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Seeing a deer along the roadway is a common occurrence, especially this time of year. Other than hoping it doesn't jump in front of a vehicle, most don't line up to take a photograph. This unusual piebald doe caused a bit of a stir last week. She was "posing" on F-41 and a few folks lined up to take her photo. *Wil Weber of Mikado* was pleased to capture this shot. Often confused with an albino, a piebald deer is slightly more common and is also a genetic mutation. Piebald deer can have varying amounts of white hair. Some piebald deer can be almost pure white except small patches of regular brown hair, while others carry just patches of white hair with otherwise normal markings. Otherwise, an albino or piebald white-tailed deer will have the normal characteristics of other white-tailed deer.

## St. Vinny's focuses on serving community

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

*"At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked, and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.'"*

~ Mother Teresa

St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado, known affectionately by Alcona County residents as "St. Vinny's" focuses on serving others year-round, helping to feed, clothe and provide furnishing to those in dire need for over a quarter of a century.

Each week, the St. Vincent de Paul team, which includes two full-time and nine part-time employees, goes out of its way to make sure no stomach goes hungry and basic needs are met. Not only are they met, but they are met with dignity and grace so anyone receiving the heartfelt service understands not only is the charity a value to the community, but each person served has value too.

It's a difficult task to undertake, but St. Vincent de Paul always manages its best. At this time of year, when the Holiday season approaches, a new sense of purpose fuels the St. Vincent team's thoughts and hearts — to provide the very best Christ-

mas to those who desperately need additional help.

This year co-managers, Leo Marciniak and April Travis plan to give 192 families, or more, a happy Christmas by providing boxes filled with holiday meal essentials such as a Christmas ham, additional canned meats and fish, fruits, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, soup, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter, almonds and pistachios, butter, milk, eggs, bread, rice,

depends on the size of the family," she said.

This year Meijer in Alpena and the Alcona County Commission on Aging will be providing the hams. Other businesses and organizations give as well.

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~ Leo Marciniak, Co-manager  
St. Vincent de Paul, Mikado

brownies, packages of toilet paper and more.

"Along with that, every child 18 years and under in the family will receive a gift. Younger children will receive a toy and an article of clothing, older children will receive two articles of clothing," Marciniak said. In addition, parents may come in and pick out a book for each of their children.

Travis wasn't sure of how much each box would cost if the recipient had to go and buy the items because so many of the items are donated. "I would say over \$150 maybe even closer to \$200 per family. Of course, that

Lincoln) always helps us with food as well as Meijer. Walmart gives a discount on purchases of toys and clothes for the children," Travis said.

This year Dollar General in Harrisville and Glennie have set up toy drop boxes in those stores for toys purchased there to be given to St. Vincent for the Christmas boxes.

Co-managers said the bulk of donations come from the community. "We couldn't do this without local businesses and organizations donating. We also rely heavily on the goodness of individual donors to come through for us every year. We hope they can do the same again to fulfill this need," Marciniak said.

St. Vincent is seeking cash donations as well as gift cards for Walmart, to purchase toys and clothing items for children and Meijer for food items.

Marciniak said anyone in need may come in and sign up for a box on Tuesday, Nov. 29 through Thursday, Dec. 1 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up will also be available on Friday, Dec. 2 at St. Vincent de Paul. All in need are to sign up before December 14 to assure a box.

Travis said it was very difficult to fill a box without much notice and many people waited until the last minute which leaves volunteers scrambling to make sure the kids had a good holiday.

"All boxes are distributed December 21 at the church. It's amazing to see 15 to 25

## Roe Road scene of active shooter last week

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

A shooting spree one resident on Roe Road in Caledonia Township shaken, but unhurt and the shooter dead by his own hand.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to the location, west of F-41, at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 after a call to Alcona County Central Dispatch with the report of shots being fired into their home. "A resident stated the neighbor had just shot into his house. The caller was able to seek a place of refuge inside his home and remained on 911 with central dispatch," according to the sheriff's office.

When deputies arrived at

the scene, they entered the caller's home and got him to safety. The neighboring houses were also checked by deputies for the residents' safety. "Deputies contacted neighbors and gave them stay in place directions and later, they talked to those returning to the area, to keep them safe," said Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson.

A perimeter around the suspect's home was formed by deputies, troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Alpena and officers from the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) and waited the arrival of the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team.

When the emergency re-

sponse team (ERT) arrived, a staging area was assembled. "As the ERT was reconnoitering outside the suspect's home with a drone, they observed what appeared to be a deceased subject in the driveway.

"The person was confirmed to be the suspect, Andrew Jay Knapp, 31, of Spruce who was deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound," according to the sheriff's office.

"It's unfortunate that he died," Stephenson said. "Looking back at previous calls, we had some relatively low-level mental health type complaints before this. Nothing recent and nothing to indicate that he was capable of this type of violence."



# God Bless America

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**Local Notes**

**Golf Champions**

Bob Bylica and Jan DeFour, both of Harrisville, are club champions at Springport Hills Golf Course for the 2022 season.



Jan DeFour and Bob Bylica

**Senior Menu**

The following meals will be served at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470. 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.

- Monday, Nov. 21: baked fish, potato medley, California blend vegetables, grapes.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22: Beef chop suey, rice, peas, apricots.
- Wednesday, Nov. 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries.
- Thursday, Nov. 24: No meals served. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Making it in Michigan**

New and beginning food

entrepreneurs will learn winning strategies for starting a commercial food business in the online seminar "Making it in Michigan: Food Entrepreneurs' Path to Success." The Michigan State University Product Center team will share step-by-step from developing a successful concept to registering a food business, to projecting business financials. As a bonus, attendees will receive a virtual document including the resources provide in the webinar. The webinar is November 22 from noon to 1 p.m. Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 21. Contact Kendra Willis at willsk@msu.edu.

**Food Preservation**

It is important for individuals to stay up to date on the latest research for home food preservation, recipes and processing times, as they are constantly under review and updated. Michigan State University Extension's Online Home Food Preservation course is a self-paced online program that instructs up to date science-based recommended methods for safe home food preservation, regardless of a person's experience with preserving foods.

Online Home Food Preservation course will help home food preservers avoid dangerous, life-threatening contamination of foods. Individuals will feel confident in processing their produce and feeding their families safe, healthy foods. Home food preservation stimulates the local economy by encouraging locally grown and purchased foods and for individuals and families to grow

their own gardens.

The course includes a variety of preservation methods and skills from drying foods using a dehydrator, to freezing and blanching which requires little time or equipment, to a more advanced pressure canning. Each of the seven segments discusses the equipment and tools needed to safely process foods.

The cost is \$10. For more information, contact Joyce McGarry at mcgarryj@msu.edu.

**New Troopers**

The Michigan State Police, Alpena has two new troopers who graduated from the 142nd Trooper Recruit School in Lansing, Mich. last week. Trooper Logun Carlson is from Petoskey, Mich. and Trooper Brett Immel is from Osseo, Mich. Both started their new assignments this week.



Logun Carlson



Brett Immel

The 142nd Trooper Recruit School began on Sunday, June 26 with 85 prospective troopers, at the MSP Training Academy in Lansing, Mich. Recruits received training in patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, cultural diversity and implicit bias, decision making, leadership, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing, firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, and precision driving.

Including the 59 graduates of the 142nd Trooper Recruit School, there are approximately 1,192 troopers assigned statewide, and a total of 1,888 enlisted members in the MSP.

**Obituaries**

**Patrick A. Coomes Sr.**

Patrick A. Coomes Sr., 62, of Mikado, died on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born November 22, 1959, to James and Dorothy (Heir) Coomes in Monroe, Mich. He was raised in Waterford, Mich.

On March 17, 1988, he married Ann Marie MacGregor in Grand Rapids, Mich. Longtime residents of Lowell, Mich., Mr. Coomes had a long career in the tool and die industry.

In 1993, the couple moved to Mikado. Mr. Coomes retired from Aircraft Tool and Supply in 2021.

He enjoyed golfing, ice skating, flying kites, and working with his children.

Mr. Coomes is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; one daughter, Jennifer Coomes; one son, Patrick Coomes Jr.; five sisters, Joan (Tom) Burns, Nancy (Dave) Grover, Leslie (Kevin) Brandon, Mary (Dale) Lee, and Patricia (Duane) Campbell; his father-in-law, Edward MacGregor; one brother-in-law, Edward (Kelly) MacGregor; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jim Coomes; and one brother-in-law, Bob Lee.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A private memorial is planned for a later date.

**Kathleen A. "Cassie" Miller**

Kathleen A. "Cassie" Miller, 82, of Barton City, died on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at home.

She was born October 30, 1940, to Raymond and Margaret (Sabo) Brown in Roseville, Mich., where she was raised.

She enjoyed family vacations to Barton City as a child.

Mrs. Miller worked in the insurance industry and owned and operated a laundromat before retiring to the area in 2001.

On February 7, 2004, she married Joseph Miller in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mrs. Miller was a devoted member of the Barton City community. She served as the Millen Township deputy clerk, and as the treasurer of the Barton City Improvement Association. She was a former board member of the Barton City Eagles Club and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City, where she served as the financial officer.

She enjoyed walking in the woods with her beloved canine companion, Sonny.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband, Joe; three stepchildren, Lincoln (Molly) Miller, Lisa (Rod) Harris, and



Jack (Ellen) Miller; seven grandchildren, Kenton Miller, Krystal Miller, Joseph Miller, Kelsey Harris, Keely Harris, Riley Miller and Samuel Miller; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Marlene Anderson; and two brothers, Raymond Brown and Ron Brown.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Prcinsa and her brother, John Brown.

A memorial service was held Saturday, November 12 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright officiated. Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Barton City.

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deserve our gratitude."  
— Cynthia Ozick

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# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

There will be a Harrisville Depot Meeting at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville Harbor gathering room in Harrisville. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

Local history teacher and Great Lakes sailor Jeff Thomas will tell the story of the loss of the Carl D. Bradley in Lake Michigan on November 18, 1958, and its impact on the town of Rogers City, Mich. He will also discuss several other aspects of the vessel during the evening. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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 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, NOVEMBER 18

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.

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, NOVEMBER 19

A Deer Widow's Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hubbard Lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake. There is a wide variety of vendors, raffle, on-site food truck featuring the Smoking Trolls. Sponsored by the Hubbard Lake Community Association. For more information, contact Jennifer at (989) 590-3672.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Teenagers and adults are invited to "Craftomania" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 3 p.m. The project is a burlap wreath or light garland. There is a \$3 charge for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

White Pine Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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.

Teenagers and adults are invited to join the new Cryptid Club at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 4 p.m. Cryptids are creatures whose existence has yet to be (or cannot entirely be) proven like Bigfoot and the Michigan Dogman. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

There will be a movie with munchies for youth ages 13 and up at 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

All branches of the Alcona County Library are closed. The Curtis Township Library is closed.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mikado American Legion, 2205 S. Alger Street, Mikado. Turkey, stuffing, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, roll and desserts will be served. Everyone is welcome. No charge. Donations accepted. For more information, call (989) 736-9526.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Second Street, Harrisville, at no charge. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are appreciated, but not necessary. To make a reservation, call the church at (989) 724-6734, Rob at (989) 724-7165 or Noreen at (989) 736-6675. Leave a message if no

one answers.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

All branches of the Alcona County Library are closed. The Curtis Township Library is closed.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Hope Lutheran Church is hosting author Dr. Lauren Salminen, associate professor of neurology at the University of Southern California. Her talk, "Hidden in Plain Sight," brain-related consequences of toxic environments at 11 a.m. This free event will include a question and answer period. RSVP is appreciated. Call (989) 727-3206 to reserve a seat and for more information.

All branches of the Alcona County Library are closed. The Curtis Township Library

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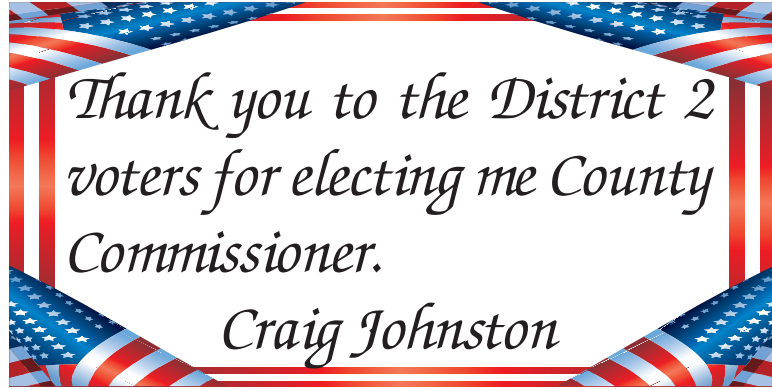
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Hearing for Solar Energy Ordinance**  
**Monday, December 5, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center**

In anticipation of the adoption of a Solar Energy Ordinance, the Mikado Township Planning Commission is asking what the residents would like to see. Energy companies are already approaching residents for placement of panels. Technology has come a long way, from a field of panels to raised panels that allow farming or ranching underneath, and more. There are many things to take into consideration, like glare, natural barriers, setbacks, installation and decommissioning, etc. Community input is important to us and will help us draft a solar ordinance that fits Mikado Township.

The date of the Public Hearing will coincide with the Planning Commission's adoption of the Solar Energy Ordinance Section 3.38.

The proposed ordinance can be viewed at our website <http://mikadotownship.org/>. Comments, concerns and questions can be sent to [mikado.twp@gmail.com](mailto:mikado.twp@gmail.com) prior to the start of the hearing."

Leisa Sutton - Mikado Township Clerk  
[mikadotownshipclerk@gmail.com](mailto:mikadotownshipclerk@gmail.com)  
Township (989) 736-7721

# The Slanty Shanty: Memories of Alcona's Own Love Shack - Part I

**By Eric Paul Roorda**  
Author & Artist

If the Slanty Shanty was still standing when the B-52s recorded their hit party anthem "Love Shack," it would have been on the jukebox at that bar. With a few tweaks, the song could have been written about the storied watering hole at the corner of Barlow and Trask Lake roads: "We're heading down F-41 highway, heading to the love getaway! It's just a funky little shack..."

*Memories of the Slanty Shanty*

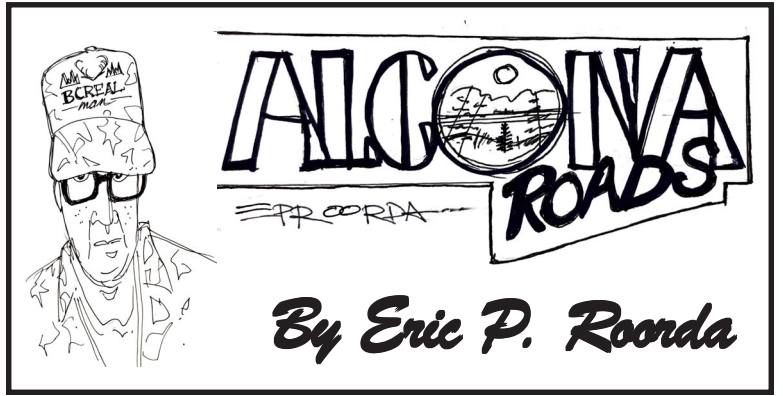
**Lynn Schroeder Kosto** wrote to me saying, "my grandparents, Edward and Elsie Schroeder, were the first owners of the Slanty Shanty, but it was called the Log Cabin while they were the owners from 1936-1946. Prior to them it was a restaurant that sold chicken dinners. They sold beer and sandwiches. No liquor. They added the dance floor on to the original building. A band was brought in every Saturday night from Bay City or Saginaw. Grandma and Grandpa lived in the upstairs along with their two sons (Edward and Allen)."

Lynn sent me photos of the inside and outside of what it looked like then. More photos can be found in Alcona County: A Pictorial History, vol. 1.

**Susan Muir Trudeau** contacted me to tell me about her parents, Bill and Angel Muir, who ran the Slanty Shanty for 25 years, during its Love Shack heyday.

**Gloria Strothers Foster** said her grandfather helped to build the original cabin, where the chicken restaurant first operated. She summed up many of her memories of its later life as the Slanty Shanty in one sentence, "We danced a lot in there!"

The dancers had to shimmy uphill and down, as the old cabin sagged over the years, and the walls and floor became hopelessly catty-whompus. **Lonnie Crampton**



evoked what must have been a funny scene whenever it happened: "If you jumped a ball off the pool table, it would roll out the front door."

"**Lucky Liz**" of the Champagne family counted 35 snow machines parked outside the Slanty Shanty one wintry evening when she was a girl, a night that ended memorably when her grandfather, Robert Williams, left the bar, saddled up his Skidoo, sparked it to life, and drove straight into a snow-bank.

It sounds like the joint was often jammed, with the park-

ing lot packed with vehicles on weekend nights year-round. **Carl "Fid" Kutzli** recalled the days when "there were a lot of Model As running around the county," old Fords that slipped into neutral if a driver wasn't careful, or if there were prank-minded kids hanging around.

One night around 1951, Fid's cousin "Tootsie" Chase parked his Model T outside the Slanty Shanty and went in for a few rounds, only to come out to find his car missing. It hadn't gone far. Slipping—or being slipped—into

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Bill Muir, (with his wife, Amel) opened the bar at 7 a.m., ran it until he went to work at the tool company for a shift that ended after midnight, then came home to close the bar at 1 a.m. When did the man sleep? *Courtesy photo.*



The interior of the Slanty Shanty. *Courtesy photo.*



# Personal memories of Muir's Log Cabin, aka Slanty Shanty

**By Susan Muir Trudeau**

In the late 1940s, William and Amelia Muir moved to Lincoln from Detroit, Mich. and purchased a bar located on the outskirts of Lincoln.

Amel (as she was called) was raised in Haines Township and Bill always wanted to own a bar, so they decided to move back to Alcona County. They named the bar "Muir's Log Cabin." The building was made from logs and mortar and had hard wood floors. The front section had the bar with metal tables, juke box and a pool table. It had an extra-large dance floor with surrounding wooden tables and an additional section off the dance floor that could handle at least another 100-plus people. There was also a shuffle board table in the back section.

The bar was built on the side of a hill so when you entered the door, the floor was slanted approximately 12 inches from the door to the top end of the bar. New patrons would always comment "they felt like they had one too many, even before having one drink..." It was always a great conversation piece.

Bill and Amel only had a nine-month beer and wine license in the beginning and always closed in December and reopened in April. Later they upgraded to a liquor license and stayed open almost year around. They always closed around Christmas to spend time with the family.

Bill and Amel, with their children, lived in the back of the bar at the start. There was an open room with a

kitchen and an upstairs with a bedroom. Later they moved into a rental in Lincoln until they purchased property on Ritchie Road outside of Lin-

coln.

Starting out it was not easy. Amel tells the stories of sitting all day and at the end of the night took in \$.50. Bill

was a machinist and he eventually went to Saginaw, Mich. to work during the week and came home on the weekends. The kids got used to seeing

the regular customers and they became great friends.

As time went on, business picked up, Bill quit his job in Saginaw and started working at the machine shop in Harrisville. Bill would open the bar at 7 a.m. and Amel would relieve him at 2:30 p.m. so he could get to Harrisville. Amel would run the bar until Bill got home at 1 a.m. and he closed up.

In a routine day, the county guys would always stop in for a quick one on their way home from work, local business patrons were always checking in, and they made many lifelong friends with visitors from across the state and country.

Saturday was a wild day with the locals playing pool, shuffle board, cards and telling hunting and fishing stories. There was always one bigger to get. Trappers, hunters and fisherman always shared tales and brought in samples of their wares and catches. Sometimes it was so loud you could not hear yourself talk.



Happy patrons. Photo courtesy of Susan Muir Trudeau.

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## Shanty

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neutral, it had rolled east down the hill, across F-41, and into the woods on the other side of the road.

Fid's daughter, **Cathy Thompson**, admitted that, with a cold one in her hand inside the Shanty at age 16, "I was too young to be there."

That was a common theme among the people I asked. It seems that many Alconians quaffed their first alcohol underage at the Slanty Shanty. (I can relate; the friendly folks behind the bar at Ki Cuyler's Dugout Lounge were happy to start serving me at 17, and kept pouring me shells of Hamm's as Michigan kept upping its drinking age. One of the servers kidded me once by asking, "Eric, did you ever turn 21?")

What memories of Ki's do you have to share with me? It is a place we miss...

To be continued next week...

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.)

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# Lady Tigers fall to Oscoda in district semis

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team gave the eventual district champion a run for its money on November 2. The Lady Tigers lost the Division 3 district semifinal game in four sets, 25-14, 20-25, 27-25 and 25-19, in a contest held at Tawas.

"I am so proud of our performance," said head coach Kristi Miller. "Even though it did not go our way, the girls fought to the final point and played their best defensive game of the season. Carmen Dellar and Angelina Howe were solid at the net and delivered powerful blocks. Our attackers did a nice job finding holes and making aggressive plays, while our defense hustled, anticipated and covered to keep the ball in play. It was an intense game, and everyone stepped up."

Dellar finished with nine kills and four blocks. Emma Travis had 65 assists and 24 digs. Sage Gauthier had five aces.

On October 31 Alcona opened up the post-season with a five set win over Whittemore-Prescott, 25-12, 25-17, 21-25, 21-25 and 15-5.

"We started off with a surge of energy and consistency and won the first two sets," Miller said. "The second and third sets, we seemed to have lost our focus and Whittemore picked up their performance, which resulted in more errors and safe plays. In the fifth set we came out much stronger and aggressive. Carmen and Angelina had huge plays at the net and Sage and Addison Beatty picked up big aces at key points during the game."

Dellar led the attack with 15 kills and Howe hit down 12 kills. Gauthier and Beatty each had five aces. Travis had 20 digs and Howe also had three blocks.

On October 29 the Lady Tigers wrapped up the regular season at the North Star League Big Dipper tournament, and went 4-3 on the day. They lost to Oscoda 25-13 and 25-17; topped Rogers City 25-20 and 25-22; fell to Mio 25-13 and 25-16; and defeated the Charlton Heston Academy 25-9 and 25-6. They



Alcona's Angelina Howe makes a play at the net during district action at Tawas. Photo by Ben Murphy.

took down W-P 25-10 and 25-23; lost to Oscoda again 25-18 and 25-13; and topped Rogers City again 23-25, 25-16 and 15-9.

"The girls had success throughout the day and came from behind in a few sets, to pull off wins. We kept fighting and never gave up. After making it to bracket play, we took on Oscoda and, then, Rogers City. It was definitely a positive for us to come up with a win to finish third. Angelina had a strong day on the net and Carmen really hustled to make plays defen-

sively.

Howe finished the day with 37 kills and three blocks. Travis had 219 assists and 22 aces and Dellar finished with 36 digs.

"Throughout the season, we made many adjustments," Miller said. "The girls worked to improve their game, and finished well. I am looking forward to the future, and am not quite ready for this season to be over. It is evident we have work to do in the off-season to prepare, and I am hopeful the girls are motivated to do so."

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In the early days, hunting season was crazy. They had a band on Friday and Saturday nights from Barton City and the place was jammed. According to Amel, at times it was three to four people deep at the bar for drinks. They also had people waiting on tables. Those were the days when the guys packed up their gear, left the gals at home and stayed in the hunting camps for the two weeks. They hunted all day and partied in the bars at night. Hangovers made a challenge for the next morning's hunt. The crowds would get a little wild

and, one time, a couple of arrows landed in the ceiling above the bar.

There were many mementoes left behind from the good and wild times every year. When you walked in the bar, you could see many memories hanging from the ceiling and walls.

For a short time, Amel, who was a great cook, would make chili and burgers to serve patrons as well as pickled eggs on the bar. The locals wanted a party so she cooked beaver from the trappers for the group and it was wonderful.

There are so many stories to tell. Amel always said "she could write a book on all the funny and good things that happened at Muir's Log Cabin." How I wish she would have written that book!

Their daughter Susan went on to college but would return on weekends and work at the bar to give her folks a break. She really enjoyed visiting with old friends and reliving old times.

After close to 25 years of bar ownership, Bill and Amel decided to retire. On May 24, 1971, the fine people of Alcona County surprised them with a farewell party which touched them deeply.

Bill worked for Gillies Funeral Home for a few years and Amel worked in Oscoda at a factory for a short time. They both finally retired completely in the late 1980s and enjoyed their home and family.

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# Start preserving that trophy in the field

By **Gregg Schefferly**  
Outdoor Writer

For many of us bagging a trophy buck is a lifelong pursuit. Every one of us have a different idea of what constitutes a trophy.

In our youth any legal buck was a trophy. Most hunters still have the first set of antlers from their first buck. Generally, as we grow older so does the size of the buck we consider to be a trophy. While the bucks of northeast Michigan generally don't grow as large as they do in the southern part of the state, or Iowa, Illinois, or Canada; a trophy is a memory worth preserving.

Every year in northern Michigan a few lucky hunters are blessed to harvest a buck large enough that requires a trip to the taxidermist. Having a whitetail buck mounted is an investment that you want to enjoy for many years to come.

I'm amazed when I stop to think of how many years have passed since I've bagged some of the bucks I have on the wall. The first buck I took to the taxidermist was 1989, 33 years ago. The first bear I harvested and mounted was back in 1982, 40 years ago.

Besides reminding me how old I'm getting, it's an example that a mount will be around for a lot of years and



woods. I found the best tool to use to drag deer is a Jet sled. Not only does it protect your trophy, but it pulls through the woods much easier. Another bonus for anyone trying to get a muzzleloader buck out of the woods, pulling a buck out by its antlers that time of year is a very risky proposition.

Another very risky proposition is dragging a buck behind an ATV. Even worse than tearing off chunks of hair, a lot of hunters have found out the hard way when they look back or stop and discover that a tine or beam has broken off as a result of catching on a log or root. Another mistake commonly made is the lucky hunter will throw a trophy in the back of his truck and leave it. A lot of potential problems can arise from this.

Once rigor mortis sets in the deer probably isn't positioned to allow for the easiest removal of the hide and this makes the taxidermist job

For many of us bagging a trophy is worthy of celebration and a little camp hopping to show your buddies is a must. If you plan on having it mounted, handle it carefully prior to dropping it off at the taxidermist. Taxidermist can work miracles, but your treatment will ensure the memory your preserving looks as incredible as it did when it stepped out in front of you.

Until I bagged my trophy of a lifetime last year, the last buck I'd taken to the taxidermist was a 10 point I shot with my bow in 1998. Some hunters are blessed to have prime hunting where they hunt and have more opportunities.

After bagging my buck last year, we took both a Jet sled and my side-by-side back to retrieve it. We set the buck in the sled and then set the sled in the back of the side by side, to protect it. After dressing and rinsing it out, the trip to the taxidermist was made the very next day to ensure the buck was in the best condition.

Speaking of being successful, it amazes me how a few hunters have to be so negative. It doesn't matter if it's a young hunter shooting their first buck or a mature hunter shooting a trophy buck after many years of hunting. Fortunately, the majority are happy for and very supportive of and will go out of their way to congratulate the successful hunter.

A friend dropped by recently who told me about someone who was very angry and resentful that I shot the buck I shot last year. Apparently, this individual watched it on his property and felt it was his buck. It's very sad and pathetic someone can be that way. It took me 44 years of hunting to bag that buck and I know it's a buck for the ages. I truly feel blessed and appreciate my good fortune.

I paid my dues. It matters not how much land you own;

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The trophy of the ages worthy of a trip to the taxidermist. Photo by Gregg Schefferly.

initially, how you treat it can make a difference on how it stands up to the test of time.

After bagging a buck there are so many things that hunters are guilty of regarding initial treatment of something they plan to have mounted. One of the first mistakes is how they bring it out of the woods. Most every hunter has pulled them out by the antlers, dragging it through mud, over logs, snagging sticks, and rubbing against trees -- it's inevitable. Deer hair is hollow and easily breaks off.

If you're not careful chunks of hair can come off while dragging them out of the

very difficult. Additionally, depending on the temperatures and whether or not the deer is wet, (even condensation generated while cooling) the hide can cause the deer to freeze to the bottom of the truck or if it's warm can cause spoilage of both meat and the hide. This can cause hair slippage.

I've heard stories of lucky hunters who've made these mistakes. Not only does it cost more (have to buy a new cape), but it just isn't the same having someone else's hide on your buck. I'd much rather have the hide from the actual trophy I harvested.

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# Trophy

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it comes down to being in the right place at the right time. As hunters we should all understand the odds are against us of harvesting a buck for the ages and when someone does, we should all go out of our way to congratulate them and be happy for their success.

In closing, I hope everyone of us has a safe and great hunting season. Many times, looking back, it's not about success, it's the memories shared with family and friends. Good hunting.

*(Gregg Schefferly grew up and spent the majority of his life in northeastern Michigan. With the lakes and forests as his playground, he has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)*

# Community

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volunteers filling all the pews of the church with boxes and bags of toys," Travis said.

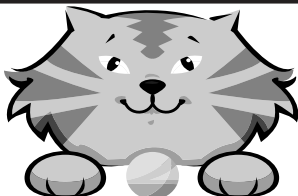
Last year the Alcona High School National Honor Society students helped to fill the boxes and bags, as well as some employees of St. Vincent de Paul who donated their time. Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact Marciniak or Travis at St. Vincent de Paul.

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# Daily money managers can help seniors with financial chores

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any services that can help my elderly mother with her financial chores? My dad always used to handle the bill paying and paperwork, but he passed away last year, and mom struggles to keep on top of things. And I don't live close enough to help her on a regular basis.

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

It sounds like your mom could use a good daily money manager (or DMM). These are financial savvy professionals that can help older adults who have difficulty managing their own day to day personal financial affairs.

The types of services they provide typically includes paying bills, maintaining financial records, balancing checkbooks and negotiating with creditors. DMMs can also prepare checks for clients to sign, help older people organize bank and financial records, prepare and deliver bank deposits, gather and

organize documents for tax returns, help decipher medical bills, and review bank statements in order to detect potential financial abuse or fraud.

### Where to Find DMMs

Depending on where your mom lives, DMM services may be available through private nonprofit elder assistance organizations or government agencies. These agencies often use volunteers to provide basic DMM tasks, such as bill paying at no cost. To find out if this is available in your mom's area contact her Area Aging Agency. Visit ElderCare.acl.gov or call (800) 677-1116 for contact information.

In addition to the nonprofit DMMs, an increasing number of individuals and private for-profit companies have started offering DMM services for a fee. Cost for these services varies by region but it often ranges between \$25 and \$100 per hour. Most clients need approximately four hours of services per month, but this too varies according



Savvy Senior

to the complexity of the person's financial situation.

The best place to look for a professional DMM in your mom's area is through the American Association of Daily Money Managers (AADMM.com), which offers an online directory that lets you search by ZIP code. All the pros listed there have signed the group's code of ethics. Some have passed a certification exam to earn the designation of Certified Daily Money Manager.

Before hiring a daily money manager, however, get references from two or more of their clients and check them. Also, find out what they charge and what type of in-

surance coverage they have.

Keep in mind that neither federal nor state governments regulate the DMM industry, so there is little oversight of these services. So before turning over your mom's bills, make certain it's someone you can trust.

One other highly rated bill-paying service you should know about that's specifically designed for older adults and caregivers is SilverBills (SilverBills.com). Available nationwide, this is a secure concierge bill management service that will manage your mom's bills and pay them on her behalf, on-time and cor-

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# Buggy Rides

Ford touring car turns over in ditch

Alex Bushey and Party Have Narrow Escape from Serious Injury

**November 16, 1922** ~ Friday morning a Ford touring car driven by Alex Bushey and containing Mrs. Bushey, her mother, Mrs. Henry Mosseau, and Mrs. Nell Santhany, all of Pinnebog, Mich., turned bottom side up in a ditch on M-10 between Standish and Omer.

The party was driving from their home in Huron County to visit relatives in Spruce, where the Busheys formerly lived. Their car had a winter top and all went well until about 10 o'clock when in making a sharp corner at too fast a clip the car went over the side and landed bottom side up in a deep ditch.

All the occupants were badly shaken up and bruised but no bones were broken. Mrs. Mosseau, who is 80 years of age, was cut and bruised about the head, but at last reports she was not feeling any great inconvenience from her injuries.

Repairs were made at Standish, to both passengers and car, and they continued their trip north Sunday, when they arrived at the home of Max Bushey where they are visiting.

District tournament action begins for Lady Tigers

**November 19, 1997** ~ By Rich Mills

Another very successful basketball season is in the books - now the second season begins.

District tournament play kicks off this week.

The Lady Tigers will have to make the long bus ride to Onaway. They face the host, Onaway Cardinals, Tuesday evening. The winner of that game moves on to play Johannesburg-Lewiston. The Thursday night winner of that contest will play either Rogers City or Indian River-Inland Lakes on Friday evening, 7:30 p.m., in the district finals.

Without conference competition, tournament success is what Coach Joell Krejcarek and her Tigers shoot for from day one. Alcona has an advantage from years past because this season they faced much stiffer competition. Their four losses came to high-rated Redford Bishop Borgess, Kalkaska (twice) and Hancock.

The Lady Tigers have to be the district favorites, but Indian River-Inland Lakes and Rogers City (maybe even Joburg) are capable of an upset.

In regional play, Harbor Springs, Benzie Central and McBain loom on the horizon.

All have been rated in the Class C polls throughout the year. Alcona (forgive me for jumping ahead) will probably have to play Harbor Springs in their first regional contest. They are currently rated num-

ber two in the Detroit Free Press behind Bishop-Borgess. Their season record is 19-1. They beat Kalkaska by two points in one of their contests.

The Lady Tigers wrapped up their regular season with an easy, 71-32 home win over Arenac Eastern. They then lost a barn-burner at Kalkaska, 68-60.

Sophomore Maria Unkovich led four Lady Tigers in double figures against Arenac with 15 points. Juniors Sarah Kruttlin and Lauren James followed with 13 and 12 points while senior Ashley Goddard added 10 points.

At Kalkaska both teams matched basket-for-basket before a charged-up Blazer crowd.

Senior Michelle Unkovich led Alcona with 18 points. All stater Leigh Dalton led all scorers with 26 points.

Alcona's Junior Varsity wrapped up another great season with two victories. Coach John Katona's squad finished with a 17-2 season record. Both losses (to Bishop Borgess and Oscoda) were close with starters out of the line-up. Congratulations girls!

Freshmen Emilee Werda led the 63-23 win over Arenac with 16 points. Ashley Somers followed with 11 points, while Jen Buchner pumped in 10.

At Kalkaska the score was closer (38-30) but the result the same. Buchner led the Alcona scorers with 14 points including 4 of 5 free throws

down the stretch. Stephanie James also hit double with 12. Sophomores Buchner and James have been moved up to the varsity for tournament play.

# Business changes hands

**November 16, 1922** ~ Mrs. Anne King wishes to introduce Miss Dorothy McNabb, who has taken over the Anne Louise Beauty Salon in Harrisville.

Miss McNabb was formerly employed in the Grand Clare Beauty Shoppe in Detroit. She is an expert hair stylist and a specialist in razor hair cutting.

Mrs. King wishes to thank her patrons and assure them that they will be very well satisfied with Miss McNabb's work.

The Salon will now be open from 9 to 6, six days a week.

### Super Crossword

Answers

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which animal is believed to have the most powerful bite in the world?
  2. **TELEVISION:** Where is the Dunder Mifflin office located in "The Office"?
  3. **LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century horror novel is set in the Overlook Hotel?
  4. **MUSIC:** Before his solo career, singer Harry Styles was part of which boy band?
  5. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital city of Denmark?
  6. **MOVIES:** Which book is the 1922 silent film "Nosferatu" based upon?
  7. **BUSINESS:** Which company goes by the nickname "Big Blue"?
  8. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which state has produced the most presidents (8) by birth?
  9. **ANATOMY:** What is a common name for the tympanic membrane?
  10. **U.S. STATES:** Which state features a full-size replica of the Parthenon?
- Answers: 1. Spidee; 2. California; 3. Dracula.; 7. IBM.; 8. Virginia.; 9. Eardrum.; 10. Tennessee. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Nov. 14, 1889, journalist Nellie Bly took a page from Jules Verne's novel "Around the World in 80 Days" by following in the footsteps of the book's protagonist, Phileas Fogg, and embarked on her own adventure, starting in Hoboken, New Jersey. She chronicled the trip in her book "Around the World in 72 Days."
  - On Nov. 15, 1949, Nathuram Godse, Narayan Apte and six of their co-conspirators in the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi were hanged at the Ambala jail. Godse, unhappy over Gandhi's accommodation of Indian Muslims, had shot Gandhi the previous January while Gandhi was out for his evening prayers.
  - On Nov. 16, 1990, Fabrice Morvan and Rob Pilatus, known to the pop music world as Milli Vanilli, were humiliatingly stripped of their Grammy award for the "Girl You Know It's True" album when it was revealed they hadn't sung even a note of it.
  - On Nov. 17, 1827, the Delta Phi fraternity, America's oldest continuous social fraternity, was founded at Union College in Schenectady, New York. With just 10 active chapters today, it has resisted expansion in order to create an "intimate, personal experience" for its members.
  - On Nov. 18, 1872, American civil rights activist Susan B. Anthony and 14 of her brave female cohorts were arrested for voting illegally in the United States presidential election of 1872. Though she was fined \$100, she refused to pay a cent of it.
  - On Nov. 19, 1493, Christopher Columbus set foot on the island called Borinquen, which he had viewed for the first time the day before. He rechristened it San Juan Bautista, but today we know it as Puerto Rico.
  - On Nov. 20, 1805, Beethoven's only opera, "Leonore, or The Triumph of Marital Fidelity" (later known as Fidelio), premiered in Vienna -- not to its originally intended audience of the aristocracy and Imperial court, who had fled before Napoleon's advancing army, but a small audience of French officers. Their unsurprising lack of enthusiasm shelved the project for nearly a decade.
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## Super Crossword

### A STUDY IN SCARLETT

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Acquire a wintry glaze</p> <p>6 Ending for Rock</p> <p>10 Dollars and cents</p> <p>14 Woodard with four Emmys</p> <p>19 Many a Jamaican believer, informally</p> <p>20 Canine pain</p> <p>22 "Yes, —!" ("Definitely!")</p> <p>23 1936 film sequel with William Powell and Myrna Loy</p> <p>25 Utter words</p> <p>26 — Boys (hit rap trio)</p> <p>27 "Lenore" poet</p> <p>28 Suffered</p> <p>29 Abbr. on a naval vessel</p> <p>30 A wide physical variety</p> <p>37 Stretch (out)</p> <p>38 Oscar winner Jared</p> <p>39 Seattle baseball team</p> <p>40 Possible reply to "Who's there?"</p> | <p>43 Debater's platform</p> <p>44 Model Klum</p> <p>46 While lead-in</p> <p>47 1997 James Bond film</p> <p>51 — trial basis</p> <p>52 Mess up morally</p> <p>53 Locale of Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle"</p> <p>54 Immune response trigger</p> <p>59 Mess up</p> <p>61 Canine coat</p> <p>63 Scarf site</p> <p>65 "Yay, me!"</p> <p>66 Question about a weak effort</p> <p>72 Woman on the throne</p> <p>73 Designer Cassini</p> <p>74 Father</p> <p>75 LA-to-IN dir.</p> <p>76 Apply via an aerosol</p> <p>79 Rockabilly singer Chris</p> <p>82 "Send help!"</p> <p>84 Epoch</p> <p>86 Influential Brian Eno album of 1975</p> <p>90 Peter of "Columbo"</p> <p>94 Dark beer</p> | <p>95 Rock guitarist Lofgren</p> <p>96 No-brainer class</p> <p>97 Cut across</p> <p>99 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer</p> <p>Édouard —</p> <p>100 Sun. church oration</p> <p>101 Fifteen minutes of fame</p> <p>105 Triceps' place</p> <p>108 Quick snacks</p> <p>109 Intense anger</p> <p>110 Electrical resistance measures</p> <p>112 Shrink back</p> <p>113 Novel and film whose last line is formed by six key words in this puzzle</p> <p>118 "— Is Born"</p> <p>119 Came to an end</p> <p>120 Finnish architect Alvar —</p> <p>121 Comes to an end</p> <p>122 Je ne — quoi</p> <p>123 Bullets, e.g.</p> <p>124 Hair lock</p> | <p>3 "Cómo —?"</p> <p>4 Rugged trucks, briefly</p> <p>5 Ones sharing in meals, e.g.</p> <p>6 Jazz singer Waters</p> <p>7 "Little piggy"</p> <p>8 Young child</p> <p>9 Verb suffix in the Bible</p> <p>10 Olympic craft</p> <p>11 Top points</p> <p>12 "— Na Na"</p> <p>13 She cackles</p> <p>14 Home of St. Francis</p> <p>15 Contour of one's kisser</p> <p>16 Coldest refrigerator part</p> <p>17 Bookworms</p> <p>18 "Oh no, mice!"</p> <p>21 River giant, informally</p> <p>24 Floor square</p> <p>28 Actor Brody</p> <p>31 Deli side dish</p> <p>32 Ketchup brand</p> <p>33 Befuddled</p> <p>34 Surrounded by</p> <p>35 Gymnast Comaneci</p> <p>36 JFK jet, once</p> <p>37 Angry music genre</p> <p>40 Skater Midori</p> | <p>41 Gets rid of some flab</p> <p>42 More brainy</p> <p>43 Dunkable treat</p> <p>44 "— mud in your eye!"</p> <p>45 Put up</p> <p>48 Rock fissure</p> <p>49 Pickling liquid</p> <p>50 Clic — (Bic brand)</p> <p>55 Persia, now</p> <p>56 Artillery unit members</p> <p>57 Aged</p> <p>58 Prefix with classical</p> <p>60 Actress Perlman</p> <p>62 Pi follower</p> <p>64 Early English dramatist Thomas</p> <p>66 Mental figs.</p> <p>67 Novelist Seton</p> <p>68 Peace Nobel</p> <p>69 Surrounded (by)</p> <p>70 Springs in deserts</p> <p>71 Japanese wheat noodle</p> <p>77 Beginnings</p> <p>78 Tally mark</p> <p>80 Strain at — (fuss over trivialities)</p> <p>81 Shrimplike crustacean</p> | <p>83 Sugary delicacy, old-style</p> <p>85 Org. for periodontists</p> <p>87 Carry along</p> <p>88 Race in "The Time Machine"</p> <p>89 Rowing tool</p> <p>90 Bouquet-bringing co.</p> <p>91 Middle East studier</p> <p>92 Let have it</p> <p>93 Ski mask, e.g.</p> <p>98 Villains' looks</p> <p>99 Lerner's partner in musicals</p> <p>100 "Quiet down"</p> <p>102 Moses' mount</p> <p>103 Hunts quarry</p> <p>104 Reached</p> <p>105 Moving spryly</p> <p>106 Fees for flats</p> <p>107 Old PC platform</p> <p>111 Wage — of words</p> <p>112 Used to exist</p> <p>113 Motorist's navig. aid</p> <p>114 Ending for Rock</p> <p>115 Boise is its cap.</p> <p>116 Actor Hanks</p> <p>117 Fan sound</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2015, Colin Furze invented a creative alarm that would literally throw its user out of bed.
- A study in which researchers scanned actors' brains while they answered questions revealed that their brain activity differed depending on whether they spoke as themselves or as the character they were portraying.
- Female ferrets will die if they go as long as a year without mating, due to elevated estrogen levels.
- Prior to 2011, any drink in Russia with less than 10% alcohol content was legally classified as a soft drink.
- On Aug. 20, 2013, a group of students from Delaware built the tallest Lego tower in the world, standing at 112 feet tall and consisting of more than 500,000 pieces.
- Not that we think you're likely to drop an ant from the Empire State Building, but if you do, you should know ahead of time that it will walk away unharmed. Due to its proportions and tough exoskeleton, its terminal velocity won't be enough to kill or hurt it on impact.
- If the sun explodes, we won't know it until just over eight minutes afterward.
- Pretty much everyone finds TV ads annoying, but at least they don't normally last too long -- with the exception of a commercial for Old Spice that aired in Brazil in 2018 and ran a staggering 14 hours, earning it a Guinness World Record for the longest TV ad ever.
- In the early 1900s, tug of war, pigeon shooting and pistol dueling were Olympic sports.
- Studies suggest that "Huh?" is the closest thing humans have to a universal word. This expression is understood and used in almost every language.

Thought for the Day: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." -- Winston Churchill

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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 **W**

ETSI EZLQN KZL YSQQ SYIXHUU  
 IZRQPW PJ THX TZRH EHXH ZW  
 S WSXXZE UPNH XZSN?  
 QPQK ZJ ITH SQQHK.

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## Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

### Cornucopia vase

This strange piece of art pottery is a cornucopia vase, popular in the 1930s. It was made by the Roseville Pottery Company. The pattern name is White Rose.

Roseville Pottery Company started in Roseville, Ohio, in 1890. A second plant was opened in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1898. White Rose pattern was introduced in the 1940s. White Rose cornucopia vases were made in two sizes, 6 inch (143-6) and 8 inch (144-8). By the late 1940s, there were over 50 shapes in the White Rose pattern glazed in different colors such as sea blue, coral or autumn brown. Reproductions of Roseville pottery have been made in China and sold since the 1980s. The fakes are a different size, so they can be identified. A real, blue Cornucopia White Rose vase that is 8 inches tall sells for \$100 to \$125.

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Q: I have two boxes with 50 matchbooks. Are they worth more individually or as a set in the box? Are the covers worth more with the matches or without them? If I want to sell them, are there restrictions on shipping matches?

A: Book matches were invented and patented by Joshua Pusey in 1892. He sold the patent to the Diamond Match Co. of America in 1894. Matchbook collectors are called "phillumenists." There



The White Rose cornucopia vase by Roseville Pottery has been reproduced. Authentic vases like this one can sell for \$100 to \$125. *photo Courtesy of the Kovels*

are local, regional, national and international clubs for collectors. The Rathkamp Matchcover Society is the world's oldest phillumenic organization. The Society's website, matchcover.org, lists swap meets and conventions. Collectors look for unused matchbooks with old ads, travel themes and other subjects. If there is a swap meet near you, you can see what covers are selling for and you might be able to find a buyer. Don't let someone pick out the best ones and leave you with a bunch that are not worth much and will be hard to sell. If you plan to ship your collection to a buyer, remove the matches before shipping.

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TIP: The value of a matchbook cover is lowered by writing or marks, scrapes or gouge marks from a carelessly removed staple or a damaged or missing striker.

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## Veterans Host

By Greddy Groves

### Health Record System Delayed ... Again

The Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record system will be delayed. Instead of putting out a shoddy product, the VA has elected to halt deploying the system until June 2023.

This comes after a previous delay that was announced last summer, which said that the deployment would be pushed back until January 2023.

It's apparently been one software glitch after the other at the locations they're using as testing -- problems with scheduling, referrals, medication, test results and medical orders. And more. Months ago the VA's Office of Inspector General uncovered many instances of patient harm resulting from the new program. Specifically, over 200 doctor orders went

astray, sent to nobody knows where, resulting in 149 instances of patient harm -- at just one testing site.

They're calling this the "assess & address" period, and it's good that they're halting the expansion. Patient safety has to be at the top of the list, especially the issuing of prescription drugs.

Meanwhile, on the off chance that your local facility is a testing site, take charge of your care.

If you think you should have gotten an appointment or referral (maybe the doctor said so?), follow up. If you're awaiting a test result, call them. When a medical provider says you'll be given a prescription for a drug, write down the name of that drug and the dose. (Ask how it's spelled.) When you receive your drug, check it carefully. Go online to a drug checking

website ([www.drugs.com/pill\\_identification.html](http://www.drugs.com/pill_identification.html)) and be sure the photo of the pill online matches what you received. Use a magnifying glass to look at the tiny numbers on your pills.

At this writing, my best guess about the sites where the program is being tested are: Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, Central Ohio Healthcare System and Roseberg and White City, Oregon.

A handful of senators, meanwhile, are saying that the program needs to be dumped, not only because of the patient safety concerns, but because the price tag has increased by billions of dollars.

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#### Notice to Creditors

The Laura K. Cascio Trust dated June 4, 2008

Notice to creditors: Grantor, Laura K. Cascio, who resided in Alcona County, Michigan and whose date of birth was November 21, 1924, died on September 29, 2022. This Notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7608. There is no personal representative of the grantor's estate to whom letters of authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or The Laura K. Cascio Trust dated June 4, 2008, will be forever barred unless presented in writing to: Paul Thomas Cascio, successor trustee, c/o Connie Meech, Atty., Wakefield Law, P.C., 100 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 140, Troy, Mich. 48084, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. Dated: November 16, 2022

Connie Meech, Esq. (P55497), Attorney  
Wakefield Law, P.C.  
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Troy, Mich. 48084  
Paul Thomas Cascio  
Successor Trustee  
22455 Irwin Road  
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### ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's November board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: LaLonde, MacNeill, Gauthier, Bouchard. Absent: Bolanowski, excused. Motions to approve minutes from October meeting; accept treasurer report; to pay bills as presented; to adopt Municipal Civil Infractions and Dangerous Buildings Ordinances. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

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Mr. Daniel O'Connor  
"Elementary Playground Excavation"  
Alcona Community Schools  
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Harrisville, MI 48740

Questions should be referred to Mr. Richard Hawes, Director of Maintenance, at 989-736-6211.

1. Furnish and install boulders
  2. Furnish and install playground sand surfacing (Playground supplier will excavate the areas for sand)
  3. Furnish, excavate for, and install limestone walkways
  4. Prep and plant 'planting area' at upper
- Daniel O'Connor  
Alcona Community Schools  
Superintendent  
Phone: (989) 736-6212  
Fax: (989) 736-8495

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### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board regular meeting held November 9. Motion passed to pay bills as presented. Motion passed to approve minutes of October 12 and special meeting minutes, with changes, of October 26. Motion passed to approve ZA zoning and land use application rates. Motion passed to accept Hickey Hill proposal and to dissolve to committee. Motion passed to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Synopsis is being printed prior to board approval.

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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips, treasurer Mahalak, clerk Somers, and council members Durham, Lucas, Schick and Wambold. Council Members Gauthier and Healy were absent.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The minutes from the special meeting of October 18 were approved on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Schick with support from Wambold. Payment of the bills was approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Durham.

The pavilion is being constructed. Flights of Imagination will be sealed next spring. The planning committee met on October 17 and the Tax Abatement Policy was sent to our attorney for approval. It will be sent back to the committee for approval before being presented to the council for consideration.

An application was received from Christine Skuse about joining the planning committee. A motion was

made by Durham, with support from Schick, to approve Christine Skuse. Some changes have been sent to Eric from NEMCOG for inclusion in the RRC plan. Mahalak gave the zoning report.

Several letters are being sent out to other owners that need to clean up their properties. No fire department report was given.

Gary Graves gave the maintenance report. He's going to be working further on the problem with the sewer system. He said our dump truck has been fixed and is ready for winter. A motion was made by Schick, with support from Wambold, to offer \$11 per hour to anyone working as an assistant to our maintenance man. Carried.

Some of the village streets have been re-stripped including Barlow Road, Lake Street and Traverse Bay Road. A letter of intent to apply for a sewer grant has been filed with help from the Michigan Municipal League Foundation. No news on the electric car charging station has been received.

A motion was made by Wambold, with Lucas, offering support to allow the Lincoln Lions to use the Village Hall for the Christmas in the village festivities on December 2. The planning commission will meet Monday, Nov. 21 at 6. Schick made a motion to adjourn with support from Wambold. Carried.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

### Sportsman Estates AUCTION!

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**Savvy** *Continued from page 9*

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# What will I find joy in today?

It works best when I see it first thing every morning. It influences and improves every experience I have that day.

This simple handwritten note, on a piece of scrap paper that I have taped to the mirror. It's directly in my vision as I have my first "self-talk" each day while brushing my teeth and it sets the tone for whatever I'm about to encounter.

The note simply says, "What will I find joy in today?" and promises that if I focus on that perspective, I will be able to find the joy that lurks beneath every experience, be they good or bad. Yes, there can be joy in the bad, it's just harder to locate.

This routine kind of morphed from an old saying my dad liked to utilize as a warning to my siblings and I when we were growing up, especially when we were in high school. He'd say, "If you go looking for trouble, you're going to find it." Funny how we can catch ourselves about to say the things our parents said, even though we promised ourselves "When I grow up, I'll never talk like them." But, alas, sometimes we do because it makes the point to our own kids that our parent was attempting to make to us.

I know this will sound strange but one of my favorite hobbies is creating new thought processes out of the tried and true. I attempt to create a new perspective, or a different and unique way, of looking at the same thing. You see, I found value in asking myself each day what had brought me joy that day. I'd replay the day in my head and enjoy once again all of the different things that had brought me joy. Then it occurred to me that if I began each day looking for joy (trouble) in every experience I had, by the end of the day I

## Thoughts to Ponder

*By Paul White*



had significantly found more (joy).

Studies show that we all crave the presence of joy in our life. And we'd like to increase the amount of joy we experience each day. Funny, isn't it? The more joy we experience the more we naturally share with others. Just think, if we all sought joy in every encounter each day, and when we found it we shared it with others, I'm pretty sure we could change the world -- at least our small part of it.

This is where the "finding joy even in the bad" comes in. When you find yourself in a situation going bad, attempting to find joy forces you to enlist the help of compassion and care as you seek to understand why things aren't going better.

I frequently find myself telling the paradigm shift story that author Stephen Covey shared. He was on a train enjoying the peace and quiet when at a stop a man and his three kids came on and the kids were immediately disruptive and noisy. The man sat down staring at the floor and was disengaged from his kids. Finally, Covey spoke up, asked the man to attend to his children who were misbehaving and disrupting all of the other passengers. The man looked up and apologized saying, "I'm sorry, we've just come from the hospital where the children lost their mother, and I lost my wife."

Could it be that the person we're engaged with in a situation headed south has a

similar story to that suffering father? Maybe the joy you're destined to experience is derived from the joy you provide the people on the other side of the situation. Is that a thought process you're willing to consider?

As my Dad would kind of say, "If you go looking for joy, you're going to find it," which led to me creating a saying of my own which is: Rather than looking for things that bring you joy, *master finding joy in all that you do.*

So will you? Will you jot down the question "What will I find joy in today?" and tape it to your mirror where you'll see it first thing in the morning each day? I sure hope so. It's very similar to investing \$10 in yourself in the morning and being worth \$100 by the end of the day. It's the same ratio when you're actually looking for joy. Don't wait. Take action right now and insert the gift of abundant joy each day.

All it takes is a note on a piece of scrap paper.

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