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Santa visits children in Alcona County over the weekend. (Above) Emmett Pozek, 5, of Oscoda whispered what he wanted in Santa's ear during the Christmas celebration put on by the Mikado Goodfellows on Sunday. The day before he visited with children at the Harrisville Train Depot where Hailey Pyne, 6, of Harrisville, asked Santa for a new front tooth and a Fingerling Monkey Doll at the Harrisville Train Depot. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



Christmas music celebration hopes to unite community

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

After a three-year hiatus due to Covid-19 shutdowns and influenza concerns, the Community Christmas Celebration will once again fill hearts with songs of goodwill and peace.

The event will take place this Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church.

Along with Meg Nisbet, who organized the event, and Susan Armstrong directing, 12 local headliners and two choirs will perform.

Nisbet said the seasonal event was by the community and for the community. "We have more performers than ever before and some new performers like Valerie Myrick and Bill Immekus of "Gypsy Heart" as well as a new children's choir directed by Jessica Comstock.

"We will even have one number where all performers will be singing 'What a Wonderful World' together. We've never attempted to do anything like that before, but I was feeling brave this year," Nisbet said.

to me. I feel privileged to be included in it.

"There is a huge music community in this county and the surrounding area that most people don't realize. It's extraordinary. Spending time practicing with all this talent has been wonderful," Myrick said.

Nisbet explained when she first moved to Harrisville in 2008, her sister, Liz McNichols, invited her to join the Community Choir that rehearsed at the church under the direction of Susan Armstrong. "A few years later the choir disbanded due to lack of support.

"When Susan took over as music director for Harrisville and Lincoln United Methodist Church, I came to her with a request to revamp the Community Choir as the Community Christmas Celebration and invite individual performers to be a part of it. We also invited anyone who wanted to be part of the Christmas Cantata to join us at rehearsal," Nisbet said.

She explained the focus has always been a time to stop and reflect on what the sea-

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~ Meg Nisbet, Organizer
Community Christmas Celebration

Casey Makela La Fleche, also known as Kim Casey, said she was excited about bringing the community and churches back together. "We need to put unity back into our community again. Covid savaged our ability to congregate and, in some ways, recreate together. Churches have almost been decimated. We are still all healing and to have this event happen again is such a blessing," La Fleche said.

Valerie Myrick said it was the first time she would be performing in a Christmas music event since she was very young and is looking forward to it. "This means a lot

son is about, including a reading of the "Christmas Story," to be performed this year by Art Laatz.

"This celebration is for anyone to gather and sing, no matter if you attend a church or not and it seems fitting that it is being held at this beautiful sanctuary which has been doing community work since 1862. This sanctuary was built by the community, the whole community. Lumber barons brought donated timber which you can still see in the basement. The community worked hard to bring their skills and build-

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Obituaries

Warren L. Mervyn

Warren L. Mervyn, 83, of Glennie, died on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at home.

He was born January 23, 1940, to William and Josephine (Leopard) Mervyn Sr., in Lake Orion, Mich., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

In 1980, he moved to Oscoda, and later, he moved to Glennie.

Mr. Mervyn loved his Glennie community. He was very involved with the youth of the community in many capacities including mentor, supporter, activity director and fundraiser. He formed My Kids Organization which raised money to fund activities and programs including baseball and softball, soccer, and many other activities for

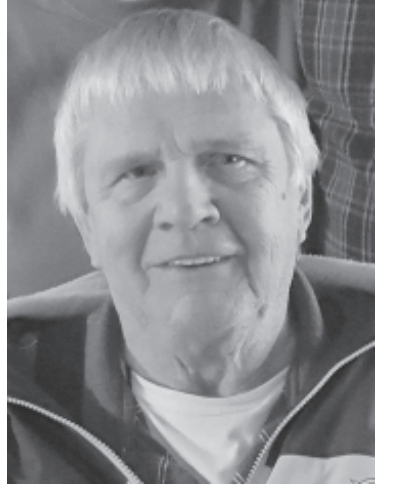
youth. The ball field in Glennie was dedicated to him many years ago.

He served as the supervisor for Curtis Township Supervisor and was a member of the Glennie Lions Club.

Mr. Mervyn is survived by his wife, Donna, and her children; one sister, Nancy Martinez; one brother, Francis (Jackie) Mervyn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, William Mervyn Jr., Richard Mervyn, Ray Mervyn, Duane Mervyn, and Robert Mervyn; and one brother-in-law, Marty Martinez.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A celebration of life event will be held during the summer of



2024. A private burial will take place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich. at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Veteran's Affairs office, or to the Alcona Humane Society.

Donna Erickson

Donna Erickson, 85, of Oscoda, died on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, in Austin, Texas.

She was born in Glennie to George and Doreen (Deafoe) Sweet on June 20, 1938.

On October 12, 1957, she married Jerry Dale Erickson in Glennie.

Mrs. Erickson is survived by one son, Tony (Ellen) Erickson, of Lumberton, Texas; three daughters, Wendy (Steve) Griffith of San Marcos, Texas, Gail Bruhn of Ayer, Texas and Amy Odin of Austin, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Neal (Deanne) Sweet of Glennie; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Doreen Sweet, her husband, Jerry Erickson, and one granddaughter, Jonna Salcedo.

Mrs. Erickson retired from Oscoda Area Schools, where she worked in food services. She also worked as a clerk for

Ben Franklin in Oscoda.

She had a great love of reading, in fact, she made friends with most of the librarians at both the Oscoda and Glennie libraries. She passed on her love of books to her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Erickson loved being with and talking to her children who always knew they had her support in every endeavor. She was an avid storyteller and loved to regale her friends and family with stories of the Sweet family farm, making maple syrup, her Uncle Harp's lumbermill, Lumberman's Monument and other local historical information.

She loved visiting with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to casinos with good friends and family, RVing, playing cards and traveling. Her sense of humor never left her.

A celebration of life will be held summer of 2024



Interment is in Glennie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jerry Erickson Scholarship Fund at Northland Area Federal Credit Union.

Patricia Mary (Grand'pre) Huffine

March 24, 1934 to December 11, 2023

On December 11th, at 1:43 a.m., our mom passed away. She is survived by her three children, Doug (Jeanne), David (Sherri) and Diana (Michael).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Huffine.

To honor Patricia's remarkable life, we should view it through the lens of her strong Christian faith. She faced challenges as we all do, the Great Depression, five cancer surgeries and severe COVID; but she didn't just survive—she embodied unwavering faith, strength and love.

Patricia's spiritual journey was profound, marked by leadership in her faith community and heartfelt prayers that became a lifeline for many. Her commitment to Christian values wasn't just a belief, it was a way of life, providing com-

fort and healing to countless lives.

In adversity, Patricia's courage and determination served as an inspiration, reminding us of life's fragility. Her impact went beyond her immediate family, touching everyone with love and compassion. She saw the good in others, leaving an indelible mark on our lives.

As a spiritual leader, Patricia not only professed the teachings of Jesus Christ but authentically lived them out. Love, forgiveness, and selflessness defined her actions, leaving an enduring legacy.

As we remember her, let's find joy in knowing Patricia's spirit lives on, embodying faith, strength and love. The family asks to honor her memory by continuing her legacy of compassion and service to others.

Patricia's spirit has found



eternal peace and joy in God's care. Let's give thanks and praise the gift Christ gave to each of us on the cross.

We can find comfort in the belief that, like Patricia, we leave this life for another where pain and sorrow cannot touch us.

Rest in peace, Mom. Thank you for sharing your love and unwavering faith. Until we meet again.

Paid Obituary



Calendar of Events



**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13**

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. Interviews for the open board position will be held. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The 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 pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

Alcona bands will perform in the annual Winter Concert starting at 6 p.m. at the community auditorium on Barlow Road, Lincoln. This concert is open to everyone. The sixth grade band will be first on stage, followed by the seventh and eighth grade band and the high school band will close the hour-long concert. Songs of the season, including popular movie/radio hits and interesting renditions of classic carols will be performed by band members.

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 14**

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 info.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. See the library's Facebook page for updates and information about each week's book and craft activity. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

The annual Community Christmas Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. This free Christmas concert will feature individual performances as well as a Christmas Cantata performed by the Harrisville United Methodist choir and friends. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

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 Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 17**

The Sunrise Side Ringers will perform in a free Christmas concert at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 N. 2nd Street, Harrisville.

TUESDAY,

DECEMBER 19

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library to discuss December's book "Mr. Dickens and His Carol: A Novel of Christmas Past," by Samantha Silva. This book provides a version on how Charles Dickens came to write his famous Christmas story. Coffee and light refreshments are available during the discussion.

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

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome to share stories, tips and tricks while working on projects or starting a new one. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 20**

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry for Alcona County residents will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building in Lincoln (near the AAA Credit Union) until the food is gone.

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 21**

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

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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**WEDNESDAY,
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Haynes Township - Zoning Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 26-23, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, was adopted by the Haynes Township Board of Trustees on December 6, 2023. The full text of the ordinance is available on the township's website at: <https://haynestwp.com>. The amendment shall take effect on the 8th day after this publication. The amendment modifies the Haynes Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.1 – Add set of definitions related to solar energy and battery energy storage systems. Amend Section 4.0 – to specify districts to allow solar energy facilities (utility-scale/commercial), solar energy panels (accessory), and battery energy storage systems. Amend Article 7 to add new Sections 7.30 “Solar Energy” and Section 7.31 “Battery Energy Storage Systems” to add supplemental regulations specific for those uses.

Teacher Earns Award

Alcona Middle School science teacher, Elizabeth Thomson was selected by the Michigan Science Teachers Association as the “2024 Teacher of Promise.” She was chosen for using and modeling best practices, inspiring her students, demonstrating innovative teaching strategies, being an excellent role model for students and other teachers, demonstrating leadership, and exhibiting a passion for science and teaching.

Awardees will be honored at an Awards Ceremony during the 2024 annual conference on Friday, March 1, 2024.

STEM Competition

Alcona Middle School eighth graders have been named as one of 300 state finalists in the 14th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is a national competition



Elizabeth Thomson

designed to empower students in grades 6-12 to leverage the power of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to create innovative solutions addressing critical issues in their local communities.

The competition empowers public middle and high school students to catalyze change by applying Problem-based Learning (PBL) principles, environmental stewardship, and entrepreneurship to ad-

dress some of society's most pressing challenges.

Opportunities for Grants

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the winter 2024 grant cycles of its Community Impact and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants. The deadline for both grant opportunities is January 15, 2024. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorancy, and Presque Isle counties are invited to apply.

Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000. Youth Advisory Council Grants are for projects benefiting youth under the age of 18. The maximum request amount for YAC Grants is \$2,500.

Applications are available at the community foundation website (cfnem.org) through its online grants portal. Applicants may also call the community foundation office for more information at (877) 354-6881.

Professional Recognition

Alcona Citizens for Health, Inc. known mostly throughout northern Michigan as Alcona Health Center, has earned recognition from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the high-quality care that is provided. The Community Health Quality Recognition award was bestowed to Alcona Health Center in honor of being ranked in the top 30 percent for quality of patient care out of all Federally Qualified Health Centers and Look-alike Programs nationwide.

“The Community Health Quality Recognition award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Alcona Health Center staff. It is a recognition of commitment to providing high-quality, comprehensive care to our patients,” stated CEO, Nancy Spencer. “Alcona Health Center is proud of this achievement and will continue to strive for excellence in patient care. We remain committed to providing affordable, accessible health care services to the people of northern MI and to improving the health of the communities we serve.”

Each calendar year, HRSA Health Center Program awardees and look-alikes are required to report a core set of information, including data on patient characteristics, services provided, clinical processes and health outcomes, patients' use of services, staffing, costs, and revenues as part of a standardized reporting system known as the UDS.

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Illness delays Trout murder trial

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The ongoing murder trial in 23rd Circuit Court hit a rough patch last week due to illness that swept through members of the jury.

The trial for Aaron J. Trout, 32, of Curtis Township, began on November 29 with 14 jury members. Trout is charged with one count of felony murder and one count of child abuse in the first degree for the alleged murder of Jayde McDonnell, the two-year-old daughter of his then girlfriend, Adrienne Pavelka.

The trial was adjourned for the day on Monday, Dec. 4 when one of the jury members called in sick. It briefly resumed Tuesday morning. However, after learning the first jury member was not able to attend again due to illness, (confirmed by a physician's note) presiding judge Laura A. Frawley sent jury members home with COVID tests and directions to report the results to the court.

"We've had two people test positive for COVID," Frawley told the jury after a lengthy consultation with prosecutor Thomas Weichel, defense attorney William Pfeifer and court staff.

"Unfortunately, it seems like there is a black cloud hanging over this trial. I am so very sorry for all of you," Frawley said prior to adjourning until test results were called in.

Notification from the court came on Wednesday, that other jury members tested positive for COVID. The trial was then adjourned until Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Before the trial adjourned Tuesday, two people testified that morning – Alexander Trout II, the defendant's father and Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Mathew Wilt of the Gaylord post.

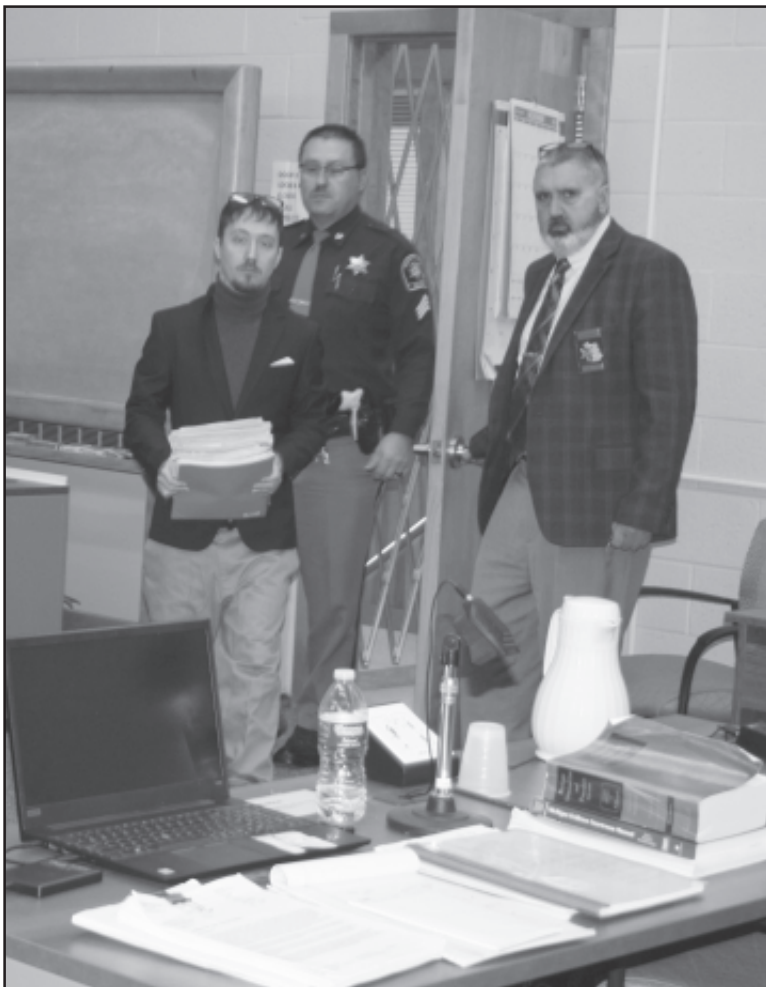
Trout II answered general questions from deputy prosecutor Gary Rapp as to his familiarity of how the defendant interacts with his children, whether he has a volatile temper and if he had met or seen the victim over the course of the defendant's relationship with the child's mother.

When asked if he has seen his son lose his temper, he replied "yes." The follow up question, "has he ever been violent?" he said, "no."

Further testimony revealed that Trout II and his wife, Samantha, drove to the residence on Camp 10 Trail on July 20, 2022, two days before Jayde was driven to the emergency room at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena, where she was pronounced dead.

Trout II said if he'd met the child during prior visits to his home downstate, he did not recall. The purpose of the visit was to pick up a dog from the residence to take care of. He did not enter the residence, just walked around outside with the dog for roughly 10 minutes. He didn't talk to Aaron and didn't see anyone else.

Detective Wilt testified that he was in charge of the search of the residence, outbuildings



Aaron Joseph Trout enters the courtroom before court resumes. Alcona County Sgt. Scott McKenzie and another law enforcement officer provide more security during the trial. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

and property on Camp 10 Trail, which began at 5:30 p.m. on July 22, 2022.

Wilt explained that multiple photographs were taken during the search, which were shown in court. Photos were taken of each area in general, then areas of possible evidence were photographed close up with numbered identification markers.

He said information gained during an interview with Pavelka helped with the search. "We had information that Jayde was thrown against the wall," he said. "We had information that a large Rubbermaid tub/tote was used during the potty training process... the child's potty chair was put inside the tub, and she was duct taped to the potty chair... we had information that her hands and feet were bound with rope on the back porch... we found rope with blonde hair embedded in the rope..."

Wilt explained that Pavelka, the child's mother, said she was threatened with guns by the defendant.

The search of a detached garage behind the residence (mobile home) turned up "three long guns and two handguns," Wilt said. The weapons included a Smith & Wesson 9 mm pistol; Ruger 9 mm pistol; AR rifle with a .223 round that was removed from the chamber; a Savage bolt action .22 rifle; and a

Savage semi-automatic .22 rifle; and assorted ammunition and magazines.

No more testimony was given that day.

As of press time, the trial will resume on Wednesday at 9 a.m.

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Connie and Kent Sysak

Super Crossword

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ing materials together to create this place," Nisbet said.

LaFleche agreed saying the event is for everyone. "Come as you are, whoever you are. This is not about religion as much as it is a joining of community," La Fleche said.

She commended Nisbet because without her passion and encouragement the event would probably not be happening, "Her enthusiasm, vision and determination are truly inspirational. She very good at reigning us all in."

Also performing solos, duets and ensembles will be Laura Frawley, who produced a new album this year; American Idol tryout contestant, Lisa Dellar; Jessica Comstock; Sarah Ross; Liz McNichols; Charlie Flowers; and Eric Dunkel. Rex Manning will be doing the sound.

The event is free to the public, but a goodwill offering will be accepted to fund the Alcona County Food Pantry, which is a year-round monthly offering to those in need and an outreach program of Harrisville United Methodist Church.

The church is located at 217 N. State Street on the southwest corner of US-23 and Church Street, one block north of M-72. For those who cannot attend the performance, a live stream of the event will be offered on the Harrisville United Methodist Church Facebook page.



Valerie Myrick, Casey Makela La Fleche, Ted La Fleche and Meg Nisbet practice the group number they will participate in at the Community Christmas Celebration to be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church this Friday at 7 p.m. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Harrisville Holiday Traditions

The Harrisville Goodfellows rebuilt and displayed the manger for Christmas last year. Many people noticed the absence of the camel that was damaged. Our friends from the body shop at Alcona Motors in Lincoln have worked on the repairs and repainting of the camel. We are hoping for the re-appearance of the camel in this year's presentation. The traditional nativity scene will be going on display Sunday, November 19, along with the lighting of a giant Christmas tree on the corner of US-23 and M-72.

The goal of the Harrisville Goodfellows is to make sure no one is forgotten about at Christmas time. Both Seniors and children.

Fruit baskets will be delivered to senior citizens in the community on Sunday, Dec 17 to wish them a Merry Christmas and a joyous Holiday Season.

Santa Claus also will be making an appearance at the homes of children ages 1 – 12 on Christmas Eve between 6 and 8 p.m. to say HO HO HO and Merry Christmas. We need the help of parents and grandparents to let us know if there will be children in the area on Christmas Eve so they can make it onto Santa's list. Leave the porch light on.

The geographic area the Harrisville Goodfellows covers is the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township, and the southern portion of Haynes Township.

Residents in our area can contact us with the address of children needing a visit from Santa at one of these phone numbers. 989-724-5077 or 989-657-1004.

We have placed donation envelopes around the community so donations can be mailed to the Harrisville Goodfellow to help in keeping up the Traditions.

Thank you for your help and support and enjoy a very Merry Christmas from the Harrisville Goodfellows.

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**Community foundation
helps raise \$336,000
for local nonprofits**

In its ninth year of providing the platform for local nonprofits to participate in the global Giving Tuesday movement, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) helped 62 nonprofit organizations to raise a grand total of \$336,643 on November 28.

The Community Foundation held a virtual Zoom and Facebook Live event on Wednesday, Dec. 6 to announce the final totals, and totals raised for each individual organization.

"The generosity of northeast Michigan and those who care about it shouldn't surprise us anymore, yet we are always amazed at it," said CFNEM Executive Director Patrick Heraghty. "It is great to see our community show up with such incredible support for the nonprofits tirelessly serving northeast Michigan. Everyone who donated on Giving Tuesday should take pride in knowing they are part of this movement."

Giving Tuesday follows the widely recognized shopping events of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, offering a dedicated day for charitable

giving as the holiday season kicks off. The hope for this worldwide movement is that people will set aside a few minutes, and perhaps some shopping money, to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

Sixty-two nonprofits from Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties participated in the event through the community foundation and its three affiliate foundations, which provided the online platform, marketing tools and all recording efforts, free of charge to the participating organizations. Every penny of each donation received went directly to the organization chosen by the donor.

Grant, the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose was presented to the Boys and Girls Club of Alpena for raising the most funds (\$32,665) during the 24-hour giving event. Funds raised on Giving Tuesday will help the organization with providing a "second home" for children and teenagers where they can thrive through the club's many programs.

Americanisms



**"I firmly believe you should never spend your time being the former anything."
—Condoleeza Rice**

Lady Tigers breeze by Hale, start season 2-0

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

So far so good for the Alcona varsity girls basketball team on the young season.

The Lady Tigers, playing in their second game of the season last Friday, easily handled visiting Hale, 39-20 in a North Star League crossover game.

In the first quarter, Sage Gauthier scored six points and Alcona led 11-2 after one. In the second, Emma Travis and Claire Somers each had a three and two-point field goal, as that lead ballooned to 25-9 by the half. They also led 30-12 entering the fourth.

Gauthier finished the game with 10 points. Somers hit two threes and finished with

eight points. Travis added seven. Gracyn Tracy put in five. Jenna West had three and Jena Wambold, Kaylee Wambold and Olivia Borchardt made two points apiece.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5 Alcona earned a 34-20 win over Hillman in the season opener.

The Lady Tigers had threes in the first quarter by Travis, Lily Pappas and Tracy, and they led 17-2 after one. At the half Alcona led comfortably 24-6 and entering the fourth it was a 30-14 advantage.

Travis finished with 11 points. K. Wambold and Tracy added six points apiece. J. Wambold contributed four points. Pappas added three

points, and Gauthier and Borchardt scored two points each.

“Overall, I am happy with the start of the season,” head coach Karina Sharboneau said. “We picked up two nice wins against well-coached teams in Hillman and Hale. Defense has been a major focus for us this year and we will continue to build on that as we move forward. Being a team with seven seniors, we have really leaned on their experience and leadership. Gracyn Tracy has also really stepped as a junior in her starting role.”

Alcona (2-0 overall) heads to Tawas on Friday and hosts Roscommon on December 19.

Tigers dominate Hale to snap three game skid

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team entered last Thursday's North Star League crossover game at Hale on a three game losing streak.

The Tigers made it apparent they would put that losing skid to bed from the get-go, easily handling the Eagles for a 74-22 victory.

“After taking our lumps the last few games, we are finally starting to figure it out on the defensive side of the ball,” head coach Alex Cole said. “All 12 guys were locked in and focused tonight. I'm proud of the guys for staying positive after three losses and bouncing back. Now it's time to get back to work.”

David Sharboneau, Garrett Somers and Cayden Hebert had first quarter three-pointers, and Collin Walker netted seven points in the frame, as they held a commanding 31-2 lead after one. Sharboneau buried another three in the second quarter as that lead grew to 44-11 by the half. They also led 65-17 entering the fourth.

Sharboneau hit three treys and finished with 17 points. Walker and Somers each added 11 points. Hebert, Evan Borsvold and Jacob Renchenski had six points each. Ricky Schott netted five. Vinny Mahalak and Sam Johnston had four each. Carter Upper and Jordan Benac netted two apiece.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6 the Tigers lost a non-league road game in St. Ignace, 71-40.

The night started off well, as Borsvold scored eight points in the first quarter and Alcona led 13-10 after one. The Saints got going in the second though, taking a 27-19 lead by the half and they also led 51-31 entering the fourth.

Borsvold finished with 12 points. Sharboneau netted



Alcona's Garrett Somers goes up for a contested basket during last week's home loss to Hillman. Photo by Ben Murphy.

11. Somers chipped in with eight points. Walker, Hebert, Johnston and Schott all had two points apiece. Sawyer Seminoff added one point.

Jonny Ingalls of St. Ignace had 27 points.

On Monday, Dec. 4, Alcona lost a home game against Hillman, 66-56. Hillman led just 13-12 after the first quarter but pulled away to lead 30-18 at the half and 49-34 entering the fourth.

Somers hit two threes in the game and finished with 12 points. Walker added 11. Sharboneau scored eight, with seven apiece was Benac

and Renchenski. William O'Neill and Hebert each hit a three-pointer and Borsvold also had three points.

Alcona (2-3 overall) heads to Au Gres on Thursday, Dec. 14 and makes the trip to Johannesburg-Lewiston on Monday, Dec. 18.



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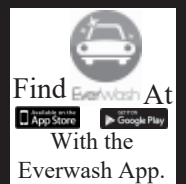
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Fire destroys seven Harrisville businesses

Loss includes bank, White store, Dube shop, Ferguson's Grocery, Main Street Garage

December 13, 1923 ~ Fire originating in the Main Street Garage operated by J. G. Wood was discovered shortly before three o'clock Friday morning and, before the flames were stayed, seven buildings from the business section of the town were wiped out.

The burned buildings are: S.B. Kahn & Co's. Department store, Alcona County Savings Bank, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell's residence and store, the latter occupied by Alex Ferguson's grocery, Main Street Garage, (formerly LaBoueff livery barn), John Dube's blacksmith shop (formerly the White Store barn), David LaBoueff's soft drink store, and C.J. McDonald's office. The last two buildings adjoined the garage on the west, with but a few feet of space between them.

All the other buildings stood to the east except Dube's shop, which cornered to the northwest. The wind came out of the northwest, gradually increasing in force and veering to the west and southwest. One after one the buildings caught and by six o'clock nothing but smoldering ruins remained of the entire district along the north side of Main street from First Street to the lake.

The fire was first noticed by George Bickel on night duty at the Pyle plant.

He was not certain it was a fire, at first, and called a fellow workman to have a look. By this time there was no doubt about it and the whistle of the plant sounded the alarm.

A crowd was quickly on the scene and the fire apparatus put on. At its best the city's fire-fighting machinery is hardly adequate to cope with a fire of the size of this one. To this condition and the fact that the steam engine fell down on its job and the water failed to come at critical periods is due the loss of the White Store, the bank, the Mitchell building and possibly Dube's shop, for it is the general opinion that with the equipment working normally these buildings could have been saved.

For some time, it seemed as though the fire could not be brought under control at all. The Masonic building on the south side of Main Street, first floor occupied by Green Brothers' Shore Market, broke into flames along the cornice and practically every pane of glass in the lower front was cracked.

It required desperate fight-

ing to save the building. Thos. Green's dwelling just to the east of the Masonic building received a severe scorching and it surely would have gone had that building burned. When the Mitchell building went the fight centered on saving the McDonald residence to the north occupied by Chas. Mills, and the Jos. Miller residence across Main Street to the south. These buildings were saved by very hard fighting. Both were afire several times, the Mill's building having an especially close call.

Sparks set fire to E. C. Silverthorn's store and dwelling, and the Odd Fellow Hall, not yet fully repaired from damage inflicted by the big fire of May 14, caught in several places. So bad did the situation look at this time that the stock and furniture from the post office were removed and others in that row made preparations to vacate on short notice.

The Review office, located about 40 feet east of the Dube building and 60 feet north of the bank had a narrow escape. Only its brick walls and steel roof saved it. The windows on the south side were cracked even after steel roofing had been put up for protection.

Thos. B. Cook's office just north of the Review building was in line with a rain of fire brands and fire in the grass at the rear. The contents of this building were removed as a measure of safety. The protection afforded by this building and by the practically fire proof Review office building, undoubtedly saved it from destruction.

Chief Wilson and crew of the Alpena fire department made a record run down with a gasoline truck and did splendid work in quenching the burning ruins. A thousand feet of hose was quickly laid from the Fish Hatchery pond and the apparatus was soon throwing a stream of water that, could it have been delivered an hour earlier, would have meant thousands of dollars saved to the fire stricken district.

Losses and Insurance

The loss in dollars and cents is estimated at from \$65,000 to \$100,000.

The heaviest loser is S. B. Kahn and Co., whose large general stock was valued at \$25,000 to \$540,000 with only \$15,000 insurance. The building, valued at \$8,000, was insured for \$5,000. Some of the stock was saved, and it

is said that a great deal of it was stolen during the excitement.

The bank vault came through the fire in good shape and much of the office equipment was saved. The building was insured for \$1,600. A. Ferguson's stock, extra heavy at this time of the year in preparation for the holiday trade, was totally destroyed. Insurance \$1,600.

In addition to his building and most of his stock and fixtures, D. LaBoueff lost his automobile which was stored in a shed nearby. He carried a total of \$1,000 insurance.

C. J. McDonald saved most of the contents of his office building, which was insured for \$300.

John Dube saved some of his equipment and his forge and chimney came through in good shape. He carried \$1,500 insurance.

Three automobiles went up with the Wood garage. A Ford touring car owned by John Barlow, a Buick roadster owned by W. H. Gillespie and a Reo-4 owned by Eugene Hayden. This building was owned by C. J. McDonald, and he carried \$800 insurance. Mr. McDonald also owned a half interest with Wood in the tools and other equipment of garage. Wood carried \$500 insurance.

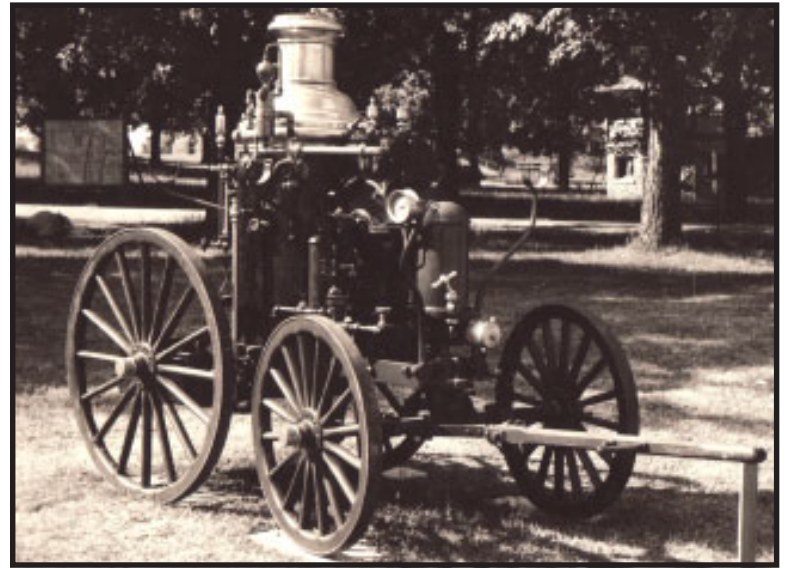
Mrs. Mitchell's building was insured for \$2,000 and contents for \$1,500. Some of the household goods and clothing were saved. The loss over and above the insurance will be considerable.

The origin of the fire is not known. The building where the blaze started has long been considered a grave fire hazard and at one time was condemned and ordered torn down by the state fire marshal. This order was later recalled after certain repairs had been made in accordance with the fire marshals' suggestions.

On the night of the fire Mr. Wood and John Dube were in the building at about 1 o'clock stopping there on their way home from a party. According to Mr. Dube they were there only a few minutes when Mr. Wood took his car out to drive home and Mr. Dube walked to his home. This was about an hour and a half before the fire was discovered.

There were neither chimneys nor electric wiring in that part of the building where the fire was discovered.

All of the insurance was carried by local agencies except the Wood policy for \$500,



Harrisville fire wagon on duty for the 1923 fire. Alcona Review file photo

which was written in Alpena.

D. LaBoueff has moved into the O.H. Smith law office building on Main Street.

Mrs. Carrie Mitchell is in Duluth, Minn. for the winter and no statement has been received as to her plans. Miss Louise Mitchell, who was living at home, states it is probable that they will build a home on the old site.

Rebuild Better Than Ever

While it is a little early to predict just what will be done in the way of rebuilding the burned district, present indications are that new and better buildings will rise from the ashes of the old, and that what now appears to a severe blow to the town will eventually prove to have been a blessing in disguise. The more optimistic look at it in that light and their opinion is not without a substantial foundation.

The Alcona County Savings Bank has temporary quarters in the Ellen McDonald residence across the street from the Review office, and was taking care of its patrons as usual the day following the fire. The destruction of the bank building will hasten plans that have been in the making for some time for the erection of a modern banking building.

On Monday, John Dube began work on a new cement building 57x37 feet on the site of his old stand. The work is progressing and will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Alex Ferguson has purchased the lot where the Main Street Garage stood and plans to build a fireproof store immediately. Temporarily, he is planning to occupy McClelland shoe shop just east of Yockey & Safe hardware.

S. B. Kahn & Co. have made no definite statement as to

whether they will rebuild. They are moving their salvaged stock into the Odd Fellow building and expect to be ready for business at once.

Once again the Consumers Power Company has proved its ability and willingness to give service where and when service is most needed. The sparks were still flying upward when their men appeared on the scene and began clearing away the debris. Mr. Jerome of the Bay City office arrived during the day and by evening temporary service for both street and interior lighting had been put into effect.

The company lost several poles and one transformer, and for several days, the up-town transformer did double duty. Forty foot cedar poles are not as easy to find in this locality as they once were, and it was Saturday afternoon before the poles could be located and brought by truck from Alpena.

Another busy man following the fire was J. L. Waters, trouble man for the telephone company. Damage to the cable put out a lot of phones in addition to those located in the burned buildings.

Sunday was visitors' day and hundreds of people came from far and near to view the ruins. People were from as far as Tawas and Alpena and from all parts of the county.

It is hard to believe, but nevertheless it is a fact that dozens of people, many whose names are known to the authorities, stole articles of clothing, groceries, dry goods and other things both from the burning buildings and from the stocks that had been carried out. Two cash registers were rifled after they had been carried to places of safety from the flames.

A pile of coal is still blazing in the basement of the White Store ruins.

Once more our volunteer firefighters have proved their metal. Against a big handicap they prevented the flames from spreading to a greater area. Fortunately, no one suffered any serious personal injury though there were several narrow escapes.

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
3. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear represented in the condition called euphobia?
4. **TELEVISION:** What is "The Simpsons" home address?
5. **GAMES:** How many dimples are on a golf ball?
6. **ASTRONOMY:** Earth's place in the solar system is how many planets from the Sun?
7. **LANGUAGE:** What is the only country in South America whose official language is Dutch?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is a sweetbread?
9. **LITERATURE:** In which century was "The Canterbury Tales" written?
10. **SCIENCE:** Who is considered the father of modern astronomy?

Answers: 1. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."; 2. Arctic and Pacific.; 3. Fear of good news.; 4. 742 Evergreen Terrace.; 5. Generally between 300-500.; 6. Third.; 7. Suriname.; 8. Internal organs of a young animal.; 9. Late 14th century.; 10. Copernicus. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Picked instrument</p> <p>6 Type of small grocery store</p> <p>12 Blobby light source</p> <p>20 Viva voce</p> <p>21 Spoil, as "my parade"</p> <p>22 Roast joke</p> <p>23 Like baggy clothes</p> <p>25 Winter wreath ornament</p> <p>26 Gave away temporarily</p> <p>27 Money, informally</p> <p>29 Jagger of the Stones</p> <p>30 "Raggedy" doll</p> <p>31 Monty Python tune about a logger</p> <p>37 Addams who created Morticia</p> <p>40 Quick attack</p> <p>41 Cover girl Macpherson</p> <p>42 "— gratia" ("by the grace of God")</p> <p>43 Dwell in the company of</p> <p>46 Outer: Prefix</p> <p>47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)</p> | <p>49 Had to admit a goof-up</p> <p>50 "Behold!," to Caesar</p> <p>53 Totally bummed out</p> <p>55 Stuff in a sty</p> <p>56 Avian hooters</p> <p>58 Texas banner</p> <p>61 Big twitch</p> <p>63 Safari sight</p> <p>65 Envoy's asset</p> <p>66 "There — comparison"</p> <p>67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor</p> <p>72 Anita of jazz</p> <p>75 Env. notice</p> <p>76 Estrada of TV</p> <p>77 Ones staring</p> <p>81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"</p> <p>84 Grammy winner</p> <p>87 "And how!"</p> <p>88 German city on the Elbe</p> <p>89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"</p> <p>91 Web page</p> <p>93 Slacks</p> <p>94 Extra charge</p> <p>96 Pea-souper in England</p> | <p>98 Anticavity gp.</p> <p>99 Supreme Norse god</p> <p>101 "I love you," to Luisa</p> <p>103 Jane in an 1847 novel</p> <p>104 Go bankrupt, say</p> <p>108 Del.-to-Vt. direction</p> <p>110 Bakery treats</p> <p>111 Snootiness</p> <p>112 Noisy tigers</p> <p>116 Cite famous people as friends</p> <p>120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?</p> <p>123 Accepted, as conditions</p> <p>124 Made flush</p> <p>125 Maggot, e.g.</p> <p>126 Sailor's dining place</p> <p>127 Shows as an "encore"</p> <p>128 Clifflike</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Tennis need</p> <p>2 Skin soother</p> <p>3 Lunch hour</p> <p>4 "Be right there"</p> <p>5 Classic theater</p> | <p>6 Liverpool or Leeds native</p> <p>7 Horse bit</p> <p>8 Morse bit</p> <p>9 Conundrum</p> <p>10 Of yore</p> <p>11 Trig measure</p> <p>12 Slice (off)</p> <p>13 Zoo attraction</p> <p>14 Gondola city</p> <p>15 Smart — (cocky sort)</p> <p>16 Guitar riffs</p> <p>17 Year, in Brazil</p> <p>18 Roughly half of all adults</p> <p>19 Beginning to mature?</p> <p>24 Amusement</p> <p>28 Frightful dino</p> <p>31 Chilling Chaney</p> <p>32 Strong desire</p> <p>33 "Selena" actress, to her fans</p> <p>34 Nonalcoholic beer brand</p> <p>35 Georgia city near Atlanta</p> <p>36 Ornamental street tree</p> <p>37 Bivalve mollusks</p> <p>38 Ask for moola</p> <p>39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics</p> <p>40 Turkey, e.g.</p> <p>44 Pleasant odor</p> <p>45 Do some yard maintenance</p> <p>46 Poet's twilight</p> <p>47 Major battle</p> <p>48 Crude model of a despised person</p> <p>51 Choke up</p> <p>52 Give the OK</p> <p>53 Strong desire</p> <p>54 Big mil. alliance</p> <p>57 Dull, dark bluish-gray</p> <p>59 Decorative sewing case</p> <p>60 Burlap bags</p> <p>62 Most cunning</p> <p>64 — uncertain terms</p> <p>68 Priced liver spread</p> <p>69 Superhero creator Lee</p> <p>70 Agcys., e.g.</p> <p>71 "Nifty!"</p> <p>72 Chum from way back</p> <p>73 El — (treasure city)</p> <p>74 Vying venues</p> <p>78 Uplift</p> <p>79 Whirlybird blade</p> <p>80 Drawn-out battle</p> <p>82 Six-pt. scores</p> <p>83 Driver's 180</p> <p>85 Year, to Caesar</p> <p>86 Garnet, e.g.</p> <p>90 Ladd of "Shane"</p> <p>92 Shows lip-curling contempt</p> <p>94 Holiday tree</p> <p>95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist</p> <p>97 Texter's "I'm shocked!"</p> <p>99 Carry to excess</p> <p>100 Spanish explorer</p> <p>101 Grew vigorously, old-style</p> <p>102 Former Disney exec</p> <p>105 Sword types</p> <p>106 Duck type</p> <p>107 Mosaic maker</p> <p>108 Autumn mo.</p> <p>109 Manicurists file them</p> <p>112 Divests (of)</p> <p>113 Ireland, in Ireland</p> <p>114 Be a drifter</p> <p>115 See 89-Across</p> <p>116 "Rambo" setting, briefly</p> <p>117 Era or eon</p> <p>118 "— Doubtfire"</p> <p>119 Fluffy lap dog, for short</p> <p>121 Safari sight</p> <p>122 Safari sight</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 18, 1966, Dr. Seuss's popular book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was made into an animated TV special narrated by well-known horror movie star Boris Karloff, who also provided the voice of the titular character, and shown for the first time on CBS.
 - On Dec. 19, 1942, American fighter pilot Eddie Rickenbacker was pulled out of the Pacific Ocean after being lost at sea for 22 days. He and six other men would have starved to death if they hadn't caught and eaten a seagull. Rickenbacker was on a special mission in the South Pacific when he went missing.
 - On Dec. 20, 1990, the Population Crisis Committee declared Lagos, Nigeria the worst city in the world in which to live, with the top-ranked cities listed as Montreal, Melbourne and Seattle-Tacoma. Half of Lagos' homes lacked water and electricity, and only one person in 100 owned a telephone. The city also had a density of 5.8 persons per dwelling.
 - On Dec. 21, 2007, Britain's former prime minister Tony Blair left the Anglican Church to become a Roman Catholic. The cardinal who led the service to welcome him said he was "very glad" to do so, but controversy remained on whether the conversion was in pursuit of the European Union presidency.
 - On Dec. 22, 1945, broadcast journalist Diane Sawyer was born in Louisville, Kentucky. Before landing at CBS in 1978, she was a White House press aide during the Richard Nixon administration and later assisted Nixon with his memoirs. At one point she was the highest-paid woman in American TV news.
 - On Dec. 23, 1954, Dr. Joseph E. Murray and several other surgeons performed the first truly successful human kidney transplant, between identical twin brothers, at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.
 - On Dec. 24, 1828, egg-nog riots began at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, in what was also known as the Grog Mutiny. The disturbances were sparked by cadets' copious consumption of egg-nog made with smuggled whiskey and lasted until the next day.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Water itself does not conduct electricity well, but the impurities found in water do.
 - When Ethiopian emperor Menelik II didn't feel well, he would eat a few pages of the Bible. While this curious habit didn't do him any harm as long as his consumption was limited, in 1913, feeling particularly ill after a stroke, he ordered an entire Old Testament book of Kings to be fed to him, a page at a time, but died before he could complete it.
 - Humans can live unprotected in space for about 30 seconds if they don't hold their breath.
 - Two actors have died while playing Judas Iscariot in live productions of the biblical story by accidentally hanging themselves for real during his death scene.
 - Ever find yourself getting a little sleepy during a virtual meeting? Contrary to popular belief, researchers have determined that the cause isn't information overload, but mental underload and boredom. (Frankly, we're not too surprised!)
 - A 1999 study found that a single square kilometer (247 acres) of the Amazon rainforest can contain about 90,790 tons of living plants.
 - As editors around the globe already know, hearing grammatical errors can cause physical stress.
 - Following a nationwide legal battle (and graceful concession from Gregory's Restaurant and Bar in New Jersey), Taco Bell successfully ensured that the term "Taco Tuesday" can be used freely throughout all 50 states.
 - If Earth's history was condensed into a 24-hour span, life would have appeared at 4 a.m., land plants at 10:24 p.m., dinosaur extinction at 11:41 p.m., and human history would have begun at 11:58:43 p.m.
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- Thought for the Day: "If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." -- Benjamin Franklin
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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: **X** equals **S**

QRLM IBG ZVQZIX OLA ARL
GMKBMAJBVVZNVL GJOL AB
KVUTN TBGMAZUMX, U'W XZI
IBG'JL WJZQM AB XKZVL.

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Christmas collectibles

Santa Claus is as popular a figure in antique Christmas collectibles as he is in today's decorations. Most are more festive than this papier-mache figure. Santa is usually portrayed holding a small Christmas tree, carrying his famous sack of toys, surrounded by reindeer or accompanied by a child.

Depending on the age and origin of the collectible, he might be dressed in an unexpected color like green or blue. Here, he can be recognized by his red coat and hood, trimmed with fur as white as his beard. This papier-mache figure looks plainer than many popular Christmas col-

lectibles. There are no reindeer pulling the sleigh, and instead of a sack of toys, there is a stack of firewood on his back. But there's a surprise in store; the bundle of logs isn't what it seems. Lift the lid, and it has a hollow compartment meant to store candy.

Papier-mache candy containers were popular from the 19th to early 20th centuries. The most famous ones were made in Germany and often themed for holidays like Christmas or Easter. They are eagerly sought by collectors, often selling for high prices. This Santa sold for \$6,250 at a Hindman auc-

tion, where its high presale estimate was \$500!

Q: I have a Christmas ornament that needs help. Can mercury glass that is blue be restored?

A: Mercury glass, or silvered glass, was first made in England in the 1840s. It was made in the United States from the mid-1850s to the early 20th century. The silvery mirrored look was made by blowing clear glass into a double-walled shape and filling the small air space between the walls with a mercury solution. First, air was vacuumed out of the space, then the solution was poured

in through a hole in the bottom of the piece, coating the inside of the glass, and then the hole was sealed. After the 1850s, "mercury" glass was made using a silver nitrate solution. If the seal is broken, exposure to the air will cause the color to deteriorate. You can try to reseal it but won't be able to restore the original color. Mercury is toxic. If you have a very old Christmas ornament that might contain mercury, you should call the poison control center nearby to see how to handle it.

TIP: Dust Christmas ornaments after removing them from the tree. Do not store

them dusty. Wrap each ornament individually in paper.

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Salt and pepper shakers, snowman shape, ceramic, white, black hat with gold band, red scarf, green earmuffs, holding candy cane, Josef Originals, made in Japan, 3 1/2 inches, \$35.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Phillips; treasurer/zoning administrator Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members, Durham, Lucas, Wambold and Werth. Members Gauthier and Schick were absent. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Durham. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Lucas. Eric Bates of Lincoln Outdoor Center addressed the board regarding violation letters he has received for blight on his property. Ten dollars per day is charged for each day the property is not cleaned up. He stated that he has made a lot of progress in cleaning the property up and wants to put up a privacy fence and wants the charges stop as of

today's date. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Wambold, with support Durham, to allow the \$10 per day charge to cease and for Lincoln Outdoor Center to erect a privacy fence and have the work completed within 90 days. In the event that it is not completed by that date the charges of \$10 per day would revert back to the date of December 4, 2023. Motion carried. A donation was received from the Lassiter family for maintenance at the Flights of Imagination Playground. Thank you for your generosity. There will be a public hearing on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. for the tax increment plan for the Downtown Development Authority. A written report for zoning was received. Werth gave the sewer report: everything is going well so far. The road report was given by Phillips. Changes have been made to the SESAC contract and it has been sent back for preview. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from

Durham, to accept the contract with Wassman Builders for repairs at the beach. Motion carried. A discussion was held regarding the social events account. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Lucas, to close out the account and give the remaining funds in that account to Teresa Hart and allow her to take care of it from here forth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wambold with support from Durham to approve the following meeting dates for the new year. Motion Carried. The meeting dates for 2024 are: January 3, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 4, October 7, November 4 and December 2. The budget workshop is scheduled for February 15. All meetings start at 7 p.m. with the exception of the budget workshop which begins at 6 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Lucas. Motion carried. Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

**State of Michigan
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Alcona County
Publication Notice
of Hearing**

In the matter of: Linda Marie Eberline
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Leo is a 1 year old Shar Pei. He is microchipped, has his Distemper and Parvo vaccines, and has been dewormed. He is scheduled for neuter and eye repair surgery in February! He is looking for a foster home! He is very active

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of December 4 -10, 2023

107 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 2 Arrests; 2 Warrant Arrests; 18 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	13	Traffic/Traffic Stop	37
Warrant Arrest	2	Property Damage Accident	4
Personal Injury Accident	1	Assist	2
Animal/Dog	10	Fraud	4
Patrol Check	1	Well Being Check	6
Suspicious Event	5	Child Neglect	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Larceny	1
Alarm	3	Assault	1
Trespass	1	Kennel Inspection	1
Drive While License Susp.	3	Domestic	1
911 Hang Up	1	No Operator's License	1
Civil	2	Gun Shots	2
No Insurance	1	Threats	1
Drug/PBT Test	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	16	Caledonia	5	Curtis	5
Greenbush	12	Gustin	2	Harrisville	10
Hawes	8	Haynes	10	Mikado	11
Millen	3	Mitchell	9		
Harrisville City	11	Village of Lincoln	5		

Shoreline Players to present annual Community Christmas Show

It's beginning to look like Christmas especially at the Shoreline Players Theater. December 2023 marks the 15th anniversary of the Players' Community Christmas Show.

There is no admission cost for the show as it is the theater's way of giving back to the area as well as showcasing the talent of its Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association (SPYDA), adult members and friends.

This year the SPYDA show will be, "Twas the Night Before Christmas in the City," written by Sue Miller.

Cast in the show are Avery Bourgeois, Dominic Conley, Anorah DeGraff, Liam DeGraff, Brinlee Eckstorm, Linkin Launius, Owen Markey, Maci McDougall, Gage Miller, Isaac Moore, Mackenzie Powroznik, and Katherine Romanczak with Liam Tait serving as the student stage manager.

The master of ceremony is J.D. Hock. The show will include performances by Brian Boje, Patrick Boje, Matt Cleary, Rebecca Collier, Renee Diener, Robert Diener, Sam Lupo, Mike Maturen, Jillian McCoy, Carley Powroznik, Linda Ramsdell, Sanat Curtis and, a surprise guest or two.

The show is produced by Sue Miller working with assistant producer Chelsea Miller and requires a large crew including, April Boje, Brian Boje, Patrick Boje, Ava Carafelly, Renee Diener, Greg Gjerde, Erin Gordon, Hock, Joseph, Eric Koppen, Nicole Markey, Jackie Temple, Rose Wilson, Tammie Wilson and Nita Wise.

The Shoreline Players 15th Annual Community Christmas Show will be Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Shoreline Players Theater. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Santa will be in the house to meet with everyone and take time for a picture or two. As in the past, there will be general seating with no admission cost, but a free will offering will be collected to support SPYDA program. Concessions will be available.

The Players would also like everyone to know that another holiday tradition will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 with the Area 31 Special Olympics Talent Show at 6 p.m. This is also a free admission show with general seating. There will be songs, dances and poetry reading.

The theater is located at 6000 N. Skeel Avenue, next to the Robert Parks Library in the Wurtsmith District of Oscoda. For more information about this show or any upcoming Shoreline events go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.



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The Garden Bug

Pliny the Elder once wrote how the Druids held nothing more sacred than finding mistletoe growing on an oak tree. They prepared a banquet beneath the tree, while chanting. A priest dressed in white



climbed the tree and cut the mistletoe off with a golden sickle, catching it in his garments. Two large white bulls were then killed as they asked their gods to accept their offering, and to impart fertility to any person or animal that ate the mistletoe berries. - Brenda Weaver

Source: thegardenstrust.blog
"Druids Cutting Mistletoe on the Sixth Day of the Moon" by Henri Motte (1890)