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### Deputy finds mid-life career change rewarding

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

The newest deputy at the Alcona County Sheriff's Office is fulfilling a life-long dream career a bit later in life, but her life experience and positive attitude have gotten her exactly where she wants to be.

Prior to graduating from the Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School, working as a trooper in West Branch, Mich. and as a deputy at the sheriff's office, Candace Thuss was a single mom for 17 years. She worked as a dental assistant for 13 years, which was the perfect career while raising her two children. "I worked days and had nights, weekends and holidays free so I could take my kids to their activities, and I could attend games. (Being a dental assistant) helped me raise my family in Lincoln... it served a purpose.

Now, her son is 19 and her daughter is 17, and Thuss is doing what she has always wanted to do. This journey began roughly three years ago after talking with a girlfriend about "ideal dream jobs." Her friend encouraged her to apply to the Michigan State Police despite a non-law enforcement background. "I applied and, surprisingly, I was accepted quickly.

"That is just the beginning - there is a physical exam, Civil Service test, background check, and psychological evaluation to get through to be accepted to the academy," Thuss said. While she was working through that process, she also started working out and dropped 80 pounds.

Thuss was accepted to the 139<sup>th</sup> Trooper Recruit School where all recruits lived "in-house," in Lansing, Mich.

during the six-month process. "Everyone said it was stressful. I thought, 'I'm a single mom, that is stressful,' but I had no idea just how stressful it was," Thuss said.

She graduated on August 20, 2021 and was assigned to the Michigan State Police post in West Branch, Mich. During a year at the post, she realized that being an MSP trooper wasn't a good "fit" for her.

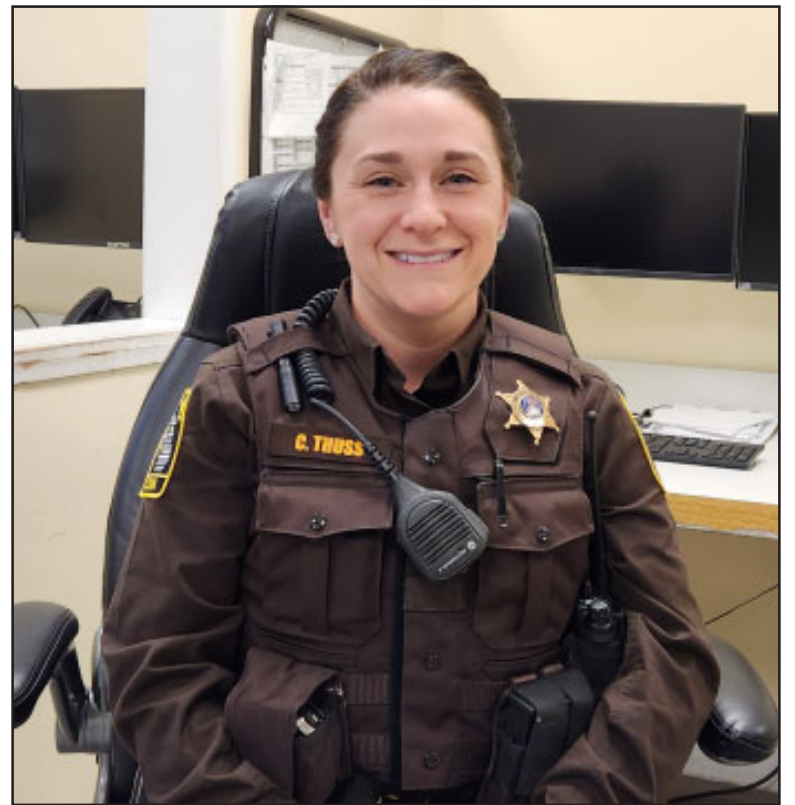
"The sheriff's office is a much better fit for me. I want to focus on helping people and this department is more geared toward that," Thuss said. She was hired on August 1, 2022 and spent five weeks training within the department and is full time on road patrol in Alcona County.

"I have always wanted to be in law enforcement... I couldn't do it as a single mom,

but I can do it now," Thuss said.

She enjoys working within the community she's lived in since the seventh grade, helping people and working with fellow law enforcement officers. Thuss also appreciates the open-door policy of the sheriff's office. "It's more like a family (at the sheriff's office). Everyone has my back and I feel needed here. If I have an issue, I have no problem going to any deputy or sergeant for advice. The sheriff's and undersheriff's doors are always open for us too."

Looking ahead to areas that she would like to specialize in, Thuss is interested in arson investigation of which she will begin training this winter. She is also looking into applying for the local emergency response team (ERT).



Deputy Candace Thuss

### Slow start to snowmobiling season but outlook good

By Liam Jackson  
Capital News Service

Snowmobile trail groomers anticipate more snow this year than last winter, but the season is not off to a good start.

"The weather forecast says snow is going to be good this year, but we just haven't seen it yet," Karl Davenport, the president of the Jordan Valley Trails Council, said. "Trails opened eight or nine days ago, and it's not looking good."

Jordan Valley Trails Council in Northwest Michigan is one of 69 Michigan trail sponsors that receive state grants to groom trails. "Last year was the worst year I have been a part of," Davenport said. "We would get snow. Then it would rain, and all the snow would go away."

Snowmobiling season in Michigan begins on December 1 and runs through March 31, according to Richard Kennedy, a state trails operations and grant specialist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Fortunately for snowmobilers, predictions for a snowy remainder of winter are positive. "The weather people are calling for a good snow year, which would be fabulous" said Karen Middendorp, the director of the Michigan Snowmobile and ORV Association.

Snowmobile permits produced over \$8 million in revenue for the 2023 budget, Kennedy said. The money comes from annual trail permits and snowmobile registrations. That has been about

average for the fund in recent years.

"The grant program pays for brushing and signing, grooming, comprehensive and liability insurance, land lease payments, snow plowing of trailheads, Porta-John rentals, special maintenance projects, equipment purchases of tractors and drags and major repair of equipment," Kennedy said.

Last year, sponsors groomed about 370,000 miles of Michigan trails. While the mileage fluctuates, the last few years have been lower than average due to less snowfall, especially in the Lower Peninsula, Kennedy explained. "Grooming is snow- and weather-dependent," Kennedy said.

Most trail sponsors volunteer long hours during

snowmobiling season. For every mile that the sponsor grooms, it receives a stipend, Middendorp said.

"A lot of people have a misconception that we get paid a lot of money," Davenport said. "It is all volunteerism. Many grooms can be eight, 10, 12 hours a day."

The ideal winter weather for snowmobiling would be two to four inches of fresh snow every five days and cold temperatures, Middendorp said.

While 2022 was below average in terms of mileage groomed, it was an uptick compared with 2021. That year produced the least groomed mileage recorded since 2012. Some 2020 data is missing because of the COVID pandemic, according to the DNR.



## God Bless America





 **Correspondence**

To the Editor,  
Rolland Lynch is a member of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) Board of Directors and recently claimed that the ACCOA was awarded \$12.5 million of monies flowing into Alcona County but that money is not from your pocket.

I would like to know where that money is flowing from. Rolland also asks us to get excited and support this project.

I am a resident of Alcona County, a senior and wife of a veteran. I cannot get excited when I see misleading state-

ments regarding government funding. Government monies (local, state and/or national) flow from taxpayers but Rolland seems to assert otherwise.

I'm thankful that I can contribute as a tax payer without undue (for now) financial burden. I am very thankful that back in the day, my grandfather was able to live with my uncle, aunt and cousins throughout his old age until he died. He did not die in an assisted living (dying) facility while being denied visitation from loved ones by the government.

Karen Karbowski  
Hubbard Lake

To the Editor,  
I am writing you regarding the community and senior center being proposed by the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA). As a resident of Alcona County, and a senior, I applaud the efforts that have been made to date to solicit input from the community, craft a visionary grant proposal and get approved for funding.

I personally would be proud and excited to possibly one day live in a multigenerational community as envisioned. The social and psychological benefits of these communities – especially to seniors – are well documented. And standards can be established for residency that assure that seniors looking for a “relaxing” community will be respected.

Finally, the fact that the housing will be accessible to people with disabilities (including seniors with mobility challenges) is wonderful and

lacking elsewhere in our county.

It would be a tragedy for our community if the development died at this stage due to lack of support from the ACCOA board. I urge them to take the steps necessary at their next meeting to secure these monies for our community.

If the board truly seeks to represent their diverse constituency when they make decisions, then the board should be aggressively working to seek solutions to any issues that are being raised – and to either put them to rest or make efforts as the program details move forward to ensure legitimate concerns are addressed.

Our community deserves an attitude of “how do we make sure this development is the best it can be?” rather than “if some people object to some parts of it, it should be killed.”

Ty Damon  
Harrisville

 **Obituaries** 

**Nancy J. Johnson**

Nancy Jean Johnson, 82, of Copperas Cove, Texas died on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022.

She was born May 10, 1940, in Harrisville, the daughter of William H. and Grace “Hazel” S. (Byce) Johnson.

She was a long-time resident of Alcona County where she grew up and attended Alcona High School.

Ms. Johnson moved to Dearborn, Mich. where she worked as a shipping clerk for the Industrial Strainer Company in Plymouth, Mich.

She returned to Alcona County in the late 1960s and remain until she moved downstate to Battle Creek, Mich. in the late 1980s.

After 72 years of residing in Michigan, in 2012 she moved final time to stay with family in Texas. She lived a quiet and peaceful life where she enjoyed watching westerns on television, baking homemade bread, taking care of her cats, playing Candy Crush, and posting on Facebook.

Ms. Johnson is survived by three daughters, Wendy S. Roberts of Copperas Cove, Texas, Nancy C. Dellar of Titusville, Fla. and Dorlis “Katie” K. (Mike Deleon) Nutt of Copperas Cove, Texas;

three sons, John E. (Cindy Loane) Roberts of Copperas Cove, Texas, Raymond W. Roberts of Fairfax, Va. and Ronald C. (Michelle Levenske) Dellar Jr. of Portage, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, Breanne E. Younk, Jessica L. Hendrix, Megan L. Yeary, Holly A. Deleon, Vanessa D. Dellar, Emma G. Price, Chloe Nutt, Reagan R. Dellar, Joseph R. Yeary, Aden S. Price, and Owen M. Dellar; nine great-grandchildren, Alexis M. Martinez, Angelia “Gia” Hernandez, Gracie Macias, Freya Yeary, Clairey Macias, Miguel Castanon, Elias Trejo, Leon Merino, and James M Yeary; one sister, Kathleen J. (Aubrey Fox) Johnson of Harrisville; and one brother, William (Maelynn Tucker) Johnson of Lexington, Ky.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her grandparents, William B. and Mahalia (Barker) Johnson and John S. and Nancy (O'Dell) Byce; three husbands, Elmer L. Roberts (married 1959 in Dearborn, Mich.),



Ronald C. Dellar Sr. (married 1971 in Harrisville), and Timothy R. Nutt (married 1984 in Harrisville; three sisters, Elsie M. (Elmer Monville) Johnson, Ruth A. (Allen Clark) Johnson, and Clara R. (Charles Daniels Jr.) Johnson; and five brothers, Bernard C. (Carol Petersen) Johnson, Wilbur A. Johnson, Dale W. (Diane Tait) Johnson, Raymond W. (Patricia) Johnson, and Wayne W. (Beverly Dixie) Johnson.

Ms. Johnson will be cremated and her ashes will be placed alongside her late husband, Ronald Dellar, at the Springport Cemetery in Harrisville.

**Calendar of Events**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

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.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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 information.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado at 9:15 a.m. Weigh-in is at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For mor information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

 **Lonnie G. Crampton**

Lonnie Giles Crampton, 83, of Grand Blanc, Mich., formerly of Harrisville and Flushing, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 16, 2022.

He was cremated and his family will celebrate his life privately in the spring. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden, Mich. Contributions may be made in his memory to Lincoln Lions Club, P.O. Box 465, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Lonnie was born February 21, 1939, in Flint, Mich., the son of Wayne and Helen Loreda (Morris) Crampton. Lonnie grew up in Clio, Michi. He graduated from Clio High School in 1957 as the class salutatorian.

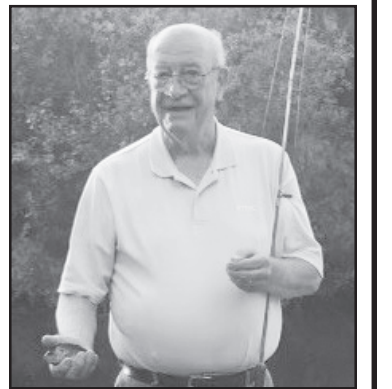
Lonnie elected to attend the University of Michigan after high school. While working at Anchor Motor Freight he met his future wife. He married Rita Colangelo on August 18, 1961.

In December of 1962, he was drafted by the U.S. Army, serving two years at FT. Bliss, Texas. Where he earned The Army Commendation Medal, and rank of SP4 E4.

Lonnie earned his bachelor's degree from Spring Arbor University at the age of 46. He retired as a Staff Assistant for Special Studies in 1992 from General Motors-AC Spark Plug Division.

He lived in Flushing until his retirement, then moved to Harrisville.

Lonnie was always a huge sports fan. He spent his retirement fishing, hunting, bowling, woodworking, and golfing. During his retirement years, Lonnie was an avid fly tier. He and some



friends started Golden Hackle Artisans. They attended many expos and shows promoting the team's creations.

He was very proud of celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska with his wife, Rita. They celebrated 58 years together.

Lonnie was a member of Lincoln Lions Club having served as president in the past. He was very active in coaching hockey for his sons and other youth teams. He was a member of the Greater Flint Hockey Association where he also served as a past president. Lonnie also coached for Flushing High School hockey for a few years.

He is survived by two sons, Jeffrey (Brenda) Crampton and Charles (Theresa) Crampton; five grandchildren, Emily (Garrett), Hannah (Matt), Tom, Ian, and Heather; great-grandson, Maverik; sister, Janet (Richard) Swift; several nieces, nephews and many friends, including those from The Corner in Harrisville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Rita on December 3, 2019.

Tributes may be shared at [www.sharppfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharppfuneralhomes.com).

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# Local Notes



## Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln.

Monday, Jan. 2: Porkroast, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 3: Sloppy joes, Tater Tots, fruit Jell-O.

Wednesday, Jan. 4: Beef stew with vegetables, three bean salad, tropical fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 5: Hot dog, Spudsters, California blend vegetables, apple sauce.

Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470. Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Sleep Education Program

This free, online Sleep Education Program will be held on Mondays on January 9, 23, 30, February 6, 13, and 20 from noon to 12:30 p.m. Each session is designed to last about 30 minutes each. Each module includes a short 2-3-minute educational video

designed to deliver key concepts. The rest of the time is spent discussing the topics, brainstorming solutions to possible obstacles to improving sleep, and goal setting.

Sleep topics: Week 1 - Sleep Basics; Week 2 - Sleep Hygiene; Week 3 - Stimulus Control Therapy; Week 4 - Mindfulness; Week 5 - Physical Activity; Week 6 - Sleep Myths. There is no cost for the workshop. To register go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SLEEPJAN23/> or call Jamie at (989) 344 3264

## Stress Reduction

Stress Less with Mindfulness introduces participants to the experience and practice of mindfulness, with a goal of reducing stress. Mindfulness can be defined as paying attention in a particular way, on purpose, in the present moment and nonjudgmentally. Research has shown that practicing mindfulness is effective in reducing stress-related symptoms such as worry, depression and physical tension, and may be helpful in managing chronic conditions.

Stress Less with Mindfulness teaches and encourages the use of mindfulness self-care skills to help one feel

better and enjoy life more. The program covers mindful breathing, mindful eating, physical processes in the brain and body and mindful laughter.

This series will be available over Zoom. Instructions on Zoom software and setup will be sent in the confirmation email. This class is offered through MSU Extension and is free

There will be two different sessions:

Monday-Friday, January 9-13 8 to 9 a.m. register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/slmj23/>.

Or call Jamie at (989) 344-3264.

Mondays, January 23 through February 20, 1 to 2 p.m. register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/slmjw23/>. Or call Jamie at (989) 344-3264.

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Stones celebrate 65th anniversary

Thomas and Darlene (Elowsky) Stone are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary at an open house given by their children.

They were married on January 1, 1958, at the Leer Lutheran Church in Leer, Mich.

The Stones have lived in Harrisville for 65 years.

Tom Stone is retired from Alcona Community Schools. He retired as 1st sergeant with the Michigan Army National Guard. He was also employed by the Alcona Sheriff's Office. He's been retired for 20 years.

He spent many years working for Harrisville Township.

Darlene Stone is retired from the State of Michigan, where she spent many years making friends and taking care of the Harrisville State Park.

They have three children, Reta Engel of Oscoda, LeeAnn (Chris) Campbell of Auburn Hills, Mich. and Ted Stone of Birch Run, Mich.

They have three grandchildren, Michael Dupuis of Auburn Hills, Mich., Sydney Dupuis of Harrisville and Marisa Stone of Birch Run, Mich.



Darlene and Tom Stone



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## Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 19-25

**57 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrest; 1 Warrant Arrest; 1 Citation Issued.**

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	7	Traffic/Traffic Stop	13
Property Damage Accident	2	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assist	2	Animal/Dog	5
Gun Shots	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Fraud	1	Patrol Check	2
Well Being Check	3	Suspicious Event	3
Kennel Inspection	1	Unwanted Person	1
Threats	1	Child Neglect	1
Domestic	1	Civil	6
Alarm	3	Assault	2

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	5	Caledonia	5	Curtis	10
Greenbush	4	Gustin	4	Harrisville	8
Hawes	4	Haynes	7	Mikado	2
Millen	4	Mitchell	1		
Harrisville City	2	Village of Lincoln	1		

## Milwrick retires from road commission

Drew Milwrick of Greenbush retired last October after more than 28 years of service to the Alcona County Road Commission.

Milwrick began his career working as an aircraft mechanic in Oscoda. He started full time with the Alcona County Road Commission in June of 1994 as a truck driver covering the Greenbush area.

In 2003, he won the bid as a heavy equipment operator and operated a grader until his retirement. He enjoyed the blading and reshaping of roads and cutting ditches. His least favorite assignment was the summer fog sealing. He hated waiting for the fog seal to dry before continuing on.

Milwrick often attended road commission board meetings to stay abreast of the inner workings and decisions being made that would affect his role. He was knowledgeable about the hows and whys of road maintenance and was always willing to participate in a good debate on how the process could be improved.

Managing Director Jesse



Drew Milwrick

Campbell said, "Drew's memory was amazing. He had a ton of stored knowledge about the county in general and past road projects. Drew took great pride in his work and was very detail orientated."

Campbell asked Milwrick what his advice to the new guys would be. Milwrick said, "Have fun. Life is too short to be miserably in your work."

Campbell said that he has had several calls asking where the guy with the white beard is since Milwrick's retirement.

More time spent camping and fishing are what he plans to do in retirement. Milwrick and his wife, Pam, headed to the Upper Peninsula just days after he turned his keys in at the road commission.

He is quite sure that his wife, Pam, will be turning the lawn mowing back over to him next summer.

Campbell said Milwrick's dedication and commitment to maintaining and overseeing the road system in Alcona County is one that will be greatly missed. "The Alcona County Road Commission wishes Drew the best of luck on his retirement and thank him for his commitment to serving Alcona County."

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4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)  
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp 989-335-8282 • [www.church72.org](http://www.church72.org)  
Sunday school 10 a.m.  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Coffee 10 a.m.  
Patch the Pirate children's ministry on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of Lincoln**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

**Spruce Presbyterian Church**

Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37) Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464  
Worship 9 a.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**

Church Street at Traverse Bay Road  
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227  
Pastor David Putz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.**

201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville  
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
Worship ~ 11 a.m. Handicap Accessible  
724-6734

**Hope Lutheran Church NALC**

5462 Nickelson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen  
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10. I Love Lucy

Source: Ranker



# Lady Tigers dominate second half

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

Visiting Lady Braves gave the Alcona girls varsity basketball team a challenge early on during Alcona's home game on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The Lady Tigers controlled the late stages of the game though, allowing them to pull away to a 34-22 victory.

"We held Tawas to six points in the second half," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "It was a good win before the break. We are confident that we will keep building from this point."

The Lady Tigers took a 10-2 lead in the first quarter, when Sierra West got a two-point basket to roll in. The Lady Braves hung around though, getting a three-pointer before the frame ended to pull within 10-5 after one.

Kelsey Hansen had two quick buckets in the second that kept the Lady Tigers in front 14-11, though Tawas went on a quick 5-0 run to lead 16-14

A three by Sage Gauthier put Alcona back in front 17-16 and a bucket by Hansen pushed that gap to 19-16 at the half.

A three by Hansen in the third put Alcona's lead up to double digits at 28-18 and it led 30-20 entering the fourth.

Alcona had hoops by Hansen and Emily Lobaugh to push their lead to 34-22, which ended up as the final.

"It was a good win for us, as we were down one starter," Feldhiser said. "I told the girls before the game that everyone needed to pitch in to make up for Carmen Dellar's rebounding and defense and that is exactly what happened. Our guards, especially Emma Travis and Sage Gauthier, rebounded very



Alcona's Jena Wambold goes up for a contested shot during last week's home win over Tawas. Photo by Ben Murphy.

well. Kelsey Hansen had a real good game as well. Jena Wambold had a great defensive game.

Hansen finished with 14 points. Gauthier and Wam-

bold were good for five points apiece.

Alcona (3-2 overall) will return to play on January 6, 2023, when it hosts Whittemore-Prescott.

# Tigers struggle against Braves

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team welcomed Tawas on Monday, Dec. 19. The Braves are expected to one of the top teams in the area this winter and proved as much by pouring in the points and handing the Tigers an 81-62 non-league setback.

"Tawas returns a very talented core group of players from last year's district championship team," said head coach Alex Cole. "Coached by Todd Kaems, who is one of the best coaches in the area, we knew they would be very tough."

The Tigers did take a slim lead in the first quarter, at 8-7 when David Sharboneau knocked down a mid-range jumper. The Braves closed the quarter on an 8-0 run to lead 15-8 though, and a quick three in the second put them ahead 18-8.

Tawas led by at least double digits the entire second frame, and led 36-19 at the half.

A Sharboneau three-pointer pulled the Tigers within 44-32 midway through the third quarter, and back-to-back threes by Garrett Somers and DJ Howe knocked

that gap to 53-43 entering the fourth.

Somers also had an early fourth quarter bucket that

made it 55-45, but that was as close as Alcona could get

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Hayden Johnston launches a three-pointer from the corner during last week's home loss to Tawas. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on January 9th at the Township hall beginning at 6:30pm.

A request for a conditional re-zone from Tom and Cyndi Apsey has been made. They are requesting to rezone property from Industrial to Agricultural..

The property is located at 6109 N. Hubbard Lake rd., Spruce, MI This hearing will begin at 6:30pm.

A request to rezone by Rachel Savage has been made. She is requesting to rezone from Residential to Commercial.

The property is located at 1565 Hubert Rd., Hubbard Lake, MI, Lot 111

This hearing will begin at 6:45 pm.

Written comments will be accepted by Caledonia Planning Commission secretary, Ken Hubbard, 837 Jennison Grove Road, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747

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## American Life in Poetry

**By Kwame Dawes**

I have heard so many poets say that they feel like outcasts, until they meet other outcasts and dreamers, people who seem to feel like them, and suddenly they feel affirmed in their difference, and, as it turns out, their place in community. It is likely what Safiya Sinclair means in her elegant poem, "The Ragged and the Beautiful" published in the always engaging "immigrant and refugee" journal, *The Bare Life Review*, when she declares being "strange/and unbelonging" as, being, at the same time, "perfectly" beautiful.

**The Ragged and the Beautiful**  
**By Safiya Sinclair**

Doubt is a storming bull, crashing

through the blue-wide windows of myself.

Here in the heart of my heart where it never stops raining,

I am an outsider looking in. But in the garden of my good days, no body is wrong.

Here every flower grows ragged and sideways and always beautiful.

We bloom with the outcasts, our soon-to-be sunlit, we dreamers. We are strange and unbelonging.

Yes. We are just enough of ourselves to catch the wind in our feathers, and fly so perfectly away.

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braska-Lincoln. The introduction's author, Kwame Dawes, is George W. Holmes Professor of English and Glenna Luschei Editor of *Prairie Schooner* at the University of Nebraska.

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as the Braves pulled away from there.

"We came out in the first half sluggish and once again turned the ball over too many times," Cole said "After some adjustments at half, the guys came out with some newfound energy and confidence to claw back into the game. But we ran out of steam in the fourth as the deficit from the first half was too large.

"Tawas' big guys, Granite Barringer and Ethan Hedglin, had huge games inside. I definitely give them credit for finding the weakness in our defense as we were focused on

their explosive three-point shooting. As always, it's back to film and practice to make the adjustments needed for next time. I'm hopeful that we are in the position to be playing a meaningful game against them in early March."

The Tigers were led by Somers with 20 points. Sharboneau netted 19. Howe finished with 17. With two apiece were Cayden Hebert, Evan Borsvold and Owen Borsvold.

Alcona (2-3 overall) returns to action January 6, 2023, at home against Whittemore-Prescott.



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# Tips for being a long-distance caregiver; how to reduce medical bills

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips do you recommend for long-distance caregivers? I help take care of my stubborn 86-year-old mother who still lives at home about 150 miles from me.

Need Advice

Dear Need,

Providing care and support for an aging parent who lives far away can present a variety of challenges that can make the job difficult and stressful. Here are some tips and resources that may help you.

## Long-Distance Caregiving

When it comes to monitoring and caring for an aging parent from afar, you have a couple of options. You can hire a professional to oversee your mom's needs, or you can manage things yourself by building a support system, tapping into available resources, and utilizing technology devices that can help you keep tabs on her.

If your mom needs a lot of help, you should consider hiring a geriatric care manager who will give her a thorough assessment to identify her needs and will set up and manage all aspects of her care. But geriatric care managers are expensive typically charging between \$100 and \$250 per hour after an initial assessment of \$150 to \$750 and are not covered by Medicare.

To find a geriatric care manager in your mom's area, visit [AgingLifeCare.org](http://AgingLifeCare.org) or contact the nearest Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116) to see if they have a list of providers.

If, however, your mom only needs occasional help, or if you can't afford to use a care manager, here are some things you can do yourself to help her.

- Create a care team: Put together a network of people (nearby friends or family, neighbors, clergy, etc.) who can check on your mom regularly, and who you can call on from time to time for occasional help. Also put together a list of reliable services you can call for household needs like lawn care, handyman services, plumber, etc.

- Tap local resources: Most communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that can help seniors with basic needs such as home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and more. Contact the nearby Area Aging Agency to find out what's available.

- Use financial tools: If your mom needs help with her financial chores, arrange for direct deposit for her income sources, and set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills. You can also set up her online banking service, so you can pay bills and monitor her account anytime. Or, if you need help, hire a daily money manager ([AADMM.com](http://AADMM.com)) to do it for you. They charge between \$25 and \$100 per hour.

- Check essential documents: This is also a good time to make sure your mom

has the following essential legal documents: a will; a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you to make medical decisions on her behalf if she became incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If she doesn't have these documents prepared, now is the time to make them. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated and know where they are located.

- Hire in-home help: Depending on your mom's needs, you may need to hire a part-time home-care aide that can help with things like preparing meals, housekeeping or personal care. Costs can run anywhere from \$12 up to \$25 per hour. To find someone, try websites like [Care.com](http://Care.com) or [CareLinx.com](http://CareLinx.com).

- Utilize technology: To help you keep tabs on your mom from afar, there are various technologies that can help. For example, there are medical alert systems, video camera monitors, wearable activity trackers, and electronic pill boxes that can notify you if she has taken her medications. And to help you coordinate her care with members of her care team there are websites like [LotsAHelpingHands.com](http://LotsAHelpingHands.com).

For more tips, call the National Institute on Aging at 800-222-2225 and order their free booklet "Long-Distance Caregiving: Twenty Questions and Answers."

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips do you recommend to Medicare beneficiaries dealing with hefty medi-



Savvy Senior

cal bills? My husband recently had open heart surgery and is recovering slowly, but the medical bills are coming in fast and furious and they're putting us in medical debt.

Struggling in Springfield

Dear Struggling,

I'm sorry to hear about your billing struggles, but medical debt has unfortunately become a chronic problem in this country. Ac-

cording to U.S. Census data 19 percent of Americans households carry medical debt, including 10 percent of households headed by someone 65 or older. Even seniors on Medicare can easily get snagged in a web of complicated billing and coverage problems.

To help you slash your medical bills, here are some tips recommended by health

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## Buggy Rides



### Arthur Kelly sells barber shop and business

**December 25, 1947 ~** A real estate deal, closed the past week, marked the change of ownership of the oldest business establishment in Harrisville, when Arthur Kelly sold his barbering business and shop to Lyle Jack of Harrisville.

Arthur Kelly came to Harrisville on June 20, 1905, and purchased the barbering business from Billy Ross. Mr. Kelly operated a barber shop in AuSable, Michigan, before coming to Harrisville.

He stated that he has barbered for 53 years.

Mr. Kelly has been active in community affairs, and has acted as deputy sheriff under several Alcona County sheriffs.

"Art" as everyone calls him, recalls that the price of a shave was 10c, and 25c for a haircut, at the time he opened shop in Harrisville.

In all these years he had never been absent from his shop for a week at a time, except due to illness. Mr. Kelly was forced to retire from active work in his shop a year ago due to ill health. Mr. Jack has been employed by him for some time.

The Review joins Mr. and Mrs. Kelly's many friends in wishing them many happy years of retirement.

Mr. Jack, the new owner, is a native of Haynes Township, and is a veteran of World War II. His friends wish him success in his new business.

## Fourth graders get lesson on careers and visit with seniors

**December 30, 1997 ~ By Cheryl Peterson**

Business was a little on the light side, but students and their activities were the highlight of the last Alcona Community Schools Board of Education meeting.

Four members of Alcona's FFA told board members about their recent trip to Kansas City, Mo. for the annual FFA convention.

Seven students from Alcona attended the conference with FFA leader Tom Hearst and another chaperone. This was the first time many of the students had been out of Michigan and flown on an airplane.

They enjoyed meeting new people "from all over the country."

They said they had a lot of fun and also enjoyed the Career Exploration that had over 700 exhibits. They thanked the board for its support this year and in years past.

Kathleen Hubbard, fourth grade art teacher, displayed for the board numerous drawings and sketches fourth graders made in conjunction with a career exploration project between the school and Lincoln Haven Health Care Centre in Lincoln. She said the fourth graders attended two different programs at the nursing home.

During the first trip, students listened to staff members talk about their jobs and made quick sketches of what they saw. After they got back to the classroom, students used their sketches to draw

more detailed, color pictures. Board members viewed their finished products. Some of the pictures were put in to frames and will be hung in the nursing home for several weeks.

The second trip was just before Christmas. Senior citizens and students worked on craft projects for several hours together.

The high school gym floor was a topic of discussion for assistant principal Roger Cole and maintenance officials Rodney Cordes and Tom Stone.

They are investigating what other schools with the same floor do to retain the finish and keep it from getting slippery.

They are also talking to various manufacturers to see

if they need to modify how the floor is maintained. In their investigation they traveled to McBain and Fife Lake school districts to view the gym floors and talk to officials.

In other business the board:

- Accepted with regret the resignation of Carol Hansen, the head cook at the high school.

The board expressed its appreciation for her 26 years of dedicated service, and wished her well in retirement.

- Revised several policies and adopted two new policies which were identified at the meeting by number.

- Approved the resolution to impose the summer tax levy.

## Community Christmas success

**December 28, 1922 ~** An audience of several hundred filled the Auditorium Friday evening to witness the Community Christmas exercises, and none who went was disappointed in the excellent entertainment that was provided.

The entrance to the hall was guarded by tall shapely spruce which reached to the roof; it was brilliantly lighted by electric bulbs and at the top blazed a beautiful colored star. The radiance attracted attention for blocks around.

Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the delightful program. From the time Old Father Time appeared with his scythe until the su-

perb tableau at the close, there was a procession of clever drills, dances and poses that would be difficult to surpass. The pretty tree, the beautiful costumes, the bright lights, in short, the whole appearance of the stage as the pageant unfolded was attractive to the eye and appealed to the sense of beauty, while the old familiar carols sung by the male quartet added just the right touch to bring out the full Christmas spirit.

Two Santas and a distribution of presents delighted the children. One Santa had charge of a mite box at the entrance, while the other appeared on the stage.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of the next-door neighbor on TV's sitcom "Home Improvement"?
2. **LITERATURE:** Which war was the setting for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
3. **MUSIC:** Who wrote the song "All Along the Watchtower," performed by Jimi Hendrix?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** When is Earth Day celebrated each year?
5. **HISTORY:** Which two city-states fought the Peloponnesian War?
6. **MEDICAL TERMS:** What is a common name for the disorder called sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia?
7. **ASTRONOMY:** Where is the Oort Cloud in space?
8. **GEOMETRY:** How many sides does a nonagon have?
9. **FOOD & DRINK:** What's another name for egg white?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How large is the Times Square ball that drops at midnight on New Year's Eve?

**Answers:** 1. Wilson.; 2. WWII.; 3. Bob Dylan.; 4. April 22.; 5. Athens and Sparta.; 6. Brain freeze.; 7. The most distant region in our solar system, beyond the Kuiper Belt.; 8. Nine.; 9. Albumen.; 10. 12 feet in diameter. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

### OBJECTS OF DEVOTION

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Serengeti trek</p> <p>7 Freeway exit</p> <p>14 Calm assurance</p> <p>20 Neighbor of Saturn</p> <p>21 Sun porches</p> <p>22 Deli machine</p> <p>23 Aficionado of air ducts?</p> <p>25 Capital of Cuba</p> <p>26 Jean jacket material</p> <p>27 Email chuckle</p> <p>28 Soccer player Hamm</p> <p>30 Citrus peels in recipes</p> <p>31 "House" actor</p> <p>34 Aficionado of wild, irrational talk?</p> <p>37 Contributor</p> <p>38 — spell over</p> <p>40 State of fury</p> <p>41 Fly with no co-pilot</p> <p>42 Thus</p> <p>43 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")</p> <p>45 Las Vegas-to-Denver dir.</p> <p>47 Ending for Japan</p> <p>49 Aficionado of bellies?</p> <p>52 Aficionado of sweet fillings?</p> | <p>58 Pet-rescuing org.</p> <p>59 Walked very stealthily</p> <p>62 San — (California county or city)</p> <p>63 CIA missions, e.g.</p> <p>66 Give the boot</p> <p>68 River of Paris</p> <p>69 Louisianans of French descent</p> <p>70 Café au — (light brown)</p> <p>72 Aficionado of confidential matters?</p> <p>75 Shapes of parentheses</p> <p>76 Member of a ruling family</p> <p>78 Sank, as a putt</p> <p>79 Writer Wiesel</p> <p>81 Once surnamed</p> <p>82 Cuban-born writer Calvino</p> <p>83 Downgraded</p> <p>85 Ward with Emmys</p> <p>87 Aficionado of wickedness?</p> <p>89 Aficionado of apartment managers?</p> | <p>94 "Taking Woodstock" director Lee</p> <p>95 NFL stats</p> <p>98 Loch —</p> <p>99 Jethro — (rock group)</p> <p>100 Do pool laps</p> <p>104 Sir, to Brits</p> <p>106 All mixed up</p> <p>108 High-quality black tea</p> <p>109 Aficionado of Mauna Loa snacks?</p> <p>112 Set free</p> <p>115 Fetus holders</p> <p>116 Be mistaken</p> <p>117 "— culpa"</p> <p>119 "Going Rogue" author Sarah</p> <p>120 Sends in</p> <p>122 Aficionado of customs officials?</p> <p>127 Painting on plaster</p> <p>128 Made even</p> <p>129 Rocky's last name in "Rocky"</p> <p>130 Electronic keyboards, for short</p> <p>131 Escape artists, say</p> <p>132 Like finger paintings</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Chevy</p> <p>2 "Rules — rules!"</p> <p>3 Spanish dance in triple time</p> <p>4 Lobbies</p> <p>5 That which destroys</p> <p>6 Long Island airport town</p> <p>7 Opposite of west, in Germany</p> <p>8 Chocolate kiss wrapper</p> <p>9 Elevator stops</p> <p>10 Went longer than expected</p> <p>11 Dog noise</p> <p>12 Florida's "Magic City"</p> <p>13 Grilled Italian sandwiches</p> <p>14 Silvery-gray</p> <p>15 Town square</p> <p>16 Energizes</p> <p>17 Congress' Alexandria — -Cortez</p> <p>18 Cerebral</p> <p>19 "Donnie —" (1997 Johnny Depp film)</p> <p>24 Current unit</p> <p>29 Assented</p> <p>31 Laudatory poems</p> <p>32 Funny Sahl</p> <p>33 Wound cover</p> <p>35 U-Haul rental</p> <p>36 Tableland</p> <p>39 Be up against</p> <p>43 Confront</p> <p>44 Rush after</p> <p>46 Cut-rate, in brand names</p> <p>48 "Easy A" star</p> <p>50 Likely</p> <p>51 Model Bündchen</p> <p>53 Actor Christopher</p> <p>54 Mexican peninsula</p> <p>55 Road reversal</p> <p>56 Trespassing deterrent</p> <p>57 Dancer Bob</p> <p>60 Flying Pan</p> <p>61 Spanish squiggles</p> <p>63 Vintage tune</p> <p>64 Premium channels</p> <p>65 Mideastern peninsula</p> <p>67 "Danke —"</p> <p>69 "Hear ye!" yellers</p> <p>71 Like most NBA players</p> <p>73 Boisterous</p> <p>74 "That's somebody — problem"</p> <p>77 Couch</p> <p>80 Pixie</p> <p>83 Pea or lentil</p> <p>84 Sandy hill</p> <p>86 Tiny blood vessel</p> <p>88 Actress Swenson</p> <p>90 Ring out</p> <p>91 Big pet food brand</p> <p>92 Mucho</p> <p>93 Painter Paul "Soul Man"</p> <p>97 Up a tree</p> <p>100 Blue toons of the 1980s</p> <p>101 Aqueous</p> <p>102 Deliverers of frozen blocks</p> <p>103 The Red Foxes' college</p> <p>105 Macho</p> <p>107 TV sleuth Remington</p> <p>108 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 thriller)</p> <p>110 Last- — effort</p> <p>111 Brand of cellulose fiber</p> <p>113 NYSE debut</p> <p>114 Fish piercers</p> <p>118 Big PC brand</p> <p>121 "Rescue us!"</p> <p>123 "Law &amp; Order: —"</p> <p>124 NFL stats</p> <p>125 Neither hide — hair</p> <p>126 Week division</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 9, 1859, Carrie Lane (later Catt) entered the world in Ripon, Wisconsin. A staunch women's suffragist and peace advocate, she founded the League of Women Voters in 1920 and was highly instrumental in the passing of the Constitution's 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote that same year.
  - On Jan. 15, 1870, a Harper's Weekly cartoon criticizing former Secretary of War Edwin Stanton with the caption, "A Live Jackass Kicking a Dead Lion" helped popularize the use of a donkey to symbolize America's Democratic Party.
  - On Jan. 12, 1908, American inventor and electronics pioneer Lee de Forest, sometimes called the "Father of Radio," transmitted a long-distance radio message from the top of the Eiffel Tower for the first time, heard by an audience of 50.
  - On Jan. 10, 1942, Mickey Rooney married Ava Gardner. Since both were under contract to MGM, they had to get permission from its head, Louis B. Mayer. According to Gardner, the studio "owned both of us, and did not look kindly on any change in Andy Hardy's status." Though the marriage was short-lived, Rooney later called it "one of the most memorable moments of my life."
  - On Jan. 14, 1943, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill met at Casablanca in Morocco to begin work on World War II strategy. At its conclusion, they held a joint news conference at which Roosevelt announced that peace would come "by the total elimination of German and Japanese war power. That means the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan."
  - On Jan. 13, 1989, computers across Britain were hit by the Jerusalem (aka "Friday the 13th") virus, created in Israel the previous year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Jewish state. Fortunately, since the advent of Windows, it is now obsolete.
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Martial arts icon Bruce Lee could throw a single grain of rice into the air and catch it with chopsticks.
  - A 2009 study found that lost wallets were 88% more likely to be returned to their owners if they contained a photo of a baby. Barring that, you're also more likely to recover one if you typically carry pictures of a puppy, family members or an elderly couple.
  - The word "checkmate" comes from the Arabic "shat mat," or "The king is dead."
  - Want your candles to burn longer and drip less? Put them in the freezer for a few hours before lighting them.
  - In what must qualify as one of the oddest marketing campaigns ever created, Burger King launched one that entitled customers to a free Whopper if they unfriended 10 Facebook friends. Those folks would receive a message explaining that their digital relationship was less valuable than the sandwich. Hey, we like Whoppers too, but really!
  - Dolphins have been witnessed amusing themselves by creating underwater bubble rings.
  - There's a Google Map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon, Mars, Pluto, three out of four of Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.
  - Leonardo da Vinci often bought caged animals just to set them free.
  - Early 19th-century composer Robert Schumann had an interesting, if grisly and ineffective, method of attempting to cure any disease he had or might have: plunging his hands into the guts of recently slaughtered animals.
  - Sid Nouar, owner of the 1000&1 Signes restaurant in Paris, was the first deaf person to open a restaurant in France. It is also staffed entirely by deaf employees.
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Thought for the Day: "Take action. An inch of movement will bring you closer to your goals than a mile of intention."  
-- Steve Maraboli

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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: B equals H

HUAPB RGAUKEHG PUZH ZEPB G  
DAMGTEJBKN BEFB VUVLKGPEUH  
UD VGAPERLKGGA SGSN SEAYJ UD  
VAMN: TEYYN BGZT.

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## Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

### Redware pottery

A strange redware pottery item was listed in a recent auction as a cup. But it looked more like a squat 2-inch vase with a large opening on one side. The auction catalog called it a "19th century glazed redware slip cup," estimated at \$200 to \$400. But even with a picture we were baffled. How was a slip cup used? Or was it just a typo in the caption for a sipping cup?

We kept looking at pictures of redware until we finally found the answer. The cup is used when decorating pottery with slip, a liquid the consistency of toothpaste that was forced through a quill tube to create raised line and circle decorations. This slip cup was probably made by the Singer Pottery in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, about 1830. About four quills were poked into the open space in the side so four lines could be drawn on a piece of pottery at once. The auction slip cup sold for \$649.

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Q: I'm having trouble finding a value for an antique RCA Victor console radio, model K-81, built in 1939. Can you help me?

A: RCA was founded in 1919 when General Electric bought the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America (known as American Marconi) and renamed it the Radio Corporation of America. The company made radios for General Electric and also some for Westinghouse. The company name became the RCA Corporation in 1969. RCA's model K81 has a broadcast band and two shortwave bands, and the console has push buttons to preset stations. It has eight vacuum tubes. Transistor radios became popular in the late 1950s, and the last radios with vacuum tubes were phased out in the 1960s. Old tube radios in good working condition sell for \$100 to \$150.

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TIP: Clean dirty cloth book covers with wads of stale bread.

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#### CURRENT PRICES

Paper, magazine cover, New Year's Baby, baby angel sitting on globe, surrounded by early airplanes and zeppelins flying by, The Saturday Evening Post, Jan. 2, 1932, image by J.C.



This unusual redware vessel is called a slip cup and was used for decorating pottery. It sold for \$649 at Conestoga Auctions. Photo courtesy of Kovels.com

Leyendecker, 13 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches, \$55.

Doll, Kathe Kruse, girl, plastic swivel head, painted features, human hair wig, stuffed cloth body, tab jointed arms, disc jointed legs, marked "U.S. Zone Germany" and "Kathe Kruse," 19 1/2 inches, \$190.

Art glass bowl, Cypriot, cased, multicolor flowers all over, textured exterior, white inside, flared, folded in rim, Lotton, 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches, \$1,250.

Toy, rocking horse, wood, carved, painted features, upright leather ears, inserted seat back on top, curved rockers with a three-board platform, Benjamin Crandall, c. 1850, 22 x 41 inches, \$1,875.

Furniture, blanket chest, Chippendale, pine, painted, hinged lid, three drawers on bottom, ogee feet, painted initials "ML / FR" and date "1786," 29 x 48 x 22 inches, \$2,760.

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## Veteran's Post

By Freddy Graves

### Life insurance from the VA

As of now, for the first time in 50 years, the Department of Veterans Affairs is opening up enrollment in Veterans Affairs Life Insurance, aka VALife. Veterans who are age 80 or under, with any level of service-connected disabilities, are guaranteed to be accepted to receive up to \$40,000 in whole life insurance.

A bonus is that there is no requirement for medical underwriting, meaning that no one is going to squint at the health details of your application and try to decide whether or not to offer you insurance.

The VALife changes are to the existing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI):

-- You'll be able to apply online and get a fast decision.

-- There is no time limit to apply (the existing insurance requires you to sign up for life insurance within two years).

-- There is no good-health requirement (the existing insurance requires you to be healthy, except for conditions that are service connected).

-- You can now apply for \$40,000 in insurance (the existing insurance limits you to \$10,000).

Before you sign up, read about whole life insurance versus term insurance. Whole life can stay with you for your lifetime as long as you keep paying the premiums, and it accumulates a cash value that you can withdraw or borrow from. Term insurance is for a specific period of time and doesn't accrue cash value. BUT whole life costs more, sometimes a lot more. Do your homework and know what you're getting if you sign up for the VA's whole life.

A fact to notice: With the VALife policy, it will build cash value for two years and then convert to face value. If the veteran dies during the two years, beneficiaries will get back the premiums paid, plus interest.

If you currently have the old S-DVI, you'll be able to switch over to the VALife, should you choose to do so.

To see the fine print, go to [www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp). Click on the Cost link to see a chart showing the premiums.

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Michael C. Simon as mortgagor, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 29, 2012, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on November 5, 2012, in Liber 492 at pages 1,334-1,348, and upon which mortgage is claimed to

be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$55,386.26, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

Now, Therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said Mortgage, notice is hereby 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 sale of the mortgage 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 February 8, 2023.

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.

The land and premises in said mort-

gage, being situated in the Township of Greenbush, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Lot 340 Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 91 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 3178 South US-23, Greenbush, Michigan 48738 Please be advised that the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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care experts that you should try.

- Double check your bills: Almost half of all medical bills contain at least one error, including duplicate charges or charges for services you never received. If you're facing a high bill and are on the hook for some portion of it, request itemized invoices from the hospital and other providers that detail everything you were charged for and go through them line by line. If you find something you don't

understand or find fishy contact the provider for an explanation or a correction.

- Wait for your EOB: Doctors' offices and hospitals may mail initial bills to you before they even submit them to your health insurer. So, hold off on any payment until you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your provider – Medicare, supplemental Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or private insurer. This will show what you owe after your in-

urance has paid its portion.

If your EOB shows that your insurer is refusing to pay for services that you think should be covered, call them to see whether it's a correctable mistake, such as a coding error for a certain test or treatment. If it's truly a denial of coverage, you may need to file an appeal. For details on how to file a Medicare appeal, see [Medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal](https://www.Medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal).

- Ask for a discount: Call the hospital's accounting office or the billing staff at your doctor's practice and ask if they can reduce your bill. You'd be surprised how often this works. Or if you have the funds to pay the entire bill, ask the hospital or provider for a "prompt pay" discount which may save you 15 percent or more.

If it's best for you to pay your bills over time, ask the billing office to set up a no-interest payment plan for you. It's in the provider's interest to work with you to obtain payment.

You can also call the hospital where your husband had his surgery and ask a billing specialist if the facility offers financial assistance. According to the American Hospital Association, about half of U.S. hospitals are nonprofit. This means they are required to offer free or discounted services in some instances. This is usually reserved for low to moderate income patients who have limited or no health insurance, but requirements vary from hospital to hospital.


- Get help: If you've gotten nowhere on your own, contact the Patient Advocate Foundation ([patientadvocate.org](https://www.patientadvocate.org), 800-532-5274) who can help you understand and negotiate your medical bills, free of charge. Or consider hiring a medical billing professional to negotiate for you but be aware that these services can cost upward of \$100 an hour. You can find potential candidates through the Alliance of Professional Health Advocates ([advoconnection.com](https://www.advoconnection.com)). Be sure to choose someone who is credentialed by the Patient Advocate Certification Board.



In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the *Festa de Iemanjá* is held every January 1 to honor the sea goddess who protects sailors and provides fish for all fishermen. Dressed in white, the people make their way to the sea's edge as they dance, sing and play music. Baskets filled with colorful flowers and small statues of *Iemanjá* are carried through the crowds. The fishermen load their boats with all the offerings, and the people follow them out as far as possible as the fishermen set out to sea to present the gifts to *Iemanjá* to seek her favor. - Brenda Weaver  
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## Americanisms



“Stir the eggnog, lift the toddy,  
Happy New Year, everybody.”  
— Phyllis McGinley

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## CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

1. Christmas movies
2. Christmas tree
3. Holiday decorating
4. Hang mistletoe, stockings
5. Christmas dinner
6. Bake cookies
7. Exchange gifts
8. Christmas cards
9. Elf on the Shelf
10. Christmas music

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