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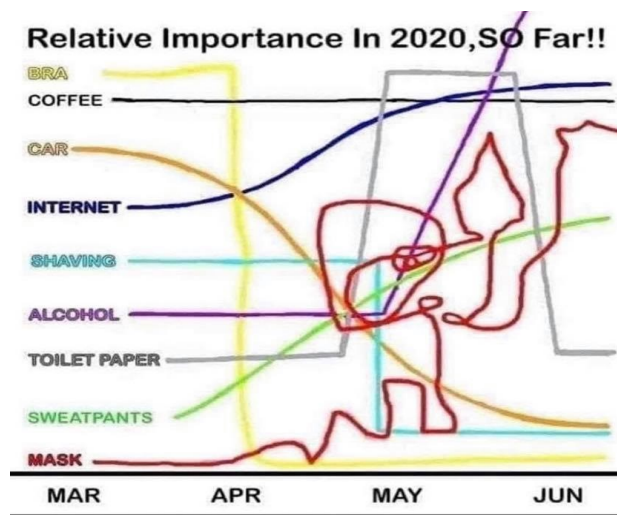
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**The Most Accurate Graph I've Seen
So Far During This This Pandemic!!**

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We had no idea where our passengers were going. We learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced into Gander! We were told to just relax at the hotel and we would be contacted when the US airports opened again, but not to expect that call for a while. We found out the total scope of the terror back home only after getting to our hotel and turning on the TV, 24 hours after it all started.

Meanwhile, we had lots of time on our hands and found that the people of Gander were extremely friendly. They started calling us the "plane people." We enjoyed their hospitality, explored the town of Gander and ended up having a pretty good time. Two days later, we got that call and were taken back to the Gander airport. Back on the plane, we were reunited with the passengers and found out what they had been doing for the past two days. What we found out was incredible.....

Gander and all the surrounding communities (within about a 75 Kilometer radius) had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges, and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities to mass lodging areas for all the stranded travelers. Some had cots set up, some had mats with sleeping bags and pillows set up. ALL the high school students were required to volunteer their time to take care of the "guests."

Our 218 passengers ended up in a town called Lewisporte, about 45 kilometers from Gander where they were put up in a high school. If any women wanted to be in a women-only facility, that was arranged. Families were kept together. All the elderly passengers were taken to private homes.

Remember that young pregnant lady? She was put up in a private home right across the street from a 24-hour Urgent Care facility. There was a dentist on call and both male and female nurses remained with the crowd for the duration.

Phone calls and e-mails to the U.S. and around the world were available to everyone once a day. During the day, passengers were offered "Excursion" trips. Some people went on boat cruises of the lakes and harbors. Some went for hikes in the local forests.

Local bakeries stayed open to make fresh bread for the guests. Food was prepared by all the residents and brought to the schools. People were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals. Everyone was given tokens for local laundry mats to wash their clothes, since luggage was still on the aircraft. In other words, every single need was met for those stranded travelers.

Passengers were crying while telling us these stories. Finally, when they were told that U.S. airports had reopened, they were delivered to the airport right on time and without a single passenger missing or late. The local Red Cross had all the information about the whereabouts of each and every passenger and knew which plane they needed to be on and when all the planes were leaving. They coordinated everything beautifully. It was absolutely incredible.

When passengers came on board, it was like they had been on a cruise. Everyone knew each other by name. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a chartered party flight. The crew just stayed out of their way. It was mind-boggling.

Passengers had totally bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses. And then a very unusual thing happened.

One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. We never, ever allow that. But this time was different. I said "of course" and handed him the mike. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through in the last few days.

He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers. He continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewisporte. "He said he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of DELTA 15 (our flight number). The purpose of the trust fund is to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewisporte.

He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travelers. When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, names, phone numbers and addresses, the total was for more than \$14,000!

"The gentleman, an MD from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well.

As I write this account, the trust fund is at more than \$1.5 million and has assisted 134 students in college education.

Pretty cool story, huh. It reminds us of how many helpful people there are in the world. The ones who aren't helpful just get a lot more press.

THE REST OF THE STORY...

I believe in the rest of the story.
I believe there's still ink in the pen....
and someday all that's hazy through
a clouded glass will be clear at last.

From a flight attendant on Delta Flight 15, written following 9-11:

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, we were about 5 hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic. All of a sudden the curtains parted and I was told to go to the cockpit, immediately, to see the captain. As soon as I got there I noticed that the crew had that "All Business" look on their faces. The captain handed me a printed message. It was from Delta's main office in Atlanta and simply read, "All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at the nearest airport. Advise your destination."

No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra firma quickly. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, Newfoundland.

He requested approval for a route change from the Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately—no questions asked. We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request. While the flight crew prepared the airplane for landing, another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later word came in about the hijackings. We decided to LIE to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, Newfoundland, to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that's nothing new! Forty minutes later, we landed in Gander. Local time at Gander was 12:30 PM—that's 11:00 AM EST. There were already about 20 other airplanes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the US.

After we parked on the ramp, the captain made the following announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, you must be wondering if all these airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason." Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the US. There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The captain informed passengers that Ground control in Gander told us to stay put. The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the air crafts. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane. In the next hour or so more planes landed and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were US commercial jets.

Meanwhile, bits of news started to come in over the aircraft radio and for the first time we learned that airplanes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York and into the Pentagon in DC. People were trying to use their cell phones, but were unable to connect due to a different cell system in Canada. Some did get through, but were only able to get to the Canadian operator who would tell them that the lines to the U.S. were either blocked or jammed. Sometime in the evening the news filtered to us that the World Trade Center buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm.

We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament. We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the planes one plane at a time. At 6 PM, Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11am the next morning. Passengers were not happy, but they simply resigned themselves to this news without much noise and started to prepare themselves to spend the night on the airplane. Gander had promised us medical attention, if needed, water, and lavatory servicing. And they were true to their word.

Fortunately, we had no medical situations to worry about. We did have a young lady who was 33 weeks into her pregnancy. We took REALLY good care of her. The night passed without incident despite the uncomfortable sleeping arrangements. About 10:30 on the morning of the 12th a convoy of school buses showed up. We got off the plane and were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then had to register with the Red Cross. After that we (the crew) were separated from the passengers and were taken in vans to a small hotel.

From the director's desk...



We have a few meetings (outdoors, bring your own lunch and a lawn chair) an exercise class (outdoors, bring a towel and a lawn chair) and a couple of other socially distancing events.

As cooler weather approaches, we will hope for indoor spaces to be opened up for our use. I'll keep a close eye on this and let you know.

I'm holding off on collecting dues for the time being. There are just too many unknowns in this season. I will let you know if and when those will be collected.

I hope you have a blessed month, keep a cheery disposition and get to cross off an item on your bucket list!! Stay gold!

Until next month, Hugs...

Kathy

SCAM ALERT: Be prepared for these phone calls, just in case!

'Good morning, according to our system, you are likely to have been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This means now you need to self-isolate for 7 days and take a COVID-19 test.'

'Okay, can you tell me who that person was?'

'I'm not able to tell you that. That is confidential information. But you will need to get tested within 72 hours. What is the best mailing address so that we can send a kit to you?'

'Right, um....so...okay?' (gives address)

'Thank you, now I just need to take a payment card so that we can finalize and send the test kit to you.'

'Excuse me?? I thought this was free?'

'No, There is a one time fee of \$50 (any amount) for the kit and test results. Read off the card number when you're ready.'

'No, that's not right!'

'Give me the card number now, please. This is very important and there are penalties for not complying.'

HANG UP THE PHONE and call a trusted friend or your doctor's office!!!

This is how scammers work. They prey on the vulnerable and those at risk. And some people will fall for it! Be prepared so you aren't one of their victims.

Another Scam that is making the rounds—You get an alert, on your phone, your computer, your email that says your device is infected and needs immediate help; for a fee, but only payable by gift cards. You go buy the gift cards and call them back and give them the numbers. They drain the value of the cards!!

NEVER, EVER PAY ANYBODY WITH GIFT CARDS!!!

If you are uncertain, call somebody you trust!

☺ A Little Bit of this and that... ☺

Give me a sense of humor, Lord—Give me the grace to see a joke.
To get some humor out of life and pass it on to other folk!

- If you can't change a situation, you can always laugh at it.
- I didn't think wearing orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.
- Yesterday I spotted an albino Dalmation. It was the least I could do for him.
- Prayers for my husband who just saw me take three Oreos out of the pantry and said, "I thought you were on a diet?"
- Are people born with photographic memories or does it just develop?
- I just burned 2000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap!
- My dad always said, "As one door closes, another one opens." He was a wonderful man, but a terrible cabinet maker!
- I wanted to name my son Lance, but my wife said it was too uncommon. I told her in medieval days, people were name Lance a lot!
- Do NOT let them take your temperature before going into the grocery store! It's a scam!! They're erasing your memory. I went for bread and eggs and came home with Ice cream and candy bars!!!
- I remember being able to get up without making sound effects. Good times.



I Wish You Enough

by Bob Perks

I wish you enough sun
to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain
to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness
to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that
the smallest joys in life
appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain
to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss
to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish enough "Hello's" to get you
through the final "Goodbye."

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**IF YOU'RE EVER WITH
ME AND SOMEONE
COMES UP TO ME AND
STARTS TALKING AND
I DON'T INTRODUCE YOU,
IT'S STRICTLY BECAUSE
I DON'T REMEMBER THEIR
NAME. SO PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO BE AWESOME
AND INTRODUCE
YOURSELF SO I CAN
THEN HEAR THEIR NAME
AND PRETEND I KNEW
IT ALL ALONG.**

Closing Sermon Words

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"



Very Nice Definition of TIME

Time is slow when you wait !
Time is fast when you are late !
Time is deadly when you are sad !
Time is short when you are happy !
Time is endless when you are in pain !
Time is long when you feel bored !
Every time, time is determined by your
feelings and your psychological conditions
and not by clocks. So have a nice time Always.



Just to Warm your Heart...

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chatted all the way.
She left me none the wiser for all she had to say.
I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she;
But, Oh! The things I learned from her,
When Sorrow walked with me.

ROBERT BROWNING HAMILTON

A father said to his daughter "You graduated with honors, here is a car I acquired many years ago. It is several years old. But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they offer you. The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father and said, "They offered me \$1,000 because it looks very worn out." The father said, "Take him to the pawn shop." The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered \$100 because it was a very old car." The father asked his daughter to go to a car club and show them the car. The daughter took the car to the club, returned and told her father, "Some people in the club offered \$100,000 for it since it's a Nissan Skyline R34, an iconic car and sought out after by many." The father said to his daughter, "The right place values you the right way," If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you. Never stay in a place where no one sees your value.

With time, people gain weight because we accumulate so much information and wisdom in our heads that when there is no more room, it distributes out to the rest of our bodies. So we aren't heavy, we are enormously cultured, educated, and happy. Beginning today, when I look at my butt in the mirror I will think, "Good grief, look how smart I am!"



Me as a kid: [Falls 10 feet from the monkey bars] I'M OK

Me now: I tried to scoop ice cream that was just a little too frozen and I dislocated my shoulder.

My body sometimes feels sore, but it works. I don't sleep well most nights, but I do wake up to fight another day. My wallet is not full but my stomach is. I don't have all the things I ever wanted but I do have everything I will ever need. My Life is by no means perfect, but it's my life and I'm happy.



When I was in class 7 , I used to ask a lot of questions.!

One day, I asked my English Teacher, "Why do we ignore some letters in pronunciation eg. the letter Hin Hour, Honour.etc.?????"

My English Teacher said, " We are not ignoring them; they're considered silent " (I was even more confused?????)

During the lunch break, my Teacher gave me her packed lunch and asked me to heat it in the Cafeteria.

I ate all the food and returned her the empty container.!!!!!!

My English Teacher : What happened? I told you to go and HEAT my food, you are returning me an empty container.

I replied, "Madam, I thought 'H' was silent.

HOW TO TELL YOU'RE AN ADULT:

- You gain 30 pounds overnight
- You'd rather sleep than go out
- Everything hurts
- Comfort before style
- You have a favorite spatula
- College students look like 12 year olds

LIES MY MOTHER TOLD ME

By I Might Be Funny

1. "It's illegal to drive with the overhead light on."
2. "If you swallow your gum, it will stay in your stomach for 7 years."
3. "Keep making that face & it'll freeze like that."
4. "I have eyes in the back of my head."
5. "You can't swim for 30 minutes after eating."
6. "Don't sit so close to the TV, you'll go blind."
7. "I don't have a favorite child."
8. "I'm just running into the store for one thing."
9. "A watermelon will grow in your stomach if you swallow the seeds."
10. "Maybe...I'll think about it."

**THE FIRST
70
YEARS
OF CHILDHOOD
ARE ALWAYS THE
HARDEST**



Being an adult is mostly about being exhausted, wishing you hadn't made plans, wondering how you can fall asleep and stay asleep, missing someone or something, becoming forgetful, craving foods that you know you shouldn't eat, worrying about things that haven't happened yet and wondering how you got that bruise...

Rambling Thoughts

I didn't write all of this—I've tweaked it to include my own thoughts and to apply it to our community. But it's the truth!

I'm going to put this out there for my Michigan peeps as someone who actually works the election, in hopes of educating people. This is not rocket science, but it's the truth about voting absentee.

First of all, clerk's offices and election workers **MUST** have representation from both Republican and Democratic parties. So for all of those saying that either party is going to attempt to "fix" the election, that would be pretty impossible. Both sides want a fair run.

Recently there was an uproar over ballots being sent out. All that is being sent out to voters are absentee applications - **Ballots DO NOT get sent out without a returned application!** If you sign and return your application, your signature is matched (along with your birthdate and address) to the Qualified Voter File from when you registered to vote. If ANY of the that doesn't match, you are contacted - if it is your signature that doesn't match, you will be asked to come in with ID to verify it was you who filled it out. Only then is it processed, and a ballot issued. Then, when you return your ballot, your info and signature are verified once again on your ballot return envelope. If it doesn't match, you are contacted and must come in with ID before it will be accepted.

Are people still registered that are no longer at that address? Of course, because it is the resident's responsibility to inform the Secretary of State (SOS) or their clerk's office if they are no longer in that jurisdiction or they need to register in their new one. If, for instance, a senior citizen goes into an assisted living facility, doesn't renew their license, still owns their home but rents it, they will more than likely get an application at their home. Some people don't want the government tracking them, yet they expect the SOS to know every time a move is made from one place to another. Again, these are just applications to vote absentee—not actual ballots.

Do people get multiple applications for the same person? Possibly, because political groups can request voter lists and send them out. But if you send in more than one, the system will show that we've already received one...and only one can be processed.

Do ballots get lost in the mail? Of course! Once it goes to the post office, it is out of our hands. But our local post office works diligently and will make multiple deliveries on the day of an election, just to ensure that every absentee ballot is returned by the time the polls close that day. They have nothing to gain by holding up mail, for any reason, especially when they have no idea how people are voting.

Can people have two ballots? Yes, (though it is highly unlikely) but only one can be counted. For instance, if someone requested an absentee ballot, but claims they didn't receive it; then goes in to their clerk's office and requests a new one. That first one would be voided in our system, so even if it suddenly appeared in their mail, and they tried to return it (or accidentally returned the wrong one) it wouldn't be counted.

Check with your local clerk; they do a public testing of equipment which shows you how the tabulators work. Absentee ballots are tabulated **EXACTLY** as if you went in to the polls. **They are not opened or processed until the day of**

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Answers to last month's rebus puzzle: 13. Highchair, 14. Paradise, 15. Touchdown, 16. Six feet under, 17. Mind over Matter, 18. He's beside himself, 19. Backwards Glance, 20. Life after Death, 21. GI overseas, 22. Space Program, 23. See through Blouse, 24. Just between you and me.

We cannot allow this year to end
That would be admitting that 2021.

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.

THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE
THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are

the election. All absentee ballots returned to the local clerks office prior to election day are stored in a secure, monitored area. These absentee ballots are treated like gold!

Absentee voting is simply a convenience for those who are unable to get to the polls on Election Day. People should be fighting to make election day a holiday where all businesses and schools are closed so people can go to the polls...that is what we should all be striving for.

As someone who has proudly worked every Allendale election for the last 20 years, trust me when I say all of us work to provide people the opportunity to exercise their right to vote, no matter who it's for. I encourage people to apply to work the elections and see just how an election really works! I think many would be surprised by all the checks and balances in place to ensure each vote is counted.

I believe in the voting process, whether in person or absentee. I'm not alone when I say that those working the election believe that **YOUR VOTE MATTERS** and they will do what needs to be done to make sure it is counted!! Make your voice heard and get out and vote!!!



Reflections of a Boomer

I've seen fire and I've seen rain.
I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.

I've gone to Kansas City, I've sang in the sunshine.
I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.

Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance.
I've put my camel to bed, and danced the last dance.

Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me,
I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.

I've fell into a burning ring of fire, and walked the line,
To all the girls I've love before, you were always on my mind.

I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome I could cry,
I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.

I've been to Itchycoo Park in a yellow submarine.
I've made the scene in a time machine.

I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around.
I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.

I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road.
I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.

I've sought shelter from the storm, I've sat on the dock of the bay.
I've rocked around the clock, on a sunshiny day.

I've knocked on Heaven's door, blowing in the wind.
Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.

Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.
It's been a hard day's night, the party's over.

Uncle Joe

All things Michigan

A few miles north of the Upper Peninsula town of Hessel is the Rock-view Cemetery. Reverend William Hainstock Law is laid to rest in the small township graveyard. In 1852 Law was born in Canada and in his late 20s he traveled to the Upper Peninsula to minister to the Lumberjacks. He settled in the town of Hessel and sailed to the many islands in the Les Cheneaux Islands. During a storm, he was rescued by the U.S. Lifesaving Service and stayed with them for a few days until the storm subsided. He got to know the men and the families living there and vowed he would support them through ministry. He collected books for the keepers along with toys and crafts for their children. Many were isolated from civilization and had little contact with the outside world. The reverend brought much joy and comfort to many keepers and their families. He also worked tirelessly to help pass legislation giving the men pensions after their retirement.

"Sky Pilot" is slang that sailors used for a chaplain. He continued his dedication to the families of the Life Saving Service until his death in 1928. His great-grandson, John Kotzian, wrote a book about Rev. Law titled *Sky Pilot of the Great Lakes*. It is a well-written book about both Rev. Law and the hardships early keepers and life saving stations had on the Great Lakes. I think it is out of print but you may still find copies of it at your local book store or library.

CAMPER'S TIP - It's black fly season & did you know a little dab of Vick's Vapo Rub behind the ears, wrists and ankles keep the black flies from biting you?



ULTIMATE MICHIGAN BUCKET LIST

How many can you check off?

Mowtown Museum	The Henry Ford
Porcupine Mountains	Ludington
Houghton	Traverse City
Sleeping Bear Dunes	Frankenmuth
Grand Rapids	Headlands Dark Sky Park
Tawas Point Lighthouse	Soo Locks
Pictured Rocks	Isle Royale National Park
Drive M-22	Kitch-iti-Kipi
Mackinac Bridge	Detroit Institute of Arts
Belle Isle	Turnip Rock
Holland	Tahquamenon Falls
Eastern Market	Hartwick Pines
Meijer Gardens	Mackinac Island
Whitefish Point	

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:


- When paying for an activity with the group, please make your checks out to **Allendale Lifelong Learners**. Thank you!
- Please note that if Allendale Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all Lifelong Learners events scheduled for that day will also be cancelled. Here is information on area businesses and individuals who provide classes or events for your needs.
- **SNAP FITNESS**—If you are members of a Medicare health plan, you may have access to the SilverSneakers® Fitness Program. Stop in and see for yourself or visit the website www.silversneakers.com/snap/
- **Silver and Fit** is a program that promotes exercise for the healthy, aging population. If interested, reach out to our professional staff at **Northern PT of Allendale at 616-895-4050** to get set up on your individualized programming.
- **PICKLE BALL-Every Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30** at the new and improved Pickle Ball courts in the township park in summer and at Life Stream (6561 Lake Michigan Drive) in winter. Not sure if you like to play? Stop by and check it out. There are many friendly people there to help! Equipment is provided.



Community Opportunities

- **Ripple Effect**—6561 Lake Michigan Drive. The proceeds are used to support mission work in our community and abroad. They are in need of volunteers to help sort store donations and to work in the store. If you are interested in helping, please stop by and let them know.
- **Love INC**—Volunteers are needed for this ministry as they continue to supply help to the needy in our community. You can work in their "New to You" store or in the office. Contact them directly at 895-5629 for more information.
- **Engine House #5 Museum**—This local museum is in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help with projects, sorting materials, labeling displays and just willing to help keep this museum growing. If you would like to learn more, please contact Jeff or Kim Blum at 616-895-8121, or stop by during normal business hours.
- **Allendale American Legion**—We meet every second Monday of the month at Life Stream Church. Door A, Room 119. Sea, air, and land stories are told at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm. If you are a Veteran, come by and check us out.

Monday, September 14 at 8:30 AM—Breakfast Club at **Murphy's**. Join us and get a free breakfast if it's your birthday this month. We will meet at 8:30. Things will be a little different—we won't all be at one big table, you will need to say you're with the group and I'll come to you with the sign up sheets. Hope you can join us!

Wednesday, September 2, 16 and 30 at 12 noon - As long as the weather allows, we will meet for picnics this month in the Allendale Township Park. Bring your own lunch, beverage and a lawn chair.  Dessert will be provided. Musical lunch bags will be part of the fun!! Pack your lunch and trade with somebody else. Or keep your own and enjoy seeing others experience another's meal.

Thursday, September 21 at 6:00 PM - Root Beer Float Night! Carrying on this traditional gathering even during a pandemic, because who doesn't love an ice cream float!??? We will meet at the Allendale Township Park. Bring a lawn chair. Free!!

Exercise Classes— Monday and Friday at 10 AM— In the past several months, I have continually looked for ways that we could meet and still follow new mandates and guidelines for our state. This is a most welcome plan that has come together recently!! We will meet by the Pavilions in the Allendale Township Park, 6676 Lake Michigan Drive (behind the town hall). Depending on the weather, we will be under the pavilion or out under the trees—but we will be getting some much needed movement, plus a time of fellowship. This class will begin on **Friday, September 4 at 10 am**, no meeting on Monday, September 7 (Labor Day) and then continue each Monday and Friday, outdoors, as long as the weather doesn't turn too cold. Thanks Terri, Calli and Northern PT for working with us!! We appreciate you! Best part: FREE!!!! No cost and you're learning some great ideas!! Bring a towel, and a lawn chair. I hope you can join us!

Mystery Trip We may not be able to ride in a bus together, but you can take your own mystery trip. Just go on your own, or with some friends, and explore someplace new to you. You choose the day and time, pick up your itinerary from the town hall and you are on your way!! I've added some pertinent details to help make these trips successful for all! I will also bring itineraries to our meetings this month. As of now, I have 3 Mystery trips available.



I would much rather post positive stories, but the tragic ones should not be forgotten. Sadly Michigan had one of the most devastating acts of evil perpetrated in the country. A Michigan Historical Marker stands next to a Cupola silently standing in a park in Bath Michigan that reminds us of the horror that occurred.

On May 18, 1927, a dynamite blast rocked the Bath Consolidated School, shattering one wing of the building and resulting in the death of thirty-nine children and teachers; dozens more were injured. An inquest concluded that dynamite had been planted in the basement of the school by Andrew Kehoe, an embittered school board member. Resentful of higher taxes imposed for the school construction and the impending foreclosure on his farm, he took revenge on Bath's citizens by targeting their children. Soon after the explosion, as parents and rescue workers searched through the rubble for children, Kehoe took his life and the lives of four bystanders including the superintendent, one student and two townspeople, by detonating dynamite in his pick-up truck as he sat parked in front of the school.

The destruction of the Bath Consolidated School shared the front page of national newspapers with Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic flight. "Maniac Blows Up School ... Had Protested High Taxes" screamed the headlines of the May 19, 1927, New York Times. Michigan Governor Fred Green created the Bath Relief Fund, and people from across the country expressed their sympathies and offered financial support. Michigan U.S. Senator James Couzens gave generously to the fund and donated money to rebuild the school. On August 18, 1928, Bath looked to the future and dedicated the James Couzens Agricultural School to its "living youth." A statue entitled, Girl with a Cat, sculpted by the University of Michigan artist Carleton W. Angell and purchased with pennies donated by the children of Michigan was also dedicated that day.

Did anyone know that Lawrence Welk
had 4 daughters?
Anna 1, Anna 2, Anna 3, Anna 4!!
Don't judge me! ☺



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		1	2 12 noon—Picnic in the park	3	4 10 AM—Exercise in the Park.	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 10 AM—Exercise in the Park. Patriot Day	12
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20	21 10 AM—Exercise in the Park. 6:00 PM—Root Beer Float Night	22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25 10 AM—Exercise in the Park.	26
27 	28 10 AM—Exercise in the Park.	29	30 12 noon—Picnic in the park	1—October	2 10 AM—Exercise in the Park.	

Do you have questions?? You can text or call and leave a message @ 616.843.0572 or send an email to khanes@allendale-twp.org