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We hew to the line; let the chips fall where they may.

Creativity Rises to the Challenge of COVID

Micah Mabey I've dedicated the last ten years to pursuing
Staff Writer artistic passions and meeting people who

run in these crowds, and I've discovered how artists and art careers are changing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I've been asking questions like "what's going on?" and "who are you?" and certainly "do you know what the word 'virus' means?" People have been giving me great answers, so I thought it was only right to share them with you; so that you can have thoughts like "gosh, I sure am glad that I'm not alone in feeling scared," or "wow, art really is subjective, isn't it."

My first interview was on a particularly sunny day for it already feeling like winter. I had my notebook bundled in my arms as I spoke with Brigid Driscoll, a local and rival journalist. We talked about how it feels for her to be writing what she described as "feel-good news stories."

"It's hard to write feel-good stories when you don't feel good," Driscoll said.

Much like many of the people she speaks to, Driscoll is having trouble with the holidays this year, too. "I'm not going home for the holidays, and I live alone," she said. "In my head I already skipped over it."

One of these "feel-good stories" that Driscoll wrote about was local musician Zack Brooks. Brooks is the not-so-former punk kid with the wiry frame that you can see slinging coffee downtown, even through the pandemic. His brown hair, dyed at the bottom, is visually striking, especially when paired with his long, skinny beard. Put that on top of his snarky and quick sense of humor, he's hard to forget. Over the summer, Zack and his band Little Graves spent some time in Traverse City's Studio Anatomy, recording a new album.

"By the time COVID became an inescapable reality where we couldn't pretend it wasn't happening, the record was

essentially done being written," Brooks said of their next studio release. They'd written the songs in clusters, two or three at a time, since he'd joined the band in the summer of 2019. "We anticipated 2020 being our busiest year, and all we've done is make this record. We're still doing things, we just had to change our goals' timeline."

Brooks hopes that the album will come out in the next few months. Until then, he'll keep working with not enough hours at his two coffee shop jobs and hope that he can get on underemployment again. Art may be beautiful, but it ain't glamorous.

Nick Walsh, an artist in town who mostly chooses paint as his medium, understands that well. As the mind behind the Basement Art Shows that take place at Studio Anatomy, where Brooks has recorded and performed, Walsh has seen the effects of COVID. "Nobody was coming into the studio, there were no live shows, everything had to stop."

He noticed what we all noticed: the livestreams popping up all around the world. People discovering how they can put on plays, concerts, or art shows, all from the safety of their own bubble. "The quality [of the livestreams] wasn't the same as an edited version of whatever that thing was," Walsh said. "So we just wanted to do a small setup, shot like a live performance, or at least as close to a live performance as possible." The outcome was the 20/20 Live Performance Series. A beautiful capturing of live music not only from Northern Michigan, but all across the state, done safely.

"From a marketing standpoint, the strangers weren't as connected as I would have hoped," Walsh explained. He's still working on how he can get his Basement Art Shows, now turned digital, as well as the concert series with Studio Anatomy, into more hands and in front of more eyes. "A lot

of my close friends were engaged with it more so than the public."

One group he could take a look at for inspiration is Mash-Up Rock & Roll Musical, a local theatre troupe that puts on original parody musicals, who is just starting work on releasing parody web content, all written by its founders, Lesley Tye and Tony Bero.

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Beverly Cady on a Covid-safe set for a Mash-Up Rock and Roll Musical web-production.



Artist Nick Walsh at Studio Anatomy



Ben and Melissa May preparing for dress rehearsal of Scooby Doo-Wop

Photos by Harpe Star

NMC Magazine Calls for Submissions

Pandemic got you creating? Writing about the emptiness of isolation or the frustration at perpetual injustices? Does intimacy feel prohibited as liquor once was? Have you painted a resistance cry or captured a secret on camera? Or maybe all you've managed is a sketch of hand sanitizer or a haiku about the curse of productivity. Whatever it is, we want to see it! Share your COVID-19 era creations with us for *NMC Magazine* spring issue, Pandemic Edition.

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Morgan Arrowood recording at Studio Anatomy for the new Little Graves album.

Through the pandemic, Bero and Tye were able to write and produce a unique live outdoor theatre/scavenger hunt experience, called "Scooby Doo-Wop," where the attendees wouldn't have to leave their cars; it sold out before the first show even went up in October.

"The hardest part was the uncertainty of whether or not it would work," Tye said. "It was so different from anything else we did; the technical aspect, the weather, it was just so many variables."



Zack Brooks recording at Studio Anatomy for the new Little Graves album.

With Bero having to compose and record some tracks within a tight time-frame, he found struggle with the confines of COVID. "Having to do it all distanced and safely required an intractable level of scheduling," he said. "Recording at a new studio for me, at the time, and working with people who have never recorded before."

"However it was sort of the best thing too," Lesley remarked. "It forced us to do things that we've never done before. That's what art should do for anybody. It should make you have to do something you've never done before, with the people that rise to the challenge to do it."

NMC Brings 21st Century Sport to Campus

Emily Slater
Editor in Chief

One of the fastest growing sports has come to NMC this semester, but it's not your parents' typical tailgating event.

In September, NMC rolled out its new eSports program, aimed at connecting students through competitive level video gaming. The games consist of organized multiplayer competitions, through either individual or team play. NMC players have been playing *Rocket League*, *League of Legends*, and *Rainbow 6* this semester, honing their skills in friendly competitions with each other and in local tournaments. Varsity level leagues compete against other schools on state and national levels, and have student requirements like minimum GPAs and full-time status. eSports clubs see players competing in tournaments hosted by club teams at other colleges, or by sites that specialize in eSports, without the student requirements Varsity carries. Both are highly competitive.

Collegiate eSports clubs have quickly grown in popularity over the last decade, both with players and viewers. Over 170 colleges and universities are members of the National Association of Collegiate eSports (NACE), while thousands more offer clubs and programs as well. Championship games see livestream viewership in the millions, with younger generations at the forefront of audiences.

There was immediate interest in the new program. Eighty-seven students have signed up on the NMC eSports Discord server, an instant messaging and voice-over-IP, since the league was announced at the beginning of the fall semester.

"I am a gamer myself and I thought it would be cool to meet new friends and participate in tournaments," said the group's student representative, Lael Del Angel Serrano. Del Angel Serrano had not played competitively before but has enjoyed both the challenge and the opportunity to meet new people within the gaming community. They cite the comradery that comes with connecting with others who have the same passions. "I hope that everyone that becomes a member of the NMC eSports program is able to experience the gaming community's power to bring people together and display everyone's unique skill sets and playstyles." In a time when the traditional in-person college experience is being turned on its head, a virtual sports team is better equipped to easily abide by current safety protocol and standards.

The program was originally set to be announced last April in conjunction with the completion of West Hall, which would house a new gaming room for the program in its basement. However, the program's announcement was put on hold when COVID-19 forced the campus to close and West Hall's construction came to a halt. Construction on the building was finished in time for the start of the fall semester, though COVID restrictions has put a hold on in-person meetings of NMC eSports for the time being.

The in-person postponement had one unexpected upside, however, says the group's faculty advisor, Terri Gustafson. "The delay has actually helped us rethink the original room setup, so we are making some layout changes to the room while the on-campus restrictions are in place."

Gustafson sees NMC eSports as a great source of potential for the college. In the future, it could lead to new student recruitment, scholarships, and the creation of NMC's only varsity

sport. "Across the state of Michigan and really, the country, colleges and universities have dedicated teams and coaches for eSports and spend just as much time as a traditional sports recruiting the best players to come to join their team," says Gustafson.

If you'd like to join NMC eSports, sign up at discord.gg/69DSzHTZPR. All levels of player are welcomed and encouraged.

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Holiday Gift Guide

Chelsea Cooper
Staff Writer

Sometimes, finding the perfect gift for a loved one can feel just as great as receiving one! This year, we could all use a little Christmas cheer. Figuring out where to start your holiday shopping can be difficult, especially for the person in your life who isn't easy to shop for. A gift can address a need, fulfill a want, or simply just be fun and silly. The internet has answers for all of these things, especially the latter! You don't even have to spend money to show you care, just a personal touch is all you need. Here are some gift ideas for the special people in your life and their unique interests.

Pet Lover

Customized Pet Portrait: One of the newest trends for pet-themed gifts is customized pet portraits! Available on Etsy, these bestselling custom pet portraits are the perfect way to help your friend or family member show off their pet!

Wisdom Panel Essential: Do they love their rescue dog? Learn more about any breed's ancestry and their susceptibility to certain health conditions by swiping the inside of your pooch's cheek — you'll have a report back in two to three weeks.

Snuffle Mat: A great way to keep pets entertained and the best part is you can make these yourself or find them handmade on Etsy! Snuffle mats hide treats like a puzzle for innovative playtime.

Homeschooling Parents

A gift of self-care: It's easy for parents to feel overwhelmed with chores and the pandemic has only compounded this. Give the gift of self care—bring some meals for their freezer, shovel their walkway, or offer to be a virtual babysitter for an hour!

Handy memberships: Amazon Prime for school supplies, a local zoo or museum, a CuriosityStream for documentaries, or even just a Netflix subscription for them to enjoy post bedtime!

Personal treats: Candles, bubble bath, some nice wine, a tea set, a fuzzy blanket, a new field trip purse, etc!

Long Distance

Friendship lamp: Stay connected with friends and family with long-distance friendship lamps! The lamps sync up to each other through an app and each user can change the colors to send different messages.

Lovebox: Lovebox is a connected messaging device that pairs with an app to go beyond regular communication and deliver special expressions of affection. With the Lovebox B&W, add a retro touch in the way you communicate! With this Lovebox, you can exchange messages, stickers, or black and white drawings.

Personalized map: Whether it was on a snowy New Year's Eve, a sunswept beach, or the aisle in your local supermarket, turn your love story into a beautiful map. Where you met, tied the knot or that one place that's special to your both. Create a thoughtful and lasting romantic gift.

Literary Nut

Add to their library: Brighten their day, even if they're already a member of Audible! There are multiple Audible gift plans to choose from for the literary friend in your life. If your reader isn't interested in audiobooks, a Kindle Unlimited gift subscription from Amazon is a great solution—the subscription service has more than one million eBooks available to check out.

Personal embosser: Gift this elegant personalized embosser ("from the library of") so your recipient can "mark their territory," so to speak. The rubber stamp will emboss your friend's name on the page—no ink required.

Bathtub Caddy: Reading in the tub is one of life's better luxuries, and a water-resistant teak tray makes it easier. Adjustable to fit bathtub size, cup holder, and candle holder, the only thing it does not do is turn the pages!

Sports Fan

Greatest plays coaster set: Relive the greatest moments in sports history! Each slate set comes with four laser-etched coasters depicting these historic plays.

Stadium Views 3D Stadium Picture Frame: A person's first ball game is always memorable—why not celebrate it with a picture of the stadium you went to? It's a keepsake that will last forever with etched out stadium and place for a personalized picture!

Cocktail ice molds: Enjoy a nice cocktail on the rocks! There are ice molds you can make right at home in the shape of every sports ball or puck imaginable.

Outdoor Enthusiast

Hydro Flask: Hydro Flask boasts that its bottles keep water cold for 24 hours and hot for 12 hours. Definitely enough for a cold morning or a full day out on the trails.

Waterproof daypack cover: A waterproof daypack cover will not only keep your loved one's backpack dry, but will protect all of the contents inside in case of bad weather out in the trails or on the mountain.

Quick-dry towel: A towel can come in handy on any hiking trip. From humid, sweaty trails to impromptu swimming sessions, outdoorsy people can always use a towel that's small and thin enough to carry around in a daypack.

Remote Learning Children

Kid's Global Adventure Cooking Kit: The instructions walk you through everything, and each kit also includes interesting facts, puzzles, and activities about the country's food and culture. Now, the whole family's at the table sharing something delicious the kids made to eat and tales of the day's travels.

Children's mask coloring kit: Available on uncommongoods.com, there are plenty of colorless masks with different designs to choose from. Let them design their own pandemic mask to show off! Kit comes with fabric markers.

Build-your-own robot: includes instructions to make three different robots per kit, then use your own creativity to make more. Comes with all of the nuts and bolts you will need!



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Holiday Event Calendar

Kathryn DePauw
Editor in Chief

Whether you are looking for holiday activities, shopping, or a touch of culture, there is plenty happening in the region this month. Most events are virtual or socially distanced for the safety of the community, but that doesn't mean there is any shortage of fun! Consider the options below, but always check first before you go. Event schedules and safety procedures can change without notice.

Santa Brunch To-Go at Black Star Farms
Dec. 12 from 9am–12pm @ Black Star Farms

Enjoy a delicious brunch with holiday perks this year! Purchase a brunch deal for four that includes a drive-through visit with Santa for \$75. Santa will be located on the front porch and ready to hear wishlists.

Laura Ingalls Wilder's Christmas Memories

Dec. 13 from 2–3:30pm @ Traverse Area District Library via Zoom

"Laura" will host this special event, sharing stories of her childhood and past holidays. She will reveal personal stories and some of her most precious Christmas gifts. Registration on the TADL website ahead of time is required.

Chateau Chantal Virtual Holiday Wine Tasting

Dec. 18 from 5–6pm @ Chateau Chantal via Zoom

The CEO & Certified Sommelier, Marie-Chantal Dalese, will guide participants through the delights found in their Holiday Wine Packs. The event is open to the public and the Holiday Wine Packs can be purchased ahead of time.

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy: A Celtic Family Christmas at Home

Dec. 19 from 7–8:00pm @ City Opera House via online

For \$20, attendees will celebrate the Christmas holiday virtually with Natalie MacMaster, her husband Donnell Leahy, and their seven children! They will share their music, tradition, and culture in this family friendly event. Activities include dancing, singing, baking, and sharing Christmas memories. Visit the City Opera House for details.

Traverse City New Year's Eve CherryT Ball Drop

Dec. 31 from 11:45 @ online

This local tradition is going virtual this year! Stream the event on the CherryT Facebook Page or the UpNorthLive Facebook page and website. Donations for the event are accepted and this year, proceeds go to Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan. So ring in the new year from the safety of your own home and support a good cause!

Dennos Museum Holiday Art Fair

Dec. 1-23 @ Dennos Museum Center online shop

This seasonal holiday sale has gone virtual this year. Visit shop.dennosmuseum.org to explore the hand-crafted items from more than 20 different Michigan artists, Christmas & Hanukkah gifts, arts & crafts kits, and much more. Curbside pick-up and \$5 flat rate shipping are also available.

Light Up the Night

Dec. 1–29, after dusk @ Bellaire

Everyone is invited to downtown Bellaire where businesses and residents have decked out their buildings with decorations and lights. Come take a driving or walking tour to experience the holiday magic!

Livestream: Interlochen Arts Academy 'Sounds of the Season'

Dec. 15 starting at 7:30 @ Interlochen Arts Academy

Enjoy performances from students and faculty from a wide variety of disciplines during this online event. Music, dance, theatre, and visual arts will be on display. The event will be livestreamed at live.interlochen.org and on their Facebook page.

Free "Make & Take" Craft Kits

Dec. 13 starting at 11am @ Charlevoix Circle of Arts

Through Dec. 31 and while supplies last, drop by Charlevoix Circle of Arts to pick up a free ornament craft kit to take home and enjoy! The Circle Holiday Market provides unique gifts from more than 30 local artists (market runs until Jan. 2).

Local Seasonal Cheer

Courtney Ockert
Photographer

The holiday season is upon us, and while this year may feel a little different, the spirit still remains. This collection of photos captures glimpses of the winter magic found in shop windows in Traverse City's downtown. If you desire some seasonal atmosphere, walking down Front St. with some hot cocoa, a loved one, and seeing some of these details yourself might just do the trick.



You Need to be Watching “Ted Lasso”

Emily Slater Apple TV’s latest comedy, “Ted Lasso,” is the antidote to the weariness of Editor in Chief 2020. First established as a promotional commercial character for NBC in 2013, Apple TV has created a joyful series around an American football coach turned U.K. football coach (turns out, the two sports don’t have much in common. Who would have thought?). Jason Sudeikis plays the title character with quiet, unassuming brilliance. First lulling the audience into believing that his Lasso might be just another run-of-the-mill bumbling idiot, Sudeikis deftly navigates a complete and utter delight of a character who you soon realize sees and knows much more than he’s given credit for.

While Ted might bear the show’s name, it is truly a group effort that makes this gem succeed. Every character is thought-out and given their moment to shine, and the actors play off each other like a well-oiled machine (truly a feat for a first season of any show).

That is the beauty of Ted Lasso—both the man and the show. There’s a recognition of inherent value, of human dignity, apart from what someone brings to the pitch, so-to-speak. It sees people. And it turns our traditional tropes and stereotypes on their heads. Rebecca (played by a fantastic Hannah Waddingham), the football club’s new owner and ex-wife to a philandering playboy, isn’t a stereotypical trope of a woman scorned, she’s a human in the midst of immense grief. Her friendship with Keeley, resident model “famous for being almost famous,” should be a prerequisite for any writer looking to convey female friendships accurately.

The team’s kit man, Nate, would have been a series-long scapegoat on any other show. Instead, he’s allowed to flourish under Ted’s respect and encouragement, a subtle move that changes how the team responds to him as well.

The team itself is full of hilarious, dynamic actors led by Brett Goldstein as the once great, but slowly fading, Roy Kent. Even Ted himself, for all his sunny demeanor and persistent enthusiasm, is battling his own heartbreak and demons. Each character is so much more than who they are first presented to the audience as. They’re complicated and messy and unexpectedly vulnerable. They’re real.

And they’re *funny*. I’m working on my third viewing (don’t side-eye me! We’re in a pandemic. Three times is a perfectly normal amount to watch something) and I’m still catching things I missed the first two times around. An insane mix of big moment laughs coupled with little jokes and throw-away lines that any comedy writer would kill to have thought up first. Often in comedy, heart is sacrificed for the punchlines—the thought that anything remotely sentimental will cut laughter short. But “Ted Lasso” proves that not only can you have both, but they in fact make the other stronger in the process. It is clear that the writing staff of “Ted Lasso,” many of whom also play characters on the show, had a common vision and executed it in spades.

In a time when reality feels like a dystopian nightmare, “Ted Lasso” brings joy and optimism rarely pulled off well in entertainment. Do yourself a favor and watch the show. If you don’t have Apple TV, sign up for their free week trial and binge it (I guarantee you can’t stop with just one episode). It’ll make you laugh, cry, and give you the gift of remembering that our humanity is so much greater than just our sum parts.



Recipe: Buttery Spritz Cookies

Ann Hosler My cookie press doesn’t get pulled out much, but spritz cookies are the gateway Copy Editor to using it. (Don’t worry—if you don’t have a cookie press, they can be made without one!) These cookies are buttery-rich-goodness and quick to whip up for the holidays or just to have around for a snack. Bonus: you only use yolks in this recipe, so put those egg whites to good use and make some meringues as well!

Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose white flour, sifted
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 ¼ cups confectioners’ sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ tsp rum extract (*can substitute with hazelnut, almond, or more vanilla*)
- food coloring (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Cream together butter and sugar.
3. Mix in egg yolks and extracts.
4. Mix in salt, then gradually add flour until well-combined.
5. If using food coloring, do it after everything is combined. You can separate the dough into multiple chunks if using more than one color.
6. Fill a cookie press and place about 1/2”–1” apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. If you don’t have a cookie press, scoop dough with a teaspoon and flatten with your palm or a glass to about ¼” thickness.
7. Bake for 6–8 minutes.
8. Allow to cool on the pan for 3–5 minutes before moving to a cooling rack.
9. Cookies can be stored in an airtight container for up to four days.



We’re Looking for You!

Craig Hadley Calling all students! Are you interested in how museums work behind Denno Museum Center the scenes? Or maybe you have a passion for studio art, digital media, or artifacts? You might be surprised to know that we have two groups of staff, faculty, and community members that meet occasionally to look at new art acquisitions and future exhibits. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please email me directly (chadley@nmc.edu) along with a few brief responses to the following questions:

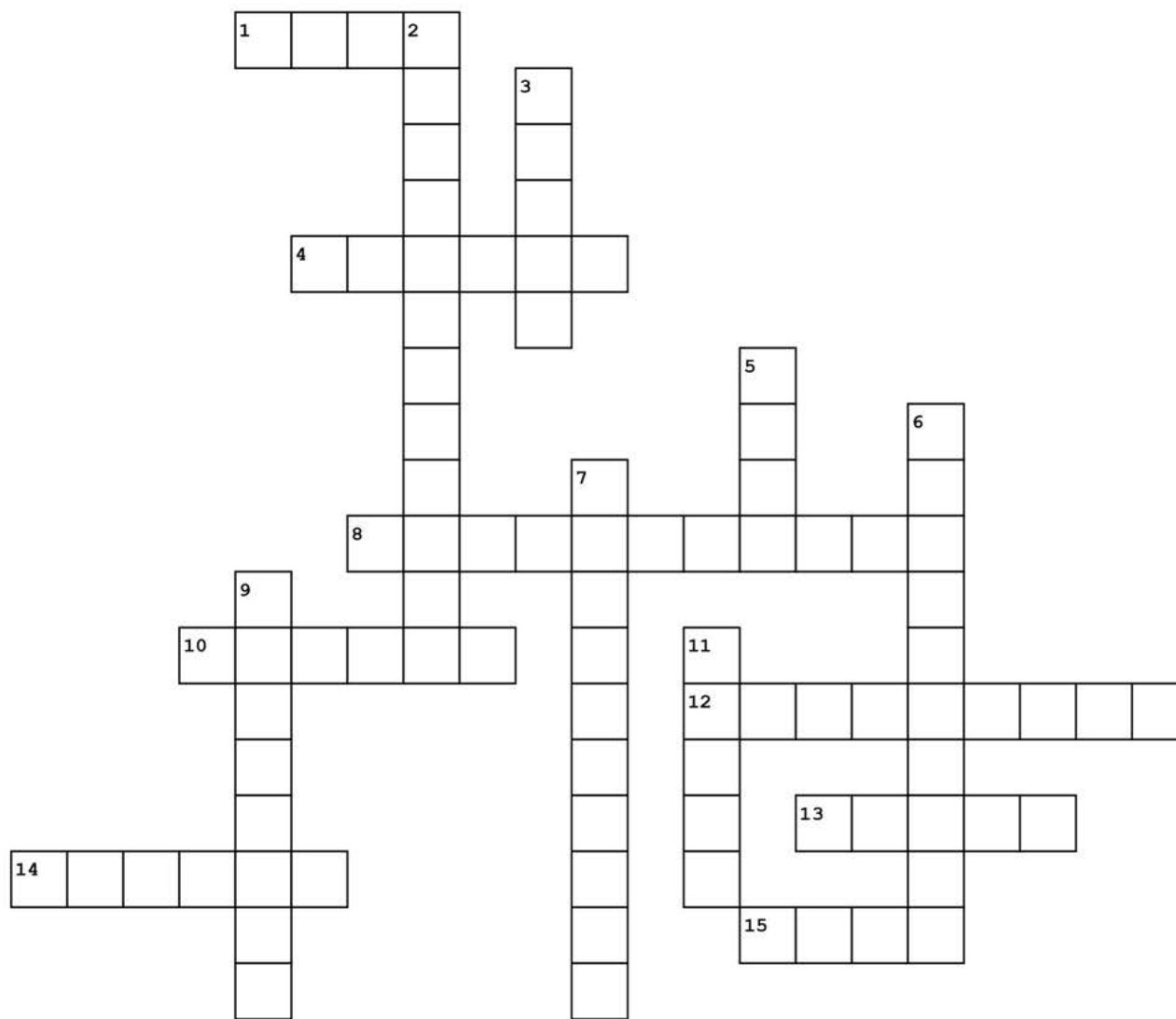
- How would serving on a committee for the Denno Museum Center further your career goals?
- What kind of skills and interest can you bring to our committees that evaluate exhibitions or art collections?
- Do you have a favorite artwork or exhibit at the Denno?

Finally, we’re also looking for students who can serve as Denno ambassadors to the larger student body. We’d love to get a group together to help us brainstorm some of these ideas and see how we might better serve students and faculty today and in the future. If you’d like to serve in this capacity, please email Jason Dake at jdake@nmc.edu.

Happy holidays and take good care. We hope to see you all soon!



Animal Groups



Across

1. A group of crocodiles is called a(n) _____.
4. A group of sharks is called a(n) _____.
8. A group of eagles is called a(n) _____.
10. A group of cobras is called a(n) _____.
12. A group of buffalo is called a herd, gang, or a(n) _____.
13. A group of owls has multiple names, including a(n) _____.
14. A group of crows is called a(n) _____.
15. A group of frogs is called a(n) _____.

Down

2. A group of butterflies has multiple names, including a(n) _____.
3. A group of trout is called a(n) _____.
5. A group of toads is called a(n) _____.
6. A group of lemurs is called a(n) _____.
7. A group of crabs is called a cast or a(n) _____.
9. A group of ferrets is called a(n) _____.
11. A group of giraffes is called a(n) _____.

Find the answers online at www.whitepinepresstc.com
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In Memoriam

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Editor in Chief

The end of the year is a time for reflection and appreciation. In this spirit, this is the time to recognize the many people who have passed this year that made an impact on NMC. These are individuals who have taught, attended, or supported the college in some way. This list is doubtlessly incomplete, and it is important to recognize that those not listed were still a part of NMC's history and a part of our community. So let us all take a moment to consider the lives and contributions of everyone listed (and not listed) who was lost this year.

Jacqueline "Jacky" Tompkins Weede passed away at the age of 90. She was a long time business instructor and eventually became head of the department.

John Pahl, an NMC instructor for 48 years passed away Sept. 20. In addition to teaching in the Communications department, he also coached NMC's cross country and tennis teams. Pahl was an accomplished writer and served as the literary faculty adviser of *NMC Magazine* for many years.

Steve Ballance had a varied career at NMC. From 1971–2000, he worked as a photography instructor, served as head of the Art department, and also served as head of the Physical Education department. He also taught sailing to the Maritime students.

Jim Beckett served on the NMC Board of Trustees for decades and spent 32 years as the board chair. When he retired, he became an NMC Fellow and Emeritus Member of the NMC Foundation. The Beckett building is named after him to honor the years of service he paid to the institution and the community.

Mike Ascione, an NMC alumni, passed away in November. He was a prominent businessman in the area. Ascione was the president of American Waste, a company that grew from his father's business, for almost 20 years.

George Beeby, an adjunct faculty member who taught business courses for 10 years, passed away in September.

John Hage, a Traverse City native, became an adjunct faculty member later in life. He taught in the Communications department, having previously been a reporter for the *Traverse City Record-Eagle*. He passed away in July.

In addition to faculty and alumni, there were many generous donors who supported NMC and its students. Their spirit and commitment to community will continue to influence and inspire.

Greg Reisig had many connections to NMC and was an engaged community member and environmental activist. He was co-chair of the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council (NMEAC), a local environmental group that supported NMC student groups like the GT Freshwater Society and the Green Team. He was also a donor to the NMC Foundation.

Other donors who passed away this year include:

- Alvin Eckhardt - donor, alumni
- Charles Forster - donor
- James Gurd - donor
- Paul Hurley - donor, alumni
- Daniel Mahaney - donor, alumni
- Douglas Noverr - donor
- Helen Childs - donor
- Clara McManus - donor
- Clarine Olson - donor

Michigan Governor William G. Milliken

This past August, many members of the community attended a memorial service at the campus of Interlochen Center for the Arts. Attendees were there to celebrate former Michigan Governor William G. Milliken, a politician who reached across the aisle and was well-known for promoting civil rights, women's rights, and environmental protections. His many environmental successes include the signing of the Environmental Protection Act, the Wetland Protection Act, expanding park programs, sand dune protections, controls on hazardous waste, and the creation of the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Milliken had roots in northwestern lower Michigan that ran long and deep. He was born and raised in Traverse City and it was here that he fell in love with nature and public service. He graduated from Traverse City High School and worked at Milliken's Department Store, founded by his grandfather, and served as president there for several years. He also served in World War II, flying 50 combat missions and surviving two crash landings. He was a well-decorated soldier, eventually receiving seven military honors, including the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.

Before serving as governor of Michigan from 1969 to 1983, he was an active member of the NMC community. He served on the NMC Board of Trustees from 1957–1961. He spoke at the 1956 graduation ceremony in front of the library. In 1965 Milliken became a "Fellow of Northwestern Michigan College," the notation reading, "His service as a citizen and as a member of the Board of Trustees in shaping the direction and goals of Northwestern Michigan College. As a distinguished public servant, his keen interest in educational excellence continues to inspire high achievement by others." The governor helped steer the college to where it is today—a strong liberal arts college, with a focus on local needs, service to others, and the environment.

Eventually, his career took him downstate but he returned to his hometown whenever possible. Gov. Milliken passed away on Oct. 18, 2019 in Traverse City, in the home that he built 60 years ago. He was 97 years old.

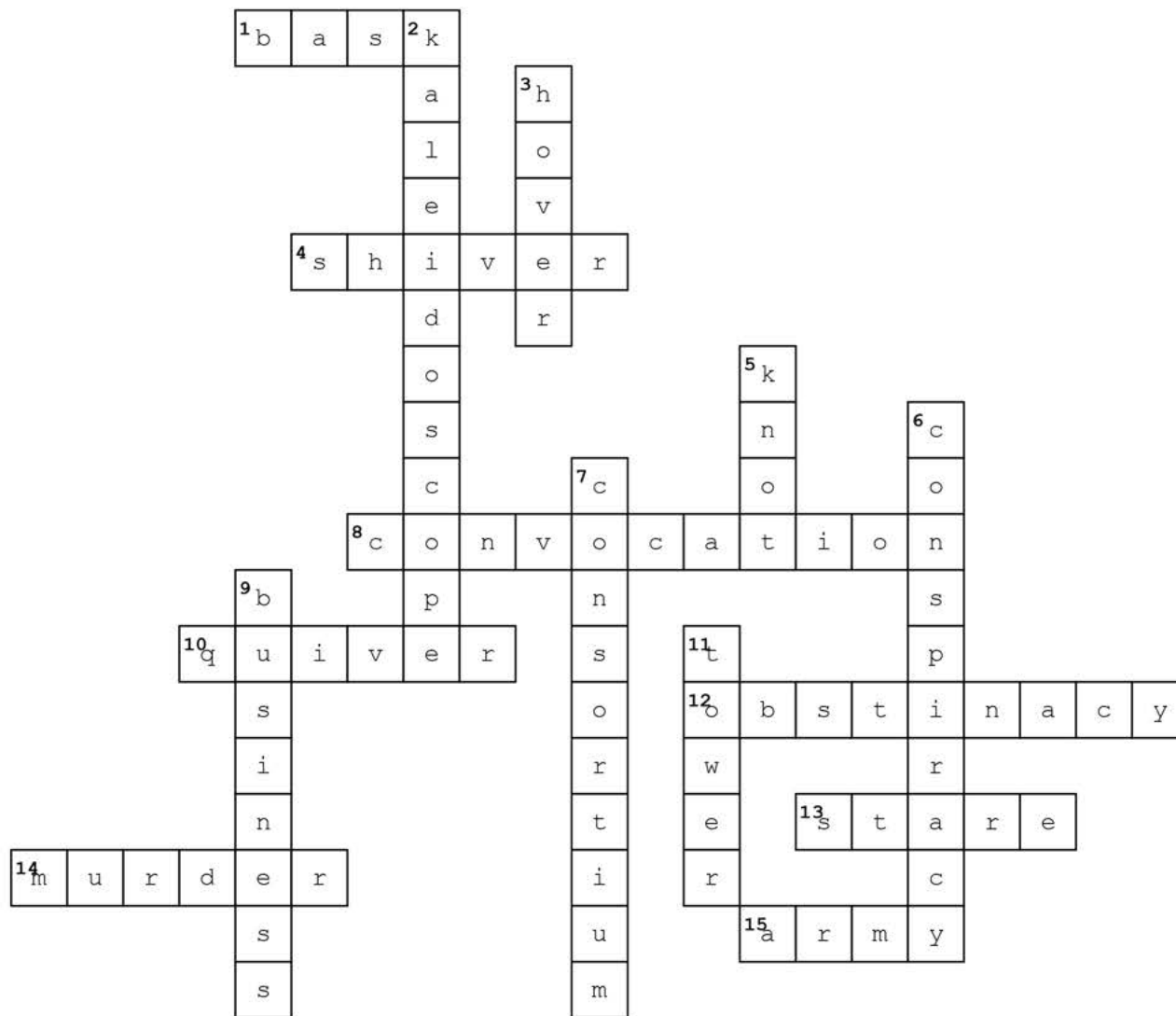
On Sept. 4, 2020, members of the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council (NMEAC) and NMC president, Nick Nissley, gathered to plant memorial pine trees on NMC's campus. They met at the Dennon Museum and placed the trees among the campus's famous white pine forest. The pine trees have long been a symbol of NMC, and Gov. Milliken's middle name was Grawn, which in Swedish means pine tree. The saplings represent the ideals of both: community, education, and the environmental protection. A legacy that one can only hope will continue to grow.



Photo by Nick Moug

NMC President, Dr. Nissley, and NMEAC planted trees on NMC's main campus in honor of the late Governor Milliken

Animal Groups



Across

1. A group of crocodiles is called a(n) _____.
4. A group of sharks is called a(n) _____.
8. A group of eagles is called a(n) _____.
10. A group of cobras is called a(n) _____.
12. A group of buffalo is called a herd, gang, or a(n) _____.
13. A group of owls has multiple names, including a(n) _____.
14. A group of crows is called a(n) _____.
15. A group of frogs is called a(n) _____.

Down

2. A group of butterflies has multiple names, including a(n) _____.
3. A group of trout is called a(n) _____.
5. A group of toads is called a(n) _____.
6. A group of lemurs is called a(n) _____.
7. A group of crabs is called a cast or a(n) _____.
9. A group of ferrets is called a(n) _____.
11. A group of giraffes is called a(n) _____.

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