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Eli Atencio, 6, has a heart-to-heart talk with Santa about the Sonic Lego set he wants for Christmas. The Alcona County Library hosted Santa and provided a craft activity during the Christmas in the Village event last Saturday. *Photo by Mary Weber.*



Brayleign O'dell, 3, of Hubbard Lake (right), has Santa and her brother, Tanner, 5, cracking up as she melts into Santa for a hug during the Lincoln Lighting event held at the train depot. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Community foundation's Giving Tuesday campaign raises more than \$314,000

In its eighth year of hosting Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan for local nonprofits, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) helped raise a grand total of \$314,834 for the 62 participating nonprofits.

"We know that the many community members following this giving campaign are anxious to know totals, and we are happy to be able to announce this incredible number for the 2022 Giving Tuesday event," said Patrick Heraghty, CFNEM executive director. "Raising that kind of money over a 24-hour period is a testament to the extreme generosity of our communities."

While the Community Foundation is able to announce an overall total for

the 2022 Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan campaign, Heraghty said the announcement of totals raised for each organization, as well as news of which organization will take home the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose, are not ready quite yet. Those amounts were announced at a live, online event on Tuesday, Dec. 6 on CFNEM's Facebook page.

"We had a record-breaking number of donations this year for Giving Tuesday, and our small but mighty staff is working diligently to finalize all the totals," said Heraghty. "We know our participants are awaiting this information patiently, and we look forward to sharing those individual organization totals next week."

Could sails once again move Great Lakes cargo?

By Audrey Richardson
Capital News Service

A start-up company recently got design approval to build a ship that moves cargo with sails rather than fuel.

The 330-foot-long, hydrogen cell-powered sailing vessel is proposed by the Veer Group, a Bahamas-based company committed to zero carbon emissions. The American Bureau of Shipping approved the design.

"If there was a desire for this in the Great Lakes, it would just make me super-happy to be able to fulfill that," said Veer CEO Danielle Doggett.

Whether such vessels will someday ply the Great Lakes is uncertain. But interest is high in decarbonizing shipping.

University of Michigan naval architecture and marine engineering professor Matthew Collette said cleaner shipping comes at a crucial time for action.

Globally, shipping's 100,000 vessels are responsible for three percent of carbon emissions, according to Maersk McKinney Moller Center, a nonprofit research company committed to decarbonizing the maritime industry.



The American Bureau of Sailing recently approved the design of Veer Groups' sailing vessels. *Courtesy photo.*

The U.S. Maritime Administration recently announced a study to explore low-carbon options for shipping on the Great Lakes. The group, which includes the International Council on Clean Transportation and the American Bureau of Shipping, is looking at alternative fuels and power.

The study will examine environmentally friendly fuel alternatives like biofuel and how to incorporate different power systems, like hydrogen fuel cells, into Great Lakes shipping, according to a press release.

Combustion engines have dominated the shipping industry since the 1930s.

Veer is looking to bring sailing cargo back, Doggett said. The company seeks funding to begin an 18-month build and have two vessels sailing by 2024 and six by 2026.

Greenhouse gas emissions contribute significantly to climate change. They increase global temperatures, weather variability and air pollution.

The Great Lakes have seen the adverse effects of emissions from increased flooding, algal blooms and soil erosion, according to researchers.

"Veer sail ships in the Great Lakes would make a lot of sense," Doggett said. One rea-

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Calendar of Events

Clara C. Sprung

Clara Christine Sprung, 96, died at her home in St. Petersburg, Fla. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022.

She was born to William E. and Emma H. (Bluemel) Siewert on May 10, 1926, in Macomb Township, Mich.

She married Kenneth E. Sprung on December 25, 1947.

Mrs. Sprung was a homemaker as well as an administrative assistant for most of her working career.

She had many hobbies over the years including square dancing, cake decorating, and sewing. Her favorites were singing, crossword puzzles, reading, and playing euchre.

Clara was also a founding member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Shelby Township, Mich., singing in the choir for many years.

Mrs. Sprung is survived by five daughters, Lynette (Robert) Toney of Stanwood, Mich., Annette Powell of St. Petersburg, Fla., Kristine (John) Reno of Brier, Wash., Janet (Randy) Parrott of Harrisville, and Connie (Scott) Rhodes also of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Julie (Edward) LoSasso of Melbourne, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; nine siblings; her husband, Kenneth E. Sprung; one son, Kenneth S.



Sprung; one son-in-law, John Hefferon; one grandson, Michael Armstrong; and one great-granddaughter, Ellory Martin.

There will be a private family memorial service held at a later date in Michigan.

Ronald S. Skiba

Ronald S. Skiba, 89, of Harrisville, died on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

He was born December 26, 1932, to Clement W. and Marie (Olejniczak) Skiba in Milwaukee, Wis. He was raised in Utica, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1954 during World War II.

On April 13, 1955, he married Dorothy Adams.

Mr. Skiba worked for computer services for the Chrysler Missile Plant.

He married Lynda Saker in Shelby Township on February 7, 1986. They were longtime residents of Harrisville.

Mr. Skiba was a member of the Harrisville VFW, where he served in many capacities including commander. He was a member of the Harrisville Goodfellows and St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville.

He was the harbormaster at the Harrisville Harbor for several years. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and attending Navy reunions.

Mr. Skiba is survived by one daughter, Joan (Michael) Whitfield; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one stepson, Michael Messerschmidt; one sister, Carole, (John) Wright; one brother, Clement Skiba; and numerous nieces, nephews, and Godchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; his wife, Lynda; four daughters, Nancy Kowalewski, Lisa Irvin, Marie Barylski, and Karen Richter; and one brother, Carl Skiba.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial will be announced at a later date.

Ross G. Teeple Jr.

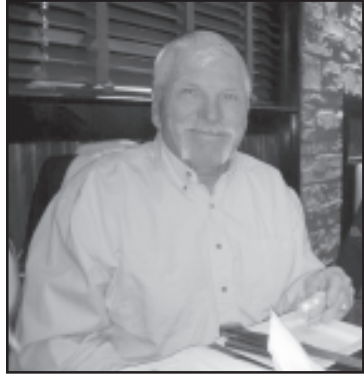
Ross George Teeple Jr. was born May 21, 1942, in Harrisville. He passed away to be with Lord on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at the veterans hospital in Tucson, Ariz., where he passed peacefully his sleep.

Ross was the oldest son of Ross and Muriel (Hines) Teeple. Ross graduated from Alcona High School in Harrisville in 1961. He joined the U.S. Navy shortly thereafter.

He served as a helicopter rescue air crewman in Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 2 based in Lakehurst, N.J. However, most of his enlistment was aboard seven different aircraft carriers.

Shortly after his discharge from the Navy, Ross and a Navy buddy, Dave Bradley, decided to go to California. They ran out of money in Tucson, Ariz., so he settled there and remained there until his death.

Ross was accepted into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union. He became a Journeyman Electrician and remained in the union until



his retirement in 2004. When he retired, he spent his summers in his hometown of Harrisville, which he loved.

Ross was married twice. He is survived by his ex-wife, Darlene Kell; one daughter, Dawn Kell; her two children, Nicholas Bowen and Chayena Kell; two great-grandchildren, Sydney and Sophie Bowen, all of Denver, Colo. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Joy Williams; her two children, Ross (Corinne) Teeple III and Lynda (Randy) Riehl; her three children, Kyle Riehl, Austin Riehl and Megan Riehl, all of Tucson, Ariz. He is also survived by two sisters, Kay (Glen) Kohn and Sue (Bill) Hover; and many nieces and nephews and many friends.

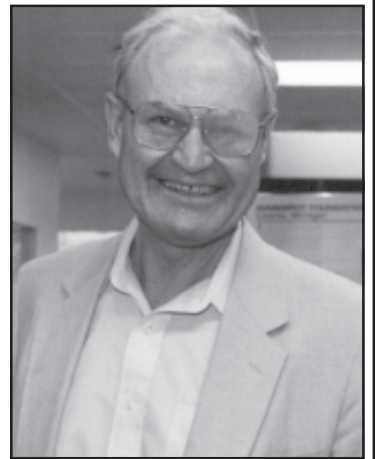
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Richard "Dick" C. Byce Jr.

Richard "Dick" Charles Byce Jr., a long-time Kalamazoo resident, passed away naturally on the evening of December 24, 2021, at the age of 92.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Kalamazoo Science foundation Scholarship, <https://www.kalfound.org/scholarships/kalamazoo-science-foundationscholarship>, "Rose Arbor" c/o Centrica Care Navigators <https://centricacare.org>, or the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo.

Cremation has taken place and interment will occur at Mt. Ever-Rest Memorial Park. A Celebration of Life Gathering will take place on Monday, December 12, 2022, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.



Arrangements by Langeland Family Funeral Homes Burial and Cremation Services.

Please visit <https://www.langelands.com> where one may also read the online obituary, share memories and leave condolences.

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Linda J. Kuffert

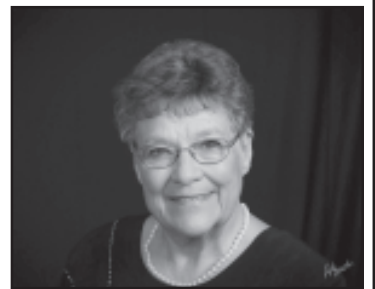
Linda Jane Kuffert, 81, of Hubbard Lake was welcomed by Jesus in heaven on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022.

Linda was born September 19, 1941, to the late Curtis and Ruth (Oermann) Thomas in York, Pa. Linda loved to teach having served as an elementary school teacher in several Lutheran schools for over 20 years.

After retirement, Linda enjoyed participating in all kinds of community organizations in the Hubbard Lake and Alpena area, where she and Doug had made their new home. Linda felt blessed that she and Doug were able to travel to many unique parts of the world during their retirement years together.

She was a faithful Christian who loved studying the Bible and sharing her faith with others. Her fervent desire was for everyone to receive the free gift of salvation through Jesus.

Linda is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Doug Kuffert; and three



daughters, Kirsten (Scott) Nickel, Kathy (Greg) Oman and Karen Kuffert. Linda was also a treasured "Oma" to her grandchildren, Emily (Min), Zach (Laura), Evan (Shannon), Ashley; her great-granddaughters, Eva, Elisa, Emma; and her sister, Susanne.

The service celebrating Linda's new life with Jesus was held Friday, Dec. 2. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hubbard Lake. The Rev. Joseph Llewellyn officiated.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hubbard Lake. The family has entrusted McWilliams Funeral Home with arrangements.

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Best States for Doctors

1. Iowa
2. Minnesota
3. Idaho
4. Wisconsin
5. Kansas
6. South Dakota
7. Montana
8. Mississippi
9. Alabama
10. Tennessee

Source: WalletHub



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month. Santa will be dropping by for a visit and the Rotary Club will be passing out books.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

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.

TOPS 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Site is handicap accessible. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

The Michigan State Police will have a "Stuff A Blue Goose" event at KrisMart in Lincoln from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a drive to gather nonperishable food, new, unwrapped toys, and toiletries for those in need.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

Children are invited to have brunch with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at the Alcona Brew Haus, 676, N. US-23, Harrisville. Free pancakes and a drink for children under age 12, plus, a visit with Santa. Brunch is available to purchase. Drinks are provided by HHG.

A community Christmas sing-along with local musicians will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Pocket Park in Harrisville. Hot chocolate and cider will be provided.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Country Doctors will perform classic Christmas carols and duets at 2 p.m. Red Randall will also perform a rendition of "The Night Before Christmas," poem in the family holiday concert at the Alpena High School auditorium. This annual Christmas concert is sponsored by the Northeast Michigan Crime-Stopppers. Tickets are \$18 and family tickets are \$45. To secure tickets, call (989) 340-6002 or (800) 205-7174 or online at www.wolverine-productions.org.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Alcona County Board for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the lower-level meeting room at the Alcona County Courthouse in Harrisville.

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

AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 1 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 407 S. Washington Street, Hale. Russell Williams from the Iosco County Soil Conservation District is the guest speaker. His presentation will be on oak tree health, invasives and forestry practices to help wildlife habitat. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 387-5980.

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

An after-school craft event by the Alcona County Library will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Alcona High School. The project is a DIY T-shirt pillow. All supplies are included and there is no charge for this project. For more info., call (989) 724-6796

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 Barton City Improvement Association will be judging the Christmas lights for Barton City beginning at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For additional details, call (989) 724-9581.

The Cryptid Club will meet at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 4 p.m. Teenagers and adults are welcome to participate in this newly formed club. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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The Winter/Holiday Concert featuring Alcona Community Schools bands and choir will be held at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium., 51 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. This event is free and open to the public.

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Local Notes

Help Families in Need

The Michigan State Police will have a "Stuff A Blue Goose" event at KrisMart in Lincoln from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. This is a drive to gather nonperishable food, new, unwrapped toys, and toiletries for those

in need. A "Blue Goose" is what Michigan State Police personnel call their patrol cars. They have teamed up with local charities in several counties where they are holding these events to help local families in need. The goal is to gather as many items as

possible in the three-hour period as possible. All items donated will be turned over for distribution to local families that need them. KrisMart is located on Barlow Road, across from the Alcona County Fairgrounds.

cue chicken, baked potato, carrots, mixed fruit.

- Wednesday, Dec. 14: Stuffed cabbage, peas, pineapple.

- Thursday, Dec. 15: Beef tips, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, strawberries.

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.

Christmas Lights Judging

The Barton City Improvement Association will be judging the Christmas lights in Barton City on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Those participating in the Christmas lights decoration contest should have their lights on by 6 p.m. For more information, contact Arlene Cirillo at (989) 736-3294.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Dec. 12: Pork chop bake, green beans, Mandarin oranges.

- Tuesday, Dec. 13: Barbe-

Citizen Planner Series

This prerecorded webinar series offers continuing education for Master Citizen Planners and is open to all planning and zoning officials and interested residents. The full series provides the required annual continuing education hours to maintain the MCP credential.

2022 Webinar Topics

- Prime Soils, Critical Habitat, and Beyond: The Open Space & Farmland Preservation Toolkit.

- Making Defensible Decisions: Discretionary Standards, Mary Reilly and Wayne Beyea.

- Stormwater Management at the Rural/Urban Interface, Brad Neumann.

- Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems, Brad Neumann and Mary Reilly.

- GIS Visualization Tools for Land Use Decision Makers, Tyler Augst.

- Leadership in Planning: A Statewide Showcase of 'On the Ground' Projects in 2022.

To register or find out more: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022MCPWebinarRecordings/>.

Cost is \$60 for all six webinars. Contact a MSU Extension citizen planner coordinator with questions at (517) 353-6472 or email: cplanner@msu.edu.

Top Workplace Award

The Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2022 honor by the Detroit Free Press Top Workplaces award program.

"It is an honor to accept this award on behalf of NEMCSA, its Board, employees, and clients. Being one of the few nonprofit organizations to be awarded highlights NEMCSA's culture of excellence and service. With over 700 employees, knowing that this award is generated from their opinions of the organization speaks volumes," said Lisa Bolen, NEMCSA executive director and CEO.

This is the third time NEMCSA has received the Top Workplace award and is the only organization in northern Michigan to do so this year.

Workplaces that receive the award are selected based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The confidential survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization. These include, among others, alignment, execution, and connection.

NEMCSA is a private, nonprofit community action agency that provides many programs and services throughout its 11 northeast Michigan core counties. These counties include: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. Other counties are included in several program areas. To find out more information about NEMCSA's programs and services, please visit www.nemcsa.org.



NEMCSA staff (Front row, from left) Kimberlee Hincka, CFO; Dorothy Pintar, community programs director; (back row, from left) John Chappa, board member; Laurie Sauer, AAA director; Tricia Grifka, early childhood director; Lisa Bolen, CEO; Frances Ommani, communication director; Lisa Salgat, board member.

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 Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen
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 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

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Tigers open basketball season against Hale

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team is officially set to kick off the new season on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The Tigers will welcome in North Star League crossover foe Hale, and they couldn't be more thrilled to tip-off another campaign.

"I am very excited about this year's group," said second year head coach Alex Cole. "We return seven players from last year's team, including four-of-five starters. I believe that we can compete for a conference title and district championship. The guys are hungry and focused on our goals."

Players returning from last year's team are seniors DJ Howe (first team all North Star League, 13 points, seven rebounds per game), Ryken

Wallenmaier, Hayden Johnston, Logan Zuchowski and Owen Borsovold. Junior David Sharboneau (second team NSL, 12 points) and sophomore Garrett Somers (second team NSL, eight points, five rebounds) also return.

New to the team are juniors Cayden Hebert, Nathan Nardi, William O'Neill, Sam Johnston, Jacob Renschenski and sophomore Evan Borsvold.

"This is by far the biggest team that I have coached," Cole said. "I am not used to having this kind of height so I think we will play a physical brand of basketball inside surrounded by some of the best shooters in the area. Hayden Johnston is our returning captain. He was also a captain on the football team. He is a leader everywhere he goes. DJ Howe also returns

as a four-year varsity player.

With such a talented cast of players, it should come as no surprise that the Tigers expect some good things to happen.

"We have a tough start this season with some of the best teams in the conference and area on our schedule, but we are looking to hit the ground running," Cole said. "We believe that we can compete for a NSL title and a district championship. Oscoda has to be in the conversation as they have won the league several years in a row. Mio should be returning most of their team from last years' conference-sharing championship team. We competed with both last year but hope to get the best of them this year."

Alcona heads to Hillman on Friday, Dec. 16 and plays at Posen on Monday, Dec. 19.

Girls basketball team loaded with returnees

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona girls varsity basketball head coach Mark Feldhiser will have plenty of experience on the court this winter. The Lady Tigers, who went 16-5 last year, return eight players with varsity experience, which should give them a significant boost coming in.

"We have liked what we have seen in the limited practice time we have had," the sixth-year coach said. "We had a good off-season, and it has carried over into the pre-season. The girls came in focused and excited to get going."

Seniors coming back from last year are Kelsey Hansen (post, first team NSL), Carmen Dellar (post, first team NSL), Sierra West (guard) and Emily Lobaugh (post). Juniors coming back are Emma Travis (guard), Sage Gauthier (guard, second team NSL), Jenna Wambold (guard) and Kaylee Wambold (guard, forward).

New to the team are juniors Angelina Howe (post), Liberty Kimball (post) and Lily Pappas (guard).

"I expect this team to be able to play any type of game we need," Feldhiser said. "We can play fast, but we can also set up and run deliberate offensive sets. We will be a good defensive team. We will be looking for Kelsey and Carmen, as captains, and the most experienced players, to be leaders. However, we have a lot of experienced players who also have shown the ability to step up and be leaders."

"Due to the changes in the MHSAA schedule, we are starting games with less practice time as compared to previous years. We want to use the first few games to figure out rotations and get in game shape. Our goal is to have everything installed by the time we start our NSL Big Dipper portion of the season."

The Lady Tigers have been unable to get over the hurdle that is the Oscoda Lady Owls in recent years, but they hope they've closed the gap this winter.

"As always, we are aiming at winning the conference,

and gaining the best possible seed for the district tournament," Feldhiser said. "We know that we are capable of this, but we also know that we have to be at our best in practice and games in order to accomplish these goals. The conference should be very competitive, both divisions. I would have to say that Alcona and Oscoda will be viewed as the favorites for the Big Dipper. That said, it is important to not overlook other teams."

Alcona opened its season at Pinconning on November 29. They handily won this nonleague game, 55-9.

"It was a good first game for us. All of our girls played well," Feldhiser said.

Wambold and Travis had 16 points apiece. Hansen put in nine and Lobaugh chipped in with seven points.

On Friday, Dec. 2 Alcona hosted Standish-Sterling in another nonleague game, but dropped the contest, 46-28.

"We played great defense

and were able to hold (their leading scorer) to 17," Feldhiser said. "We had a good game plan we just didn't finish well on offense. I can't fault the effort; our girls played very hard and very tough."

The game was tied 11-11 after the first quarter, with Standish leading 23-18 at the half and 33-23 entering the fourth.

Hansen led the Tigers with 14 points and Wambold chipped in with six.

Alcona (1-1 overall) was at home against Hillman on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The Lady Tigers head to Hale on Friday, Dec. 9 and hosts Tawas on December 20.

"We are very excited to get going and see how the season progresses," Feldhiser said. "We have made an effort to toughen up our schedule this year; this should help us at the end of the season. We have a very strong core of returning players, all of whom are good basketball players."



The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in October and November.

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- Arthur Wagand, 69, of Lincoln was sentenced to two days in jail, \$7,557.49 for victim restitution, \$2,030 in fines and costs, and two years of probation for breaking and entering without permission and operate while visibly impaired.

- Donald Michael Bezzo, 61, of Harrisville was sentenced to two days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,480 for operating an ORV while impaired.

- Jacob Louis Norman McKervey, 27, of Almont, Mich. was sentenced to \$410 in fines and costs for marine safety - reckless operation of a power water craft.

- Carol Ann King, 74, of Hubbard Lake was sentenced to one day in jail and \$1,480 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

- Joyce Lynn Bird, 65, of Lincoln was sentenced to fines and costs of \$200 for failure to report an accident.

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Barbara Pierce, Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Public Hearing Notice
Village of Lincoln – Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. to recommend adoption of zoning ordinance amendments to the Village Council. The public hearing will be held at the Lincoln Village Offices at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, Michigan. Written comments may be sent to the above address prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The full zoning ordinance and the full text of the amendments can be found at <https://www.lincolnmich.com>. The proposed amendments are as follows: Amend Section 4.0 (Table of Permitted and Special Land Uses) to allow townhouses and condominium units as a permitted use in the B-1 District.

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Surfing in the dark

By Terry Roorda
Columnist

For a place that doesn't see much in the way of tornadoes or hurricanes, earthquakes or zombie apocalypses, Alcona County sure seems to suffer an inordinate number of power outages.

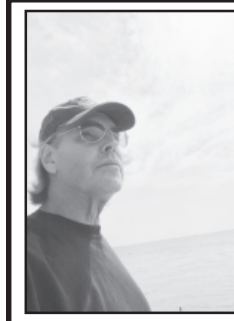
We don't have those other things, but what we do have is that aging infrastructure thing you've heard so much about, and as a result, any half-decent windstorm or thunderstorm or ice storm is enough to cripple our grid. These events are at least foreseeable. What's not foreseeable are the outages with no obvious causes, and we get a lot of those, such that you begin to wonder whether all it takes to down some limbs and knock out the juice around here is someone in the neighborhood having a good lusty sneeze.

Gesundheit.

Fortunately, most of our outages are relative hiccups; short-lived nuisances that make you reset all the clocks, but not much more than that. There are a few every year, however, that are humdingers, lasting for long hours or a full day or two—and sometimes several interminable days. And we've become so inured to the interruptions that most everyone long ago figured out their own workarounds, from home generators on the high end to flashlights, candles and sweaters on the budget end, and those responses have become old hat.

What's new hat is adapting to the cable/Internet outages that always accompany the loss of power, and always last longer, and sometimes a lot longer. In the case of the outages that occurred a month ago, the power went out at about eight o'clock in the evening on November the fifth, and despite robo-voice assurances on the Consumers outage hotline that crews were out and diligently at work on the case and hoped to have the lights back on pretty darn soon, it wasn't until five in the A.M. that power was restored on Lake Street.

Those of us who were awake (meaning those of us who are senior citizens – meaning pretty much all of us) went around the house resetting the clocks and muttering darkly about the damn power company and wondering aloud if it was too early to eat.



A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

By Terry Roorda

And that should have been that.

Only problem is, the Internet was still down and stayed down for another two and a half days, and that failure is far more debilitating these days than simply losing the power, which, as we've noted, is old hat.

Most of you already know the crippling effects of losing the Internet, and it starts with many of the functions that have become essential to daily life – things like e-mail, social networks, banking and health system access, home security systems, streaming TV, as well as music, books and newspapers.

What's not foreseeable are the outages with no obvious causes, and we get a lot of those, such that you begin to wonder whether all it takes to down some limbs and knock out the juice around here is someone in the neighborhood having a good lusty sneeze.

The list goes on, of course, and the contemporary fact is that virtually all business gets done online owing to all the Internet-dependent protocols that institutional and corporate entities have foisted upon society, and most callously upon the senior citizenry who, like myself, still get misty-eyed reminiscing about rotary-dial phones. Sniff.

But let us not despair. The good news is that if you have a smartphone – and most everyone does these days,

ones who do rarely think to use it, but it's the solution to your Internet outage woes. At least it was to mine.

And here's where I need to get a little bit tech-wonky, but not much. I have an Android phone, and on an Android, you merely go to "Settings" and scroll all the way down to "Mobile Hotspot and Tethering;" click on it and then select "Mobile Hotspot."

It's pretty intuitive at that point, and the beauty of it is that once you set it up and turn it on, you can turn it off and back on whenever the Internet goes out. Your laptop—or tablet—will recognize the Wi-Fi availability. Click

on it and let the laptop join the party. (The procedure is similar on iPhones.)

Still with me? Good. So now we've solved the Internet outage problem, but one sticking point remains in our power outage work-around, and it's this: Your smart phone sucks power under just normal busy usage, and it sucks a lot more when pressed into outage duty, and it sucks even more when pressed into Wi-Fi hotspot duty. The battery



A power bank is the cure for the blackout blues.

including over 80 percent of seniors — you can still perform a number of these functions during an outage, though not all.

The not-so-good news is that the little screen and a keyboard scaled for the digits of a six-year-old can be a challenge for the visually and manually impaired – like me – and the fact is, you need to get online with your laptop to function proficiently, and also to get access to all of the other blessings of the technology.

And this is where that smartphone of yours becomes a true genius.

That's because among your device's many features is the ability to morph into your own personal Wi-Fi hotspot. A lot of folks don't realize they have that capability, and the

draws down really fast, and once it's depleted, you're defeated, unless you're on a home generator, that is. Or unless you have what's called a "power bank." These are compact battery packs designed to store a lot of juice and, when needed, plug into your phone (or tablet, or another personal device) and fully charge it — repeatedly.

These banks start at less than \$40 and will refuel your phone a good half dozen times, which should be enough to outlast the power outage. The retail pricing on power banks starts at under \$40, and it would sure make a timely and thoughtful Christmas gift for any Alconan.

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The traditional sight of Dan Kirschne with his horses, Doc and George, played out again during Harrisville's annual holiday event, Christmas in the Village held last Saturday. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Sails Continued from page 1

son is that the company's plans are consistent with the clean shipping goals of the U.S. and Canada.

Another aspect for the Great Lakes is that the hydrogen fuel cells produce freshwater. It would be nice to excrete fresh water into a freshwater lake rather than into the ocean, Doggett explained.

Growing up around Great Lakes ships in Kingston, Ontario, inspired her field of work, she said.

Cleaner shipping comes at a crucial time for action, said U-M's Collette. In 2021, the U.S. joined a United Nations coalition to reach net zero emissions.

President Joe Biden's executive order emphasized the goal of reaching net zero carbon emissions from federal operations by 2050. Reaching zero means replacing energy sources that produce synthetic emissions with renewable energy sources, like solar and wind power.

"If we want to be at zero carbon by 2050, the decisions we make in the next five years are really going to shape what fuel will become dominant," Collette said.

Great Lakes vessels see the impact of climate change primarily through variability in lake levels, extreme cold weather and major weather events, according to Jim Weakley, the president of the Lake Carriers' Association, a group participating in the Maritime Administration study.

"If the levels are low, or lower than normal, for each inch of water we lose as much as 270 tons of cargo per vessel load," said Weakley. Members of his organization move over 90 million tons of cargo throughout the Great Lakes each year.

Debra DiCianna, the association's director of environmental affairs said the group wants to reduce the risk of climate change and is open to using Veer Group vessels once they are sailing.

But using the existing ships on the Great Lakes would be better, she said. "With our membership and their existing fleet, they are doing well at hauling the cargo that they need to," DiCianna said.

Collette said Veer's sailing vessels may be part of the solution, but figuring out a balance of technologies and fuel is the way to a more sustainable future. "We don't have a single winning technology today that everyone is pointing to and saying 'this is the way forward,'" he said.

While Veer's methods may not be in the cards for the Great Lakes for several years, the idea of sail-assist to reduce emissions is relevant today, Collette said.

It is easier to update existing vessels by adding sails or replacing combustion engines with a lower sulfur level fuel cell, he said. "Adding sails to existing ships might reduce emissions from 10 percent to 30 percent, he said. "But I think we are also going to have to figure out a zero carbon fuel source for them."

Alternative fuels that don't involve burning a hydrocarbon include methanol, ammonia and hydrogen, Collette said. "There's a lot of work to be done on figuring out which one of those will be the most effective," he said.

Decarbonizing Great Lakes shipping may require multiple approaches. "We need to make sure we are taking a holistic view of minimizing our impact on the lakes and the people who live around the lakes," Collette said.

Alcona County Sheriff's Office Report

For the Week of November 28 - December 4, 2022

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Little known property-tax relief programs help seniors save

Dear Savvy Senior,

I recently learned about a property-tax relief program for seniors in the county where I live. Apparently, there are hundreds of these programs across the country that many retirees, like me, are eligible for but don't know about. What can you tell me about this?

Overtaxed Eddie

Dear Eddie,

Great question! Residential property-tax refund and credit programs exist in nearly every state, but unfortunately few people know about them. These programs can help retirees and many other Americans by reducing their property taxes. Here's what you should know.

Rising Property Taxes

Property taxes are a major source of income for local governments, but while they help fund key public services, they can be a financial drain for many homeowners, especially retirees, many of whom live on fixed incomes.

According to Attom Data Solutions, a property-data provider, the average American household paid \$3,785 in property taxes in 2021, but this amount varies widely depending on your state's tax rate and your home's estimated value. For example, New Jersey residents paid \$9,476 per year on average in 2021, while West Virginia residents paid \$901.

To help ease this tax burden, most states offer a number of property-tax relief programs. But states aren't always proactive in letting people know. It's up to you, the homeowner, to find out what's available in your county or city that you may be eligible for, and to apply.

Relief Programs

Property tax relief programs, sometimes called exemptions, release eligible homeowners from paying some or all of their property tax obligation. How long the exemption lasts can vary depending on where you live, and the reason you're applying for the exemption.

The tax-relief process varies by county, city or state. In general, you'll have to meet certain eligibility requirements, submit an application and provide documents that support your request. Most programs will either reduce, waive or freeze property taxes for seniors, veterans, surviving spouses, disabled and low-income residents.

But there are some coun-

ties that also offer basic homestead exemptions to homeowners regardless of age or income, and others that may provide exemptions to homeowners that have recently made energy-efficient improvements to their home.

Where to Look

The best way to learn about local property-tax relief programs and their eligibility requirements is to visit your county, city or state website that collects your property tax. Most of these sites also provide applications and instructions, and will allow you to apply either online, by mail or at your local tax office.

Another good resource for locating programs in your area is the Lincoln Institute, which has a property-tax da-



Savvy Senior

tabase that lets you to browse programs across the country. To access it go to ResidentialPropertyTax-ReliefPrograms.org.

AARP may also be able to help through their Property Tax-Aide service - see PTAconsumers.aarp-foundation.org. This free program, which is available in 13 states (Arizona, Colorado, Florida-Miami Dade County,

Illinois-Cook County, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York and North Carolina) and the District of Columbia helps eligible homeowners and renters apply for relief.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)



Buggy Rides



Mikado Area Development Corporation celebrates 25 years of service and devotion

December 3, 1997 ~ By Lisa R. Melendez

Working to improve a community can be a daunting goal for one or two people, but when those one or two people become an active, dedicated group - many things are possible.

The Mikado Area Development Corporation was formed with the ideas and goals of six people 25 years ago. Today it has over 100 members and a long list of accomplishments.

The Mikado Area Development Corporation (MAD) was organized on January 13, 1972, by six members, for the sole purpose of bettering the community of Mikado.

MAD has over 110 members now, and the present officers are: President Leroy Sands; Vice President Bob Hart; Secretary Helen Weinberg; Treasurer Edward Woods.

Dedication, imagination and determination are the key elements to the success of the group whose goals started with a building that was in desperate need of repair.

The township hall was in sad disrepair in September of 1972, and the community was in definite need for a new building, but the proposed structure, a 7,225 square foot building, would cost approximately \$300,000 to complete.

MAD initiated a building fund, determined to erect the new civic center without using tax dollars, raising the money by fund raising projects, donations and volunteer labor.

Secretary, Helen Weinberg, recalled, "The Boy Scouts used to play basketball up-

stairs in the (old) round building. The building was swaying in the middle, and the rafters were rotten.

The new building, designed by architect, John Dye, is hailed as one of the most modern public township facilities in northcentral Michigan.

While no one plays basketball in it, the structure is used by many area groups, as it includes a library, kitchen, conference room, rest rooms and a 4,250 square foot multi-purpose room that can be rented for special events.

The Mikado Goodfellows, MAD, 4-H Club, and various other organizations make good use of the center, although it is the Wednesday and Thursday night Bingos that elicit the biggest crowds. The Alcona County Library, Mikado branch is open on Mondays from 1 - 5 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 - 7 p.m.

The building was sold to the township for \$49,000, which MAD then used to create the blacktop parking lot and improve the bathrooms.

"This is a good example," said Treasurer Ed Woods, "of what a small group can do. When a small group can start out, take on a project like this from ground up, and not have to raise taxes - it's unheard of!"

We accomplished something." Community pride and persistent dedication to develop and improve the community is evident in the many contributions this "hands-on" group has made to Mikado.

In 1973, Woods drew up

plans for the picnic area, Bruce Park, in honor of the town's founder, Daniel Bruce, and MAD donated \$550 toward the project.

A pavilion was erected for rental and community use. Individuals may purchase a spot on the interior ceiling for their name to be displayed for a small donation of \$25.

The Old Bailey School, one of five log schools remaining in Michigan, was restored in 1974, with the group raising \$846, contributing supervisory and labor assistance and appointing Woods and Ralph Tait to oversee that project.

During the nation's Bicentennial in 1976, MAD held the distinction of being the only organization in Alcona County to complete all the goals set forth by the National Bicentennial Commission, "Heritage, Festivities, and Horizon Programs."

The contributions to the restoration of the Old Bailey School fell under the Heritage Program, while the Bicentennial Festival qualified them for the Festivities Program. The Horizon Program's goals were met by the building of the Mikado Civic Center.

MAD continues its contributions to the township with many community projects.

They converted the Mikado Township dump into two Little League baseball diamonds, at a cost of \$30,000, including dugouts, restrooms, a flagpole and chain link fencing.

One thousand dollars was donated to the Veteran's Memorial fund in 1982 to erect a monument in front of the center bearing the names of area

veterans who gave their lives in service to our country.

"Trees are also planted in Bruce Park to honor the veterans and those members of the group who have passed away," explained Charlene Knight, MAD historian.

When Mikado faced a long winter in 1983 without a fire department, MAD advanced financing to begin construction of the Mikado Township Fire Hall. In 1984, a new blacktop drive was laid and a new well was also drilled for the fire hall, by the organization.

The group hopes to work with the township to instill a better sewage system for the community in the future. MAD encourages members of the community to give them input about what they would like to see done with Mikado.

They also need more active members, to help with many areas such as decision making, and especially in the area of their biggest fundraiser - bingo.

MAD bingo is held at the Civic Center on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Knight, who is also the "keeper of the bingo papers," said the best part of her involvement with the group is the people. It is a fantastic group and everyone gets along," she said.

Mikado Area Development Corporation sends its sincere thanks to the bingo players and workers, as well as the continued support of the community for making it all possible.

MAD looks forward to continuing service to the community in any way it can.

Check out the Alcona Review Website

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For events, local info & much more!

top ten

GREATEST MALE ATHLETES OF ALL TIME

1. Michael Jordan
2. Hank Aaron
3. Wayne Gretzky
4. Babe Ruth
5. Muhammad Ali
6. Pele
7. Jim Thorpe
8. Wilt Chamberlain
9. Jim Brown
10. Lance Armstrong

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** What does Susan Walker want as a gift from Santa in the movie "Miracle on 34th Street"?
2. **MUSIC:** Which famous rock band once called itself The New Yardbirds?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Thar Desert located?
4. **TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom's theme song was "Thank You for Being a Friend"?
5. **FOOD & DRINK:** When was frozen food invented?
6. **MOVIES:** Which Disney princess is modeled after a real person?
7. **ANATOMY:** What is the only human organ capable of natural regeneration?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What are male and female swans called?
9. **U.S. STATES:** Which state's motto is "Excelsior!"?
10. **HISTORY:** How many people signed the U.S. Declaration of Independence?

Answers: 1. A house.; 2. Led Zeppelin.; 3. India and Pakistan.; 4. "The Golden Girls."; 5. 1924. Clarence Birdseye invented the quick freezing process.; 6. Pocahontas.; 7. The liver.; 8. Cobs and pens.; 9. New York ("Ever upward!").; 10. 56. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 23, 1672, Italian astronomer, mathematician and engineer Giovanni Domenico Cassini discovered Rhea (originally christened Sidera Lodoicea), the second-largest of Saturn's 62 moons. In 2010, a spacecraft named for Cassini would detect a thin oxygen atmosphere around it -- the first such known outside planet Earth.
- On Dec. 24, 1945, a fire destroyed the home of George and Jennie Sodder and their nine children in Fayetteville, West Virginia. While their parents and four other siblings escaped, no sign of the remaining five children has ever been found, despite decades-long publicity and numerous investigations by both law enforcement and amateur sleuths.
- On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby western gorilla named Colo debuted on the world stage at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Ohio, where she would spend her entire life, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. Upon her death in 2017, she was also the oldest known gorilla in the world.
- On Dec. 20, 1957, Elvis Presley received his Army draft notice while spending the holiday season at his newly purchased mansion, Graceland. Distraught fans sent thousands of letters to the Army asking for him to be spared, but Elvis himself had no hesitation about entering, though he did receive a deferment that allowed him to finish work on the movie "King Creole."
- On Dec. 21, 2006, rebel monks at the centuries-old Esphigmenou Monastery in Thessaloniki, Greece, took up crowbars and fire extinguishers to repel church-appointed monks with sledgehammers attempting to break in. The rebels vehemently opposed efforts by the Orthodox church to improve relations with the Vatican.
- On Dec. 25, 2013, military defense forces discovered a professionally designed but incomplete 40-meter tunnel connecting Hong Kong to China that included rail tracks, hanging lamps, ventilators and a small transport cart. Authorities believed the tunnel, which cost an estimated \$494,000, was created with the intention of smuggling goods into Hong Kong to avoid tariffs.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2020, a lightning bolt extending a total of 477.2 miles spread across Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, setting a new world record for the longest flash.
- Rubber bands last longer if you refrigerate them.
- Rooms at the Null Stern ("zero star") Hotel are situated in repurposed nuclear bunkers and include open-air mountain rooms with equally zero walls. The designers obviously weren't kidding about that rating.
- In 2002, NASA intern Thad Roberts stole a safe full of moon rocks so he and his girlfriend could have "sex on the moon." Their otherworldly romantic encounter backfired when they later tried to sell the \$21 million worth of rocks. Roberts was caught and sentenced to eight years in prison.
- And speaking of romance: Tinder's not just for humans! Well, not at the Dutch zoo that created a "Tinder for orangutans" to help a female named Samboja find a breeding partner. The primate was shown photos of potential mates from an international breeding program on a tablet, but unfortunately her mother got hold of it ... and smashed it to pieces.
- Poet W.B. Yeats and magician Aleister Crowley were such bitter rivals in the world of the occult that Yeats once kicked Crowley down a flight of stairs for being a proponent of "black magic."
- Only humans have chins.
- In 2012, the police chief of Vaughn, New Mexico, stepped down because his own criminal record prevented him from carrying a gun. That left just a drug-sniffing dog named Nikita as the only certified member of the town's police department.
- Trained pigeons can tell the difference between paintings by Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet.

Thought for the Day: "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." -- Zig Ziglar

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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: **E** equals **N**

Z VSE'R HDDL RN RCJHR FDNFQD
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Super Crossword

ZERO CHECKING

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 James of "Alien Nation"</p> <p>5 Lead-in to hazard</p> <p>8 "My opinion is ..."</p> <p>13 Tried very hard</p> <p>19 Tumblers, e.g.</p> <p>21 Actress Hunt</p> <p>22 Fatal</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>26 Strong metal</p> <p>27 Vertical line on a graph</p> <p>28 Attack like an alligator</p> <p>29 Land north of Mex.</p> <p>30 — -country (music genre)</p> <p>32 Peruvian of yore</p> <p>34 Toronto Maple —</p> <p>37 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>44 Wild party</p> <p>47 Battle (for)</p> <p>48 See 60-Down</p> <p>49 Triumphed</p> <p>50 "Right now!"</p> <p>51 First class for painters</p> <p>53 City law: Abbr.</p> <p>54 Sea predator</p> <p>56 Actor Mickey</p> <p>57 Paint crudely</p> | <p>58 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>61 Borgnine of Hollywood</p> <p>63 Gulf country</p> <p>64 Sandler of "Spanglish"</p> <p>65 Refine, as metal</p> <p>66 What a hot rod may race on</p> <p>70 Words on an apartment rental sign</p> <p>74 Strong metal</p> <p>76 City near Provo</p> <p>77 Purple Hearts, e.g.</p> <p>78 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>85 Composer Satie</p> <p>86 Apple app for importing video</p> <p>87 "I suffer so!"</p> <p>88 Pan coverer</p> <p>89 Gave for a while</p> <p>90 Sole servings</p> <p>91 Buddhism branch</p> <p>92 Just kills time</p> <p>94 Two, in Spain</p> <p>95 Occupied</p> <p>96 End of the riddle</p> <p>100 For the — (temporarily)</p> <p>102 Blow a horn</p> <p>103 Stephen of "Blackthorn"</p> | <p>104 Flower holder locale</p> <p>106 Kailua Bay</p> <p>109 Creator of Tom Sawyer</p> <p>112 Gave a monetary penalty</p> <p>116 Riddle's answer</p> <p>121 Nogales nap</p> <p>122 How figure skaters skate</p> <p>123 Of financial matters</p> <p>124 Rich, eggy cakes</p> <p>125 Entertained lavishly</p> <p>126 Boxing ref's ruling</p> <p>127 Court dividers</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Cornfield cries</p> <p>2 Eight, in Berlin</p> <p>3 Actor Gross of "Ellen"</p> <p>4 "The negotiation is off!"</p> <p>5 Severe</p> <p>6 — -bitty</p> <p>7 Org. that inspects factories</p> <p>8 Fighting — (NCAA team)</p> <p>9 Utter failure</p> <p>10 Sever</p> <p>11 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's</p> <p>12 Yard feature</p> <p>13 Place to ski holiday</p> <p>14 Vietnamese holiday</p> <p>15 Road sign no.</p> <p>16 "Banjo on my knee" song</p> <p>17 Winery tubs</p> <p>18 "Frozen" snow queen</p> <p>20 "— Hollywood Screen Kiss" (1998 film)</p> <p>24 Be alive</p> <p>25 Fifty percent</p> <p>31 Talk show emcee, e.g.</p> <p>33 Egypt's Sadat</p> <p>35 Formally abolish</p> <p>36 Displayed example of a product</p> <p>37 Gives the slip to</p> <p>38 Aviation military branch</p> <p>39 Fix the pitch of again</p> <p>40 Architect Saarinen</p> <p>41 Sierra Nevada evergreen</p> | <p>42 Blister, e.g.</p> <p>43 Like GIs peeling potatoes</p> <p>45 Flower holder</p> <p>46 Santa's bagful</p> <p>50 Egg on</p> <p>52 "Yes, if memory serves"</p> <p>54 Benefit bagful</p> <p>55 Chewbacca's companion</p> <p>59 — -la-la</p> <p>60 With 48-Across, record of arrests, slangily</p> <p>62 Put in financial distress</p> <p>66 Gene-splicing stuff</p> <p>67 Verifiable</p> <p>68 No longer practicing: Abbr.</p> <p>69 Marcos of the Philippines</p> <p>71 Texas city</p> <p>72 Poet Wylie or novelist Glyn</p> <p>73 Double cluck of reproach</p> <p>75 Some till bills</p> <p>77 Sweetie</p> <p>78 LP player of old</p> <p>79 Uganda's Idi</p> <p>80 Donator of services</p> <p>81 Old TV clown</p> <p>82 "Fer —!" ("Like, totally!")</p> <p>83 Take responsibility for something</p> <p>84 Easter flower</p> <p>92 Spot's jingler</p> <p>93 Tennis player Edberg</p> <p>96 Fava —</p> <p>97 Catch sight of</p> <p>98 Dressed for a ball</p> <p>99 Serve, as at a restaurant</p> <p>101 Concluding musical parts</p> <p>104 "You, over there ..."</p> <p>105 Dayton locale</p> <p>107 Horse foot</p> <p>108 — Reader (eclectic quarterly)</p> <p>110 "Oh, sure!"</p> <p>111 Part of a vase</p> <p>113 Alaska city</p> <p>114 Revise text</p> <p>115 "ER" folks</p> <p>117 Marshall Plan prez</p> <p>118 Swallowed</p> <p>119 Big success</p> <p>120 Overly</p> |
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul Robert White, a single man. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns.

Foreclosing assignee (if any): Specialized Loan Servicing LLC. Date of mortgage: November 14, 2005. Date of mortgage recording: November 18, 2005. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$27,705.94.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel D: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7, T28N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence north 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds west 605.00 feet along the north section line of said Section 7 to the point of beginning; thence south 3 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds west 264.00 feet; thence north 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds west 220.00

feet; thence north 3 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds east 264.00 feet to said north section line; thence south 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds east 220.00 feet along said north section line to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

Common street address (if any): 180 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 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.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: November 23, 2022

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estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ralph Dumo, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 7, 2022

Ralph Dumo

Personal representative

5952 Patterson Dr.

Troy, Mich. 48085

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BOARD OF REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF ALCONA
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
3:00 p.m. - 4:00p.m. TUESDAY, December 13th 2022
ALCONA TOWNSHIP HALL
5576 N. US-23, BLACK RIVER, MI 48721

The authority for July and December Board of Review action is stated in MCL 211.53b. The July and December Board of Review can take action regarding qualified errors verified by the assessor (MCL 211.53b(1), (8)).and to hear exemption appeals only. For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2022, may appeal to the July and December Board of Review for a qualified agricultural property exemption under MCL 211.53b for the current year, which has been denied by the assessor. a qualified agricultural property exemption under MCL 211.53b that was not on the assessment roll for the current year and one prior year; or a qualified forest property exemption under MCL 211.7jj[1] that was not on the assessment roll for the current year and one prior year. An eligible Veteran or their surviving spouse may appeal for a Disabled Veterans Exemption from 2022 Property Tax on their Principal residence at this meeting. Such as MCL 211.7b related to the disabled veteran's exemption. A person in Poverty may appeal to the July and December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on June 01, 2022. The July and December Board of Review can also take action under MCL 211.53b regarding a poverty exemption for the current year under MCL 211.7u; A hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Assessor by Friday December 9th, 2022. And MCL 211.7ss related to the eligible development property exemption, provide authority for the July and December Board of Review to take action. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice: the township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon seven days' notice. Contact Assessor Sarah Gohl at (989)464-5557.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
1:00 p.m. till 2:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, December 13th 2022
HAYNESTOWNSHIP HALL
3930 E McNeil Rd, Lincoln, MI 48742

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Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Veterans Host By Greddy Groves

Were you stationed at Fort Ord?

I remember Fort Ord as a beautiful place to live, with perfect weather and the ocean right over the sand dunes. It was idyllic.

But now over a thousand veterans have developed cancer after having served at Fort Ord. The likely culprit: chemicals in the drinking water, 40 of them, with trichloroethylene, or TCE, being most notable for causing different types of cancer. And once again, leaking tanks allowed chemicals to leach into the water supply.

It wasn't until an anonymous call in 1984 that the EPA and other agencies learned about illegal dumping of drums of chemicals that were leaking into the soil. It was two years before the Army decided to clean it up. But there was concern in 1985 about the level of chemicals, and studies were done. The conclusion of many of the tests: Chemicals exceeded safe limits. An order went out that those doing cleanup were not to tell the community, the press or other government agencies.

The EPA labeled Fort Ord as a Super Fund site in 1990 because of leaking underground petroleum tanks, a landfill, a motor pool, a target range, a burn pit for drums of chemicals and other culprits.

The base closed in 1994, but the housing was still used until 1997.

Ring any bells? Think back to Camp Lejeune and all the years it took to get the illnesses listed as presumptive after exposure to all the chemicals. And at this writing, Lejeune is the only base where the Department of Veterans Affairs assumes that service there caused so many of the health problems ... not only in veterans but their spouses and children.

Veterans who have become ill after serving at Fort Ord have gone to the VA for care and have been told there's no service connection between their illnesses and Fort Ord.

To read more about Fort Ord, see www.fortordcleanup.com and click on "Cleanup Programs." To see what was known when, click on "Documents." Or call them at 800-852-9699.

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State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 22-6323-DE

Court address
 106 N. 5th Street,
 P.O. Box 385
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 Court telephone No.
 (989) 724-9490
 Estate of Donna Frances Nowak
 Date of birth: October 1, 1964
 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Donna Frances Nowak, died July 7, 2022.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the

LOST / FOUND

Missing since Sunday morning - "Molly" is a Springer Spaniel black and white, red collar. Vicinity Huron Ave. and Main St, Harrisville. Call Mary Hamather 989-724-6153.

BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner-takes-all game and hot ball. All proceeds to charity.

BUYING TIMBER

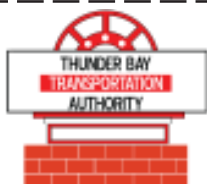
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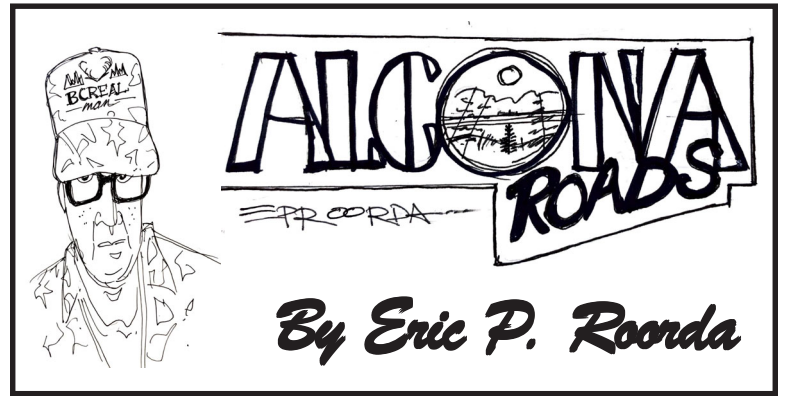
Three generations of men with great hair

By Eric Paul Roorda
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The roots of the McNeil Family — later spelled MacNeill — go deep into the soil of Haynes Township. The patriarch of the clan was Alexander McNeil, born in 1861, who married Rebecca Johnson, eight years younger. Together they built a farm and a family. Rebecca (I bet they called her Becky) gave birth to seven children between 1889, when she was 20 years old, and 1901. Three of the seven, twins born in 1894 and a daughter two years younger, died in 1974. What are the odds of that?

Glen R. McNeil, the first-born, married Nellie Somers, and they had three boys: Leslie, Ray, and Roy, named for his uncle (one of the 1894 McNeil twins who passed away at age 80). Glen worked as a rural mail carrier until he contracted typhoid fever and died in 1938. For some reason, his sons decided to insert an "A" into their surname, becoming the brothers MacNeil.

The three brothers chose to spell their last name differently than their father and

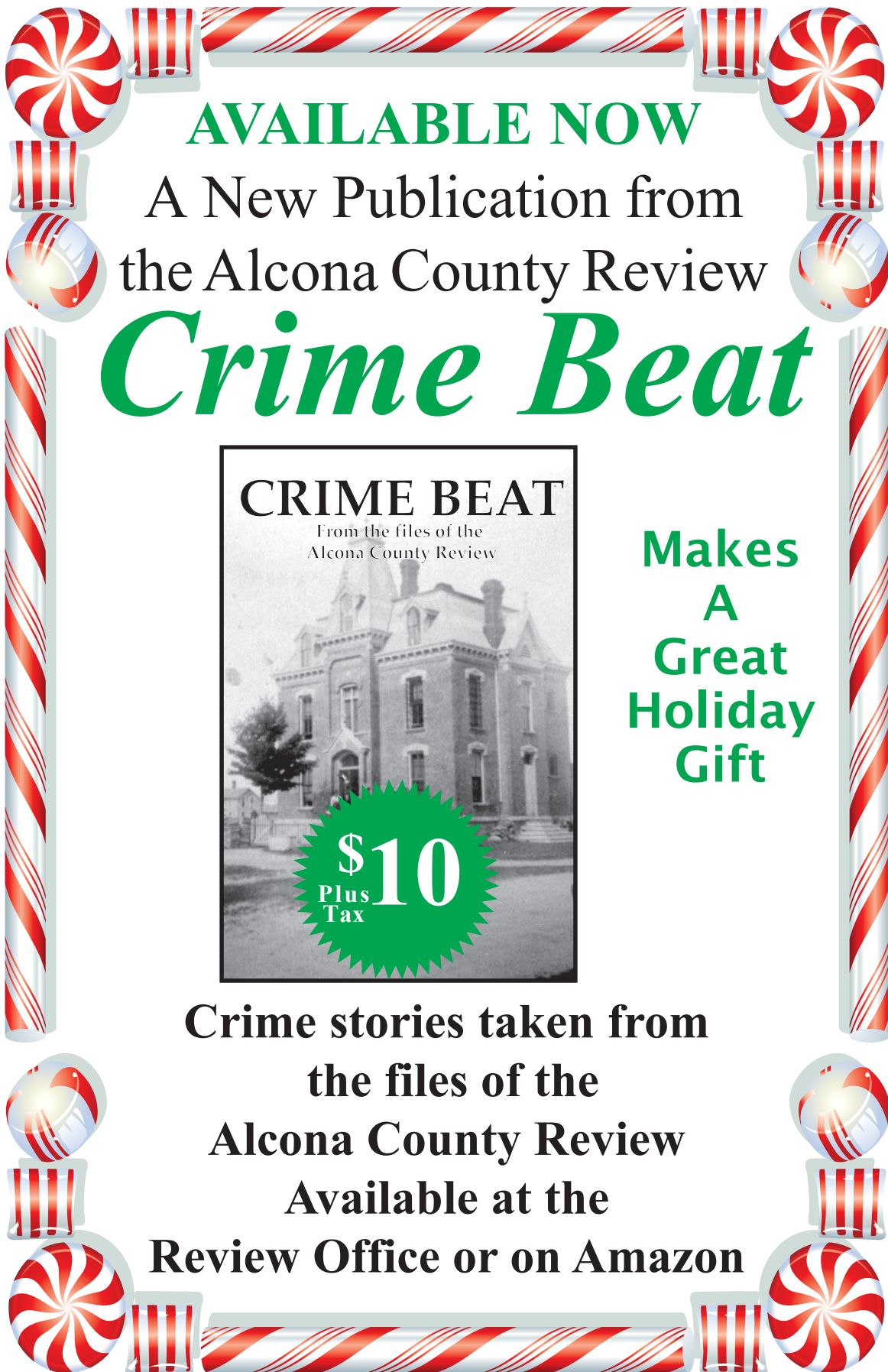


grandfather, but they all still had the same glossy black hair. Pictures from the past show that their shiny, wavy manes caught and reflected the available light wherever they went, whether it was the freshly coifed Alexander having his portrait taken at the photographer's studio; Glen wearing his postman's cap jauntily on the back of his head, ready to deliver the mail; or Roy, Ray and Leslie posing in a row under the summer sun.

DNA will have the final say.

You can see their photos in Alcona County: A Pictorial History, vol. III, pp. 130-31; available at the Alcona County Review office in Harrisville.

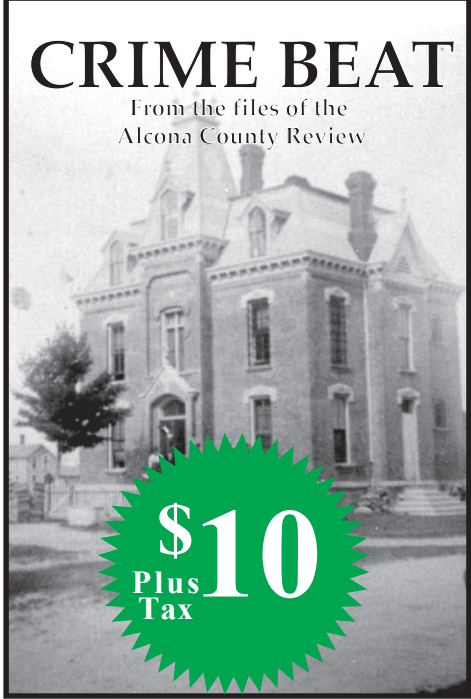
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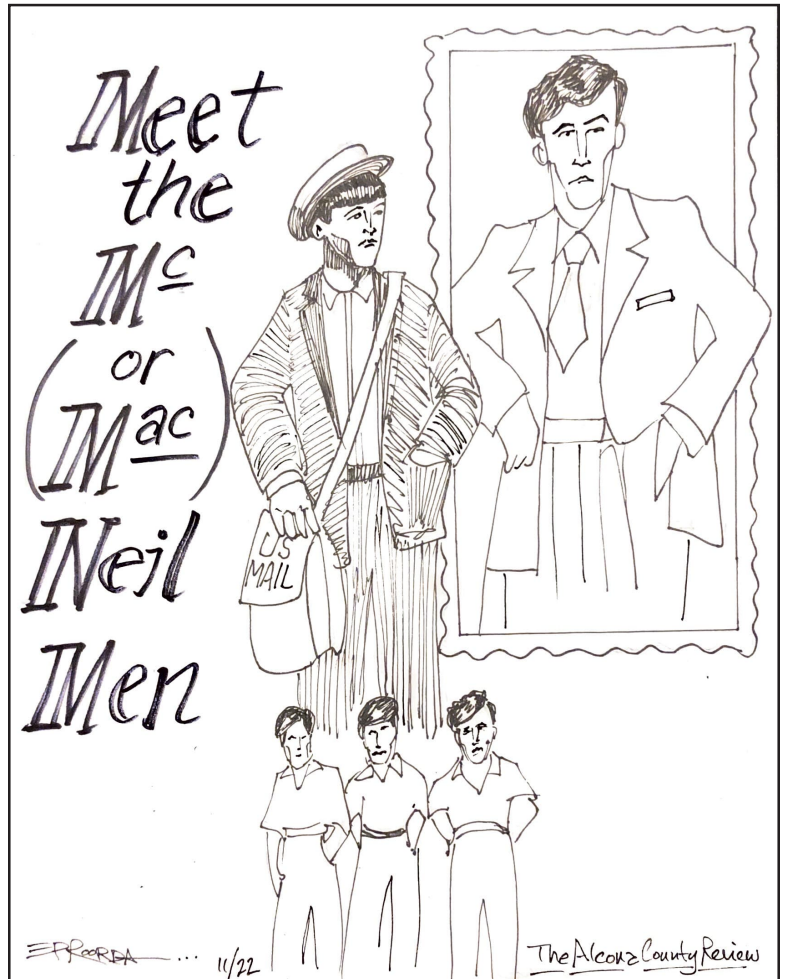


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Scam Alert: Computer virus attack

The Michigan State Police (MSP) is aware of a scam that was recently committed against an elderly couple from Honor, Mich.

The couple went to a gas station in Garfield Township to use the Bitcoin ATM. The manager of the station suspected something was wrong and called police. A trooper from the MSP Cadillac Post and deputy from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office arrived at the station. The trooper and deputy worked together to distract the couple who were on the telephone with the scammer.

The scammer used a computer virus to initiate the attack against the couple's computer, then staged a series of phone calls posing as Microsoft and as the couple's bank. They convinced the couple they needed to pay money via bitcoin to prevent loss of freedoms or further financial loss, and made threats of international crime violations.

The couple told officers they had already sent \$2,900 of the \$17,000 that they were told to withdraw from their bank account and convert to Bitcoin for the perpetrator.

The state police remind people to never divulge personal information to anyone over the phone, online, or by mail. If someone suspects they are a being scammed or doubt the authenticity of the person initiating contact, notify law enforcement immediately.