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A snowy owl in flight. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Owls more visible in winter

Leafless trees and frozen landscapes make winter a great time to glimpse some of Michigan's avian species.

One visitor to Michigan during the winter months is the snowy owl. This large, magnificent owl always attracts a lot of attention.

When owl-spotting, keep in mind these snow-white owls are a bird of the northern tundra and are not often around people. They are also diurnal hunters – meaning they hunt during the day – and are more easily spotted because they are out and about during the daylight hours. They might not seem startled by the presence of people, but that doesn't mean anyone should get too close.

"Snowy owls are often here in Michigan due to limited food resources in their typical range and are likely hungry and searching for food," said Erin Rowan, MiBirds program associate with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Audubon Great Lakes. "Watch the owl from a distance, through binoculars or a spotting scope, so as not to disturb it."

For many of Michigan's native owl species, winter is breeding season. Great horned owls start their courtship in January, offering an amazing chance to listen for owls calling to one another on calm moonlit nights. While it might be tempting to use audio recordings to lure owls closer, Rowan encouraged owl watchers to refrain, or play the recording only once or twice. Hearing another owl's call can be very stressful for the owls because they may believe there is an intruder in their territory.

Position pairing brings Alcona graduate back to school

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Not every 24-year-old finds their dream job, which includes two very different fields, in their own backyard; and not every school can hire one of its graduates to step into a unique pairing of positions.

Fortunately, Alcona Community Schools and Chad Cole, the district's new athletic director and assistant director of food services, made the unique situation happen and both the district and Cole are excited about the future.

Cole, a life-long resident of Alcona County and a 2014 graduate said Superintendent Dan O'Connor reached out to him with the idea of a dual

role because he knew Cole had a good background with both jobs. Cole began his duties on January 4.

Cole explained the role as athletic director was a natural transition for him since he grew up loving sports. "When I was a kid, I ate up everything that had to do with sports. I played every sport offered and watched it all on TV. I couldn't get enough. I'd do anything to get my hands and mind wrapped around sports. It was everything to me and I loved it."

In high school, Cole was on an undefeated football team his senior year. "It was awesome and I believe that was the first time the high school ever did that at the varsity

level. I was also named the team captain in baseball which was a pride point for me because I had worked hard for it and the sport was something I loved so much. To have my friends put me up on a pedestal and make me captain meant a lot," Cole said.

As the new athletic director, he felt things were still a little crazy because so much had been halted due to COVID-19, but the future is looking up. "Logistically we are trying to get more sound. Some thought we would have to punt on the year, but that's not the case. As it stands, we are looking to kick up the winter season sometime in February with basketball, bowling and wrestling. We are

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After many months of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, Alcona High School will once again reopen its doors for face-to-face education.

Students in ninth through twelfth grade wishing to resume in-person education are expected to attend the second marking period which begins Monday, Feb. 1.

Students of Alcona Community Schools from kindergarten through eighth grade could participate in face-to-face education since last September but did have to go to remote learning a few times when schools closed due to virus spikes.

Interim high and middle school Principal Christie Thomas sighed with relief at the thought of high school opening again for students and said she and her staff were very excited to welcome students back.

Thomas expected around 80 percent of high school students to return to school with the remaining 20 percent continuing their online education through Edgenuity.

She explained they were taking every precaution possible to welcome students back to a safe environment which included small class

sizes, disinfecting and adhering to social distance guidelines.

Other policies to combat the virus such as staff and students wearing masks at all times, except during meals, and taking temperatures of everyone entering the building will be in place.

To space students out during lunch, students will report to either the cafeteria, the old gym or, possibly, the auditorium lobby to eat depending on their grade. There will be no intense physical activity such as gym or sports offered during lunch.

shortened schedule kindergarten through middle school students have been using since the beginning of the school year. High school will begin at 8:21 a.m. and end at 2:22 p.m. Buses will be running as usual.

According to Thomas, most high school students will be expected to continue one on-line class which is a social-emotional learning (SEL) class, a class she and the school district's Superintendent Dan O'Connor oversee through a program called Eduguide.

Thomas explained stu-

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Dan O'Connor,
Alcona Community Schools Superintendent

Students may have breakfast at the school, but must pick it up in the cafeteria before the start of school and eat it in their first-hour classroom.

Although students will be returning to a semi-normal education with regular classes including electives such as art and band, their day will be shortened by one hour in keeping with the same

dents returning to high school will be changing from one class to the next according to their schedules with four minutes between classes.

"When in class, students will be spaced out at least three feet whenever possible and workstations and desks will be cleaned after each use. Additional cleaning will be done around the building throughout the day," Thomas said. Parents and other guests will only be allowed into the school building by appointment.

Students will be assigned lockers by request only and, to reduce crowding, students will only be able to access lockers before school, at lunch and after school.

O'Connor said the plan for high school students to return has been in place since December and it will be good to have the students back as online education isn't ideal for everyone. "Most students do better with face-to-face education. They enjoy the contact with others. We did our best to provide them a good education during this pandemic and will do whatever we can to resume classes safely."

"We've kept a close pulse on how the virus has spread. Locally, cases were very low



Chad Cole

trying to piece it together within our league and opponents, all while maintaining proper COVID-19 protocols.

"We can never be too prepared. We are making sure everything that might become

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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. 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.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet via Zoom and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. The link will be posted on the library's website [http://www.alcona-lib.mi.us] and Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary).

A Groundhog Day-themed Kid's Craft is available to pick-up in the south entryway of the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. A limited quantity is available. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

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. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

A Valentine's Day themed Kid's Craft is available for pick-up for the month of February in the south entryway of the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. Limited quantity available. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Available for Alcona County residents with newborns through age four — free formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing. Layettes are available in the eighth month. This is not an income-based program. COVID-19 regulations will be in place.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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Obituaries



Joe Bielusiak

Joe Bielusiak, 95, of Lincoln, died on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

He was born April 20, 1925 to Joseph and Catherine (Czajka) Bielusiak in Hawes Township. He was raised in Lincoln.

He worked on the family farm with his brothers and sisters.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Bronze Star for heroism under General Mark Clark, 5th Army 88th Infantry Division during the Italian Campaign as they liberated Rome, Italy.

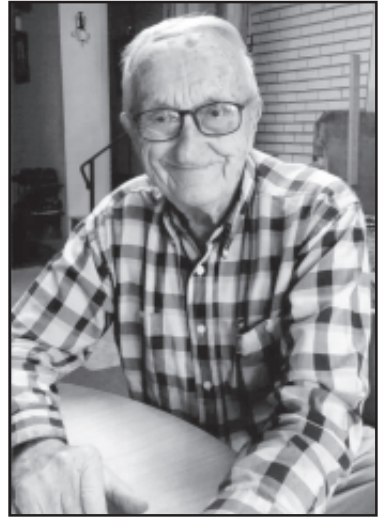
On February 7, 1959 he married Mary Given in Detroit, Mich. The couple moved to Flint, Mich. where he worked at Fisher Body (General Motors) for 32 years.

Mr. Bielusiak retired in 1978. The Bielusiaks returned to Lincoln and resided at the family farm until a few weeks before his death.

He was a life-long member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and the outdoors.

Mr. Bielusiak is survived by one son, David (Barb Luenberger) Bielusiak; two daughters, Kathleen (Ron) Gonyea and Doreen (Tom) Somers; five grandchildren, Colleen (Paul) Somers, Robert (Leslie) Clink, Kendall (Doug) Nedo, Matthew (Andrea Caraher) Gonyea, and Kandace (Shane) Bowman; four step grandchildren, Ronnie (Amy) Gonyea Jr., Kerry Gonyea, Michael Somers and Chris Somers; many great-grandchildren; one sister, Rose Kazmierczk; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; three brothers, John Bielusiak, Leo Bielusiak and Steve Bielusiak; three sisters, Mary



Webber, Helen Hunter and Josephine Lentz; and one granddaughter, Karen Ronna Gonyea.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, Jan. 23 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Jean A. DeJarlais

Jean Averyl DeJarlais, 92, long time resident of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born May 19, 1928 in Curran to Bert and Carrie (Pattee) LaForge. She was the youngest of nine children. She attended Curran school, then graduated from Fairview School in 1946.

She worked with a Michigan Children's Fund Dentist for two years in West Branch, Mio, Harrisville and East Ta was before working for the Michigan Health Department testing vision and hearing in Oscoda and Alcona schools.

She married Ladd DeJarlais (the local milk distributor) in December 1951. Their three children were born in the 1950s when she was also a PTA president. She served as the United Methodist Women president and treasurer, Harrisville Lady Lions president and treasurer, and for 22 years she was the Harrisville Methodist Church treasurer.

Mrs. DeJarlais worked in the Harrisville Elementary

School office for several years and part-time at the Friend of the Court office. She was also active in the American Red Cross and enjoyed attending many school functions.

After the milk business, the couple owned Kerby Lanes bowling alley for 16 years and enjoyed bowling. Mrs. DeJarlais took quite a few bus trips around the country as well as a trip to Hawaii and a Caribbean cruise.

She enjoyed dinner and cards at the Lincoln Senior Center, golf, euchre, cheering for her Detroit Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. DeJarlais is survived by two daughters, Ava (Perry) Budreau of Lincoln and Denise (Wayne) Lee of Oscoda; five grandchildren, Andy (Dawn) Budreau of Harrisville, Bryan Budreau of Orlando, Fla., Logan DeJarlais of Harrisville, Daren (Jessie Barkely) Lee of Harrisville, and Haley (Mike) Nielsen of Lincoln; five great-grandchildren, Isla Budreau, Makayla Budreau, Colt Budreau, all of



Orlando, Fla., James W. Lee of Harrisville, and Sonny Bo Nielson of Lincoln; and many treasured nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ladd, one son, Bradley DeJarlais, and all of her siblings.

Due to COVID restrictions cremation arrangements have been made, and there will be a memorial celebration of Mrs. DeJarlais' life at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home.

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The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to local, regional or statewide issues. However, letters on national topics will not be accepted.

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Notes**Rep. Allor's Appointments**

State Rep. Sue Allor, (R of Wolverine, Mich.), was appointed to serve on the House Appropriations Committee, as well as the House Health Policy Committee. The appropriations committee is responsible for deliberating on the annual budget and the ongoing supplemental budget appropriations. Frequently, the committee also considers legislation that is key to state budget implementation changes or public policy with significant budgetary expenditures.

"State spending impacts us all – every person, every family and every community around the state," Allor said. "I am very thankful to once again have the opportunity to chair Natural Resources and look forward to taking on new challenges in overseeing the budget for Agriculture & Rural Development. Both committees cover important aspects of life in northeast Michigan, which I proudly represent."

Allor has served on the House Appropriations Committee during the last two legislative terms. Along with chairing the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture & Rural Development/Natural Resources, Allor will serve on subcommittees devoted to General Government, and Health and Human Services.

Educational Scholarships

Northland Area Federal Credit Union is accepting applications for 2021 Jerry Erickson Educational Scholarships. Northland student members are eligible to apply for educational awards

to use for college expenses.

"Northland is committed to strengthening our members and our communities. One way we do this is through educational scholarships. Education opens doors of opportunity, tends to create better financial health and ultimately stronger communities. We are delighted to award Northland members who plan, study, and sacrifice to earn college degrees," said Deanna Reeves, vice president of member service."

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Fishing for Sturgeon

The 2021 lake sturgeon season on Black Lake in Cheboygan County will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. All anglers must register online to participate in this season.

The total 2021 season allocation on Black Lake is seven lake sturgeon. However, to reduce the chance of exceeding this allocation, officials will close the season when one of two scenarios occurs:

1. The sixth fish is harvested.
2. Five fish have been

harvested at the end of any fishing day.

Fishing hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day of the season. The season will end either at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, or when one of the above scenarios is met, at which point anglers will be notified via text message and on the ice by DNR personnel that they must immediately stop fishing for lake sturgeon. Participating anglers age 17 or older must have a valid Michigan fishing license.


Anglers must register for the season. This year anglers must register online by February 5 to participate in the season. More information about registration can be found at Michigan.gov/Fishing.

Those who harvest a lake sturgeon must immediately contact DNR personnel on the ice to register the lake sturgeon. Harvest registration may include an examination of internal organs and removal of a piece of fin tissue for DNA analysis and aging.

3. Anglers should be aware of marginal ice conditions on regional lakes so far this year and use extreme caution. Visit Michigan.gov/IceSafety for tips to stay safe on the ice.



The 2021 lake sturgeon season on Black Lake in Cheboygan County will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. All anglers must register online to participate in this season. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*



Sir Albert Howard was a British botanist who became an agriculture advisor in Indore, India in 1905. He studied the cultivation methods of the local farmers, such as composting, that returned nutrients to the soil, and observed that healthy people, healthy animals and healthy food all benefited from the effects of recycling earth-based materials. His influential 1940 book, *An Agricultural Testament*, is a classic organic farming text and helped develop wide-spread adoption of **organic agriculture** techniques. - Brenda Warner

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1. CORRUGATED METAL CULVERTS
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6. EMULSION
7. BITUMINOUS PATCHING MATERIAL (CP-6 & CP-7)
8. AGGREGATE: TAILGATE-SPREAD
9. AGGREGATE – STOCKPILE
10. AGGREGATE – PICKUP
11. CHLORIDE (applied for dust control & bulk for pre-wetting winter salt)
12. PAVEMENT MARKING SERVICES
13. CHEMICAL BRUSH CONTROL

Bid price for the above materials shall include cost of delivery to designated points in Alcona County and cost of pickup if noted.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Alcona County Road Commission, 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, phone (989) 736-8168, e-mail roads@alconacrc.com or at www.alconacrc.com

All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the bidder and item being bid.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bids and to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission.

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The Curtis Township Board will be holding a special meeting on February 4th, 6:30 p.m. at the Glennie United Methodist Church. This will be a workshop meeting to discuss blyte and how to address the issues within our Township. Public is welcome.
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NOTICE
The Curtis Township Board is seeking applicants for Zoning Administrator, this is a Salary position and applicant must be available to issue Zoning Permits as needed. Please email a letter of interest to curtistownshipclerk@gmail.com.
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Alcona boys ready for hopeful season

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The delays keep coming for high school basketball. Regardless, Alcona's boys varsity basketball team has been hard at work in recent days, as athletes and coaches wait for contests to be permitted. Contests may not be permitted until the end of February, at the earliest.

"COVID-19 has completely upended all of us, starting with last spring, and now that we have begun practices it hasn't been too problematic," said fourth-year head coach Ryan Bilbey. "We are only into the first few practices, which consist of conditioning drills which we have been able to do without contact. As the weeks go on, COVID-19 will make it extremely difficult to prepare for games since we are unable to do anything inside of six feet of spacing yet are somehow supposed to prepare them for varsity level games."

The good news from the Tigers is that six of their eight players have varsity experience. Returning from last year's team that went 9-12 are seniors Zach Stephenson (point guard), Nick Rasmussen (forward), Jacob Sytek (forward), Chris Barnes (guard) along with junior guard Gavin Walker and sophomore guard DJ Howe.

New to the team are juniors Ashton Tracy (guard) and Hunter Rigby (forward).

"Nice returning core, so I am happy with that," Bilbey said. "Without any summer

ball and very little fall workouts, we aren't where we need to be though. All my seniors are expected to lead. Zach is a third-year varsity player so I will lean on him to steer the ship while on the floor."

Practices have certainly been unique for the team, in that they are not permitted to

be successful so we've definitely worked on that... This has forced us to really dissect our schemes and concepts and work on little details."

As teams await contests to be permitted, for now they'll be practicing, six feet away, until that day comes.

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Ryan Bilbey
Head Coach, Boys Varsity Basketball Team

make contact with one another or even come within six feet of one another.

"It is an added challenge to keep the six-foot social distance at all times, maintain the sanitation routines and prevent all contact from happening," said Bilbey, who pegged Oscoda as favorites to win the North Star League. "We have worked on a great deal of shooting and some of the nuances of the offense. We must be balanced and properly spaced in games to

have fun," Bilbey said. "These kids have had very little to look forward to for many months. I want them to enjoy this more than ever. COVID-19 has put a strain on many students' mental well-being. I won't lose track of the fact this season may be the first fun thing they have done in months. (We want to) treat every single practice and every single game like it is your last. Coaches say that all the time, but this year, the kids may actually listen to us."

Lady Tigers loaded with seniors

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

It goes without saying that every high school basketball team in the state is hoping to begin contests soon. The Alcona girls varsity basketball team is certainly one of them, especially since the Lady Tigers expect to have a senior-heavy roster that has had plenty to be happy about in recent winters.

"We expect to have another successful season," said fifth year head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We have looked pretty good in practice this week and we looked good way back when practice first started (in November)."

"Everyone knows that we lost a great player at the point (Megan Grove). I know that we have the players on our roster to more than make up for that. All of our other four starters from last year are back, as well as several others who will be a big part of our rotation. Our strength will be depth and defense."

Last winter the Lady Tigers went 17-5, though three of those losses were to league champion Oscoda; including one in the district finals.

"I think it is probably going to be much like last season, Oscoda and Alcona will be the favorites," Feldhiser said. "The simple truth is that Oscoda has won the last two years, so they are the team to beat. That said, there is talent in both divisions and it would be a mistake to take any team too lightly."

"Our goal is the same as every year," he added. "Be playing our best basketball at the end of the season and put ourselves in a position to win the North Star League and district championships."

Returning from last year's team are seniors Lilly Bilbey (wing, post); Caroline Forsythe (guard); Delaney Forsythe (guard); Ashlyn Gordy (guard); Liz Henderson (post, first team all-conference); Rachel Layton (post, second team all-conference);

Anna Loyer (guard); Karen Sharboneau (guard); and sophomore Kelsey Hansen (post).

"We have a very experience, senior-laden team," Feldhiser said. "I expected all of our experienced players to be leaders."

New to the team are Arianna Realis (post), junior Hannah Tanner (guard) and sophomore Carmen Dellar (guard).

"Our practices have been very good this first week. I have been really impressed with the way the girls came back after such a long layoff," Feldhiser said. "We have seen some focus and plenty of energy. We have been working on conditioning and fundamentals; lots of shooting and ball handling. The restrictions clearly hinder what we value the most -- defense. We can talk about positioning and such, but there is no substitute for running defensive drills and playing live against each other."

"The other part of this is that we have not had the opportunity to work full court and figure out rotations and such," he said. "We are making the best of it, especially understanding that every team is dealing with the same issues. That said, we are really happy to have the opportunity to get back in the gym and get ready for a season. I want to thank the MHSAA for (its) part in getting us back to the point where we are looking forward to the first game."

At the earliest, games will be permitted to begin at the end of February. How the season will look, or if there is one, has yet to be officially announced.

"I just hope that this group of players has the opportunity to experience the season and the tournament," Feldhiser said. "They have been through and missed out on a lot; especially the seniors. I am really looking forward to sharing this season with them."

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Finding affordable senior housing options can be difficult depending on where your aunt lives. Senior apartments for some retirees are a good option, and you'll be happy to know that there are a number of government programs that can help out financially. Here are some tips that can help you and your aunt find a low-income senior apartment that fits her budget and living preferences.

Start with HUD

There are several different government programs available today that can help individuals who qualify to locate and pay for housing, including:

- **Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8):** This program allows you to find the housing you want. The government provides the amount allowed by your voucher to the landlord each month.

- **Privately owned subsidized housing:** HUD helps some apartment owners offer reduced rents to low-income tenants.

- **Public Housing:** These communities are generally apartment buildings or complexes that are overseen by a city or county public housing agency, and are available to low-income families, the elderly and those with disabilities.

- **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit:** This program provides housing to low income families and includes rents that don't exceed a fixed amount.

- **Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly:** This initiative helps seniors and the disabled. It offers housing for individuals who are able to live mostly on their own but need assistance with certain daily tasks like cleaning and cooking.

For more information about these programs and to locate apartments in your aunt's area that may offer them, visit the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rental assistance page at HUD.gov/topics/rental_assistance.

You can also search for low-income housing at senior living sites like After55.com and SeniorHousingNet.com.

If you or your aunt don't have Internet access or have trouble maneuvering the Internet, you can also locate nearby affordable housing options by calling your local housing authority – call (800) 955-2232 to get your local number. If your aunt lives in a location that spans multiple counties, check with the housing authority in each one to compare.

How to Choose

If you or your aunt find several apartment choices that fall within her budget, she should consider what's important to her. She may want housing that's close to family, religious organizations, senior centers, or places she visits regularly, like grocery stores, parks or gyms.

Or, if she has a disabling condition, it may be espe-

cially critical for her to find a living space that has easy access to important services like senior transportation and health care centers.

In your housing search, you may also come across some red flags that indicate a retirement community wouldn't be a good fit for your aunt. Keep an eye out for extra fees that may be applied to everyday items or perks you normally wouldn't think about like laundry service, parking or pets.

You should also make sure the apartment is in good condition and then scout out the



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neighborhood. Ask yourself if the community is clean and well maintained and if there is any debris or messy landscaping. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, follow up with questions before

your aunt signs a rental contract.

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Scammers use fake letters in collections scam

Michigan taxpayers with past-due tax debts should be aware of an aggressive scam that's making the rounds through the U.S. Postal Service, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

In the scheme, taxpayers receive a letter about an overdue tax bill, asking individuals to immediately contact a toll-free number to resolve an outstanding state tax debt. The letter threatens to seize a taxpayer's property, including bank accounts, wages, business assets, cars, real estate and cash, if the debt is not settled.

"Over the last week, we have seen an uptick in reports of taxpayers receiving these letters," said Deputy State Treasurer Ann Good, who oversees treasury's Financial and Administrative Services programs.

"Taxpayers have rights. If you have questions about an outstanding state tax debt, please contact us through a verified number so we can talk about options."

The piece of correspondence appears credible to the taxpayer because it uses spe-

cific personal facts that's pulled directly from publicly available information. The scammer's letter attempts to lure the taxpayer into a situation where they could make a payment to a criminal.

The state treasury department corresponds with taxpayers through official letters that use state of Michigan letterhead that embody both the names of the governor and state treasurer. These official letters are sent through the U.S. Postal Service, provide several options to resolve an outstanding debt and outline taxpayer rights.

Taxpayers who receive a letter from a scammer or have questions about their state debts should call Treasury's Collections Service Center at (517) 636-5265. A customer service representative can log the scam, verify outstanding state debts and provide flexible payment options.

To learn more about Michigan's taxes and the collections process, go to www.michigan.gov/taxes or follow the state Treasury Department on Twitter at @MITreasury.

2021 Alcona County Tentative Equalization Ratios & Multipliers

		REAL PROPERTY CLASSES						All Personal Property
		AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER CUT-OVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	
UNIT	R/M	101	201	301	401	501	601	
ALCONA	R	49.60%	47.51%	49.09%	47.03%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	1.0524	1.0000	1.0632	~	~	1.0000
CALEDONIA	R	50.91%	49.86%	50.38%	48.90%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9821	1.0000	0.9925	1.0225	~	~	1.0000
CURTIS	R	51.10%	48.89%	49.96%	46.67%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9785	1.0227	1.0000	1.0714	~	~	1.0000
GREENBUSH	R	50.32%	49.94%	46.87%	49.51%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9936	1.0000	1.0668	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
GUSTIN	R	50.23%	49.69%	48.49%	49.32%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9954	1.0000	1.0311	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
HARRISVILLE	R	50.94%	53.02%	49.65%	46.95%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9816	0.9430	1.0000	1.0650	~	~	1.0000
HAWES	R	50.96%	50.68%	49.45%	45.96%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9812	0.9866	1.0000	1.0879	~	~	1.0000
HAYNES	R	50.85%	52.80%	None	46.90%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9833	0.9825	~	1.0661	~	~	1.0000
MIKADO	R	51.03%	49.37%	None	43.22%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9798	1.0000	~	1.1569	~	~	1.0000
MILLEN	R	49.47%	52.52%	None	48.89%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	0.9520	~	1.0227	~	~	1.0000
MITCHELL	R	49.87%	50.23%	51.14%	49.43%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	0.9954	0.9777	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
City of HARRISVILLE	R	None	49.63%	49.28%	46.59%	None	None	50.00%
	M	~	1.0000	1.0000	1.0732	~	~	1.0000

R=Ratio: Average Ratio of Assessed Value to Market Value
M=Multiplier: Multiplier (Equalization Factor) necessary to raise or lower Assessed Value to Equalized Value
Equalized Value: Fifty percent (50%) of Market Value

BOARDS OF REVIEW: Dates, Time, & Location of March Meetings are to be published.

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Troy M. Somers, Director
Alcona County Equalization Department

Americanisms



“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.

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Climate change threatens maple syrup

By Anne Hooper
Capital News Service

Winter is the season for baking dense fruit cakes, crisp gingerbread cookies and fluffy homemade pancakes to douse with syrup.

For fans of the third dish, however, there could be trouble ahead. As climate change intensifies, some scientists fear for the future of the North American maple syrup industry.

Michigan is the nation's fifth-largest producer after Vermont, New York, Maine and Wisconsin, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. is the world's second-largest producer.

Canada tops the list of 60 nations that produce and ex-

the second-largest provincial producer.

“We’re seeing a lot of climatic extremes with temperatures reaching new highs and lows, droughts intensifying and weather patterns becoming more erratic. It’s a stressor to both the trees and ourselves,” Bonenberg said.

Mike Ross, owner of Michigan Maple Farm in Rudyard, Mich. in the Upper Peninsula, is already living with the impact of an unusual ice storm last year that took out three to four percent of his trees but, more importantly, 15-20 percent of the trees’ canopy.

“Each one of those little leaves is a sugar factory,” he said. “The loss of the canopy will be felt this spring and will

food product in Michigan, it’s the center of events, with some two dozen spring maple festivals taking place around the state, though they were canceled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Michigan Maple Syrup Association calls it the state’s oldest agricultural activity, dating back to early Native American tribes who tapped the sap, froze it, then removed ice to make syrup.

While the industry’s revenue grew by 13.8 percent globally between 2015 and 2019, according to World’s Top Exports, experts have raised concerns about the industry going forward. In the face of climate change, producers may face several challenges.



Maple syrup collection buckets in the woods during winter. Photo courtesy of the University of Vermont.

port syrup—accounting for 82.5 percent of global production during 2019, according to World’s Top Exports, an independent educational website.

Maple cultivators on both sides of the border are impacted by climate change, explained Ray Bonenberg, the treasurer and chairman of communications for the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers’ Association. The Canadian government said the vast majority of its syrup comes from Quebec, which produces more than 90 percent of the country’s supply. Ontario is

take a decade to recover.” Ross has 13,000 taps on 140 acres. He started tapping maples as a hobby in the 1980s. It’s grown into a business with a half-dozen employees.

While he acknowledges that the ice storm could have been caused by climate change, he said he expects to recover and future generations will produce maple syrup.

The Michigan Maple Farm is one of more than 130 maple syrup producers noted by the Michigan Maple Syrup Association.

Maple syrup is not just a

There are now fewer freezing-and-thawing cycles to encourage the flow of sap. As the number of cycles decreases, so does the amount of sap produced, according to the University of Vermont’s Proctor Maple Research Center. Maples also rely on snow to accumulate around their roots, protecting them from freezing in the wintertime. With annual snowfall expected to decrease, however, their root health may be compromised.

Along with rising global

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temperatures, the National Climate Assessment reported a rise in the number of extreme weather events such as heat waves, tornadoes, severe hurricanes and other storms.

As the frequency of severe weather events has increased, their intensity has also grown. Since 2000, multiple disasters have individually cost the

United States several billion dollars in damages.

According to Bonenberg, who has produced syrup in Ontario for nearly 50 years, these climatic shifts have created new challenges for producers. "The drastic temperature changes result in atypical freezing-and-thawing cycles, which makes sap irregularly. From just one day

to the next, it's impossible to predict whether my sap storage tanks will be bone-dry or overflowing," he said.

Another difficulty is adapting to a sugaring season that begins slightly earlier each year. "During most of my career, tree-trapping started in late March and went through April. Recently, though, lots of producers have moved their tapping into February or January," Bonenberg said.

Ontario producers aren't alone in this experience. According to the University of Vermont's Proctor Center, the average sugaring season in Vermont now begins 8.3 days earlier and ends 11.6 days earlier than 50 years ago.

"We've looked at the timing of tapping historically, and there's been a significant shift in the average start and end dates of production," said Timothy Perkins, the center's director.

According to Dartmouth College, by 2100, the North American sugaring season is expected to begin an entire month earlier than it had over the previous half-century. During this time, the college reports, maple syrup production is expected to decline throughout the northeastern United States and into southern Canada.

"We've developed methods that have proven successful in offsetting the losses of a truncated sugaring season. Mainly, these are sanitation practices which are implemented to keep the tap-hole and sap-collecting equipment clean," Perkins said.

According to Perkins, these novel sanitation processes help keep tap-holes in the trees healthier, which allows sap to flow longer. Combined with earlier tapping, such methods can increase the syrup yield. "Thus far, our

work has managed to offset the impacts of climate change in shortening the duration of the season. Looking forward, it's important that we keep finding ways to mitigate the new challenges in maple sugaring," he said.

According to Bonenberg, such ingenuity and adaptability will be crucial for producers in the future. "With ongoing climatic and environmental changes, unpredictability has become the greatest challenge for us in the industry," he said.

Going forward, he explained, it will be crucial for producers to be alert and proactive in their efforts. "It's imperative that we understand, mitigate and adapt. We need to stay aware of climate change, work toward mitigating its effects and be able to adapt to the changes it's caused. That's how this industry is going to survive," Bonenberg said.



Daniel Hale (left) with his grandfather, Luke Mahalak, caught this 36.5-inch pike on January 11. *Courtesy photo.*

Americanisms



"If you think hiring a professional is expensive, wait until you hire an amateur."
— Red Adair

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of January 18-24, 2021

51 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrests; 1 Domestic; 1 Warrant Arrest.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	5	Traffic/Traffic Stop	12
Warrant Arrest	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Property Damage Accident	5	Fraud	1
Miscellaneous	1	Well Being Check	3
Suspicious Event	5	Civil	4
Threats	1	Domestic	3
Alarm	3	Drive While License Susp.	1
Larceny	1	Abandoned Vehicle	1
Burglary	2	Child Neglect	1
Suicidal Subject	1		

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a red flag during the season is addressed. We are working to make sure the schedules are full and our athletes are properly prepared and follow protocol," Cole said.

Cole explained athletics, especially in rural areas such as Alcona County, create a sense of normalcy, something sorely missed during COVID-19. "Normalcy for me growing up was going to practice and participating in games. If we can get that back for these students it will be one step closer to making things feel right again.

"Athletics is a buoy for communities. It brings everybody a lot closer. It will be so exciting to have that back in motion," Cole said.

He was unsure about what the status will be for the public wanting to watch the games. He said athletes and their families will come first in the process of getting fans back in the stands. "We are working through things the best we can and trying to get more streaming platforms. We want to make sure everyone interested is as present as they can be," Cole said.

Cole's experience in food service came from growing up with his mother, Julie, first by her working at a bar and grill in Barton City when he was young, and then his parents purchased Scott's BC Bar and Grill when he was a teenager.

"I got to see and learn about the food service industry through that. I learned the process of ordering food and worked with food safety every day. It gave me a good perspective of what goes on behind the scenes," Cole said.

Nutrition was something he became very interested in about a year and a half ago when he began studying proper nutrition and taking control of his own. He began eating healthier and, in the process, dropped about 50 pounds.

Cole explained there was a lot for him to learn about the district's food service program, but he is up to the task. Much of his day is spent under the guidance of Food Service Director Nicholas Cordes, who also wears two hats and is the school's business manager.

Recently, the school district was awarded a large grant for new equipment in both the elementary and high school kitchens and Cole has been able to help with making some of those purchasing decisions.

"I'm learning the orders, the production reports, making sure nutrition guidelines are in order and making sure kids are properly fed. It's expansive, but there is a lot of good to do there. Eventually, I'll be the director of the program," he said.

Working in the school dis-

trict has allowed Cole to feel like he was coming home. "I get to come to work where I was raised. It molded me. Here I am making a difference in a place I care about. I'll have a hand in the growth of the students and the growth of the school.

"It is a unique pairing of jobs, but it will allow me to make an impact with students, either with their proper growth nutritionally or their growth as athletes and individuals. I am eager to help anyone I can.

"This is something I can

invest myself in personally because I care about it so much. It errs on the side of not feeling like I'm going to work every day. I'm excited to have this opportunity and will work hard to represent the school (district) and remain a member of this community in good standing," Cole said.

O'Connor said Cole has a great passion for the school district and the community. "That passion will carry over to those he works with. He has a ton of energy and excitement. We are lucky to have him on our staff," he said.

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in September and October, then spiked in November and December. It's turning back in the right direction from that spike. Now that we better understand how to facilitate school in this situation, we owed students this opportunity to come back," O'Connor said.

According to O'Connor, there have been no positive cases of COVID-19 in the district since December and all

teachers and staff who wanted to be immunized against the virus have received their first round of the vaccine.

Neither Thomas nor O'Connor were sure when after-school activities would resume. For now, activities like student council, National Honor Society and others will remain virtual.

The district was hoping to resume winter sports on February 1 with the return of

students, however, as of last week, state mandates are pushing contact sports from returning for another three weeks. Currently, only bowling and downhill skiing are meeting for games and competitions.

"Other sports teams are practicing, but they cannot make contact with each other. That proposes some challenges for athletes to get and keep in shape. The coaches and students are extremely disappointed with the delay which has already been paused three or four times. Students are craving sports which gives them a sense of normalcy, socialization and provides structure. Hopefully, sports will return on February 21," O'Connor said.

He felt the district took a cautious approach with COVID-19 thinking it was better to ramp up than scale back. He was optimistic for the remainder of the school year to finish on a positive note but said if another spike in virus infections happens, they will return students to remote learning.

"If we have to close school again, we will. At least now everyone is efficient and comfortable with that procedure. We did the best we could with remote and online education choices. We will be finalizing things this week and are looking forward to the return of students next week," O'Connor said.

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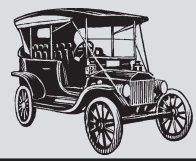
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Paddy Byce injured while blasting gravel

Crushed Under Large Mass of Frozen Earth

January 27, 1921 ~ Ed (Paddy) Byce was crushed under falling earth last Wednesday, 19th, while blasting at the Decker gravel pit in Alcona township, and Howard Decker narrowly escaped a like injury at the same time.

The two men had been blasting out gravel for use on the Decker state road job and a large hole had been excavated in the side of the bank,

leaving an overhang of surface earth. They were preparing to make a blast and Ed was tamping the earth about the dynamite preparatory to lighting the fuse. Suddenly the frozen overhanging earth gave away and a piece of several hundred pounds weight fell on Ed, who was kneeling on one knee. Howard was nearer the edge of the hole and escaped serious injury, though one foot was caught by the falling earth. The mass struck Ed on the neck and back and only the breaking of the earth prevented his being killed outright.

The injured man was unable to move when he was dug out and suffered intense pain. At first it was thought some of the vertebra were dislocated or even more serious injury but the patient now is able to walk about the house a little and it is hoped he will recover completely.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Service Center under new ownership

January 24, 1996 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

The reins of a Lincoln business have been passed from one area family to another.

After 20 years of owning the Service Center Glenn and Janice MacNeill sold it to Vic, Irvin and Rosemary McGuire.

The MacNeills, lifelong residents of Lincoln, said they handpicked the McGuires of Mikado.

Several other people were interested in the business, but Glenn MacNeill said he wanted someone local.

The McGuires are life long residents of Mikado. Vic, a licensed and certified mechanic has worked for JB Auto, Alcona Motors and Thompson Sales and Service in the 15 years he's worked as a mechanic.

His parents and partners, Rosemary and Irvin, are working in the office and shop respectively.

The couple was involved in the McGuire Total Tree Harvesting Corporation of Mikado until recently. Working indoors is a welcome change for Irvin Rosemary is familiar with office work since she did similar work with the tree harvesting company.

Vic said he is pleased to have his own business and looks forward to meeting all of Glenn's customers and making some new ones. He will be doing "what Glenn did and more," in the shop.

The Service Center special-

izes in exhaust, brakes, tires, shocks, batteries, radiators, gas tanks and lubes. In time, Vic said he might expand those services, but for now there is enough to handle.

Vic and Glenn have been working together for two months and Glenn said he has a lot of confidence in Vic, Irvin and Rosemary. The MacNeills will be consultants for the McGuires during the next few months and "as long as they need it," Glenn said.

Glenn is a third generation mechanic who built the building on 324 E. Hawley after working with his father at his service station, Ray's Garage and then for Alcona Motors' service department for 18

years. In between those two jobs he worked as an automobile and truck mechanic in the service.

Glenn's father, Raymond, also worked with his father (Glenn Sr.) at Oliver's Garage before going into business for himself.

The MacNeills said the sale of their business doesn't mean retirement. "I feel I've served my term — 40 years as a mechanic," Glenn said.

"This isn't retirement, but a new adventure — whatever that may be," Janice said.

The McGuire's Service Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and by appointment.

State Park shows increase over 1969

January 28, 1971 ~ Camp permit in the Harrisville State Park increased 10% in 1970 over 1969, the number of campers 7% and park attendance 3%, according to William Skrobak, the Park Superintendent.

5,952 camp permits were written in 1970, compared to 5,380 in 1969. There were 82,455 campers in 1970, and 11,107 in 1969, with a total park attendance in 1970 of 120,556, and in 1969 117,156.

The Harrisville State Park has a total acreage of 95 with 229 campsites and last year there were 317 campers

turned away because of no vacancies. On July 3, 4, 5, 18, 25, 31, August 1, 8, 14, 15, and September 4 and 5 the campground was completely filled, reported Mr. Skrobak.

Thirty-six incidents and acts of vandalism, at a total cost of \$706, were reported.

According to a 1965 survey conducted by Central Michigan University, the average spending per day per family while camping is \$5.00. With 4,794 camper days recorded in 1970, our community should have gained about \$221,910 in revenue from sales.

Civil War veteran buried with honors

Given Military Funeral by Members American Legion

January 27, 1921 ~ Funeral services held at the home Saturday afternoon for the late Joseph Sovey, were participated in by members of Harrisville Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased was a member, and a squad of ex-service men from Armstrong Post 56, American Legion. Rev. Robert Bryce was the officiating clergyman. The Legion men carried rifles and marched beside the hearse on the way to the cemetery.

A large number of people attended the funeral, coming from far and near to pay their last respects to this old resident, whose death removed one more from the rapidly diminishing number of Civil War veterans remaining in this county.

Joseph Sovey was born, Jan. 15, 1842, at Kempville, Ontario, and came to Michigan in his youth. On March 16, 1863, he enlisted at Detroit in Co. H. Ninth Michigan Cal. and served to the end of the rebellion. He was in many of the important engagements of the war, including the siege of Knoxville and Sherman's march to the sea. He was honorably discharged on July 21, 1865, at Lexington, N. C. On October 15, 1871, Mr. Sovey married Margaret Sears and they came to Harrisville 42 years ago.

Mrs. Sovey passed away in Nov. 1919. The surviving children are Mrs. Linnic Freer of Curran, Vohn of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Vinette Stewart of Cony, Pa.; Mrs. Mable Cole, Joseph and Omer at home.

The interment took place in the west cemetery, where the impressive burial service of the Odd Fellows was used, followed by the military salute to the dead, consisting of three rounds fired by the military guard.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Jan. 17	32	27	0.00	2.1	14	NE
Jan. 18	32	25	0.00	1.6	11	NE
Jan. 19	30	20	0.00	3.0	21	WSW
Jan. 20	25	16	0.00	5.5	28	SSW
Jan. 21	41	25	0.02	4.1	22	SW
Jan. 22	29	15	0.00	4.0	22	N
Jan. 23	25	16	0.00	2.0	16	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020-2021 Season		Normal Water Content
	Water Content	Snowfall	
Weekly Total	0.02	0.4	0.40
January to Date	0.53	4.6	1.36
Year/Season to Date	0.53	8.8	1.36

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.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Who was the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
2. **ASTRONOMY:** How many phases does the Moon go through each month?
3. **MEDICAL:** What are leukocytes?
4. **TELEVISION:** What are the names of the three animated "Powerpuff Girls"?
5. **INVENTIONS:** Who is credited with inventing the first battery?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the largest country in Africa in land area?
7. **MEASUREMENTS:** What does a Geiger counter measure?
8. **LITERATURE:** What item did the crocodile swallow in "Peter Pan"?
9. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is grenadine made from?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby goat called?

Answers: 1. Sidney Poitier, in 1964; 2. Eight; 3. White blood cells; 4. Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles; 5. Alessandro Volta; 6. Algeria; 7. Radiation; 8. A clock; 9. Pomegranates; 10. A kid (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword MULTITUDINOUS

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Little rascal</p> <p>6 Mosque officiants</p> <p>11 Go for a dip</p> <p>15 Spill the secret</p> <p>19 Shinbone</p> <p>20 Local theaters, in slang</p> <p>21 Had on</p> <p>22 Go very fast</p> <p>23 City in which quadrennial games take place</p> <p>25 Gumbo vegetable</p> <p>26 R&B singer James</p> <p>27 Japanese soup paste</p> <p>28 Fit — queen</p> <p>29 Sea cargo weight unit</p> <p>31 Statistic associated with plane riders</p> <p>35 Threatens to topple</p> <p>36 Brouhaha</p> <p>37 Ken is one</p> <p>38 Viking 1 landing site</p> <p>39 Fleecy boot brand</p> <p>42 Guesses at LGA</p> | <p>45 Instructive example</p> <p>47 "Siddhartha" author</p> <p>52 Gotten larger</p> <p>54 UNLV part</p> <p>56 1977 Triple Crown horse</p> <p>58 "— & Stitch"</p> <p>59 Stinging hits</p> <p>61 TV's Amaz</p> <p>62 Not iffy</p> <p>63 Whitewater transport</p> <p>67 Vassals</p> <p>69 Tongue-lash</p> <p>70 See 117-Across</p> <p>71 Goldie of "Laugh-In"</p> <p>72 Unit of pressure</p> <p>75 It surrounds the South</p> <p>80 Twin of Jacob</p> <p>81 Secy., e.g.</p> <p>83 Oozes</p> <p>84 Jazzy Fitzgerald</p> <p>85 Pile of trash</p> <p>89 Enervate</p> <p>90 Sacred song</p> <p>91 Muscle twitch</p> <p>92 Arthurian wizard</p> <p>94 "Encore!"</p> <p>96 "Science Guy" of TV</p> | <p>97 Pupil setting</p> <p>99 Arthurian wife</p> <p>101 Add- — (annexes)</p> <p>103 Reviewer of tax returns</p> <p>107 Disney World roller coaster</p> <p>113 Moniker for a 1970s sitcom family</p> <p>115 Go up</p> <p>116 With 118-Across, bite-size</p> <p>117 With 70-Across, Taj Mahal locale</p> <p>118 See 116-Across</p> <p>119 Statement about the end of each of nine answers in this puzzle</p> <p>122 Meyers of "Late Night"</p> <p>123 Ball field coverer</p> <p>124 Candid</p> <p>125 Cara of "Fame" fame</p> <p>126 Canadian fuel brand</p> <p>127 Gin flavorer</p> <p>128 Burrito topper</p> <p>129 Winona of "Beetlejuice"</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Walk heavily</p> <p>2 Paramecium hairs</p> <p>3 Huge gulf</p> <p>4 Cocktail at brunch</p> <p>5 Dad, in dialect</p> <p>6 Disguised, in brief</p> <p>7 Gold-medal skier Phil</p> <p>8 On a plane or train</p> <p>9 Month, in Spain</p> <p>10 Retired jet since '03</p> <p>11 Cutlass, e.g.</p> <p>12 Roused</p> <p>13 Thorns in one's side</p> <p>14 Scant</p> <p>15 Favre of football</p> <p>16 Starbucks offering</p> <p>17 Many a Tony winner</p> <p>18 Hits on the noggin</p> <p>24 Alternatively</p> <p>29 Artificial</p> <p>30 Two-gender pronoun</p> <p>32 Utopian site</p> <p>33 Email giggle</p> <p>34 Bullring calls</p> <p>38 Sacred song</p> <p>39 Wrinkled citrus fruit</p> <p>40 Smile widely</p> <p>41 Club game</p> <p>43 Assuage</p> <p>44 Bygone Swedish car</p> <p>46 Smileys' opposites</p> <p>48 Inherent natures</p> <p>49 Slimy garden pest</p> <p>50 Dried up, old-style</p> <p>51 Rams' partners</p> <p>53 Some babes in the woods</p> <p>55 Sharp, broken-off piece</p> <p>57 Purple blooms</p> <p>59 Colonel Klink's camp</p> <p>60 Mail status</p> <p>64 — carte</p> <p>65 Nutrition stat</p> <p>66 Ventilates</p> <p>68 "Sands of — Jima"</p> <p>71 Big African beast, briefly</p> <p>72 Tinkertoy bits</p> <p>73 PDQ cousin</p> <p>74 Gilbert of "The Talk"</p> <p>75 Fire remains</p> <p>76 Join (with)</p> <p>77 Zest</p> <p>78 Join (with)</p> <p>79 Identify</p> <p>82 Between urban and country</p> <p>86 Friendly relationship</p> <p>87 Letter before beth</p> <p>88 — colada</p> <p>90 "21 Grams" actor Sean</p> <p>93 Cage, to his pals</p> <p>95 City WNW of Paris</p> <p>98 R2-D2 and others</p> <p>100 Skin-related</p> <p>102 "Our Lady" of churches</p> <p>103 Humiliate</p> <p>104 Beseeches</p> <p>105 Pub missiles</p> <p>106 Boise setting</p> <p>107 Brand of mouthwash</p> <p>108 Outward expressions</p> <p>109 Port of Japan</p> <p>110 Felt sickly</p> <p>111 Words after two or hole</p> <p>112 Stuff in gunpowder</p> <p>114 Successor of Claudius I</p> <p>119 Provisos</p> <p>120 Refrain bit</p> <p>121 Title for Ringo Starr as of 2018</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 25, 1776, the Continental Congress authorizes the first national Revolutionary War memorial in honor of Gen. Richard Montgomery, who had been killed during an assault on Quebec on Dec. 31, 1775, one of the first generals of the American Revolution to lose his life on the battlefield.
 - On Jan. 30, 1835, Andrew Jackson becomes the first American president to experience an assassination attempt. Richard Lawrence, an unemployed house painter, shot at Jackson, but his gun misfired. A furious 67-year-old Jackson confronted his attacker, clubbing Lawrence several times with his walking cane.
 - On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem "The Raven," beginning "Once upon a midnight dreary," is published in the New York Evening Mirror.
 - On Jan. 28, 1855, the Panama Railway, which carried thousands of unruly gold miners to California via the dense jungles of Central America, dispatches its first train across the Isthmus of Panama. The Panama Canal would parallel the railway 50 years later.
 - On Jan. 31, 1944, D-Day is postponed until June when several key leaders agreed that there would not be enough ships available by May. D-Day would later be postponed once more, by a single day due to high winds. Finally, on the morning of June 6, the long-awaited invasion of France began.
 - On Jan. 27, 1965, the Shelby GT 350, a version of a Ford Mustang developed by American auto racer Carroll Shelby, is launched. The sports car featured a 306 horsepower V-8 engine and remained in production through the end of the 1960s.
 - On Jan. 26, 1970, U.S. Navy Lt. Everett Alvarez Jr. spends his 2,000th day in captivity in Southeast Asia. First taken prisoner when his plane was shot down Aug. 5, 1964, during one of the first bombing raids over North Vietnam, he became the longest-held POW in U.S. history.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- To train new operatives during the Cold War, the Soviets built fully functional replicas of American towns. Their residents consisted of retired deep-cover operatives who taught the trainees everything they needed to know about blending into American life.
- In 1963, the Bronx Zoo had an exhibit called "The Most Dangerous Animal in the World." It was a mirror.
- The U.S. Navy has a tradition that no submarine is ever considered lost at sea. Subs that don't return, including 52 lost during World War II, are considered "still on patrol." Every year at Christmas, sailors manning communications hubs send holiday greetings to those listed as still on patrol.
- An outbreak of the common cold occurred at an Antarctic base after 17 weeks of complete isolation.
- In the category of Best Song Titles Ever, country music stars Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty recorded a duet titled "You're the Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly." (Despite which fact, the lyrics make clear that the couple is still in love.)
- After high school senior Allison Closs dressed up a cardboard cutout of Danny DeVito to go with her to prom, the actor returned the favor by bringing a cardboard cutout of Allison to the set of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."
- A \$3 million lottery winner was sentenced to 21 years in prison after using his winnings to finance a meth trafficking ring.
- Actual town names in the U.S. include Rabbit Hash (Kentucky), Two Egg (Florida), Ding Dong (Texas) and Bacon (Delaware).
- Ever have trouble finishing your veggies? Try taking a tip from Leigh Knight, who in 2006 sold an unwanted brussels sprout left over from his Christmas dinner for £1,550 (\$2,100.72 USD) to aid cancer research.

Thought for the Day: "May your coffee kick in before reality does." -- Unknown
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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: **S** equals **T**

ZMJK QVIJ UJBC UFREFWRJ HSJI

AJSQ QMFSSJBJO, H SFPJ HS

CVE'O MFUJ WBJFPHKA KJZQ.

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Porcelain figurines

BY Terry and Kim Kovel

Many small porcelain figures were made in France, Germany and England in the 18th century, and many were made to resemble the work of the German Meissen factory. Realistic figures dressed in the robes of an unfamiliar country, or vases with scenes and additional raised floral decoration were best sellers even if the factory marks were symbols or initials that were nearly unknown. Jacob Mardochee Petit (1796-1868) started a porcelain factory in Bellville, France, in 1830. He also bought another factory in Fontainebleau, then moved it to Avon in 1851. The company went out of business in 1862. Its early ware sold well, but in later years the firm concentrated on making Meissen and other copies. It made small figures and vases less than 6 inches high. The work in the 1850s was of lower quality and was less popular.

But today Jacob Petit perfume bottles are favorites of perfume bottle collectors, and there seem to be a few in every perfume bottle auction. Many are unmarked. The best-known mark is the underglaze letters "JP" in blue or incised. Other marks are "JP" with a dot below and above the J and a dot below the P. There also is a diamond-shaped mark with the letter J outside the left corner and the letter P outside the right. Beware, they are best known for making copies of Chinese Export, Sevres and Meissen pieces that have fooled many collectors. A pair of authentic 7 1/2-inch-high figures of a Sultan and Sultana in elaborate clothing sold at a 2019 Neal Auction in New Orleans for \$1,220.

Q: My stepdaughter has a Chatty Cathy doll that



It took a bid of \$1,220 to own this pair of Jacob Petit figurines, made about 1850. They were properly marked with the blue letters "JP."

she received about 1970. We are wondering if it has any value.

A: Chatty Cathy dolls were made by Mattel from 1960 until 1964. They were re-issued in 1969 and again in 1998-99. The original dolls were vinyl and 20 inches tall. They were available with blue or brown eyes, and blonde, brunette or red hair. Dolls made closer to 1964 had hard plastic faces. In played-with condition, 1960s Chatty Cathy dolls sell for \$25 to \$75. In mint condition and in the original box, the value is closer to \$100 to \$150. The most expensive Chatty Cathy dolls are

African American versions from the early 1960s. Examples of these dolls have sold from \$450 to more than \$800.

CURRENT PRICES

Lladro figurine, "Over the clouds," boy, airplane, bomber jacket, goggles, blue, No. 5697, box, 5 inches, \$80.

Baccarat perfume bottle, glass, opaque, pink, brass top, 4 1/2 inches, \$120.

Kate Greenaway glass dresser box, women, chatting, seated, blue, flowers, brass mount, C.F. Monroe, 4 x 6 inches, \$420.

Lalique vase, Orchidee, opalescent orchids, 6 1/2 x 8 inches, \$650.

TIP: When vacuuming an Oriental rug, don't push the sweeper too close to the fringe. Leave about 6 inches. The vacuum may catch a thread and pull it.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

The COVID vaccine is coming for vets

The COVID vaccine is currently being distributed to 37 VA locations around the country. The logistics to move 300 million doses to where they need to be (Operation Warp Speed) are overwhelming, but the Department of Veterans Affairs has plans in hand for us.

The first thing to remember is that you likely won't be first in line to get the vaccine. Until you get the two shots (spaced weeks apart), your job is to stay healthy. Just because you get the first shot doesn't mean you're in the clear. And depending how things are going in your area, you'll likely need to keep wearing a mask and doing social distancing, even after you've had both doses.

The order of vaccination is still being organized, but it will likely start with medical staff and residents of long-term care facilities, and those with high-risk medical conditions.

Once they move down the list, the vaccines will be available to all veterans who get VA health care. The fine print says they'll contact you when it's available, but it can't hurt to check with your health team to make sure they have your info. If you're not signed up for VA health care, you can apply online with VA form 10-10EZ.

Other tidbits:

If they come out with multiple vaccines, no, you won't be able to pick which one you get, at least not initially when there are shortages.

If you haven't had a flu shot but plan to get one, do it now. You likely will not be able to take the COVID vaccine too soon after getting a flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is still deciding about this.

For more info on the vaccines and VA, go to www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine. Scroll down for lots of information and resources.

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LEGAL NOTICES

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 20-6130-DE

Estate of Elnore A. Hall Date of Birth: October 8, 1938 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Elnore A. Hall died on January 7, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to J.R. Susan, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. January 27, 2021 Personal Representative J.R. Susan P.O. Box 456 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-6623

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