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Alcona Backpack program receives large donation

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

When school is in session, breakfast and lunch meals are free, something many parents living on very limited incomes appreciate, but what happens when the children go home for the weekend and have no food to eat?

Over a decade ago, a solution came to mind from a handful of volunteers -- send those students in need home with a backpack filled with nonperishable food items to feed them through the weekend. Thus, the Alcona Elementary School Backpack Program was born and since has supplied over 30,000 bags of food to students.

The group celebrated its 10 years of success in a big way last week by having a cash drawing as well as receiving a check for \$5,000 from the charitable fund of Farm Bureau Insurance Agents, a Michigan Insurance Company.

On hand to present the check was the chairman of the fund Robert Barrigar, a Farm Bureau Insurance Agent from Alpena and Liz Jekielek, a Farm Bureau Insurance Agent from Black River.



Farm Bureau Insurance Agents, Robert Barrigar (far left) and Liz Jekielek (far right) present a \$5,000 check to the Alcona Elementary Backpack Program to help end children's hunger. The program serves 86 students living in poverty conditions with weekly food items to take home for the weekend or during school breaks so the children do not go hungry when they are not in school. Receiving the check is Principal of the school, Tim Lee (middle left) and founding member and coordinator for the Backpack Program, Ann Eddinger. Photo by Mary Weber.

Barrigar explained that grants become available from funds collected by Farm Bureau agents in Michigan. The agent fund members then look for any charities that are helping to end hunger and are mainly looking for charities to help end hunger for children.

"We fund six grants every other month at \$5,000 maximum per grant. Because of the number of kids this would be helping and the cost of food items given, we granted the Alcona Elementary School Backpack Program the full \$5,000," Barrigar's said. Over and above the \$5,000 grant, Barrigar's agency helped to sponsor the backpack cash raffle.

He explained at the kickoff of the annual meeting, about 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents raised \$300,000 in one night to launch the agent charitable fund to help end hunger. To make the impact even greater in coming years, Farm Bureau Insurance plans to open donation giving to also come from clients/farmers.

According to Barrigar, Farm Bureau Agents chari-

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Student entrepreneurs open retail store in high school

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It took four years and many hours of hard work to get to this point, but finally, the Alcona High School business students opened a new school store, just in time for holiday shopping.

Aimee Renschenski's leadership and entrepreneurship students were excited to open the new Tiger Den Store on campus last Monday.

"It will take a bit of time for students, staff and parents to get used to having the store open," Renschenski said, "but we are optimistic."

The Tiger Den Store offers a wide variety of spirit wear including pants, jackets, T-

shirts, hoodies, hats and more.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the store is allowed to sell sugary snacks and beverages. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday they follow the "smart snack" rule and only sell healthier food items.

The Tiger Den Store human resource manager/finance manager Chase Kamischke, a junior, said the store will be open Monday through Friday during the day when school is in session but will close during lunch so students running the store can operate their other endeavor: The Tea and Bean Coffee Shop.

Kamischke explained their

first week was a bit slow because of safety day on November 15 and a snow day the next day.

Renschenski explained it took four years to open the store because they closed for much of the 2020 school year due to COVID-19 and then it took additional years for students to build up saleable inventory and get necessary furnishings for the store such as counters, refrigerators, shelves and stands, mostly purchased from the profits made from their online store, pop-up stores before sports games at the school, and proceeds from the on-campus Tea and Bean coffee shop.

Besides snacks, Kamis-

chke felt one of the big sellers for the store was the spirit wear. "As the school year goes on, we will increase the store's inventory" he said.

Morgan Munsey, a senior in the entrepreneurial program, said the store accepts all credit cards, cash and checks.

She explained many of the students have been in the business program for three or more years taking classes such as Introduction to Marketing Management, Entrepreneurship, Retail Management and Small Business Management.

The students are hoping the Tiger Den Store will be a success. "We've had a lot of

success with the coffee shop and we are hoping to do the same here. It's also here to give training to future entrepreneurs," Kamischke said.

"We want to keep the program growing," Munsey added. Her favorite part of the program is the ability to learn business aspects and then actually apply them through the store or the coffee shop.

"It's been nice to be able to apply right away what we learn in class. That's something students usually don't get to do with other classes. What we learn here is essential for everyday life," Munsey said.

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God Bless America



Big tech uses journalism; big tech should pay for it

By John Galer
Guest Publisher

The powers that Google and Facebook have over economic and political power in society – especially over the news industry – has caught the attention of lawmakers in Washington, DC. After a close election and many worries over the quality of public debate, many ask if social media have played a role in the misinformation that erodes our free press and plagues our democracy.

Nowhere is this power more daunting than in the social media giants' use of news organizations' reporting, which the platforms use without compensation to journalists. Google and Facebook have a duopoly of the distribution of digital news content, which drives people to the social media platforms where the owners make money. The platforms hoard critical data and use clever tactics, like reframing stories in rich previews, to keep users on their sites – siphoning off the advertising revenue that small and local publishers need.

Every hour that goes by, Google and Facebook generate millions of dollars in U.S. advertising revenue. That amount could fund dozens of local journalists. But local newspapers in many communities that are funding the people who report on fair and free elections are struggling to meet payroll.

It is time for a change, before we head into another brutal and divisive election season leading up to the 2024 elections. America needs real, factual and independent news reporting more than ever. While national media may be treated with skepticism, research shows that local news media are generally trusted.

But will they have the revenue to do the job?

Congress must take action to curb undue influence of Big Tech on the news media industry and make sure the work of local news-gatherers is fairly compensated. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) aims to do just that. The JCPA is specifically designed to make sure Google and Facebook pay for what they use. The proposed legislation would provide a temporary, limited antitrust safe harbor for small and local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of journalists' content. The policy also incentivizes and rewards publishers who invest in their journalists and newsroom personnel, awarding outlets with demonstrated investments in their staff a larger portion of the funds that result from the negotiations.

By addressing Google's and Facebook's monopoly power and ensuring more subscription and advertising dollars flow back to publishers, the JCPA not only protects and promotes quality news, but also encourages competition. Congress has made progress on this legislation. It should finish the job before the end of the year.

(John Galer is the chairman of National Newspaper Association, a 137-year-old organization representing community newspapers. Galer is the publisher of The Journal-News in Hillsboro, Ill. and other newspapers in central Illinois.)

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Obituaries

Helen M. Campbell

Helen M. Campbell, 89, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at home.

She was born September 28, 1933, to John M. and Ariel A. (Noble) Young in Wyandotte, Mich.

On October 5, 1974, she married Raymond Campbell in Haynes Township.

They were residents of Harrisville.

They enjoyed trips on their motorcycle.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by her husband, Raymond; one stepson, Scott (Lee) Campbell; three brothers, Fredrick Noble Young of Southgate, Mich., William Roy (Lindy) Young of Harrisville and Terry Lee (Phyllis) Young of Harrisville; and one

sister, Bonnie Kay (David) Thill of Trenton, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Newton George Young and John Allen Young; one sister, Connie May Surma; and one sister-in-law, Annie Young.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Anna G. Burgess

Anna Gail Burgess, 86, of Davison, Mich. died on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at home.

She was born in Harrisville August 5, 1936, to Mark and Charlotte (Emerick) Fulsher.

She was a graduate of Oscoda High School Class of 1955.

She married John "Sonny" Burgess in 1956.

She loved taking care of her dogs and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Burgess is survived by one son, Danny Burgess;

two daughters, Cindy (John) Williams and Jan (Albert) Plamondon; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John in 2005; and five siblings.

Cremation has taken place. No services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Iosco County Animal Shelter.



Richard P. "Rick" Steadman

Richard P. "Rick" Steadman, 75, of Waterford, Mich. died on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

He was born July 16, 1947, to Garnet and Isobel "Jeanne" (McMaster) Steadman in Alpena. He was raised in Harrisville.

He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University.

Mr. Steadman worked in management at Daimler Chrysler and retired after 30 years.

He enjoyed travel, gardening and cooking. He especially loved nature and was an animal lover.

Mr. Steadman is survived by one sister, Nancy (Mark) Mudd of Oxford, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Kathryn Steadman of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three nieces, Jane Steadman, Laurie Wray and Lynn (Jed) Robertson; two nephews, Barry Steadman and Gary (Cheryl) Mudd; eight great-nieces and-nephews,

Bear Steadman, Eli Mudd, Owen Mudd, Cameron Wray, Cooper Wray, Allie Wray, Kit Robertson, and Aldi Robertson; and close family friend, Alberto Colin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Barry Steadman.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Interment was in the Springport Mausoleum.

Joan G. Emington

Joan G. Emington, 93, of Lincoln, died on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at home.

She was born September 22, 1929, to Roy and Hortense (LaBerge) McMurray in Saginaw, Mich., where she was raised.

On February 13, 1954, she married James "Jim" Emington in Tawas.

She earned a Master of Science degree in physical education from the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Sorority.

Mrs. Emington taught in Dearborn, Mich., Mt. Clemens, Mich. and at Alcona Community Schools.

She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville, where she was active in Catechism education, the Rosary Altar Society, and other various committees.

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eight great-grandchildren, Anastaisa Emington, Paislyn Evans, Bodie Brown, Ronan Emington, Henrik Evans, Eloise Emington, Josephine Emington, and Luke Emington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, on August 4, 1975; three brothers, Bud McMurray, Eugene "Sonny" McMurray and her twin, John McMurray; two sisters, Betty McMurray and Anneige McMurray; and one grandson, John Paul Emington.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, Nov. 19 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. The Rev. John William officiated. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Calendar of Events

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. 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

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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 30

Children of all ages are in-

vited 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.

A screening of the documentary, "Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice," at 6 p.m. and a discussion with the filmmaker, Audrey Geyer, following the screening. Geyer's latest film shares the stories of Michigan Native American lawyers, tribal judges and their colleagues who work with Native Nations, their citizens and mainstream institutions. Everyone is welcome to attend this event at the Alpena County public library, 211 N. First Ave., Alpena. For more information, visit the library's website: www.al-penalibrary.org.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

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, DECEMBER 2

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.

Santa Claus is coming to the Village of Lincoln. This annual family event begins at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln fire hall and train depot. There will be a bonfire, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate to go with the holiday sounds by the Alcona High School choir and Rex Manning. The Man in Red will meet youngsters at the depot. This event is sponsored by the Lincoln Lions, Friends of the Lincoln Depot and the Village of Lincoln.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Westminster Presbyterian Church is having its annual Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to noon. Spruce Presbyterian Church will participate in the holiday event with its gift basket give-away, home canned jams and other food items, plus Rada cut-

lery.

A Christmas bazaar will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce. Brunch will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breakfast casserole, assorted breads, muffins, fruit and beverage. There will be holiday baked goods, pantry items, frozen foods, handmade note cards, Rada cutlery, craft items, fresh green floral arrangements, sauerkraut and much more. The church is located six miles north of M-72 on Hubbard Lake Road, just south of Mt. Maria Road.

The annual free, family Christmas event where children are invited to meet Santa, create a holiday craft item and decorate a cookie will begin at noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. (All regular library business will end at 11:30 a.m.) Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

The Alcona High School Marching Band will be marching in the Oscoda Northern Lights Parade in combination with the Oscoda High School Marching Band. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at Furtaw Field through downtown Oscoda.



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US-23 Rebuilding Project

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has scheduled an open house public meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss a 2023 project to rebuild US-23 from Sayers Road to south of Hubert Road in Alcona Township. The meeting will be held at Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US-23, Black River. This project will include rebuilding this segment of US-23, including the passing relief lanes section, as well as intersection and driveway updates, culvert upgrades, new guardrail, drainage improvements, and new rumble strips and pavement markings. The public is welcome.

Hunters Can Help

As hundreds of thousands of hunters head into the field during the second weekend of Michigan's firearm deer season, the DNR encourages them to help hungry families in their community by donating a deer to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

"Hunters who donate a deer will help local communities in need by providing them with highly desirable venison meals," said Joe Presgrove, public outreach analyst in the DNR Marketing and Outreach Division who coordinates the department's partnership with Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger.

"Also, donating a deer is

not the only way hunters may help. To help cover the cost of processing donated deer, individuals can make a monetary contribution when purchasing hunting and fishing licenses. Every dollar donated helps feed those in need, and hunters who donate a whole deer have a chance to win some great prizes for participating."

Hunters have a chance to win gift cards and other prizes by donating a deer at any Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger participating processor during the 2022 Michigan deer hunting season (win one of five \$100 gift cards).

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps connect donors, wild game processors and charities like food banks, pantries and shelters that help feed those in need. The organization distributed over 100,000 pounds of venison last year, providing more than 400,000 meals for needy families.

To learn more about the deer donation drives, find a participating processor or make a monetary donation to support venison processing, visit SportsmenAgainstHunger.org.

Maritime Heritage Ecology

Shipwrecks are, by definition, not supposed to exist. Yet, they form seafloor habitats for a wide range of ani-



Dr. Kirstin Meyer-Kaiser mals – mussels, sea stars, anemones, and fish. Most shipwrecks are surrounded by sand or mud, so they become oases of biodiversity.

Dr. Kirstin Meyer-Kaiser researches the biological communities that live on shipwrecks. She uses shipwrecks as models to understand the colonization and connectivity of island-like habitats in a changing ocean.

Everyone is invited to learn about her work on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena.

Over the last 10 years, this work has taken her to numerous historically significant sites in the Mid-Atlantic Bight, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Gulf of Mexico, and tropical Pacific. Together with archaeologist Dr. Calvin Mires, Kirstin co-developed an interdisciplinary research framework for understanding shipwrecks: Maritime Heritage Ecology.

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Alcona County Library Board has an opening for two terms as a Library Board Trustee; one a five-year term with term ending 12/31/2027, the other filling out a term ending 12/31/2026. The Alcona Library Board seeks a person with an interest in continuing to provide excellent library service and educational opportunities. Please send letter of interest and a brief resume to Alcona County Library Board, 312 W. Main St, Harrisville, MI 48740 or via email to director@alcona.lib.mi.us (With the subject: Board Member Letter of Interest) prior to 5:30 p.m. Friday December 9, 2022. The Board is most interested in persons with prior community involvement. Interviews will be conducted at the Alcona Library Board meeting on December 13, 2022 at the Harrisville Branch. You will be notified of the interview time. Alcona Library Board of Trustees By-Laws are available on website www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us. For more information call Denise at 989-724-6796 ext. 221.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION Alcona Township

Following is the synopsis of ordinances adopted by Alcona Township on November 8, 2022, effective immediately (full copies can be found at alconatownship.com):

Civil Infraction Ordinance: The Township of Alcona does hereby ordain that it is in the best interests of the health, welfare, and overall safety of its citizens that there be efficient and lawful enforcement of its zoning ordinances as well as its regulatory ordinances by way of pursuing violations of any of them by whatever lawful means necessary, including, but not limited to, issuing Civil Infraction citations, after due notice. Penalties will be both financial (fees, costs, and reimbursement of township expense) as well as injunctive in nature.

Dangerous Buildings: The Township of Alcona does hereby ordain that it is in the best interests of the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens that an ordinance is established to deal with the remediation and/or removal of buildings within the Township that have become dangerous for whatever reason, and after notice legally is given to the owner(s) thereof and an opportunity to be heard, and/or take corrective action. This ordinance may be enforced by Township action and collection of associated costs on the tax rolls of said property, and/or place a lien thereon, in addition to any other lawful remedy.

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table fund has also purchased three refrigerator trucks. The trucks will be used for special missions to retrieve food from distributors that typically gets tossed because it is slightly imperfect for retail sales.

"When distributors are filling frozen bags of carrots for a store, there is a lot of waste that comes off the conveyor belts because the carrot may be a shade off in color or not cut on the right angle. It's still perfectly good food. These trucks will be able to capture that waste and distribute it to schools and pantries," Barrigar said.

Ann Eddinger, a founding member and coordinator for the backpack program, accepted the check and said it will make a huge difference in filling bags of food each week.

She explained that 86 students, from Headstart through fifth grade, need the supplemental weekend food items. Food sent home with the students every week typically include cereal, soup, canned ravioli or spaghetti, macaroni and cheese and sometimes chicken in a pouch, canned tuna, granola

bars or fruit snacks.

"We have a faithful group of volunteers who meet at the school every other week for about two hours to fill two weekends worth of food from October 1 through May 31. If students have vacation time, which means they will be out of school a few more days, additional food items are sent to get them through that time away from school," Eddinger said.

The annual budget is about \$10,000 per year to purchase food from the Foodbank of Northeastern Michigan to feed the 86 students. The program relies on grants, donations and raffle proceeds to make sure no student goes hungry.

Duane Dillard, Jim Hoffman and Dave Cook are

among the volunteers to make sure the backpack program remains successful at the school. Hoffman said he read about the program in the Alcona County Review about eight years ago and knew he had to be involved. "I was in the service and I saw children hungry all over the world. I couldn't just sit back and let children in my community starve. We will do whatever we can to make sure that doesn't happen," Hoffman said.

To donate to the Backpack Program, Eddinger requests checks are made out directly to the Foodbank of Northeastern Michigan and mailed to Ann Eddinger, P.O. Box 24, Lincoln, Mich., 48742.

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Backpack Program Volunteers Jim Hoffman and Duane Dillard watch as Alcona Elementary Principal Tim Lee pulls the three winners of the cash raffle for the program. Photo by Mary Weber.

The five things I'm thankful for

By Paul White

Columnist

It's because I didn't clearly understand it at first. I had listened to the premise but couldn't follow the thought process through to the finish line... until the discussion continued and I began to realize the huge impact it was to have on my life.

Huddled for an early breakfast at our usual table, with a group of friends a few days before Thanksgiving, we were sharing with each other all the different things we were thankful for. Then one of my friends shared with the rest of us that he had been using a process called "The Five Things I'm Thankful For" and that it had changed his life.

His explanation of how it worked began with telling us that when you lay your head down on your pillow at night, you have to come up with five things you're thankful for from that day before you go to sleep. I'm thinking like, uh-duh, my wife, our kids, my parents, our customers that frequent our business, and the people I get to work with, done!

Then John threw a huge wrench into the process when he explained you can never use the same thing twice. What? How did that rule get added? That would certainly make day two of this process he was asking us to consider a little more challenging.

Okay... let's see about day two -- a warm bed, fruits, vegetables, music, and... and... holidays. Whew! That was a little harder and for a while, each new day made me struggle more, due to waiting until I put my head down on the pillow to evaluate the day and anything I could be thankful for.

Then a miracle happened. By day five, realizing that the process might get frustrating and defeat its purpose, I challenged myself to acquire my five things before noon each day. Which meant that I had begun the transition from waiting for something to happen to *actually seeking*, or looking for, things I could be thankful for.

So many things began to transfer from my subconscious, where it had been parked, to my conscious mind for me to now enjoy. I began to notice things differently.

I was so thankful for crossing guards that helped our children get to school safely, firefighters and law enforcement officers who keep us protected each day, baggers at grocery stores, wait staff at restaurants, gas station personnel, hardware workers, bank tellers, bus drivers, dial-a-ride services, health care workers, dentist, visual, and hearing offices, day care workers, and I'm sure it's clear that I could go on and on.

It was becoming easier to get to five each day because now I was *Looking for things to be thankful for from the moment each day began.*

Another point is that *I was seeing everything that I had seen before through a new set of eyes.*

Eyes that were noticing things that I hadn't noticed before. Same thing but *New Perspective.* I embraced every experience each day and am-

Thoughts toponder

By Paul White



plified the impact it had on me. Yup, amplification was one of my five on a particular day.

Enjoyment increased when I heard someone playing the piano, when I heard birds chirping, when I watched Special Olympians, when I had both business and social conversations, when I had ice cream, when I went for a walk, when I went fishing, when I went grocery shopping, and more.

Every area of my life had improved after embracing "The Five Things I'm Thankful For" mentality. And it can work for you too! Corny idea? Maybe. Embarrassing? Nope! Useful thought process that can improve your life? Absolutely 100 percent!

Won't you consider adopting "The Five Things I'm

Thankful For" the upcoming holiday season and share the thought process with the people you love? There'll be a lot of laughs as you all muddle through the first few days, but then you'll notice... *you'll notice* the change that's occurring in each of you. You will all experience more joy and gratitude each day.

I sure am thankful my good friend shared this with me. I'm pretty sure the gift he gave us that day will be one of my five tonight. Maybe this article could be one of your five. I sure hope so.

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The Slanty Shanty: Memories of Alcona's own love shack - Part II

By Eric Paul Roorda
Author & Artist

The Slanty Shanty meant many things to many people, as the memories quoted in this space last week suggest. Here are more:

Kathryn Cubalo sent me her line drawing of the exte-

rior, which is published here, with this comment: "Many memories of dancing there!"

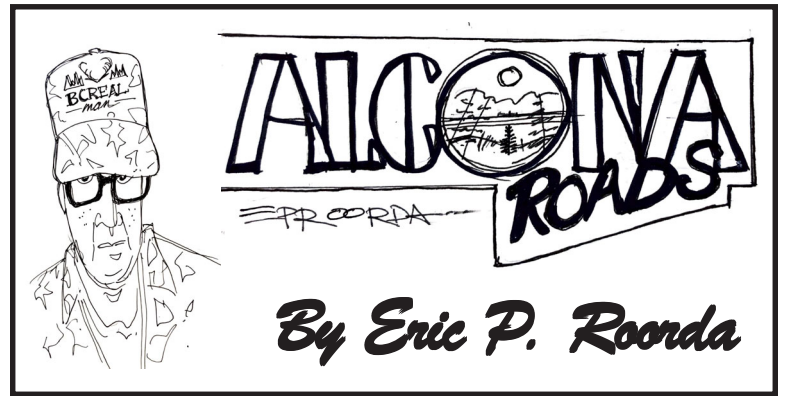
Mike Goddard described another function of the Slanty Shanty: "If you wanted to see someone when you came home from college on the weekend, that's where you

saw them, there." Mike complained that "the disco floor killed it."

But **Ilona Breitmeyer** appreciated the effect: "The disco lights reflected in the eyes of the deer trophies on the walls." Romantic! In a creepy way. (I was surprised to learn that Ilona ever had a night off from Muehlbeck's Bavarian Village...)

Another theme was being blackout blotto drunk at the Shanty, which must have got slantier as the drinkers got the spins and swerved out the door into the dark. **Steve Weichel** captured it this way, "The couple times I was there I don't remember leaving."

Cecilia (Denyse) Droz wrote me a funny tale. "I had just purchased a life-sized mannequin for \$5 from a store in Oscoda going out of business. I named her Ursula. That night I decked Ursula out in a sparkly top hat, a colorful vest, and elbow length gloves so she was present-



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During the winter snowmobiles were abundant in the parking lot of the Muir's Log Cabin. *Courtesy photo.*

able for a Saturday night affair at The Slanty Shanty...It was summer and the place was packed, packed, packed!

"There was a very loud band playing and I found my friends at a large table next to the band, alongside the dance floor in the front! I explained to my sister that I had a friend in the car who was a little shy about coming in, so she became gung-ho to come out with me to convince her to come inside... The night was already well underway and the beer and drinks had been flowing freely!

"So, we went inside, maneuvering our way through the sea of people and happily

plotted Ursula on the table-top—right in front of the dance floor, right next to the very loud band. It didn't take long before Ursula had a line of beers in front of her and a line of suitors asking her for a dance. On one of these dances, her partner became overly exuberant as he was twirling her around and around the dance floor..., when poor Ursula's arm fell off! Nonetheless for wear, he set the arm down and continued to party on! About a week later, Ursula received a get

Friday and Saturday nights. We went to the Slanty Shanty once," but their friends went often. Darlene said, "it seems to me like the SS burned down before we all started having kids."

Did the Slanty Shanty go up in flames, like so many other Alcona landmarks have over the decades? No one else I asked could recall just when the place ceased to be. Like the vanished mansions of Black River, maybe it just decayed away until it was gone.

well card in the mail inquiring as to the recovery of her broken arm. It was unsigned."

Among some survivors of the experience, there's a certain What-Happened-at-the-Shanty-Stays-at-the-Shanty attitude. **Roger Lemons** summed it up by saying, "I don't want to talk about it, and I don't want to be quoted."

Wherever you go around these parts, if you bring up the Slanty Shanty, someone will light up with a memory. Once at Barilik's Tavern in Alpena, bartender **Marti Long Diamond** told me her parents, Don and Beryl Long, used to drive their snowmobiles all the way from Oscoda to the Shanty in the late 1960s. Another time, I overheard **George Robard** and **Rev. Scott Pfeiffer** talking about what they remember as the Slanted Shanty. George recalled, "the crooked floor." Scott, who used to commute to Wurtsmith and stopped there often after work, told me his grandparents from Lachine used to frequent the place. "He was 6'6, she was 4'10," but at opposite ends of the funhouse floor, "they could look each other in the eye!"

My Alpena acquaintances **Darlene and Brian Wilmot** told me, "when we were first married, back in '78, we were friends with a couple that took us all over the place on

Or maybe it was torn down on a dark day with a crowd of weeping Alconiacs watching and holding hands, singing "Alcona Aroma" by The Space Mexicans. (Another of my cherished memories of Ki's Dugout Lounge is live music by that jazzy, sax-driven trio; were you there those nights? Please tell me if you were? Ki's is a place we miss...)

What happened to the Shanty? If you know, please share...

Whatever happened to it, **Pat Primmer** pointed out that the memory of the Slanty Shanty was kept alive at the annual boat parade on Brownlee Lake as recently as 2016 or so, when someone decorated their boat to look like the beloved old bar. Whose boat was that? If you know, will you let me know?

If more of your memories of The Slanty Shanty come out of the knotty-pine woodwork, perhaps we'll go down this Alcona Road a third time...

(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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Last summer Munsey worked at the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. She hopes to someday become a pastry chef, adding that there is a lot more to operating a successful pastry shop than just baking.

Senior Kelsey Hansen said she enjoyed how they utilized

be a better employee and a better manager in the future," he said.

The students would like the community to give feedback on what types of products the store should sell. They also accept donations of handmade spirit wear, such as the soft hand-knitted and

the ability for patrons to get a customized shirt and spirit wear created right in the store.

Students operating the Tiger Den Store include: Sage Gauthier, Carmen Dellar, Kelsey Hansen, Jacob Renschenski, Avi Turpen, Sierra West, Liberty Kimball, Morgan Munsey, Chase Kamis-

through Friday when school is in session from 11:45 to 12:25. The Tea and Bean offers a wide variety of teas and coffee and sells their high-sugar beverage mixes on Tuesday and Thursday.

The school is located on the northwest corner of M-72 and Barlow Road. All visitors must report to the office, a driver's license or comparable ID is required for entry.



Alcona High School seniors, Morgan Munsen and Kelsey Hansen show off some of the spirit wear available for purchase at the new on-campus Tiger Den Store. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

their creative ideas in building the store. "I liked how we all worked together. Seeing it finished and knowing we are a part of something that will last beyond our years at Alcona High School," Hansen said. She plans on expanding her education after graduating in June to get a college marketing degree.

Kamisckhe explained he was hooked from his first introduction to marketing class in ninth grade. "It was fun and Mrs. Renschenski is a great teacher. I enjoy working at both the store and the coffee shop. The coffee shop allows me to hone my skills to

crocheted blue and gold hats they sell at the store which were made by a local group.

Renschenski said opening the store is a relief. "We've been working on this store for so long. Seniors last year and this year have or will sign a dollar bill which we will be putting up in the store to remember our founding members," she said.

The students are looking forward to expanding the store next school year by adding

chke, and Jack Goldstrom. They are either taking Renschenski's retail management or retail leadership classes.

The Alcona High School Tiger Den Store is open Monday through Friday when school is in session from 8:05 to 11:45 a.m. and 12:25 to 3:20 p.m. Patrons can also shop online at Alconatigersden.com. Gift cards are available.

The Alcona High School Tea and Bean is open Monday

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Leg pains: Early sign of heart attack or stroke

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Limping Linda

Dear Linda,

The health condition your neighbor is telling you about is known as "peripheral arterial disease" (or PAD), which is an under the radar disease that affects approximately eight to 12 million Americans.

It happens when the arteries that carry blood to the legs and feet become narrowed or clogged over the years with fatty deposits or plaque, causing poor circulation.

But you also need to be aware that because PAD is a systemic disease, people that have it are also much more likely to have clogged arteries in other areas of the body like the heart, neck and brain, which greatly increase the risks of heart attack or stroke.

Few Symptoms

Unfortunately, PAD goes undiagnosed and untreated way too often because most people that have it experience few, if any symptoms. The most common symptom, however, is similar to what you're experiencing: pain and cramping in the hip, thigh or calf muscles, especially when walking or exercising but usually disappears after resting for a few minutes.

Another reason PAD is under-diagnosed is because many people assume that aches and pains go along with aging and simply live with it instead of reporting it to their doctor.

Other possible symptoms to be aware of include leg numbness or weakness, coldness or skin color changes in the lower legs and feet, or ulcers or sores on the legs or feet that don't heal.

Are You at Risk?

Like most other health conditions, the risk of developing PAD increases with age. Those most vulnerable are people over the age of 50 who smoke or used to smoke, have elevated cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, are overweight, or have a family history of PAD, heart attack or stroke. African Americans are also twice as likely to have PAD as Caucasians.



Savvy Senior

If you're experiencing any symptoms or if you're at increased risk of PAD, you need to be tested by your doctor or a vascular specialist. He or she will probably perform a quick and painless ankle-brachial index test, which is done by measuring your blood pressure in your ankle as well as your arm and compare the two numbers. Your doctor may also do imaging tests such as ultrasound, magnetic resonance angiography (MRA), and computed tomographic (CT) angiography.

With early detection, many cases of PAD can be treated with lifestyle modifications including an improved diet, increased physical activity and smoking cessation.

If lifestyle changes aren't enough, your doctor may also

prescribe medicine to prevent blood clots, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and control pain and other symptoms.

And for severe PAD, the treatment options are angioplasty (inflating a tiny balloon in the artery to restore blood flow then removed), the insertion or a stent to reopen the artery, or a graft bypass to reroute blood around the blockage.

To learn more about PAD, visit the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at NHLBI.NIH.gov/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease.

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



Chris Gerhardt took this 8-point with a crossbow on November 5 in Wilbur Township. *Courtesy photo.*



Buggy Rides



District champs again!

November 23, 1997 ~ By Rich Mills

For the third year in a row (and fifth in the last eight), Alcona has brought home a district tournament trophy.

They did it this time with a hard-fought, emotional win over their longtime rivals to the north - the Rogers City Hurons.

The Lady Tigers held on to beat Tootie Wickersham and company, 43-36 before a small but enthusiastic crowd at Onaway High school.

Coach Joell Krejcarek's girls got to the district finals with victories over Onaway and Johannesburg. Rogers City had defeated Whittemore-Prescott and Inland Lakes.

Senior Michelle Unkovich and juniors, Sarah Kruttlin and Lauren James led the way for Alcona.

Kruttlin was particularly impressive with her underneath scoring, rebounding, shot-blocking and hustle on both ends of the floor.

Alcona's defense put the clamps on Rogers City early on. They held the Hurons to only eight first-half points.

They held what appeared to be a comfortable 22-8 lead at the half.

The Hurons cut Alcona's lead to 16 (33-17) as the third quarter ended. From that point on, things got interesting. Rogers City quickly hit a couple of three-pointers, Alcona threw the ball away a

couple of times, tempers flared and suddenly, the Hurons were within striking distance.

It's an understatement to say these two teams do not like each other. It's also fair to say that the talented Tootie Wickersham will never win the Miss Congeniality award in the Alcona locker room.

But back they came. The Hurons got within eight points with still five minutes left in the game.

That's when Unkovich did what she has done so many times in her career. Her two quick buckets gave Alcona a 12-point lead (37-25) with a little over four minutes left.

But the Hurons kept coming. They reeled off eight straight points to give the Alcona faithful indigestion. Suddenly, Alcona's comfort zone had disappeared.

With a minute left, the Rogers City fans were on their feet as the Hurons only trailed by four points. But Unkovich calmly hit two free throws, and James hit one of her own as the Lady Tigers held on.

James led all scorers in the 74-56 win over Onaway with 21 points. Kruttlin added 12, while Unkovich chipped in with 11.

The Tigers defeated Johannesburg Thursday evening, 81-65. Unkovich pumped in a game high 27 points. Kruttlin had 20, while James added 18.

Gilbert Van Beuren

November 25, 1897 ~ The mortal remains of this old citizen were laid away at South Harrisville Saturday. He died two days previously at his late residence in Haynes township, where he had long been confined to his bed with a complication of diseases due in a measure to the infirmities of advancing age.

Mr. Van Beuren was one of the historic characters of the county, and came here in a very early day and engaged in fishing. Then the pine trees, tall, majestic and straight rifted, came down to the very water's edge, and were principally valued by the fishermen because they made excellent barrel staves.

Mr. Van Beuren was a native of New York and came to this locality as early as 1847. He engaged in Ashing under S. M. Holden, the first actual settler of Alcona County, who established himself in 1840 at Springport, then known from the topography of the land as the "High Banks of

the AuSable." After a time, Mr. Van Beuren began fishing for himself at Greenbush and later at "the Cove" at Alcona. Then he engaged in agriculture and hunted and trapped on the side, and "for six months at one time," it is related of him in the History of the Shore, "he never slept in a bed." The history of such a man must have been full of exciting incidents and romantic adventure, such as constitute, however, the daily life of every person who courts the hardships and dangers and privations of a pioneer life.

Deceased was not a successful man as the world uses the term. We do not hear that he was ever a prominent actor in the political history and development of the county, but he leaves behind him an unsullied name, which is better than riches.

"Gil" claimed relationship to Martin Van Beuren, eighth President of the United States.

Found him guilty of slander

November 25, 1897 ~ The slander suit of John Korf against Robt. Richardson was tried Monday before Judge Hale. Richardson was found guilty and given the alternative of a \$5 fine or 30 days in the bastille. He declared he would not pay and is confined therefore at the brick boarding house.

The charge was that

Richardson publicly accused Korf of stealing corn out of a neighbor's field. The defendant had no attorney and put in no special defense, but claimed an important witness was not present, whose testimony would have modified the offense.

After a day in jail Richardson secured counsel and appealed to the circuit.

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Who voices the character of Timon in "The Lion King"?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of parrots called?
3. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What are the main colors of Italy's flag?
4. **SCIENCE:** What instrument is used to measure wind speed and direction?
5. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the young readers' novel "Looking for Alaska"?
6. **U.S. STATES:** In which state can you find Glacier National Park?
7. **MEASUREMENTS:** What is the study of measurements called?
8. **TELEVISION:** The characters in "Laverne & Shirley" live and work in which city?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which two countries occupy the Iberian Peninsula?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president signed into law a bill that made "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem?

Answers: 1. Nathan Lane.; 2. A pandemonium.; 3. Green, white and red.; 4. Anemometer.; 5. John Green.; 6. Montana.; 7. Metrology.; 8. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.; 9. Portugal and Spain.; 10. Herbert Hoover. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword EASY-PEASY

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Conceptual framework</p> <p>7 Nickname of jazz pianist Earl Hines</p> <p>12 Cat feature</p> <p>16 Mailbox item: Abbr.</p> <p>19 Cajoles</p> <p>20 Backcountry</p> <p>21 Actor Alan</p> <p>22 Before</p> <p>23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?</p> <p>26 Rove (about)</p> <p>27 Eisenhower, informally</p> <p>28 Dawn deity</p> <p>29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?</p> <p>31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green?</p> <p>36 2000-15 CBS show</p> <p>37 Two racing Unsers</p> <p>38 Strike — (do some modeling)</p> <p>39 Admission of defeat</p> <p>41 "The way things now stand ..."</p> | <p>44 Road named for a head of state?</p> <p>50 Intent</p> <p>53 Golf average</p> <p>54 Mental sharpness</p> <p>55 Santa — winds</p> <p>56 One who's bad at playing practical jokes?</p> <p>62 Richard of "The Jackal"</p> <p>63 Former AT&T rival</p> <p>64 Creepy</p> <p>65 Tax audit org.</p> <p>66 Hunchback creator Victor</p> <p>67 Belgian river</p> <p>68 Favorite crucifix style?</p> <p>74 "I see!," facetiously</p> <p>77 Match units</p> <p>78 Cruise of "Top Gun"</p> <p>79 Actress Bette</p> <p>83 No, in Fife</p> <p>84 DVR choice</p> <p>85 Evangelizing in remote areas?</p> <p>89 Fast internet svc.</p> <p>90 Final words from a bully</p> <p>92 Tirana's nation: Abbr.</p> <p>93 Picnic pest</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Italian tenor</p> <p>2 Devise, as a plan</p> <p>3 Would really rather not</p> <p>4 Application filename extension</p> <p>5 Actor Gibson</p> <p>6 According to</p> <p>7 Not stale</p> <p>8 Vienna's nation: Abbr.</p> <p>9 Two after uno</p> <p>10 Persists in discussing</p> <p>11 Thomas — Edison</p> <p>12 British bye-byes</p> <p>13 Perp's excuse</p> <p>14 Revered one</p> <p>15 Narrow road</p> <p>16 Groups of trial lawyers</p> <p>17 Fleeting quality</p> <p>18 Comic Foxx</p> <p>24 Mythical bird</p> <p>25 Bitterly cold</p> <p>30 Jungle den</p> <p>32 Recipe qty.</p> <p>33 Always</p> <p>34 Assistance</p> <p>35 Bullring holler</p> <p>40 Sky light</p> <p>41 40-Down studier's sci.</p> <p>42 Eyelid malady</p> | <p>43 One of a flight of steps</p> <p>45 MPG monitor</p> <p>46 USA's Uncle</p> <p>47 A Gershwin</p> <p>48 Be an omen of</p> <p>49 Feudal vassal</p> <p>50 Big galoot</p> <p>51 Outrage</p> <p>52 Impair</p> <p>57 Frank Sacks' "— the Unicorn"</p> <p>58 Plunk lead-in</p> <p>59 Helpful hints</p> <p>60 Get it wrong</p> <p>61 "— Be My Girl" (top 5 tune for the O'Jays)</p> <p>66 Source of CBD oil</p> <p>67 "Right on!"</p> <p>69 Ancient Egyptian god</p> <p>70 Dwarfs' count</p> <p>71 Vodka brand, familiarly</p> <p>72 In support of</p> <p>73 Govt. health agcy.</p> <p>74 "— you act now ..." (infomercial segue)</p> <p>75 Is unrivaled</p> <p>76 Hardly ever employed</p> <p>80 By way of</p> <p>81 Hostel</p> | <p>82 Mil. officer</p> <p>84 Bean curd</p> <p>85 Touch</p> <p>86 Traitor</p> <p>87 Yale alum</p> <p>88 "The Good Doctor" aircr</p> <p>91 Virgin Mary's mother: Abbr.</p> <p>95 Actress Lanchester</p> <p>96 Many #1 songs</p> <p>97 Calder Cup rink org.</p> <p>98 Writer Santha Rama —</p> <p>99 Email giggle</p> <p>100 Verdi's "— tu"</p> <p>104 Instead (of)</p> <p>105 Danish port</p> <p>106 Big Apple</p> <p>108 Coll. in Philly</p> <p>109 Made grain-sized</p> <p>111 Skater Sasha</p> <p>112 Python in "The Jungle Book"</p> <p>113 Scrabble 4-pointer</p> <p>114 Hernando de —</p> <p>115 Engine stats</p> <p>116 A Great Lake</p> <p>117 Roman 402</p> <p>122 Sydney's state: Abbr.</p> <p>123 Non- — food</p> <p>124 Sprinted</p> <p>125 "Inc." relative</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 10, 1768, the first part of the first edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, the oldest continuously published and revised work in the English language, was published and advertised for sale in Edinburgh, Scotland.
 - On Dec. 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, in which he asserted that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was from the moment of her conception free from the effects of "original sin."
 - On Dec. 9, 1868, the world's first traffic light was erected near Westminster Bridge in London. It didn't have much of a chance to prove its worth, however, as it had to be removed just a month later following a gas leak that caused one of its lights to explode.
 - On Dec. 6, 1933, U.S. federal judge John M. Woolsey announced that James Joyce's novel "Ulysses" was not obscene in a legal sense but a work of merit. The ruling was hailed as a landmark and would open the door for greater freedoms in future literary works.
 - On Dec. 5, 1955, the Georgia board of regents rejected Gov. Marvin Griffin's request that the Georgia Tech football team be barred from playing in the following month's Sugar Bowl simply because the school's opponent, the University of Pittsburgh, included a Black athlete.
 - On Dec. 11, 1981, after an extraordinary 21-year career in the ring and despite pleas that it was time for him to definitively retire, American boxer Muhammad Ali fought his last professional bout, losing to Trevor Berbick in a match that would be nicknamed "Drama in the Bahamas."
 - On Dec. 7, 2020, American aviator Chuck Yeager, who in 1947 became the first person to exceed the speed of sound in flight, which was approximately 662 miles per hour at his altitude of 40,000 feet, died at the age of 97.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Finnish Ph.D. students graduate in style! Along with their hard-earned diploma, they receive a sword and top hat.
- Cherophobia is the fear of being happy.
- Within a week of stealing 16 statues from an Indian Hindu temple, the thieves responsible believed their subsequent nightmares and bad luck were a direct result and brought back some of the property with a note asking for forgiveness -- but still held on to two of the statues anyway.
- Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort.
- Do you like tequila? Thank a bat. Seriously. Bats are the main pollinators of the agave plant, which is the key ingredient in tequila. No bats, no agave, no tequila!
- If Michael Phelps were a country, he'd rank No. 35 on the all-time Olympic gold medal list, ahead of 97 countries.
- On Jan. 20, 2022, a U.S. hacker managed to bring down North Korea's entire internet. In addition, he performed this feat in great comfort, while wearing his pajama pants, watching "Aliens" and munching on spicy corn snacks.
- James Cameron came close to casting O.J. Simpson as the Terminator, but ultimately decided the athlete was "too pleasant" to portray the character.
- If you attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, perhaps you participated in a Thanksgiving tradition known as Frozen Turkey Bowling. And yes, it's essentially what it sounds like: A bunch of folks hurling oiled frozen turkeys down a grocery store aisle at a set of bowling pins. Strange? Sure, but it raises money to combat smoking, so we're on board.

Thought for the Day: "For me, becoming isn't about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn't end."
-- Michelle Obama

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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: F equals T

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- Competition and diversity leads to more

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due on date of notice: \$27,705.94. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel D: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7, T28N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence north 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds west 605.00 feet along the north section line of said Section 7 to the point of beginning; thence south 3 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds west 264.00 feet; thence north 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds west 220.00 feet; thence north 3 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds east 264.00 feet to said north section line; thence south 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds east 220.00 feet along said north section line to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Common street address (if any): 180 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure

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