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## Trout on trial for allegedly killing toddler

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

A jury of 14 individuals was seated on Tuesday, Nov. 28, after two days of selection, and the trial of Aaron J. Trout, 32, of Curtis Township began with testimony on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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 Honorable Laura A. Frawley is presiding over the trial in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court in Harrisville. Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel is representing the people and William A. Pfeifer, an attorney from Alpena, is representing the defendant. The trial is expected to go on for three weeks.

After opening statements to the jury by Weichel and

Pfeifer, Pavelka was called to testify. She was on the stand most of the day and part of the next as she detailed her relationship with Trout and the alleged abuse, she and her daughter, Jayde, suffered by Trout in an approximate two-month relationship.

The case began on July 22, 2022, when Trout and Pavelka drove the toddler from Glennie to MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena where Pavelka took the Jayde in to the emergency room. She was deceased.

Following Pavelka's testimony and cross examination by Pfeifer, Michigan State Police Detective Casey Taylor testified about his role after the 2-year-olds' death was reported by the hospital staff. He was first on the scene of Trout's residence on Camp 10 Trail in Curtis Township. Upon arrival, he surveyed the area for activity around the residence. He witnessed

Trout running toward the trailer with a bag. Taylor said there was a confrontation and physical altercation when he arrested Trout.

Oscoda Township Police officer Greg Alexander testified that he met with Taylor prior to the confrontation and arrest and helped subdue Trout and place him under arrest.

Michigan State Police Detective James Lively was called to testify next. He told the court that he was called to the Camp 10 Trail scene following the death report to the state police post in Alpena. He traveled from the Mio post and arrived after Trout was arrested.

His testimony was corroborated with video footage from his body camera. Over the course of the next eight hours, Lively interviewed Trout about the child's death first in a patrol vehicle following

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Aaron J. Trout waits for court to resume last week. He is charged with the abuse and murder of a two-year-old girl. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

## Edwards shares industrial career in Harrisville, lava stone use

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

There has been much talk over a certain rock called lava stone that has been found in Harrisville. The rock is pliable enough to be carved and was once used by a local art teacher as a medium for sculpting.

Fortunately, we have historians like Ron Edwards, 85, a retiree who once worked

with the stone. He knows that even though it was called lava stone, it had no lava in it and wasn't even a stone. It was a type of clay from South Africa that was used on ships as ballast.

Edwards and his wife of 65 years, Helene, moved north from Oak Park, Mich. with their young family in 1961 to manage Harrisville Tool Company (HTC).

He explained the owner of HTC, Oscar Guensche, owned a carbide industry factory downstate. Guensche would come north to hunt and on one hunting trip, he was approached by the Harrisville fathers of the early 1950s with a proposal to reopen a factory on Third Street that had been vacant for quite a few years.

"In an agreement with the

Harrisville fathers, Guensche was to produce 30 jobs and in return, the factory would be given to him along with a nice tax break," Edwards said.

According to Edwards, the factory once made clothing during World War II and still had sewing machines in it.

Guensche agreed, but before opening HTC he expanded the building in two places. In one section he opened HTC, the other, with a larger addition, he rented to Rolled Products, a company that made automotive trim and had nothing to do with HTC.

"By 1961, HTC, had almost 50 employees and Rolled Product had over 100. HTC was never a "tool and die" shop but instead made tungsten carbide cutting tools doing precision grinding with diamond wheels. Rolled Products moved to Oscoda in the late 60s," Edwards said.

At that time Edwards was working for Kennametal, a company that is now one of the largest manufacturers of carbide in the world.

"HTC was one of the biggest Kennametal customers in Michigan, there were several other independent

manufacturers of carbide, but HTC was the largest and I was assigned that account," he said.

It was suggested by the HTC manager at that time, whose name ironically was Fred Edwards, with no relation to Ron Edwards, that he move up and run HTC, saying while they had many good employees, none of them knew about carbide like Ron Edwards.

It was also about this time that Guensche contracted with General Electric to make parts for their man-made diamond plant in Ohio. To do this, Guensche needed an additional building and had Edwards hire the builders to build Parts Manufacturing which was built behind HTC.

Parts Manufacturing machined parts made from the South African clay calling the material lava stone or lava rock. The clay material was purchased by General Electric, probably rather inexpensively, according to what Edwards found out about the substance.

"It was inert material, so it was not considered hazardous waste. Many farmers

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Ron Edwards in front of Harrisville Tool Co. when he was the manager. Courtesy photo.



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Bernice (Betty) L. Grzeskowski**

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## Correspondence

To the Editor,  
There was a time when individuals took pride in their personal property, whether by flower plantings, home repairs, or just a name sign.

Highway US-23 has some great family name signs that make you chuckle as you drive by (thank you), others have displayed flags flying the "F" bomb, really!?

But I digress, as what I want to point out is the trend back to the positive with the oncoming holiday lights displayed by homeowners and business alike.

Take a drive, pile up the kids, your elders, friends or your neighbors in the car and see the amazing endeavors to celebrate this season of hope.

There are so many light shows from the refined to the National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation" variations. Well done you all. Each one brings smiles and fond memories of the season.

On a drive south of Oscoda, around the area of the old Dobson Moving building, there on the east side was an incredible avant-garde display of lights the likes of which I have never seen! It would make Picasso proud. The mere difference of them was awesome. It evoked the essence of our holiday and spoke to the diversity of people and ideas in our communities.

That night I thought, maybe, just maybe, the flow of hate and discontent is ebbing. Maybe we can get through the "wars" that surround us by merely remembering in our diversity there is hope...not just for the privileged but for us all.

Margaret Kutzera  
Harrisville

### Super Crossword

**Answers**

ROAD	GAMES	BOWSTO	UGGS
INNERSOLE	UNITED	SIRI	
LICEIN	WONDERLAND	INON	
ETERNE	INAI	INGNEW	
EARNED	SOMETHING	NEW	
CRUST	OOO	PROOFS	DRE
OER	FENCES	UNI	PTSD
MAGECONSULTANT	TORO		
ADENOID	JAGO	VICUNAS	
FOE	HEATER	DISTRICT	
EPEE	DOC	MAP	ICKY
RAVELING	ABROAD	NOT	
ALABAMA	REEK	GORILLA	
CLOP	ADDER	OF	SUCCESS
CRUE	USB	FAMOUS	NAH
RIA	AGOUTI	ALI	ORATE
ASTERNS	TANDARD	TIME	
SOILS	TRAIT	NAVAHO	
STOW	ALITTLE	OFF	THETOP
ETNA	RENAIL	RELEASE	SEME
ROSY	CAGNEY	REAL	STEEL

## Obituary

### Bernice "Betty" Grzeskowiak



Bernice "Betty" Grzeskowiak, 90, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at home.

She was born in Wyandotte, Mich. on June 30, 1933, to Chuck and Bernice (Gaz-dowicz) Lapczynski.

She married John Grzeskowiak and they resided in a house that he built. They were married for over 40 years until his death in 1995.

Mrs. Grzeskowiak worked in the mortgage department at Guarantee Federal until the family moved to Harrisville in 1969. She worked as a secretary for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at Harrisville State Park until she retired in 1995.

She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. She loved cardinals, the sound of the waves and the laughter of friends and family. She was proud of her Polish heritage and taught her children and grandchildren the special Polish recipes that she learned from her mother.

Mrs. Grzeskowiak is survived by two daughters, Jacquie (Robert) Marx and

Colleen (Mick) Higgins; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son Kenneth Grzeskowiak and two siblings.

A funeral Mass was held on December 1 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. The Rev. Lawrence Boks officiated. Burial was in Mt. Joy Cemetery in Haynes Township.

Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

## Local Notes

### Stuffing a Blue Goose

Help Michigan State troopers help those in need by stuffing a "blue goose," (MSP patrol car) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kris Mart in Lincoln on Thursday, Dec. 7. Nonperishable food items, toiletries and winter hats and gloves will be collected to fill a patrol car. All items collected will be distributed to families in need in Alcona County. Kris Mart will have a drop box located in the store prior to the event to collect additional items. For more information, contact Trooper Jake Strong at (989) 354-4101 at the Alpena post.

## Do you have news we can use?

### Let us know what is happening

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## Publicize an Upcoming Event in the Review & Online

The Review's Calendar of Events is a *free service* and is published in chronological order as space allows. This forum is for events and programs open to the general public.

- Calendar items are short, concise announcements of an event happening in or around Alcona County. **Please submit entries at least 2 weeks before the event.**
- Entries must have the day and date, time, location, brief description and cost if any. An entry may also include a telephone number for more information.
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# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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.

A holiday card making class will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Participants may choose from three designs to make cards from. Cost is \$3 per person and has a 15 -person limit. Stop in or call to sign up, (989) 724-6796.

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.

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## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

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.

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.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United

Methodist Church. The choir will perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in December. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration on December 15. Rehearsals are from 10:45 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

Pictures with Santa can be taken at the Harrisville Train Depot from 1 to 4 p.m. Be sure to dress warmly and bring a camera for the photos. There will be a bake and craft sale, and hot chocolate and candy canes. This family-friendly event is free and open to everyone.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Mikado Goodfellows Children's Christmas Party will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Children from infant to 12 years old are welcome to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, have punch and cookies and receive a gift and goody bag.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

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.

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.

AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 3 p.m. at the East Tawas Senior Center, 312 Newman Street, East Tawas. Master gardener Gloria Kersha, from the Sunrise Side Master Gardener Association, will speak about lichens and mosses. The public is welcome. For more information, call (989) 387-5980.

## 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 fee 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 information.

### Gustin Township Board of Review meeting

Gustin Township Hall, 211 State Street, Lincoln, Mich., at 5:30 p.m. Please bring filled out paperwork with proofs needed.

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If no appointments have been received by 5:00 p.m. Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> the meeting will be cancelled. For an appointment, please contact the assessor at (989) 736-7689

The purpose of this meeting is for correcting clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact and qualified errors. The December Board of Review also has the authority to grant disabled veterans' exemptions and poverty exemptions. Completed applications, affidavits and supporting documentation for these exemptions must be filed with the assessor by December 8<sup>th</sup>. For questions or assistance in obtaining the required forms please contact the Assessor (989) 736-7689.

Nancy Schwickert  
Mikado Township Assessor

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2024 General and Non-General Fund Budgets on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. **The Truth in Taxation for the property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budgets is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
DECEMBER BOARD OF  
REVIEW FOR TOWNSHIP  
OF GREENBUSH**

**GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL**

**5037 CAMPBELL RD. GREENBUSH, MI. 48738**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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Nancy Schwickert  
Township of Greenbush Assessor

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**IOSCO COUNTY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
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SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPENINGS**

GRADE	OSCODA AREA	TAWAS AREA	WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT
K	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
1	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
2	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
3	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
4	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will now accept applications for enrollment from nonresident pupils for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are now available.

Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in **Oscoda Area Schools and Tawas Area Schools** will be accepted **January 02, 2024 through January 19, 2024** and **Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools** will be accepted **December 11, 2023 through December 22, 2023**.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district. Issued by Iosco RESA per State Aid Act of 1979 as amended PA300 of 1996 Section 388.1705 and 388.1705c

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**Alcona County Sheriff's Report**

**For the Week of November 27 - December 3, 2023**

**107 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 22 Citations Issued.**

**Complaint Statistics**

Car/Deer Accidents	13	Traffic/Traffic Stop	43
PBT/Drug Testing	4	Domestic	1
Property Damage Acc.	7	Animal/Dog	4
Assist	5	Personal Injury Accident	2
Fraud	2	No Insurance	2
Patrol Check	1	Well Being Check	3
Suspicious Event	4	Fingerprints	3
Alarm	5	Civil	1
Threats/Harassment	2	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Larceny	2	Dog Bite	1
Drive While License Susp.	1		

**Complaints taken by City, Township or Village**

Alcona	4	Caledonia	11	Curtis	14
Greenbush	2	Gustin	10	Harrisville	9
Hawes	8	Haynes	5	Mikado	8
Millen	6	Mitchell	9		
Harrisville City	11	Village of Lincoln	10		

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his arrest. A short, informal interview was held at Ascension Hospital in Tawas while Trout was waiting for treatment. (He received an Xray, CT scan and three staples in his scalp from the arrest altercation.

Lively also participated in a formal interview at the Alpena post with MSP Detective Sgt. Anthony Utt.

In two video and one audio recordings, Trout denied knowing why he was arrested. "She woke me out of a sound sleep and said, 'we have to take Jayde to the hospital.' So, I got up and took them to the hospital... I didn't do anything wrong. I took her like she said to..."

In the first two interviews, Trout said the child hadn't been feeling well the night

before, so Adrienne gave her some Tylenol. They slept in the bedroom, and he slept on the couch until he was roused by Pavelka.

Trout did not go into the hospital with Pavelka because she told him, "I don't know how long it will be. Go home and I'll call you." When he returned home, he testified that he drove to Oscoda to get gas, called his mom and then at home, smoked marijuana while he was waiting to hear from Pavelka.

The last interview that day was held after 8 p.m. at the Alpena post. Trout was interviewed by Lively and Utt. When questioned about the days leading up to taking Jayde and her mother to the hospital, Trout explained that Pavelka stayed home from work for three days prior because the toddler wasn't feeling well."

Trout testified that Jayde had "tumbled down the stairs off the back (porch)" on July 18 and afterwards she gradually stopped talking and "stumbled around."

"I don't discipline her (Pavelka's) kids. She does that," Trout said in the evening interview. "I wouldn't give her anything. Her mother does that. She's not my child." When asked if her behavior was out of character, Trout said it was because she wasn't talking much - less and less as time when on. "She's clumsy... kids are clumsy. "She was stumbling some."

When questioned by detectives about the potty training process that Pavelka was working on with Jayde, Trout

said he did not have anything to do with that. He denied hitting or disciplining the toddler.

When the interview grew heated on the video, Utt accused Trout of abusing the child because he was frustrated with the potty-training process. Trout repeatedly denied harming Jayde.

When questioned about the number of bruises, cuts and abrasions on the child, Trout said he did not know how Jayde got them. And, again, denied disciplining her.

"Tell me about the night you held a gun to Adrienne's head and..." Utt yelled in the video interview. "No! No!" Trout yelled back.

The interview ended and court was dismissed on Thursday afternoon.

On Friday, Dec. 1, a three-hour interview video was shown in court of MSP detectives questioning Trout about what caused Jayde's death. Several detectives tried to coax Trout to talk about the alleged abuse and torture that caused her death.

Trout denied having any involvement and blamed Pavelka for the abuse. He said she was the abuser and tied the child to the toilet to keep her there until she went potty and used duct tape over her mouth. He said the child's mother allegedly struck and kicked Jayde several times.

Court was adjourned and resumed on Monday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m.

Trout is being held without bond in the Iosco County Jail.

**Classifieds are  
where the deals are!**

Classified deadline is Monday by 4 p.m.

**Call (989) 724-6384  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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# Lady Tigers start season with new coach

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

A new season also ushers in a new head coach for the Alcona girls varsity basketball team. The Lady Tigers are being coached by Karina Sharboneau this season, a former standout in her day with the program.

"I look forward to coaching and bonding with this team and am excited to see their progress over the next few months," Sharboneau said. "We have been working on a little bit of everything during the first few practices."

After Sharboneau graduated from Alcona in 2014, she went on to play at Alpena Community College and Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. She also coached the Alcona JV team the previous two seasons.

Returning from last year's team are seniors Emma Travis, Sage Gauthier, Jena Wambold, Kaylee Wambold, Lily Pappas and Liberty Kimball. New to the team are senior, Olivia Borchardt; juniors, Gracyn Tracy, Hannah Renchenski and Jenna West; along with freshman Claire Somers.

"I am hoping to have a strong senior leadership presence this season," Sharboneau said. Like most teams, our goal is to win the league and the district title. It looks like there will be a lot of great teams in the league this year. We strive to work hard enough to be included in the top teams."

Alcona opened the season at Hillman on Tuesday, Dec. 5, hosts Hale on Friday, Dec. 8, hosts on Posen on Tues-

day, Dec. 12 and heads to Tawas on Friday, Dec. 15.

"I hope to see each athlete improve in all her skills," Sharboneau said. "I look forward to watching my team bond and grow closer as a family. I love all things basketball and I look forward to the upcoming season with my team."

# Tigers have busy schedule during early season

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

Between the start of the season and winter break, the Alcona boys varsity basketball team has eight games scheduled. With many of those opponents appearing to be rather difficult, the Tigers are going to find out in a hurry where they stack up this year.

"We have scheduled some very tough teams before Christmas break highlighted by Standish-Sterling, Hillman, St. Ignace and Posen," said third year head coach Alex Cole. "Most of the matchups are against teams with great records last year. My hopes are to be competitive in every game and be better at closing games out. We lost a few close games at the buzzer, so I am hoping to be on the other side of those games."

Last year the Tigers finished 10-12 overall and second in the North Star League Big Dipper. They'll return seniors David Sharboneau, Jacob Renchenski, and Sam Johnston, and juniors Garrett Somers (11 points per game, five rebounds, three assists), Evan Borsvold and Ricky Schott. Senior Collin Walker also returns to the lineup after missing all of last year due to an injury.

"We are very excited to have Collin back," Cole said. "He started every game as a sophomore on varsity where he was the face of our defense and proved to be a beast on the boards. We also add Junior Jordan Benac who moved to the area last spring. We look for him to add more size inside to our lineup."

Also on the team are Vincent Mahalak (junior), Cayden Hebert (senior), Nathan Nardi (senior), Carter Upper (senior), William O'Neill (senior) and Sawyer Seminoff (senior).

"I am very excited about this group," Cole said. "In my first two years as a varsity coach, we have always been a young team. My first season, we started a freshman and two sophomores. Last year three sophomores started or played significant minutes for

us. Now, they are all juniors and seniors with two or three years of experience. I am hop-

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checked it to see if they could use it as clay fertilizer, but it had no mineral value.

"General Electric shipped the rock to Windsor, Ontario, Canada and then it came up north by train and was unloaded at the Harrisville Depot by a man and his son who would bring it to the factory on Third Street on forklifts.

"Each rock was about four feet by five feet, weighing between 400 to 600 pounds. The only time it wasn't brought in by railcar was when there was some kind of shipping problem in Ontario. We had to get semi-trucks to bring it up. It took three semi-trucks to bring up what one rail boxcar could hold.

"Parts Manufacturing took that rock and sliced it into small bars and the parts were made from the bars," Edwards said.

According to Edwards, the parts were to hold the carbon that would be pressured into making man-made diamonds. "The lava stone couldn't be fired. We tried it once, but it got so hard we couldn't machine it," he said.

When Parts Manufacturing was first built, Edwards only wanted to run HTC, so another man was hired to manage Parts Manufacturing. Edwards said there was a lot of scraps left over after making the parts and the Parts Manufacturing manager would toss the scrap into a large frog pond near the factory.

"He filled that pond with the scrap lava and put dirt over the top, which I know wouldn't be legal today. They ended up building a factory on top of it. Because it was clay, not rock, it would shrink and expand and for years that factory had problems with the roof and walls cracking," Edwards said.

A few years passed and the man hired to manage Parts Manufacturing left. The job was offered again to Edwards and this time he accepted, running both HTC, which had 100 employees with six supervisors and Parts Manufacturing, which had 50 employees with two supervisors.

By the late 1970s, everything with both companies was going well. Edwards worked well with his employees and with the union they were trying to bring in. Unfortunately, Guensche still



Ron Edwards enjoys reminiscing about his days working for Harrisville Tool Company and Parts Manufacturing which were located on Third Street in Harrisville. Parts Manufacturing would use large rocks of clay they called lava stone to make parts to hold carbon to be pressured to make man-made diamonds. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

owned both companies and he had different plans.

Guensche, a German immigrant, knew of another German man with many credentials and wanted to hire him to take over HTC and Parts Manufacturing. "One day Guensche came in and told me I was fired. I asked him why and the only excuse he could give me was I didn't bring donuts to a meeting. That was it, that was all he could think to say. That's when I went into business for myself," Edwards said.

Edwards opened Megatron Precision in Oscoda in 1979 and said many of the better employees of HTC came to work for either him in Oscoda or Howard Stone who owned Lincoln Precision. He said the employees felt if he could be fired so easily by Guensche, then they could be fired easily too.

Edwards said in two years Guensche fired the German man brought in to replace him. He later heard that Guensche said he made a mistake by firing Edwards.

About 20 years ago, Edwards retired and sold Megatron Precision to some of its employees. The factory is still in business today.

Newly retired, he filled his days with golf and raising chickens but said now he mostly enjoys just resting as a hobby.

Helene and Ron Edwards have three children they raised in Harrisville. They now have seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He has been a Harrisville Lion for almost as many years as he has lived in the area and this year received his 60-year pin with the organization.

Edwards, who may not move as quickly as he used to, still enjoys reminiscing and has a sharp mind, "When they moved me up to Harrisville, I thought I'd only stay about five years. That was in 1961 and here I still am. It's good country. Good people.

"I still like to take care of the chickens when I can. That was something I did when I was little. My grandmother in Illinois raised chickens so I grew up around them," he said.

HTC went out of business many years ago and the building has been leveled. Parts Manufacturing also went out of business, but according to Edwards, the building still stands and he believes it is owned by a conveyor company in Alpena.

Small pieces of the lava stone scrap, once used by Gary Etzler, a retired Alcona High School art teacher, for his students to learn sculpting on, can still be found in and around Harrisville and by rock collectors and sculpting artists who walk the Lake Huron beach near the Harrisville State Park.



The following individuals were sentenced in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court in November.

- Traci Rae Odell, 34, of Greenbush, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, two years of probation and fines and costs of \$2,155 for domestic violence, second offense and malicious destruction of property under \$200.

- Adam Garth Vanover, 42, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail and \$600 in fines and costs for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

- Brandon Russell Wing, 42, of Glennie was sentenced to one day in jail and \$1,295 for stalking.
- Ronald Matthew Hart-

man, 43, of Grayling was sentenced to one day in jail and \$210 in fines and costs for no valid license in possession.

- Tracy Lynn Gleason, 53, of Lincoln was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and \$1,850 in fines and costs for operating while intoxicated.

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# Tigers dominate Braves to open season

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

There are plenty of games ahead for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team, but in the season opener the Tigers showed off their promise.

Alcona played a non-league game at Tawas and thoroughly dominated the Braves, claiming a 68-33 victory.

"I am very pleased to start the season this way," head coach Alex Cole said. "It was a total team effort in which everyone contributed both offensively and defensively. We returned a lot of the guys who played a lot of minutes last year, so you could tell the experience really helped on the court."

The Tigers came out strong in the first quarter. David Sharboneau hit an early three-pointer and Garrett Somers had a nice drive through the lane, giving them a quick 7-0 lead.

Somers also hit three-pointers that gave Alcona leads of 12-3 and 15-3. A lay-up by Evan Borsvold put things to 17-4 after the first.

A three by Ricky Schott in the second extended the Tiger lead to 22-4. Schott also drilled a three late in the half to make things 36-14. A steal and fast break hoop in the closing moments of the half by Cayden Hebert made it 41-14 at the break.

The third quarter was highlighted by a three by Somers at 46-18. Somers also had a nice drive through the lane late in the period, making it 59-23 entering the fourth.

Somers hit three treys and finished with 19 points to lead the way. Schott hit for a trio of three-pointers as well and had 13 points.



Tiger Jordan Benac moves the ball during the team's season opening win at Tawas last week. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

Sharboneau netted nine, Borsvold made eight. Jacob Renschski finished with six. Hebert had five. Collin Walker added four. Nathan Nardi scored three and Jordan Benac had one.

On Friday, Alcona lost a home non-league game to Standish-Sterling, 68-39.

"Tough loss against a very talented team," Cole said. "We were able to hang with them for a half but their stingy defense got the best of us."

Walker had four points in the opening quarter, but the Panthers were leading 16-8 after one. In the second,

Benac and Borsvold had a three-pointer each, allowing the Tigers to hang around and the half, they were down 32-23.

Things slipped away in the third quarter though, as Standish pulled away to lead 56-32 entering the fourth.

The Tigers were led by Renschski with 10 points, Walker and Somers had six points apiece, Borsvold netted five, Benac and Schott had three points each and with two apiece was Sharboneau, Hebert and Sam Johnston.

Alcona (1-1 overall) played at home against Hillman on Monday, Dec. 4 and traveled to St. Ignace on Wednesday, Dec. 6. They will go to Hale on Thursday, Dec. 7.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the Road Commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan at 2:15 p.m., Friday, December 22nd, 2023. The Public Hearing will be held during our regularly scheduled board meeting. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed Road Commission Budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2024.

Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or online at [www.alconacrc.com](http://www.alconacrc.com) beginning November 30, 2023.

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ing we can lean on that experience this year and continue what we have been building."


The Tigers are hoping that their early season practices can pave the way for some good this ahead. "Defense has been a major focus for us this year," Cole said. "I think you are going to see a different style of play from us this season."

Alcona had two games last week -- at home against Hillman on Monday, Dec. 4; played at St. Ignace on Wednesday, Dec. 6; heads to Hale on Thursday, Dec. 7; is in Posen on Monday, Dec. 11; and travels to AuGres on

Thursday, Dec. 14.

"Like last year, we are hoping to compete for a North Star League Big Dipper championship and make a run in the state tournament," Cole said. "The league is full of so many great coaches that I know there will be a lot of great matchups."

"On the Big Dipper side, I know Oscoda is returning pretty much all of their kids from last year. Matchups with them are always a good battle. Mio graduated three of the best players in the league last year, but teams coached by coach Ty McGregor are always tough."



**The Garden Bug**

A healthy poinsettia will have attractive, intact bracts (the "petals"). Check the soil; it shouldn't be very wet or very dry.

**Selecting poinsettias**

If the little yellow buds in the center, which are the actual flowers, look tight, the quality of the plant is good. This holiday favorite is a sensitive plant, so wrap it in paper for the trip home to guard it from wind and cold. Place it in a protected area that has bright, indirect light. - Brenda Weaver

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## Harrisville Holiday Traditions

The Harrisville Goodfellows rebuilt and displayed the manager 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.

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# How an incentive trust can influence your heirs

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What can you tell me about creating an incentive trust? I have an adult son and daughter that are both financially inept. Before I die, I want to put some type of requirements in place that they will need to follow in order to receive their portion of my estate.

Frustrated Father

Dear Frustrated,  
 If you want to influence your heirs even after you're gone, an incentive trust is definitely an option to consider, but be careful how you construct it because it can cause unintended, unfair consequences. Here's how it works, along with some tips to help you create one.

### Incentive Trusts Basics

An incentive trust is an estate-planning tool designed to help encourage your heirs in a direction you desire when you're no longer around.

With an incentive trust, some or all of your assets are passed to your trust when you die rather than directly to your heirs. Your trustee is empowered to distribute funds from the trust only if and when your beneficiaries do whatever it is you have specified in the trust.

For example, an incentive trust might encourage a beneficiary to graduate from college, enter a particular profession, get married or even have children. They could also reward beneficiaries who do charitable work or supplement the incomes of those who choose low paying, yet meaningful careers like teaching or social work.

Or they could penalize beneficiaries who don't work by cutting off or decreasing distributions or placing restrictions on heirs with addictions by requiring that payments go directly to rehab centers.

But be aware that these types of trusts can also have drawbacks. A poorly constructed incentive trust can have a high risk of unintended consequences. For example, if your trust provides a financial incentive for your children to be employed full-time, but one of them gets sick or seriously injured in a car accident and can't work, they would be punished unfairly.

You also need to know that incentive trusts aren't cheap. You can expect to pay an attorney \$2,500 to \$5,000 to draft one.

There are also legal limits on what you can do with an incentive trust. While state laws vary, incentive trusts that encourage a beneficiary to join or leave a particular religion, or leave a spouse or not marry at all, can be challenged in court and possibly struck down.

### How to Create One

To create a solid incentive trust that accomplishes what you envision, you need to hire an estate-planning attorney who will include precise instructions that clearly spells out your wishes. You'll also want to include language

granting your trustee the right to use his or her discretion and that the trustee's decisions should be final and binding.

This allows your trustee to make common sense rulings, which will reduce or eliminate the chances of unintended and unfair consequences. It also makes it very difficult for beneficiaries to successfully challenge the trust or trustee in court. When a trust grants final decision-making authority to its trustee, it becomes almost impossible for beneficiaries to successfully argue that this trustee is not correctly implementing the trust's terms.

The key is to select a trustee who's smart enough



to interpret your intent and has sufficient backbone to stand up to beneficiaries when necessary. You also need to select a successor trustee too if your first choice can no longer serve. Fees paid to a trustee vary widely depending on the state's fee schedules, the size and complexity of the trust, and conditions laid out in the trust.

To find an experienced attorney in your area to help you create an incentive trust, see the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (actec.org).

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

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Highest-Earning Entertainers OF 2023	
1. Genesis	\$230 million
2. Sting	\$210 million
3. Tyler Perry	\$175 million
4. Trey Parker & Matt Stone	\$160 million
5. James L. Brooks & Matt Groening	\$105 million
6. Brad Pitt	\$100 million
7. Rolling Stones	\$98 million
8. James Cameron	\$95 million
9. Taylor Swift	\$92 million
10. Bad Bunny	\$88 million

Source: Forbes

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## Buggy Rides

### Military funeral rites held for Mikado veteran

**December 9, 1948** ~ Military funeral rites were held Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Oscoda, for Robert James London, who met accidental death in Pontiac Tuesday night, November 30.

The deceased was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in August 1926, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra London. Most of his life was spent in the Pine River district in Mikado Township. He married Mary Schultz of Pontiac. A veteran of World War II, he spent two years in the United States Navy seeing foreign service

during that time. Surviving are his widow and a five-month old son; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra London of Mikado; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Montgomery of Detroit and Sadie London of Washington DC; and two brothers, Charles London of Middlebelt, Michigan, and John London of Battle Creek.

The funeral rites were under the auspices of the Oscoda Post, American Legion. Elder Marshall McGuire of Mikado officiated, assisted by the Rev. B. Mr. Nally of Oscoda. Interment in Oscoda Cemetery.

### State Police to have office in Lincoln by March

**December 9, 1998** ~ It won't be long before "boys in blue" will be patrolling Alcona County on a permanent basis.

In an effort to increase the police presence in Alcona County two Michigan State Police Troopers will be working out of Lincoln by March. The Michigan State Police has established a two person Resident Trooper Concept in Alcona County. The troopers will utilize an office in the Gustin Township Hall in downtown Lincoln.

According to Alpena Post Commander F/Lt. Robert Krafft, in addition to providing general police services in the area, assigned troopers will be responsible for implementing a community policing concept.

"The troopers will work closely with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, community leaders, and

school officials to implement proactive methods to limit criminal activity in Alcona County," Krafft said.

The concept will be under the supervision of Krafft. "We are very excited about the concept becoming a reality. There are many areas throughout the state requesting the concept but due to the tremendous support of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, Alcona County Sheriff Doug Ellinger and the Gustin Township Board, Alcona County was selected."

A notice has gone out across the state soliciting letters of interest from troopers who may wish to transfer to Alcona County. Several will be selected for an interview and then two will be chosen for the assignment. "We hope to have the interviews complete and the troopers assigned by the end of February," Krafft said.

### Sam B. Pizer receives injuries

**December 6, 1923** ~ S. B. Pizer presents a somewhat disfigured countenance these days due to an accident that might easily have laid him on the shelf indefinitely.

He had just assisted in hanging up a big carcass of beef in his meat shop on Thanksgiving morning and stepped back to have a look when the rack pulled away from the wall and fell on him.

It was a bad smash and that it did not result more seriously is fortunate. The

rack was studded with hooks and its weight with the meat and sausage hanging on it was between 500 and 600 pounds.

John LaLonde, who had helped in hanging the beef, was standing near and helped to extricate the fallen man. Sam's chief visible injury is a gash on the forehead that required several stitches. He is stiff and sore from numerous bruises where the hooks struck him, but considers himself mighty lucky to be alive.

## Goodfellow beef to be quartered

**December 9, 1948** ~ The annual Goodfellow beef is to be quartered this year so there will be four prize winners instead of the usual two. The first two prizes will be the hind quarters and the third and fourth prizes will be each of the front quarters - sooooo 4 prizes to 4 winners. Hurrah Hurrah. Hurrah, get your tickets from a Goodfellow so that the kiddies can all have a fine Christmas, and you may win a quarter of beef.

There will be two more gift parties, one on the 11<sup>th</sup> and one on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, and the gifts are being procured by a committee which is headed by "Cap" Blumer. This is done so as to allow those who want a part of this great Goodfellow program to participate in the donation of gifts for the gift parties.

Latest news on the beef contest is that captain Harold

Cuyler has expanded his ticket selling campaign so that he anticipates coverage in the entire eastern Michigan area. However, captain Ed Hechlik of the opposing team, has one man who was the champion seller last year who concentrated on four counties and this year this old champ, in protection of his title, will carry on an extensive campaign in the following counties: Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Iosco, and, of course, Alcona.

The champ's name is well known to all of the losing team of last year and he says that it will be again this year. Watch the Goodfellow story in next week's issue of the Review and we shall try to have an advance story on how many tickets the champ has sold, and we will then reveal his name if you haven't already learned it.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

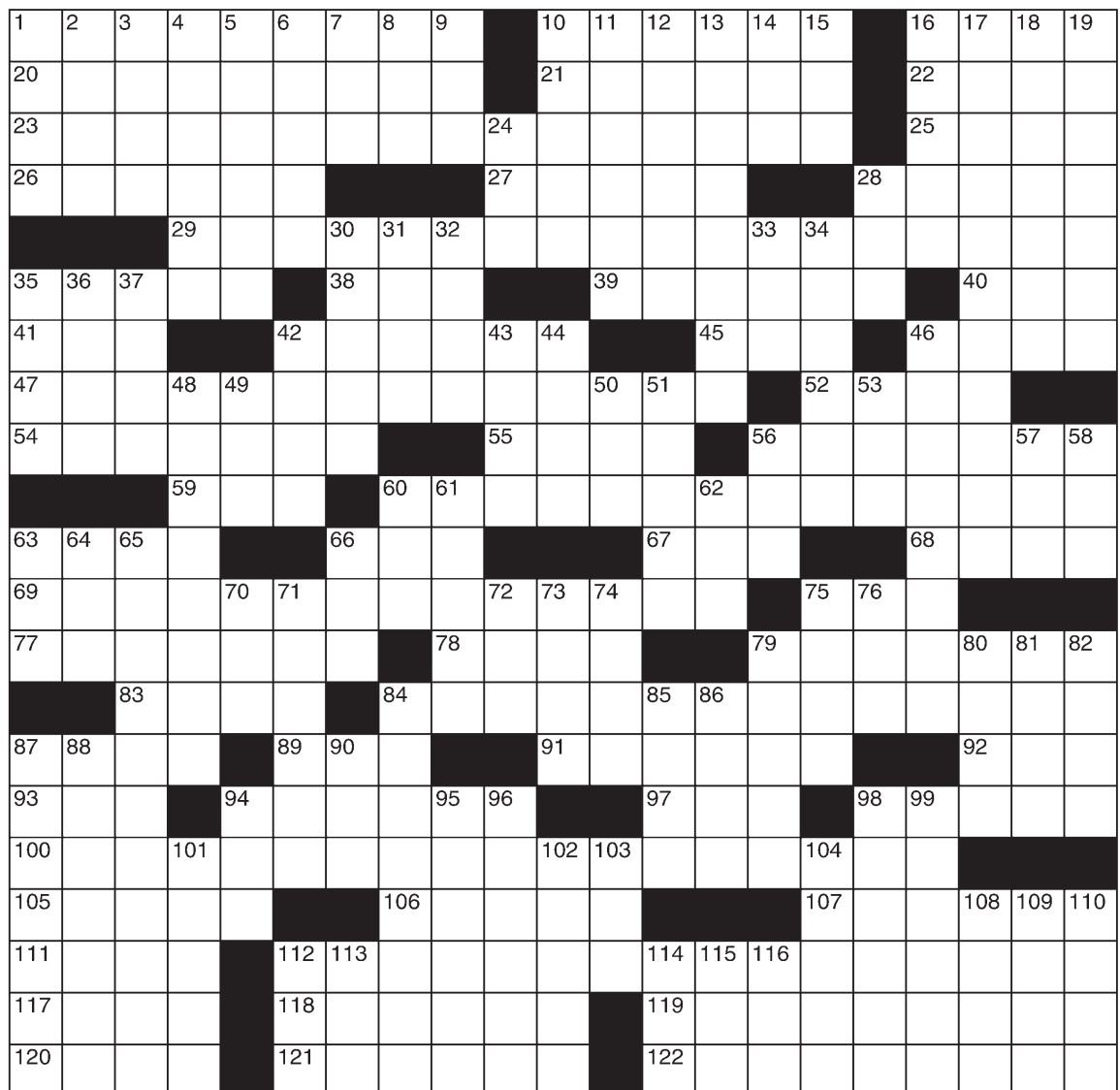
1. **MOVIES:** Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
3. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear represented in the condition called euphobia?
4. **TELEVISION:** What is "The Simpsons" home address?
5. **GAMES:** How 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

### TRIMMING UP

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Sports events played by visiting teams</p> <p>10 Obeys reluctantly</p> <p>16 Boho-chic Aussie boots</p> <p>20 Arched shoe part</p> <p>21 Part of U.K.</p> <p>22 She talks on iPhones</p> <p>23 Parasites plaguing the Cheshire cat?</p> <p>25 A party to</p> <p>26 Everlasting, poetically</p> <p>27 Above ground</p> <p>28 Bedazzled</p> <p>29 Worked to get a different reward?</p> <p>35 Pizza base</p> <p>38 Tic-tac-toe win</p> <p>39 Geometry assignments</p> <p>40 "Dr." who raps</p> <p>41 Above, poetically</p> <p>42 Yard separators</p> <p>45 Prefix with cyclist</p> <p>46 Combat vet's affliction, for short</p> | <p>47 One giving technical advice to wizards?</p> <p>52 Bull in a ring</p> <p>54 Structure near a tonsil</p> <p>55 "Othello" adversary</p> <p>56 Relatives of alpacas</p> <p>59 Adversary</p> <p>60 City area where lots of radiators are produced?</p> <p>63 Sword variety</p> <p>66 Medic</p> <p>67 Hiking aid</p> <p>68 Disgusting</p> <p>69 Untwisting threads</p> <p>75 "I think —!"</p> <p>77 Mobile's state</p> <p>78 Smell horrible</p> <p>79 Big ape</p> <p>83 Hoofbeat</p> <p>84 Math student doing sums correctly?</p> <p>87 Mötley —</p> <p>89 — hub (tech device)</p> <p>91 Widely known</p> <p>92 "Nope"</p> <p>93 Narrow estuary</p> <p>94 Guinea pig's cousin</p> | <p>97 Ring legend Muhammad</p> <p>98 Speechify</p> <p>100 Clock setting at the rear of a ship?</p> <p>105 Makes grimy</p> <p>106 Eye color, e.g.</p> <p>107 Non-Spanish spelling of an Arizona tribe's name</p> <p>111 Pack neatly</p> <p>112 Trim request ... or what</p> <p>117 Sicilian peak</p> <p>118 Use a hammer to fix, perhaps</p> <p>119 Angry cry to a captor</p> <p>120 Promising</p> <p>121 Lacey's partner on TV</p> <p>122 Hugh Jackman film about robot boxing</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Vex</p> <p>2 Doing the job</p> <p>3 Suffix with clear or vigil</p> | <p>4 Certain plows and tractors</p> <p>5 Give a smile</p> <p>6 Ed of "Gus"</p> <p>7 Trim grass</p> <p>8 "Do Ya" rock gp.</p> <p>9 Wash. bigwig</p> <p>10 Good, in Spain</p> <p>11 Freeway access point</p> <p>12 More shrewd</p> <p>13 Begin</p> <p>14 "X" number</p> <p>15 Eccentric</p> <p>16 Consuming</p> <p>17 Popular highball</p> <p>18 Gardeners, farmers, etc.</p> <p>19 Well-muscled</p> <p>24 Affront, in rap</p> <p>28 GEICO's bus.</p> <p>30 Incessantly</p> <p>31 Geologic spans</p> <p>32 Lead-in to drama</p> <p>33 Sweetie pie</p> <p>34 Should that be the case</p> <p>35 Super-deep sleep</p> <p>36 Skim, say</p> <p>37 Spur (on)</p> <p>42 Pâté de — gras</p> <p>43 Hollywood's Kazan</p> <p>44 Eye color, e.g.</p> <p>46 Itchy, medically</p> <p>48 Make weak</p> <p>49 Pigeon sound</p> <p>50 Geologic span</p> <p>51 Shearer of "A Free Soul"</p> <p>53 Sept. follower</p> <p>56 Bigwig</p> <p>57 Comic strip cry of dismay</p> <p>58 Sloppy farm area</p> <p>60 Animal in a 58-Down</p> <p>61 Greeting with a GIF, maybe</p> <p>62 June honoree</p> <p>63 Geologic span</p> <p>64 Chum</p> <p>65 Pre-hurricane orders</p> <p>66 Stuff in the gene pool</p> <p>70 Thai language</p> <p>71 Oppose as false</p> <p>72 Snoozing site</p> <p>73 Atoll feature</p> <p>74 Sticky pod in Cajun cuisine</p> <p>75 Entre — (between us)</p> <p>76 Tolkien beast</p> <p>79 Astronaut's wear</p> <p>80 "Girls" creator Dunham</p> <p>81 Legal exam, for short</p> <p>82 Former court king Arthur</p> <p>84 Lying adjacent to</p> <p>85 Epps of "Scream 2"</p> <p>86 Give up a poker hand</p> <p>87 More boorish</p> <p>88 Trattoria rice dish</p> <p>90 Distress call</p> <p>94 — Antiqua</p> <p>95 Plaid design</p> <p>96 Even-scored</p> <p>98 Nebraskan Native Americans</p> <p>99 Reinstate in an office</p> <p>101 1999 Super Bowl MVP John</p> <p>102 Humdinger</p> <p>103 Wolfed down</p> <p>104 Spying info</p> <p>108 To — (perfectly)</p> <p>109 Living space</p> <p>110 German car company</p> <p>112 Circle part</p> <p>113 Rural stretch</p> <p>114 Rink legend Bobby</p> <p>115 Stipend or toll</p> <p>116 St. Pete loc.</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.
- 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.

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: Z equals H

IZC RN QZT EYZDAEQDYQF NL D  
GTKQDEY FNWQZTDFQ DFEDY  
EFMDYR DMIDCF FTTS FN  
LTDKLMW? ATGDWFT QZTC'KT  
QESNK-NWF.

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# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Homemade sleds

Do you have fond memories of spending a winter day sliding down a snowy hill? Sledding is a pastime that has been around for a long time.

Archaeologists have evidence that the earliest sleds were used not in snowy climates, but in ancient Egypt. Heavy loads like stone for construction or monuments were loaded onto platforms with runners and pushed along tracks to their destination.

Sleds have been in use for so long that it's uncertain when they went from being practical vehicles to children's toys. The first steerable sled for children, the Flexible Flyer, was patented in 1889. Before then, children played with homemade sleds that are now collected as folk art.

This sled, painted blue with yellow stripes and a spray of flowers, with metal swan's head handles, was made in the 19th century and sold for \$328 at an auction by Pook & Pook, Inc.

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Q: I'd like to know the possible value of a Florence Ceramics three-section bonbon dish. It's light pink with two applied pink roses and one rose bud in the center where the three parts come together. It has irregularly shaped ruffled and fluted edges and is about 9 inches by 9 inches.

A: Florence Ward started Florence Ceramics Co. in Pasadena, California, in 1942. She worked out of her garage until moving to larger quarters in 1946. The company was in business until 1964, when it was sold to Scripto Corp., which closed in 1977. The company is best known for its figurines depicting historical or fictional characters. Boxes, bud vases, candleholders, candy dishes and other decorative items were also made. Several different pieces were made with delicate applied roses. A dish similar to yours was listed online for \$50.

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TIP: To remove wax from a Hanukkah menorah or another candleholder with small candle cups, run hot water in the holes or use a hair dryer to warm the metal, then remove the wax with cotton swabs.

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CURRENT PRICES  
Pair of Christmas ornaments, acorns, mercury glass, silver finish, kugel style, 8 inches, \$50.

Toy, Santa Claus, Steiff, plush, stuffed, red suit, hat and boots, white faux fur trim, stitched felt fingers, tag on chest, 14 x 8 inches, \$110.

Furniture, cupboard, hanging, yellow fir, flat molded top, wood peg construction, single paneled door opens to two shelves and



A painted sled makes a snowy day even more festive. Like many homemade toys, this one doubles as a piece of folk art. It sold for \$380 including the buyers' premium. Photo Courtesy of Kovels.com

three small over wide drawers, hand-forged hinges and lock, 28 x 23 x 10 inches, \$750.

Daum cameo glass bowl, scenic landscape, river, distant village, white shaded to green, acid etched, gilt ginkgo leaves, round, four-sided undulating rim with band of enamel flowers, marked, "Daum Nancy," Cross of Lorraine, 4 x 5 x 6 inches, \$3,600.

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## Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

\* Zip-top bags are essential when our family packs for holiday visiting. We use gallon-size bags for the kids' outfits -- top, bottoms, underclothes, etc. -- and each bag holds one complete set. There is no suitcase chaos, as the bag comes out, and yesterday's clothing goes in, ready for laundry day when we get home. Happy traveling. -- JoAnn

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

# Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## How's it going? No, I mean really. How are you

Here we are in the middle of winter with the shorter days, the lower temps and depending where we are, snow and ice on the sidewalk and roads, holiday stresses ...

Some of us aren't doing well. We've been faking it through the holidays, smiling and greeting people, but deep down inside we know: We're not OK. Whether we're in a funk, sad, dispirited, depressed, hopeless, anxious ... call it what you will, but some of us just are not OK.

With the new year we have the opportunity to resolve to change that and have a better 2024. The Department of Veterans Affairs stands ready to help us. All it takes to start is a phone call.

A first step might be calling the Veterans Crisis Line anytime day or night: Just dial 988 and press 1. Or you can text 838255. The voice on the other end is likely to be a veteran's, specially trained. It's free and confidential. These responders can hook you up with the resources you need to get help.

To get a little more info, go online to VeteransCrisisLine.net. Under the "Resources and Support" dropdown menu, select "Local Resources." There you can search for local veteran's help near you. You can also find local VA resources at [www.va.gov/directory/guide/allstate.asp](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/allstate.asp).

To get info over the phone, call 800-273-8255 and press 1. If you have hearing loss, the TTY number is 800-799-4889.

If you happen to be active duty and you're overseas, there's still help for you. Go to VeteransCrisisLine.net and click on "How We Help," then select "Military Crisis Line." You'll see a list of direct free phone numbers depending where you are: Europe, Korea, Philippines or Afghanistan. Or you can call the original Crisis Line if outside of the U.S.: 800-273-8255 and press 1.

Remember: You can always walk directly into a VA medical center day or night.

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# Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazotta

## Should owner punish a puppy after accident?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I bought a puppy a few weeks ago who was between 2 to 3 months old. Star is wonderful, and housetraining has been OK. But yesterday, he pooped in the hallway while we were out. My boyfriend says I need to push his nose into the mess and punish him. I don't think that's the right way to train a puppy. What do you think? -- Daria in St. Louis, Missouri

DEAR DARIA: Your instinct is spot on, and you should trust it more. That's the wrong way to train a puppy. It's aggressive, negative and doesn't teach the puppy anything -- except to be afraid.

Young puppies are learning machines, picking up habits quickly -- both good and bad. They need to be constantly supervised to keep them safe and to correct them (not punish them) on the spot so they learn what they can and can't do in the household. When they're not supervised, I recommend placing them in a properly sized kennel crate. Think of it as a den for your puppy, a safe spot. Again, not a place to punish him.

Furthermore, puppies need to pee and poo more frequently than adult dogs -- about four times daily at Star's age, but sometimes more. It's up to you to make sure their elimination schedule is adequate and that you are there to supervise them. Star couldn't wait for you to get home, so he went in the hallway. That's on you, not on Star.

Clean up the mess (spray with an odor eliminator) and continue your training schedule with Star. And keep following your instincts about the best way to train and correct him.

Readers, how would you respond to the boyfriend's advice? Tell us at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### BOARD OF REVIEW

**PUBLIC NOTICE for  
ALCONA TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 2023  
BOARD OF REVIEW**

Will be held at the Alcona Township Hall 5576 N US-23, Black River MI 48721

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is for correcting qualified errors, clerical errors, and mutual mistakes of fact. The December Board of Review has the authority to grant poverty exemptions. Property owners may apply for a hardship poverty exemption on their principal residence if they have not already applied for the exemption in the 2023 calendar year. A fully completed application for consideration of a hardship poverty exemption must be submitted to the assessor by Friday December 8th.

Please contact the Assessor prior to December 11th if you have questions or if you have a matter to bring before the board.

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Will be held at the Haynes Township Hall 3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> From 1 p.m.- until such time all business is concluded.

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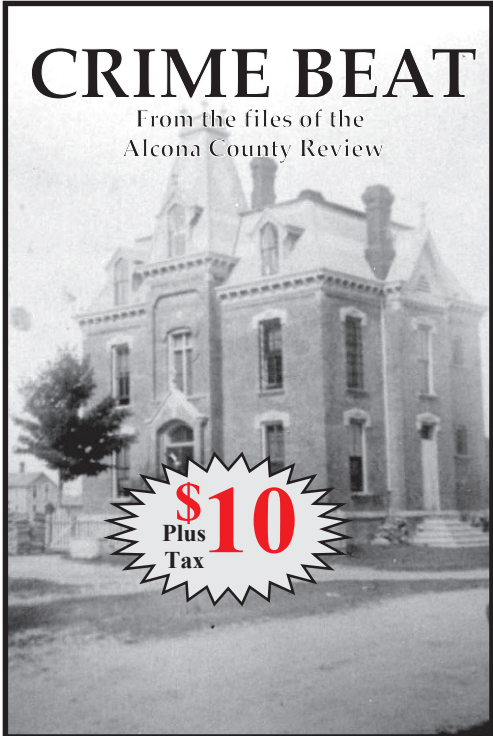
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