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COVID-19 Omicron variant identified in Iosco County

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) has been notified of the presence of the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) of COVID-19 in Iosco County.

The variant was detected in wastewater samples collected using community surveillance and the Wastewater Evaluation and Reporting Network, coordinated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

and administered by Saginaw Valley State University.

The Omicron variant was first identified as a variant of concern by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on November 30, 2021. The first case of Omicron in Michigan was identified on December 9, 2021 in Kent County.

The Omicron variant is now considered the dominant

strain in the United States, accounting for more than 70 percent of new cases, federal health officials estimate. Omicron is more easily spread than previous strains of COVID-19, including the Delta variant.

Omicron has been recognized as being more easily spread than previous strains of COVID-19, including the Delta variant. Only a percentage of COVID-19 positive test samples are sent on for genetic sequencing that is used to identify the Omicron variant. Therefore, it is likely that there are more unidentified cases of the Omicron variant in Iosco County and the greater DHD2 jurisdiction.

“Preliminary information indicates that while currently available vaccinations are less effective at preventing the transmission of the Omicron variant, they are still useful for preventing serious illness,” said Scott Izzo, DHD2 Community Health Director and Epidemiologist. “Research has shown that some of the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 include mask-wearing while in public, maintaining six feet of social distancing whenever

possible, and frequent handwashing. Doing these things in conjunction with getting vaccinated, either for the first time or as a booster dose, is the best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19.”

In addition to getting vaccinated and wearing masks – particularly indoors and in crowded areas – other things people can do to protect themselves and their loved ones include:

- Getting tested for COVID-19, especially before gatherings.
- Self-isolating until you recover if you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- Physically distancing from others and avoiding crowds.
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water and cleaning hands with alcohol-based hand rub.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Getting a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccination when you are eligible to do so.

COVID-19 vaccines are offered at DHD2 and locations

throughout the county. To find a vaccine clinic, visit <https://www.dhd2.org/vaccine-information> or www.vaccines.gov. To schedule an appointment with DHD2, call (800)



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is updating the state’s wolf management plan and is seeking public comment, via online survey through January 31, about the future of wolf management. For details, see page 5. *Courtesy photo.*

Lady Tigers open new year with blowout win

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team closed out 2021 with a pair of lopsided victories.

The Lady Tigers carried that momentum over into the new calendar year on Friday, when they dominated visiting Whittemore-Prescott 56-18 in what was their first North Star League Big Dipper contest of the season.

“I thought our girls played a real good game on both ends of the floor,” said head coach Mark Feldhiser. “It was a good game to get us going again after the long lay-off. It was nice to see that some of the things we worked on over the break came to fruition in the game.”

Alcona jumped ahead early, taking an 18-4 lead after one and led 32-7 at the half and 47-12 entering the fourth quarter.

Kelsey Hansen led all scorers with 17 points. Hannah Tanner netted 10 points. Sage Gauthier put in nine and Emma Travis scored seven points. Carmen Dellar and Jenna Wambold scored six points apiece.

“We got Hannah back from injury rehab, and she provided the boost we were hoping for,” Feldhiser said. “We shot the ball pretty well, and I was happy with our defense. Our schedule gets tougher over the next couple of weeks so we will need to continue to work hard in practice, and focus on getting better every day.”

Alcona (4-3 overall, 1-0 NSL Big Dipper) heads to Ogemaw Heights on Thursday, Jan. 13 and makes the trip to Oscoda on January 18.

\$1.7 million to fund Lake Huron coastal preserve

Alabaster Township, located south of Tawas City, has secured funding to permanently protect nearly a mile of Lake Huron shoreline with the help of conservation organization Huron Pines.

Last month, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund recommended fully funding the proposed \$1.7 million grant request. The money will allow Alabaster Township to purchase the 145-acre property in southern Iosco County for permanent protection and public use.

Natural resource protection and conservation nonprofit Huron Pines bought the property in 2020 as a temporary measure with a loan from The Conservation Fund. Alabaster Township will use the Trust Fund grant to purchase the property from Huron Pines to create a lakeshore township nature park.

According to Huron Pines Executive Director Brad Jensen, Huron Pines worked

closely with the township over the past year to establish land management processes, raise funds for the property, secure public support and submit the grant proposal to the MNRTF, according to Huron Pines Executive Director Brad Jensen.

“We’re so excited for the community of Alabaster and all the people who love to come up north and enjoy Lake Huron,” Jensen said. “This project has been a true partnership, with so many individuals and groups helping to make sure the funding was available to protect and enjoy this stretch of shoreline for generations to come.”

He explained that Huron Pines raised more than \$1 million in donations from foundations, private funders and individual donors. The MNRTF’s requirement for local match contributions will be fulfilled with funds from The Carls Foundation; Elizabeth, Allan and Warren Shelden Fund; Walters Fam-



ily Foundation; John Woolam; The Albanese Family Fund; Alabaster Township; Donette and Gary Spiekerman and the many individual supporters who gave during the public fundraising campaign.

“Alabaster Township is deeply committed to the cre-

ation of a destination-quality preserve showcasing the unique Lake Huron shoreline and the beautiful, nearly 100-year-old second-growth forest,” said Alabaster Township Supervisor Stephanie Wentworth. “This is a success only

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God Bless America



Obituaries

Lorraine Muriel Bourne March 13, 1935 – January 3, 2022

Lorraine Bourne passed away surrounded by her family on January 3, 2022.

She was born on March 13, 1935, in Ontario, Canada.

On June 4, 1954, she married Vaughan Bourne and together they raised three children, Jeffery and Roger were born in Canada before they relocated to Ann Arbor, Mich. where their daughter, Heather, was born.

Lorraine didn't work much outside the home after she married as her family was most important. She spent much of her time keeping the home fires burning and shuttling her kids to and from their various activities. She loved all types of sports, as a spectator and active participant. She enjoyed playing tennis, bowling, downhill skiing, and playing Scrabble and cards. Most recently, she enjoyed traveling to Florida for the winter and yearly camping trips with family and friends.

Lorraine is survived by her significant other, Ronald Beal; her children, Roger Bourne (Meg Castro) and Heather (Bob) Stites; daughter-in-law, Lauri Bourne (Tim Johnson); grandchildren, Brett, Rachael (Craig Coleman), Alexis (Robert Holdcroft), Brian, Blair (Anthony Pepin), Hunter (Kevin Darrow), Mackenzie, and Nick; and great grandchil-



dren, Tenley, Landon, Saylor, and Vera.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Vaughan; her son, Jeffery; her second husband, Eugene Devine; her parents, and four sisters.

A special thank you to the staff at Arbor Hospice and Linden Square for the compassionate and loving care that you provided Lorraine in the final weeks of her life, you are truly Angels.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice by mail to: 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103 or online: <https://www.arborhospice.org/donate/donation-form/>.

Please visit www.niefuneralhomes.com for further information and to leave a tribute.

Paid Obituary

Frederick A. Bulman

Frederick A. Bulman, 87, of Spruce, formerly of Sarasota, Fla., died on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, at home.

He was born April 8, 1934, to Christopher and Nettie (Strong) Bulman in Pontiac, Mich. He was raised in Pontiac, Mich. and in Waterford Township, Mich.

Mr. Bulman worked at his family's business, Bulman Hardware, and owned and operated a used car lot. He was a firefighter with the West Bloomfield Fire Department for 27 years.

He retired to Sarasota, Fla., where he was an avid tennis player. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved a good joke.

Mr. Bulman is survived by three daughters, Chris (Rick) Legg, Linda Earl and Cassie (Mike) Walder; two grandchildren, Amy Earl and Tom Earl; three great-grandchildren, Alyssa Jarrett, Alec Jarrett and Addie Jarrett; three stepchildren, Mike (Tammy) Paladino, Lisa Paladino and Jeff Paladino; many step grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary; one son-in-law, Carl Weatherburn; and two sisters.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Garrity

Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Garrity, 89, of Harrisville and Bradenton, Fla., died on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 at home.

She was born August 18, 1932 in Detroit, Mich. to Stanley and Hilda (VanWalleghen) Osdras.

She married John F. Garrity in 1952 in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Garrity retired from Estee Lauder/Burdines in Hollywood, Fla. after 20 years.

She especially enjoyed bowling, ceramics and cooling her feet in the lake.

Mrs. Garrity is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Dr. Patricia Garrity of Chester, Va. and Kimberly (Dr. Daniel) Harber of Harrisville; two grandchildren, Lauren Harber and Daniel Harber; one sister, Virginia Hart of Lincoln; and many nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death one brother, Stanley Osdras.

A celebration of life event, along with Mass at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville is planned for the spring. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 31, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Harry L. "Ricky" Valentine

Harry L. "Ricky" Valentine, 84, of Mikado, died on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 at home.

He was born November 3, 1937 to James and Agnes (Stolzenbach) Valentine in Clinton Township, Mich. He was raised in Utica, Mich.

Mr. Valentine served in the United States Navy.

On January 27, 1962, he married Ruth Media in Macomb County, Mich.

Mr. Valentine worked as a carpenter, and retired to Mikado 22 years ago.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved to bowl, play pool and horseshoes.

Mr. Valentine is survived by his wife, Ruth; one son, Harry (Monica) Valentine Jr.; two daughters, Lynn Robtoy and Jean (Virgil Cook) Valentine; five grandchildren, Jeremy Weber, Allysha Bontrager, Jeanna Anderson, Nicholas Hartwell, and Rickey (Carly) Sewell; two great-



grandchildren, Alexis Osbon and Kinsley Clouse; one brother, David (Theresa) Valentine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Rickey Robtoy; and seven siblings, James Valentine, Dorothy Price, George Valentine, Charlie Valentine, Susie Jones, Mabel Cheswick, and Willy Valentine.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Carol A. Thompson

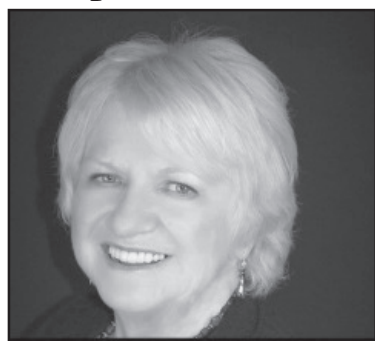
Carol A. Thompson, 75, of Gladwin, Mich. died on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 at MyMichigan Medical Center in West Branch, Mich.

She was born November 23, 1946 to Elmer and Susie (Crevier) Deller in Harrisville.

Mrs. Thompson loved going to church, singing, listening to music, reading and playing games with her children and grandchildren.

Professionally, she found a passion in helping people find their forever home working as a real estate agent during most of her career.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by one son, Guy (Samantha) Thompson; one daughter, Erika (Eric) Vulcano-Maliskey; five grandchildren, Justin Thompson, Mekala Thompson, Dominic Vulcan, Faith Vulcan and Gavin Maliskey; one great-grandchild, Alexander Boden; three sisters, Janet Thompson, Carolyn Deller and Louella



Shellenbarger; four brothers, Ronnie (Priscilla) Deller, Paul Deller, Clifford (Linda) Deller, and James (Diane) Deller; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Connie Deller and one brother-in-law, Fred Thompson.

Cremation has taken place. Details about a memorial service are pending.

Arrangements were handled by the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home of Gladwin, Mich.

Super Crossword

Answers

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SAC	ES	IAMS
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UGLIER	CALFS	RIPE
THEAX	MAKEACLEAN	SWOOP
IMO	LIAM	SIERRA
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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

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 craft activity for youth ages 12 to 18 will be Cocoa Bombs at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2:30 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

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 assessible. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be

served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln - across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

The Alcona County Library and all its branches are closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Curtis Township Library is also closed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for January is "The Women of Copper Country," by Mary Doris Russell. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Knitting Klub & Crochet is at the Harrisville Branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Michigan author Marie-Claude Desrosiers will discuss her book, "Aiming for Your North Star" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 6 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

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The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Har-

risville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

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

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

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Discussing Martin Luther King Jr.

Everyone is invited to join the Martin Luther King Jr. Northeast Michigan committee for a Zoom discussion on Monday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. The discussion is centered around a short Ted Talk by Baratunde Thurston who graduated from Harvard University with a degree in philosophy. Thurston is an Emmy-nominated writer, activist, and comedian who addresses serious issues with depth, wit, and calls to action. He believes the stories we tell help shape the world in which we live. The discussion will be led by Tom Orth Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis, Division of Victim Services, MI DHHS. To view the 15-minute Ted Talk ahead of time, go to Ted Talk "How to deconstruct racism."



To request the link for the MLK, Jr. Day discussion email: abelovedcommunity.alpena@gmail.com.

Down the up staircase

By Terry Roorda
Aspiring Stuntman

Until the invention of gravity by Isaac Newton in 1664, the only thing that kept stuff from just floating about all willy-nilly were invisible strings, animal magnetism, Velcro, and the like, and thus the arrival of gravity was a real convenience for most. But not for the aged. For us it was a death sentence. So much so, in fact, that today it's reported that the leading cause of serious injury and death among senior citizens is simply falling down.

Now, to me, that statistic seemed a bit hysterical, so I put it to the test. I didn't mean to. But I did. I was heading upstairs last month with a bunch of cleaning supplies and I slipped on the top step, and tumbled backwards ass-over-mop-bucket down 15 hard stairs, landing, gracefully I like to think, in a rumpled heap. I didn't lose consciousness (not that I recollect, anyway), and though somewhat thrown off my game, I began an immediate damage assessment.

It was promising, with all anatomical departments reporting in OK and functional, and in the spirit of getting-back-on-that-horse, I climbed and descended the staircase again. Twice. Take that, gravity.

Still, I knew I was floating in a euphoric and protective bubble of adrenaline, and in all likelihood the worst was

yet to come. Knowing that, I briefly considered a trip to the hospital for a full body scan and a fistful of opioids, but I nixed that notion because I am, after all, a rugged self-reliant hermit of the boreal frontier. I thought instead of the example of the coyote hit by a truck. Does he dash off to the ER? No! He does not. He sucks it up, shakes it off, and repairs to his lair to whimper and lick his wounds. Am I not as rugged and resilient as a truck-struck coyote? Yes. Yes I am.

So I repaired to my lair. And in the morning I awoke whimpering. Everything — and I do mean everything — hurt. I did a second damage assessment without the benefit of adrenaline, and the results were not as rosy as the initial one. Not by a long shot.

My boo-boos now consisted ominously of a whiplashed neck, a lacerated and bruised hip and shoulder, and a couple of bugged up knees and tweaked wrists. Oh, and a bleeding head wound and broken toe. Those last two were the hardest to lick.

Recovery has been a painful ordeal, but after a month I have pretty much mended (though I've added a few odd

creaks, clicks, and pops to my skeletal symphony), and I've taken to senior-proofing the house. I installed a second handrail on the staircase, and put grab bars in the shower on the off chance that I'll actually use them.

Living alone in the winter in Harrisville during a raging pandemic with scant likelihood of human interaction, showering is not a high priority. Neither is changing out of my pajamas, come to think of it. I've also pitched the throw rugs and tacked down the borders of the area rugs so as not to go tripping merrily around the house.


And that's comforting because the other reported, ahem, fallout of bad spills for seniors is a lingering loss of self-confidence; a sort of PTSD, meaning that the fall imparts a fear of falling again going forward (or backward) which can adversely affect your mental health. It can lead to increased isolation and a fatalism about simple daily functions. I'm not, ahem, falling for that one. I'm prepared, and as I've long believed, it's not what you do that kills you; it's worrying about what you do. That's what'll kill you.

Laughter remains the best medicine.



The sinister stairs lie in wait...

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Alcona Community Schools proudly announces the following grade level openings for the 2021/2022 school year for School of Choice student enrollment:

Kindergarten through 12th grade: Unlimited openings

Applications for limited seats available for the 2021-2022 school year will be accepted by January 28th at 3 p.m., 2022. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance and must be enrolled by January 31st 2021. Contact the building offices for enrollment procedures. For further information or an application, contact Alcona Community Schools, 51, N. Barlow Rd., PO Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989) 736-6212 or visit www.alconaschools.net.

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A fresh snip from a **mint** plant in your garden can be used to granish plates, desserts or drinks. Cabbage and tomato plants are said to increase their yield if mint is grown nearby. Moths, ants and mice can be repelled by its scent. Mint plants can spread quickly if left unattended, so keep them cut back weekly during growing season.



- Brenda Weaver

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Local Notes **Local Notes**

Deconstructing Racism

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This program is provided by the MLK Jr. Committee of Northeast Michigan.

Knights Make Donation

The Knights of Columbus donated \$1,500 to Options Pregnancy Center of Alpena in December. The funds were raised by collecting bottles and cans during one weekend in November. This project was spearheaded by Knights of Columbus Council No. 6851 and three area Knights of Columbus Councils participated in the drive - Lincoln Council No. 4235, Ossineke Council No. 6851 and Alpena Council No. 529. Grand Knight Bob Sierota from the Ossineke council and Grand Knight Mike Keiliszewski from the Alpena council presented the check to Emily Potter, director and Terry Denmark, treasurer of the Options Pregnancy Center.

Wolf Management Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is updating the state's wolf management plan and is seeking public comment, via online survey through January 31, about the future of wolf management.

The current plan, created in 2008 and updated in 2015, was developed using extensive public input to identify important issues and assess public attitudes toward wolves and their management and by reviewing the biological and social science relevant to wolf management.

New public input gathered on the 2015 plan will help inform an updated plan to be completed this year. The four principal goals within the 2015 plan are to:

- Maintain a viable wolf population.
- Facilitate wolf-related benefits.
- Minimize wolf-related conflicts.
- Conduct science-based and socially acceptable management of wolves.

The plan and, more specifically, these four principal goals have guided wolf management in Michigan for the last 13 years. The 2022 update will include recent scientific literature and new information regarding wolves in Michigan.

"As we work to update the

2015 wolf management plan, it's important that we gather feedback from the public about how we can improve the plan to protect the long-term health of wolves while also meeting the needs of local communities," said Cody Norton, DNR large carnivore specialist.

Michigan's gray wolf population was nearly eliminated by the mid-1970s due to persecution and active predator control programs in the early part of the 20th century. Today, Michigan's wolf population numbers close to 700 individuals in the Upper Peninsula. Gray wolves were removed from the federal endangered species list in early 2021, a decision that is currently being challenged in court.

Those interested in providing feedback should complete the online survey by Monday, Jan. 31.

For more information about wolves in Michigan, including links to the survey and the state's wolf management plan, visit Michigan.gov/Wolves.

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Dear Savvy Senior,
 Can you decipher the different types of housing options available to seniors, and recommend some good resources for locating them? I need to find a place for my elderly mother and could use some help.

Overwhelmed Daughter



Savvy Senior

Dear Overwhelmed,
 There's a wide array of housing options available to seniors, but what's appropriate for your mom will depend on her needs and financial situation. Here's a rundown of the different levels of senior housing and some resources to help you choose one.

- Independent living: If your mom is in relatively good health and self-sufficient, "independent living communities" are a top option that can offer a sense of community. Typically available to people over age 55, this type of senior housing is usually apartments or town homes that are fully functional. In addition, many communities also offer amenities such as meals served in a common dining area, housekeeping, transportation and a variety of social activities.

To locate this type of housing, contact your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number), or use an online search tool like Caring.com. Most of these communities are private pay only and can vary greatly in cost ranging anywhere from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per month.

- Assisted living: If your mom needs some help with daily living chores, she'll probably need an "assisted living facility." These facilities provide help with the activities of daily living – like bathing, dressing, eating, going to the bathroom – as needed, as well as meals, housekeeping, transportation, social activities and medication management. Many facilities also offer special "memory care units" for residents with dementia.

Costs for assisted living usually run between \$3,000 and \$6,000 per month depending on location and services needed. Most residents pay for assisted living from personal funds, while some have long-term care insurance policies. And many state Medicaid programs today also cover some assisted living costs for financially eligible residents.

Another similar, but less expensive option to look into is "board and care homes." These offer many of the same services as assisted living facilities but in a much smaller home setting.

Your Area Aging Agency is again a good resource for finding assisted living facilities and board care homes, as is Caring.com.

- Nursing homes: If your mom needs ongoing medical and personal care or has very limited mobility, a nursing home, which provides 24-hour skilled nursing care is the next option. To find a good one, use Medicare's nursing home compare tool at Medicare.gov/care-compare. This tool will not only help you locate nursing homes in your area, it also provides a five-star rating system on recent health inspections, staffing, quality of care, and overall rating.

But be aware that nursing home care is very expensive, costing anywhere between \$4,500 and \$13,000 per month for a semiprivate room depending on where you live. Most residents pay from either personal funds, a long-term care insurance policy or through Medicaid after their savings are depleted.

- Continuing-care retirement communities (CCRC): If your mom has the financial resources, a CCRC is another option that provides all levels of housing (independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing home care) in one convenient location. But these communities typically require a hefty entrance fee that can range from \$20,000 to \$500,000 or more, plus ongoing monthly service fees that vary from around \$2,000 to over \$4,000. To search for CCRCs visit Caring.com.

If you're not sure what your mom needs, consider hiring an aging life care expert (AgingLifeCare.org) who can assess your mom and find her appropriate housing for a fee – usually between \$300 and \$800. Or you can use a senior care advising service like A Place for Mom (APlaceForMom.com) for free. They get paid from the senior living facilities in their network.

Dear Savvy Senior,
 I would like to get my personal, legal and financial information organized so my kids will know what's going on when I'm no longer around. Can you offer any tips on the best way to do this?

Unorganized Emma

Dear Unorganized,
 Organizing your important papers and getting your personal and financial affairs in order is a smart idea and wonderful gift to your loved ones. Here are some tips to get you started.

Unorganized Emma

Get Organized

The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later.

Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated.

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Alcona health center

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 — Betty White

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because of our strong partnerships, public support and volunteers. We are excited for all that 2022 has in store to create this public space.”

Now that the grant has been approved, the next step is for funds to be appropriated by the Michigan Legislature in the spring of 2022. The goal is to transfer ownership of the property from Huron Pines to Alabaster Township by the end of 2022.

The property is open to the public for hiking and exploring. Hunting and motorized vehicles are prohibited within the property. Biking is allowed on the Alabaster Township Bike Path and Arboretum that runs through the property. Alabaster Township will continue to work closely with Huron Pines to finalize a management plan for the property which will include longer-term plans to expand trails and improve access to Lake Huron.

For more information, contact Heather Huffstutler at Huron Pines, (989) 448-2293 ext.11.

The MNRTF funds come



Cyclists will be able to enjoy riding through the property on the Alabaster Township Bike Path.

from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned minerals (primarily oil and gas). Over the past 45 years, the MNRTF has granted more than \$1.2 billion to state and local units of government to develop and improve recreation opportunities in Michigan.

Huron Pines is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization estab-

lished in 1973 to conserve and enhance northern Michigan’s natural resources to ensure healthy water, protected places and vibrant communities. With offices in Gaylord and Alpena, Huron Pines improves economic, environmental, educational and recreational opportunities throughout northern Michigan.



Hiking and exploring without motorized vehicles is allowed on the property. Hunting is not allowed, however. *Photos courtesy of Huron Pines.*

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of January 3-9, 2022

61 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrest, 1 Operate While Intoxicated, 5 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	12
Mental Assist	1	Property Damage Accident	8
Miscellaneous	6	Animal/Dog	1
Suspicious Event	2	Well Being Check	6
Truancy	1	Kennel Inspection	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Personal Protect. Order Vio.	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Fire	1
Alarm	1	Domestic	2
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Threats	2
Assault	1	No Insurance	1
Lost Property	1	Trespass	1
Stalking	1	Larceny	1
		Civil	2

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	7	Caledonia	5	Curtis	7
Greenbush	5	Gustin	7	Harrisville	7
Hawes	3	Haynes	1	Mikado	8
Millen	0	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	5	Village of Lincoln	2		

Bowling team improving

Alcona Boys Bowling Team The Alcona varsity boys bowling team showed a lot of improvements this week, according to Coach Tina Stern. “They did a great job. We have a great team in the making,” she said.

High game goes to Jacob June with 138. Sam Prince scored 131, Logan Bates had 127, William Brozowski came in with 111, and Waylon

Nedwash-Long scored 99.

The Alcona girls varsity bowling team “did a great job. They are a solid team and we are looking forward to a great season,” Stern said. High game went to Morgan Munsey with 176. She was followed by Jerzey Brown with 129, Sam Nordstrom had 116, Rhylee Manning scored 116, Elly Keyser had 91.



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The final meeting for this season, was held January 5th., and new officers were elected as follows:

President —Kenneth Bundy

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Treasurer— Forrest Potter

The Club would like to thank the business establishments and all individuals who gave of their time or donated money towards our Christmas projects.

Mikado
mother and
two children
seriously
burned

January 9, 1947 ~ Mikado—Mrs. David Tait of Mikado, and daughters, Geraldine aged three years, and Judy Ann, four months old, were seriously burned last Thursday evening at their home about one-half mile south of Mikado in a stove explosion. Mr. Tate was only slightly burned.

Mrs. Tait and three daughters had been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Pettit on Thursday. Mr. Tait went after them and upon their return home he hastily built a fire, and by error, used denatured alcohol instead of kerosene oil. Mrs. Tait and two of her children were in the room, while the oldest daughter was in an adjoining room. Mr. Tait perhaps saved the lives of the three by throwing them into the snow outside the building. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tait, who live across the road, saw the fire and helped to save the building.

The injured were rushed to Alpena Hospital by cars from the Joe Silverthorn garage at Mikado, where Mr. Tait is employed.

The Tait's have a fourth daughter who is a patient in a hospital in Traverse City.

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Milton
Somers' farm
home total
loss by fire

January 9, 1947 ~ The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Somers of Hawes Township was completely destroyed by fire early Saturday afternoon. The fire started while Mr. and Mrs. Somers were away. Neighbors, discovering the blaze, were unable to save little of the contents of the home.

This is the third serious loss by fire for Mr. and Mrs. Somers, having lost two large barns and their home. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Fire department
called to county
jail Monday

January 9, 1947 ~ The Harrisville Fire Department was called to the County Jail Monday night about 9:30, when fire was discovered between the cell block and outer wall. Apparently one of the prisoners had dropped a cigarette down a hole, causing the blaze.

It was necessary to secure the services of an acetylene torch to cut the steel wall away in order to get to the fire. Very little damage was done.

Novels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Wicker carriage

The "New Year" is celebrated in many ways, but in the United States, there are always midnight celebrations with pictures of an old man representing the past and a baby, the new year. The other popular symbol is a clock of almost any style with the hands at midnight.

The early Greek idea of Baby New Year was a baby paraded around in a basket to welcome the new year. Then it became pictures of the Baby Jesus or a Baby New Year. But pictures were created for publications, and each year from 1907 to 1943, Joseph Leyendecker drew a different, humorous illustration of a Baby New Year for the Saturday Evening Post that have influenced all that followed. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was searching for the missing Baby New Year in a cartoon in the 1970s. Modern celebrations give gifts to the first newborn baby of the year at hospitals. We think the 19th-century baby buggy would be a nice gift for this year's first born.

Q: I own an older Lalique vase, 9 1/2 inches tall, with four pairs of frosted parrots perched on arched branches, signed "R. LALIQUE, N:905" on the base. Please advise me of the value of the vase.

A: You have Lalique's "Ceylon" vase with four pairs



Photo Caption: This 44-inch-tall antique wicker carriage has an adjustable hood. It auctioned for just \$61.50 at a Conestoga Auction Co. sale. Photo Credit: Kovels

of parakeets or lovebirds. Ceylon was first made in about 1924. The vase could sell for a few thousand dollars if in perfect condition. It should be seen by an expert to determine the value. Talk to an expert at a shop or auction gallery.

Q: I have a Sears and Roebuck potbelly stove, model No. 119-57, that is missing a few things. I need four legs, the bottom ash door and the hinge pin that holds the door in place. Can you help?

A: You could try to find parts from sources online that list stove parts for sale, but you might be better off selling your stove for parts and using the money to buy a stove that's complete. That model seems to show up online occasionally. One in good condition sold for \$178.

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TIP: Don't stack boxes of Christmas ornaments. The weight may break some of the glass ornaments.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2021

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	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Jan. 2	23	11	0.00	4.8	28	N
Jan. 3	28	15	0.00	4.1	21	SW
Jan. 4	31	20	0.00	6.6	23	SSW
Jan. 5	33	21	0.08	5.0	24	SSW
Jan. 6	21	9	0.01	2.9	13	N
Jan. 7	14	4	0.00	2.2	15	N
Jan. 8	27	4	0.00	8.7	37	SSW

2021-2022 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.09	3.2	0.42
January to Date	0.09	3.2	0.48
Year/Season to Date	0.09	11.6	0.48

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

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** What is the name of the department store where Kris Kringle works in the 1947 "Miracle on 34th Street"?
2. **LANGUAGE:** What is the English equivalent of the Latin phrase, "Cui bono"?
3. **TELEVISION:** Why do the other reindeer tease Rudolph in the Christmas TV movie?
4. **AD SLOGANS:** Which family restaurant advertises itself as a place "where a kid can be a kid"?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** What is a sunspot?
6. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was a classically trained pianist?
7. **THEATER:** What musical features a group of women called The Schuyler Sisters?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is a smorgasbord?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** In what body of water does the island of Barbados lie?
10. **LITERATURE:** Which famous 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."

Answers: 1. Macy's; 2. Who benefits?; 3. Rudolph has a shiny red nose; 4. Chuck E. Cheese; 5. A cooler, darker area on the surface of the sun; 6. Richard Nixon, who also could play four other instruments; 7. "Hamilton"; 8. A buffet with a variety of dishes; 9. Caribbean Sea; 10. "Little Women," by Louisa May Alcott (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 9, 1493, Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids" and describes them as "not half as beautiful as they are painted." They were in reality manatees. Mythical mermaids have existed in seafaring cultures since the time of the ancient Greeks.
- On Jan. 6, 1759, a 26-year-old George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis. Historical documents have revealed that Martha may not have been the great love of his life. Washington wrote cryptic yet passionate love letters to Sally Fairfax, the wife of a friend.
- On Jan. 4, 1847, Samuel Colt rescues his faltering gun company by winning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers. Though never cheap, by the early 1850s, Colt revolvers were inexpensive enough to be a favorite with Americans headed westward during the California Gold Rush.
- On Jan. 5, 1945, Japanese pilots receive the first order to become kamikaze, meaning "divine wind." They needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans.
- On Jan. 7, 1959, six days after the fall of the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship in Cuba, the U.S. government believes it can work with Fidel Castro and protect American interests in Cuba. Less than two years later, the U.S. severed diplomatic relations and launched the Bay of Pigs invasion.
- On Jan. 8, 1962, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is exhibited for the first time in America.
- On Jan. 3, 1990, Panama's Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, after hiding at the Vatican embassy in Panama City, surrenders to U.S. military troops to face charges of drug trafficking and is flown to Miami. In 1992, the former dictator was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

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Super Crossword

BROODING SEASON

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Examined by touching</p> <p>9 Smart — (know-it-all)</p> <p>14 Alphas' opposites</p> <p>20 All across the region</p> <p>21 Indian city on the Yamuna River</p> <p>22 "Gil Blas" novelist Alain-René —</p> <p>23 Blemish-resistant bar seat?</p> <p>25 Male flower part</p> <p>26 Earth lighter</p> <p>27 Autumn chill</p> <p>28 Sentry allowing nobody to nap?</p> <p>30 Monet, say</p> <p>34 Interstices</p> <p>36 — roll (hot)</p> <p>37 Shoulder-hugging, hom-honking driver?</p> <p>42 Thin and supple</p> <p>47 Duck cousin</p> <p>48 Actress Messing</p> <p>49 More plucky</p> <p>50 Lt.'s inferior</p> <p>53 "I see mice!"</p> <p>56 Ear-related</p> | <p>58 Indian city on the Yamuna River</p> <p>59 Vehicle in a chase scene</p> <p>63 Decorative pins worn by jockeys?</p> <p>67 Yellow-and-black bird</p> <p>68 16-Down, to Jacob</p> <p>69 Flagged auto</p> <p>70 Mao — tung</p> <p>71 Bit of pasta that's really hard to find?</p> <p>77 Bodily pouch</p> <p>79 Spanish for "that"</p> <p>80 Big pet food brand</p> <p>81 "Infinite" rapper</p> <p>84 Have pain from bending forward too sharply?</p> <p>89 Tire type</p> <p>90 Tolkien terrorizers</p> <p>91 Up — (stymied)</p> <p>92 — Lanka</p> <p>94 Butter holder</p> <p>95 More hideous</p> <p>97 — liver (meat product)</p> <p>100 Harvestable</p> <p>104 Work layoff, slangily</p> | <p>105 Dive to attack with perfect form?</p> <p>111 Texter's "I think ..."</p> <p>113 Neeson of "Darkman"</p> <p>114 GMC pickup</p> <p>115 Decide on Domino's for dinner?</p> <p>122 Taylor of "Cleopatra," for short</p> <p>124 Los Angeles' Playa — Rey</p> <p>125 Regular practices</p> <p>126 Botching an April 1 prank?</p> <p>131 Crops up</p> <p>132 Ickily sticky</p> <p>133 Enlarge</p> <p>134 Quick</p> <p>135 In any way</p> <p>136 Power-supplying socket</p> | <p>8 Blueprint</p> <p>9 TV spots</p> <p>10 "Show me"</p> <p>11 College town in North Carolina</p> <p>12 Toy train, when doubled</p> <p>13 Quantity in a narc's bust</p> <p>14 Former NFLer Merlin</p> <p>15 Annual ritzy NYC fundraising event</p> <p>16 Biblical birthright seller</p> <p>17 Explorer Vasco da —</p> <p>18 Antiquing aid</p> <p>19 Ship off, say</p> <p>24 Petty quarrel</p> <p>29 Saldana of the screen</p> <p>31 "— so you!"</p> <p>32 Hem, e.g.</p> <p>33 Lilted syllable</p> <p>35 Prof's deg.</p> <p>38 United</p> <p>39 Israel's Abba</p> <p>40 Opiate, e.g.</p> <p>41 Raiment</p> <p>43 Apple option</p> <p>44 Close, as a community</p> <p>45 "— to you!"</p> <p>46 Rub out</p> <p>49 Person rubbing it in</p> | <p>50 Prefix with warrior</p> <p>51 And not</p> <p>52 Final washer phase</p> <p>54 Noted Deco master</p> <p>55 Furry fruit</p> <p>57 Rocket paths</p> <p>60 Pigeon noise</p> <p>61 Balm plants</p> <p>62 Betelgeuse or Antares</p> <p>64 Clangor</p> <p>65 How balloons float</p> <p>66 Trump replaced him</p> <p>72 Thief's bagful</p> <p>73 "Bali —"</p> <p>74 Autos such as Gremlins and Pacers</p> <p>75 Belgian river</p> <p>76 Spain's El —</p> <p>77 Teapot part</p> <p>78 "I'm so frustrated!"</p> <p>82 Water, to Gigi</p> <p>83 Rangers' and Rays' gp.</p> <p>85 Brunei locale</p> <p>86 Mean whale</p> <p>87 High point</p> <p>88 One-named sports legend</p> <p>93 Lyric penner Gershwin</p> <p>96 Lived inferior</p> <p>98 Ball of mashed chickpeas</p> | <p>99 — -fi movie</p> <p>101 Electees, say</p> <p>102 Greek letter</p> <p>103 She baas</p> <p>105 Swab</p> <p>106 Film score composer Schifrin</p> <p>107 Iago's wife</p> <p>108 Hard trial</p> <p>109 Bully's threat ender</p> <p>110 Warehouse platform</p> <p>112 Hardly tidy</p> <p>115 Cartoonist Addams</p> <p>116 Celestial instrument</p> <p>117 Off-Broadway prize</p> <p>118 French river or department</p> <p>119 TV actress Swenson</p> <p>120 — suit (1940s duds)</p> <p>121 Reverse alphabetical order</p> <p>123 Bronze metal</p> <p>127 Olive of "Popeye"</p> <p>128 Lt.'s inferior</p> <p>129 "Despicable Me" villain</p> <p>130 Dewy, e.g.</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The Greek playwright Aeschylus was killed in 455 B.C. when an eagle, mistaking his bald head for a rock, dropped a tortoise on it. According to Pliny, Aeschylus was spending a lot of time in the open to avoid a prophecy that he would be killed by a falling object!
- Rats cannot vomit. Neither can horses.
- Soviet tenor Victor Ivanovich Nikitin had such an appealing voice that when he sang to his Soviet comrades during World War II, German troops on the Eastern Front ceased fire to listen.
- The human heart can squirt blood up to a distance of 30 feet.
- The American football huddle was invented in 1892 by Paul Hubbard, a quarterback from then all-deaf Gallaudet University, to stop the opposing team from reading their signs.
- A woman who was blinded in an accident developed multiple personalities -- some of which could see.
- An average raindrop falls at a speed of roughly 7 mph.
- When it comes to educating future billionaires, Harvard University holds the lead with an astonishing 29 billionaire alumni as of 2021.
- A town named Hell in Norway freezes over quite regularly.
- Do your lips get annoyingly dry in the winter? Better read the ingredients in that lip balm, as quite a few of them contain salicylic acid, which can exacerbate the problem and cause your lips to peel -- necessitating even more lip balm.
- The first plant to flower and produce seeds in space was Arabidopsis thaliana, grown in 1982 by the crew of the Soviet Salyut 7 on the International Space Station.
- It is illegal to step on money in Thailand because you would be insulting the king by treading on his picture.

Thought for the Day: "The only path wide enough for us all is love." -- Kamand Kojouri
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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: **K** equals **R**

QAA LFW KWQJT-LV-JKPME
XKVJYHLD PM LFPD DYXWKRQKEWL
HVRW PM NVLLAWD VMAT.
PL'D DV YM-HQMMT.

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Now Here's A

Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• To save a pot of burning soup, remove from the burner and DO NOT stir. Pour the unburned contents into a new pot, while trying not to disturb the burned-on bottom of the pot.

• Experts say that those who keep track of their nutrition and exercise are more likely to keep it up. This can be as simple as a pencil and notebook paired with a calorie guidebook, or one of the many great apps for your smartphone. In any case, set yourself up for success this year. You deserve it!

• After-Christmas sales are a great time to buy not only gift wrap (look for solid colors that you can use all year long), holiday cards and decorations, but also next season's winter wear. Things like scarves and gloves can be great bargains. And even coats can go on sale. Take advantage -- especially if you have kids -- and buy up. -- A.K. in Tennessee

• Want to include more produce in your diet? Sources say prep is the step that makes it work. Clean, chop, slice and otherwise prepare all your produce choices for the week on the day you shop. When it's ready and waiting, you're less likely to skip it in favor of something more convenient (and likely less nutritious).

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Veterans Post

By Greddy Groves

Buddy check 22

Buddy Check 22 is an American Legion program that reaches out to possibly at-risk veterans. The "22" in the name is most significant: it is the average number of veteran suicides per day. On the 22nd of each month, veterans in Buddy Check will call (or text or email or drop by) another veteran to let them know they're not alone. Whether it's PTSD, suicidal thoughts, difficulty coping or anything else, BC22 veterans will be there to help.

Do you have a Buddy Check program in your area? Do you participate in either the national or a local group? Some local groups go beyond the phone calls and host monthly meetings and events. By providing a venue for making social connections and getting suicide prevention information, veterans come to know they're not alone. To look for groups in your area, search for: "Buddy Check 22" veterans and your state.

To go to the source, the American Legion, check: www.legion.org/buddycheck. If you especially want to start a BC22 in your area, this is the place to begin.

Not affiliated with the American Legion is a nightly Zoom Buddy Check. Get there through the WarriorNOW Nightly Buddy Check at warriornow.org/buddycheck. WarriorNOW is a non-

profit committed to veteran mental health and suicide prevention.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call Veteran's Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

Recently the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan bill to designate one week per year as "Buddy Check Week." During that week, veteran mentors will learn how to do buddy checks and to access the support their buddies need. The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to pitch in with education and materials for mentors to help their buddies. The House of Representatives, however, went home for the year without addressing the Buddy Check bill. They referred it to a subcommittee, where it now sits.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Alcona County Review Classifieds

Ads may be brought in to our office at 111 Lake St., Harrisville
Cost per ad is \$4.50 for the first 10 words and 15¢ for each word thereafter. Boxed ads are \$5 per column inch.

Ads and payment must be received by 4 p.m. Monday.

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LEGAL NOTICE

State of Michigan
County of Alcona
Publication Notice
To Creditors

Decedent's Trust Estate
Decedent: Richard A. Brown, a/k/a Richard Allen Brown, f/k/a Rick A. Brown
Date of birth: January 15, 1942
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Richard A. Brown, who lived at 5605 North M-65 Highway, Curran, Mich., died November 30, 2021.
There is no probate estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Richard A. Brown Living Trust Agreement dated April 28, 1987, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to: Melissa Tharp, the named successor trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 12, 2022
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State of Michigan
Judicial District
23rd Judicial Circuit
County Probate
Order Regarding
Alternate Service
Case No. 21-3632-CH
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Defendant
Anna Schoolcraft and all her unknown heirs, legatees and assigns. The court finds: Service of process upon the defendant, Anna Schoolcraft and all her unknown heirs, legatees and assigns, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
It is ordered: Summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s): publication in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks.
Date: January 12, 2022
1-12, 1-19, 1-26

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township Board met on November 9, 2021 at the Harrisville Township Hall. The meeting was called to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" at 7 p.m., with Spitznagel, Harvey, and Landrum present. Guests in attendance were Andy and Rachel Jamieson, Randy and Kathy Thompson and Tony Atkinson.
Randy Thompson, assessor, updated the board on current issues. Tony Atkinson, zoning administrator, updated the board on current permits issued. There was a motion to approve the Clerk's minutes for October by Harvey, supported by Landrum. All were in favor, motion carried. The treasurer's report reconciled with the clerk's office and will be on file for the next audit. There was a motion to pay the bills by Harvey, supported by Landrum. All were in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. Those in attendance included: Treasurer Mahalak; clerk Somers; council members Durham, Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold. President Phillips was excused due to a death in her family.
The minutes of the December 2021 meeting were approved on a motion from Schick with support from Durham. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy with support from Putsky. The bills were approved for payment as presented on a motion from Healy with support from Somers. Friends of the Playground are continuing to gather bottles and cans towards the pavilion project. Mahalak gave the zoning report. Due to an attorney/

client conflict we will need to hire another attorney to represent the village in an upcoming legal situation.
Mahalak is continuing to work with several property owners to try to resolve the issues. No fire department report was given. Warren MacNeill gave the maintenance report. He thanked Ron Stout for stepping in to help plow with the recent snow storm. Putsky gave the sewer report. Everything is running well. He was recently certified by the State of Michigan as a plant operator for municipal wastewater treatment.
Durham is continuing to work with a business owner to see about concerns on a building in the village. A motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Healy. Carried.
Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

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Pigeon River Country to help offset Michigan emissions

By Jack Falinski
Capital News Service

DTE Energy and the Department of Natural Resources have teamed up to use nature's most powerful vacuums to suck up excess carbon produced and released into the atmosphere — carbon that's causing climate change.

Those vacuums are trees. Michigan ranked tenth in the country in 2018 with the amount of carbon dioxide it emitted into the atmosphere, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The state produced more than 160 million metric tons of gas that year.

The Bluesource/DNR Big Wild Forest Carbon Project, announced in August 2021, aims to offset emissions produced by Michigan residents and businesses by allowing them to purchase carbon credits.

These credits signify carbon taken out of the atmosphere and stored in trees through photosynthesis, according to Lauren Cooper, the director of the Forest Carbon and Climate Program at Michigan State University. It makes up a significant portion of the trees' composition.

"When you hold a log — like a log you're going to throw on a fire — that's dry, and (you) weighed it, 50 percent of that weight is actually carbon," Cooper said.

The project will be conducted on 100,000 acres in "The Big Wild" of the Pigeon

River Country State Forest in the northern Lower Peninsula. Plots of land have already been measured, but credits won't be issued until May 2022.

While a main goal of the project is to spur forest growth by planting trees, it is more than just that. Funding from the project will go toward the Forest Development Fund, which supports additional forest management initiatives aimed at growing and improving state forests.

Scott Whitcomb, DNR's senior advisor for wildlife and public lands, said initiatives include developing sustainable infrastructure within the forest, promoting wildlife habitat and paying for recreational projects and staff. "Managing our state forest system is a pretty complex undertaking," Whitcomb said.

Similar projects have previously been done on private property, but this is the first time a state forest has been involved in a carbon project, Whitcomb said.

In addition to forest growth and management, sustainable harvesting is another goal of the project, according to Joshua Strauss, the executive vice president of Bluesource, the California-based climate-solutions company that partnered with the project as its developer.

"We do believe sustainable forestry has a total role to play and trees are a good renewable resource, but what we're focusing on is maintaining the

highest levels of stocking (trees) possible across that property while still fostering some sustainable harvesting," he said.

Strauss defined sustainable harvesting as generating products that ensure carbon is embodied in the wood longer. He said turning wood into construction material rather than pulp and paper, for example, traps carbon inside the wood longer because construction material is durable and designed to last longer than pulp and paper.

Bluesource has 76 similar projects spanning 3 million acres nationwide, according to Strauss. They've been highly effective in helping to generate millions of carbon offsets, he said. "We've partnered with some of the really most passionate firms that are trying to address climate change, in selling those offsets and working with those offsets," Strauss said.

"And I think that we really kind of are in this very energetic time for the market where I feel like we've crossed over this Rubicon where previously there were just enough naysayers in the public space that companies didn't feel obligated to take responsibility for their emissions," he said.

"But now that you have such acceptance that climate change is a reality and that we need to address it, we're seeing a sort of sea change in

the level of demand for these units."

One firm that partnered with Bluesource was DTE Energy. DTE committed to buying all of the carbon credits generated by the Big Wild Forest Carbon Project for the next 10 years at an estimated cost of \$10 million as part of its strategy to have net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

DTE already offers carbon offsets to its residential customers through a program called Natural Gas Balance. DTE residential customers can voluntarily choose if they would like to offset their carbon emissions partially or fully by making payments ranging from \$4 to \$16 per month.

These offsets are generated using 24,000 acres in Houghton County, according to Anne Santori, DTE's communications strategist.

Santori said DTE is looking to offer the same type of program for its commercial clients, such as industrial businesses and hospitals. To do so, it would need a much larger space.

That's why it has offered to buy the offsets generated by the 100,000-acre Big Wild Forest Carbon Project.

Like DTE, the state of Michigan has a goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Cooper said such projects will be important in helping to reach that, but a decline in fossil fuel emissions must happen to be most successful.

"Our forests have to be part of the solution," Cooper said. "If our forests start emitting and we're emitting from burning all these fossil fuels, we're just going to be a net emitter. But the idea is: how do we get fossil fuel emissions down?"

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Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.

Personal Information

- **Contacts:** Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.

- **Medical information:** Include a list of medications you take, along with any allergies and illnesses.

- **Personal documents:** Include such items as your birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.

- **Secured places:** List all the places you keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.

- **Digital assets:** Make a list of all your digital assets, including everything from social media accounts to online banking accounts to home utilities that you manage online. It should include usernames and passwords.

Use Rutgers Digital Assets Inventory Worksheet (njaes.rutgers.edu/money/pdfs/digital-assets-worksheet.pdf) as a guide.

- **Pets:** If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.

- **End of life:** Indicate your wishes for organ and tissue donation and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made prearrangements with a funeral home include a copy of agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

Legal Documents

- **Will, trust and estate plan:** Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.

- **Financial power of attorney:** This document names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated.

- **Advance health care directives:** This includes a living will and medical power of attorney, which spell out your

wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

Financial Records

- **Financial accounts:** Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets you have.

- **Debts and liabilities:** Make a list of any loans, leases or debts you have — mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

- **Company benefits:** List any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your current or former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

- **Insurance:** List the insurance policies you have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, Medigap, prescription drug, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents, and phone numbers.

- **Property:** List real estate, vehicles and other properties you own, rent or lease and include documents such as deeds, titles, and loan or lease agreements.

- **Taxes:** Include the location of your tax records and your tax preparer's contact information.

Keep all your organized information and files together in one convenient location, ideally in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home. Also be sure to review and update it every year, and don't forget to tell your kids where they can find it.

If you need help, get a copy of "Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To" at [Nolo.com](https://www.nolo.com) for \$17.50 for the downloadable versions, or \$20 for a printed copy.

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