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Four-month-old Karizma Doncoes of Oscoda is mesmerized by this jolly old elf and was delighted to meet Santa for the first time. She and her family joined Santa for breakfast last Saturday at the Alcona Brew Haus in Harrisville during Christmas in the Village, an annual holiday event. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Retailers, business groups urge shoppers to buy local

By Nicholas Simon
Capital News Service

Michigan business officials and retailers are renewing their calls for shoppers to embrace local shopping.

Shopping on Main Street, instead of fighting crowds at big-box stores, means more this year because of the lingering effects of COVID-19 and the ongoing effects of the supply chain crisis, said Otie McKinley, the media and communications manager for the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

It's not just a Small Business Saturday kind of concern.

"As we come out of the pandemic, people buying local is not just about the upcoming holiday gift season," McKinley said. "It's about supporting local businesses whenever you can, that has an incredible impact on the local economy of the community and a direct impact on

that small business."

Scrolls Unlimited in Cheboygan, Mich. is still looking to unload inventory left from when retailers closed their physical locations during the pandemic, said Laura Derk, the cofounder of Scrolls Unlimited.

Many suppliers that stayed in business after the pandemic are dealing with excess inventory. They hope a strong Christmas season from local shoppers will get their businesses back on track, said Derk, whose company makes full-sized scrolls with religious verses, Christmas stories and name-meanings being the most popular options.

"I think people have to go through hard times to really appreciate the people who are there all the time," Derk said. "A lot of the time we take locals for granted and they are usually the harder workers."

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Downstate school shooting causes ripples of fear and safety concerns

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In the wake of a deadly shooting at a school in Oxford, Mich. on November 30, over 100 school districts in the state closed their doors to ensure safety because of copycat threats of violence.

While Alcona Community Schools did not close its doors to students, it did go on high alert with a soft lockdown on Friday, Dec. 3. Superintendent Dan O'Connor said parents were notified on Thursday night that the district would be in a soft lockdown.

O'Connor said neither a soft lockdown nor a hard lockdown is what the school wants to do, but the need to be prepared is there.

The current protocol for a soft lockdown is for students to remain in their classroom except during normal class changes. All windows and doors are locked. No public is let in to the school and if the classroom window has shades, the shades are drawn.

All student cell phones are collected by the teacher/staff. Teacher and staff keep their cell phones on and set them to vibrate for emergency communication. Teachers take attendance of all students and report any missing students. O'Connor said taking the student's cell phones was the recommendation from law enforcement when they developed the policy.

During a soft lockdown, the daily schedule remains the same and students are dismissed at the normal time.

A hard lock means the threat is imminent and all students remain in the classroom where they stay until students are evacuated. As with a soft lockdown, doors and windows are locked and no public is allowed into the school or school grounds. Parents are asked to stay away from the school and school and law enforcement will even block the driveway to stop the public from entering or leaving school grounds.

According to O'Connor, in both cases, parents are notified as soon as possible, but their main concern always is the safety of the students. "Obviously, our priority is to secure the building and then

we will begin the notification when we can," O'Connor said.

He explained over the past two years staff and students have been dealing with many aspects of COVID and while school safety was important, the past week's events reinforced the need for consistent and additional training for teachers and staff.

"We have to make sure we are as prepared as possible for any situation that may present itself. There is so much unpredictability with these situations, we can prepare the best we can and equip students and staff with basic skills to deter, hopefully, that will buy enough time until law enforcement arrives," O'Connor said.

The school district has no consistent law enforcement on campus, as it has had in the past, but the county and the school district began a conversation over a month ago to add it to next year's budget.

"Because of what has happened in Oxford, Mich., that

process may be sped up. We had police presence on campus last Friday (during the soft lockdown) and I have asked their presence be consistent through Christmas break to add another layer of safety," O'Connor said.

Years ago, the school board discussed putting metal detectors in the main lobby of the schools. According to O'Connor that discussion has been brought up again. "It's not necessarily the welcoming environment we want to create for students or staff, but something we may consider.

"Our students are shaken with the news of what happened downstate. School should be a place where they feel comfortable and confident and walking through metal detectors doesn't create that feeling," O'Connor said. He was also apprehensive about going to metal detectors because of the cost involved, not only for the

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How to report school safety concerns

All school districts are on heightened alert after the shooting downstate and Alcona Community Schools is no different.

The school district is asking everyone to be diligent in reporting if they see or hear of something that may not seem normal or right including all threats to cause harm.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor said during this time, reinforcing partnerships with students, staff, parents and the community is important. "We all have to be diligent to report something that may not be right. We must add an extra layer of precaution. (Reporting) isn't something everyone feels comfortable with especially for students," O'Connor said.

He explained if a student feels threatened or hears of a threat, they may report it to any staff member or administrator in person, by email or by phone.

Students and the public at large can also use the statewide system for reporting concerns by using the state's OK2SAY safety program designed to help keep students safe.

"Anyone can report tips confidentially on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees or the school," O'Connor said.

According to information he provided, tips can be anonymous, can be reported in 31 different categories, including planned school attacks, threats, bullying and more and can be submitted 24 hours a day seven days a week in any of these ways:

- By phone: Call (855) 562-2729
- By text: 652729
- By email: OK2SAY or by visiting the OK2SAY website.

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Obituaries

Gordon Lyle Rasmussen

Gordon Lyle Rasmussen of Ossineke died peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021, at Mid-Michigan Health Center in Alpena at the age of 86.



"Lyle," as he was affectionately known, was born on January 10, 1935, to Gordon and Violet Rasmussen. He and his family lived in Spruce, Michigan throughout his childhood. He attended Alpena High School and received his teaching degree from Central Michigan University.

He resided in Ossineke since the late 1950s. Lyle taught for most of his 40 years at nearby Sanborn Elementary, touching the lives of generations of children. He was a lifelong active member of Spruce Lutheran Church.

Lyle balanced his career with his hobbies and time spent with family and friends. He loved the outdoors, in particular fishing and duck hunting in his prime. He was an avid gardener and was passionate about all things baseball, but especially his Tigers. Lyle's favorite pastime throughout his life was playing cards with family and friends.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his wife, Jeanne Rasmussen; children, Renee (Dave) Bradford of Valparaiso, Ind. and Kyle Rasmussen (Debbie Heaney) of Ann Arbor, Mich.;

and step-children, Julie (Don) Abram of League City, Texas and Patrick Morrow of Union, N.J.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Violet and Gordon Rasmussen, his brother Gerald, and his first wife, Marie Rasmussen.

A public visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 to 11:30 am. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:30 in the same location. Former pastor of Spruce Lutheran Church, Rev. Reed Schroer, will officiate the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a tribute donation to the Alpena Senior Center in Lyle's memory.

The family would like to thank the dedicated nursing staff at Mid-Michigan Health Center's COVID recovery unit for their care and compassion. They would especially like to thank his wonderful caregivers who provided support and companionship for many years: Sara, Lori, Jenny and Jeff. His final years were better because of each of them.

Paid Obituary

Barbara Bullen

Barbara Bullen, 68, of Glennie, Mich. died on Friday, Nov. 26, 2021 at Ascension Tawas St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

She was born on July 19, 1953 in Detroit, Mich. to Orville J. Hoag and Catherine (Mauch) Cox.

Mrs. Bullen worked in health care her entire career. She retired from D.J. Jacobetti, Home for Veterans in Marquette, Mich. where she cared for residents with Alzheimer's and dementia in the Special Needs Unit. While employed there she lived in Ishpeming, Mich. and moved to Glennie upon her retirement.

Prior to her employment at Jacobetti, she worked with the mentally impaired in Gaylord, Mich.

She was a phenomenal cook and enjoyed time with family, especially her grandson.

Mrs. Bullen is survived by one son, Jacob London; one grandson, Ashton London; one brother, Edsel (Patti) Cox; four sisters, Margaret (Don) Russell, Patricia (Jim)



Klynstra, Dorothy (Paul) Reichert, Colleen (Terry) Wolf, and Christine (Matthew) Perkins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doug Bullen; mother, Catherine Cox; step-father, Edsel Cox; father, Orville Hoag; one sister, Frances Cox; and two nieces, Haley Perkins and Hannah Perkins.

There will be no services at this time. Arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes in Oscoda.

Denelle M. Havercroft

Denelle M. Havercroft, 27, of Chicago, Ill., died on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021.

She was born July 9, 1994, to Timothy and Dawn (Apsey) Havercroft in Alpena. She was raised in Greenbush.



She graduated from Alcona High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in apparel and textile design from Michigan State University in 2017.

Miss Havercroft worked for Tri Coastal Design in New York, NY until moving to Chicago, Ill. where she was a merchandiser for Li & Fung Miles Fashion.

She loved to travel and recently returned from Dublin, Ireland. She enjoyed painting, yoga, ice skating, swimming, cooking, and reading. She adored spending time with her beloved rescue dog, Rosalyn.

Miss Havercroft is survived by her parents, Tim and Dawn Havercroft; one brother, Mitchel Havercroft; her grandmother, Barb Apsey; her soulmate, Garrett Cook; aunts and uncles, Traci Apsey, Mike Apsey and Roberta Kajfosz, Scott and Julie Havercroft, Paul Havercroft, Fred and Rose Havercroft, Doug and Perri Staples, Trudie Root, and Neil and Nancy Hook; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Delbert Apsey and Edgar and Lucille Havercroft.

The funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado. The Rev. Tim Steiner officiated. Burial will be in Springport Cemetery, Harrisville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, www.alconahumanesociety.org; Alcona Backpack Program, care of Community Foundation of Northeastern Michigan, P.O. Box 495, Alpena, Mich. 49707, www.cfnem.org; or the Alcona Middle/High School Free Pantry, care of Alcona Community Schools, P.O. Box 249 Lincoln, Mich. 48742, www.alconaschools.net.

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Betty L. Anderson

Betty L. Anderson, 77, of Lincoln, passed away peacefully while surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Besser Senior Living in Alpena.

Born April 7, 1944 to Andrew and Goldie (Ehrismann) Timm in Spruce, she was a lifelong resident of the area.

On August 15, 1964, she married her high school sweetheart, Gary Anderson in Ossineke. Betty worked as a secretary for several years and happily became a full-time mom when her daughters were born. She supplemented her family's income by starting a part-time wedding and stationery business that she operated from home.

She and Gary later bought a motel in Alpena and welcomed visitors with old-fashioned hospitality for eleven years. Betty was an active member of Spruce Lutheran Church, where she served in many capacities over the years to further the Lord's work.

Betty's world revolved around her family and she went above and beyond to make sure that they were always well cared for. She enjoyed the simpler things in life including gardening, music, dancing, sewing, crafting, and spending time outdoors. Her grandchildren brought her enormous joy and she supported them unconditionally.

Betty is survived by her husband of 57 years, Gary; two daughters, Shelly Brink and Julie (Steve Gehres) Anderson; five grandchildren, Michael (Lea) Emington, Eric Brink, Matthew



Brink, Nicholas Emington, and Bradley Emington; one great granddaughter, Anastasia Emington; two sisters, Dorothy Hansen and Shirley Klemens; one brother, Ken Timm; two sisters-in-law, Helen Timm and Charlotte (Don) Beaver; one brother-in-law, John (Gladys) Anderson; many nieces and nephews; and two bonus grandchildren, Nicole Gehres and Tyler Gehres.

She was preceded in death by her grandson Jonathon Emington; two brothers, Marvin Timm and Lloyd Timm; her sister-in-law, Norma Timm; and two brothers-in-law, Gordon Hansen and Bill Klemens.

Mrs. Anderson is at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln, where friends may call on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 from 1 p.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m. The Rev. Giovanna Meek will officiate. Memorial donations are suggested to Hospice Compassus.

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Charles E. Rye

Charles E. Rye, 86, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Touch of Country Adult Foster Care in Alpena. He was born January 30, 1935 in Erin, Tenn. to Sid and Maddie (Tanner) Rye. Mr. Rye is survived by one son, Stephen Rye and one stepson, Brian Napier. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, on July 4, 2010, and one son, Randall Rye. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Robert H. Davidson Jr.

Robert H. Davidson Jr., 67, of Greenbush died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at Brian's House in Essexville, Mich. He was born February 7, 1954 to Robert Sr. and Thelma (Maples) Davidson in Dearborn, Mich. He was raised in Novi, Mich. Mr. Davidson was a truck driver and retired to Greenbush. He enjoyed being out in the woods, cutting firewood, hunting, and watching the wildlife. He also enjoyed fishing. Mr. Davidson is survived by his mother, Thelma Davidson; one brother, Rick Davidson; and two nephews, Cody Davidson and Dillon Davidson. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Davidson Sr., and one sister, Gayle Rendell. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

David A. Stasinski

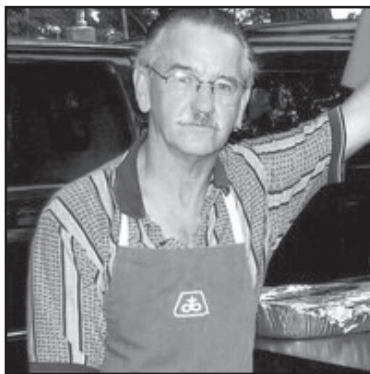
David A. Stasinski, 74, of Glennie, died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at home. He was born August 3, 1947 to Andrew and Helen (Rosco) Stasinski in Bay City, Mich. He was raised in Armada, Mich. He graduated from Armada High School in 1965. He worked as a security guard for Chrysler. In 1995, he retired to Glennie where he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching games. Mr. Stasinski is survived by one daughter, Cindy Stasinski; one son, Dale (Kristine) Stasinski; two grandsons, Alex Stasinski



and Ryan Stasinski; and one brother, Daniel Stasinski. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Ronald F. Raynak

Ronald F. Raynak, 80, of Lincoln died on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021. He was born June 6, 1941, to Frank and Phyllis (Browne) Raynak in Hamtramck, Mich. He was raised in Greenbush. He was an iron worker with the Local No. 25. Mr. Raynak loved the AuSable River, where he enjoyed fishing and canoeing. He was a member of the Michigan Canoe Racing Association. He was a charter captain on Lake Huron and enjoyed hunting. He was an avid reader and was interested in history. He was a great storyteller and loved sharing his adventures. He enjoyed making his own maple syrup and smoking meats. Mr. Raynak is survived by two daughters, Ronda (Dave)



Gartland and Christina (Craig) Raynak; one son, Guy Raynak; two grandchildren, Brian (Marie) Raymond and Ellen (Chris) Oesterling; five great grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Dody Raynak. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerome Raynak and Gary Raynak. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

James H. Ostrander

James H. Ostrander, 74, of Rose City, Mich. died on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 at The Villa in Rose City, Mich. He was born October 21, 1947 in San Antonio, Texas to Ruth (Penzenhagen) Ostrander. He was raised in Imlay City, Mich. and spent most of his life in Pontiac, Mich.

He graduated from Imlay City High School, Flint Junior College and Western Michigan University. Mr. Ostrander was a licensed builder who worked for Pontiac Motors. He also owned rentals, owned a landscaping business and prepared tax returns. He was involved with his church, Hospital Ministry, Christian Business Men's Connection and Feed the Hungry.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, water skiing, coin collecting and gardening. Mr. Ostrander is survived by three sisters, Bonnie Martin of Glennie and Shirley Keesler of Roscommon, Mich. and Susan Payne of Saginaw, Mich.; one brother, Thomas Ostrander of West Branch, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Ostrander Blackman and one brother, David Ostrander. The funeral was held December 9 at Lott Baptist Church in Glennie. Burial is in Glennie Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lott Food Pantry, 4267 S. State Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737.

Join us for Christmas Eve Service

Fri., Dec. 24 ~ 7 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the Road Commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan at 2:00pm, Tuesday, December 21st, 2021. The Public Hearing will commence after our regularly scheduled board meeting is called to order. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed Road Commission Budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2022. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8am and 4pm or online at www.alconacrc.com beginning December 3, 2021.

Advertisement For Bids- AMENDMENT

Pole Barn Shed Roof Addition and Pole Barn Insulation and Heating Bid

Sealed bids for installation of pole building shed roof addition will be received by the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, MI 48742, until 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2021. **All bids will be read Tuesday, December 21, 2021 during our regular board of road commissioners meeting beginning at 2:00pm.**

Ted Somers
Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners
County of Alcona, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE

IOSCO COUNTY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SECOND SEMESTER 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPENINGS

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9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will now accept applications for enrollment from nonresident pupils for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications are now available.

Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in Oscoda Area Schools will be accepted January 07, 2022 through January 21, 2022. Tawas Area Schools, and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted December 31, 2021 through January 14, 2022.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon* at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information. Note: time change is only for this date.

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 9

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet

in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11

There will be a Christmas cookie and bake sale at Glennie United Methodist Church in Glennie from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

There will be a children's drive-thru Christmas party at the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141. Youngsters, ages infant to 12 years old, will see Santa, receive gifts, snacks and treats from 2 to 4 p.m. The party is at 671 Sanborn, Barton City. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring “Women of the Bible” at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln – across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 14

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. For more information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

Euchre is played at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 15

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held the Senior Center in Lincoln from 4 to 6 p.m., or until food runs out. This is free for all Alcona County residents. The Senior Center is located at 207 Church Street, Lincoln. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alcona-seniors.org.

A holiday concert by the Alcona Middle and High School choirs will be held at 6 p.m. in the community auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 16

Veterans, and their relatives, are welcome to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.


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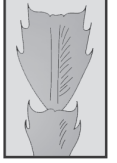

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)




Comparing
holiday cactuses


The so-called “Thanksgiving Cactus” and “Christmas Cactus” are actually succulents. They must have cooler temperatures, and sit in darkness for about 6 weeks for the flower buds to appear on the stalk tips. When that happens you can bring the plants into a warmer area for your enjoyment, although you should avoid placing it in direct sunlight. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.extension.iastate.edu
worldofsucculents.com

Thanksgiving Cactus
Schlumbergera truncata



Christmas Cactus
Schlumbergera bridgesii



Local Notes

Pop Up Pantry

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held the Senior Center in Lincoln on Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m., or until food runs out. This is free for Alcona County all residents. The Senior Center is located at 207 Church Street, Lincoln. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alconaseniors.org.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Dec. 13: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot peach delight, milk.
- Tuesday, Dec. 14: Chicken fettuccine alfredo, California blend vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, milk.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15: Hamburger stroganoff, corn, Jell-O, milk.
- Thursday, Dec. 16: Taco salad, baby carrots and dip, flavored apple sauce, milk.

Opportunities for Grants

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the winter 2022 grant cycles of its Community Impact and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grants. The deadline for both grant opportunities is January 15, 2022. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties are invited to apply. Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000. Youth Advisory Council Grants are for projects benefiting youth under the age of 18. The maximum request amount for YAC Grants is \$2,500. Applications are available at the Community Foundation website (cfnem.org) through its Online Grants Portal. Applicants may also call the Community Foundation office for more information at (877) 354-6881.

Lottery Fraud

The Michigan Lottery is warning the public to be aware of scam artists telling people they've won a big lottery prize but need to pay a fee to collect it. The lottery prize scam surfaces from time to time and has been known to pop up around the holidays. The Michigan Lottery processes all prize claims for free, and players must have a valid winning ticket to claim a prize. If you haven't bought a Lottery ticket or played a Lottery

game, there's no way anyone could win a prize. To check if a lottery prize, offer, or promotion is legitimate, members of the public may contact the Lottery's Player Relations Division at (844) 887-6836, option 2, or via email at onlinehelp@michiganlottery.com.

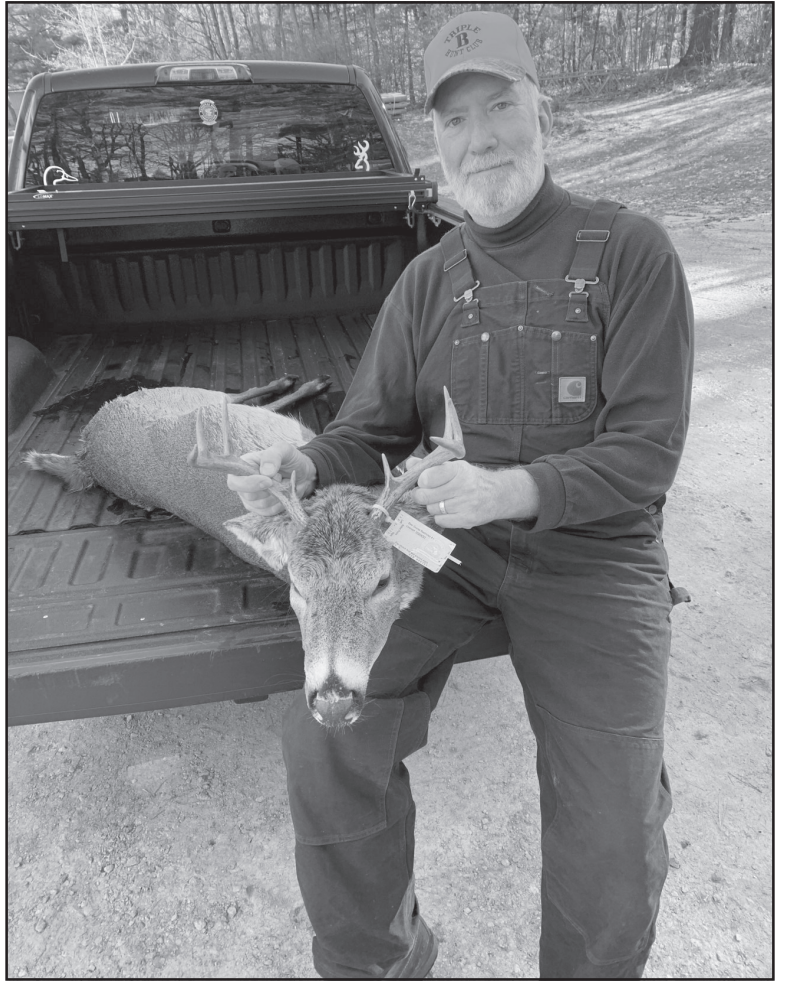
Name Change

MidMichigan Health, a non-profit health system with more than 8,800 employees, volunteers, health care providers and other personnel, is now MyMichigan Health. Effective December 1, the name change is part of a system-wide brand transformation updating the health system and facility names, and logo. "MyMichigan Health remains familiar but is more reflective of who we are, where we are going and how we serve our patients," said Diane Postler-Slatery, Ph.D., president and CEO, MyMichigan Health. "It's so much more than a name change. MyMichigan keeps

our patients at the center of all that we do. It instills and reinforces a sense of pride and ownership amongst our employees, volunteers and providers. And, it truly emphasizes our people, their stories and the personal human touch and exceptional patient experience we strive to deliver."

As part of the transformation, all MyMichigan facilities received new names including urgent cares, physician offices and Medical Centers, to name a few. For example, MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena is now MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena. Signage will begin to be updated with the new logo and facility names over the next few months.

"With a health system our size, the transition to our new name will take some time," said Postler-Slatery. "We appreciate the understanding and support from our community members that they may continue to see our old name for a few months on letterhead or facility doors, for example."



Mark Haglund of Harrisville, harvested this eight-point buck on Tuesday, Nov. 23 while hunting on Big Buck Bash Hunt Club property in Alcona County. *Courtesy photo.*

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Alyssa, 5, and Jayson Smith, 7, of Lincoln share their Christmas wishes with Santa in the Lincoln Train Depot last Friday evening during the Santa Comes to Town event. Although children were cautioned not to sit on Santa's lap this year following the COVID-19 protocol, they still enjoyed their visit with Santa. He arrived in a shiny, red fire truck instead of a sleigh because it was in the repair shop making sure it was in tip-top shape for the long Christmas flight. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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equipment but for the additional need of trained staff to diligently monitor and react. "The district is required to hold eight fire drills; two lock-

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down drills and two tornado drills each year. We have an emergency response plan that was implemented over a decade ago that we update and review twice a year with law enforcement. The staff is trained on how to respond to each type of emergency, but obviously, each has a level of unpredictability, so we discuss situations where the staff will have to make split-second decisions when considering options to keep students safe," O'Connor said.

Typically, during a lockdown, both the elementary school and middle/high school are locked down simultaneously, but O'Connor said that depends on the situation. He said a few years ago the school went on a soft lockdown because a bear was roaming outside very close to the school.

O'Connor said school districts are taking all threats seriously. "Having so many schools close due to threats is an awful historic closure situation. All schools across the state and the country are

trying to figure out how we move forward but do it safely.

"Everyone wants to assume nothing would happen in their school, county, or state. It's important to get this word out. We are doing everything we can to keep kids safe at school which is a conversation that should never come into play, but we have to be ready for anything."

He explained students caught making threats would not only be dealt with through the school but also through law enforcement which could result in criminal charges against the student, and possibly, their parents. "The school board would look to either have the student put on a long-term suspension or possible expulsion from the school, but law enforcement would decide on charges and the prosecutor would take over from there.

"There are students right now in Oakland County who made threats (without physical violence) who are now being charged with acts of terrorism," O'Connor said.

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Thanksgiving Day trophy

By Gregg Schefferly
Outdoor Writer

The evening before Thanksgiving, just as I have done so many times before, I started looking over the pictures from the game camera card I pulled that afternoon.

Considering a week of the firearm season had already passed, my expectations weren't very high. Nevertheless, finding a picture of a bobcat or a coyote is always a welcome surprise and, of course, I always hope to find an image of a nice buck.

Imagine my surprise to find a photo of a buck unlike any-



make a split-second decision. I fired and the buck disappeared.

In an instant, I was standing over him, he was huge.

From the camera pictures I thought he was a 10 point,

the buck of a lifetime, because I fully understand and appreciate the fine trophy I harvested.

I won't stop hunting and certainly won't hold out for a buck bigger than this. I will continue hunting the elusive whitetail buck, and not hesitate to bag one that makes my heart race. The next year will certainly seem a bit longer as I await the phone call from the taxidermist that my Thanksgiving day trophy is ready for me to pick up.

Good luck hunting to all the late season hunters.

(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)



Gregg Schefferly with his 12-point buck taken on Thanksgiving Day. *Courtesy photo.*

thing I've ever seen before. Even better, this buck was on its feet during daylight hours.

I have never seen a buck remotely close to this on any of my cameras. I was in shock. The only game camera pictures I've seen of a buck of this caliber were those sent by my brother from downstate. I was in awe.

Needless to say, this got me fired up. I suddenly had a renewed interest to spend some more time in the woods. After some consideration, I elected not to hunt the mornings for fear of bumping this buck and spooking it. On Thursday I decided to head to the woods for an afternoon hunt.

From the moment I realized I had a buck of a lifetime on camera, I also realized the odds of seeing this buck again was slim to none. Yet, he was out there and I had to try. On the way out the door I told my wife that in 42 years of hunting, I'd never shot a Thanksgiving Day buck. Wouldn't it be awesome if this buck ended that streak?

Crawling into the blind at 3 p.m., I calculated between the rifle and muzzeloading seasons I had eight days left to hunt this buck.

At the same time, I also realized the odds were long.

It was raining intermittently, and the temperature was dropping. Time passed quickly and at 4:35 p.m. a couple does and a fawn were moving by me. They stopped and all three deer were looking behind them.

Suddenly, there he was. His white antlers were immense. As quickly as he appeared, he started to get very nervous. My gun was up but he was in the brush. I had to

but as I started counting points I was surprised to find he was a 12-point buck. I was in shock. I never expected to kill a buck like this. And, on Thanksgiving Day!

The next morning my nephews, Cody and Brock brought Josh Kilbourn over to score this buck. I've never been much into scoring because up until now I didn't have a buck that was big enough to score. I was not prepared to hear the score. Josh rough scored it at 150 and a quarter inch.

Back in 1933 my grandfather shot a buck in Alcona that scored 183 points and here I was 88 years later blessed with the buck of a lifetime.

I'm still in shock. It doesn't seem possible. All the years spent driving around looking for deer, hunting, and looking at pictures taken by our game cameras, I've never ever seen anything close to this buck.

On Friday I dropped the buck off at the taxidermy shop. I still didn't quite grasp just quite how big this buck was. Everyone wanted a picture. Looking at all the nice bucks that had been checked in, I asked the taxidermist where my buck ranked with all the other bucks he'd taken in. He looked at me and said, "Are you kidding? Your buck is by far the biggest buck I've taken in and had you shot it a little earlier it would've won local buck contests."

It was at this time it started to sink in what I had.

My nephews and some friends said I might as well quit hunting because I'll never shoot a buck bigger than this. While I'm pretty confident this is the case, I'm glad it took 42 years of hunting to finally bag



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The Harrisville Goodfellows have made the decision to continue spreading Christmas merriment! However, we are incorporating a number of measures to ensure the safety of our community and our Goodfellow.

Fruit Baskets will be delivered to our senior citizens on the Sunday, December 19. Baskets will be left on porches or by front doors. Goodfellows will ring your door bells/knock, when delivering to your home.

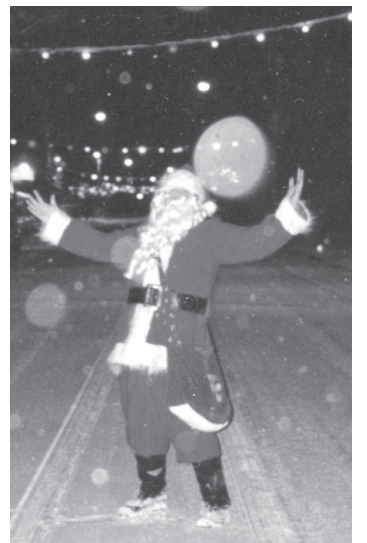
Christmas Eve, Santa will be making his rounds and delivering goodies to young children! Santa will NOT be entering any homes or in contact with anyone. Upon arrival, Santa will ring/knock, leave goodies by the door and provide children with many Ho-Ho-Ho's!

Reminder: Be sure to leave your porch/outside lights on Christmas Eve. Santa begins making his rounds at approximately 5:30 p.m. and done by 8 p.m.

If you are a new resident to Harrisville Township (Welcome) or a senior citizen and would like to be included in our merrymaking, please send us your name, address and in the case of Santa's deliveries, the number of children in your household (up to 12 years old). This information should be mailed to: Harrisville Goodfellows, PO Box 1, Harrisville, MI 48740.

Last year was the only time we were not able to spread Christmas Cheer. We are grateful to be back!!!

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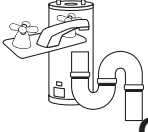
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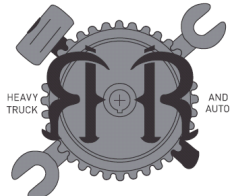
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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many dry quarts are in a peck?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What's the name of the island where the Statue of Liberty stands?
3. **MUSIC:** Which composer is known as "The Waltz King"?
4. **GEOMETRY:** What is a three-sided polygon called?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** What is it called when three celestial bodies are arranged in a straight line?
6. **TELEVISION:** How many Huxtable children were in the long-running "The Cosby Show"?
7. **MOVIES:** What's the name of the town in the "Halloween" horror movie series?
8. **SCIENCE:** What does the acronym FM stand for?
9. **LITERATURE:** Which famous novel begins with the line, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way"?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What color is alabaster?

Answers: 1. Eight; 2. Liberty Island; 3. Johann Strauss II; 4. A triangle; 5. Syzygy; 6. Five; 7. Haddonfield, Illinois; 8. Frequency modulation; 9. "Anna Karenina"; 10. White (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 2, 1777, Philadelphia housewife and nurse Lydia Darragh single-handedly saves the lives of Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army when she overhears the British planning a surprise attack. The British were stunned to find the army waiting for them the next day.
 - On Dec. 5, 1872, a British brig spots the Mary Celeste, an American vessel, sailing erratically near the Azores Islands with not a soul onboard. The last entry in the captain's log was dated 11 days earlier.
 - On Dec. 4, 1945, the U.S. Senate approves full U.S. participation in the United Nations. A resolution designed to force the president to get congressional consent before approving U.S. troops for any U.N. peacekeeping forces was defeated.
 - On Nov. 30, 1954, the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occurs in Alabama when an 8.5-pound meteorite crashes through the roof of a house and strikes a woman. She was not permanently injured.
 - On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, leads to the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,000 people died and another 200,000 were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city. Plant workers had failed to act when gauges showed a dangerous build-up of pressure in the tanks.
 - On Dec. 1, 1990, over 130 feet below the English Channel, workers drill an opening through a wall of rock, connecting the two ends of an underwater tunnel linking Great Britain with the European mainland. The completed "Chunnel" rail shuttle through the tunnel runs 31 miles and takes 20 minutes.
 - On Nov. 29, 2011, Conrad Murray, the doctor convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the 2009 death of singer Michael Jackson, is sentenced to four years in prison. The pop star died after suffering cardiac arrest while under the influence of propofol.
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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Whiteboard wipers</p> <p>8 Ballpark figure</p> <p>16 Ballpark figure</p> <p>20 "Working Girl" actress Griffith</p> <p>21 Device guiding a train off its track to avoid a collision</p> <p>22 Wed. follower</p> <p>23 Functional again after an outage</p> <p>25 Gas: Prefix</p> <p>26 "Do Ya" rock gp.</p> <p>27 Salty Greek cheese</p> <p>28 Figure skater Midori —</p> <p>29 "The Pleasure — Company" (Fred Astaire film)</p> <p>30 Musical key with two sharps: Abbr.</p> <p>32 Brief hesitation to let words hang in the air</p> <p>38 Napoleon exile site</p> | <p>42 Milan locale</p> <p>43 Designer McCartney</p> <p>44 Symbol used twice after "http:"</p> <p>48 Guys who read gas or water gauges</p> <p>50 Open space</p> <p>51 Dwayne who played Doobie Gillis</p> <p>53 Apt to snoop</p> <p>54 Really mean</p> <p>57 Rat — (knock noise)</p> <p>58 Certain choir voice</p> <p>62 Summer hrs.</p> <p>63 Phenomenon in hypnosis</p> <p>67 Inedible kind of orange</p> <p>69 Christmas seasons</p> <p>70 Whac- — (carnival game)</p> <p>71 Emily Dickinson poem with the line "Meek my Vive le roi"</p> <p>78 Greek letters before xis</p> <p>79 Henchman of Captain Hook</p> <p>80 Eerie sign</p> <p>81 Get 40 winks</p> | <p>82 "New Jack City" actor</p> <p>83 Actor Gavin</p> <p>86 Birds of a given region</p> <p>88 Eyelash cosmetics</p> <p>92 Periodical datum indicating years</p> <p>95 Dog collar jinglers</p> <p>96 Duelist Burr</p> <p>97 Radiation units</p> <p>98 Guernsey's archipelago</p> <p>102 Intl. oil group</p> <p>106 Queen, in Madrid</p> <p>107 Counterparts of egos</p> <p>108 Skating leap</p> <p>112 Pep rally cry</p> <p>113 Writer Sarah — Jewett</p> <p>114 Device on which you might see the first words of seven answers in this puzzle</p> <p>120 Molson, e.g.</p> <p>121 Government bureaus</p> <p>122 Deny</p> <p>123 Little whirlpool</p> | <p>124 Put limits on</p> <p>125 Possibilities</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Plant firmly</p> <p>2 Ruler's land</p> <p>3 Tinfoil maker</p> <p>4 Cinch — (Hefty brand)</p> <p>5 Sufficient, in dialect</p> <p>6 In season</p> <p>7 Bench, e.g.</p> <p>8 Actor Byrnes</p> <p>9 Sun. homily</p> <p>10 Mr. Capote, to his friends</p> <p>11 Bond creator Fleming</p> <p>12 Make smaller</p> <p>13 Samuel of justice</p> <p>14 Certain choir voice</p> <p>15 Unit of work</p> <p>16 Newspaper employee</p> <p>17 A ship's steerer has control of it</p> <p>18 Ear or heart part</p> <p>19 Isolde's love</p> <p>24 Get 40 winks</p> <p>29 Repeatedly</p> <p>31 Sabbath observers, collectively</p> <p>33 Feel crummy</p> <p>34 Actress Hagen</p> <p>35 Kimono tie</p> <p>36 K thru 12</p> <p>37 Lordly home</p> <p>39 Cato's lang.</p> <p>40 Singer Mars</p> <p>41 End in — (finish even)</p> <p>44 Groups of devotees</p> <p>45 Arboreal marsupial</p> <p>46 Paraphrase</p> <p>47 Zaire's Mobutu — Seko</p> <p>48 Business school subj.</p> <p>49 'Zine online</p> <p>52 Resulting in something</p> <p>55 "Here, have a sample"</p> <p>56 "In — face!"</p> <p>58 \$ dispenser</p> <p>59 Little big cat</p> <p>60 Part of TNT</p> <p>61 Bad rating, perhaps</p> <p>63 Furry friend</p> <p>64 Mel's Diner waitress</p> <p>65 D.C. VIPs</p> <p>66 — Diego</p> <p>68 "Fancy that!"</p> <p>72 Laryngitic</p> <p>73 Urban rec facility</p> <p>74 Toon frames</p> <p>75 Sports group</p> <p>76 "When will — learn?!"</p> <p>77 Think aloud</p> <p>82 "You are not!" rebuttal</p> <p>83 Carta lead-in</p> <p>84 Roundish</p> <p>85 Nick Jr. girl</p> <p>87 "Fee, fi, fo, —!"</p> <p>88 Bacterium, e.g.</p> <p>89 Stuck</p> <p>90 Soiled</p> <p>91 Certain food factory</p> <p>93 Actor Chaney</p> <p>94 German conjunction</p> <p>96 Green-light</p> <p>99 Loyal subject</p> <p>100 Just kills time</p> <p>101 — -mo</p> <p>103 Utah city</p> <p>104 Use as a surface for a meal</p> <p>105 Munches on</p> <p>109 Reverse</p> <p>110 Journey</p> <p>111 Gusto</p> <p>114 Pothole-filling stuff</p> <p>115 Outdated RCA product</p> <p>116 Sundial's "3"</p> <p>117 Brief moment</p> <p>118 Suffix with hobby</p> <p>119 — tai</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- "Scotch" used to be a synonym for "thrifty" or "frugal." When cellophane tape was first invented, it was marketed during the Great Depression as "Scotch tape" since it could extend the life of objects and save you money.
- A grizzly bear has enough bite strength to crush a bowling ball.
 - There is a psychological state called "helper's high" in which the act of giving produces endorphins in the brain that provide a mild version of a morphine high.
 - Table tennis balls can travel off the paddle at a speed of 105.6 mph.
 - From 1932 to 1967, there was a casino called the "Bullpen" in a stone building on the grounds of the Nevada State prison in Carson City, where inmates could play blackjack, craps, poker and bet on sports.
 - Scientists estimate that the average person is more than five times as likely to die in a hypothetical human species extinction event as in a car crash.
 - A man sued Warner Bros. -- and won -- after he was injured while fainting during a 1974 screening of "The Exorcist."
 - The 700-year-old Starkenberger brewery in Tarrenz, Austria, has seven swimming pools filled with beer. The brewery, which is housed in an ancient castle, converted the old vats in the fermentation room to pools.
 - A 19th-century costume designer invented the horned Viking helmet.
 - In 1994, Chicago artist Dwight Kalb made a statue of singer Madonna from 180 pounds of ham.
 - Chocolate milk was originally sold as medicine.
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Thought for the Day: "A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers." -- Helen Keller
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **X** equals **M**

XZ UVB RL CBOVCKYQQZ JIOBCYO
KJB XVRPNOPVPUO. R'QQ VLM NSO
XOUSVPRU NJ USOUM RN VN SRL
JRQROLN UJPIOPROPUO.

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Judge Chas. H. Killmaster

December 10, 1896 ~ The REVIEW Editor has received a letter from the Canadian dead letter office at Ottawa. It was posted at Toronto by Judge Killmaster Nov. 26th. He was incarcerated at the time in the Ontario Insane Asylum at Toronto, where he was placed by his brother George and brother-in-law on pretext that he needed a rest after the arduous work of the late campaign.

Judge Killmaster protests against his confinement and says he was never in better health, having gained 165 lbs weight in August to 203 at the time of writing, lie chafes under the restraint: he had intended to have his mill at Killmaster running by Christmas with circular and band, shingle machines, etc. "I am as full of ambition as an egg is of substance," he says. He plans to engage in mercantile business at Killmaster on a

Goodfellow beef to be quartered

December 9, 1948 ~ The annual Goodfellow beef is to be quartered this year so there will be four prize winners instead of the usual two. The first two prizes will be the hind quarters and the third and fourth prizes will be each of the front quarters - - - sooooo four prizes to four winnahs. Hurrah. Hurrah. Hurrah. Get your tickets from a Goodfellow so that the kiddies can all have a fine Christmas and you may win a quarter of beef.

There will be two more Gift Parties, one on the 11th and one on the 18th of December, and the gifts are being procured by a committee which is headed by "Cap" Blumer. This is done so as to allow those who want a part of this great Goodfellow program to participate by the donation of gifts for the gift parties.

Latest news on the beef contest is that Captain Harold Cuyler has expanded his ticket selling campaign so that he anticipates coverage in the entire Eastern Michigan area. However, Captain Ed Hechlik of the opposing team, has one man who was the champion seller last year who concentrated on four counties and this year this old champ, in protection of his title, will carry on an extensive campaign in the following counties: Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Iosco, and, of course, Alcona.

The champ's name is well known if to all of the losing team of last year and he says that it will be again this year. Watch the Goodfellow story in next week's issue of the Review and we shall try to have an advance story on how many tickets the champ has sold, and we will then reveal his name if you haven't already learned it.

big scale, to build a 50-bbl roller flour mill next year, a woolen mill a year later cheese factory and creamery, etc. "I am going to devote two years to systematically settle up our beautiful country build up the village of Killmaster which will in two years be a perfect place to live, on lines of travel, 4 miles south of center and absolutely the center east and west of the present population, therefore cannot help in that time being the location of the courthouse and county offices and 2,000 population of men who are engaged in business, and all laborers employed at good cash wages the year round." The Judge's many friends will hope his health will be such that he may regain his liberty at once.

CryptoQuip

answer

My car is dreadfully overdue for maintenance. I'll ask the mechanic to check it at his oiliest convenience.

Super Crossword

Answers

ERASERS	ESTIMATE	STAT
MELANIE	DERAILER	THUR
BACKUP	DRUNNING	AERI
ELO	FETA	ITTO
DMAJ	PAUSE	FOREFFECT
FORWARD	SLASH	METERMEN
APERTURE	HICKMAN	
NOSY	NASTY	ATAT
DST	POWER	OF
OSAGE	YULES	AMOLE
MUTE	HYCORONATION	NUS
SMEE	OMEN	SLEEP
	MACLEOD	AVIFAUNA
MASCARAS	VOLUMENUMBER	
IDTAGS	AARON	REMS
CHANNEL	LISLANDS	OPEC
REINA	LIDS	LUTZ
ORNE	TELEVISION	REMOTE
BEER	AGENCIES	DISAVOW
EDDY	RESTRICT	OPTIONS

Buy Local Continued from page 1

While the company tries to move inventory, the nationwide supply chain crisis has increased the costs of making new items or custom orders. Every item from paper to cardboard to the wooden dowels at the end of the scrolls has gone up dramatically in price, Derk said.

"The price of them is kind of ridiculous," Derk said. "We went from paying probably \$2 to \$3 dollars a dowel and now it's up to \$6, so it's more than doubled from what we normally have paid for a wood product."

Tim Beyerlein, who makes handcrafted nativity stables in Sturgis, Mich. has also seen production costs rocket. Prices more than doubled for everything from wood to nails with little to no explanation from his suppliers, he said.

"I use a lot of stain," Beyerlein said. "I was paying \$16 a gallon and it went up over 100 percent to \$34-\$35 a gallon." Even though these costs dig into profits, Beyerlein said he isn't a Scrooge and hasn't raised his prices yet.

Both companies rely on American-made products, which are easier to get. This means that shoppers might have better luck finding products at local stores that spe-

cialize in Christmas than at major retailers.

Walmart and Target were caught off guard by a nationwide supply chain crisis. Some economic forecasters wonder if big-box stores have enough inventory to last until Christmas.

Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, which bills itself as the world's largest Christmas store, in Frankenmuth, Mich. has kept shelves stocked. That's because they research trends and talk with suppliers throughout the year to provide products in July as well as December, said Tammy Hall, the salesroom merchandise manager for Bronner's.

"We sell everything from tabletop Christmas trees to ornaments and collectibles," Hall said. "You name it, we have it."

Bronner's seeks products made in America — the most popular are personalized ornaments and handcrafted goods, Hall said.

Shipping delays and rising supply line costs have led local shops and specialty stores like Bronner's to stock more Michigan-made products. Local products are more profitable because of reduced shipping fees and more foot traffic because of increased

interest in buying local, McKinley said.

"Being from Michigan isn't just a physical designation," McKinley said. "Being from Michigan is in people's hearts, and the made-in Michigan moniker evokes a connection to the goods or the services they're looking to purchase. There's a pride and a sense of community when you are supporting Michigan small business."

Looking for gift ideas? Michigan-made outdoor products and camping gear have surged in popularity as gift options as more people choose to take their vacations in the state's parks and natural areas.

Gift recommendations for other Michigan-made products include shirts from Made in the Mitten, Shaggy's Skis based in Boyne City, and the wide variety of hats and apparel made by Stormy Kromer, McKinley said. He regularly buys their products as gifts for himself and the rest of the family, and the dog even has a coat and hat made by the Ironwood-based company.

"That's a Michigan dog alright," McKinley said. "Of course, he hates me when I make him wear it — but he does."

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2021

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Nov. 28	34	27	0.04	0.5	12	N
Nov. 29	36	25	0.00	0.5	10	W
Nov. 30	35	28	0.02	1.3	15	W
Dec. 1	39	26	0.00	4.5	2	WNW
Dec. 2	45	32	0.00	5.3	29	N
Dec. 3	35	29	0.00	1.5	12	NNW
Dec. 4	39	28	0.00	2.7	21	W

2021-2022 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.06	0.7	0.42
Month of November	0.38	3.3	2.08
December to Date	0.00	0.0	0.24
Year to Date	22.17	3.3	26.81

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Sale
 Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
 Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on January 12, 2022. The amount due on

the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on February 3, 2006, by June A. Fisher, a single woman, as mortgagor, given by her to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Mich. 48823, as mortgagee, and recorded on March 21, 2006, in Liber 428, page 1,384, Alcona County records; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this notice, the sum of forty-one thousand one hundred sixty-six

and 14/100 dollars (\$41,166.14). And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Alcona County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows: Situated in the Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan: Lot 9, Madison Shores Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 6835 Madison Ave., Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747. Parcel Number: 023-180-000-009-00.

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241 a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: November 8, 2021
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 Benjamin J. Price
 Federal Credit Union
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 East Lansing, Michigan,
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BOARD OF REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF ALCONA
JULY BOARD OF REVIEW
MEETING
3:00 p.m. TUESDAY,
December 14th 2021
ALCONA TOWNSHIP HALL
5576 N. US-23
BLACK RIVER, MI 48721

The purpose of this meeting is to correct qualified errors, clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only. For Principal Residence Exemption an owner who owned and occupied a principal residence on June 01, 2021, for which the exemption was not on the tax roll may file an appeal with the July Board of Review in the year for which the exemption was claimed or the immediately succeeding 3 years. MCL 211.7cc(19) as amended. For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2021 may appeal to the July Board of Review for the current year and the immediately preceding tax year pursuant to MCL 211.7ee(6). An eligible Veteran or their surviving spouse may appeal for a Disabled Veterans Exemption from 2021 Property Tax on their Principal residence at this meeting. A person in Poverty may appeal to the July Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on June 01, 2021 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Assessor by Friday December 10th 2021. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice: the township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon seven days notice. Contact Assessor Sarah Gohl at (989)464-5557.

Curtis Township Board of Review Notice

The Curtis Township December Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 2 p.m. by appointment only for the purpose of correcting clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact. If no appointments are received, this meeting may not be held. For an appointment, please contact the assessing office at (989)734-3555. Appointments must be received by Thursday, December 9, 2021. The meetings will be held at the Curtis Township Fire Hall located at 5019 Bamfield Rd., Glennie, MI.

PUBLIC NOTICE for the HAYNES TOWNSHIP DECEMBER 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW

Will be held at the Haynes Township Hall
Located at: 3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742

On: Tuesday, December 14th
 From: 1:pm to 2:pm or until such time all business is concluded. The purpose of this meeting is for correcting qualified errors, clerical errors, and mutual mistakes of fact. No valuation protests may be heard. The December Board of Review also has the authority to grant principal residence exemptions, disabled veterans exemptions, and poverty exemptions. The owner of the property for which a principal residence exemption has been rescinded may appeal that rescission to the December Board of Review. An owner who owned and occupied a principal residence exemption by June 1st of 2018, 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 may appeal to the December Board of Review if the exemption was not on that year's tax roll. Qualified Disabled Veterans or their surviving spouses may file for an exemption on the 2021 Tax bills for the property they own and occupy as their homestead. Affidavits must be filed with the assessor by December 13th. Property owners may apply for a hardship poverty exemption on their principal residence if they have not already applied for the exemption in the 2021 calendar year. A fully completed application for consideration of a hardship poverty exemption must be submitted to the assessor prior to December 13th. ***All protests &/or appeals mentioned above may also be submitted by mail

(&/or Email by prior arrangement with the assessor)
 ***Please contact the Assessor prior to December 13th if you have questions or if you have a matter to bring before the board.

Becky Schroeder
 Haynes Township Assessor
 1871 Lakeshore Dr
 Harrisville, MI 48740
 (989)724-5676

haynes.twp.assessor@gmail.com
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State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 21-6222-DE

Laura A. Frawley, Probate Judge
 Court address: 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 Court telephone No.: (989) 724-9490
 Estate of Doris M. Siterlet, deceased
 Date of birth: September 26, 1934
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Doris M. Siterlet, died July 31, 2021.
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas M. Siterlet, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 North Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: December 8, 2021
 Robert W. Thomas, P25402
 407 Clay Street, P.O. Box 310
 Lapeer, Mich. 48336
 (819) 664-7555
 Thomas M. Siterlet
 4930 Hunters Creek Road
 Attica, Mich. 48412
 (248) 909-0544

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 21-6228-DE

Court address: 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 Court telephone No.: (989) 724-9490
 Estate of James Lee Whitford
 Date of birth: February 14, 1949
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, James Lee Whitford, died February 17, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ariel Artis Cleveland, person representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
 December 8, 2021
 David H. Cook P40560
 Attorney
 5466 M-72
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 (989) 724-5155
 Ariel Artis Cleveland
 Personal representative
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