraren doesn't have children, her boyfriend has three students at TAS and McCraren has experience working with elementary and high school students from her time spent in Tucson.

She served there as marketing chair for an integrative school for children

with speech difficulties, and the school focused on getting students to want to learn.

"I think that's really what we need to find," she said. "A balance between standards and creating an environment where they really want to be there and learn."

McCraren said she had wanted to become involved in the community for a while. "I have been looking for the right opportunity," she said.

She was in the audience of a recent TAS school board meeting - when the board voted to send students to virtual learning until the end of Christmas break - and was concerned about that decision. "I want kids in school," she said. She knows her time on the board came during a unique time.

McCraren hopes more people will step up to help the district, whether on the board or serving as substitute teachers. "There are no substitute teachers," she said. "There is a huge need for that."

Local COVID update from LMAS

From November 27, 2020 through December 3, 2020, LMAS total COVID case numbers (confirmed and probable) increased from 837 to 906. Five total deaths have been recorded in the district. Sixty-percent (545) of cases are considered recovered, which means the individuals are still alive after 30 days from a positive test or onset of symptoms. For the entire month of November, there was an 82 percent increase in cases.

There is reason to hope

with encouraging updates on two COVID vaccines possibly being available soon, and others on the horizon. It is important to remember that the vaccination process will take time, and will be distributed based on risk and maintaining healthcare capacity.

What this means for most of us is that it may be several months before there is vaccine readily available for the general public. So, we are reminding and asking you again to please not give up doing the small

things that protect each of us during this ongoing pandemic. We must continue (or start, if you aren't doing these things) to wear cloth face coverings that fit over your nose and mouth, wash your hands, stay home when you don't feel well, and don't participate in any gatherings that include people not in your immediate household.

We appreciate those of you who have been and continue to #DoSmallThings for your own health and that of your families,

neighbors, and communities. Your kindness and compassion shines through every day and you are making a difference. The best and fastest way through a pandemic is when we all work together.

Case data is updated Monday through Saturday about 3 p.m. at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. LMAS provides a weekly COVID update on Thursday afternoons of confirmed and probable cases, deaths, and recoveries at LMASDHD.org.

Don't try this: Illegal climber on the Mackinac Bridge

The Michigan State Police is investigating a case of felony trespassing on the Mackinac Bridge, discovered after photos of the incident were posted on social media.

"This is not a harmless stunt; it's inexcusably reckless," said MBA Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "This individual risked not only his own life but also the lives of those crossing the bridge beneath him, and would have threatened the safety of emergency personnel and Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) staff had a rescue been needed."

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Director Paul C. Ajegba, a member of the MBA, underscored the need for a thorough examination of security protocols.

"It is very troubling that someone

would put their own life at risk not to mention that of others just for photos and thrills on our state's signature bridge," Ajegba said. "While the Michigan State Police continue their investigation, I have also asked the MDOT employees at the bridge to conduct a thorough review and implement measures to prevent future incursions."

Michigan State Police (MSP) D/Sgt. Gary Demers at the St. Ignace Post said the person responsible could be facing felony charges of trespassing at a key transportation facility, section 750.552c of the Michigan Penal Code.

"This matter is being investigated by MSP," said Demers. "We will use all of our resources to identify and prosecute this individual."

After MBA staff became aware of photos posted on social media, apparently shot from the top of one of the bridge towers, they reviewed an incident where an alarm was activated on the bridge early one morning in early November.

Though staff investigated the alarm, they could not immediately determine how it was activated. When another alarm was activated several hours later, they observed someone leaving the bridge. Local police were called to investigate but the person could not be located.

Pictures have surfaced on Instagram under the account of Drifter-Shoots, showing a man walking on the highest parts of the structure. The photographer goes by "Drift" and chooses to stay anonymous.

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MAILBOX, continued

Wendt's Christmases were magical, he said, all the way up to two years ago, when his mother died on Christmas Day. That was hard. But rather than ruining how he felt about the day, Wendt says it only strengthened his connection to the day, which he still loves.

"I remember my mom one year saying once you stop believing in Santa, you won't get gifts anymore," he said. "So I said OK, I'm always going to believe in Santa."

In reality, the truth dawned on him when he was 9 or 10, he said.

"As you get older you know the true meaning of Christmas. Our household went to Christmas Eve services. We knew what it was, but there was also a side of Santa."

Snowflake Acrylic Pour Class with Linda Anderson-Paine

Join Linda on Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. as she teaches the beautiful paint process known as acrylic pour on two wooden snowflake cut outs. No experience needed! Just in time for the holidays...give as a gift, or decorate your home.

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Still feels like Christmas

Local kids visited Santa and Mrs. Claus at the LINK on Saturday, December 5. About a hundred cars showed up for the event, said LINK Director Mary Archambeau.

The event was COVID-friendly: Santa and Mrs. Claus were socially distanced, and toys and candy were given out using hands-free methods. The results were the same.

Photo courtesy of Lori Miller.

Read all about it...

You can pick up library materials on Saturdays

By Dion Mindykowski

For your convenience, the Tahquamenon Area Library is open for curbside pickup three Saturdays in December. In addition, to last Saturday, December 5, you can also pick up items on Saturday, December 12, and Saturday, December 19. You can do so by calling 906-293-5214 to request your items. Library staff is also available for reader advisory questions, in case you aren't entirely sure which books you want to request. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For this month we are also expanding our hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, allowing for curbside pickup through 6 PM. Regularly scheduled Thursday evenings

are available as well, with pickup times through 6:30 PM. We know that the holidays are very busy and we hope that the expanded hours will make it easier to pickup books, music, and movies.

You might recall that earlier this year the Tahquamenon Area Library was the recipient of a CARES act grant. This grant in the amount of \$5,000 was made possible by Michigan Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Originally, due to COVID-19 related revenue losses, we had to cut costs by closing the library on

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Starting tomorrow, you might notice that some items you checkout will have slightly extended due dates. This is because we will be closed December 24 through January 3. While December 24, December 25, December 31, and January 1 are holiday closures, the closure between December 28 and December 30 is for our annual carpet and chair cleaning.

If your due date falls during that time, it will automatically be advanced to the next open day, which is Monday, January 4. Dur-



Dion Mindykowski

ing the closure we will be bringing the drop box inside, so please hold onto your items until we re-open.

We are still offering our fine-free promotion, so even late items will not accrue a late fee if held until the drop box returns.



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Obituaries

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OBITUARY

David Bryers

A long time resident of Sault Ste. Marie, David Bryers departed this earth on the afternoon of December 1st, 2020. He was born in L'Anse Michigan to Faye and Leatha Bryers on August 29, 1928. He was preceded in death by his former wife Helen L. Bryers, son Sam E. Bryers, brothers Verne, James, Alan and sister Betty. He is survived by sisters Nina, Wilma and Winifred. Surviving children David M. Bryers, Mary M. Pauly and Steven J. Bryers; 9 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Raised in McMillan, Michigan, Dave spent much of his time hunting and fishing with his brothers along the Tahquamenon River. At the age of 14, Dave worked on the construction of the Soo Line Railroad and at the age of 16, as a Great Lakes Sailor shoveling coal into the steam fired engines. The majority of the money that he earned was sent home to his widowed mother to assist with the upbringing of his younger siblings.

A veteran of both WWII and the Korean War, Dave served his country in the U.S. Navy, as part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Amphibious Group Three, aboard the USS Stone County "Rolling Stone" LST-1141 being awarded the following citations: Combat Action Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal Asia, National Defense Service Medal, China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation Republic of Korea.

In the early 1950s, Dave and his young family located to the Soo where he was employed as an Air Traffic Controller with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Flight Service Station at Sanderson Field. Some 20 years later, the Flight Service Station in the Soo was scheduled for decommissioning and Dave was faced with relocating his family from the "Soo" that had truly become his home (none of his children wanted to move). In order to remain in the Soo, Dave was able to transfer his government service to the International Bridge where he was employed as an U.S. Customs Inspector until he retired with over 40 years of government service.

Over the years, Dave was active in the Sault Amateur Hockey Association, The Fraternal Order of Police International Lodge #115, and a life time member of the VFW Post 3676 and American Legion Post #3. An avid photographer, Dave has taken literally thousands of photographs of sailing vessels passing in front of his home on the beautiful St. Marys River, as he would say "The Gem of North America"

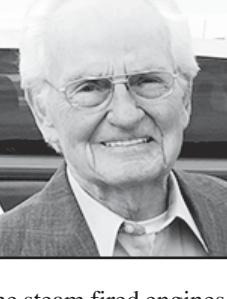
A special thank you to John and Terri Ferroni for all of their love.

Smooth sailing Dad - Miko, Mary, and Steve.

Until we meet again

Due to the current public health crisis, a celebration of Dave's life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Wounded Warrior Project or Disabled American Veterans.

Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com



OBITUARY

Roger Lawrence St. Andre

Roger Lawrence St. Andre, 73, of L'Anse, died Saturday November 28, 2020 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Born April 9, 1947 in Manistique, son of the late Lawrence and Marie (Linck) St. Andre, Roger was a graduate of Engadine High School.

Roger was employed in the Detroit area as a sprinkler fitter for National Automatic Sprinkler for several years until his retirement.

Roger was a member of the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club and the Mac Pac Snowmobile Club both of Naubinway. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and taught muzzle loading shooting at events for the gun club. He was awarded the North America Tomahawk throwing champion. He also enjoyed wood carving and was known as "Spirit of the Wood" with the National Carving Association.

Roger married the former Mary Huhtala on September 5, 1998 in L'Anse and she preceded him in death on September 15, 2020. Also preceding in death are his parents Lawrence and Marie St. Andre and brother Gary St. Andre on August 19, 2015.

Survivors include his sons Scott (Michelle) St. Andre of Holly, Derek St. Andre of Shelby Township and Kevin St. Andre of Naubinway; grandchildren Joshua St. Andre, Justin St. Andre, Isaac St. Andre, Gabrielle St. Andre, Duncan St. Andre and Joey St. Andre; siblings Emmet (Katie) St. Andre of Rockford, Illinois, Myron (Diane) St. Andre of Naubinway and Tina (Mark) St. Aubin of Dubuque, Iowa.

A private family visitation will take place Friday December 4, 2020 at the Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry.

A public graveside committal service will be held Friday December 4, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the Naubinway Cemetery with Fr. Marty Flynn, of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, officiating. Due to COVID-19, social distancing and masks are required in accordance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.



OBITUARY

Shelly M. Allen

Shelly M. Allen of Cadillac passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was 59.

Shelly was born August 29, 1961 in Gaylord to Herb and Jean (Gilbert) Smith and they preceded her in death.

She graduated from Engadine High School in the Upper Peninsula. While in high school she enjoyed playing sports and continued to enjoy golfing and bowling. Shelly's love for sunshine matched her sunny personality. She loved going camping, fishing, boating, motorcycle rides and top down drives.

Shelly later moved to Cadillac and worked at Peterson Standard and Weidner Ford. Most recently Shelly worked at Meijer in Cadillac. Shelly loved working with people and never met a stranger. Her genuine, caring personality will be remembered by all who met her.

On June 17, 1995 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac she married Daniel W. Allen and they blended their families. He survives her along with their children:

SSG USMC Bradley Smith of Yuma, Arizona, Jason Allen (Amanda) of Fife Lake, Jessica (Scotty) Fredell of Mesick, Joshua (Amanda) Allen of Cadillac; extended daughters: Casie Schepers of Colorado, Misty Schepers of Lake City; grandchildren: Margaret, Scarlett, Brienna, Sophia and Jadyn; brothers: Herb (Gloria) Smith of Ludington, Tom Smith of Cadillac; in-laws: Sandy (Ken) Wiltzer of McBain, Sue (Roger Monhead of Kalkaska, Gwen (Dustin) Allen of Yaak, Montana, Brian (Cassie) Allen of Big Rapids, Matt (Shannon) Allen of Kalkaska; mothers-in-law, Judy Oudman of McBain and Nancy Allen of Kalkaska; special friend, Beth McCain; her faithful dog, Buddy; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that adored her.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Kenny Allen and fathers-in-law, William T. Allen and Alvin Oudman.

Memorial visitation will be held Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. A private memorial service will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the animal shelter of your choice. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.



Help send a foster child to college

As 2020 draws to a close and Michiganders plan their end-of-year giving, the Michigan Department of Treasury asks individuals to consider giving the gift of education through a tax-deductible donation to the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund.

Funds raised through the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund provide scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care and are enrolled at a Michigan degree-granting college or university. Awards are paid to the students' college or university to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies.

"A growing number of our youth are reaching adult age and leaving the foster care system with inadequate resources to attend college," said Robin Lott, director of the Office of Postsecondary Financial Services.

"Students who receive this scholarship can use the money for tuition, housing, books and other college expenses. This scholarship provides some help with college expenses when no other assistance may be available."

Since 2012, fundraising efforts have totaled approximately \$1.3 million, which has been awarded as scholarships. This was done through individual donations, group donations, sponsorships, ticket sales, auctions and many volunteer-based fundraising events.

To make a charitable donation, complete and submit a MET Charitable Tuition Program Contribution form with a check for any dollar amount made payable to the State of Michigan Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund. To make a contribution by credit or debit card visit the Fostering Futures Scholarship Donation Pay Site.

The Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund, housed in the Michigan Department of Treasury, is a Sec. 170 (c) nonprofit organization, therefore Charitable Contribution forms postmarked by Dec. 31 are eligible for a tax deduction in the year they are made.

Approximately 12,500 children are in the Michigan foster care system at any given time. A growing number of Michigan youth are reaching adult age while in foster care and have few resources to attend college when they age out of the system.

To apply, donate or learn more about the Fostering Futures Scholarship, go to www.fosteringfutures-mi.com or call toll-free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (888-447-2687).

Have questions about placing obituaries?

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What you need to know about HIV

As part of World AIDS Day, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has launched a statewide campaign encouraging Michiganders to be aware of the statistics surrounding HIV in Michigan.

Early detection, intervention and treatment can reduce the risk of HIV transmission by 93 percent. That is why Michigan residents are encouraged to learn how they can "change the numbers and change the future" through a new advertising campaign.

It is estimated 1.2 million Americans are living with HIV. In Michigan, roughly 1 in 8 people are unaware of their HIV status. While the number of new HIV cases and deaths in the state have leveled off over the years, the number of people living with HIV continues to rise. MDHHS recommends Michiganders get tested to learn their HIV status.

"With medication, people living with HIV can live long and healthy lives," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "It is important that we continue to work to prevent the spread of the disease and that everyone knows their status."

MDHHS encourages people currently living with HIV and people at higher risk of HIV exposure to consider prevention and treatment methods. For Michiganders who may be at a higher risk of HIV exposure there are options for prevention. Pre-exposure Prophylaxis, or PrEP, is a medication that can be taken to reduce the chance of getting HIV if a person is exposed.

Medical evidence has shown that people living with HIV who are on effective treatment cannot pass HIV to partners through sex.

Find testing locations and other resources at Michigan.gov/HIVSTD.

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DECEMBER

10	Ear, Nose, & Throat - Dr. Rayner.....	906-341-2153
	General Surgery - Dr. Bryant.....	906-293-9239
	Prenatal/Family Medicine.....	906-449-1010
11	General Surgery - Dr. Adair.....	906-293-9118
	General Surgery - Dr. Bryant.....	906-293-9239
	Neurosurgeon - Dr. Jagannathan.....	989-701-2538
14	Pulmonology/Sleep - C. Norman, NP.....	906-293-9118
	Pulmonology/Sleep - Dr. Washington.....	906-293-9118
16	Cardiology - Dr. Giroux.....	906-632-6013
	General Surgery - Dr. Bryant.....	906-293-9239
	Oncology/Hematology - Dr. Jensen.....	906-293-9118
17	General Surgery - Dr. Adair.....	906-293-9118
	General Surgery - Dr. Bryant.....	906-293-9239
	Podiatry - Dr. Hunter.....	906-635-9511
18	General Surgery - Dr. Bryant.....	906-293-9239
	Orthopedics - Dr. Woolever.....	906-635-5100
	Pediatrics - Dr. Robertson.....	906-293-9223
21	Pulmonology/Sleep - C. Norman, NP.....	906-293-9118
	Pulmonology/Sleep - Dr. Washington.....	906-293-9118
23	General Surgery - Dr. Bryant.....	906-293-9239

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Curtis Chirpings

We have decided to fold

By Lyle Painter

"....You got to know when to hold'em, know when to fold'em, know when to walk away, know when to run...." These are the operant words from the song "The Gambler" sung by Kenny Rogers.

Although the song was written about a card-playing gambler, the lesson the gambler imposed on the young man on the train was to parallel life with a game of cards.

At no time in my adult life has the philosophy of the "Gambler" become truer. Today we are dealing with an out-of-control pandemic and the upcoming 2020 Christmas season. These two incidents are now in the process of colliding.

We are now playing the "Game" called Christmas. Not only is this a religious holiday, it is also a time for family and friends to gather to exchange gifts, pleasantries, and love. We have new choices to make. Are we gambling?

"Hold'em" can be defined as keep-

ing our usual family traditions intact. All of the family would gather in one place, share a buffet style meal, eat finger food from candy dishes, shrimp bowls, and veggie trays. Could those activities in 2020 lead to sharing and exchanging more than love and presents?

When shopping for gifts, do we perform the usual "hold'em" by leaving our rural northern Michigan home for a day or two to visit larger metropolitan areas, browsing through big box stores in an attempt to be a good Santa Claus?

After much discussion, our family has decided to "fold'em". Our three grandchildren are all in the 20-year-old lifestyle, do not live near us, and would probably prefer gift cards to actual gifts. No longer do they want to sit on grandpa's lap and listen to Christmas stories. The problem is grandpa and grandma enjoy the whole family together, opening presents and "oohing and aahing", but maybe this is the time to "fold" a portion of that tradition?

Our married granddaughter, who lives with her husband in Philadelphia, will remain in Philly and the two of them will have their own Christmas. They are afraid of traveling amongst the COVID-19 virus. Our other granddaughter, who lives downstate, will be enjoying the holidays with her boyfriend's parents. Our son-in-law's mother is in a nursing home. She is not allowed to leave her place for these kinds of functions. Our grandson in Marquette will be here for Christmas along with our daughter, her husband, and our two sons. It will be the smallest Christmas gathering we have ever hosted.

Although we have done substantial "fold'ems", we are still just "walking away". It is hard for us to completely "run away" from old traditions. We are not following all of the gambler's advice; we hope we are executing the right approach! It is a gamble.

Stay safe and remember to wear your Morally Acceptable Social Kindness (MASK) face covering.

To gaze and to ponder

The invisible enemy

By Tom Hoogterp

I've been longing for the good ol' days, not an unusual sentiment for an old guy in the grey, short days of December. But the good ol' days I'm hankerin' for aren't especially good or old. I'll settle for a year ago when the ground was covered with snow and my snowblower was threatening to give up the ghost. At that time freedom dangled its temptations before me like rides and prizes at the county fair.

Prior to now, I had not much yearned for the good ol' days, because, despite the accumulated losses and failings of growing old, I have been lucky. Life in general has been getting better. The air is cleaner, cars are better, a cancer diagnosis is no longer the certain beginning of the countdown to eternity. History has been pretty kind to those of us born since World War II.

We still have all our toys and there are crops in the fields, but we are forced to trudge along in a state of paralysis, stunned by the sickness and loss of life caused by this ubiquitous virus. And we are frustrated that our leaders seem unable to agree on a strategy to win this war for us.

In the early days they sent us

money to ease the crushing financial pain caused by the limitations placed on businesses. And all summer long the food lines grew and the suffering continued.

Frustrated by our elected leaders, many folks thought they could scare or vote the virus away. But the darn thing is just an indifferent natural phe-

nomenon. We have never been hit before. We know how it spreads, but we can't muster the collective will or discipline to keep ourselves from spreading the poison to one another. Perhaps most disturbing of all, we have allowed this crisis to make us into enemies.

That's the part I miss most about last year's good ol' days: we could laugh even when nothing was funny. We didn't judge our neighbors and shopkeepers by the cloth on their face or the signs on their doors. I hope it's just the quarantine that's making us mean.

Now it appears, 10 months into the crisis, there is an end in sight and happy days will soon be here again. We have perhaps five or six months of restrictions to endure. We need them to reflect on what has happened to us and find a way to fix it. If insults and curses were remedies, we'd already be cruising down victory lane.

The vaccines are triumphs of modern science, a gift to us. The good ol' days are coming back! Our success or failure will be measured by how we finish this obstacle course, not by where we started or how we stumbled along the way. Let's make the best of democracy, freedom, science, and our material wealth. And throw in a pinch (ouch!) of good will.

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nomenon; it doesn't respond to our wishes and accusations.

COVID-19 has socked us in our national psyche, hitting us where we

Traveling through time

By Sterling McGinn

From December 13, 1895

Local and County

The Ladies' Aid Bazaar will be held next Friday evening, Dec. 20th, in the Bank store. Desirable articles of all kinds will be offered at reasonable rates.

There will also be a lunch table where a cup of coffee, doughnuts and sandwiches may be had for 10c. The proceeds of the bazaar will be devoted to the repair of church property.

The village council met on Monday evening and did considerable business. Among other things they passed an ordinance authorizing saloon keepers to keep their saloons open to 11 p.m.

From December 17, 1920

Charcoal Iron Co. Plant will Sus-**pend Operations**

Upwards of four hundred men will be thrown out of work in Newberry by the closing of the Charcoal Iron company plant next week.

The sawmill operated by the company ceases operations today and it is expected the furnace will be blown out early next week. The shutdown is the

most complete that has taken place in all the years this company has been operating in Newberry, and includes every department of the operations.

A few men will be given employment chopping wood at the company's camps north of Newberry, and a train will be operated once a week between Newberry and the camps, taking men to camp Monday morning and bringing them back Saturdays.

The reason given for the shutdown is the unsettled conditions and lack of demand of the products.

Legion Dance

The Hugh Allan McInnes Post No. 74 American Legion will hold their second annual Christmas dancing party on Monday evening December 27 in the legion hall. A five-piece orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. The legion members will endeavor to make this the social event of the season, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. The assessment is \$1.50.

Local

The Tahquamenon cigar is a Cloverland product manufactured by Fred Beaudin. Made in three sizes, 10c, two for 25c and 15c straight.

Packed 25 in box for Christmas trade.

From December 17, 1970

Lions Schedule Yule Activities

The Newberry Lions Club will be busy this week before Christmas. Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 17th, they will visit the Lakefield Rest Home and the Ney Rest Home with gifts. Tomorrow, Friday, they will be on the streets making their annual collection for the sight and blind fund. All monies collected here are used for the blind. Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the community building, the Lions will entertain the underprivileged children at a dinner. Santa Claus will be present to talk with the boys and find out what they would like for Christmas.

Then on Wednesday, Dec. 23, the residents at the Helen Newberry Joy Annex will be visited by the Lions and escorted throughout the community to view the beautiful decorations.

Goodfellows Set for Fund Drive

The Goodfellows of Luce County are in their 40th year of collecting and distributing food to the area's needy families. This year's drive for funds to support the project is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19.

Letters

All letters reflect the opinion of the letter writer and not necessarily the opinion of the Newberry News. Letters should be 350 words or less, should not contain personal attacks, and can address political candidates within the state level.

To the Editor:

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. That means a lot to me and hopefully to you all, too.

For the past several years, I have been handing out candy canes to everyone I see. It began when my wife had a doctor's appointment. I had a beard then, something she didn't particularly like. She said if I was going to have that awful thing, get a Santa hat and hand out candy canes. So when I got to Marquette, I got a Santa hat and candy canes and looked for kids to give them to. Unfortunately, it was a school day, and there weren't many kids around, so I gave them to everyone I came across.

With each candy cane, I also wished the recipient Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. After seeing everyone's eyes light up and their bright smiles, I was anxious to continue this in Newberry. It lit a fire in me. The next morning, I hit the streets to visit all area businesses. I wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and handed each person who wanted one a candy cane. Not only was I welcomed in the businesses, but I was also let into more back rooms than you would imagine.

The late M.J. Pike, then owner of Duke's Sport Shop, said he hoped I'd make it a tradition. So it began my Christmas Quest. This year, though, due to COVID-19, I have decided to not unknowingly put anyone in harm's way. I will not be traversing the community with candy canes. Please know I am thinking of you all.

Thank you to everyone of you for doing what you do and being part of the community. I really believe it takes everyone to "make the world go around". So please stay safe and take care of each other. Hopefully next year I will be handing out candy canes and spreading what cheer I can to you all. In the meantime, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Derusha
Newberry

To the Editor:

I read with some curiosity Dan's column "If the colleges and universities can play, why can't we?" in today's News. He compares the MHSAA's decision to follow the Governor's temporary suspension of the fall football season with decisions made by the National Football League and the Big Ten Conferences to play out adjusted seasons.

Interestingly, he then continued his season-long diatribe against the Governor and MHSAA's decision to abide with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services action, action designed to protect against the potential further spread of COVID-19 pandemic currently ravaging our communities. The National Football League and the Big Ten Conference make their own decision on whether to play or not to play. And further, common sense aside, to equate High School football with professional and collegiate-level football is, as everyone knows, a real stretch.

I guess I lean toward supporting whether efforts are aimed at protecting our communities and kids from the virus rather than complaining about the adult task of explaining to a kid "...who can't practice but can watch his favorite team on TV."

Bill Hart
Curtis

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Northstar News

Back on November 8 Northstar hosted the annual Superior Conference All-star soccer game. This year's All-star starters were: Logan Handrich and Jacob Neill from the undefeated Northstar Patriots; Dawson Badgero from Rogers City, Elijah Rauhaus from Petoskey. Also selected were Conner Goldsborough and Daniel Handrich from Northstar, Marcus Hemmes from Boon and Jeremy Crowder from Manistique.

Playing for the Past-stars were the three Bayliss men from Rogers City, David, Mark and Jacob and the Rogers City coach Drew Rogers. From Boon were two former Northstar players Melvin Jr. and Michael Matchinski; Jay Goldsborough, a Bethel Baptist graduate now from Gaylord and his dad, Bill Goldsborough; Petoskey's coach Ted Teller; Brother Barry Williams (Northstar graduate 1997) and his son Brandon 2019 Northstar graduate.

Everyone was expectant as the weather was perfect and the All-stars were expected to be a very balanced team. It was decided to field an 8-man team and play 40 minute halves.

Drew Rogers opened the scoring just 36 seconds in on a throw-in from the corner that bounced off the defense and went in. Less than a minute later Micah Teller tied it for the All-stars at 1:11. Thus the see-saw battle began. When the clock ran out at the half it was the Past-stars 6 and the All-stars 5.

In the final 40 minutes Teller again scored to tie it 6 - 6 at 3:29. Logan made it 7 - 6 All-stars at 11:38. Drew Rogers added his 4th goal of the day to make it 7 - 7. Barry Williams put the Past-stars back on top at 32:38, (8 - 7). Logan tied it 8 - 8 with five and half minutes to go. That score would hold to the end of regulation. An overtime was played with neither team able to score.

A second 5-minute overtime followed. Dawson scored for the All-stars with about a minute and a half to go. There was a lot of ball movement in front of the net by the Past-stars but the All-star defense held. The 9 - 8 victory was the first time in 12 years for the All-stars.

The scoring for the victors was a balanced effort: Logan 3, Dawson 3 and Micah 3. Jacob Neill led the defense with 14 take-aways and Isaac Rauhaus had 15 saves in the net.

For the Past-stars Drew Rogers had 4 goals, Jay Goldsborough 2, Mark Bayliss 1 and Barry Williams 1. Jr. Matchinski led their defense with 10 take-aways and Brandon Williams had 13 saves in the net. All agreed it was the best all-star game in many years.

Engadine Update

School Board Meeting

There will be a school board meeting this Wednesday, December 9 at 6pm. You may attend via Zoom. The Zoom link for the meeting will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Facebook Fun Things

Mrs. DeWyse has put together staff and senior student bios, as well as a virtual buck pole for our Facebook page. Please check them out!

Reminders for This Week

Bussing will be back to normal, meaning all routes will be bussed

every school day. This Wednesday, December 9, will be another Virtual Wednesday, following our normal schedule starting at 8:25 am. For students who need them, Internet hotspots will go home along with computers. Also on Wednesday, Distance Learner food boxes will be available for delivery if you live along bus routes, or pickup between 1:00-3:00pm.

Have a great week!

Joshua Reed
Engadine Schools Superintendent and 7-12 Principal

Tahquamenon Area Schools news

Greetings Tahquamenon Area School Community,

School Board Openings

TAS Board of Education has two openings for trustees. Applications will be taken until Friday, December 11, 2020. Interviews for the open positions will occur Tuesday, December 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If you have interest in seeking a Board position, please send a letter of interest to Stacy Price, Superintendent, 700 Newberry Ave., Newberry, MI 49868 or email a letter to sprice@taschool.org.

You must be a resident of the TAS district and a US citizen.

Online

We made it through the first week of K-12 virtual learning. TAS staff wants to thank ALL

parents/guardians/family that are helping students during this challenging time. It is hard and frustrating, but many good things are happening, too. Attendance at Google Meet meetings has been great. Students are helping each other out. Everyone is learning new technology skills. We are aware that there were technology glitches and connectivity issues. Each case is different and is handled as such and are constantly trouble shooting so students can be successful.

Open Google Meet

Open Google Meet time 1:10 - 2:00 p.m. each day.

This is a time for students to receive extra help, ask questions, or work in smaller groups during. Ask your child's teacher for the appropriate code. If you have questions outside of

this timeframe, you may e-mail the teacher. Replies will take place the next day.

Communication with teachers is always important but it is critical right now. Please e-mail, call, or set up a Google Meet time to touch base with your child's teacher if you have questions.

Attendance

Attendance is required at all Google Meet meetings.

— Call the office to report an excuse for an absence from virtual class meetings. Please state the reason for absence.

— Students need to contact the teacher about missed work and lessons.

— Grades 9-12 — the board policy is if you have more than 10 absences in an hour in a semester, you will not receive credit.



Stacy Price

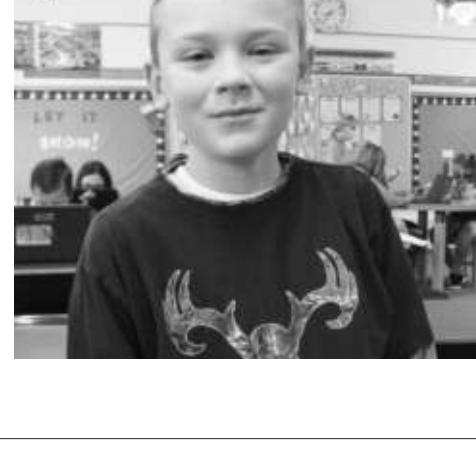
Food Distribution

We are delivering meals Thursdays and Fridays to families who sign up to receive them. Please call 293-3226 to sign up if you are interested.

Any questions please call 293-3201 or email sprice@taschools.org.

Stacy Price

Three Lakes Academy student of the week



Eddie Franckowiack

Fifth grader Edward "Eddie" Franckowiack is Student of the Week this week at Three Lakes Academy. Eddie's favorite sport is basketball, because he played a lot of it last year, and he also likes playing with his hatchet. Five foods that he likes to eat are tacos, pizza, nachos, fruit leather, and venison. He enjoys watching Men in Black, Battle Bots, Home Alone, and Extinct of Alive. If Eddie had a million dollars, he would buy "a ton of property to live in the wild on." Congratulations, Eddie!

Three Lakes Academy News

Dear Families,

It's been another great week at Three Lakes Academy. I was fortunate enough to spend some time in the classrooms this week, where I saw students using inferences to solve a mystery, learning to wrap gifts, and practicing rhythms using a variety of instruments!

Our new school bus came in this week and we're anxious to get it on the road. Thanks again to the Erickson Foundation! We will be able to put new radios in the buses as well thanks to a generous donation from Larry Bell. What a blessing it is to be surrounded by such thoughtful people!

I know that times are tough for many in our area. If you are in need of anything from clothing to food to Christmas gifts for your family, please let me know. Our school community is full of people who want to help and your confidential-

ity will be maintained.

We are always seeking substitute teachers, kitchen staff and bus drivers. For more information or to express interest, please call the school at 906-586-6631.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Upcoming events

12/16-Wacky Wednesday
Crazy/ Mismatched Socks Day

December 23- January 3rd
Christmas Break

When your child is ab-



Rachel Bommarito

sent (for any reason), please inform the school office 586-6631 or email threelakesacademy@eupschools.org

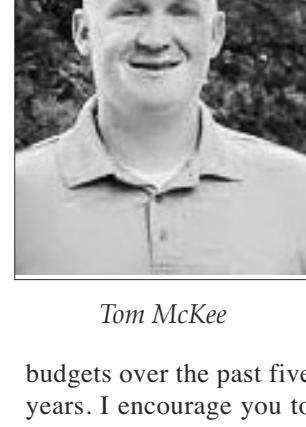
Whitefish Township Community Schools update

What a crazy year these past two weeks have been! Recently, a failure in our water drainage system on our roofs caused the gym to flood again. Thankfully, Mr. Geoff Moore, our custodian and maintenance man, along with Mr. Vince Gross, Mr. Sonny and Mrs. Wednesday Skeans helped save the floor! We are actively working with contractors to get things put back together, but all that was damaged was the interior roof tiles.

There are a lot of great things going on at the school this year, even through this global pandemic we are still facing. The school has been able to secure one-to-one technology and hot spots for all of our students through grants and proactive spending by our Board of

Education. We have implemented some proactive cleaning measures, and, knock on wood, have not had any cases of COVID-19 at our school as of today (November 23, 2020).

We have come a long way in five years and we continue to build something great here. When the coast is clear, we would love to take you through our building and talk to you about the upcoming bond renewal and how it will impact what we do. Until then, please follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/Whitefish-TownshipSchool. You can also see information about the school at whitefish.eupschools.org. There is a transparency report on the upper right corner, which walks you through our finances and



Tom McKee

budgets over the past five years. I encourage you to take a look and see what we have been doing.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school at (906) 492-3353 or email me at tmckee@eupschools.org. Our motto is "Working Together, Committed to Success" and we hope that we can do that more and more as we move forward.

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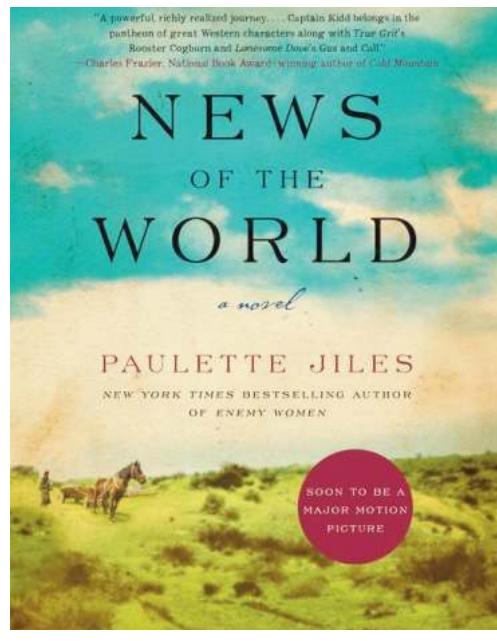
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All activities are subject to change due to COVID-19 Restrictions

Books

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Have you read

News of the World by Paulette Jiles?

By Linda Blanchard
Curtis Public Library, SDL

News of the World was inspired by the true story of Caesar Adolphus Kydd, who travelled around North Texas in the 1870s, reading news of world events to folks living in the territory. Everything likeable in a story is in this book! Interesting from the first page, the enjoyable characters take us with them on their adventure.

Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas reading news of the world from newspapers to paying audiences. He reads articles on the Fifteenth Amendment, just ratified February 3, 1870; the polar exploration ship Hansa, sunk in pack ice off the coast of Greenland; telegraph wires successfully laid from Britain to India; more. (All true!)

Captain Kidd, 72, had the appearance of wisdom and authority. He was a widower, a veteran of two wars, and formerly a printer who lost his press in the Civil War. The captain read in a strong voice, carefully and precisely. When his handbills appeared in a town, men abandoned the saloon, cattle were circled, and people ran through rain from their homes to pay a dime, and hear the news of the distant world.

After a reading in Wichita Falls, the captain is asked to deliver 10-year-old Johanna Leonberger to live with relatives near San Antonio. When Johanna was six, Kiowa raiders killed her parents and sister, and took Johanna captive because they liked her fair hair. Recovered after four years living as a Kiowa native, Johanna was being returned to her family and white civilization.

The story takes us with them on their four hundred mile odyssey—wary wild Johanna, and the responsible old Captain Kidd. Every mile is exciting! Some parts are dangerous, and some are laugh-out-loud funny!

News of the World is written in unique prose. The story flows, unbroken by quotation marks. The style suits the tale very well.

And, if you like to read the book before you see the movie, hurry! *News of the World* has been made into a film starring Tom Hanks and Helena Zengel. Release date December 25, 2020.

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Cover to Cover

What you may not have known about Theodore Roosevelt

By Dion Mindykowski

In my last Cover to Cover column, I speculated that my travels via reading would take me to the Arctic once more, but instead I went the opposite direction, deep into the Amazon rainforest. I just finished *River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard.

I remember some basics about Theodore Roosevelt from high school history classes, such as his formation of the Bull Moose Party and his involvement in the Rough Riders. I also often see references made to his famous speech in which he addressed a crowd of supporters with a bullet still in his chest from an assassination attempt. What I did not know about, however, was what Roosevelt did after losing to William Taft when he ran for third term as President. After that loss, Roosevelt set out on an expedition in Brazil.

Candice Millard's non-fiction book tells the story of that expedition. She starts out showing the election that put things into motion, but does not spend much time on his presidency or politics. Instead, *The River of Doubt* is a story of adventure.

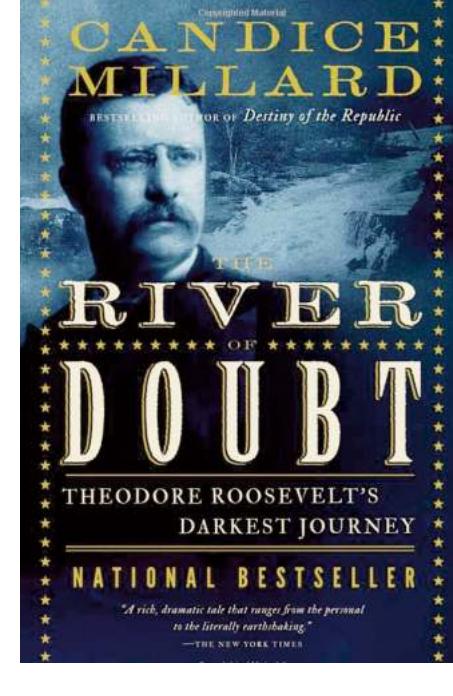
Millard lets the reader know right away how dangerous the trip was, addressing concerns those around Roosevelt had of taking a former President on a trip that could very well be deadly. Though I knew Roosevelt didn't die in Brazil, the book kept me wondering throughout if maybe I forgot that part of history. Between rapids, dangerous animals, miscalculations on food and supplies, lost canoes, and more, the possibility of death was around every river turn.

This is definitely not a story of a simple, peaceful, post-presidency life.

Early in *The River of Doubt*, Roosevelt's famous post-assassination attempt speech is described. Millard does a wonderful job of showing the 26th President's legendary toughness. By the end of the book, however, that act of strength pales in comparison to some of what was endured during the trip along the River of Doubt.

It also shows how, in the face of nature, even the strongest people can be taken down, though not without a fight. Roosevelt, known for his solid stature, lost 54 pounds on that trip.

In addition to giving an interesting view into Roosevelt's life post-presidency, the Amazon rainforest itself is an important character. I've been fascinated with this location since I was



a kid and Millard's book details what it was like over 100 years ago, without proper maps, GPS, modern communications, and so on.

The geological history of the area is covered, along with background on some of the flora and fauna of the area. Millard even touches upon the early environmental impact on the area due to the demand for rubber for car tires. Even if you're not interested in Roosevelt, you might find this view of the Amazon worth the read.

A physical copy of *The River of Doubt* is available for checkout at the Tahquamenon Area Library by calling 906-293-5214. It is also available as an eBook through our Overdrive app.

Be anxious to read Anxious People, by Fredrik Backman

By Carol Stifter

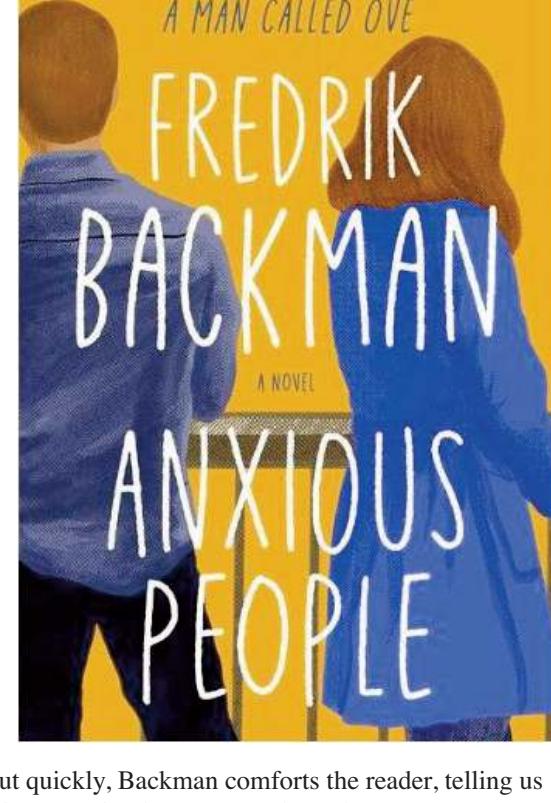
Fredrik Backman is a Swedish writer who has written some of the most intuitive, witty, and heart-felt works of fiction I've ever read. His people feel real. His books build up your heart and fire up your emotions. He's like Mitch Albom, only better.

I've read his *Bear Town* (loved it), *Britt-Marie Was Here* (loved it), *A Man Called Ove* (loved it) and *My Grandmother Told Me to Tell You She's Sorry* (liked it).

His newest book, *Anxious People*, hit U.S. shelves in October, and I was anxious to read it.

Like all Backman's books, *Anxious People* was originally written in Swedish. Backman writes with force; every sentence is loaded with meaning and there's never an idle word. I always wonder how his works can be translated into English so well to retain so much beauty in their composition.

Anxious People begins with the vague memory of a suicide - a bridge jumper - and I immediately feared my heart was not ready for this book. The year has been hard enough.



But quickly, Backman comforts the reader, telling us we don't need to know more about that yet. "Don't think about that anymore now," he wrote. "Think about something nicer. Think about cookies."

Relieved, I carried on. He told the tale of a bank robbery gone wrong - who accidentally robs a cashless bank? And what is a cashless bank? The failed robbery results in an adjacent hostage scene after the robber flees to a nearby apartment which is being shown to seven prospective buyers.

The buyers were already wary of each other. They were rivals, plotting to purchase the apartment no matter what the cost, or, in some cases, at the lowest possible cost. The masked bank robber waving a gun skittered them all off course.

The police investigation that followed is peppered throughout the story, with increasingly frustrating police interviews with each former hostage. The conversations were nuts - no one seemed to know anything! At all!

No spoilers. But by the time the hostage scene was resolved, something beautiful was in its place. The prospective buyers had peeled off layers of anxiety and learned to really see each other. They saw the beauty in each other - something we all have - and comforted each other. They became vital to each other.

Near the end of the book is one of my favorite quotes, shared by the darling, elderly character of Estelle:

Nothing must happen to you

No, what I am saying

Everything must happen to you

And it must be wonderful

Isn't that just how we feel about the people we love?

At the close of the book, Backman tied up every loose end, so we know fully well how each of his anxious people managed to carry on with life.

Anxious People is a cerebral book. There are entire pages where Backman is clearly thinking about thinking, diving deep into the mind of a character. Those parts get thick at times, but they are satisfying for any introvert who's ever spent time wondering "What's it like to be her? What is she thinking about right now?" Thankfully, each of these characters are well worth knowing.

The anxiety-ridden people in *Anxious People* felt so real that they have stayed with me, and I love all of them. Backman is a master at that.

You'll like *Anxious People* if you like quirky people, or if you don't like people, or if you've ever had something go terribly wrong, or if you've ever had something work out wonderfully just right.

It's easily a 4.5 (out of 5) star book.

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From the press box:

Putting things in perspective

By Dan Hardenbrook

I'm uneducated. I'm reckless. I'm careless. I'm clueless. So cut-throat that I would want to put kids' safety in jeopardy to play "just a little game". I also need to get my facts straight. I have no idea what I'm talking about. Some would say I'm disappointing.

Those are your words...not mine. They come straight from Facebook comments and letters to the editor. I try to read them all. I'm even crazy enough to respond to some. But after a recent run of hate mail calling me out and questioning my knowledge, I've realized that we are all looking at things a little bit differently. And sometimes, just having an opinion can cause some pretty crazy reactions.

I guess the toughest part isn't the comments or criticism. It's the fact that many are missing my point(s). I think many people have misunderstood.

Ninety-five percent of what you read in my column comes from real life experience. That's where I try to draw most of my perspective from. What I've seen, what I've been through, conversations that I have had. It's the best way for me to form my own true opinions. Sure, it might disappoint some readers that I don't always use science or data. But that's not what these arguments are about. They are about perspective. They are common sense issues. They are about things I have seen and heard and have to question.

So when I mention the drastic differences between how things are being handled in North Dakota, we are already looking at the issues from a totally different perspective. No, I didn't know that North Dakota had the highest rate of COVID cases per capita. I honestly didn't even know that was a stat. That's because I didn't need numbers on a spreadsheet to tell me what I was seeing and experiencing. I just spent 10 days living out there. I went out to eat at three different restaurants, and not once did I have to have a mask on to enter. At one of these places I was still wearing it when the waitress came to the table, knowing that she would have to be closer than six feet to take my order. She told me to take it off.

I attended a church service when I was out there. Once again, no mask. After the service I was chatting with the pastor and I was curious as to what made them decide after weeks of cancelling services to finally resume. He told me that they felt like they've done "everything possible to protect our tiny population."

When we were talking about the difference in lifestyles, he said that people out there were not as worried as other areas because they felt like their isolated location actually provided them protection. There were roughly 30 people there that day. From as far away as 2 1/2 hours.

We travelled an hour ourselves just to get there, crossing into Montana. The gentlemen who owned the place where we stayed told me that they were isolated in their own little bubble of the world and that people have been able to carry on like normal with their lives so there is no sense in him instilling fear in those who choose to be customers at his businesses.

I watched four different state championship volleyball games and saw dozens of things that would get the season shut down in Michigan. Unmasked players, fans packed in the stands. High fives, hugs, huddles, and much more.

So, yes, I'm going to question the difference. And not everything I need to know comes from a book. I'm an old-school, street smarts type of guy. When people question where I get my information, just know that it comes from real-life experience. Experience helps me form opinions.

I don't know all there is to know about COVID-19. I don't know what all of the numbers say. There's so many out there that it's hard to keep track some days. I'm not a doctor or a scientist. But when a kid that I coach or watch asks me why they can't practice, but other people can play the exact same sport under more dangerous conditions, I'm going to talk about it. Those are real questions our kids are asking.

I don't need a magic formula to tell me that even though they have access to daily testing and other amenities, that it's ok for the University of Central Florida to fly all the way from Orlando, stay in hotels, eat in restaurants, and play a game in Ann Arbor with absolutely zero safety protocols in place on the floor, but Engadine and Newberry had to cancel a girls basketball game because it's not safe. The Lions can continue to play home games inside Ford Field, but the MHSAA can't play a playoff game in the exact same stadium under the exact same rules! I don't care what the numbers say. That just doesn't make sense.

Science and data are important, but if that is all that you are caught up on, you'll miss the real stories going on right here in front of us. And if you are so caught up in the numbers that you are telling people how they should think and live, you are also missing the point — and the perspective that can come with it.



Dan Hardenbrook

Engadine's Nance named All-Region

By Dan Hardenbrook

Football's postseason awards continue to honor the top teams and players in the state. Locally, All Conference awards have been announced and the All UP teams should be announced sometime in the next week, following a virtual vote by the Upper Peninsula Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. The next level is a series of statewide awards from the AP, coaches, and large media outlets such as the Detroit Free Press.

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association also has a series of awards. The association is mainly made up of varsity head coaches and assistants, but also includes JV and freshman level members and even a handful of middle school/youth league representatives. The MHSFCA recently announced the first of their 2020 Awards, the 2020 All-Region teams. Players and coaches who are selected then become eligible for the group's All State and Dream Team Awards.

One local player was selected by the MHSFCA members as an All Region Player for 2020. That player is Engadine Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Nance. Nance is a physically imposing presence, standing at 6 ft 5 inches, and weighing in at 325 pounds. He has the look of a strong, dominant lineman but he also plays the part well on the field, and is an example for his team at all times. Nance was named team captain this year.

Nance was a four-year starter for the Eagles, and was a leading offensive lineman on three straight playoff teams earlier in his career. He anchored the line for one of the best Eight-man of

fenses in the state during the 2019 season, a year that saw the Eagles lead all Upper Peninsula teams in rushing yards per game, and finish second in scoring.

Though the 2020 season didn't see much success for Engadine, Nance still stood out. He had several strong individual efforts, including a really impressive return to the team in Rudyard after missing two weeks due to COVID restrictions. Nance, on his first day back playing, beat up the Bulldogs on both sides of the ball. He also had strong showings in big games against state powerhouse Pickford and in the rivalry game against Newberry, which he says was one of his favorite high school memories.

Eagles coach Vince Leveille has raved about his senior star.

"He is a dominating offensive lineman with good feet, a team captain, and a tremendous leader." The coach also thinks that this is only the beginning for

what Nance can accomplish.

Leveille also realizes just how special it is for a player from a town like Engadine to get this type of honor. "It's not very often that you get a player who earns an All Region Award and we got that with Nance!" Other coaches also took notice. "When we had our Yoopers coaches meeting, we talked about who you would pick if you were drafting a team for high school players," Leveille said. "Nick's name came up as a guy that would've been one of the first linemen picked if you had a draft."

According to his coach, Nance may have more football in his future as he is gaining interest from MAC schools and the Division 2 level. Nance adds his All Region Award to the Great Lakes 8 East Division and All Conference awards. He was also recently named Engadine Football's 2020 MVP. He is a nominee for the UPSSA All UP teams as well.



Jeff Rochefort
Engadine's Nick Nance blocks a lineman in one of this year's games.

Plea from MHSAA not enough

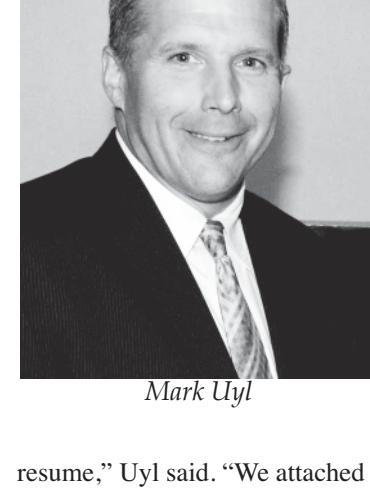
By Dan Hardenbrook

What started as understanding has turned to disappointment for Michigan High School Athletic Association Executive Director Mark Uyl. After a three-week pause there was hope, and a plan in place, for the state to finish its fall sports season and start the winter season as soon as possible. But after Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the MDHHS announced a 12-day extension to the pause that shut down sports, it looks like even the MHSAA is losing its influence.

Uyl released a statement after Whitmer announced the extension. "While we are disappointed in today's announcement," he said, "we will continue to look forward as we remain committed to play three sports seasons to their conclusion. The MHSAA Representative Council will meet on Wednesday of this week to chart out another plan for finishing fall and restarting winter."

In recent weeks, the MHSAA had direct contact and conversations with the Governor's Office, and Uyl penned a letter himself, asking the state to allow the MHSAA to restart its sports year.

"The MHSAA had provided a detailed plan to both Governor Whitmer and MDHHS that would have completed fall tournaments with no spectators as safely as possible during the month of December along with allowing winter sport practices to



Mark Uyl

onships, and revised dates and structures for the remaining volleyball and football tournament dates. Now potential conflicts may cause those events to move, maybe even as far forward as the spring.

Whitmer and MDHHS Director Robert Gordon provided a bleak outlook when answering a question regarding the return of high school sports near the end of Monday's press conference. Both parties said that getting kids back in the classroom was a higher priority than worrying about sports.

"When it comes to sports, there is a range of risk levels," Gordon said. "At one end, you have activities that are outdoors and people are spaced out. At another level, we have contact sports outdoors, and at another level, you have indoor contact sports. As you go through those levels, the level of risk increases. We have to think carefully about moving through them. So I will leave it where the governor did. Our first priority, and also lower risk than a lot of those activities, is getting the schools open for education."

In a statement on their Facebook page, Newberry Athletics made an announcement of their own and encouraged the athletes to keep working and stay ready. "Winter sports seasons now can not start until at least Dec. 21. Winter athletes keep working out at home. Be ready to go so that when we get the green light we will be ready!"

Despite his bargain, Uyl's letter and the state athletic association's plan was rejected. Though disappointed, Uyl said he understands.

The future for high school sports is unclear. Last week the MHSAA set new dates for their swimming and diving champi-

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EGLE releases 2019 annual Michigan air quality report

2019 saw another year of overall air quality improvement across the state, according to the latest Annual Air Quality Report released by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Air Quality Division. The comprehensive report includes information about more than 40 monitor locations and over 100 air monitors throughout the state. Details about special projects including the air monitor in Manistee County operated in a partnership between EGLE and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the air monitoring near the Gordie Howe International Bridge construction site are included as well.

The contents of the 2019 Annual Air Quality Report focuses on information for specific pollutants, including those with National Ambient Air Quality Standards and toxic air contaminants, air quality trends, and an overview of the air monitoring network.

The report also contains important details on the following:

- Types of monitoring done at each monitoring location.
- Concentrations of air pollutants.
- Pollutant trends over time.
- Air Quality Index (AQI) information.
- Meteorological data, such as precipitation and temperature information.

If you have questions about the report's contents, contact Cindy Hodges at 517-648-7169 or HodgesC@Michigan.gov.

More information on the Air Quality Division's annual program activities, such as permitting and inspections, can be found in the Year End Air Quality Program Report or at Michigan.gov/Air.

Michigan State Police: Upper Peninsula native promoted to post commander at the Sault Ste. Marie post

The Michigan State Police has announced the promotion of D/Lt. Rob Allen to first lieutenant and commander of the Sault Ste. Marie Post.



As commander of the Sault Ste. Marie Post, F/Lieutenant Allen is responsible for the operation of the Sault Ste. Marie Post and the Newberry Detachment, and will administer all Michigan State Police services in Chippewa and Luce counties. He started in this new role on November 15, 2020.

F/Lieutenant Allen enlisted with the department in 1996 and graduated as a member of the 114th Trooper Recruit School. In his 24-year career, F/Lieutenant Allen has served at the Stephenson Post, Sault Ste. Marie Post, and the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team. He has held the ranks of trooper, uniform sergeant, detective sergeant, and detective lieutenant.

F/Lieutenant Allen is a proud Upper Peninsula native and graduated from Rudyard High School. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served honorably for 6 years. F/Lieutenant Allen attended both Michigan State University and Lake Superior State University where his higher education focused on criminal justice and corrections.

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November 30, 2020

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Ayes-all, motion carried.

Motion by Nutkins, sup-

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the Treasurer's report.

Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Rahilly, sup-

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Supervisor to sign the Inter-

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County, Michigan. Ayes all,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council for the Village of Newberry will hold an electronic public hearing regarding the 2021 Proposed Operating Budget.

The hearing will be held electronically on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible). You may participate by calling 1-877-853-5257 and entering the Meeting ID: 893 8046 2624 and then pressing # or you may logon using ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89380462624>. Persons with disabilities who require assistance in order to participate in the electronic public hearing should contact the Village at the earliest opportunity by emailing awatkins@newberrymi.gov or by calling 906-293-3433.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

The proposed budget may be reviewed at the Village of Newberry 302 E. McMillan Ave, Newberry, MI during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. The budget may also be viewed at www.villageofnewberrymi.com.

The Village Council welcomes written and/or verbal comments regarding the 2021 Proposed Operating Budget. All written comments must be received by Friday, December 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Office.

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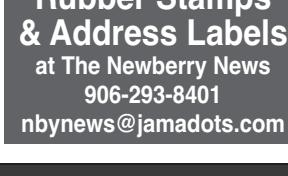
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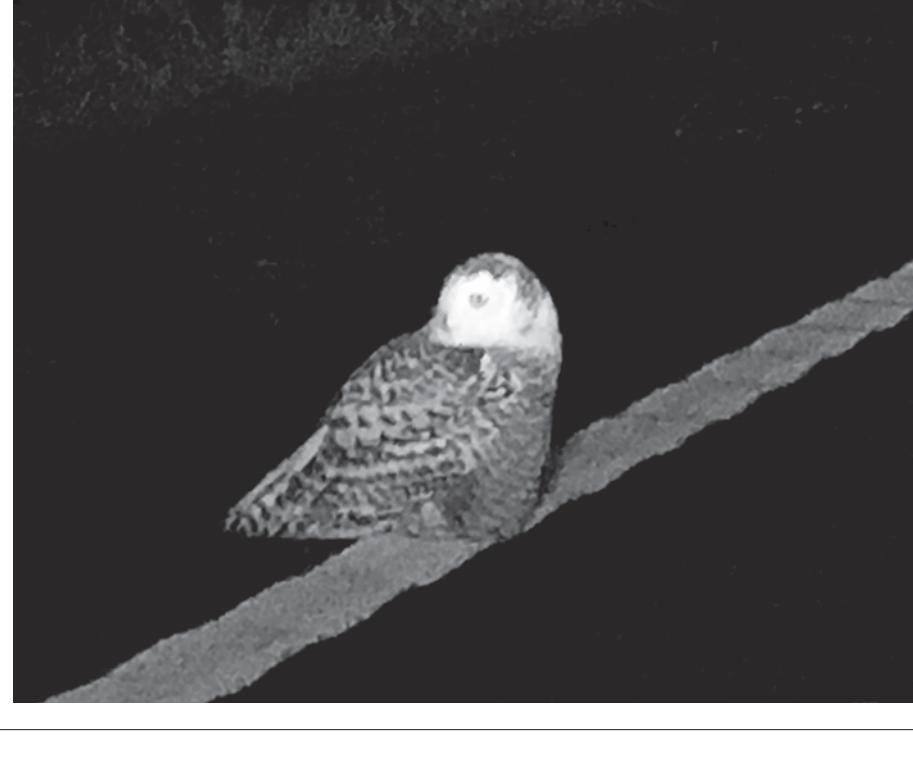
As snow begins to fall across the state, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) launched a new winter driving safety website to remind drivers to slow down and use caution when traveling

on slick and snow-covered roads.

Remember – the weather doesn't cause crashes; most winter driving crashes are caused by drivers going too fast for the roadway conditions.

For information on a wide range of

cold-weather challenges, such as planning a safe route, how to control your vehicle on slick roads, what to do in an emergency, passenger safety information, tire tips and more, visit Michigan.gov/WinterDriving.



This majestic snowy owl was spotted on the side of M-28 near Seney last Friday evening, December 4. Though the bird was sitting on the white fog line, it appeared uninjured and seemed to be listening patiently for any scurrying rodents in the field next to the road.

Photo by Lauren Burton.

Of course there's more

Watch out for COVID scams

Attorney General Dana Nessel issued an urgent consumer alert to Michigan residents warning them of COVID-19-related scams.

"Scammers are lurking under every rock and behind every corner waiting to take advantage of unsuspecting people," said Nessel.

Nessel's consumer alert is an urgent reminder to avoid false claims, products and services that promise to cure, treat or prevent COVID-19. Vaccines, treatments, test kits and clinical trials are all examples of what scammers may offer.

"We are working with our state, federal and local partners in preparing for distribution of the life-saving COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available," said

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "However, Michigan residents should keep in mind that a vaccine has not yet been approved, so they should be extremely wary of anyone who offers them a vaccine now. When the COVID-19 vaccine does become available it will be in limited quantities, and people should look to trusted resources for information such as their local health department or their doctor. MDHHS will share this information widely and will provide regularly updated information on our website."

No vaccine has been approved for distribution by the FDA yet, reminded Nessel.

"We all want this devastating virus to go away," said Nessel, "but until a vaccine is approved for distribution by the FDA, if someone offers you a COVID-19 vaccine, do not take it!"

To report fraud or make a consumer complaint in Michigan, please contact the Attorney General's connection to consumer protection online or at 517-335-7599.

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Firefighters return to Michigan after assisting with historic western wildfire season

By Kathleen Lavey
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Paul Dunn has been fighting wildfires in Michigan for 15 years, the last two of them as a full-time firefighter for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Late this summer, he got his first chance to go west, driving a DNR Type 6 off-road engine with colleague Ben Osterland, arriving at the Lake Fire near Santa Clarita, California on Aug. 24. The fire burned more than 31,000 acres of big-cone Douglas fir, oak and gray pine between Aug. 12 and Sept. 28.

Once on site, the duo from Michigan was assigned to mop-up duties in areas where the fire had already passed through. They made many trips up and down the mountain to look for hot spots, pulled hose out of the area and restored the landscape, as much as possible, to its native state.

They were up at 5 a.m., working in remote country in 90-degree heat, wearing 25-40 pounds of gear while working at their jobs.

For Dunn, the experience offered a chance to take in the breathtaking beauty of the west, as well as an opportunity to build firefighting skills he can use back home in Michigan.

"Before I was full-time, I did this for fun on my days

off from my other jobs in Michigan," Dunn said. "Coming out to California is like a big bonus. You get to see the country. You meet a lot of good people from all over."

Dunn and Osterland are among DNR staffers who filled 90 out-of-state assignments during the 2020 wildfire season, even though COVID-19 kept them from traveling until the middle of August.

This year, DNR individuals and teams have taken seven fire engines west, worked on direct fire lines and served various leadership positions on fire management teams in California, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, Utah and Wyoming.

Their help was essential.

Spurred by hot, dry conditions in much of the west during 2020, wildfires have burned more than 8 million acres across western landscapes, with record-setting blazes sometimes forcing quick evacuations of towns and cities.

DNR staffers Glenn Palmgren and Keith Murphy are part of an interagency Eastern Area Type 2 Incident Management Team. They were summoned to California's capital city of Sacramento in early September to be placed on emerging fires as needed.

Their first assignment was the Bobcat Fire in suburban Los Angeles, which started



Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Michigan DNR fire trucks along the road in California.

Sept. 6 and burned more than 115,000 acres. The fire destroyed or damaged more than 170 homes and other structures, which made for some scary moments.

"That was the most intense incident management experience that Keith and I have ever had, with tens of thousands of homes being threatened," Palmgren said.

Managers had to make fast decisions as the fire moved across the landscape toward heavily populated areas.

"There's a lot of triage involved in firefighting," Palmgren said. "Things like human life always take first-priority, and we have to work with local units of government on evacuations.

"Next, after human life is property, and we work really hard to try to keep the fire from destroying people's

homes and businesses. When we're in that kind of a mode, and the fire is moving fast, we call that 'point protection.'

"We can't put the fire out during the most extreme conditions. We're trying to protect people and their homes. It's a matter of meeting the highest priorities that we can while trying to stop the fire."

The Type 2 team Murphy and Palmgren were assigned to was called off as the Bobcat Fire continued to expand. The team was replaced with a Type 1 team rated for more complex events.

Murphy and Palmgren were then reassigned to the Brattain Fire, eight hours north near Paisley, Oregon. It started Sept. 7 and burned more than 50,000 acres as firefighters worked to cope

with extremely dry conditions and high winds.

"Once the town was secured and protected, it was about trying to protect the grazing lands and timber," Palmgren said. "Fire can leave cattle without food in that part of the country, so protecting grazing land was important."

Palmgren and Murphy spent two weeks in Oregon, working with firefighters from across the eastern region of the country, including 10 firefighters from New York City.

Palmgren said he enjoys the challenge of diving into a new fire situation.

"It's everything from saving people's lives to saving their livelihoods and their property," he said. "And it helps us keep our own skills sharp. We learn valuable less-

sons that can help us do a better job here in Michigan."

After coming home for a few weeks, Palmgren and Murphy returned to California to spend two weeks on the Dolan Fire, which has burned about 125,000 acres south of Big Sur, since it was reported on Aug. 18.

Paige Gebhardt, a resource analyst with the DNR's Forest Resources Division, makes maps that include layers of data to help firefighters get to where they're going and assess what's happening there.

Gebhardt is currently in training on fire duty. Her first assignment was as part of a mapping team on the 1 million-acre August Complex fire in California in early September. She was also invited to work on the 176,000-acre Mullen Fire south of Centennial, Wyoming in October.

"There are definitely tight deadlines," Gebhardt said. "Major stress came in when we couldn't produce maps fast enough and get them to the people on the ground."

Gebhardt didn't know what to expect going into the experience, but she came away with better skills and higher confidence.

"I just didn't really know what to expect from me and my job," she said. "But I learned I can produce the maps quickly and interact with people and a team."

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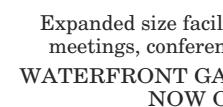
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