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# BLIND JUSTICE



Mike Friedgen, left, and Linda Friedgen pose for a photo in their home in Tawas City. Their son Jerry Friedgen died of an overdose in February.

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## SAFETY Against the current

*Lake Michigan  
rip current  
survivor tells story,  
raises awareness*

BY SHERI McWHIRTER  
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LELAND — Jamie Racklyeft nearly died in a rip current at Van's Beach six years ago. He said he remembers arguing with those who saved his life, thinking he was already dead. But he wasn't dead. Racklyeft was pulled just in time from the Lake Michigan waters in which he'd been trapped in what became a deadly rip current.



"I went out and was playing in the waves. It was great, the greatest I had felt all year," he said. Then Racklyeft said he noticed as he started to walk toward the beach that he wasn't making any progress. "It was like I was moonwalking," he said.

The realization he was caught in a rip current came to Racklyeft so he said he used what little knowledge he had about the shoreline phenomenon — learned years ago from watching "Baywatch" episodes — to attempt to survive his predicament. He didn't fight the current, and he swam to the side trying to escape the water's pull. Nevertheless, Racklyeft said he lost his bearings, swallowed his pride and yelled for help, but then quickly became exhausted and overwhelmed by the pummeling waves before he lost consciousness.

"I had the realization that I wasn't going to get out of this," Racklyeft said. But he did survive. Bystanders used a kayak to save Racklyeft's life. Unfortunately, he wasn't the only swimmer to be caught in the rip current that day. Sixteen-year-old Brian Rolston died one hour later, drowned after being caught in the same rip current at the same beach in Leland. Rolston wasn't alone. More than 650 people drowned in the Great Lakes since records began to be kept in 2010.

## GT black drug defendants receive longer sentences than similarly-situated white suspects

BY MATT TROUTMAN  
Special to the Record-Eagle

TRAVERSE CITY — No judge's sentence could bring back Jerry Friedgen, who died of an overdose in a Traverse City restaurant bathroom.

His father, Mike Friedgen, knew that. He just hoped the person responsible for the fatal batch of drugs his son took in the Denny's restaurant restroom on Feb. 7 served the longest sentence allowable by law. That punitive message could spare other families the loss of a child — an event he once considered unfathomable, despite his son's 12-year battle with addiction, he said.

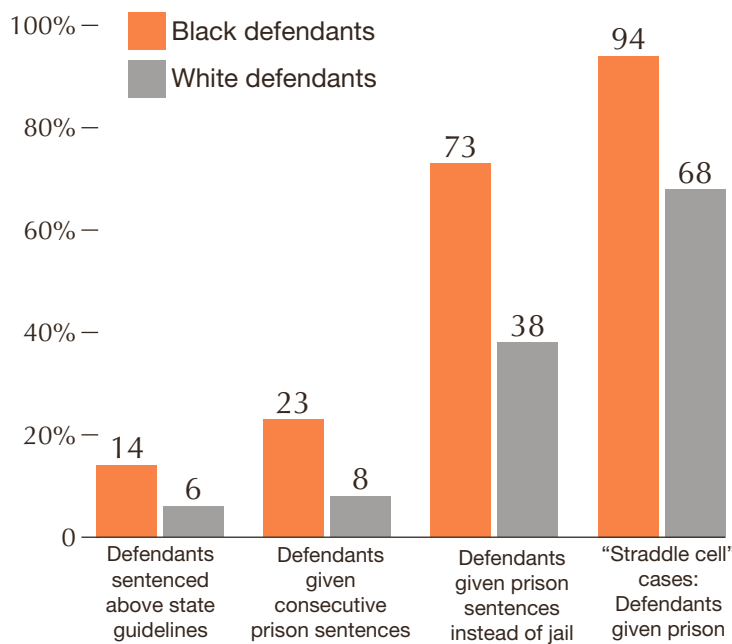
Mike Friedgen's two decades as administrator of Alcona County's friend of the court prepared him for bumps on the road to justice.

"It does bother me that people are not treated equally or fairly in the justice system," he said.

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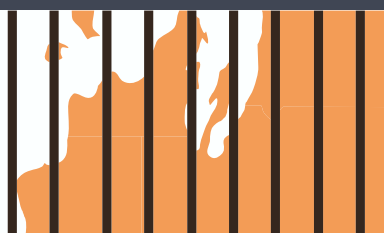
### Black drug suspects consistently received harsher penalties than white suspects

Sample: 227 cases from 2012-2016



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## HIGH CRIMES



Blind Justice is the final installment of High Crimes — a Record-Eagle data reporting project examining trends exposed in information collected from thousands of drug cases in the Grand Traverse region's courts. Record-Eagle reporters since the last installment collected and analyzed sentencing guideline data from felony drug cases adjudicated between 2012 and 2016 in Grand Traverse County. Overall the project collected data from 3,053 drug cases from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties. The latest dataset compiled information from sentencing guideline scoring documents related to 260 felony drug cases. Visit Record-Eagle.com to see the entire High Crimes series, including interactive graphics, videos and maps. This final installment of High Crimes was completed by Record-Eagle Senior Reporter Matt Troutman following his departure for an investigative reporting position in New York. Follow him on Twitter @ByMattTroutman.

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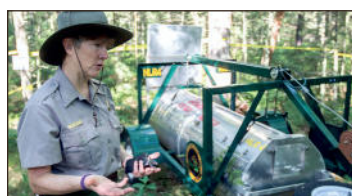
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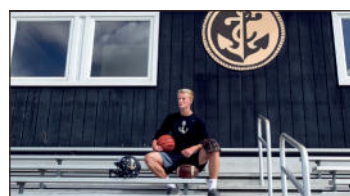
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**Fire**



The Associated Press

Officials investigate at a fire at the Cosmo Extended Stay Motel in Sodus Township on Saturday.

# Woman, 5 kids die in motel blaze

*Eight people treated for smoke inhalation*

SODUS TOWNSHIP (AP) — A fire swept through a southwestern Michigan motel early Saturday, killing a woman and five of her children, authorities said.

The Cosmo Extended Stay Motel in Sodus Township was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived shortly after receiving a 1:45 a.m. 911 call, the Berrien County sheriff's office said.

Kiarre Samuel, 26, and five of her children, who ranged in age from 2 to

10 years old, were killed, Chief Deputy Robert Boyce said. Samuel's husband and another child survived. All eight were in the same room.

"It's tragic. It tears at your heart," Boyce said. "Any time you have children, it's worse. When it's multiple children, it's even worse."

The motel is off Interstate 94 in the southwestern corner of Michigan, roughly 100 miles from Chicago. Authorities said 27 rooms were occupied at the time of the fire. Ninety percent of the property has smoke, fire or water damage.

Boyce described the two-story motel as a place for low-income people to "get

back on their feet."

Eight people were treated for smoke inhalation and released from a hospital. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Samuel's husband was the father of some of the children who died, Boyce said.

"His whole world's been turned upside down," the chief deputy said.

A motel resident, Sarah Sanders, said she fled after a friend shouted at her to get out.

"By the time we get outside, the end of the building exploded," Sanders told the South Bend Tribune. "The glass shattered out and there was big whoof of flame."

## LAKE MICHIGAN SAND DUNES

# State developers use century-old document in land dispute

SAUGATUCK (AP) — Developers of high-end homes in the Lake Michigan sand dunes are using a 114-year-old document in a legal dispute against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Holland residents Jeff and Peg Padnos, operating under North Shores of Saugatuck LLC, filed a quiet title action this month against the federal agency. They're working toward developing 23 homes near Saugatuck Dunes State Park, some of which would be built on Lake Michigan dune grass while others are to be constructed along the Kalamazoo River.

The developers are arguing that the Army Corps violated a century-old agreement by extending its

right-of-way after rebuilding walls along the channel between the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan eight years ago. The 1904 document in question is a deed between former property owner Marguerite Cook and the Army Corps, which allowed them to create the Kalamazoo River channel.

The walls and channel have encouraged tourist access to Saugatuck.

"Well, it's important to the three communities that are here and that includes the harbor area also," Saugatuck Township Clerk Brad Rudrich said of the structures.

The Corps' extension of its right-of-way up to 45 feet inland from the walls is keeping the Padnoses from

developing seven lots for homes that start at \$1.5 million. The Corps' property inland from the retaining walls interferes with the planned development, according to the filing.

The action asks a judge to clarify ownership of property that abuts the channel.

Army Corps representative Tom O'Bryan said the retaining walls are "important for navigation" and the channel could be in danger if the agency doesn't have the space necessary to access the walls.

He and a public affairs specialist have said that the Army Corps isn't yet aware of the filing.

The Army Corps has a month to respond to the suit.

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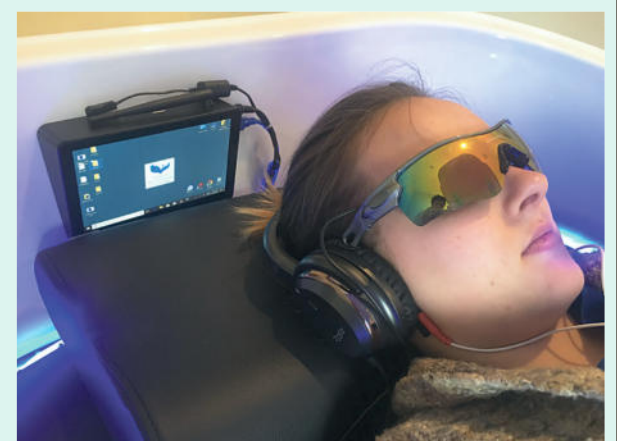
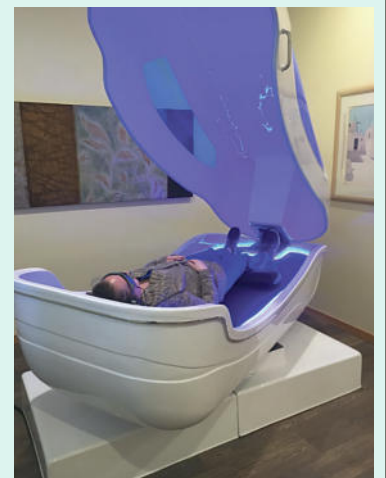
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# Fixing the leak

*West's worn-out cooling tower to be replaced by November*

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TRAVERSE CITY — Students and staff at Traverse City West Senior High School should be slightly more comfortable in their classrooms next year when warm spells sweep through northern Michigan.

Until then, however, the climate inside might be a bit steamy when the mercury is high outside.

The high school's 20-year-old cooling tower, which supports the building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning, has worn down to the point of near ineffectiveness.

"I don't know if it was any worse this year because of the cooling tower issue, but there was definitely an issue during that last part of school," West Principal Joe Esper said. "There's lots of parts of the buildings that don't have windows, and that's really where you feel it more. Like the auditorium, the gyms, some of the music classrooms and offices — that's where you really need some sort of system that's moving the air."

The breaking point came when a minor leak turned into an "urgent matter" when the unit began spewing more than 2 gallons per minute.

"Out of the back of the building, you could literally see the river flowing off the tower," Esper said. "I'd drive in, and you could just see this constant stream flowing out of it."

Staff worked to put a temporary stop-gap measure in place to stem the flow of water, but the system was still losing about a gallon a day. The costs for repairs and the age of the unit made replacing the cooling tower the most viable option, according to Traverse City Area Public Schools Director of Operations Paul Thwing. There were initial concerns the system would have to be shut down completely for the majority of the summer if the minor repairs did not help.

"There's only some sealant we put in there to keep the water in," he said. "To repair it properly, we'd have to basically crane the unit off of its foundation and have a new pan constructed to put under it. By the time we thought we did that, we might as well look at the replacement of the unit as a whole."

TCAPS opened bidding to install a new system July 2, and TCAPS trustees awarded the contract to Hurst Mechanical for \$186,950 with a 10 percent contingency. Funding will come from the current capital projects bond.

"Those are pricey items, but if you can get 20 years of use out of them in a building that handles this many kids every day, that's pretty good," Esper said.

Jamin Nyhuis, project manager at Hurst Mechanical, said the nuts-and-bolts work will take a little more than a week.

"The guys will come in in the morning, tear the unit apart with what we need to break it down," Nyhuis said. "The truck driver will show up in the afternoon; crane will pick the old unit out of the way; crane will set the new unit in place; we pipe it up with electrical and plumbing and everything else it needs; and then we start it up."

Projected completion of the project is set for November.

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LEELANAU ROAD COMMISSION

## Four Republicans on ballot

*Snowplowing tax also up for renewal*

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SUTTONS BAY — The Leelanau County Road Commission board has grown from three members to five, and with two new seats and one seat up for re-election, has attracted a slate of six candidates.

Four of those candidates — all Republicans — will vie in the August primary for two six-year seats, one of which is newly created. They are incumbent James Roger Calhoun, Tom Eckerle, Mark Walter and Michael J. Zeits.

The top two vote-getters will then face Democratic candidate Garth M. Greenan, 63, of Solon

Township, in November.

Only one person is running for an open four-year seat — Republican Greg Mikowski, 68, of Suttons Bay. That seat, which also is new, will transition into a six-year seat in 2022, with the five seats then being staggered.

Voters also will be asked to approve a two-year, 0.5-mill property tax that has been in place since 1986 and costs the average Leelanau household about \$50 per year, said Joe Nedow, finance manager. The tax will raise \$1.248 million in its first year, with the money used primarily for winter snow maintenance.

The Leelanau County Board of Commissioners approved increasing the number of board members in January, after the issue had been considered for a few years.

Road Commission Trustee John Popa has said two board members will now be able to talk to each other without it being a quorum. It will also make for better discussions on agenda items and give a better representation of the county, Popa has said.

Calhoun, 69, owns an excavating business in Northport, where he lives. Calhoun has been on the commission since November 2014, when he was appointed after the death of long-serving Commissioner Glen Noonan. He was elected to the seat in 2016.

Eckerle, 73, of Suttons Bay, is retired from the Leelanau Fruit Company, where he was also president of the board, and from Elmer's Crane and Dozer. He is also a farmer, growing cherries, corn, oats and a little bit of every-

thing, he said.

This is Eckerle's first bid for public office.

Mark Walter, 54, is retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections and now works in the Benzie County jail as a corrections officer.

The Elmwood Township resident was a Leelanau County commissioner for six years and has made two failed bids for Leelanau County sheriff.

Michael J. Zeits, 73, is a Vietnam veteran who retired from the Road Commission in 2007. Still, the Centerville Township resident has worked part-time, on-call for the commission for the last 10 years doing winter snowplowing and some summer maintenance.

This is also Zeits' first time running for public office.

## BEAR TRAP SET IN CAMPGROUND



Record-Eagle/Tessa Lighty

Sue Jennings, a National Park Service wildlife biologist, talks about the bear trap placed at Platte River Campground in Honor. The trap, which only encloses the bear, was placed after multiple reports of a bear in the camp.

### National park officials warn campers about bruin, food storage

BY SHERI McWHIRTER  
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HONOR — Some campers at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in recent weeks found themselves in the presence of a scavenging black bear.

A single bruin has repeatedly been spotted throughout July at Platte River Campground within the national park in Benzie County, much to the surprise of campers. Some even found the bear's snout poking inside their tents in search of an easy meal. The flurry of the bear's activities in the campground spurred park officials to attempt to capture and relocate the creature, while also warning visitors about its presence and how to store food and trash in a way not to attract it.

"We are very fortunate the bear is not yet food aggressive," said Sue Jennings, a biologist and wildlife program manager at the national park. "We are really concerned about wanting to get it trapped."

At first, the bear trap was kept within the treeline near the campground, but after

continued sightings officials moved the trap right within the campground boundaries.

"We are getting a lot of questions," Jennings said, adding how the now quite visible trap raises awareness and led to improved food storage among campers.

So far, the bear has successfully scavenged through the campground, finding food left out and rummaging through easy-to-reach trash. That means the bear has been conditioned to find food near people, and it seems to return every five to seven days for a repeat feast.

"When they are habituated like that, they are less scared of people," Jennings said.

Steve Griffith, wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Traverse City field office, said state officials are working with the national park with this problem bear. If captured, the bear likely would be "hazed and relocated" elsewhere within the national park's boundaries, he said.

Hazing means creating a negative experience for the bear to change its association with people, often by shooting rubber

buckshot or a beanbag at the bear's rump when it's released.

"Bears are normally shy and don't want to be around people. If you take the food away, normally that's all it takes," Griffith said. "But despite their nature, they can become accustomed to getting food near people."

Jennings said campers are told to loudly yell and even bang pots and pans should they see a bear in the campground. Additionally, both food and garbage must be stored in bear-proof containers or locked inside vehicles, a way to minimize what attracts the bear, she said.

"We can co-habitate with bears if we do our jobs as humans," Jennings said. "Keep bird feeders up, put trash out in the morning not at night, and keep a clean camp."

This isn't the first bear incident in the area this summer. One was struck and killed by a vehicle July 11 within the national park's boundaries in Leelanau County, while on July 24 another was struck but survived on South Center Highway on the eastern side of Leelanau County.

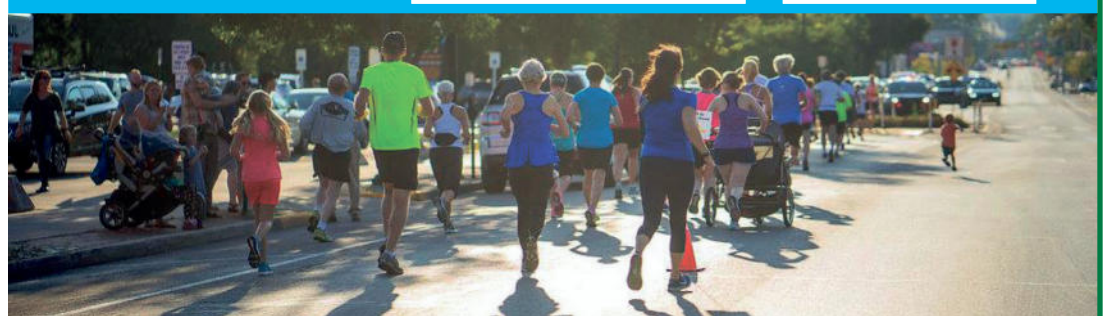


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# JUSTICE

*Sentences differ for GT black drug defendants, white suspects*

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Justice must be blind, the maxim goes. One defendant should receive roughly the same punishment as another with similar circumstances. The court system has safeguards to ensure such equal treatment. Society suffers without it, legal minds reason.

But data shows justice in Grand Traverse County isn't colorblind.

## PERSISTENT DISPARITIES

Black felony drug defendants in Grand Traverse County receive sentences three times longer than their white counterparts, according to data compiled by the Record-Eagle from five years of drug-related court cases.

Such a pattern isn't unique to Grand Traverse County.

Marit Rehavi, a professor at the University of British Columbia, studied racial disparities in American drug sentences at the federal level. She found black drug suspects received 10 percent longer sentences than whites arrested for the same crimes.

"I think a lot of people think racial disparities are a problem elsewhere, but not where I live," she said.

The Record-Eagle last year reported on the disparity in Grand Traverse County, but local prosecutors and judges criticized the analysis because they felt it didn't fully compare similar cases or consider defendants' past criminal records.

Their critique prompted an expanded data collection effort that delved deeper into Grand Traverse County drug sentences. It sought to further compare "apples to apples" based on sentencing guideline scores, which take a crime's severity and a defendant's criminal record into account.

The disparity persisted. Grand Traverse County's black felony drug defendants more often received longer typical sentences than white suspects in cases with identical sentencing grids or guideline ranges, according to analysis of 260 felony drug cases adjudicated between 2012 and 2016.

Black suspects also consistently received more harsh penalties than white suspects in the following ways:

- Black defendants received longer average sentences in seven of nine Michigan felony classes. Judges did not sentence any black suspects in the remaining classes.

- Judges sentenced 14 percent of black suspects above state guidelines, compared to 6 percent of white defendants.

- Twenty-two percent of black defendants received consecutive prison sentences, while courts imposed similar terms for about 9 percent of whites.

- About 73 percent of black defendants received a prison sentence instead of a local jail term. By contrast, 38 percent of white suspects went to prison.

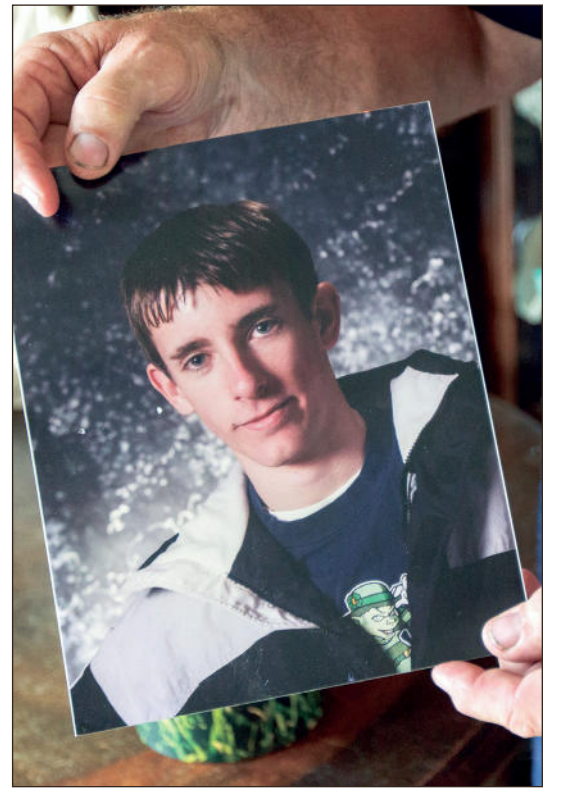
- In so-called "straddle cell" cases in which guidelines leave a choice between jail or prison, judges sent 94 percent of black suspects to prison. White suspects went to prison in 68 percent of such cases.

Past criminal records increased sentences for black and white drug defendants alike. But data from sentencing categories reflecting the worst criminal records shows black defendants received sentences at least two times longer than white suspects.

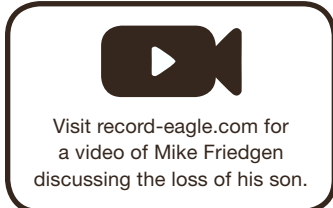
The data also shows the disparity was most



Left, Judge Thomas Power listens in court during a sentencing for Lebronze Seamon in 13th Circuit Court in December 2017. Right, Jerry Friedgen suffered a yearslong battle with opioid addiction.



Record-Eagle photos/Tessa Lighty



Visit record-eagle.com for a video of Mike Friedgen discussing the loss of his son.

pronounced in cases that moved through 13th Circuit Court Judge Thomas Power's courtroom. He sentenced black defendants to three times longer typical sentences than white suspects.

Power's former colleague Judge Phillip Rodgers handled fewer cases overall but enough to show his typical sentences for black and white suspects were virtually identical.

Power, in a series of written exchanges with a Record-Eagle reporter, wrote defendants' sentences stem from the severity of their crimes and prior criminal records. He also stated African-Americans generally control the distribution of heroin to the community.

"Disparities between black and white drug defendants are the result of the role (of African-Americans) at the top and middle management of transportation and distribution of heroin from the urban areas to Traverse City," he wrote. "They also generally have more severe prior felony records."

Denying that fact is akin to global warming denials, Power wrote.

Local and national authorities, facing a widespread opioid crisis, have pushed for harsh outcomes in drug cases.

President Donald Trump recently pushed for the death penalty to be applied in certain drug dealing cases. Likewise, Grand Traverse County authorities in recent years took a tough stance on suspects they labeled high-level dealers. The aggressive position continued as a wave of fatal overdoses hit the county and Prosecutor Bob Cooney levied drug dealing causing death charges against three suspects, including the man convicted in Jerry Friedgen's death — Toby Wayne Park, 38, of Traverse City.

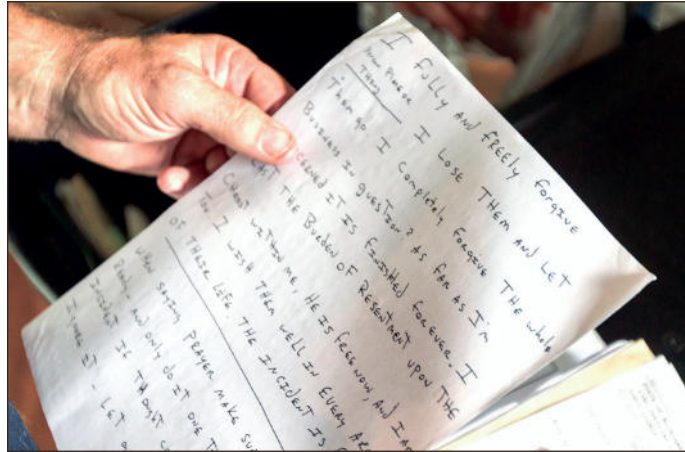
Video showed Park, who is white, handing Jerry Friedgen, 38, of Tawas, drugs on Feb. 7, authorities said. Moments later, Friedgen, who was also white, walked into a Denny's restroom where he overdosed and died.

Park copped a plea and in June received a six-year sentence — two years fewer than recommended by state sentencing guidelines. It's a term that Mike Friedgen felt was unfair, but not because it was too lenient.

He believed it was too harsh.

He said Park identified a dealer who gave him the drugs that ultimately killed Jerry Friedgen. That suspect — also white — received a two-year prison term because of quirks in Michigan's sentencing system.

"The department of corrections needs to make some changes on the guide-



Mike Friedgen rifles through Jerry Friedgen's old things, including journals and memos from his time in rehab. Friedgen travels around to rehabilitation centers to talk about his son and what he's learned since.

lines, and the judges need to follow the guidelines," Friedgen said.

## SAME CELL, DIFFERENT SENTENCES

Thomas Holmes used to dream of a hip-hop career. He released a music video from his album "The Re-Up" — slang for a drug resupply, a police report later noted — in which he ran from the door of his brick Cadillac Boulevard house in Detroit.

The dream ended when Traverse Narcotics Team detectives served a warrant at that same house in September 2015. They arrested him on suspicion of shipping tens of thousands of grams of heroin to Traverse City.

Holmes, 51, who is black, heard another African-American drug suspect received a 56-year prison sentence for his crimes in Grand Traverse County. This worried Holmes, but his white cellmate's sentence gave him hope. Holmes and his cellmate faced drug charges which should have yielded roughly equivalent sentences.

"The final outcome he said he had got like 36 months and I was like, 'Well, maybe I might get 36 months,'" Holmes said.

Holmes received 60 months.

Every felony sentence in Michigan, Holmes' included, is crafted with at least some attention to sentencing guidelines.

Anne Yantus, a state appeals attorney and professor at University of Detroit Mercy, said the guidelines were created to encourage uniformity and avoid disparities across the state.

Judges should hand down similar sentences to similar offenders, in essence, she said.

"The point of guidelines was to reduce discretion," she said.

The guidelines came into play for Holmes when he took a plea which dropped all but one of 16 felony counts he faced. The charge — conspiracy to deliver heroin or cocaine — carried a maximum 20-year prison term, but he knew he'd be unlikely to serve it all.

Few felony inmates do. Parole usually comes long before then.

Inmates instead serve every day of a minimum sentence set by a judge but based on guideline calculations first made by Michigan Department of Corrections officials and

then hashed over by attorneys.

The guidelines measure two main factors: a defendant's criminal history and the crime's severity. Those prior record and offense variables are scored and placed on a sentencing grid, which gives a judge a range for a defendant's minimum sentence.

Holmes had a criminal record, but not a significant one. He scored low on his prior record variables. But prosecutors argued, and Judge Philip Rodgers agreed, that Holmes' crime was severe. They said Holmes piped drugs into the Traverse City area from Detroit — an accusation of particular concern to local authorities who pledged to target major narcotics suppliers.

The high offense variable score put Holmes into a 36- to 60-month recommended minimum sentence. That's the same range Holmes' white cellmate received.

His cellmate purchased 208 grams of MDMA — a drug commonly known as "ecstasy" or "Molly" — on the clandestine "dark web" from Germany. The package was intercepted and authorities arrested him, confiscating a number of firearms in the process.

Holmes' cellmate also took a plea deal that dropped all but one drug-related Class B felony charge. In contrast to Holmes, the cellmate scored low on his offense severity, despite an international drug conspiracy, and high on criminal history — his past included an assault with a baseball bat — but the final guideline range was the same: 36 to 60 months.

The cellmate's 36-month sentence from Power came with a chance to enter a "boot camp" prison alternative after 15 months. He's now released and requested the Record-Eagle not identify him so as to not harm future job prospects.

Holmes admitted he sold drugs, but called himself a "middle man." He said local authorities can't keep locking up out-of-town black suspects for long periods without also looking into local white drug users who drive the market for narcotics.

Holmes claimed no one thought to give him the second chance or leniency his white cellmate received.

"The color of my skin definitely played a factor, I

would say," he said.

## PROBLEMS WITH GUIDELINES

Many justice system officials aren't satisfied with the guidelines.

Judges often feel shackled by them. Defense attorneys bemoan their wide ranges and how a defendant's criminal record can double, or more, a sentence. Some experts think they are long overdue for an overhaul.

Yantus recently wrote an article about an upward "creep" in punishments. Michigan led the country in average prison stays, it noted.

"As I said in the article, it's easier to go up on the guidelines than to go down on them," Yantus said.

Grand Traverse County justice system officials previously told the Record-Eagle that black defendants' prior records at least partly explained their longer sentences. Downstate dealers who supply the local drug market tend to have longer criminal records, in their telling.

The data both supports and refutes that assertion.

An equal number of black and white defendants were represented in the 30 who landed an "F" — the worst criminal record category in Michigan sentencing. Their guideline scores averaged about the same, with black defendants' tallies typically reaching a little higher.

The sentences were a different story.

Black defendants with the worst criminal records received typical sentences of 24 months, compared to 14 months for their white counterparts.

Power, in his response to the Record-Eagle, stated the calculation didn't take into account "a major difference in severity of new drug crimes committed." He noted 63 percent of those black defendants with significant prior records were convicted of severe new felonies, as compared to 43 percent of whites.

The Record-Eagle conducted additional calculations which only counted severe new felony convictions in a test of Power's point. It found black defendants' typical sentences were 37 months compared to 27.5 months for similarly-charged white suspects.

Such disparities persisted in nearly every other sentencing factor measured or calculated by the guidelines, though direct comparisons weren't always possible between groups of suspects.

There are 240 slots on the sentencing grids used in Michigan felony drug cases, but guideline scores for the black and white felony drug defendants in Grand Traverse County studied by the Record-Eagle overlapped in just 15 of those slots.

Black defendants received longer sentences in nine of those 15 spaces. Sentences for white defendants were longer in three of those categories. Outcomes were equal in the

three remaining categories.

The data also showed multiple instances in which black defendants received treatment that could translate to longer sentences. Black suspects, for instance, were three times more likely to receive back-to-back prison terms than whites.

Power noted that 20 percent of black defendants had mandatory consecutive sentences, whereas only 6 percent of white suspects did.

"Judge has no discretion," he wrote.

Rahavi, the University of British Columbia professor, said her research showed federal prosecutors' decisions, particularly filing charges with mandatory minimum sentences, and sentencing guidelines handcuffed judges' decisions when it came time for sentencing. "Sentencing guidelines will mask racial disparities but not eliminate them," Rehavi said.

Rehavi cautioned against applying specific lessons from federal sentences to local cases in Michigan. But she said discretion matters, whether by police, prosecutors or judges, when trying to determine how racial disparities arise.

"Surprising to a lot of people was we found the racial disparities entered the case before the judge even found them," Rehavi said.

## APPLES TO ORANGES

Power found it particularly "troubling" the data showed his sentences for black suspects were three times longer than those imposed by his former colleague, Judge Philip Rodgers.

He maintained the actual sentence median — the measurement generally used by the Record-Eagle instead of average, which could be skewed by lengthy outliers — for black defendants in his courtroom was 15 months. It was a number he reached by subtracting seven felony cases from the 20 black defendants he had with guidelines which mandated prison terms.

Rodgers, he noted, only had 13 such cases.

"You have previously stated you're comparing 'apples to apples' and that the racial disparity you previously reported persisted in nearly every comparison of 'similarly situated suspects,'" Power wrote. "Your 'apples to apples' comparison is in fact riddled with oranges."

The Record-Eagle could not confirm Power's calculation because he did not specify which defendants he removed from the data. An additional analysis based off of Power's concerns showed Power's and Rodgers' typical sentences were identical — 36 months — for black defendants with guidelines which mandated prison.

But the sentences for white defendants whose guidelines called for prison rather than jail were much different.

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# JUSTICE

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Rodgers' typical sentence for whites stood at 32 months. Power's was 15 months — less than half the median sentence length he gave similar black defendants.

A reporter provided Power with multiple spreadsheets and analyses for this story. Power provided comment on some points in writing, but left many points unanswered. He didn't respond to multiple requests for more detailed questions or provide documentation on any analysis he performed on the data.

Power also declined or didn't respond to multiple requests for phone or face-to-face interviews.

His written response stated African-Americans generally control the distribution of heroin to the community. He wrote local, almost-exclusively white addicts deliver the drug and collect payments.

"The sentences handed down to addicts who make retail deliveries of heroin and have more modest prior records are smaller than the sentences of middle and upper-level managers of heroin dis-

tribution who have more serious felony records," he wrote. "As is true of all generalizations, there are exceptions."

The data showed several exceptions. There were sentencing categories in which white defendants received longer sentences than black suspects with identical guidelines scores. But the overall trends overwhelmingly showed black suspects receive longer sentences, no matter the measurement.

## COMPLICATIONS

Mike Friedgen only wanted to see the person he contends is responsible for his son's death go to prison.

He didn't know the justice system's punishment for the person he believes supplied Park drugs — Jeri Dawn Browne, 61, of Traverse City — would fall short.

Authorities never definitively tied Browne to the death, although she received a two-year sentence for a drug-related conviction stemming from the case. Friedgen believed Park's prison term should be no longer than that, and he told Power so.

"The little fish got gobbled up by the big fish and the big fish got away with it," he said.

Sentencing guidelines called for at least an eight-year sentence for Park, but Power agreed to a six-year term. He noted in court that Park faced a Class A felony while Browne had a less severe Class D felony, Friedgen said.

The surprise and disappointment from the sentences complicated Friedgen's and his wife's grieving process.

Friedgen said they felt like constant enablers for their son Jerry. They discovered a journal in Jerry's possession which detailed depths of despair they didn't know he experienced. They hope other parents can learn from their experience, and Friedgen has given talks in local drug courts.

Justice system officials may be up in arms over the opioid epidemic, but they don't fix anything, Friedgen said. Sending everyone away to prison isn't a solution, he said.

Mike Friedgen, the long-time justice system official, can easily imagine what would have happened if Browne or Park was black.

"I felt if it were someone of a different race it would have been a different outcome," he said.

**Record-Eagle reporter Erin Sloan contributed to this article.**



Record-Eagle photos/Tessa Lighty

Tommy Ellis tries to swim against the current of water flowing from Platte River into Lake Michigan at Platte River Point in Honor. Ellis and other campers were part of the SBX Waterman Camp through Sleeping Bear Surf and Kayak in Empire. The camp aims to teach fun water activities and water safety, like how to navigate a rip current. Rip currents often happen at the mouth of the Platte River and the campers learned to swim out of the current.

# SAFETY

Current survivor tells story, raises awareness

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Racklyeft said survivor's guilt hit him hard. It was jarring, he said, and it prompted him to use his professional skills to benefit others. He works as a communicator for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and decided to use his knowledge to launch the Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium, a nonprofit agency dedicated to ending drownings in Great Lakes waters.

"I need to make sure nobody else discovers rip currents in the Great Lakes the hard way," Racklyeft said.

The agency forms a partnership with the University of Michigan, Michigan Sea Grant and the National Weather Service, among other groups, in an effort to raise awareness of water safety and the danger of rip currents in the Great Lakes.

Rhett Register, of Michigan Sea Grant, said working with the consortium fits in with what his agency does, and that the focus on beach safety and dangerous currents is amplified by the consortium's efforts.

"The consortium is trying to raise awareness about water safety and rip current dangers in the Great Lakes," Register said.

Sue Jennings, from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, said there have been six drownings in the



A rip current warning sign is up at Platte River Point in Benzie County, where a rip current often occurs at the mouth of the river.

national park, though not all in Lake Michigan. Park officials installed warning signs and host training sessions to teach swimmers how to survive being caught in a rip current.

"There tends to be more severe currents in the Ludington and Manistee areas, but we do get rip currents here," she said, particularly at Platte River Point and Peterson Road Beach.

Racklyeft said the consortium wants to make the instructions for surviving a rip current just as much common knowledge and "stop, drop and roll" is for fire.

A rip current is a channel of water that is so strong, not even Olympic swimmers can escape when fighting the current. They often appear where another channel of water enters a larger body of water, such as a river outlet.

The way to survive is to "flip, float and follow," Racklyeft said. "Flip over on your back,

## Great Lakes fatal drownings

Year	Fatalities
2017	88
2016	99
2015	55
2014	54
2013	67
2012	101
2011	87
2010	74

Source: Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium

float to conserve energy and then follow the path of least resistance back," he said.

The consortium offers rip current warning signs on its website from which local municipalities and parks can purchase to install on their own beaches. The signs contain a QR code from which smartphones can be linked to a website that reports current weather and water conditions for the location.

Additionally, Racklyeft said the consortium advocates for loaner life jacket programs and the return of lifeguards to Great Lakes beaches. He said worries about liabilities are unfounded because a trained lifeguard will never do anything but try to save lives. Funding issues for lifeguards can be overcome, as well, he argues.

"They pay for themselves so many times over. They can save lives," Racklyeft said.

More information about the Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium can be found at [www.greatlakeswatersafety.org](http://www.greatlakeswatersafety.org) online.

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## Education is key to preventing drownings

There is nothing more refreshing or relaxing than

the faint swish of Lake Michigan's waves rolling onto the Mitten state's shoreline.

It's a sound that, to many Michiganders, triggers a rush of summertime memories — beach bonfires, the feel of

warm sand beneath our feet and the refreshing, if not breathtakingly, cool water that quenches us on sizzling hot days. Those are things we cherish for many reasons, especially for the inland seas' lack of ocean-side dangers like sharks, jelly fish and hurricanes.

But such a pristine, relaxing backdrop often masks a lurking danger that — when conditions congeal — takes dozens of lives each year along our beachfronts.

More than 650 people have drowned in the Great Lakes since the Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium began keeping records in 2010. Some, not all, died along northern Michigan's beaches where ocean-style rip currents form, sweeping swimmers away from the relative safety of shallow water.

That's exactly what happened to Jamie Racklyeft, a survivor of a 2012 rip current at Van's Beach. About an hour after Racklyeft narrowly escaped drowning, 16-year-old Brian Rolston died in the same location after being swept into deep water by the same current.

Racklyeft attributes his survival to a vague understanding of how to escape rip currents and has since made it his mission to educate Michigan's beachgoers about the dangers of rip currents on the Great Lakes and hopefully help

some would-be victims escape their deadly grip.

"I need to make sure nobody else discovers rip currents in the Great Lakes the hard way," he told a Record-Eagle reporter during a recent interview.

Racklyeft, founder of the Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium, has since made it his mission to make the method of surviving a rip current — flip, float and follow — as common as the commonly known fire safety slogan, "stop, drop and roll." Those three words describe flipping onto your back, floating without panicking and following, not fighting, the current to move to safety.

His is a noble effort we hope will be adopted by school and municipal swimming instructors across the state and Midwest. Thus far, the education campaign hasn't made a noticeable dent in the number of drowning deaths reported in the Great Lakes each year — they peaked in 2012, the year Rolston died, at 101 and dipped for a few years after. But the death toll shot back up to 99 in 2016 and hovered at 88 in 2017.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children and teens are much more likely to die of drowning than adults. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintended injury-related death behind vehicle crashes.

It seems those numbers alone should be the impetus we need to wholeheartedly embrace Racklyeft's campaign.

Because we can't allow our Great Lakes' overwhelming beauty distract us from the dangers associated with enjoying them.

### The issue:

■ Statewide group works to prevent drownings in rip currents

### Our view:

■ Our lakes are as powerful, and at times, as deadly as they are beautiful

# OPINION

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## YOUR VIEWS

### Questioning Clous

County Commissioner Ron Clous questions the need for increasing the Grand Traverse County drain commissioner's hours. He seems to think that having a drain commissioner that works 30-40 percent of the time and only gets paid for working 10 percent of the time is just fine for our county. But Grand Traverse County devotes only a minuscule fraction of its staff to the drain commission compared to similar Michigan counties. A study prepared for Marquette County in 2012 showed that of 12 comparable counties, including Grand Traverse County, on the average they devoted 2.6 full time equivalent positions to their drain commission. That's 2,600 percent of the staffing that we currently have in Grand Traverse County.

As the chair of my homeowner's association Architectural Review Committee, I've had occasion to deal with drainage problems. These are serious issues that need attention, often immediately. We are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful and sensitive watersheds in the country, yet Ron Clous seems to think that government shouldn't have much of a role in making sure that our watershed is properly managed and that abuses due to improper development aren't much of a priority.

Why is that?

John DeSpelder  
Traverse City

### Don't take voting for granted

I want to tell you how much it means to me to vote on Aug. 7. I have lived here for 16 years. I have worked hard, I have paid taxes, and I have volunteered (a lot). I am an immigrant. When I received my citizenship a year ago, the judge said two things to me, along with the 90 or so

other new citizens in the courtroom. He encouraged us all to participate in our community, and he told us that we weren't allowed to leave the building until we had registered to vote. He was only partly kidding.

It's important to vote. Not only to have your voice heard on Election Day but also because politicians know who votes and they give priority to the opinions of people that do. So, you might be tired of hearing about politics and the thought of another election drives you crazy. But please don't take your right to vote for granted. There are many people in our community that don't have that right. Aug. 7 may seem like a regular day for you but in my house, it will be cause for celebration! I will be voting here for the first time.

Nicola Philpott  
Traverse City

### Third party attention

I was so disappointed that you only included biographical data for Democrat and Republican governor candidates in your recent article.

Surely you are aware that there is a third major party on the ballot this year to offer options over the other two parties. For the first time ever, there is a primary race between two Libertarian candidates for governor: Bill Gelineau and John Tatar.

Libertarians are on the primary ballot because the Libertarian party is growing, especially among young people and veterans, who want our government to be accountable and stay out of our personal lives.

I would urge those who are disenchanted with our two-party options to check out an option at [www.michiganlp.org](http://www.michiganlp.org).

Donna Gundle-Krieg  
Mancelona

### Needle control needed

Whatever organiza-

tion is giving away free needles should put their name on each one so when one of their free needles is found in a dead person's arm or someone's kid shoots up for the first time leading to a lifetime hell of drug addiction, their family will know who to thank.

We should be going in the exact opposite direction, making needles as hard to get as the most dangerous prescription drugs. Sale and possession of syringes is only thing we can completely control in this opioid epidemic.

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All needles are scored to be broken off after single use.

At the present time anybody can walk in any drug store and walk out legally with hundreds of syringes.

The only way to make this work is with a national law. So it's law everywhere. Clean needles at a safe site, on-site use only, addicts only and no needles to leave site.

Bill Minore  
Grawn

### Voting is a privilege

As an absentee ballot inspector, it is reassuring that the county took steps to prevent voting interference.

1. It is now too late to register for the primary  
2. In the Aug. 7 primary election, voters must only vote for candidates in the Libertarian, Democratic or Republican party column. Votes in two columns will result in a rejected ballot. If an absentee ballot voter needs to change their vote, the local clerk's

office will help obtain a new absentee ballot.

3. Campaign shirts aren't allowed in a polling precinct.

4. Voters may write in candidates. The name must be in the voter's handwriting and the bubble next to the name must to be darkened.

5. Ballot proposals appear on the rear of absentee ballot.

6. See special instructions at [www.mich.gov/elections](http://www.mich.gov/elections)

Absentee ballot — A written absentee ballot request is submitted to the clerk's office by 1 p.m. Aug. 4 so a ballot reaches the voter by Aug. 7.

Voters who have moved:

Provisional ballot for missing registration — Required data must reach the clerk by Aug. 10.

To make informed decisions, citizens should study candidates and proposals. Voting in this primary election is a civic duty and privilege!

Linda Rutman  
Traverse City

### Support conservation

Please vote yes on the Grand Traverse Conservation District's (0.10) millage proposal on Aug. 7. In my 26-plus years at the Conservation District, I've seen countless high-quality professional staff leave because either their grant expired or for a better opportunity elsewhere. This millage will help ensure that our programs — which include our work on the Boardman River, the management of 3,000 acres of public parkland, invasive species control, farms and Nature Center educational activities — will continue despite dwindling grant dollars.

Most surrounding county conservation districts are supported by a millage for this very reason. Please vote yes for conservation.

Steve and Sharon Largent  
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S U P R E M E C O U R T N O M I N E E

# There's no mystery to Kavanaugh's gun views

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh says he recognizes that gun, drug and gang violence “has plagued all of us.” Still, he believes the Constitution limits how far government can go to restrict gun use to prevent crime.

As a federal appeals court judge, Kavanaugh made it clear in a 2011 dissent that he thinks Americans can keep most guns, even the AR-15 rifles used in some of the deadliest mass shootings.

Kavanaugh's nomination by President Donald Trump has delighted Second Amendment advocates. Gun law supporters worry that his ascendancy to America's highest court would make it harder to

curb the proliferation of guns. Kavanaugh has the support of the National Rifle Association, which posted a photograph of Kavanaugh and Trump across the top of its website.

The Supreme Court has basically stayed away from major guns cases since its rulings in 2008 and 2010 declared a right to have a gun, at least in the home for the purpose of self-defense.

Gun rights advocates believe Kavanaugh interprets the Second Amendment right to bear arms more broadly than does Anthony



Kavanaugh

Kennedy, the justice he would replace. As a first step, some legal experts expect Kavanaugh would be more likely to vote for the court to hear a case that could expand the right to gun ownership or curtail a gun control law.

Kavanaugh would be a “big improvement” over Kennedy, said Erich Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America. Kennedy sided with the majority in rulings in 2008 and 2010 overturning bans on handgun possession in the District of Columbia and Chicago, respectively, but some gun rights proponents believe he was a moderating influence.

“Kennedy tended to be all over the map” on the Second Amendment, Pratt said.

S E X A B U S E A L L E G A T I O N S

# Pope accepts resignation of McCarrick

Strips McCarrick of cardinal's title

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In a move seen as unprecedented, Pope Francis has effectively stripped U.S. prelate Theodore McCarrick of his cardinal's title following allegations of sexual abuse, including one involving an 11-year-old boy. The Vatican announced Saturday that Francis ordered McCarrick to conduct a “life of prayer and penance” before a church trial is held.

Breaking with past practice, Francis decided to act swiftly on the resignation offered by the emeritus archbishop of Washington,

D.C., even before the accusations are investigated by church officials. McCarrick was previously one of the highest, most visible Catholic church officials in the United States and was heavily involved in the church's yearslong response to allegations of priestly abuse there.

Francis received McCarrick's letter offering to resign from the College of Cardinals on Friday evening, after a spate of allegations that the 88-year-old prelate had for years sexually abused boys and had sexual misconduct with adult seminarians.

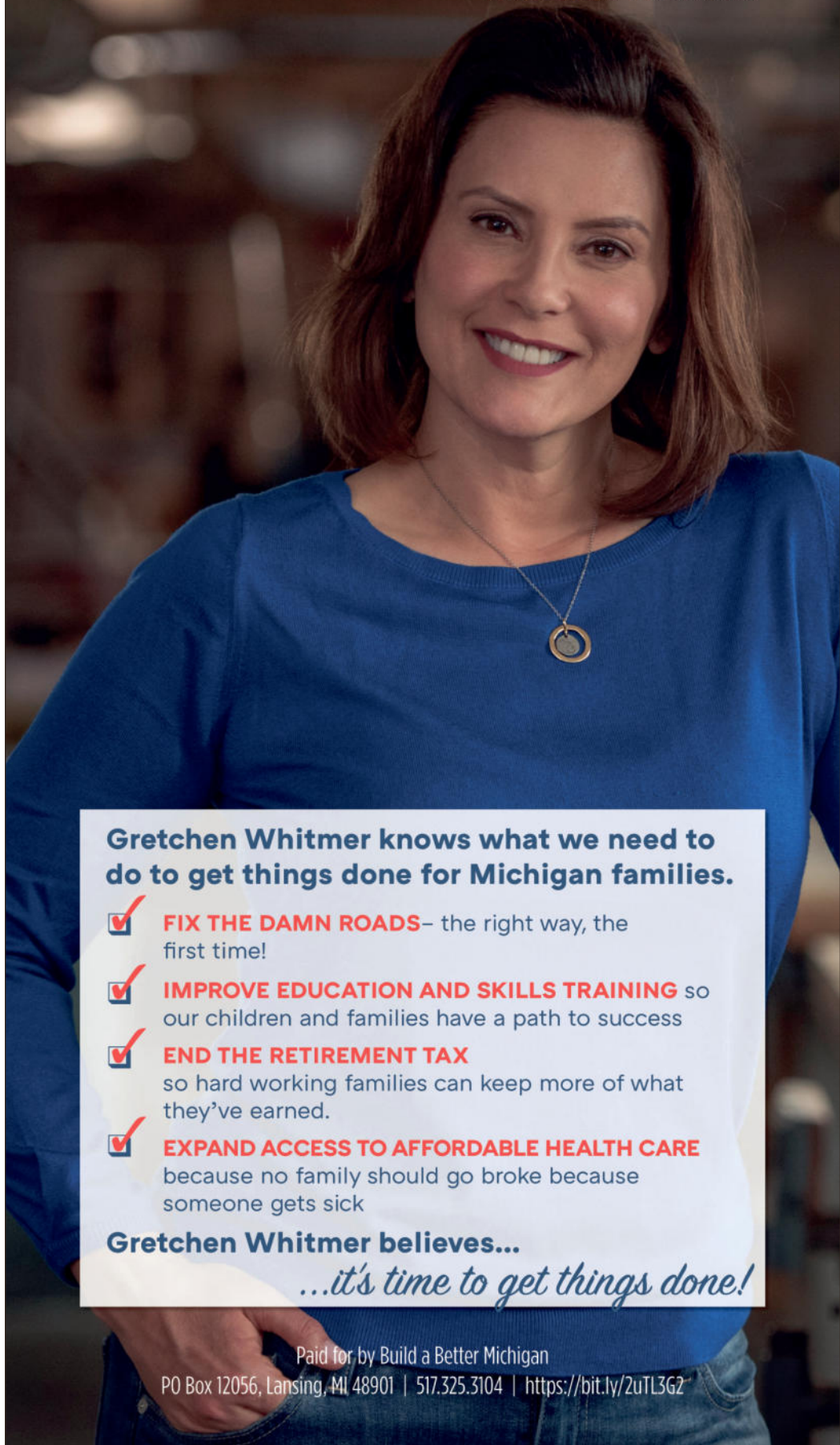
The pope then ordered McCarrick's “suspension from the exercise of any

public ministry, together with the obligation to remain in a house yet to be indicated to him, for a life of prayer and penance until the accusations made against him are examined in a regular canonical trial,” the Vatican said.

The McCarrick case posed a test of the pontiff's recently declared resolve to battle what he called a “culture of cover-up” of similar abuses in the Catholic church's hierarchy.

McCarrick had already been removed from public ministry since June 20, pending a full investigation into allegations that he fondled a teenager more than 40 years ago in New York City.

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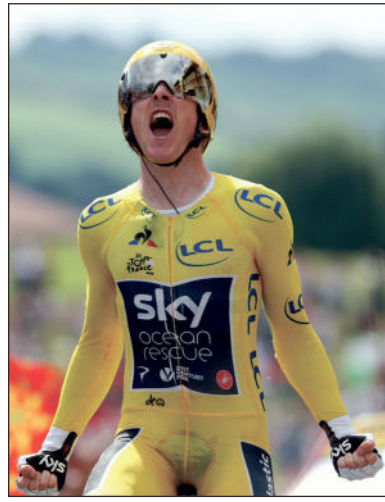
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Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, reacts as he crosses the finish line during the 20th stage of the Tour de France in Espelette, France, on Saturday.

## Thomas effectively seals first Tour title

ESPELETTE, France (AP) — No longer merely a support rider for Chris Froome, Geraint Thomas is going to Paris in the yellow jersey.

The Welshman with Team Sky effectively sealed his first Tour de France title by protecting his lead in the time trial on the penultimate stage on Saturday.

Thomas takes an advantage of 1 minute, 51 seconds over Tom Dumoulin into the mostly ceremonial finish on the Champs-Elysees on Sunday.

"It's just overwhelming," Thomas said. "I didn't think about it all race, and now suddenly I won the Tour."

Dumoulin won the 20th stage by one second ahead of four-time champion Froome, who leapfrogged Primoz Roglic into third place overall.

Thomas finished third in the stage, 14 seconds behind. But that was more than enough with an advantage of more than two minutes at the start of the day.

"The strongest guy has won this Tour de France," Froome said. "Tomorrow, to stand up on the podium with G, it's going to be a really proud moment for me."

Thomas, known as "G," was a support rider during Froome's title rides but he became Sky's undisputed leader when Froome cracked in the grueling 17th stage through the Pyrenees.

Thomas and Froome have been together since their days on the small Barloworld team a decade ago.

"Because we've been teammates and friends for so long, it made it easier to communicate honestly," Froome said. "It was clear as soon as we hit the Alps that Geraint was in better physical condition than me. It was pretty simple, really."

Wearing an all-yellow skin suit on a bike in the red, white and blue colors of the British flag, Thomas was the last rider to start.

In a few drops of rain, Thomas was quick to regain control when his wheel appeared to lock up coming around a tricky, tight corner early on. Still, he was first at the two checkpoints before slowing in the final kilometers.

"I felt strong. I felt really good, actually. I heard I was up and maybe I was pushing it a bit hard on some of those corners," Thomas said. "Nico (Portal, Sky sports director) told me to relax, take it easy and just make sure I won the Tour. And that's what I did."

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Offensive linemen vow to carry on Tony Sparano's legacy

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Glen Lake basketball coach Rich Ruelas

## INSTINCTUAL GREATNESS



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Cade Peterson is the Traverse City Record-Eagle Male Athlete of the Year. Peterson was a Dream Team selection for football, basketball and baseball at Glen Lake.

### Glen Lake senior Cade Peterson named Male Athlete of the Year

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MAPLE CITY — Glen Lake didn't know who Cade Peterson was two years ago.

Now, having graduated a Laker after transferring from Lake City before his junior year, he may be the greatest three-sport athlete to ever roam the school.

The 6-foot-5 standout quarterback, forward and infielder was named first-team All-State in football, basketball and baseball as a senior, made the Record-

Eagle's Dream Team in all three athletic seasons over the same span, and in doing so, has been named the 2017-18 Record-Eagle Male Athlete of the Year.

"He is one of the best Glen Lake has ever seen in all three sports," Lakers baseball coach Kris Herman said, "and one of the best in the area in the last couple of years in all three sports."

Walk into the Peterson home, roughly eight miles southeast of the high school, and there is no question competition thrives within

its walls. An aged two-by-four leans against alongside a door frame, proudly capturing the ever-increasing heights of the three brothers (Drew, Brett) beneath this roof. From knee-high rascals to towering teens, the piece of lumber has bred competition over a biological process none of the Peterson boys actually have any control over (eldest brother Cade is in the lead).

Enter the kitchen space and a large framed photo collage detailing the Lakers run to the 2016 football state championship football hangs front and center.

But high school is over for Peterson. His attention has shifted to making sure he's on that team plane Week 2 headed to Cleveland, Mississippi to take on Delta State. Peterson won't be the starting quarterback for the Grand Valley State football team just yet, but he's spending hours every week — once he gets home from working at Crystal River Outfitters — pouring over defensive coverages, keys and reads to fast track his grasp of a much more complicated college system.

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### AUTO RACING

## Jimmie Johnson gears for another milestone with 600th start

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson had been plucked from NASCAR's farm system to drive for owner Rick Hendrick with a resume so ordinary the team wondered if it made the right call on the California kid.

Until Johnson could join Hendrick Motorsports in late 2001, he plodded along for a second-tier team on the brink of closing and had flashed just the occasional spark of future stardom.

His early 2001 results hardly seemed worthy of a teammate about to be paired with NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon.

"The real concern was, had we made a good decision?" Hendrick mainstay Ken Howes said.

Howes, who has spent more than three decades at Hendrick Motorsports, had worked as a

crew chief and was assigned to help the rookie driver with his learning curve at the elite Cup level. Johnson went out for a test session in one of Gordon's Chevrolets and found the power in a car that suited his driving style and humbled the doubters in his camp.

"I came home and reported back and said, 'Guys, stop worrying. It's going to be OK,'" Howes said.

Just a few months later, Johnson was set for his Cup debut.

Johnson made his first career Cup start on Oct. 7, 2001, at Charlotte Motor Speedway and on Sunday he'll earn one more slice of NASCAR history when he becomes the 30th driver to make 600 career starts.



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Jimmie Johnson climbs into his car prior to practice for Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series on Saturday in Long Pond, Pa.

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## ATHLETE

### Glen Lake's Peterson named Male Athlete of the Year

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"You have to be so mentally prepared," Peterson said. "I study this 30 minutes, an hour a night. Write it down. Basically, if I come in more mentally prepared than the other guys, I know my arm talent is up there. If I get the mental piece of it down, I could be getting on a plane to travel down to Mississippi in week two."

It's a challenge, but Peterson is eating it up. A recent three-day, two-night trip to Allendale involved nearly 20 hours of film and playbook study. He was so engrossed, Peterson lost track of time.

"I've never been this pumped about writing down plays and learning coverages," he said.

His approach doesn't appear much different than high school, however. Peterson put in the same kind of work heading into his senior football season. It didn't lead to a matching relic hung from the wall, like his junior season, but it produced other successes Peterson won't soon forget.

A Week 6 win over Frankfort, for example, became one of his favorite games ever played. The Lakers scored the last 29 points to rally from a 15-point deficit.

"You're working with a different group of guys form junior year to senior year," Peterson said. "It was so cool to be able to share that moment with my fellow seniors ... When we made our run junior year, we couldn't take Frankfort then. Giving my team that confidence back my senior year, when a lot of people would say we weren't as good or whatever — you can't take that away from us."

Peterson finished his prep football career by throwing for 1,352 yards and 18 touchdowns, while also leading the team in rushing with 811 yards and eight more scores.

Glen Lake football coach Jerry Angers said Cade deserved to be the Athlete of the Year because "Every game the opponent was trying to figure how to stop Cade, no matter what the sport was."

Lakers basketball coach Rich Ruelas described Peterson as a generational

talent, but to be honest, if Glen Lake features another three-sport star with a similar combination of athleticism, size, instinct, intelligence and leadership skills over the next two decades, the Lakers will be incredibly fortunate.

"His competitive drive was unmatched," Ruelas said. "He put everything he had into every sport. I saw how he competed on the football field, basketball court and baseball diamond. When he was with me, he was all in no matter what drill we were doing in practice. His desire is to be great, to win and not settle for anything else. He's a perfectionist. He's not one you have to tell more than once to fix something. He gets it done."

Peterson is a team-first player with better than me-first talent. Peterson wants others to shine, and he'll take a back seat if they can handle the load. He's pleased by his many accolades — everyone likes to be recognized for a job well done. But he really doesn't care if he throws a touchdown pass or whether his box score reads 20 points or two — as long as his team wins.

But that's where — for all his obvious athletic talent — you might miss something. If teammates are balling out, it's not because Peterson is relaxing. It's because, as cliché as it sounds, he's taking what's given and making those around him better.

He didn't force shots on the hardwood. If the shot wasn't there, he didn't simply forgo it, he found someone who had an open one. If the lane wasn't there, he made the defense commit and gave the ball up to a well-positioned teammate at the exact right moment — all the little things that don't make it in the box score. He ran the huddle and made others believe.

That in itself took a lot of work. Remember, two years ago Peterson didn't have a personal connection to anyone on the basketball team. Not to mention Glen Lake already had two young rising stars in Xander Okerlund and Reece Hazelton. He worked at building the chemistry with his teammates that everyone witnessed on the Breslin Center floor in March.

"I wasn't thinking, darn I'm not gonna be the standout," Peterson said of coming to Glen Lake. "I was thinking, wow, if I can just add my role to this team, then I feel like we can really take off. It just so happened I did even bet-

ter than most would think, even me ... I was perfectly fine scoring six points a game and having eight assists and letting Xander and Reece steal the show."

And if his teammates were out of sync, or he sensed his team needed a little extra, Peterson flipped a switch. To do that is a rare trait, but time and time again en route to the Class C basketball championship, if the Lakers needed a basket, Peterson delivered.

Call it a gift. He said he's had it since he was little kid.

"Not to sound arrogant, but that's something I've been able to do for a long time," Peterson said. "I've had a sense when I can tell when we need something...Having that instinct, I guess, and trusting my ability."

Peterson was humble in victory, but even more gracious in defeat. A severe turn of the ankle against Detroit Edison in the state final torpedoed the Lakers chances to hoist the trophy.

A second-half lead dissolved into a double-digit deficit, and the minutes Peterson spent in the locker room getting taped up to return seemed like an eternity as the tide shifted on the floor.

The defeat still nags him from time to time, physically (his ankle is still swollen four months later) and mentally, but his positive mindset is intent on accepting the result, knowing he and his teammates did all they could.

"We were on a roll, and them Bam!" Peterson said. "I try not to think if I had been in the game it would have been different because that's not entirely true."

"I know my brother stepped up and did his 100 percent best (as my replacement). No one should say anything less about him for that. It's just the nature of the game. I didn't get hurt all through basketball season. It could have happened (earlier) and we maybe never make it to the state championship in the first place. It bugs me just to think it could be different, but I know my teammates stepped up and did their best. That makes me happy."

Peterson didn't have the flashiest season averages (14.3 points, 7.9 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 2.4 steals and 1.5 blocks per game) but All-State voters saw all of Peterson's qualities — tangible and intangible — on display in East Lansing and voted him to the first team.

Peterson threw a touch-

down at Ford Field and hammered a two-handed dunk at the Breslin Center. It's probably a safe bet the list of such accomplishments is short.

Maybe that's why it seems easy to overlook his skills on the baseball diamond. His improvement as a baseball player even surprised himself.

"If you were to tell me I'd be first-team all-state in baseball, I would have called you crazy," Peterson said.

The only crazy thing was his stat line. Peterson hit for average and showcased power with a .511 average, 10 doubles, three home runs. He drove in 33 RBIs, scored 31 runs and managed 11 steals on that turned ankle.

And remember his clutch gene? His instinct to excel when needed most? It was very much alive this spring as Peterson set Glen Lake career and single-season records for batting average with runners in scoring position.

He even went 4 for 4 against Gaylord St. Mary's All-State pitcher Drew Long in the regional semifinal.

"He dials it in and gets it done when he needs to get it done," Herman said.

A time existed when Peterson wasn't sure about moving from Lake City to Glen Lake. He would miss friends. He would miss family. It was a good opportunity academically and athletically, but nothing was guaranteed.

Except his effort, of course.

Now, after two wildly successful years, it's hard for him to imagine having done anything else. In his senior year alone, Peterson's teams combined to win 50 games. Everything went right.

Well, almost everything. "What was tough was losing your second state championship," Peterson said. "The first one you lose to a private powerhouse, and next one you lose to an early college charter academy in downtown Detroit. We were there in both of them. That was tough ... Sometimes I'll just sit there, and I'm like, what could I have done to win a state championship in high school?"

As he sat at his kitchen counter, the question seemed to hang in the air, equal parts rhetorical and begging the universe to answer.

The truth is, he did it all and in two years became a Laker the Glen Lake community will never forget.

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# Jones' 2-run HR lifts Tigers over Indians 4-1

DETROIT (AP) — JaCoby Jones hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the third inning and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Cleveland Indians 2-1 Saturday night.

Blaine Hardy (4-3) gave up a run over five innings. Three relievers combined to pitch four innings of scoreless relief. Shane Greene retired the side in order in the ninth for his 21st save in 24 chances.

Mike Clevinger (7-7) allowed two runs and struck out eight over five innings.

Cleveland's bullpen kept the team within a run, but its usually potent offense was kept quiet.

The AL Central-leading Indians entered the game as the second-highest scoring team in the majors but could only score against the rebuilding Tigers on Jason Kipnis' single in the second inning.

#### ROSTER MOVES

Indians: RHP Adam

Plutko was recalled from Triple-A Columbus and OF Tyler Naquin was put on the DL because of with a strained right hip.

Tigers: LHP Josh Smoker was claimed off waivers from Pittsburgh and sent to Triple-A Toledo.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Indians: Clevinger's start was in doubt just a couple hours before the game due to an illness.

With Naquin's injury making the Indians' outfield even more banged up, manager Terry Francona acknowledged the front office is trying to trade for an outfielder.

Tigers: LHP Francisco Liriano was scheduled to start Saturday before being scratched because of an allergic reaction, giving him rashes on his back. Liriano had blood work done and results were expected Monday.

... Jones left the game after the fifth inning with tightness in his lower back.



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Detroit Tigers' JaCoby Jones, right, celebrates his two-run home run against the Cleveland Indians with Jose Iglesias during the third inning on Saturday in Detroit.

## NASCAR

### Johnson gears for another milestone with 600th start

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Over the first 599 starts, he has blazed through a career that stamps him on the short list of all-time greats: Johnson has a record-tying seven championship, 83 wins, 35 poles, 224 top-five finishes and 348 top-10s.

Who knew this was possible in 2001?

"If anybody stood

up at that time stood up and said, 'Hey, this guy's going to win seven championships,' they'd probably send you to a drug test," Howes said. "Your hope was that he had talent, he would gain experience and go on to become a good competitive driver. Win some races each year and kind of start there. Perhaps challenge for a championship."

Through a confluence of events for Johnson that included a bold meeting with Gordon and splendid timing once Hendrick decided to expand four cars, he was the chosen one at HMS despite one win in 72 career starts with Herzog Motorsports.

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## TOUR DE FRANCE

# Thomas: Star, teammate, champ

ESPELETTE, France (AP) — Five years ago when riding the Tour de France in support of Chris Froome, Geraint Thomas fell off his bike on a Corsican road in the opening stage and broke his pelvis.

Against all odds, Thomas soldiered on for 3,000 kilometers and three weeks to the finish line in Paris, where he celebrated the first of Froome's four victories with the rest of their Team Sky teammates.

Barring a crash on Sunday on the ceremonial stage to the Champs-Élysées, it will be Thomas' turn to add a first Grand Tour triumph to an already glorious career.

"He is a true fighter," says Sky principal Dave Brailsford, the man who masterminded Britain's successes at the Olympics and Tour de France wins for Bradley Wiggins and Froome.

"When he fractured his hip five years ago, he could not even stand up his bike in the team time trial that followed. He still carried on and finished the race. It speaks volumes about his personality. Since his junior years, he has always wanted to win."

At 32, the new Tour de France champion is everything but an overnight success.

Growing up on the outskirts of Cardiff, Wales, Thomas started bike racing at 10, and his exceptional qualities did not remain unnoticed for long.

"I first saw him when he was about 13 or 14 and he joined me at 17," says Rod Ellingworth, the performance director at Team Sky who also trained Thomas as a British team coach. "You could see straightaway he was just flying round the track, he was pretty good. As he joined the junior program, you just knew he was going to be pretty talented."

Thomas' first successes came on the track. In 2006, he was the youngest member of the British pursuit team that competed at the world championships. In 2008, he won the Olympic gold medal alongside Wiggins. Four years later in London, with a second gold medal secured in the same event, Thomas left track cycling to focus on road racing.

Described by his coaches as a dedicated professional with a healthy

and a balanced lifestyle, Thomas had already showed immense skills on the road from winning the Paris-Roubaix junior race in 2004.

"Geraint's ambition was classics first," Ellingworth says. "Then he rode the Tour in 2007 and three years later he wore the white jersey (for the best young rider). He had this ambition to win the Tour in the back of his mind."

Riding for the Barloworld team at the time, Thomas was the youngest cyclist to start that 2007 Tour when it began from London.

"He spent most of the time at the back of the peloton that year and nobody thought he would finish the race," Brailsford recalls. "He still made it. It showed his character."

Thomas, who is nicknamed "G" in the peloton, finished 140th, second to last.

Years later, he signaled himself as a potential Grand Tour winner when he won the week-long Paris-Nice in 2016. According to Ellingworth, that victory ahead of two-time Tour de France winner Alberto Contador was a turning point.

But Thomas, who has been a Sky rider since 2010, went through pain and injuries the next season, being forced to retire from the Tour and the Giro because of crashes. He still wore the yellow jersey at the Tour after winning the opening time trial but broke his collarbone in a downhill crash in the Alps.

"This year, he arrived at the Tour in very good shape and his win at the Criterium du Dauphine in the buildup gave him a confidence boost," Brailsford says. "This victory was of great importance."

As in previous years, Thomas started the Tour to help Froome try and win for a record-equaling fifth time. But Froome crashed in the first stage and lost time, then cracked in the Pyrenees while Thomas' tremendous form was rewarded with impressive wins in the Alps.

Sky, and particularly Froome, were subject to abuse during this tour after Froome was cleared of a doping case only days before the start. But Thomas looked immune to the boos and jeers that ac-

companied them through this 3,350-kilometer odyssey. He won back-to-back mountain stages and became the first British rider to win at the Alpe d'Huez. He sealed his victory with a third-place finish on Saturday in the



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challenging time trial. "He is really laid back, but not like he does not care," Ellingworth says. "He is really detailed about what he does. He is really confident in himself and uses his people very well. You don't mind

going the extra mile for him."

Thomas lives and trains in Monaco with his wife but often returns to Cardiff to socialize with friends and family. For a long time, he had a reputation as a party boy, always

up for a few pints of beer while watching a rugby match.

"Like much young British guys, he likes a drink or two, but he is not wild," Ellingworth says. "When he was with me full-time, we lived in Manchester or in Italy. I encouraged him to get out and get it out of his system, in a way. He just enjoys life. He also got older, he got married, and things have settled down."

Now he's at the peak of his career but out of contract with Sky at the end of the season. Thomas has yet to decide on his future with the British outfit. Brailsford is confident he will remain a Sky rider, while Ellingworth insists Thomas' "mental abilities" and love for bike racing will spur him to continue.

"He is loyal, I never had any doubts about it. When the team needed him, he was always there," Brailsford says. "After all these years spent giving to others, he finally got rewarded."

## TOUR

Thomas effectively seals his first Tour de France title

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At the finish, Thomas let out a loud scream and held his arms out wide in celebration. He embraced his wife, Sara Elen, as soon as he got off his bike.

"The last time I cried was when I got married," Thomas said as he teared up.

Thomas is poised to become the third British rider — and first Welshman — to win the Tour after Bradley Wiggins and Froome. He will make it Sky's sixth victory in the last seven years.

"It's insane really — just all the interest in Cardiff," Thomas said. "Great to put it on the map. We're a small nation and we really get behind anyone that's successful. By the sounds of it, it's gone pretty crazy back home, so looking forward to going back to celebrate."

An all-around rider who began his career on the track, Thomas helped

Britain to gold medals in team pursuit at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics before turning his full attention to road racing.

Thomas claimed the yellow jersey by winning Stage 11 in the Alps, followed that up with another victory atop Alpe d'Huez a day later, and defended his advantage through the Pyrenees.

"He was in the shape of his life," Dumoulin said. "He didn't make any mistakes. He was never put into trouble by anyone, in the mountains or anywhere — including by myself."

The time trial world champion, Dumoulin clocked under 41 minutes over the hilly and technical 31-kilometer (19-mile) route.

It marked the first time in 12 years the Tour passed through the Basque Country, and fans waving the region's red, green and white flags lined the entire route in front of the area's traditional half-timbered houses.

It was Dumoulin's second career stage win in the Tour, having also won a time trial in 2016. The Dutchman has won six TTs overall at the three Grand Tours — the Tour, the Giro d'Italia and the Spanish Vuelta.

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TONY SPARANO

# O-linemen vow to carry on legacy

*'He took me to places I couldn't go as a player and as a man'*

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — As the Minnesota Vikings conducted their first full-team practice of training camp, the offensive linemen, once again, found themselves in the spotlight.

The center of attention is precisely where these players would prefer not to be, and their position coach's sudden death was about the worst circumstance imaginable. The day after the starters served as pallbearers at Tony Sparano's memorial service, they turned their focus back to the field while carrying forward those lessons learned about the game and about life.

"He took me to places I couldn't go as a player and as a man," center Pat Elflein said. "It wasn't just football with him. He really cared about his players, the well-being of his players, and it hurts."

Sparano's personality in practice was gruff. He was simply aiming to help his players improve, and once they realized the passion behind his motives they quickly gained a deep appreciation for his presence that's been dearly missed this week.

"It's still there," Elflein said. "You can still sense it in the room, that Tony's not there, but he is."

Injuries have taken a toll on this group over the last few years. Some draft picks didn't develop, and some free agent additions didn't fit. Add that all up, and Minnesota's offensive line has struggled more than any other position group on the team since head coach Mike Zimmer was hired in 2014. Strides were made last year, but the NFC championship game loss at Philadelphia showed there's a long way to go. That's where the toughness and pride that Zimmer hired Sparano to more deeply instill in the blockers ought to continue on even without their leader.

"What his vision was on the makeup of his offen-

sive line and what he truly believed in, over the past two years we've really focused on bringing in," general manager Rick Spielman said. "I used to kid him all the time, 'It's like watching a bunch of Tony Sparanos running around the building.' They're all in that mold. But I do think the group that we have, that they will rally. I know that they will want to make him proud as we move forward."

Zimmer announced Saturday his decision to switch tight ends coach Clancy Barone to become co-offensive line coach with Andrew Janocko, who assisted Sparano last season. Todd Downing, who was Oakland's offensive coordinator last year and hired by the Vikings as a senior offensive assistant, will assume supervision of the tight ends.

"We're still kind of mourning Tony, but he would've wanted us to move on, get back to grinding, so that's what we're going to do," left tackle Riley Reiff said.

Barone coached tight ends and offensive line at different times during eight seasons with Denver, where he was before joining the Vikings last season. Janocko is in his fourth year on Zimmer's staff.

"I feel really good about it," Zimmer said. "These guys are experienced in the things that they're doing, and I think it was the best way to go."

Continuity was the top priority in replacing Sparano, who died of heart disease on Sunday at age 56.

"For the last two years we've worked really hard on the footwork and the techniques and the schemes we were running, so I felt like it was important that we continue to do that regardless of whatever we decided to do," Zimmer said.

Reiff is the anchor of the group, which has begun training camp in a mild state of flux with Elflein recovering from offseason surgeries on his ankle and shoulder. Nick Easton, likely the starting left guard again, has been handling center with Elflein still in rehabilitation mode.

## Training camp



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Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, left, runs a drill during football practice at the team's headquarters in Owings Mills, Md., on July 23.

# Ravens' Jackson continues to impress

*Ravens QB stuns team with his willingness to work, athleticism*

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Heisman Trophy that Lamar Jackson earned as a 19-year-old and the 119 touchdowns he produced at Louisville don't carry any weight at his first NFL training camp.

Just like all the other Baltimore Ravens rookies, Jackson has to prove he can make the transition to the pro game.

And he's totally fine with it.

"It feels good just being out here with NFL talent," Jackson said. "It's not college or high school anymore. You're a grown man. You have to show up and show out."

Jackson played well at minicamp in the spring, and the first-round pick continues to impress this summer. He's not about to unseat 10-year veteran

Joe Flacco, who's assured the starting job, but the fleet-footed newcomer has turned more than a few heads with his ability to escape a collapsing pocket and sprint downfield.

"He likes to run, very fast," Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "He's very exciting, a young talent, and he approaches the game with the kind of requirement that quarterbacks are held to in this league. He could have a promising career."

At Louisville, Jackson did it all. He threw 69 touchdown passes and ran for 50 scores before opting to toss his name into the draft after completing a junior season in which he was named a Heisman Trophy finalist for the second year in a row.

Known more for his legs than his arm, the 6-foot-2 Jackson was on the brink of dropping from the first round before the Ravens worked a trade with Philadelphia and nabbed him with the 32nd overall pick.

Eager to blunt any notion that Jackson would compete for the starting job, coach John Harbaugh immediately stressed the job belongs to Flacco. There's veteran quarterback Robert Griffin III to contend with, too, but instead of considering them rivals, Jackson views them as teachers.

"I'm still learning," the 21-year-old acknowledged. "Everything they do, I'm trying to mimic."

Jackson, however, has his own special skills. The Ravens know it would be foolish to keep him on the bench, so they're trying to find creative ways to work him into the offense. At a recent practice, he threw a pass to Flacco, who lined up as a receiver.

"We're going to use what everybody's strengths are," offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg said. "We'll try to use all of our players that are eligible, we'll try to use the whole field, we'll get it to our best players."

Jackson has impressed

his teammates and the coaching staff with his athleticism and willingness to work.

"I'll tell you what, Lamar's done just an outstanding job," Mornhinweg said. "Everybody in this league has some uncommon tools, and he certainly does. You can see on the practice field. He's way ahead of the curve now."

The next step for Jackson — and by far the most significant thus far — is going up against outside competition. Come Thursday night, in the Hall of Fame Game against the Chicago Bears, it will be time to see what he's got.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I have to show them my talent in the preseason games."

It may not be pretty. There might even be an interception or two. Not that it matters.

"With a young player, I don't think you expect perfection," Harbaugh said, "but he looks pretty good out there to me."

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Cardinals counting on a healthy Sam Bradford

*Injuries have limited Bradford to 80 games in his eight seasons*

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — If he stays healthy.

Those words have shadowed Sam Bradford through most of his injury-plagued eight seasons in the NFL.

And it looms large again as the 30-year-old quarterback went through the first practice of Arizona Cardinals training camp Saturday.

"I think you have to be optimistic," he said. "I think if you're not optimistic, then the odds of staying healthy and the odds of playing well, they're probably not that great."

Injuries have limited Bradford to 80 games in his eight seasons. He's twice torn the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and another

left knee injury wiped out nearly all of his 2017 season in Minnesota.

When the Cardinals found themselves without any quarterbacks following the retirement of Carson Palmer, they turned to Bradford, who — when healthy — has put up strong numbers.

But Arizona also pulled off a deal that got them Josh Rosen in the draft, and Rosen has been impressive in offseason workouts. But for now, this is Bradford's team.

"I want Josh with the mentality that he wants to start," first-year Cardinals coach Steve Wilks said. "I don't waver that Sam is our starter. It's his job to lose and competition makes us better across the board."

The Cardinals brought Bradford along slowly in the offseason and didn't make him a full participant in workouts until the three-day mandatory minicamp.

"His knee, talking to him, is stronger than it's ever been," Wilks said. "I think the plan that we created and put in place for him back when we signed him has been phenomenal, just with the training staff, physical therapy, strength and conditioning."

Bradford would say only that his knee feels the best it has since the injury.

"I feel good right now," he said. "My body's in a good place and I think now we'll see the benefits of the plan we had throughout OTAs and throughout the spring."

Bradford signed a two-year, \$40 million contract with the Cardinals, with \$15 million guaranteed. But this is about more than money for Bradford, whose career earnings are listed at \$124 million. He signed the largest rookie deal in history as the No. 1 overall pick in 2010, a contract that guaranteed him \$50 million before he

threw a pass.

The next season, rookie contracts were slotted at lower levels as part of the new labor agreement.

So what keeps Bradford going, rehab after grueling rehab?

"Just getting back out there and playing football," he said. "I think you just realize how much you enjoy it, how special it is to be out there, to play the game. That's really why I do this, why I continue to come back, it's to be there on Sundays and to be out there with my guys and play football again."

Bradford's love of the game is clear to Wilks.

"That's what you see," the coach said. "He's made enough money that he's taken care of his family for the rest of his life. But his passion and love for the game and wanting to compete — and I think he has a lot of doubters out there."

When he can play, Bradford plays well.



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Six Minnesota Vikings offensive linemen serve as pallbearers as they carry the casket of their coach Tony Sparano to a hearse following his funeral at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church Friday in Wayzata, Minn.

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## Soccer



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Liverpool midfielder Sadio Mane, left, and Manchester United defender Axel Tuanzebe battle for control during the first half of an International Champions Cup tournament match on Saturday in Ann Arbor.

## Shaqiri's goal highlights Liverpool's 4-1 win

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Xherdan Shaqiri scored on a spectacular bicycle kick in the 82nd minute, capping a three-goal second half for Liverpool in a 4-1 victory over Manchester United on Saturday.

Sadio Mane, Daniel Sturridge and Sheyi Ojo also scored for Liverpool in this International Champions Cup match at

Michigan Stadium. Andreas Pereira scored for Manchester United on a free kick in the first half.

The goals by Mane and Ojo came on penalty kicks.

Shaqiri set up the goal by Sturridge that put Liverpool ahead 2-1 in the 65th minute, but the highlight was his left-footed overhead kick that made it 4-1.

## Douglas D. Slack

Died July 23, 2018



TRAVERSE CITY — Douglas D. Slack, 81, of Traverse City, passed away July 23, 2018 at Orchard Creek.

Doug was born on June 13, 1937 in Kalamazoo to the late Berle D. and Helen Ida (Dougherty) Slack.

The family moved to Traverse City when he was a young boy.

Doug graduated from Traverse City High School in 1955.

On Aug. 24, 1957 he married the former Gail Eaton, who passed away in 1997.

Doug was a technician who fixed adding machines and computers for the banking industry. He worked for Burroughs, which is now known as Unisys, until he was in his mid 50s. At that time he went to work as a member of the grounds crew that took care of the Bear at the Grand Traverse Resort and worked until 2017 when his body could go no further.

Above all else, Doug cherished his personal relationship with Jesus Christ and his family. He loved spending time with them and enjoyed a special relationship with each member.

In his free time he enjoyed playing golf, metal detecting, hunting and bowling. He once bowled a 299 at the J&G Bowling Alley on Woodmere and was able to keep that last lone pin that was left standing. Doug was a member of the NRA and was a coin collector.

His faith was also very important to him and was a member at East Bay Calvary Church and most recently at New

Hope Community Church.

On Oct. 3, 1997 Doug married Julia Hanna. She gave him much joy and companionship throughout their years together. Their 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren were their great passion, as well as giving of themselves to others.

Doug was preceded in death by his wife, Julia; wife Gail; and sister, Constance "Connie" Scott.

Doug is survived by his children, Sherri (Brad) Cramer, Tim (Tonya) Slack, Rick (Amy) Slack, Ron (Ruthi) Hanna, Tracey (Jonathan) Dennis and Mark (Kate) Hanna; grandchildren, Tarah, Tia, Heidi, Shawn, Summer, Chloe, Shepard, Madelynn, Abbey, Isaiah, Jake, Steven, Lydia, Lucas, Dyllan, Quinn, Cooper and Ellery; and four great-grandchildren, Mason, Kennedy, Emma and Kate.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., with visitation beginning one hour prior, on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018 at New Hope Community Church. A reception will follow the funeral service along with graveside services at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to New Hope Community Church or to East Bay Calvary Church.

Please visit [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com) to share your memories with the family.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

## Katherine J. Alpers

Died July 24, 2018



TRAVERSE CITY — Katherine Joan Alpers, 86, of Traverse City, passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the French Manor Yorkshire. Joan was born on April 21, 1932 in Frankfort, one of 10 children to the late Ragnar and Ellen (Stolson) Strom.

She married the late Ronald "Ron" H. Alpers on Aug. 13, 1960 in Frankfort. Together they lovingly raised two wonderful children, Scott and Ellen.

Joan was a school teacher in Kingsley and at St. Francis schools. After her children were born she proudly chose to stay home as a loving mother. Over the years her students would approach her in public and she would always call them by name.

In her later years she enjoyed traveling with Ron around the country as a motor coach driver, along with spring break trips to Florida with her family.

For over 30 years Ron and Joan owned the Cedar Tavern, where she developed long and lasting relationships with many people from all over the state.

Joan attended the Trinity Lutheran Church in Traverse City for many years until her illness restricted her from attending.

In her spare time she enjoyed playing Bunko, shopping on QVC and collecting Birkenstock shoes.

Joan will be remembered fondly as the most caring and supportive mother, an awesome grandmother and a wonderful friend. Her smile, gentle personality and love for her shoes will be treasured forever.

Surviving Joan are her children, Scott (Julie) Alpers, of Kingsley, and Ellen (Roger) Stachnik, of Traverse City; grandchildren, Kyle, Cassidy, Alexis and Jacob; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents and devoted husband, Ron.

A visitation will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 from 5 to 7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Kindly share thoughts and memories with Joan's family at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

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## W N B A

## Moore wins third MVP Award; Parker beats Delle Donne

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Lynx star Maya Moore won her third straight All-Star MVP award to lead Team Parker past Team Delle Donne 119-112 in the WNBA All-Star Game on Saturday.

Moore scored 18 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and dished out six assists to win the MVP award on her home court. She joined Lisa Leslie as the only three-time MVP of the game and became the all-time scoring leader in All-Star history, passing Tamika Catchings' mark of 108 points.

Allie Quigley of the Chicago Sky also scored 18 points and Skylar Diggins-Smith added 17 points, eight rebounds, and eight assists for Team Parker.

Team Delle Donne's Kristi Tolliver of the Washington Mystics led all scorers with 23 points, including 7-for-11 shooting on 3-pointers. Rookie A'ja Wilson of the Los Vegas Aces added 18 points.

Liz Cambage capped off the game with a dunk, becoming the sixth different player to do it in the game.

eschewing the traditional East-vs.-West format for the first time, the league let captains Elena Delle Donne of the Mystics and Candace Parker of the Los Angeles Sparks chose up sides from a pool of the top players in All-Star voting. That allowed for the rosters to be heavily dominated (16 of the 22 players) by the Western Conference, home of six of the top seven teams in the league standings.

Four players from the

hometown Minnesota Lynx were selected for the game, two on each roster, creating a festive atmosphere with the crowd cheering loudly for both sides throughout the game. Moore and Brunson (four points, five rebounds) played for the winning side, while Seimone Augustus (14 points) and Sylvia Fowles (two points, six rebounds) played for Team Delle Donne.

### PASSING THE TORCH

The second quarter began with the league's career leaders in scoring (Diana Taurasi), rebounding (Rebekkah Brunson) and assists (Sue Bird) on the floor. But youth was served with Wilson scoring eight straight points for Team Della Donne. Wilson, the No. 1 overall pick out of South Carolina, was the only rookie selected for the game and scored 12 points in the second quarter to lead all scorers at halftime.

### VIVA LAS VEGAS

WNBA President Lisa Borders announced that the 2019 All-Star Game will be held in Las Vegas, home of the Aces, who



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Team Candace Parker's Angel McCoughtry (35) tries to rebound the ball against Team Delle Donne's Diana Taurasi (3) in the first half of the WNBA All-Star game Saturday in Minneapolis.

relocated from San Antonio after last season. The Aces, who were represented by Wilson and guard Kayla McBride, reached the All-Star break only 1½ games out of the final playoff spot.

### DEFENDING THE CROWN

Quigley beat a field of six participants to win her second straight WNBA Three-Point Contest. After she and McBride tied with 18 in the head-to-head finals, Quigley caught fire in redo, scoring 29 of a possible 34 points.

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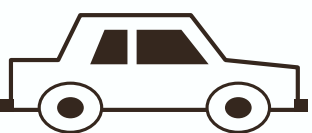
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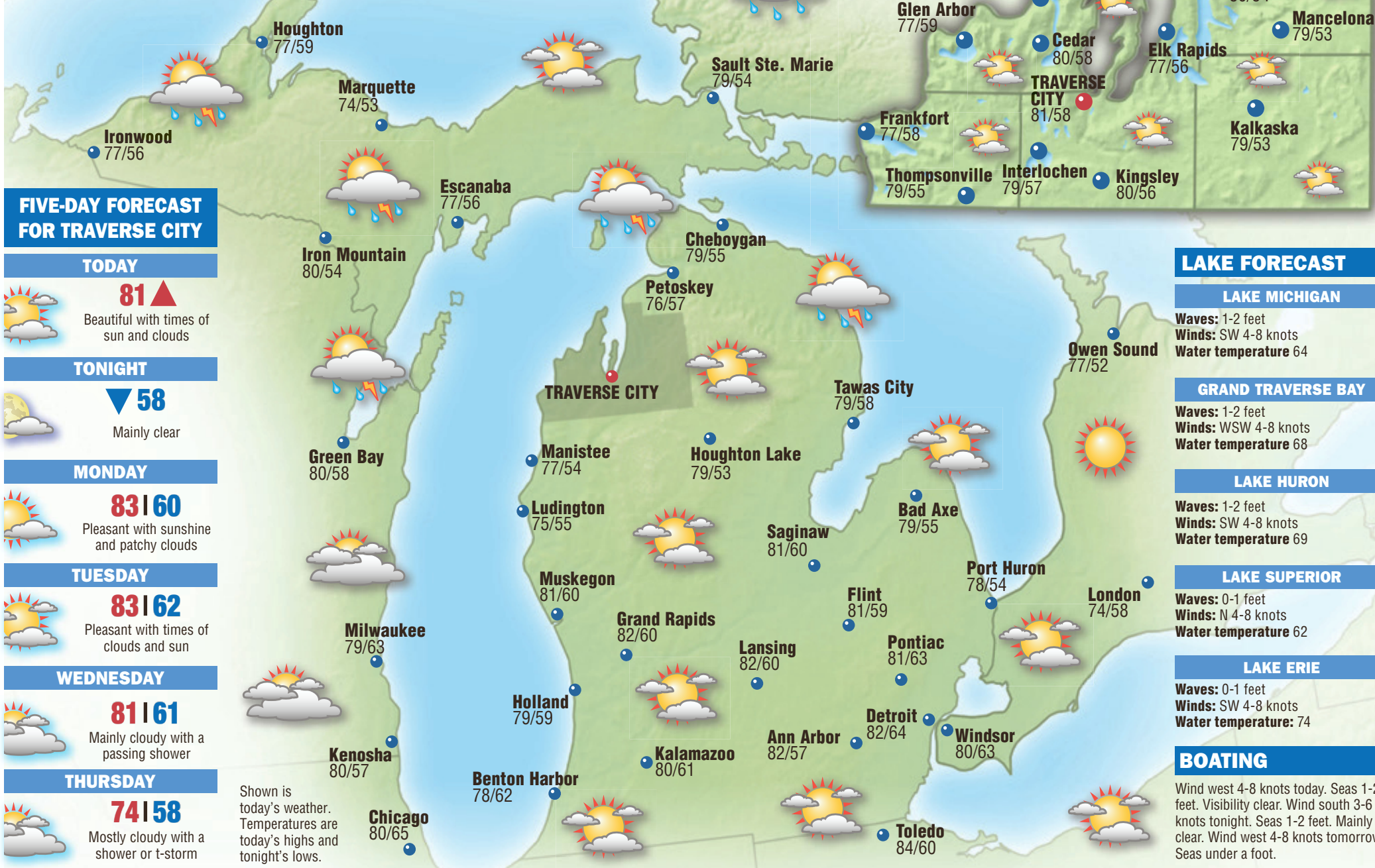
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Bay City	80/58/pc	80/60/pc
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Flint	81/59/pc	80/59/pc
Grand Rapids	82/60/pc	81/62/pc
Kalamazoo	80/61/pc	80/62/pc
Lansing	82/60/pc	82/61/pc

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Livonia	82/63/pc	80/64/pc
Manistee	77/54/pc	79/55/pc
Midland	81/58/pc	81/60/pc
Muskegon	81/60/pc	81/62/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Pontiac	81/63/pc	81/63/pc
Saginaw	81/60/pc	81/61/pc
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Warren	81/63/pc	79/64/pc

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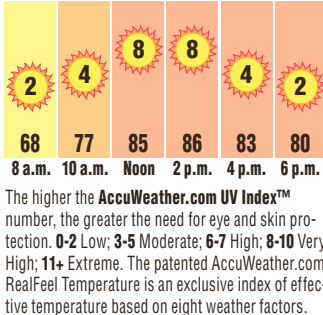
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Baltimore	85/66/pc	83/70/t
Billings	78/54/s	86/58/s
Birmingham	93/70/pc	92/70/t
Bismarck	80/55/pc	86/60/s
Boise	98/66/s	102/73/pc
Boston	85/68/s	84/70/pc
Charlotte	88/70/pc	87/69/t
Cheyenne	69/48/t	70/47/s
Chicago	80/65/pc	78/66/pc
Cincinnati	80/64/c	79/65/t
Cleveland	80/62/pc	78/65/t
Dallas	103/80/pc	89/71/t
Dayton	78/62/c	77/62/t
Denver	78/55/t	75/53/s
El Paso	100/76/s	101/73/pc
Fairbanks	80/58/c	80/57/pc
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Flagstaff	81/55/t	85/55/pc
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Little Rock	89/68/pc	82/66/t
Los Angeles	87/68/pc	89/69/pc
Louisville	85/66/c	83/68/t
Madison	79/59/pc	80/59/pc
Memphis	89/71/c	84/69/t
Miami	83/77/pc	88/77/t
Milwaukee	79/63/c	78/64/pc
Minneapolis	82/65/pc	83/64/s
New Orleans	93/77/pc	91/77/t
New York City	83/68/s	84/69/pc
Oklahoma City	93/68/t	78/63/t
Omaha	78/61/pc	79/60/pc
Orlando	89/74/t	87/73/t
Philadelphia	86/68/s	86/72/c

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Phoenix	104/89/c	108/91/c
Pittsburgh	79/60/pc	78/63/t
Portland, ME	81/60/pc	81/63/s
Portland, OR	97/66/s	95/65/s
Sacramento	99/61/s	98/59/s

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
St. Louis	76/66/r	78/64/t
Salt Lake City	95/66/s	95/69/s
San Antonio	99/74/s	99/75/pc
San Diego	81/73/pc	81/72/pc
San Francisco	68/55/pc	68/54/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	91/63/s	91/61/s
Washington, DC	86/72/pc	85/74/t
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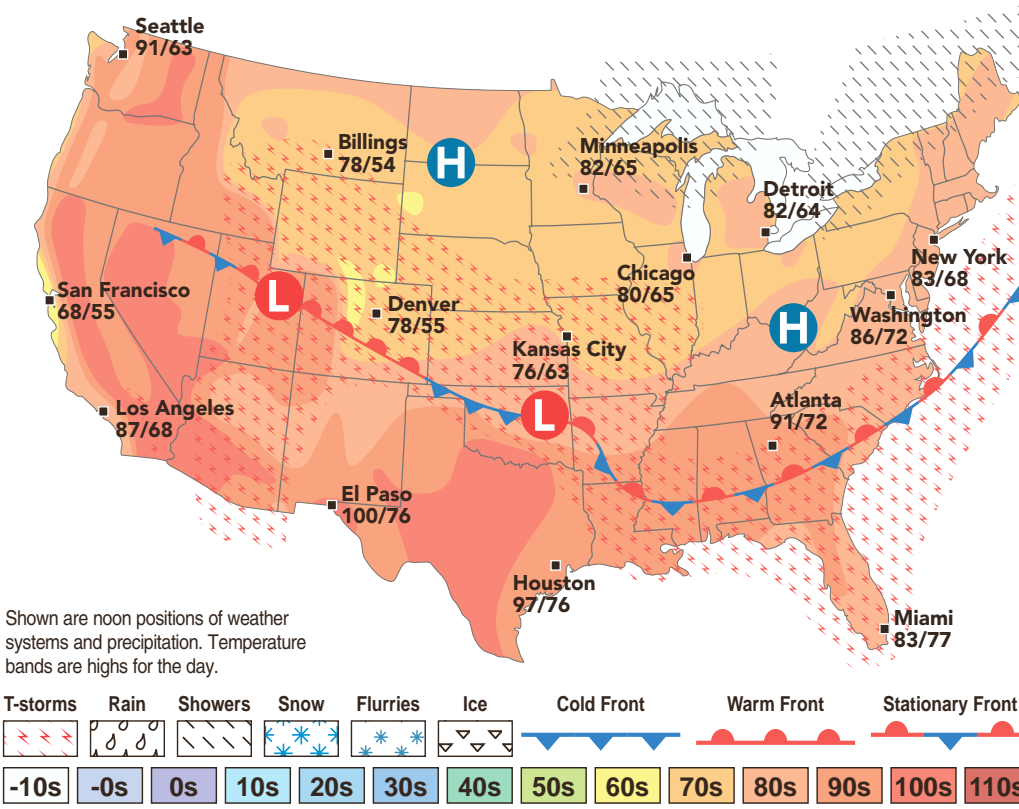
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Bangkok	92/80/t	90/80/sh
Beijing	93/78/s	94/78/s
Berlin	85/66/pc	90/70/s
Bogota	65/49/sh	65/49/t
Budapest	91/68/pc	90/69/t
Buenos Aires	56/41/c	57/35/s
Cairo	94/75/s	95/78/s
Calgary	82/55/s	87/57/s
Caracas	85/75/t	86/75/t
Colombo	85/79/c	84/78/sh
Dublin	66/51/c	65/51/c
Geneva	86/64/s	90/65/t
Havana	86/72/t	89/73/pc
Hong Kong	91/82/t	91/81/c
Jakarta	90/74/c	90/73/pc
Jerusalem	82/66/s	84/65/c
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Kabul	92/61/s	93/60/s
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Madrid	93/61/s	94/65/s
Manila	87/79/t	88/79/t
Mexico City	77/56/t	77/54/t
Montevideo	55/46/r	55/43/pc
Montreal	79/63/s	83/65/pc
Moscow	77/57/pc	75/57/pc
Nairobi	73/57/t	72/58/pc
New Delhi	93/80/t	93/80/t
Panama City	87/75/t	86/75/t
Paris	83/63/pc	85/65/t
Rio de Janeiro	86/72/pc	83/70/sh
Riyadh	108/83/s	110/83/s
Rome	88/71/pc	89/72/s
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My first job out of college was as a police reporter for a small daily newspaper in New England.

My university's placement office had been able to schedule one interview for me — one! — so I pretty much had to nail it. That, or move back home to Bay City and throw myself onto the mercy of Chuck and Marylyn. I must have aced my grilling with the managing editor, or maybe all the other applicants were even greener, more awkward, and more introverted than I was back then, because I was hired. For \$180 a week with no benefits. I was over the moon. Who cared about benefits? I was 22 years old with a chance to change the world. Bunions and compounded interest were not needed for that.

I was assigned a desk in the newsroom, shown how to work the police scanner and where the office supplies were, and then told that in order to keep the job I had to write and turn in four stories a day, five days a week. Once a month, I had to cover the newsroom for the weekend. Oh, and write a feature for the Sunday magazine section. Also, if I was headed to a car wreck or a crime scene, I better remember to take a camera. With film in it. Remember film?

True confession time: I had no idea what I was doing. That is not a reflection on Michigan State University's journalism school, but rather a bit of clear-eyed hindsight into my own naiveté. Time passed. I paid attention, I asked dumb questions of my sources, of public officials, of my colleagues, and of my boss.

Oh, how I loved that job. And, I am still nostalgic for it today, with a kind of longing some people expend on their college years, or their first car, or an athletic success. That newspaper taught me how to be a writer. Not just how to put words together but how to work. How to research, how to suspend preconceived ideas in favor of facts, how to use time efficiently, and how to battle procrastination.

I left after a few years to get married. Then I moved to northern Michigan, got divorced, raised my kids, wrote books, and got remarried. And I've never forgotten the competitive excitement or the feeling of responsibility that goes with being a newspaper reporter. When I started that first job in 1984, I understood that my task was to be the eyes and ears of my readers, people who wanted to know what was going on in their world, but who couldn't go to that meeting, or interview that government official, or sit in that courtroom and watch that trial, or read that study. I was doing those things for them, so that they could form their own opinions and make their own decisions.

Reporters are, quite literally in some places, under attack. Being the messenger has never been the safest or the most popular societal role. It is an absolutely vital one. Today, its primary job is still, or should be anyway, to be the

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# NORTHERN LIVING

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"The minute we saw this we knew it was the one."

Kelsey Silver, Little Red Homestead innkeeper

## DESIGNING WOMAN



Record-Eagle/Tessa Lighty

Kelsey Silver is the owner of the new bed and breakfast, Little Red Homestead in Lake Ann. The bed and breakfast began taking guests on July 1.

### 'Visionary' transforms woodshop into B&B dream

BY MARTA HEPLER DRAHOS  
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LAKE ANN — Kelsey Silver was born with a wooden spoon in her mouth.

"I've always been the host with my friends and family," said Silver, the "homey one" with "Barefoot Contessa" leanings. "I was putting on the big holiday meals when I was 12."

Now Silver is living her dream as the host of her own B&B in northern Michigan. But not just any B&B. The Kendall College of Art and Design-educated interior designer spent six months transforming a Lake Ann woodshop into a cozy guest retreat in the modern farmhouse style popularized by design-

er Joanna Gaines.

A wood sign over a red mailbox leads visitors to the Little Red Homestead, a two-suite guest house — each with its own patio or deck and tidy landscaped area — on 10 wooded acres. Guests check in by retrieving a lock-box with key from a red platform birdfeeder outside.

The woodshop — built by original owner and timber wood framer Rod Jones from trees on the property, boasts timber frame construction, barn-red metal siding and multi-pane white picture "windows" — actually doors salvaged from a 1990s Minerva's restaurant renovation and positioned horizontally to let in plenty of light.

The renovated interior features

include barn doors, original red oak floors, wood accent walls and long kitchen bars topped with slabs from an old Dearborn bowling alley — the original woodshop work bench. Wood wall pegs were once used to store Jones' timber and boat mast.

"We tried to keep as much of the original stuff as we could and add a little to make it a little more rustic," said Silver, who designed the B&B — down to the electrical and plumbing — herself.

Silver carried the rustic-chic look into the dining and kitchen areas with white subway tile, lacquered cabinets and farmhouse sinks, marble-look counters and stainless steel appliances.

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POLITICS

## Local cat champion of Omena mayoral race

BY BROOKE KANSIER  
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OMENA — Omena's mayoral race this month named a new top dog — er, cat.

Sweet Tart McKee, a 9-year-old long-haired feline and former Omena city councillor, clawed her way to victory against a wide candidate pool of 13 dogs, another cat, one chicken, one goat and a peacock.

Her three-year mayoral term began July 21.

"She's very suited for office," said owner Kanda McKee. "She surveys her surroundings and thinks carefully before making a decision. Though sometimes, she might go off

and take a nap instead."

Sweet Tart's duties include attending local events and presiding over city council meetings, said Omena Historical Society President Keith Disselkoen. The council consists of the race's runners up, including vice mayors — and dogs — Diablo Shapiro and Punkin Anderson-Harden.

Fluffy, turquoise-eyed Sweet Tart's victory was a close one. Her inauguration makes her Omena's fourth mayor and the first feline to win the race.

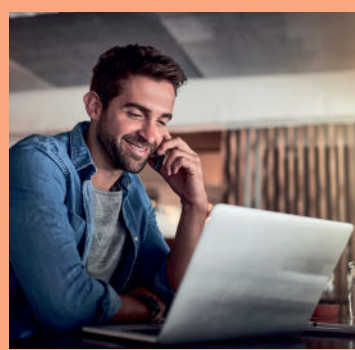
"We're expecting some new dynamics with a cat at the helm," Disselkoen said. "But she's been

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Newly inaugurated Omena Mayor Sweet Tart, a 9-year-old cat, will serve a three-year term. She beat out a large candidate pool of dogs, cats and even a goat for the title.



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# DREAM

'Visionary' transforms woodshop into B&B

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Then there are the special touches, from queen-size bunk beds complete with mattresses and springs — “it gives adults a little bit of nostalgia,” Silver said — to white and gray-scale furnishings with pops of red, and green herbs and succulents in clean, white pots.

Silver and fiancé Seth Porter bought the property — including a garage Jones converted into a home — in fall 2017 after looking at a dozen other properties from Manistee to Bellaire. Both were looking to change their city lifestyles in Grand Rapids, where Silver was a freelance interior designer and Porter a restaurateur.

“We saw it the day it went on the market and bought it the next day,” said Silver, 31, a fan of Gaines and chef Gordon Ramsey. “The minute we saw this we knew it was the one. It’s centrally located — Sleeping Bear Dunes is 15 minutes away, Traverse City is 15 minutes away — so (guests) can go hiking and they can go shopping.”

Guests also can enjoy lawn games, a fire pit and a covered hot tub that will feature twinkling ceiling lights and mosquito-netting curtains.

Silver serves as inn-keeper, handling everything from booking and marketing to cooking and cleaning. Porter, 37, is the handyman, farm hand and social director.

“I’m a very good backup but she’s the visionary,”



Little Red Homestead is a new Bed & Breakfast in Lake Ann.

Record-Eagle photos/Tessa Lightly

“I appreciate that someone had the foresight to do something with it. They re-purposed it into something that suits their needs quite well.”

Rod Jones, original owner and timber wood framer



Little Red Homestead features two units, The Burrow and The Den.

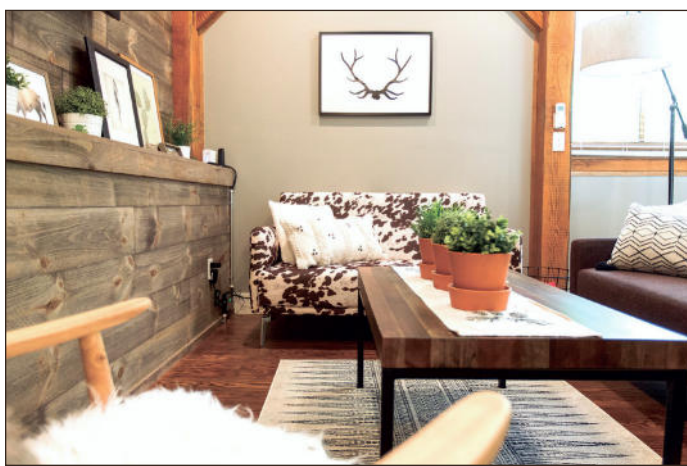
the land — a more pastoral setting with room to spread out — was their ultimate goal.

They plan to rent out both suites — The Burrow, which sleeps two, and The Den, which sleeps six — year-round. Silver even equipped the B&B kitchens with slow-cookers in anticipation of attracting winter skiers from nearby Crystal Mountain Resort.

“Winter is my favorite season,” she said. “We intend to decorate for the holidays.”

The renovation recently got the stamp of approval from its original builder. Jones and wife Susan, of Elmwood Township, recently toured the woodshop-turned-B&B after learning about it from a former neighbor.

“I appreciate that someone had the foresight to do something with it,” said Jones, who would have taken the shop with him when he moved but for logistics. “They re-purposed it into something that suits their needs quite well.”



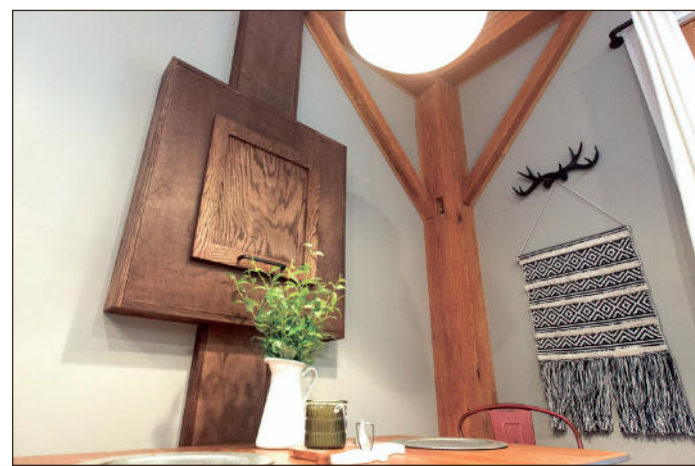
Kelsey Silver decorated the units with the help of her mom.

said Porter, an efulfillment service staffer whose B&B chores include chopping wood and caring for the bees on the property. “I’ll be the primary caretaker for the (animals). I’m also the greeter, the one who tells stories to the guests.”

Instead of traditional B&B-style breakfasts, Silver capitalizes on her

cooking skills to provide “wake-and-bake” breakfasts in aluminum containers ready for guests to pop into their own oven.

“We wanted them to have the charm of a home-cooked meal with the ease of a quick meal,” said Silver, whose rotating menu includes Butter-milk Blueberry Puff, Eggs Benedict and Rum Bread



Timber framing is a remnant of the bed and breakfast's past, an old wood workshop.

pudding, each with a side of fruit. “Sometimes you don’t want to get up early and get dressed, but you want breakfast. And also millennials don’t typically like to socialize, especially with strangers.”

The couple plan to expand their homestead with raised vegetable gardens, milking goats and four laying chickens Silver

has already named — Henrietta, Clementine, Norma and Delilah — for farm-to-table fare. Optional picnic lunches eventually could include Porter’s house-made honey and goat cheese.

The couple tested the waters for their B&B by renting out a room in their downtown Grand Rapids condo. But getting back to

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## How we create our lives

Without the arts, I would not have found my way out of despair.

That's what I was thinking last week, during lunch, with my friend, Janet Greenhut.

Janet's an Ann Arbor physician; specializing in clinical preventive medicine. She helps people change behaviors that affect their health. She and Ryan Hart founded Living Well with Illness to help correct the power imbalance between the medical story and the patient's story.

Participants in their work are invited to tell their illness story to a supportive person and to explore their feelings about the impact of chronic illness on their life. Key questions include: What is the meaning of your illness in your own life? Which of these impacts has affected you the most? How do you wish to live from here on out?

I remember the release of Norman Cousins' "Anatomy of an Illness as Perceived by the Patient: Reflections on Healing and Regeneration." I'd been paralyzed for three years then and struggling to make sense of what had happened to me. Cousins' experience of his own illness resonated with me and we began corresponding.

He encouraged me to journal, watch movies, garden, dance, paint, learn the piano, even cook. Creativity helped me adapt to my new life and reclaim my pre-illness self. Where I had only felt loss, I now experienced creation. Living my life using a wheelchair took on a new spirit. Engaging in my own creativity was also self-soothing and helped me cope with the ambiguity of ... will I ever walk again?

Even when I was very ill, I appreciated others' creativity through books, recordings and conversations. Every time I was hospitalized — sometimes for months — I made sure my room was extensively decorated with personal items to reflect who I was as a whole person. I wanted my caregivers to see me as more than a bundle of current ailments lying in a bed. One of my best decorations was a large colored world map tacked to the wall in front of my bed. The map was a great conversation starter and helped remind me that there was a big world waiting for me outside of the medical center.

Melissa is a gifted visual artist. I met her at my Ragdale artist residency last fall. When I asked her about creativity and loss she said "Two things are key for me in processing grief. The first is color, which takes on its own role but also that of music, reaching the places inside where words become meaningless. When I have made work in response to grief, it's also the absorption, the unconscious outpouring, again beyond words or "thinking about."

Pain is universal. Having cancer has pushed many folks to hurry-up and get creating. Participating in theater has helped others break down walls and overcome low self-esteem, a lack of confidence and find their voice. Writing, of every sort, has been a lifeline for countless people. Karen Stein, founder and creative director of our local Here:Say Storytelling said that when a loved one was dying, attending Here:Say comforted her. Her support also lifted the other storytellers.

Our community is filled with organizations dedicated to helping people creatively process grief, loss and illness. I know the arts have helped me find my way.

Contact Susan Odgers at [odgersadapted@yahoo.com](mailto:odgersadapted@yahoo.com).

# BODY & SOUL

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## A DAY AT 'CAMP'



Grand Traverse Pavilions Life Enrichment Coordinator Sarah Musser serves tea to attendees of the organization's Adult Day program, which offers daytime activities and care for adults and seniors in need of dependent care.

Special to the Record-Eagle

### Adult Day offers respite for attendees, caregivers

BY BROOKE KANSIER  
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TRAVERSE CITY — Caring for her mother is Linda Jacklin's full-time job. Still, she finds time to set appointments, pick up groceries and spend an afternoon with her teenage children.

It's thanks to Adult Day.

"My mom's always smiling ear-to-ear when I pick her up," Jacklin said. "Sometimes I feel guilty on weekends — we run out of things to do."

The Grand Traverse Pavilions adult daycare program — or "camp," as Jacklin's mother Anne Tolis calls it — runs Monday through Friday at the nursing home facility. Like a day camp, Adult Day offers a scheduled day of crafts, games, exercise and social time for adults who need dependent care.

"It's people her own age," Jacklin said. "She can spend time with them, have conversations."

Pavilions Marketing and Volunteer Services Manager Elizabeth Sonnabend says Adult Day is a boon for its attendees and their caregivers — it's a break from what is often a 24/7 commitment.

"When you have an illness that keeps

#### For more information

To learn more about Adult Day, see [www.gtpavilions.org](http://www.gtpavilions.org) or call 231-932-3000.

The program runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

you homebound, you don't get to go out with friends. And for dementia patients, things like going out or going to the movies can be overwhelming," Sonnabend said.

"It just lets them get out of the house, get some social time," added Sarah Musser, Pavilions life enrichment coordinator.

Pavilions added the program to its services several years ago. Adult Day is open to anyone older than 18 in need of care.

Activities vary by day and include bingo and board games, craft projects with visiting daycare children, exercise and a weekly Wednesday tea party. Pavilions mascot Willow, a smoky gray cat, is always around to visit as well.

Tolis' favorite activities are games and bingo, and Jacklin says her mom looks forward to performances from Pavilions' volunteer pianists.

"We get a monthly calendar with each

day's activities," Jacklin said. "Even when she can't remember what she did that day, I can use that to give her some clues — 'Did the piano player come today?' 'Was it the guy who plays really fast?'"

"It's nice to know what they do every day."

Participation varies, and Musser sees everything from daily attendees to once-a-week or once-a-month visitors. The group is capped at 12 and she sees about six to eight each day.

"Some live with their child who has a full-time job, so they're here on that schedule," Musser said.

The program runs on a sliding scale fee schedule, and Musser says most pay \$45 for a half-day and \$68 for a full day. With the sliding scale, however, the cost can be as low as \$15.

Pavilions also offers Adult Day scholarships through grants from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health and the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan.

Jacklin said the program is affordable for her — and well worth the price.

"Every night at bed, (mom) asks if she's going the next day. On weekends I have to say 'No, you're stuck with me,'" she said. "She can't wait to get back on Monday mornings."

#### IN BRIEF

From staff and wire reports

#### Summer Reading Club party

TRAVERSE CITY — Traverse Area District Library hosts the Summer Reading Club Finale Party from 6-7:30 p.m. July 30 at Hull Park. Activities include face painting, balloon art, parachutes and more. Refreshments and the Library Book Bike are also available.

#### Waterfront Park ceremony

ELBERTA — A ribbon cutting ceremony starts at noon Aug. 1 at the Historic Waterfront Park. Health Department of Northwest Michigan provided a Healthy Communities Grant for park improvements. A brief tour of the site is also included.

#### Baker College contest

FLINT — Baker College is accepting entries for the "Be More in Four" contest. One aspiring college student will receive free tuition for four years. The winner can enroll at the Baker College campus of their choice and pursue a bachelor's degree in their chosen field. Students ages 16 and older may submit a short essay until Aug. 5. Enter at [baker.edu/bemoreinfour](http://baker.edu/bemoreinfour).

#### 'Leelanau By Kayak' signing

TRAVERSE CITY — Jon R. Constant will sign his book "Leelanau By Kayak" from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 2 at Horizon Books. The book includes color photos and maps of Leelanau County.

#### Author signing

TRAVERSE CITY — Kirk D. Doge signs his book "Crystal Clear: Adversity as a Gift" from 4-6 p.m. Aug. 2 at Horizon Books. The text is a collection of reflections about golf, life and family.

#### Annual art show

GLEN ARBOR — Center Gallery hosts its annual Home + Table Show Aug. 3-9. An opening reception goes from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 3. The show features artist-made objects for the home, such as cutting boards and tableware. The gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More details: 231-334-3179.

#### Rural art exhibit opens Aug. 3

ELK RAPIDS — Twisted Fish Gallery hosts Alan Maciag's exhibit "Rural Inspirations: Plein Air and Studio Work" Aug. 3-31.

An opening reception goes from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 3. Get a first glance at the artwork and meet the artist. Refreshments provided. Contact: 231-264-0123.

#### Bedtime story signing

TRAVERSE CITY — Anne Lewis signs "Goodnight Sleeping Bear" from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 4 at Horizon Books. The bedtime story aims to teach kids about the environment of Michigan and Sleeping Bear Dunes.

#### Art festival

SUTTONS BAY — The annual Suttons Bay Art Festival features more than 100 artists from Aug. 4-5 at Marina Park. The event also includes community organizations, a kid's tent, food and the annual library book sale. Sunday morning features a pancake breakfast with the artists and bluegrass band the South Carolines. Contact: 231-271-6950.

#### Human behavior book signing

TRAVERSE CITY — Gary Murrell signs his book "Bones in a Box" from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 4 at Horizon Books. The research-backed text examines human

behavior and what motivates people.

#### First-time author signs book

TRAVERSE CITY — Charles E. Zitta sings his debut novel "Disney and the Wonder Within: Ears of Virtue" from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 4 at Horizon Books. The text examines the Disney World people see and don't see.

#### Novel signing

TRAVERSE CITY — Scott Winkler signs his Vietnam Era coming-of-age novel "The Meadow" from 4-6 p.m. Aug. 4 at Horizon Books. The main character has to decide whether to attend college or go into the military.

#### Grupo Ayé performs Aug. 4

THOMPSONVILLE — Latin orchestra Grupo Ayé performs at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at Michigan Legacy Art Park. The 10-piece band features Cuban, salsa and Latin jazz sounds. Bandleader Robert Mulligan is an Interlochen Arts Academy alumnus. Admission is \$10. Kids are free. Tickets are available online or call 231-378-4963.

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**Traverse City**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 30, Tom's Food Market-Blood Bus, 1201 S. Division St.

**Cadillac**, 2-6:30 p.m., July 30, Moose Lodge Community Room, 7461 E. 34 Rd.

**Traverse City**, 3-6 p.m., July 30, Lucky's Market- Blood Bus, 3587 Marketplace Circle

**Traverse City**, 4-8 p.m., July 31, Downtown- Blood Bus, Park Street

**Traverse City**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 1, Downtown- Blood Bus, Park Street

**Manistee**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 2, West Shore Medical Center Classroom 2, 1465 E. Parkdale Ave.

**Frankfort**, 1:30-6 p.m., Aug. 2, United Methodist Church Community Room, 537 Crys-

tal Ave.

**Traverse City**, 4-8 p.m., Aug. 2-3, Downtown- Blood Bus, Park Street

**Cadillac**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 3, Chemical Bank- Blood Bus, 1408 N. Mitchell St.

**Honor**, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 6, Honor Plaza- Blood Bus, Main Street and U.S. 31

**Acme**, noon to 5 p.m., Aug. 6, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa Conference Room, 100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd.

**Cadillac**, 1-8 p.m., Aug. 6, LifeHouse Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, 1120 W. Division St.

**Traverse City**, noon to 4 p.m., Aug. 7, Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds- Blood Bus, 3606 Blair Townhall Rd.

**Traverse City**, 1-6 p.m., Aug. 7, The Presbyterian Church-meeting room, 701 Westmin-

ster Rd.

**Cadillac**, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 8, Munson Healthcare- Blood Bus, 400 Hobart St.

**Traverse City**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 9, Cone Drive- Blood Bus, 240 E. 12th St.

**Traverse City**, 8 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., Aug. 10, Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds- Blood Bus, 3606 Blair Townhall Rd.

**Traverse City**, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Aug. 10, Honor Bank- Blood Bus, 3500 Marketplace Circle

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**Cadillac**, noon to 5:45 p.m., July 31, Wexford County Civic Center, 1320 N. Mitchell St.

**Alpena**, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Aug. 1, Alpena Mall, 2380 U.S. Hwy 23 South

**Petoskey**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Aug. 3, American Red Cross,

2350 Mitchell Park Dr.

**Cadillac**, noon to 4:45 p.m., Aug. 3, Agape Health Care Schools, 221 N. Mitchell St.

**East Jordan**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Aug. 7, Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane

**Alpena**, 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Aug. 8, First United Methodist Church, 167 S. Ripley Blvd.

**Bellaire**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Aug. 9, St. Luke Catholic Church, 3038 S. M-88

**Harbor Springs**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Aug. 10, Holy Childhood Parish Hall, 150 W. Main St.

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"We think she knows — she's been demanding more brushings."

Kanda McKee, Sweet Tart's owner

## MAYOR

Cat champion of Omena mayoral race

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on the city council for two or three terms, so that helps in creating a stable base of support and expectations of competence."

Sweet Tart, named for local cherry varieties, also served as vice mayor of Omena from 2015 to 2018.

The cat trended near the top throughout a nine-day voting period, which opened online ballots to animal-lovers across the world. Sweet Tart only hit first place on the final day of voting, narrowly defeating now-first vice mayor Diablo.

Each \$1 vote went to the Omena Historical Society's endowment fund, and people were encouraged to vote early and often. The society announces the election winner at the end of a festive grand parade through town after voting wraps.

Voter turnout broke records this year, Disselkoe said — the 7,002 ballots entered more than doubled 2015 numbers.

"The society has really benefited from the ex-



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**Fans of candidate Penny the chicken, who campaigned for the role of Omena Mayor earlier this month, came out in full force during an inaugural parade. At the end, however, Sweet Tart the cat was the winner of the vote.**

posure — there's a lot of enthusiasm for our programming," he said.

"Having it online made things easy," added Sally Shapiro, historical society board member and Diablo's owner. "People were telling friends, family to vote."

Along with running a museum at the center of town, the historical society hosts an annual lecture series and publishes "Time-lines," a history magazine. Several Omena structures grace the National Register of Historic Places.

The mayoral election runs every three years and is a major fundraiser for the organization.

"It started as just a fun, unique way to raise money," Shapiro said. "It was something different."

The races caught on. "People really look forward to them," Disselkoe said. "(The mayor) is a community leader and mascot."

Candidates must be at least part-time Omena residents to qualify for the ballot. Joining Sweet Tart, Diablo and Punkin are new press secretary and goat Harley Jones, and chicken Penny Labriola, special assistant for fowl issues.

Disselkoe said the most votes came from Leelanau County residents.

"It's very much a local affair," he said. "The community really comes out."

That's thanks to heavy campaigning. The election ramps up about a year out, and hopeful dogs, cats and goats canvass through door-to-door visits and craft political advertisements to draw support. A board in downtown Omena publishes each day's leaderboard during voting.

Since the vote, Sweet Tart's victory went viral, and Disselkoe and McKee are overjoyed to see dozens of publications profiling the new mayor. They hope it means even more support for the 2021 election.

Sweet Tart makes her next public appearance at the Aug. 12 meeting of the Omena Historical Society. Vice mayors Diablo and Punkin will also attend.

Shapiro says the meetings will stay professional, despite the occasional cat-and-dog infighting.

"Diablo's not a predator of elected officials," she said. "Or cats."

Sweet Tart is taking well to her new responsibilities, and McKee says the cat has embraced her leadership role, proudly sporting a tiara around the house.

"We think she knows — she's been demanding more brushings," McKee said. "It's like she thinks she deserves it."

## MARDI

Back on the beat

FROM PAGE 1C

eyes and ears of readers.

I'll continue to write this column, and this newspaper has given me a new

title, too — "correspondent" — and I'll be doing some reporting again. You can't necessarily see the grin on my face, but I hope you can feel it. I welcome your story ideas, and your criticism. Both are required to make a good reporter better.

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**IN BRIEF**

From wire reports

**Odor diverts flight to South Carolina**

**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** — Up to 10 people received medical help after a Spirit Airlines flight from New York to Florida was diverted to South Carolina after a chemical odor was noticed on board. Spirit Airlines said Flight 779 left LaGuardia in New York City around 8:30 p.m. Thursday headed to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but was diverted to Myrtle Beach around 10 p.m. Myrtle Beach Fire Department Lt. Jonathan Evans told news outlets between seven and 10 people complained of medical problems and one person was taken to a hospital. About 220 passengers on the plane waited on the tarmac while fire officials searched the plane but found no hazardous materials.

**Secrets of cosmos revealed**

NEW MEXICO

*Very Large Array studies the universe*

BY DAVID AND KAY SCOTT  
CNHI travel writers

During the second day, we stopped at the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array, a huge radio telescope used by scientists to study the cosmos.

We had visited the facility more than a decade ago during a cross-country trip but devoted less than an hour exploring the facility. This time we set aside a full morning.

The VLA is highlighted by a series of 27 huge dish antennas, each 82 feet across, synchronized to produce enhanced images of distant planets, stars and galaxies.

The antennas can produce differing images when moved by powerful transporters to different stations along dual railroad tracks.

Rails are arranged in a Y-pattern along which the 230-ton dishes can be spaced up to 22 miles apart from the tips of the Y.

When positioned near one another, the dishes cover a wide area of the sky, but without great detail. When widely spaced along the rails, the dishes can concentrate on a particular area of the sky and produce images with amazing detail.

Unlike optical telescopes that enhance visible light and are not useful during daylight, radio telescopes detect invisible light in the form of radio waves that can be collected both night and day. Radio waves are able to pass through gases and dust clouds that would block the view of optical telescopes.

As a result, the dishes are able to collect information from far greater distances than optical telescopes. Invisible light waves captured by a radio telescope are reflected from the dish to a reflector and then to a receiver that directs them via fiber optic cables to a supercomputer that generates images. Rather than look through a normal telescope eyepiece, scientists using radio telescopes study computer-generated images.

New Mexico's Very Large Array first began observing the skies in 1976 with two antennas, which were assembled

**If You Go**

Getting there: The VLA is in central New Mexico, 50 miles west of Socorro via U.S. Highway 60.

Lodging and Dining: The nearest lodging and dining are in Socorro. Bring snacks or a picnic lunch with you.

Hours: The site is open daily from 8:30 a.m. until sunset. The gift shop is open daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The site is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Cost: \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors; 17 years and younger are free.

on site. The facility became fully operational using all 27 antennas in 1981. Ten years of major upgrades to the electronics were completed in 2012.

We arrived at the VLA early on a Tuesday morning following a night in Socorro, 50 miles to the east.

It was early July and daytime temperatures had been in the upper 90s, so we wanted an early start.

Fortunately, the VLA is at a relatively high elevation of 7,000 feet and we were pleasantly surprised by a cool morning temperature upon arrival.

In the visitor center, we learned a dry climate, relatively isolated location and flat ground at a high elevation are necessary ingredients for a radio telescope.

In addition, the VLA is surrounded by mountains that help protect it from radio waves generated outside the facility.

Radio signals from distant sources are very weak so it is important the receivers be protected from interference caused by nearby signals. Visitors are required to switch off cell phones.

The visitor center houses exhibits and offers a 20-minute film narrated by Jodie Foster



Photo by David and Kay Scott

The entrance to the Very Large Array in central New Mexico.

who starred in "Contact," a 1997 movie that featured the VLA. The film does an excellent job of explaining in understandable terms how the VLA converts radio waves into visible images.

Images created by the VLA's supercomputer are sent electronically to scientists around the world. As a result, most of the VLA's 50 or so on-site employees are involved in maintenance rather than scientific research.

The facility's administrative personnel are in Socorro.

After viewing the film and exploring visitor center exhibits, we picked up a brochure and set out for a self-guiding walking tour.

Large display boards at 15 stops along the trail offer information about the VLA including why the dishes are so large, how the antennas work and who operates the VLA.

The trail's third stop is at an elaborate sundial named for scientist Ronald Bracewell who developed mathematical techniques for synchronizing radio signals from different antennas.

After completing the walking tour, we took a short drive to the Antenna Assembly Building where maintenance is conducted on the antennas.

At the time of our visit, the two huge transporters were stationed just outside the building.

The Very Large Array offers an enjoyable and interesting learning experience. Even though we had visited previously, our morning at the facility was time well-spent.

If you want to fire up the kids, have them watch "Contact" prior to your visit.

The Jodie Foster narrated video at the VLA visitor center is available online.

If possible schedule your visit for the first Saturday of the month, the only day guided tours are offered.

David and Kay Scott are authors of "Complete Guide to the National Park Lodges" (Globe Pequot). Visit them at [mypages.valdosta.edu/dlscott/Scott.html](http://mypages.valdosta.edu/dlscott/Scott.html). Read their past columns at [www.facebook.com/DavidKayScott](http://www.facebook.com/DavidKayScott). The Scotts live in Valdosta, Georgia.

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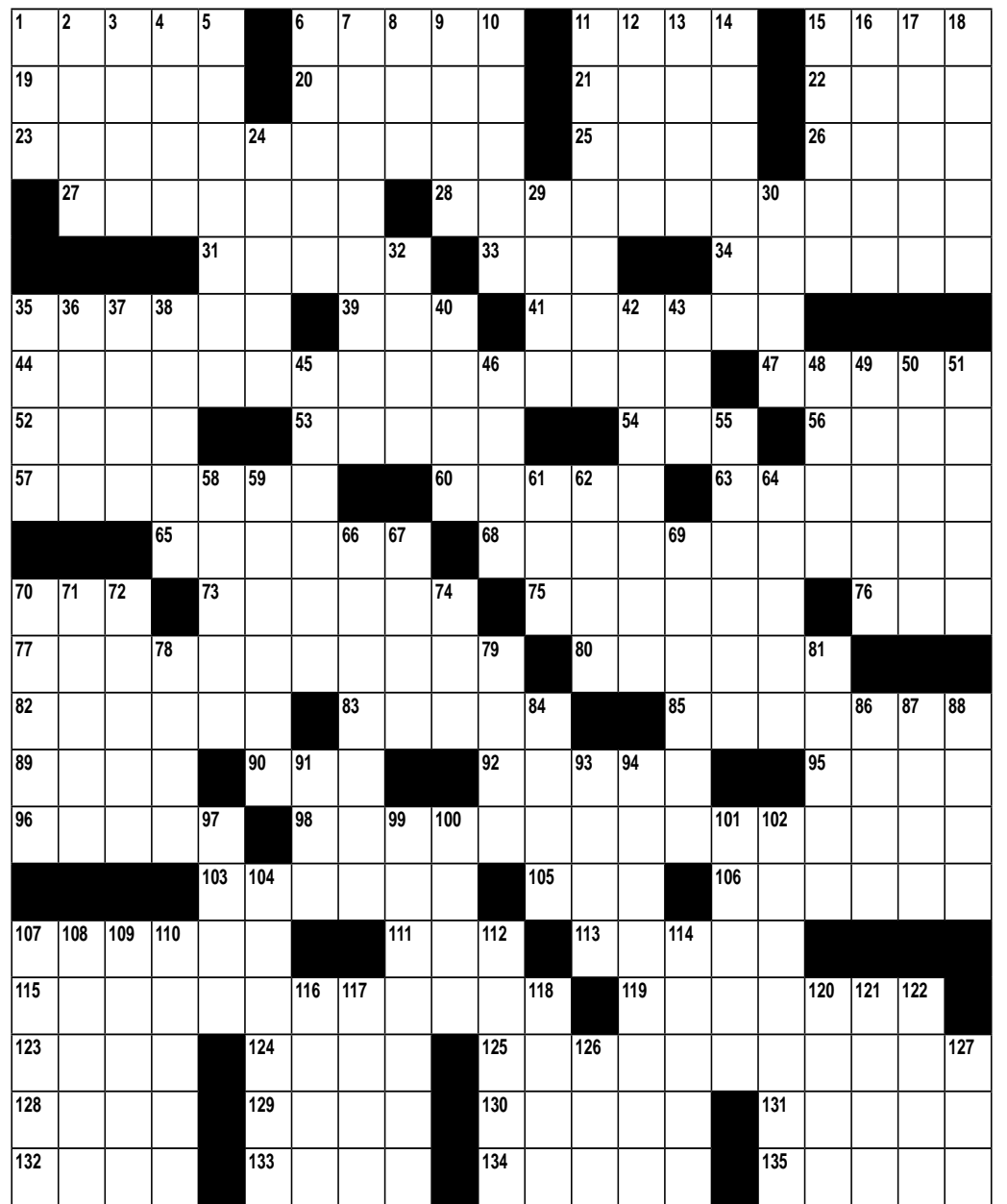
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6 Mission to remember
11 Whip
15 "Goldarn it!"
19 Orchestra section behind the violas
20 Canon competitor
21 Former QB Tony
22 Treat embossed with its name
23 "Anchorman" = ? (1976) + ? (1980)
25 An "A" in history?
26 Hankering
27 The forest, as opposed to the trees
28 "Rear Window" = ? (2004) + ? (2014)
31 Big, big, big
33 E.-W. line
34 Best in mental competition
35 Like three men of rhyme
39 Big Ten sch. whose mascot is an anthropomorphic nut
41 Foresight
44 "Silence of the Lambs" = ? (1946) + ? (1960)
47 Rockettes motions
52 One-named singer with No. 1 hits in 1965 and 1999
53 Bikini blast, briefly
54 Yves's yes
56 Smith of Fox News
57 Top dogs
60 Brewing need
63 Split base?
65 Cry of desperation
68 "Transformers" = ? (2000) + ? (1992)
70 Dept. of Justice heads
73 Lofty standards
75 "Me first" sort
76 Uncle with a top hat and tie
77 "Jurassic Park" = ? (1997) + ? (1975)
80 James who played TV's Marshal Dillon
82 Third place
83 City across the Missouri from Council Bluffs
85 Quarantine
89 Scads
90 California's Big \_\_\_
92 Maker of the golden calf, in Exodus
95 Shakespeare's stream
96 Keys in
98 "Twister" = ? (2004) + ? (2013)
103 Cracker Jack ingredient
105 One tick, briefly
106 Frederick Forsyth's "The \_\_\_ File"
107 Kind of code
111 "Facts First" sloganer
113 "Sexy" Beatles woman
115 "Dumb and Dumber" = ? (2007) + ? (1979)
119 Passes, as time
123 Bit of physics
124 Manlike monster
125 "The Poseidon Adventure" = ? (1956) + ? (1984)
128 Sylvester's speech feature
129 Villagers victimized by the Grinch
130 Florida tourist attraction
131 Dad who says "D'oh!"
132 Pool event
133 Dupes
134 In position
135 Some beams
DOWN
1 Sweets
2 "\_\_\_ to differ"
3 Fa or la
4 Mountain \_\_\_ (some sodas)
5 Uniform entertainment?
6 Target for an angry Chihuahua
7 Removes from a box, say
8 Alias introducer
9 Choosy ones, in Jif ads
10 N.B.A. great with size 22 shoes
11 Frenzied
12 Only
13 All in front?
14 Bit of baby talk
15 Uncertainty
16 Shower of the way
17 Silents star whose name is an anagram of 112-Down
18 Travel, as thou might
24 Certain wedding officiant
29 Apt radio call letters for a beach town
30 Babe magnet
32 Caesar's "to be"
35 Creep (along)
36 Lower Manhattan area
37 Rates \_\_\_ (is perfect)
38 Dangerous juggling prop
40 "\_\_\_-daisy!"
42 Set one's sights on
43 Slip in lieu of a chip
45 Without a contract
46 Editorial override
48 "... but who \_\_\_?"
49 Mayhem
50 Mount \_\_\_, second-highest peak in Africa
51 Big jerk
55 Birds with long, curved beaks
58 Pittsburgh-based food company
59 Radio format
61 Equal, in math
62 Long tale
64 "Don't \_\_\_ surprised"
66 Primarily study
67 Jack of old westerns
69 Alternative to sending to jail
70 No longer on deck
71 Not tomboyish
72 Brownstone hangout
74 Dallas-based carrier: Abbr.
78 Stud fee?
79 Who wrote, "All great truths begin as blasphemies"
81 Many a worker in ancient Rome
84 Some small batteries
86 Sister company of Budget
87 Little ones
88 One-named Irish singer
91 1980 Olympics boycotter
93 Some Crown Royal offerings
94 Academy nomination
97 Prep for the ring
99 Title for Meghan Markle
100 Sicily's Mount \_\_\_
101 Churns up
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104 Jabs, in a way
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Wife of conspiracy theorist focuses on man's kindness

Dear Abby: When I was dating my husband, I gave him a lot of leeway. When he told me he listened to a radio show that is known for unscientific views, I ignored it because I found him so charming and kind. Honestly, he treats me better than anyone I've ever known, and I had been in the dating scene for 27 years. During our three-year courtship I always avoided the topics of science and politics.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

We have been married two years now, and I'm trying hard to reconcile the fact that I'm married to a conspiracy theorist who believes the world is flat. He's convinced that fluoride is mass brainwashing and the Holocaust was faked. It makes me so sad. I knew on some level that he believed these things, but I chose to overlook it. Other than his irrational beliefs, we are compatible and happy. My question is, can a relationship survive and thrive in the midst of these fundamental differences? — KNOWS BETTER IN KANSAS
Dear Knows Better: You say you are compatible and happy in every other respect. Yes, your marriage can survive — IF you practice the same selective amnesia you chose to adopt when your husband was courting

you, and focus solely on the areas in which you are in sync. Dear Abby: Can you please advise me about what to do about a mother who has gone overboard with church donations? She drained my parents' savings and gave her old church \$20,000. She complains to Dad that they can't afford to go out to dinner once a week, but she's doing this? What can I say to her? I get that it says in the Bible you're supposed to tithe, but my folks are on a budget, and they are in danger of losing their home because of this. Twenty thousand dollars is close to 30 percent of their combined pretax income, and that's not even taking into account what she's giving to the church she currently attends. Help! — OVERBOARD IN NEVADA
Dear Overboard: You can't handle this problem alone. Your father will have to become proactive about what your mother

has been doing. This may involve him talking to an attorney about what would be involved with separating his earnings from your mother's. That said, is it possible that your mother is "forgetting" she has already made some of these donations, or why they can no longer go out to dinner once a week? If that's the case, it's important she be evaluated medically and neurologically to be sure she is still of sound body and mind. Dear Abby: Would it be rude to announce my wife's pregnancy before her sister's wedding next week? Do I need to wait until afterward, or is good news always welcome? — GOOD NEWS IN THE MIDWEST
Dear Good News: In the interest of family harmony, I urge you to refrain from doing it. While good news is always welcome, this news should wait until after the wedding. If you make the announcement now, your sister-in-law might regard it as stealing the limelight from the bride. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 29). The solar return starts with an experience that will help to cleanse your spirit and give you a fresh and powerful new belief in yourself and your effectiveness. Get involved in a mission to help. You find love and friendship while providing service to those around you. November and February are the best financial months. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 12, 5, 28 and 40. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Is it easier to see with your eyes closed? Maybe. Try it. Moments of quiet, still and very awake shut-eye could yield life-changing results. Of course, there are many ways to meditate that involve open eyes, too. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Forceful improvement? That's not really a thing. Improvements are made through tinkering, reinvention, starting over from scratch, refinement and many other ways. Force isn't one of them. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Things will settle themselves. When you deeply believe this, you can relax and stop trying to game the situation. There's no way to play this, so stop analyzing and just let it be. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like that of a jazz artist or comedian, some of your best work will be what happens when you're riffing.



HOLIDAY MATHS
Syndicated columnist

You have a talent for turning the most random mix of materials into a beautiful, if abstract, sort of order. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Chances are you will not end up with your intended result regarding production. But at the end of the day, it will be about how much you love, not about how much you do. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For those who, for whatever reason, cannot bring themselves to forgive, reconciliation may still be possible. There are other ways to find balance, peace and harmony. One can accept what is without forgiving what was. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your perception of the outside world is a reflection of your inside world, and the reverse is just as true. So even though you can set a tone

or bring a mood with you, you're never completely responsible for the way things turn out. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Treating yourself better isn't about a skin cream or a massage. Those things are nice, but they won't stop the pain that's caused by speaking unkindly to yourself with your inside voice. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It will feel as though life is trying to make an important point, but don't let anyone else tell you what point that is, because it's what's important to you — and what you think it is — that really matters. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your giving heart will not feel fully satisfied until you know that you have made a difference. But there's a catch. To really help out, you must be wise enough to know when your help won't help. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Once you place your trust, why not keep it there awhile and see what happens? Relationships get deeper and more meaningful with time. Give everyone a chance to settle in and get comfortable. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone longs to be listened to and taken seriously, and you'll provide that — not because you're doing anyone a service but because you are genuinely curious about people and value what they have to say.

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Swift — 50th

INTERLOCHEN — Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Swift, of Interlochen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this spring at the Elks Lodge #323 with family and friends. Jeremy Swift and the former Sue Ann Sheffer were married on July 27, 1968 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Traverse City. Monsignor Russell Passeno performed the ceremony.



Jerry worked for Roadway Express for 23 years, retiring in 2002. Sue, president of Rex Operations, Inc. and office manager for Advantage Electric Services, LLC retired in 2012.

Jerry worked for Navajo Freight Lines. Sue worked for Lovelace — Bataan Memorial Medical Clinic in the accounting division then as office manager for Senator Clinton P. Anderson Insurance Agency. After spending nine years in the South-

west, the Swifts returned to the Traverse City area in 1979.

The couple's daughter, Dr. Wendy Swift (MacKeller), DVM, son-in-law, Nathan MacKeller, and their grandson, Braedyn MacKeller, live in Grand Haven.

**Zarella filed a lawsuit last year, claiming his neighbors James and Diane Lynch dumped chicken manure near his estate hours before a wedding.**

Dispute over chicken manure dumped at wedding site settled

EXETER, R.I. (AP) — A dispute between Rhode Island landowners over a load of chicken manure that ruined a wedding has been settled.

Zarella filed a lawsuit last year, claiming his neighbors James and Diane Lynch dumped chicken manure near his estate hours before a wedding. He claimed the Lynches were angry he had hosted events on the 32-acre property, known as Gerald's Farm.

the manure. Zarella says hundreds of turkeys appeared near his property before the next wedding he hosted. He's pursuing town permits in response to a court ruling that found he couldn't host commercial events on his estate.

A judge ordered the Lynches to remove

The Lynches haven't responded to a request for comment.

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## Finding the funds to pay tuition bill

College freshman and their families are busy preparing for their first year of college — and the most common issue I hear about is figuring out how to pay the bill.

By now college students should have their classes set for the fall semester and their bill is sitting in their student portal. Even if families don't have a college savings account, there are still ways to find money for the tuition bill.

Every student that filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can borrow at least \$5,500 directly from the federal government. Sophomores can borrow \$6,500 and juniors and seniors are able to borrow \$7,500. If your student is going back for their fifth year of college there is an additional \$4,000 available to them. A student who has been given significant aid from the college may not be offered the entire amount of loans based upon the amount of aid they were given.

The Direct loans do not require payments while your student is in school at least 12 credit hours a semester. Some college graduates that work in public service may have the ability to have their loans forgiven.

There are two types of Direct loans — subsidized and unsubsidized. The government pays the interest on the subsidized loans while the student is attending college while the unsubsidized loans accrue interest throughout the college years. The loans will go into repayment status after the student is out of college for six months.

This year the interest rate on the loans is 5.05 percent, up from 4.45 percent. In addition to the interest rate, there is a loan fee that is deducted prior to the loan disbursement. The fee is 1.066 percent until Oct. 1 and then it goes to 1.062 percent until Oct. 1, 2019.

In order to obtain a student loan, students will need to accept the loan through their student portal at their college. They will then need to go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) where they will be required to complete the entrance and financial awareness counseling as well as the master promissory note.

There are also Direct PLUS loans available for parents who qualify based upon their credit. The interest rate on the PLUS loans is 7.6 percent, which is up from 7 percent. The loan fee for the PLUS loan is 4.254 percent until Oct. 1 and then goes to 4.248 percent until Oct. 1, 2019.

Some families may decide that a private student loan is needed. There are many sources for the private student loans, so make sure that you compare interest rates, fees and other features. Private loans may require payments while in school, an established credit record, a cosigner may be needed and the repayment options may be limited.

Good news for families of college students is the recent tax reform process left most of the major tuition tax breaks in place for the 2018 tax year. You should consult with your tax preparer to see if you qualify for The American Opportunity Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit or the tuition and fees deduction. The most lucrative tax break is The American Opportunity Credit which could result in a tax credit of up to \$2,500.

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## AN ACCOUNTING MOVEMENT



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Top, Kim Schwaiger is a senior tax manager at Rehmann, which was just named best CPA firm for women for the sixth straight time. Above, Alicia Sturtevant is a senior associate in the Traverse City office of Plante Moran.

### Plante Moran, Rehmann among best CPA firms for women

BY MARK URBAN  
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TRAVERSE CITY — In a profession all about numbers, something just wasn't adding up.

Roughly half of accounting class graduates are female. But a 2017 gender survey by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants found that just 22 percent of partners in CPA firms are women.

Two Michigan-headquartered certified public accounting firms with offices in Traverse City are looking to MOVE those numbers in a different direction.

Plante Moran and Rehmann were two of the 12 named as the Best CPA Firms for Women by the Accounting MOVE project. The annual list is from the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance based in Lexington, Kentucky.

Neither one is a stranger to the MOVE Project. Plante Moran has made the list eight consecutive years and Rehmann six.

Sue Perlin, an insurance audit partner at Southfield-based Plante Moran, heads up the Women in Leadership program that started six years ago.

"The business case was we were hiring half women and retaining them until the most

senior positions where we noticed the drop-off," Perlin said. "So the focus of the program has been on the more senior level women."

Katie Strehler, the chief human resource officer at Rehmann, said the Troy-based company tries its best to identify future female leaders early and enroll them in a pair of yearlong programs.

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### ACCOLADE

## Edward Jones a Company That Cares

Financial services firm comes in at No. 5

BY MARK URBAN  
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TRAVERSE CITY — Edward Jones keeps the focus on the people, whether clients or employees.

People magazine noticed. Edward Jones was named one of the 50 Companies That Care, ranking No. 5 in the annual list from People magazine in partnership with Great Place to Work.

"It's not the first time we made the list," said Jim Mellinger, the financial adviser in charge of the Traverse City branch at 12935 S. W. Bay Shore Drive in the Center Point Building. "We're No. 5 this year; last year I think we were No. 8."

"We're honored to be named," Mellinger, who said he started

the Traverse City branch "from scratch" in 1997, said the people who walk in the door are the focus at Edward Jones.

"The company, first and foremost, is about the client," he said. "It all revolves around the client and what the client's needs and wants are."

The 50 Companies That Care listing credited Edward Jones with increasing "family leave to 120 days of paid maternity leave, 14 days of paternity leave and \$5,000 in an adoption subsidy."

"They are very benevolent with their employees," Mellinger said. "Their benefit package, their income package are very fair."

"For my standpoint, I've worked for two other companies in my career. This is by far the fairest, best company I've ever worked for. They really care about their people."

Mellinger said Edward Jones



Mellinger

is also quick to rally for its employees. That was also mentioned in the People listing.

"They'll go out of their way if one of their own employees is in need," he said.

Among the charitable causes Edward Jones supports is the Walk Across America for Alzheimer's research. Mellinger said the local event is set for Sept. 29.

Mellinger is one of nine financial advisers in Traverse City. There are seven branches in Traverse City and an eighth will open soon. Mellinger said there are 14 assistant advisers and a couple of on-call personnel for a total of 25 employees in Traverse City.

Edward Jones has about 15,000 branches nationwide and Mellinger estimates between 60,000 and 65,000 employees.

Mellinger said Edward Jones is structured like a partnership which gives staff members a

### 50 Companies That Care

People magazine partners with Great Place to Work for its annual list of the 50 Companies That Care. The list is based on nearly 370,000 responses from employees to survey questions looking for companies with 1,000 or more employees that "succeed in business while also demonstrating respect, compassion and concern for their employees, their communities and the environment." The top 10 for 2018 are:

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| 1. Salesforce        | 6. Adobe       |
| 2. Deloitte          | 7. Intuit      |
| 3. Ultimate Software | 8. Genentech   |
| 4. NBCUniversal      | 9. SAP America |
| 5. Edward Jones      | 10. Cisco      |
- Source: <https://people.com/human-interest/people-50-companies-that-care-2018/>

stake in the financial services firm.

"Everyone has a chance to own part of the company," he said. "We feel that if you own the company, you'll take good care of the company."

## CPA

Plante Moran, Rehmman among best firms for women

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"We're identifying the best of the best," Strehler said.

Both companies have programs that identify, educate, mentor and promote women up the ranks. Then it all comes down to the biggest factor.

"It's all about retention," Perlin said.

### PLANTE MORAN

Plante Moran's WIL was designed to keep women at the company on the track to becoming senior partners. It all starts with a formal 18-month mentor program that pairs a senior woman with another partner in the firm. The mentor is usually from a different specialty and geographic location.

This networking helps women stay in the career path. Alicia Sturtevant is a senior associate in the Traverse City office with a wealth management/tax emphasis. She's been with Plante Moran for her entire 17-year career in accounting.

"Education is the key and that has really helped bring knowledge to everyone in the firm, both male and female," Sturtevant said.

Perlin said another component to WIL is "awareness building with our partners and supervisors in the firm" that strives for gender diversity and attempts to remove barriers of "unconscious bias, unintended consequences." A lot of these principles go beyond WIL and are part of the company's "core training."

Plante Moran has 50 "WIL Office Champions" across the company and Sturtevant is the lone woman in Traverse City with that designation.

"As the WIL champion for the office, we put together three to four external networking events throughout the year," she said. "This allows the brand-new staff all the way up to get in a comfortable networking situation. It also allows younger staff to be paired with more experienced staff to be introduced to their network and start growing their own."

Plante Moran just began its eighth flight of the women's mentoring program and Perlin said there are 40 women enrolled, "the largest group to date."

Two of Plante Moran's six-member management team are female. After its

## Best CPA firms for women

The Accounting MOVE Project listed its annual Best Certified Public Accounting firms for women. MOVE stands for Money (fair pay practices), Opportunity (advancement and leadership development), Vital supports (work-life programs that remove barriers) and Entrepreneurship (operating experience for managing or business ownership). The list of 12 firms with headquarters for 2018 includes:

- BPM, San Francisco
- Brown Smith Wallace, St. Louis
- Clark Nuber PS, Bellevue, Washington
- CohnReznick LLP, New York
- Kicking, Barberio & Co., Sarasota, Florida
- Lurie LLP, Minneapolis
- MCM CPAs and Advisors, Louisville
- Moss Adams, Seattle
- Novogradac & Company LLP, San Francisco
- Plante Moran, Southfield
- Rehmman, Troy
- The Bonadio Group, Pittsford, N.Y.

annual promotions July 1, 24 percent of Plante Moran's partners are now women.

"At that time, (WIL) was between 17 and 18 percent," Perlin. With our Women in Leadership program and our focus on increasing that percentage, it's at 24 percent right now.

"We had a goal of increasing that percentage of women partners at a point a year and we achieved our goal."

### REHMANN

Rehmman has a dedicated Women's Initiative Network council that focuses on the development of female associates at the firm.

There are two one-year programs at Rehmman that focus this directive, Emerging Leaders and Strategic Training and Executive Performance. Enrollment in the program begins in the summer.

Kim Schwaiger, senior tax manager at the Traverse City Rehmman office, is a "graduate" of the EL program and just began the second.

"STEP and EL are two programs that are similar," Schwaiger said. "They're just geared for different levels. Early leaders is geared for people seriously looking to make the next step. The next step is for senior managers to principals, which is what STEP is for."

Schwaiger, who will mark her 10th anniversary at Rehmman in September, said EL pairs a female associate with a mentor. Similar to Plante Moran, the mentor is usually in a different office and often with a different specialty within the accounting industry.

Strehler said both programs are "very selective."

Strehler said the EL program is meant to attract those who can rise up the ranks at Rehmman. It then is meant to provide additional training through education before leading to promotion and

— the ultimate end goal — retention.

Rehmman has enrolled 76 in the EL program and 74 in STEP since 2009 that are still with the company. The group starting in August is a big one for Rehmman with eight in EL and 10 in STEP.

The women in leadership development programs have resulted in 43 female promotions out of 88 individuals. Seven others have received multiple promotions and the Rehmman boasts a 73.9 percent retention rate.

### SCHEDULE FLEXIBILITY

Losing women at the upper levels of industry is not exclusive to accounting.

"You see it across Fortune 500 companies, you see it across all professional service firms: accounting firms, law firms, banks ..." Perlin said. "Think of any kind of professional service firm and you see that phenomenon. We're all focusing on that issue and working on that issue."

To help retain qualified females in accounting, Plante Moran and Rehmman offer as much schedule flexibility as possible.

A Glen Lake graduate, Schwaiger worked in other CPA firms in the Chicago area before returning to the area and working for Rehmman. Schedule flexibility was a huge factor to the single mother with a young daughter. Schwaiger said she works a lighter schedule outside the January-April busy season.

"It's hard to be a tax accountant and be a single mom at the same time," Schwaiger said.

Sturtevant also enjoys some of the same perks at Plante Moran. She works from her Lake Ann home one day a week that she shares with her husband and son.

"It allows me to take my son to school when I need to or to be at a field trip and I can work remotely the rest of the day. It helps me balance life and work."

## INCOME

# Divorce more urgent for some

## Deduction for alimony payments ends in 2018

NEW YORK (AP) — Divorce can be simple or it can be messy. For some, it's become a little more urgent.

The \$1.5-trillion tax overhaul includes the end of a 75-year-old deduction on alimony payments, to kick in at the close of this year. Recipients will also no longer have to claim such payments as income.

The impact of the change depends entirely on how divorce settlements are structured and in what states couples live, but some matrimonial attorneys said things are already heating up among those who will pay

alimony who are looking to manipulate settlements to adjust for the lost deduction.

Others say panic hasn't set in just yet.

"It hasn't reached a fevered pitch, although it's certainly an enticement for the spouse who's going to pay alimony to reach a settlement by the end of the year," said Elizabeth Lindsey, a family lawyer in Atlanta. "We're all very interested to see how negotiations go because we believe it's going to be much more difficult trying to get the dependent spouse the money they need to live on."

Such dependent spouses are usually women. As for how many are in the alimony equation each year, government statistics vary.

According to Internal Revenue Service data,

nearly 600,000 people claimed the deduction for alimony on their 2015 tax returns, the most recent year for which data is available. The same year, 414,420 people reported receiving alimony. Noncompliance is one factor in the discrepancy between those two camps, along with some alimony recipients falling below the threshold for reporting the extra income.

The Joint Committee on Taxation, which advises Congress on tax matters, estimates elimination of the deduction will increase federal revenue by nearly \$7 billion over a decade.

The U.S. divorce rate peaked in the early 1980s and has been declining since. More than 827,000 couples around the country divorced in 2016, according to federal statistics.

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Students can help offset some of the college costs with their income. While on-campus work-study jobs can sometimes be hard to find, they typically net about \$1,500 over the academic year. Working 12 hours a week at the minimum wage during a 30-week academic year grosses \$2,610, but studies show that students that work more than 12 hours a week while in college have a higher drop-out

rate. Summer earnings can add a few thousand dollars more.

Once a student moves to campus, the family tends to notice a significant reduction in weekly expenses. Those savings can be directed towards college costs. In addition, there are still many scholarships available for students to apply to. The best place to start is at the financial aid office of the college they are planning on attending.

Take advantage of Michigan College Planning's College Planning workshop. There are many free workshops scheduled in the area. Visit their web-

site or <https://www.tcaps.net/programs/leap/for-locations-and-dates>. The workshops are informative and include steps you can take right now to assure you understand the cost of attendance and how you can afford college.

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TECHNOLOGY

# Insurers look to woo drivers

Some driving info turned into discounts

BY LACIE GLOVER  
NerdWallet via AP

Americans love technology, and we expect companies to deliver delightful digital experiences.

Insurers aren't doing that — yet. So far, updates have been skin-deep.

"If you go to a carrier's website, the look and feel is pretty good, but the functionality is lacking," says Tom Super, director of J.D. Power's property and casualty insurance practice, who conducted the company's 2018 Insurance Digital Experience Study. People expect an experience that works like when they're at Amazon, Netflix and Uber, Super says.

Though most auto insurers have a long way to go, major companies and new players have rolled out technology-based features to win over new customers and meet drivers' demands.

Here's a look at what insurers are doing today — and what they might try next.

## 1. TRACKING DRIVING FOR DISCOUNTS, REWARDS

Many major insurers now offer telematics, technology that collects information about your driving behavior, in exchange for discounts or rewards.

Progressive was first, having launched its telematics-based program "Snapshot" in 2011. Customers who plug a device into their cars' diagnostic ports to allow the company to monitor their driving can earn discounts. The technology — which tracks data like acceleration, hard braking, time of day and how much you drive — is also available in an app.

Other insurers that

track driving behavior reward safe drivers with cash back, freebies or a combination of rewards and policy discounts. Often, drivers get a discount simply for opting in.

## 2. SETTING PRICES BASED ON YOUR (ACTUAL) DRIVING

Auto insurers' use of demographic factors, such as age, gender and marital status, when setting rates isn't exactly popular with drivers.

A start-up, Root Insurance, is trying a new model: Pricing based on how you drive, which could save money for safe drivers. The insurance, currently available in 19 states with plans for five more, tracks driving behavior during a two-to-six-week "test drive" before giving you a quote.

The company still considers some demographic factors, but it isn't as interested in your personal details, says CEO and co-founder Alex Timm. "There's not really a 'great driver' demographic — we find them across the country, in all sorts of situations," Timm says.

## 3. EVALUATING DRIVING TO CURB BAD HABITS

Beyond offering discounts to customers who opt into monitoring programs, insurers want to make you a better, safer driver. Depending on the program, drivers may get immediate feedback through in-app driving reports and scores, or even from devices that beep when drivers brake hard or turn too sharply.

Insurers are also targeting distracted driving, which was reported in 9% of fatal crashes in 2016, according to the latest data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Because crashes often result in claims, insurers hope to see a decrease by monitoring cell phone use, a common driving distraction.

# Lexus IS 350 offers luxury in a sporty package

BY LEN INGRASSIA  
Automotive writer

Lexus cars and SUVs have a reputation for being silky smooth, refined to the 9s with posh interiors. Some exude outrageous performance.

While the IS lives up to this heritage in many respects, the small luxury sedan falls in the middle of the pack competing with highly credentialed German imports.

Pros: Smart acceleration, likeable eight-speed transmission, upscale cabin

Cons: Conservative looks, rear seat cramped, misplaced cup holders

The IS model isn't staid by any means. It sports the now common but large spindle grill out front, something we've grown to like after some early design spurts.

Part of its attraction is the plethora of high tech safety gear that costs thousands more in rival offerings. Our IS 350 tester, equipped with the largest V6 producing 311 horsepower, reached 60 miles per hour from a stop in just under six seconds.

A smaller V6 is available as is a turbo four-cylinder on the IS 300, although neither is very quick. F Sport treatment is available on both the 300 and 350 models adding performance cues and styling treatment that bring it closer to its chief rivals' BMW 3 Series and Mercedes-Benz C Class sedans.

Selectable drive modes include Eco, Normal, Sport and Snow with gears holding longer in Sport mode and not so much in Eco.

On curvy roads in Sport mode, we found the IS accelerates nicely with sticky all season tires. Steering, braking and handling in turns is accomplished with little body roll and a general feeling of confidence, although rivals tend to outperform in this category.

Where the IS stands out over rivals is with cabin amenities. Seats are comfortable and promote a posturing stance with a high degree of lumbar support. Lexus fit and finish are superb in the IS and a generous amount of cushioning is offering throughout the interior.



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The 2018 Lexus IS 350 has a sporty look and feel with a powerful engine and eight-speed transmission.

Paddle shifters are fitted behind steering wheel and provide a sporty touch with manual transmission selected. While it seems to run through the gears quicker than the eight-speed automatic, we noticed just a one-tenth second faster time to 60 mph.

Toyota/Lexus commitment to provide a suite of safety equipment in all their cars is commendable and is catching on in popularity with other manufacturers. We've always been big fans of the adaptive cruise system keeping the car a pre-set distance from traffic ahead.

Also included in the suite is forward collision warning with pedestrian detection and automatic braking, Lane Departure Alert with steering assist, intelligent high-beam headlamps and available blind spot monitoring and rear cross traffic alert.

Those familiar with Lexus gauge clusters and instrumentation will not be disappointed. A larger 10.3-inch screen is avail-

### What was reviewed:

2018 Lexus IS 350  
 Engine: 3.5-liter, V6, 311 hp  
 EPA mileage per gallon of fuel: 20 city, 28 highway, 23 combined  
 Assembled: All IS models are assembled in Tahara, Aichi Japan. U.S./Canadian parts content, 0 percent. Major source of foreign parts, Japan, 100 percent. Country of origin, engine and transmission, Japan.  
 Crash test ratings: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) awarded five out of a possible five stars for overall safety with five stars for side impact and rollover protection and four stars for frontal impact safety. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) awarded the IS 350 its highest rating of "Good" in moderate and small overlap frontal offset, side impact, roof strength protection in rollover accident and child seat anchors. The IIHS also gave the IS a Superior rating for its crash avoidance and mitigation system.  
 Warranty: 4-year/50,000 mile basic; 6-year/70,000 mile powertrain; first two scheduled maintenance services.

able for navigation maps and other cabin systems. A functional mouse-type controller makes changing settings simple.

Adjusting cabin temperature bars on either side of the console are a bit fussy though with clumsy up and down movements. Buttons have worked well

in other models. While the IS 350 is an excellent choice for a luxury sport sedan, Lexus may need some magic to bolster its position in the marketplace.

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CAR TALK

## Convertible-loving mom needs a taller car

**Dear Car Talk:**  
 My soon-to-be-80-year-old mom is a lifelong convertible driver. She currently drives a 2005 Chrysler Sebring Convertible with 64,000 miles on it. Over the years, the car seems to have gotten lower to the ground, and she's having difficulty getting into and out of it.

For her birthday, I was thinking of replacing her car, and I wanted to get her something a little "taller," as it were. Of course, it still has to be a convertible — at this stage of the game, she wants what she wants, and she gets what she wants.

I looked at a 2016 Buick Cascada, but even the base model comes with all sorts of things she'll never use, like a navigation system, XM radio, etc. Can you suggest anything that might be a little "simpler" yet still higher off the ground than the Sebring (which leaves out the ubiquitous Ford Mustang convertible) in or around the same price range as the used Cascada? Thanks. Trying to stay in the will. — Rory

Rory, if you were any kind of son at all, you'd go right out and buy your mom a brand-new Bentley Continental GT convertible. If you go in at the end of the month, when they're



CLICK & CLACK

By Ray Magliozzi

trying to hit their quota, you probably can pick one up for less than \$250,000.

If she generally likes the Sebring except for the spring-sag, I think you've homed in on the right replacement for her in the Cascada. That's the closest you can get, these days, to the Sebring in terms of design, comfort and handling.

I mean, you can consider a few others. VW makes a Beetle Convertible, and Mini makes a Cooper Convertible. But she might not like the way those look. And if she thinks the Sebring is a good-looking car, I'm guessing she'll turn her nose up at the VW Beetle or Mini. But you can show them to her. Maybe she'll love one of them. Audi makes a very

nice A3 convertible, but that's not going to be in the same price range as the Cascada. Neither is the BMW 4 Series convertible.

And if you get her a low, little sports car like the Mazda Miata, you'll also have to install a winch in her driveway to lift her into and out of it.

So even though the Cascada has technology she might not use, I think that's probably your best bet, Rory. All cars have new technology now. Some of it (the safety stuff) is wonderful and doesn't require her to do much to use it — she just has to know what the warning lights or sounds mean.

The rest, she can ignore. If she doesn't want to listen to satellite radio, then she doesn't have to subscribe. If she doesn't want to use the navigation, she can just drive around and get lost, like she does now.

As long as she can get comfortable using the basic functions of the car — starting it, changing gears, steering, stopping and turning on the windshield wipers in case it starts to rain when she's on her way home from the early bird special — she should be very happy in the Cascada, Rory. I hope so.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Antrim County Road Commission is accepting bids until 1:00 PM, August 13, 2018 for the following:

Approximately 14,000 square feet of roof repair/replacement on our salt storage barn located in Mancelona, Michigan.

For complete specifications please visit our website at [www.antrimcrrc.org](http://www.antrimcrrc.org).

July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2, 2018-7T 498483

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Benzie County Central Schools  
 Seeking Proposals for Construction Management

Benzie Central Schools is seeking proposals for Construction Management firms to assist in future project work in conjunction with Kingscott Architects, our Board of Education, and community stakeholders involved in future planning for our school district. Preference given to firms with experience in school construction.

To apply, please contact our offices at (231) 882-9653 during business hours (8AM-4PM) and request an emailed application form. Completed forms must be submitted via email to the district not later than August 10th by 4PM.

July 29, August 5, 2018-2T 498588

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 O holy St. Jude, Apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles; near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three "Our Father's, Three Hail Mary's and Gloria's". Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted. Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, St. Theresa and sacred heart of Jesus and our Blessed Mother. Padre Pio, St. Peregrine, Thank you also for prayers answered.  
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FOUND large cushion found on Veterans Dr. at 10am, 7-27, 231-947-2545

FOUND set of GMC keys w/key fob & house keys, middle of Skegemog Point Rd. 231-384-7583.

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### General Help Wanted

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Blair Township is seeking applicants for the position of **Deputy Clerk**. Experience in governmental accounting, elections and minute taking preferred but not required. Candidate must be detail oriented, motivated and have exceptional customer service skills. This is a full-time position with benefits. Please send resume by **August 15, 2018** to Blair Township Clerk, 2121 County Road 633, Grawn, MI 49637.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the GWL pack, apply at [greatwolf.com/careers](http://greatwolf.com/careers) EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled

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**Assistant Director of Engineering & Waterpark Maintenance Manager.** Great Wolf Lodge is also hiring:  
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Education  
**Manistee Intermediate School District** is accepting applications for a **Special Education MCI Classroom Teacher** Michigan teaching certification and/or approval for position as determined by the Michigan Department of Education. Certification or interested in seeking temporary approval in CI. Submit letter of interest and resume with references to: Kristina Mauntler, Manistee ISD, 772 E. Parkdale Ave., Manistee, MI 49660. Visit [www.manistee.org](http://www.manistee.org) for a complete job description or to apply online. The Manistee ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in all activities and employment.

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### General Help Wanted

Education  
**DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**  
 Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in relevant area; Master's Degree preferred. Minimum of 5 to 7 years of relevant Human Resources experience. Ability to obtain School Administrator Permit. Full job posting and online application located at [www.tbaisd.org](http://www.tbaisd.org) under Employment Opportunities. Full job posting and application at [www.tbaisd.org](http://www.tbaisd.org) under Employment Opportunities.

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  - Registration Clerk
  - RN, Med-Surg/PCU
  - RN, OB
  - RN-PCU, Med-Surg/PCU
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