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Citizens of the year have children's best interest at heart

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

This year's Village of Lincoln Citizen of the Year Award was given to two ladies who possess a great love of children and their community. They also have the perfect amount of "let's-get-it-done" attitude and let nothing stand in their way of doing it.

Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter were awarded plaques with their award at last month's village meeting. They were surprised at the honor and never intended to do anything to win the award, their interest has only been about the children in their community.

Hart and Potter, both resi-

dents of Lincoln, also grew up in the Village of Lincoln. They have a strong sense of pride in their community, which comes naturally. Their similar interests, caring for children and their families, brought them together and a close friendship has developed. Hart said she knew when she decided to take on

the responsibility of two major events in the village, the Trick or Trunk/Chili Cook-off and the Easter egg hunt - that she'd be asking Potter to help her.

They have also spent the last two years trying to restore the Flights of Imagination playground. Phil Jordon, Village of Lincoln president,

said it was their committed efforts on the playground which really took the ladies to the top of the list to receive the citizen award this year.

"Each year we try to pick someone special who goes above and beyond in our village to receive a Citizen of the Year plaque. These two ladies have been nominated in years past, but were awarded the plaques this year due to the outstanding job they have done on restoring the playground. We are very proud of what they have accomplished and the award committee felt strongly they should be commended this year," Jordon said.

Hart and Potter took on the renovation project after realizing how the playground had deteriorated over the years. "This was a state of the art playground when it was built in 2000 and a lot of people in the community worked hard to build it, but nothing was done to keep it up. It looked bad, more importantly, it was becoming a safety issue for children," Hart said.

Hart and Potter raised the funds for the playground restoration through grants, bake sales and donations. Because of their efforts, the entire playground has received a new coat of stain to seal the lumber, the pictures decorating it have all been repainted and landscaping has been updated. Safety concerns were addressed with the addition of \$6,000 worth of engineered wood fiber mulch to replace the dwindled and hazardous wood chip surface.

The duo also raised funds to put on the Easter egg hunt in the village each year. Hart said until 2013 the Downtown Development Association helped with funds to put on the event. Those funds allowed them to purchase toys ranging in price from \$5 to \$7 for each child participating in the event.

"We found out just a few weeks before the event two years ago they wouldn't be donating the funds anymore. We had to really scramble putting on bake sales and asking for donations. It was always such a great thing to be able to see each child pick out their own toy at the event. It was something we really wanted to continue," Hart said. It was the generosity of the community which really helped bring the event together, she said.

Hart explained that even though they were able to collect funds and purchase gifts



Inspiration for this photograph came to Phil Krzeminski during a visit with family in Alcona County. Several weeks ago he did a short tour of the area just outside of Lincoln with this result. *Courtesy photo.*

Bovine TB still an issue in northern Michigan

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

With the close of firearm season on November 30, some hunters won't start thinking about whitetail deer again until the end of next summer.

However, numerous state employees work year around studying a variety of aspects involved with managing the state's deer herd, including the diseases that threaten them.

Dr. Dan O'Brien, a veterinarian who works for the State of Michigan as an epidemiologist, has been studying the whitetail population since 1999. He was hired to work on the then newly found bovine tuberculosis (TB) in the deer herd in northern Michigan.

For the last five or six years he has spent opening day of firearm season riding with Warren MacNeill, conservation officer for the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to talk with hunters about the still prevalent disease.

An epidemiologist studies how diseases behave in populations, what different diseases do in specific populations, how diseases are transmitted and conduct testing for the disease. "My job is multifaceted in many ways," O'Brien said. "A lot of my job is to do research in order to get scientific data. I also act as a resource for policy makers. I provide information to policy makers like the DNR director, members of the Natural Resource Commission, the department of agriculture director, and I interact with federal agencies.

"I basically digest all of the research that has been published and determine what is useful in Michigan and present it to policy makers in a form that they can understand," O'Brien said.

He met MacNeill several years ago in Alcona County at an informational meeting for the public regarding TB in the deer herd and in cattle herds. "At the meeting Warren said, 'if you want to see what is going on you should come here and get people's perspective and see what the situation is in the field.' That's how it started... These field trips help on a lot of different levels," he said.

O'Brien explained by being in the field and talking to hunters he has an opportunity to explain how baiting and feeding makes the spread of TB in deer worse (nose to nose contact is one of the ways the disease is spread). It allows him to see what hunting attitudes are - which is important because "so much relies on compliance from hunters."

"These field trips provide insight... (they) help me understand public attitude -



Dr. Dan O'Brien

why people feel the way they do and learn what people's concerns are... The idea is to work with people - to understand opinions, determine obstacles and digest what we are hearing from the public and communicate that to the policy makers - and get the process to move forward," O'Brien said.

In the last several years, O'Brien explained, he has noticed various changes. "I

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I would like to thank all of you for all the cards, flowers, plants, food, prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery after my surgery on November 17th. These wishes are greatly appreciated and again I say thank you very much.

Connie Stutzman



Obituaries



Lorna M. Colvin

Lorna Mae Colvin, 85, of Grand Blanc, Mich., formerly of Lincoln, died on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014.

She was born March 26, 1929 in Clio, Mich., the daughter of Robert and Era (Soule) Thrower.

She graduated from Kearsley High School in 1947.

She was a member of Goodrich United Methodist Church. She was a former member of Lincoln United Methodist Church, Goodrich Hospital Auxiliary, Goodrich Ladies Club and Goodrich Band Parents.

Mrs. Colvin is survived by two sons, Weston (Sue) Bye of

Grand Blanc, Mich. and Kelly (Amy) Bye of Davison, Mich.; two daughters, Julie (Wayne) Stevens of Lincoln and Lori (Elgie) Long of Lincoln; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, William Bye and Lynn Colvin; and four sisters.

The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 1 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, Mich. Pastor Jeremy Affrica officiated. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery,



Linden, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Dale J. Sharboneau

Dale J. Sharboneau, 73, of Lincoln, died on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 at his home.

He was born on August 28, 1941 to John and Helen (Pinder) Sharboneau in Utica, Mich. He was raised in Lincoln.

On November 23, 1963, he married Karen Rang in Washington, Mich., where they resided until moving to Lincoln in 1969.

Mr. Sharboneau was a member of Haynes Community Church. He served as a chaplain for the Christian Motorcycle Association and did prison ministry for 20 years.

He spent the last 46 years in a wheelchair, but that did not stop him from being an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and woodworking.

Mr. Sharboneau is survived by his wife, Karen; one daughter, Rose (Kenneth) DeCook; one son, Don (Lucy) Sharboneau of Lincoln; three grandchildren, John, Karen, and David Sharboneau; three sisters, Bertha Marshall of Texas, Dorothy Robere of Texas, and Delores Schlicker of Lincoln; and one brother, Keith (Darlene) Sharboneau of Lachine, Mich.

He was preceded in death



by one sister, Marjorie Armstrong.

The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 1 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Claire Duncan officiated. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery.

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Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.

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Drop off letters to the Alcona County Review office at 111 Lake Street, Harrisville; mail to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; or e-mail using plain text format to editor@alconareview.com.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Nov. 23	44	36	0.54	6.1	21	SW
Nov. 24	51	33	0.70	7.7	33	SW
Nov. 25	34	29	0.03	3.9	21	SW
Nov. 26	31	26	0.00	1.3	10	WSW
Nov. 27	28	15	0.04	3.1	20	N
Nov. 28	26	12	0.00	2.7	15	W
Nov. 29	40	26	0.00	11.0	31	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	1.31	2.5	0.47
November to Date	2.19	3.4	2.08
Year to Date	27.58	3.4	26.57

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

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Mary Lee Cordes
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who sent condolences,
provided food, and helped to
serve the luncheon following
the funeral. Your kind
thoughts and actions are
greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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Calendar of Events

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Food pantry open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. Free items for

newborns through age five to residents of Alcona County. Diapers, formula, clothes, bedding and more available. For more information, call (989) 305-5450.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena, at the corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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Obituaries

Earl J. Trigger

Earl James Trigger, 89, of Hubbard Lake, died on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014.

He was born November 7, 1925, in Flint, Mich. to James and Vera (Barclay) Trigger.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Trigger studied at the University of Minnesota. He worked at Fischer Body in Flint, Mich. and retired as a maintenance general foreman after 34 years of service.

He married Nona Anderson on December 30, 2001 in Alcona County.

He enjoyed snow skiing, boating, woodworking, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Trigger is survived by his wife, Nona Trigger; two sons, Tom (Debbie) Trigger and Larry (Barbara) Trigger; three grandchildren; three step children, four step grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis (Samson) Trigger.

Visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. until the Memorial Service at 2 p.m. at Spruce Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, W.Va. 25438-0018, or to the Free Clinic of Alpena, 1600 W. Chisholm, Alpena, Mich. 49707. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Frances A. Hickey

Frances A. Hickey, 94, of Louisville, Ky. died on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014.

She was born September 23, 1920 to Harry and Elsie (Humphrey) Rapson in Bad Axe, Mich., where she was raised.

In 1940 she married Lawrence Hickey in Bad Axe, Mich. They were residents of Mikado, Ossineke, Barton City and New Haven, Mich.

She lived in the Alpena area before moving to Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Hickey was a devoted homemaker and an excellent cook who made wonderful peanut butter cookies and scones. She enjoyed writing letters and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Hickey is survived by one daughter, Etta Mae (George) Gawthrop of Louisville, Ky.; seven grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, in 1976; two daughters, Elsie Rhode and Mary Ann Shelton Ritthaler; six brothers; and four sisters.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln on Friday, Dec. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Marvin and The Rev. Char McGuire will officiate. Burial will be in the Mikado Cemetery.

Christmas in the Village

HARRISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 6

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Featured events:

- Lunch: Sloppy Joes, chips, drink plus apple crisp.
- Bakery: The best homemade assortment of baked goods.
- Rada Knives
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The Alcona County Review is looking for a someone to attend Alcona High School varsity boys basketball games this winter in order to write stories each week. Please call Cheryl Peterson at (989) 724-6384 for more information including payment, sporting schedules and other details. Must have own transportation and be able to meet Monday morning deadline. This is a good opportunity to be part of a weekly publication, meet members of the community and fine tune writing skills. Pay is minimal, however, helping bring recognition to student athletes is priceless.

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My Brother's Hope is in urgent need of personal care items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and especially shampoo and conditioner), diapers, especially size one, and clean, gently used towels. Donations may be taken to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library during regular library hours and to the Cozy Cabin Beauty Shop, 215 S. 2nd Street, Lincoln, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Dec. 8—Breaded pork chop, wild rice, Prince Charles blend veg-

etables, tossed salad and fruit.

- Tuesday, Dec. 9—Chicken pot pie with stew vegetables fruited Jell-O and fruit.

- Wednesday, Dec. 10—Spaghetti with meat sauce, wax beans, tropical fruit salad and fruit.

- Thursday, Dec. 11—Ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, red and green fluff salad and cherry cheesecake.

- Friday, Dec. 12—Chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts and fruit. (*Friday meals served in Lincoln only.*)

Program Excellence Award

Yvonne "Bonnie" Wichtner-Zoia was awarded the Raymond D. Vlasin Award for Program Excellence on November 5 at the Michigan State University (MSU) Fall Extension Conference awards banquet. There Extension employees and key partners were recognized for their leadership and dedication.

Wichtner-Zoia is an Extension community and economic development educator based in Alcona County. Throughout her MSU Extension career, Wichtner-Zoia has excelled in educational programming, planning, delivery and evaluation. She has facilitated and coordinated numerous community and economic development efforts related to strategic planning, community assets, surveys, leadership, land use, business counseling and conflict management. She is also the author and coauthor of a variety of publications and led many community development workshops. Her work has generated collaborative partnerships between various organizations to support community development processes.

The Raymond D. Vlasin Award for Program Excellence is presented by the Community and Natural Resources Development Association of MSU Extension to honor individuals for their leadership, dedication and excellence.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 TOWNSHIP OF ALCONA
 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
 3 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014
 ALCONA TOWNSHIP HALL
 5576 N. US-23
 BLACK RIVER, MICH.

The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only. For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2013 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended. For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2014 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section 7ee. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction. A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2014 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 8, 2014. A qualified "disabled veteran" must file a Veteran's Affidavit by the close of the December Board of Review to receive a Veterans Exemption for the current year. No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice: The township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon seven days notice. Contact Sarah Gohl Assessor at alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com or (989)464-5557.



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 Fresh Green Floral Arrangements
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 Turkey Tetrazzini, Rolls,
 Cran-Raspberry Salad and
 Homemade Pie
*New Life Lutheran Church is
 located just south of White Pines
 National Golf Course off Hubbard
 Lake Road.*
(989) 736 7816

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Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

Walk indoors, upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
 Fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 254, 2205 Alger Street, Mikado. Adults \$8, children six to 12 \$4, five and under eat for free. Public is welcome.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

Lincoln's annual Festival of Lights Celebration. Residents gather at the Fire Hall

to welcome Santa Claus, take hayrides and warm by the bonfire. Hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee and chips are provided by the Lincoln Lions Club. Cash prizes are awarded for the best outdoor holiday decorations in the Lincoln area.

Huron Shores Chorus will present its annual Christmas program "A Silver Christmas" at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda United Methodist Church, 120 West Dwight Avenue. The 42 members of the chorus will perform a mix of seasonal favorites and special selections. There is no admission charge but free will offerings are welcome.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.



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Christmas in the Village Sale!
Saturday, December 6
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
 Harrisville's annual Christmas in the Village. There will be a holiday bazaar at Maria Hall, behind St. Anne Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hayrides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. pick-up and drop-off at the arts council building on Third Street. Children's activities and a visit from Santa Claus from noon to 2 p.m. at the Alcona County Library on M-72 west of the traffic light. For details, contact the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce at (989) 724-5107 or (800) 432-2823.

Take a cookie walk at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville at 9 a.m.

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for the past two years, unfortunately, last spring they had to announce that each child would no longer receive a gift. Instead, they are hoping to raffle free bikes and helmets at the 2015 egg hunt event and possibly hand out something small like coloring books and crayons to each child.

Hart and Potter organize and run two bake sales each year during hunting season to help pay for the Easter egg hunt. The bake sales earn about \$1,600, but they said the amount earned doesn't pay for everything and donations for the event are always appreciated.

The Easter egg hunt and the Halloween Trick or Trunk chili event have grown immensely since Hart and Potter took over running them about five years ago. According to Potter, during their first Trick or Trunk they sold about 150 cups of chili and had 12 cars lining Second Street in Lincoln to hand out candy. Approximately 100 children, she estimated, attended the event.

This year they sold 450 cups of chili and had over 500 children in attendance. Hart explained that while the events don't bring new businesses into the area, they must help bring revenue because attracting that many people to the area was bound



Teresa Hart (left) and Naomi Potter were named citizens of the year by the Village of Lincoln. The award committee commended them for the fine job they did in getting the Flights of Imagination playground restored. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

to bring additional income to the businesses which participate.

Potter explained the chili cups are sold for \$5 each at the event which pretty much pays for the advertising and cups, (shipping on the cups can run over \$400). She said any funds left over goes towards next year's events or has gone to restoring the playground.

"It takes a lot of work and our families have to endure a lot when we begin working on

the events each year, but it's worth it. Each year more and more families come and they bring more people with them the following year. I've been fortunate to work with Naomi to keep doing this. We think very much alike and what I don't think of, Naomi does, which makes the process easier. I could never do this without her," Hart said.

"Receiving this plaque was wonderful, but we don't do this for a pat on the back. We do this because it's where our heart is in our community. We love our community. We love the people in it and how generous they can be, but really it's all about the kids. These kids are our future. We want them to grow up here and come back here to raise their families. It's important to have events like this to bring them back to their community. Having them come back is what will keep our community growing," Hart said.

Donations to the Easter egg hunt fund may be made payable to the Village of Lincoln with a notation "Egg Hunt." They can be mailed to the Village of Lincoln, P.O. Box 337, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

CryptoQuip

answer

If you have a very good reason to steal things from somebody, I'd call that robbable cause.



Amy Northrup of Alpena shot her first whitetail on November 19 when she bagged this six-point in Millen Township. "It was an amazing experience," she said. *Courtesy photo.*

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see different things every time I come here," O'Brien said. In 2013 he saw "more feed in the woods (from previous years) and that's not good because it's out for a longer amount of time. It concerns me." This year he "didn't see any more or any less."

"The biggest change I've noticed is a lot more apathy - with the public as well as policy makers... Most would like it to be over... It's far from being over," he said.

O'Brien explained the measures that were implemented in the late 1990s and in early 2000 - when the issue was "new" - have gained ground in the ultimate goal of eliminating bovine TB from the state's whitetail herd. However, that progress has slowed down over the years. "There hasn't been a great deal of change in what we are seeing in the deer herd - it's decreasing, but slowly. There are still cattle that are being infected (by deer and contracting TB)," he said. "There are about three herds a year (found to be infected with TB).

"If we are able to sustain the progress we've made so far - about a half percent decrease (of TB) in deer population in Deer Management Unit (DMU) 452 (Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda, and Montmorency counties) - in about 20 to 30 years it could be gone... However, we could also see it change and get worse. When it does, it will get worse for cattle too," O'Brien said.

To improve the percentage of TB elimination, O'Brien said more strict measures need to be taken - reduce the deer herd more, no baiting or feeding allowed at all and vaccinate whitetail deer. "It isn't that we can't get rid of TB - but there are things that likely would be unpopular or very expensive so policy makers are unwilling to take them



Dr. Steve Schmitt, (middle) DNR wildlife health section chief and wildlife veterinarian, and O'Brien check a deer brought in by Alcona County resident Russell Hale at the Lincoln field office. *Courtesy photo.*

on. I haven't seen any evidence that policy makers are willing to undertake these things - so unless that changes the situation will remain about the same."

O'Brian said he understands many hunters are frustrated with the situation - especially in DMU 452. What hunters see as negative aspects to the plan to eliminate TB in the deer herd are viewed negatively - considerably fewer deer than 20 or 30 years ago and they are not allowed to hunt over bait.

However, he and other state employees, from scientists to technicians to conservation officers and other staff members, have the same responsibility of being stewards of natural resources, which many hunters have. "Hunters want to take good care of the resource so our children's children will have something better than we had. As scientists we understand that and want to do the same."

He encouraged hunters to be part of the process. The easiest way to do that is to have deer checked at DNR checkpoints. The collection of deer heads is important in the research that is conducted throughout the year by O'Brien and his colleagues. It's also very important, O'Brien said, for hunters to complete the survey provided to them by the state.

Communication is also important, according to O'Brien. He urged hunters to communicate with members of the Natural Resource Commis-

sion (NRC) and DNR officials - including the director. "Go to meetings, call NRC members... all input is welcome - although, it's a lot more helpful if it's constructive input. It's extremely important to have hunters participate. Hunters can more likely see changes in how things go if they take an active part in the process," O'Brien said.

"The best thing is to stay engaged with the DNR, and, the DNR needs to stay engaged with hunters. Hunters need to understand that everyone has to look at the bigger picture. There are management objectives that are in place to accomplish the goal of getting rid of TB."

He said the same is true with cattle farmers. They need to stay engaged and communicate with DNR officials and NRC members as well. "The perception of both groups (farmers and hunters) is that their side is making all of the sacrifices. Each (group) is making sacrifices. If we are going to move forward people need to come together... If we are going to move forward we are going to have to compromise to solve the problem, or we will have to live with TB. That cooperation starts at the local level.

"It's got to be a cooperative effort... If (people) don't take responsibility other people will take responsibility for us and (they) most likely won't like it. So, be part of the process and not just observers - be part of the solution," O'Brien said.

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Libraries celebrate local historian

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

All four branches of the Alcona County Library will celebrate Doris Gauthier Historical Day on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in memory of the historian and honoring her birthday.

Gauthier was born on December 9, 1925 and would have been 89 this year.

Gauthier was one of Alcona County's most well known residents before her death in 2008. She spent much of her life deeply rooted in Alcona County working and researching the county's history in an official capacity as well as a personal quest.

She began working for the county in 1945 at the Michigan State University Extension office before taking over her sister's position as register of deeds just a few days after her sister died suddenly during childbirth.

Gauthier spent 37 years committed to serving Alcona County residents. The reason she remained in her position for that long, Gauthier said in an interview before she retired, was because she enjoyed helping people find information and record their property and, because she really liked the contact with people.

Gauthier's love of community history was widely known when she was asked by the Lincoln Lions to prepare an eight page historical publication. Gauthier enjoyed the research so much, when the Lions received the publication it was 12 pages long instead of the eight they had asked for.

Still, she had so much more to write. The historical research led her to write 13 self published booklets about the history of Alcona County and its residents. Her first booklet was "The Early Pioneers."

Alcona County Library Director Carol Luck said the first five of Gauthier's booklets -- "The Early Pioneers," "Alcona - The Lake Pioneers," "Harrisville Then and Now," "Alcona Community Pioneers" and "More Community Pioneers" -- have already been retyped and republished. The new versions have an easier to read font and cleaner graphics than Gauthier's original copies. They are available to purchase at all of the branches of the library and the Alcona County Review.

Luck said booklets six and seven are in the process of being printed and should be available soon. Booklets eight through 13 are planned to be finished next year.

"I had the opportunity to get to know Doris before she passed. She was quite lively and always had a smile. She loved to tell stories and her favorite was telling stories on herself. She was just a fun and humble person who really wanted to share the legacy of the county with others. Her booklets are from information researched through newspapers, official documents, diaries and oral history. They are quite interesting," Luck said.

Luck explained during the historical day celebration the

libraries will also be sharing their progress on the digitalization of the Lincoln Herald and Alcona County Herald newspapers for computer use. She said the project has taken a while to get done but they are planning for the work to be completed and installed on computers in all four branches by next Tuesday.

"We already have all copies of the Alcona County Review dating back 85 years on computer for the public to access at all branches of the library and we've been working to get the Herald up and running digitally too," Luck said. She explained money for the project has been trickling in through grants, memorial donations and the sale of Gauthier's booklets.

All four branches of the Alcona County Library will be hosting the Doris Gauthier Historical Day with refreshments between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and all branches will have computer demonstrations of the digitally copied newspapers. She said they will also be selling Gauthier's booklets during the event as "they would make great Christmas gifts."

The Harrisville branch is located at 312 W. Main Street, Harrisville; the Caledonia Township branch is at 1499 Hubert Road, in Hubbard Lake; the Mikado Township branch is at 2291 S. F-41, Mikado; and the Lincoln branch at 330 Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln.

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Police Report

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Area law enforcement agencies are requesting the public's assistance in solving several pharmacy burglaries in northeast Michigan.

During the late evening hours of September 20, the Au Gres Police Department in Arenac County investigated the break in of a pharmacy in its jurisdiction. The suspect in that incident is described as a white male, 20-30 years of age, approximately six feet tall with a thin build.

Approximately three and a half hours later, a pharmacy in Hale in Iosco County was also broken into. This incident was investigated by the Michigan State Police post in West Branch, Mich.

The next incident was discovered shortly after midnight on November 6, when the Alcona County Sheriff's Department responded to an alarm at a pharmacy in Lincoln. Surveillance video showed at least two suspects involved in this incident, with one possibly being a female.

The most recent burglary was discovered in Alpena Township, Alpena County on the morning of November 24 and is under investigation by the Michigan State Police in Alpena.

In all, over \$30,000 in prescription controlled substances (narcotics, pain killers, et cetera) were stolen from pharmacies in these four burglaries. Based on the evidence at each scene, it is suspected that the same suspects are responsible for all four of these thefts.

Area law enforcement officials are asking anyone having information about these crimes or the identities of the suspects involved, to contact Crime Stoppers at (800) 422-JAIL.

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November 19**

Lincoln Prec.	92	28
Alcona Tool	78	42
Back Alley Bar	68	52
Alcona Abstract	58	62
Stoney Acres	53.5	66.5
JB's Auto	53	67
Ark Plumbing	49.5	70.5

High game and series: Flora Yingling, 211 and 544.
High handicap game: Mary Lappan, 263.
High handicap series: Ronnie Miller, 684.

**Early Bloomers
November 11**

Daffodils	177	111
Buttercups	171	117
Marigolds	160.5	127.5
Mums	132.5	155.5
Rosebuds	127	161
Violets	96	192

High game: Edna McDonough, 177.
High series: Kathy Goddard, 486.
High team game: Rosebuds and Violets, 433.
High team series: Violets, 1,202.

November 25

Daffodils	194	118
Buttercups	178	134
Marigolds	176	136
Mums	141	171
Rosebuds	137	175
Violets	110	202

High game: Annette Kane, 178.
High series: Carla Travis, 486.
High team game: Daffodils, 434.
High team series: Violets, 1,213.

**Minors
November 22**

Team 1	39	13
Team 2	21	31
Team 3	18	8

Boy's high game and series: Triston Robinson, 69 and 124.
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 79 and 149.

November 29

Team 1	52	13
Team 2	34	31
Team 3	18	21

Boy's high game and series: Triston Robinson, 53 and 104.
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 99 and 189.

**Majors
November 22**

Team 1	60.5	47.5
Team 4	58.5	49.5
Pin Busters	53	54
Team 3	44	64

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 184 and 495.
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 127 and 341.

November 29

Team 1	84.5	50.5
Pin Busters	71	63

Team 4 67.5 67.5
Team 3 44 82
Boy's high game: Robert Levesque, 195.
Boy's high series: Cory Hoffman, 479.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Cory Hoffman, 227 and 620.
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 122 and 332.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 205 and 581.

**Huron
November 18**

Back Alley Bar	66	54
Seven	65	55
Gary Oil	61	59
Rob's Repair	57.5	62.5
Harbortown Pi.	56.5	63.5
Lincoln Prec.	54	66

High game and series: Dave Glazar, 268 and 720.
High handicap game: Ed Schmitz, 301.
High handicap series: Dave Glazar, 780.

**Sportsman
November 20**

AuSable Inn	82	53
Phil's Barber	81	54
Village Lanes	73	62
We R Versatile	62.5	72.5
LLW	62	73
Cole's Appl.	44.5	90.5

High game: Dave Baker, 257.
High series: Jimmy Armstrong, 650.
High handicap game: Dave Baker, 294.
High handicap series: Jim Braden, 777.

**He's & She's
November 21**

Up Your Alley	131	49
Wine Tards	129	51
Splits Happen	117	63
Right/Wrong	92.5	87.5
Part Timers	89.5	90.5
Wild Ones	61	119
Family Affair	54	126

Men's high game and series: Dave Glazar, 221 and 599.
Men's high handicap game: Keith Tverberg, 249.
Men's high handicap series: Shane Connor, 646.
Women's high game and series: Kathy Schwartz, 180 and 447.
Women's high handicap game: Kathy Schwartz, 251.
Women's high handicap series: Noreen Tverberg, 662.



Ty Aron, 11, of Mikado bagged an eight-point on Friday, Nov. 21 while hunting with his grandfather, Jacob Aron, on his property in Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*

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Girls basketball team ready for action

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

Fans of the Alcona girls varsity basketball team should be happy as the Lady Tigers were back in action on Monday, Dec. 1 for the season opening game against the Tawas Braves in Tawas.

The Lady Tigers will play 20 games this season with their sights set on winning the North Star League Championship.

Last year, the Lady Tigers finished 19-4 for the season. This year, the varsity team is made up of 10 players -- senior co-captains Kendra Cole and Nicole Walen, Samantha Schopher, co-captain Torie

Harmon, Sydney Pierce, Sierra Forsythe, Claire Feldhiser, Alissa Terpstra, Jessica Grove and sophomore Keilene Elmer.

The Lady Tigers have been working hard on and off the court in preparation for the upcoming season. According to head coach Brad Cole, the team chemistry is positive and the girls are working really well with each other.

"The team doesn't have a super star; all the girls on the team are on a pretty even keel. We are big under the basket with Cole, Terpstra and Grove, but I will be looking to Harmon and Pierce to step up offensively to fill in

scoring gaps," Cole said.

He is optimistic the level of competition on the schedule will move the team forward in the right direction.

Alcona will be back on the road on Friday, Dec. 5 traveling to Bay City John Glenn High School.

Monday, Dec. 8 is the first home game as the Lady Tigers play host to Alpena High School Wildcats. Tip off for the junior varsity matchup is scheduled for 6 p.m. followed by the varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

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- Only shop using secure websites. Most websites will have a pop up screen indicating that they have a security certificate, a "lock" should also appear in the bottom corner of your browser window.

- Use only reputable web sites that you are familiar with. Unfamiliar companies can be checked by searching the Better Business Bureau website at www.bbb.org or by calling the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division toll free at (877) 765-8388. If you are in doubt, don't order.

- Check out the merchant's privacy and security policies. Some merchants ask for personal information to sell to other merchants, direct marketers, and even telemarketers. Read their online privacy and security policies so that you know where your information is going. Some mer-

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Where rubber hits road, new taxes fix them

By Ian K. Kulligren
Capital News Service

As lawmakers wrangle over how to fix the state's crumbling road system, one group is increasingly volunteering to foot the bill: Local taxpayers.

More than a third of counties now have local property tax increases in place to help fund road maintenance.

In 2006, voters in 12 counties had approved local road maintenance levies. That number has now risen to 28 as of this year, when eight passed new increases in the August primary and November general elections.

Although the taxes are expected to bring in millions of dollars in additional road funds each year, local leaders say it will barely make a dent, even if the House passes a bill in December to double the gasoline tax.

"We've allowed our roads to deteriorate to the point where it will take a combination of local, state and fed-

eral dollars to even stop the bleeding," said Monica Ackerson Ware, communications and development manager for the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM).

Local roads have fallen into the worst disrepair. According to the state's 2013 roads report, 31 percent of minor arterial roads — which help funnel traffic to destinations like airports and shopping centers — and 46 percent of smaller rural roads are in poor condition. That's compared to 21 percent of larger arterial roads and 11 percent of freeways rated in poor condition.

"It would take us 10 years, if we got proper funding, to see a really big difference in our county," said David Brandt, chairperson of the Cheboygan County Road Commission. "We don't even have enough employees to plow our roads in the winter."

A Senate-passed bill would convert the current 19-cent-per-gallon tax into a tiered wholesale tax that would increase over the next four years and bring in more than \$1 billion annually.

According to the CRAM, that's only about half the money needed to fix and maintain the state's roads. Counties receive 39 percent under the current funding structure. The rest goes to cities and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

County roads make up three quarters of all paved road miles but tend to stay intact longer than state and federal roads because of lower traffic volume.

Cheboygan County's millage, passed in August, will raise about \$1 million a year for the next four years — enough for repair work on just six county roads, Brandt said.

The same is true in Grand Traverse County, where voters approved a tax increase in 2013 to bring in an estimated \$4.4 million annually.

Eighty percent of the county's roads are in disrepair, and officials predict it will take 20 years to fix them, even with the additional tax money. In the most optimistic scenario, that time could be cut in half if the state

increases the wholesale gas tax.

"I've lived in this county my whole life, and they're the worst I've ever seen," said David Taylor, a member of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission. "We want to tackle our primary roads, but we don't even have enough money to improve our local roads."

Voters in eight counties approved road millages this year, according to CRAM: Otsego, Cheboygan, Eaton, Keweenaw, Otsego, Arenac, Kalkaska and Midland.

Road funding has emerged as the legislature's top priority in the lame duck session, although it's unclear whether the Senate plan will gain enough support from House Republicans nervous about raising taxes.

Under the proposal, the tax would start at 9.5 percent on April 1, 2015, and ratchet up to 15.5 percent by 2018.

It's hard to predict exactly how much money that would bring in because tax revenue would rise and fall with gas prices. One concern is that revenues would diminish over the next several decades as vehicles become more fuel efficient.

But right now, county road officials say they're more concerned with the immediate future. "We will take anything we can get," Taylor said. "With the price of gas being down right now and a lame duck session, something will possibly happen. But a year or two ago we were thinking the same thing, and nothing happened."

Many supporters of a gas tax increase say it could avoid more costly repairs in the future. According to CRAM, every dollar spent on local road repair now would save between \$6 and \$14 in future years.

Gladwin County was one of the first to pass a road funding increase in 1968. It currently brings in about \$1.7 million annually, used strictly for maintenance. "It's really helped over the long term," said Larry Miller, a member of the county's road commission. "Go to Clare County and Arenac County, and you can tell who's got the best roads."



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and grandparents to identify these children. The geographic area that we cover is the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern half of Haynes Township. Also, within these same boundaries we are looking for senior citizens, that reside here, so they too can be remembered at this time of year.

In order for us to continue with our program, we look to the support of the community to aid us in making sure our goals and objectives are reached. The support comes in a couple different ways. One is to get the names and addresses of all those children and seniors we are looking for and secondly is the generosity of the citizens, in these tough financial times. Both of these objectives can be accomplished by filling out the form at the end of this article and forward it to the address specified. Persons can also phone in the names and addresses to (989) 724-5258 or (989) 724-9910.

The Harrisville Goodfellows, although they want to stay anonymous, also try and help others within our community when some type of disaster or unexpected crisis falls upon a family. This is another good reason that we need your financial support, as well as your sense of community support for those less fortunate than others.

Here are some of the activities the Harrisville Goodfellows accomplish at this time of year.

- On the Sunday before Christmas, fruit baskets and some meals are delivered to the seniors in our area, to wish them a Merry Christmas.
- On Christmas Eve the children receive a visit and a bag of goodies from Santa Claus. (Have your cameras ready).
- The Nativity Scene is set up for all to enjoy.
- Trees are decorated at the Craftmakers' Cabin.

In order for us to complete our tasks, we ask for a few simple actions of our citizens.

1. Keep your porch lights on from 6 to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
2. Keep your dogs secured during the same time.
3. If you are not going to be home, but in the area, let us know where.
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Dog/Animal	8	Traffic	5
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Trespassing	2
Alarm	4	Be On the Lookout	2
911 Hang Up	3	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	3
Patrol Check	2	Open Door	1
Neighbor Trouble	2	Breaking and Entering	2
Medical	3	Personal Injury Accident	1
Vehicle Inspection	1	Power Lines Down	2
Larceny	2	Suicidal Subject	1
Lost/Found Property	1	Fire	1
Missing Person	1	Suspicious Events	6
Natural Death	1	Gunshots Heard	1

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Greenbush	8	Gustin	3	Harrisville	13
Hawes	8	Haynes	3	Mikado	6
Millen	1	Mitchell	5		
Harrisville City	9	Village of Lincoln	1		

Michigan falls behind other states in wood use innovation

By Eric Freedman
Capital News Service

Michigan is lagging far behind states on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in exploring innovative markets and uses for wood products and wood energy, experts say.

And with Michigan's abundant forestlands, identifying and developing new uses has major implications for the economy and employment across the state, not only in the north.

"People think of the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula as Michigan's woodbasket, but there are a heck of a lot of trees that grow south of Clare, and a lot of them are dead or dying," said Warren Suchovski, a logger and forestland owner in Stephenson, Menominee County.

About 55 percent of the state is covered by forests, and forestry is the state's third-largest manufacturing sector, according to Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. Forests support about 136,000 jobs in the state and add \$17 billion to its economy.

Supply isn't a problem, said Terry Sharik, dean of the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science at Michigan Technological University. "We're clearly in the top 10," he said. Many of the state's trees are high-quality species such as the red oak and sugar maple that are prized for furniture.

There's been a great deal of media and government attention on using wood and other biomass – organic material extracted from ecosystems – as a renewable resource to generate power. One proposal – since shelved – would have built a state-subsided multimillion-dollar ethanol plant in Kinross Township in Chippewa County.

The challenge is finding other ways to sustainably extract wood and other forest materials, to process them

locally and to add value rather than simply shipping them out as logs.

Suchovski said, "You hear a lot today about burning wood for heat and electricity. That's low-hanging fruit. We need to get to high-value products." The question, he said, is "What are we going to do with another million cords of wood when the next big mill shuts down?"

One new approach began last year with a Michigan Biofuels Initiative involving government, Michigan Tech,

Michigan State University, industry, Michigan Society of American Foresters and other interests. It's developing a strategic plan for the state.

According to Sharik, priority topics for the plan include trends and the future of biomaterials markets, private forestland, state and federal forestland and biomaterials manufacturing. "The potential for Michigan is just tremendous," he said. "If you do it right, you're actually improving those forests."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CURTIS
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
1:00 PM TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2014
CURTIS TOWNSHIP HALL
4932 F-30
GLENNIE, MICHIGAN 48737

The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only.

For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2014 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended.

For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2014 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section 7ee. An eligible veteran may appeal their 2013 and/or 2014 property tax on their principal residence. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction.

A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption From Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2014 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the township supervisor by 4 p.m. Monday December 8, 2014. No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice: The township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon seven days notice. Contact Tammy Fall Assessor at 989-735-2122.

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6:00 PM TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2014
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can be done at SocialSecurity.gov like getting your Social Security statement, estimating your future benefits, applying for retirement or disability benefits, signing up for direct deposit, replacing a Medicare card and much more. See a complete list of what you can do online at ssa.gov/online-services.

You can also get information and answers to most of your Social Security questions at faq.ssa.gov if you're patient enough to read through the information yourself.

But, if you need more help than their website offers, you can always call Social Security's toll-free service line at (800) 772-1213 Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and ask your question over the phone, or make a scheduled appointment with your local field office. To reduce your wait time, avoid calling during their rush hour times, which

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If you're seeking advice on when you should start taking your Social Security benefits, you need to know that while Social Security employees do provide information on how the system works under different circumstances, they aren't allowed to give case-specific advice on when you should start drawing your benefits.

If you want help with this, you'll need to turn to some of the free or fee-based Social Security tools that are available online through private financial service companies or AARP.

Depending on the service, these tools take into account the different rules and claiming strategies that can affect your benefits, and some of them can crunch hundreds of calculations to compare your benefits under various scenarios and different ages to help you figure out the



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Some of the best free tools are AARP's Social Security Calculator (aarp.org/social-securitybenefits); SSAnalyze which is offered by Bedrock Capital Management (bedrockcapital.com/ssanalyze); and Analyze Now (analyze-now.com - click on "Computer Programs") which offers a "Free Strategic Social Security Planner" but requires Microsoft Excel to use it. Or, if you don't mind spending a little money, there are higher-level services you can use like Maximize My Social Security ([\[security.com\]\(http://security.com\)\), which charges \\$40 for their report, and takes into account the thousands of different factors and combinations to help you maximize your benefits.](http://maximizemysocial-</p>
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Experts emphasize that products should mean more than expanding the use of forest than selling 2-by-4s and



Plants showing berries in winter

Beautyberry Violet Zones 6-11	Chokeberry Black or red Zones 4-9	Inkberry Black Zones 5-9
	Winterberry Red Zones 3-8	Blue Holly Red Zones 5-9
	Snowberry White Zones 2-8	Firethorn Yellow to red Zones 5-9
Nannyberry - Green, yellow, red, blue-black Zones 2-8		

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stacks of firewood. When Suchovski uses the term for-est products, "I'm taking it holistically - everything from boards and paper to maple syrup and mushrooms."

And Brenda Owen, execu-tive director of the Michigan Association of Timbermen based in Newberry, Mich., cited research at Michigan Tech to find new uses for bio-materials.

For example, research is underway there that uses tor-refaction, a process that roasts biomass such as scrap wood, sawdust and bark to change its characteristics. The end product is a low-moisture, high-energy fuel

that can be used to smelt iron, a product that some people describe as "bio-coal."

Other potential areas for study include nano-fibers that can be used to reinforce concrete and plastic and wood pulp extract that's stronger than carbon fibers used in Kevlar.

MSU's Biomass Innova-tion Center in Escanaba, Mich. is focusing on ways to quickly grow trees for use in a variety of energy systems, including ethanol and acti-vated charcoal, and to re-place coal at electricity gen-erating plants.

That research includes economic, environmental

and social impacts. At the same time, center director Ray-mond Miller cautioned that biomass is only "one part of the solution" to the de-mand for energy and will never be sufficient to replace fossil fuels or nuclear energy.

When it comes to finding money for research about sustainable biomaterials, Sharik noted that universi-ties elsewhere are far ahead of Michigan, including forest-rich Oregon, Virginia, North Carolina and Maine. "They're eating our lunch literally" in competing for huge federal grants.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Forest Service has announced that it will award \$5 million in grants to expand markets for wood products and wood en-ergy. In announcing the na-tional competition, Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell said, "We must continue to find new, economically valu-able ways to use wood. The biggest threat to forests is conversion to non-forest use."

The agency's three priori-ties for the program are re-ducing hazardous fuels and improving forest health, low-ering forest management costs and promoting eco-nomic and environmental health. Grants will fall into several categories, including support for energy markets that use low-value wood resi-due for heating, cooling or electricity and promoting non-energy wood-based products, including use in commercial construction such as build-ings and bridges

The forest service set a January 23, 2015 deadline for grant proposals.

Tips

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online merchants mishan-dling your credit card infor-mation. If you use a card that has a relatively low credit limit this can also prevent thieves from obtaining authoriza-tions for large purchases.

- Watch those shipping charges. Carefully check and compare shipping and handling charges before order-ing. Some merchants will add 10 percent to 15 percent to the purchase price, making what seemed like a great deal into a bad deal. Keep in mind there are lots of online mer-chants that will give you free shipping if you meet a mini-mum purchase amount, but if you go below that amount it can cost a lot.

- Print out and keep all copies of receipts. Keep all your receipts in an organized file that you can easily access in case of any problems. Matching those receipts with the packing lists that come with the products will ensure you receive everything that you ordered.

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www.standrewschurhharrisville.org
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Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578
Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

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Calendar of Events

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Lots of goodies including cookies, candy and more. Why bake when you can take a cookie walk and get your holiday treats.

A Christmas bazaar will be held at New Life Lutheran Church located at 25 East Kirche In The Woods, Spruce from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be holiday baked goods, pantry items, hand crafted items, homemade note card, fresh floral arrangements and much more. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-7816.

An open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. for artist of the month, Lynn Frietag, at the Dragonfly Art Gallery, 116 East Main Street, Harrisville. The public is invited to attend.

A Christmas Bazaar and Tea will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street. There will be a cookie sale, handcrafted gifts for children, pets, friends and family. Enjoy a complimentary cup of tea and a sample of homemade cookies.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

A festive holiday concert Welcome Yule will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Alpena High School auditorium. The celebration begins with Santa Claus greeting the children at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, children and students admitted free. This event is sponsored by Thunder Bay Arts Council. For more information visit www.alpenatbarts.org or call (989) 356-6678.

Huron Shores Chorus will present its annual Christmas program "A Silver Christmas" at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, 2095 East US-23, East Tawas. The 42 members of the chorus will perform a mix of seasonal favorites and special selections. There is no admission charge but free will offerings are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

All ladies are invited to play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. First-timers welcome.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Get Crafty for Adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for December is a wreath alternative. There is a \$5 charge. For information and to register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. in the commons at Jamieson Nurs-

ing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville.

Doris Gauthier Historical Day! Visit any branch of the Alcona County Library between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and celebrate the birthday of Doris, the release of her historical booklets and the digitized Alcona County Herald. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 1 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Avenue in Oscoda. The agenda will include organizing volunteers for the Christmas bird count and a video on the history of

East Tawas. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Ruth at (989) 724-5679.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Road. Citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend.

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Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 22

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 23

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 29

SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 37 Low: 30

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 31

MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 28

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 33 Low: 21

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 36°, humidity of 68%. Southwest wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 64° set in 1982. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 22°. West wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is -3° set in 1966.

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	52	33	39/24	0.87"
Tuesday	33	27	38/24	0.10"
Wednesday	29	25	38/24	0.01"
Thursday	27	15	37/23	0.05"
Friday	23	14	37/23	0.00"
Saturday	41	24	37/23	0.00"
Sunday	47	25	36/22	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday, isolated rain Friday, with the highest temperature of 57° in Dighton, Mass. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 57° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Yuma, Ariz.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:53 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	3:19 p.m.	4:32 a.m.
Thursday	7:54 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	3:58 p.m.	5:39 a.m.
Friday	7:55 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	4:42 p.m.	6:43 a.m.
Saturday	7:56 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	7:43 a.m.
Sunday	7:57 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	6:23 p.m.	8:37 a.m.
Monday	7:58 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	9:25 a.m.
Tuesday	7:58 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	10:07 a.m.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:43 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Venus	8:43 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Mars	11:18 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Jupiter	10:19 p.m.	12:28 p.m.
Saturn	6:38 a.m.	4:16 p.m.
Uranus	2:10 p.m.	2:53 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 3, 1989 - Heavy snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in northern New England. Snowfall totals in Maine ranged up to 31 inches, at Limestone. Presque Isle, Maine reported a record 30 inches of snow in 24 hours, along with wind gusts to 46 mph.

Weather Trivia

Is it true that no two snowflakes are exactly alike?

ANSWER: All snow crystals have six sides, but no two snowflakes are exactly alike.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Earliest Sunset, December 8

Although the winter solstice is the shortest day of the year, it does not coincide with the time of the latest sunrise or the earliest sunset. The earliest sunset for 40 degrees N. latitude will occur on Monday, December 8. We want the sun to be in sync with our clocks when it is noon, but Earth's elliptical orbit and axial tilt make that impossible. In fact, clock time and the position of the real sun in the sky are only in step on four days of the year. It last happened on September 1 and will occur again on Christmas Day. Essentially, the Earth rotates at a constant rate, completing one spin in 23 hr, 56 min. During this time the sun shifts eastward in the sky by about one degree due to Earth's orbital motion. In order to correct for this, we complete the 24-hour day by adding four additional minutes to bring the sun back to its original location. But the sun's eastward motion is affected by two variables which create inconsistencies. One is the change in the orbital speed of the Earth as it moves along its elliptical path—fastest in the winter when we are closest to the sun and slowest in the summer when we reach our greatest distance from Sol. The second variant is the seasonal change in the altitude of the sun caused by Earth's axial tilt, upward after the winter solstice and downward after midsummer. Both make the sun's daily eastward motion change. Since late June, the net effect of the four minutes of catch-up time given to the sun each day has resulted in overcorrecting for Sol's day-by-day eastward motion, thus causing the sun to cross the meridian (noontime) earlier each day. On Nov. 3 this effect reached its maximum amplitude with the sun due south 16 min, 28.8 sec before our clocks told us that it was noon. If the sun crosses the meridian earlier, then it also sets earlier too. The trend has reversed itself, but not enough to compensate for the decreasing daylight hours, thus causing the earliest sunset to take place next week on Dec. 8. www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MEDICINE:** What condition does a deficiency of iron cause?
2. **FOOD AND DRINK:** What is bergamot?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** Lake Tahoe lies between which two U.S. states?
4. **MOVIES:** Which animated movie contains the line: "Squirrel!"?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the traditional birthstone for September?
6. **PUBLISHING:** What magazine was headed by Helen Gurley Brown for 32 years?
7. **ASTRONOMY:** How many moons does the planet Mars have?
8. **MYTHOLOGY:** What is the Greek god of the sun called?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What is the only word in the English language that ends in the letters "mt"?
10. **LITERATURE:** What was the name of Dick and Jane's dog in the famous early readers?

Answers: 1. Anemia; 2. A type of citrus fruit; 3. California and Nevada; 4. "Up"; 5. Sapphire; 6. Cosmopolitan; 7. Two, Phobos and Deimos; 8. Helios; 9. Dreamt; 10. Spot. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

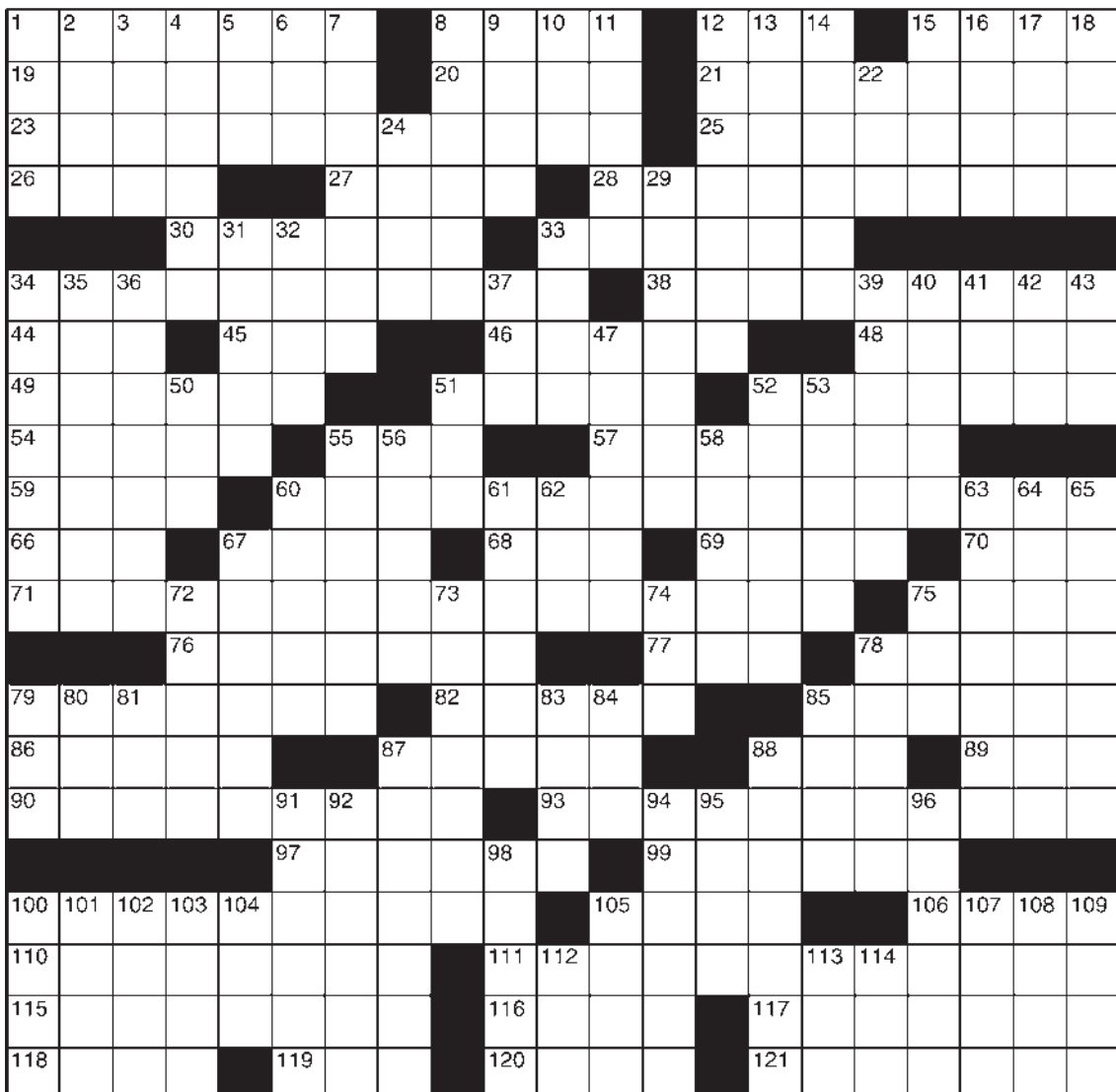
By The History Channel

- On Dec. 18, 1620, the British ship Mayflower docked at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts, and its passengers prepared to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony. That winter of 1620-1621 was brutal, and the Pilgrims struggled to find food and ward off sickness. By spring, 50 of the original 102 Mayflower passengers were dead.
 - On Dec. 15, 1791, Virginia becomes the final state to ratify the Bill of Rights, making the first 10 amendments to the Constitution law. The Anti-Federalist critics of the Constitution believed that it gave too much power to the federal government. The Bill of Rights assuaged their concerns.
 - On Dec. 17, 1944, Public Proclamation No. 21 declared that Japanese-American "evacuees" from the West Coast could return to their homes. In 1942, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were relocated to remote internment camps built by the U.S. military.
 - On Dec. 20, 1957, Elvis Presley receives his draft notice for the United States Army. After basic training, he served in 3rd Armor Corps in Friedberg, Germany, where he attained the rank of sergeant.
 - On Dec. 19, 1968, Warner Brothers releases the movie "Bullitt," starring Steve McQueen, in Sweden, two months after its debut in U.S. theaters. Many critics consider "Bullitt" to be one of the greatest action movies ever made, because of the seven-minute car chase through the streets of San Francisco.
 - On Dec. 16, 1973, the Buffalo Bills running back "OJ" Simpson becomes the first player in the National Football League to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a single season. After leading the University of Southern California Trojans to a Rose Bowl victory and winning the Heisman Trophy, Simpson was drafted by Buffalo in 1969.
 - On Dec. 21, 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 explodes in midair over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 243 passengers and 16 crew members aboard, as well as 11 Lockerbie residents on the ground. A bomb hidden inside an audio cassette player detonated in the cargo area when the plane was at an altitude of 31,000 feet.
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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Empress of old Russia</p> <p>8 Unwakeful state</p> <p>12 Part of BYO</p> <p>15 Political coalition</p> <p>19 Choose for jury duty</p> <p>20 Lang. spoken in Milan</p> <p>21 1959 John Wayne film</p> <p>23 What a maestro studies</p> <p>25 Christian, for one</p> <p>26 Braggarts have inflated ones</p> <p>27 Student transcript nos.</p> <p>28 Penitentiary division</p> <p>30 Laid eyes on</p> <p>33 What "My Bonnie lies over"</p> <p>34 Home for a pet rodent</p> <p>38 Fort Knox feature</p> <p>44 Meyers of "Think Big"</p> <p>45 Wiggly swimmer</p> | <p>46 "Now — be told"</p> <p>48 Having much land</p> <p>49 Crop lopper</p> <p>51 Mournful ring</p> <p>52 Groups of wharf-supporting beams</p> <p>54 Taj —</p> <p>55 Relaxing facility</p> <p>57 Sci-fi writer Harlan</p> <p>59 "— just wondering"</p> <p>60 Mark of a sergeant, e.g.</p> <p>66 "The Hanoi Hilton" locale</p> <p>67 White cheese</p> <p>68 A mean Amin</p> <p>69 Track beams</p> <p>70 Discontinue</p> <p>71 Its students tumble</p> <p>75 "— grown apart"</p> <p>76 Represented</p> <p>77 Wayfarer's refuge</p> <p>78 Try to win at eBay, say</p> <p>79 First, in terms of transmission</p> <p>82 Holland bloom</p> | <p>85 Marine "motorcycle"</p> <p>86 "So long, Pierre!"</p> <p>87 "— directed" (medicine box warning)</p> <p>88 Freckle, e.g.</p> <p>89 Royal flush card</p> <p>90 Nokia offering</p> <p>93 Scanned supermarket symbol</p> <p>97 Close by</p> <p>99 Squabble</p> <p>100 Busy shop before Halloween</p> <p>105 Mosquito net material</p> <p>106 "— boy!"</p> <p>110 Into the wind</p> <p>111 Statement about nine answers in this puzzle</p> <p>115 Successful CPR performers</p> <p>116 Dressed in</p> <p>117 Chinese Checkers pieces</p> <p>118 Fruit-flavored drinks</p> <p>119 MI-to-SC dir.</p> <p>120 Ticked</p> <p>121 Skit</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Clock datum</p> <p>2 Overproud</p> <p>3 Lhasa — (dog breed)</p> <p>4 Boosts</p> <p>5 Business mag</p> <p>6 Teachers' union: Abbr.</p> <p>7 Allowing only female students</p> <p>8 Loud insect</p> <p>9 Western Amerinds</p> <p>10 Tamish</p> <p>11 Initial Hebrew letter</p> <p>12 Singer Roy</p> <p>13 Nobelist Elie</p> <p>14 Like some mutual funds</p> <p>15 Make coffee</p> <p>16 Molten rock</p> <p>17 See 91-Down</p> <p>18 Strong rope</p> <p>22 Storage unit</p> <p>24 Project particular</p> <p>29 In a majestic manner</p> <p>31 Stainless —</p> <p>32 Squint (at)</p> <p>33 Head, in Pau</p> <p>34 Hurting</p> <p>35 Sunken space in front of a cellar window</p> | <p>36 She's a soccer star</p> <p>37 Gibson liquor</p> <p>39 Philip VI's house</p> <p>40 Serving perfectly</p> <p>41 Vase variety</p> <p>42 Piano part</p> <p>43 NFL goals</p> <p>47 Bishop, e.g.</p> <p>50 Fathers</p> <p>51 China's Chiang — -shek</p> <p>52 Rack-and- — steering</p> <p>53 Hoops Hall of Famer Dan</p> <p>55 Parents' hiree</p> <p>56 Kilt pattern</p> <p>58 Arrived at by chance</p> <p>60 Hostess Perle</p> <p>61 Kleenex, say</p> <p>62 Some inserts</p> <p>63 Really must</p> <p>64 Called upon</p> <p>65 Nucleic acid base</p> <p>67 Showing, as a card</p> <p>72 Actor Conrad</p> <p>73 Dandelion lookalike</p> <p>74 Tuned in</p> <p>75 Cleverness</p> <p>78 Davis of film</p> | <p>79 Érié or Supérieur</p> <p>80 Lyrical work</p> <p>81 "Stand by Me" actor</p> <p>83 SoCal squad</p> <p>84 It's S. of Leb.</p> <p>85 Athletic type</p> <p>87 Dismount</p> <p>88 Artist Marcel</p> <p>91 With 17-Down, discusses at length</p> <p>92 Weasels' kin</p> <p>94 Fell in line</p> <p>95 Menu listing</p> <p>96 Grouchy</p> <p>98 Food carton abbr.</p> <p>100 Singer Irene</p> <p>101 Electrified</p> <p>102 "54" co-star</p> <p>103 Platform for a lectern</p> <p>104 Canadian cable channel for children</p> <p>105 Piddling</p> <p>107 Like giants</p> <p>108 Bark source</p> <p>109 Mgr.'s aide</p> <p>112 Garden tool</p> <p>113 Actor Kilmer</p> <p>114 Epoch</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American author and illustrator Oliver Herford who defined a manuscript as "something submitted in haste and returned at leisure."
- A football in an NFL game lasts, on average, only 6 minutes.
- If you're planning to visit Chicago anytime soon, you might want to keep in mind that in that city, it's against the law to dine in any establishment that is on fire.
- One Washington state prison offers inmates cats to aid in their rehabilitation.
- In 1856, a soldier of fortune (who was also a journalist, doctor and lawyer) by the name of William Walker and his hand-picked group of mercenaries took over Nicaragua. Walker appointed himself dictator, thus securing for himself the distinction of being the only native-born American citizen to become head of state of a foreign nation.
- You might be surprised to learn that the Earth experiences a million earthquakes every year; however, most of them are so small that they aren't even noticeable.
- If you counted up all the McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Pizza Hut, Burger King, Domino's Pizza, KFC, Wendy's and Taco Bell locations in the United States and added them together, you still wouldn't reach the number of pharmacy locations across the country.
- Barbra Streisand once had a shopping mall installed in the basement of her Malibu, California, home.
- The next time you see a group of cats together, you can call them a "clouder." If the cats are young ones, though, the appropriate term for a group of kittens is a "kindle."
- Those who study such things say that cockroaches can run as fast as 3 mph.

Thought for the Day: "A man can't be too careful in the choice of his enemies." -- Oscar Wilde

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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: S equals O

GL HSJ NOXQ O XQFH YSSC
 FQOPSB ZS PZQOT ZNGBYP LFSA
 PSAQVSCH, G'C EOTT ZNOZ
 FSVVOVTQ EOJPPQ.

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made between Shannon L. Collins, a single woman, whose address is 5190 N. Huron Road, Black River, Mich. 48721, as mortgagor, and Mercantile Bank of Michigan, assignee of Firstbank-West Branch Mortgage Company, a Michigan banking corporation, whose address is 310 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504, as mortgagee, dated August 20, 2003, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan on August 27, 2003, in Liber 388 at page 1,085. Upon which mortgage is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of seventy-two thousand one hundred ninety and 45/100 (\$72,190.45) dollars, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

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Mortgage sale – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Dawn M. Ross and Russell J. Ross, wife and husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated December 30, 2011 and recorded January 13, 2012 in Liber 484 page 1,099, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Quicken Loans Inc., by assignment dated November 5, 2013 and recorded November 13, 2013 in Liber 503, page 391, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-three thousand eight hundred

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on December 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the courthouse lobby in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan (that being the building where the circuit court for the county of Alcona is held) of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due of said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.35 percent per annum, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: Land situated in the township of Alcona, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, to-wit: All that part of the southeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4, Section 21, Township 28 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of said Section 21 as the point of beginning; thence north 00°05'57" west 254.09 feet along the east section line and the centerline of Lafave Road; thence north 88°34'47" west 935.18 feet parallel to the east-west 1/4 line to the northeasterly 75 foot right-of-way line of US-23; thence south 29°29'42" east 296.06 feet along

sixty-two dollars and thirty-one cents (\$83,862.31) including interest 3.99 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on December 17, 2014. Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Property located in Section 16, Town 25 North, Range 6 East, described as: the east half (E one half) of the northeast quarter (NE one quarter) of the southwest quarter (SW one quarter) and the southeast quarter (SE one quarter) of the northeast quarter (NE one quarter), excepting Lot 1 of Block 2 of Supervisors, excepting that part lying south of Glennie Road. And property located in Section 16, Town 25 North, Range 6 East, described as commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter (NE one quarter) of the southwest quarter (SW one quarter); thence south 87 degrees east along the east west one quarter line 379.86 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 87 degrees east 304.61 feet; thence south 1 degree west 90.95 feet; thence north 71

said right-of-way line to the east-west 1/4 line; thence south 88°34'47" east 789.81 feet along said east-west 1/4 line to the point of beginning, including the 2003 Dutch Manufactured Home, Serial No. DHIN38722F, which is a permanent fixture of said property.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless mortgagor provides notice that the property is agricultural in accordance with MCL 600.3240(17), in which case the redemption period shall be one (1) year, or unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagor will be held responsible to the purchaser who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period in accordance with MCLA 600.3278 or as otherwise provided by law.

Mercantile Bank of Michigan Mortgagee
 Dated: November 12, 2014
 Timothy L. Curtiss, Esq.
 Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.
 304 East Broadway, Suite 206
 Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858
 (989) 775-7404
 11-12, 11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10

degrees west, along the north right of way of Glennie Road, 319.17 feet to the point of beginning, excepting Supervisors of the village of Glennie. Commonly known as 4804 Bamfield Road, aka 4804 W. F-30, Glennie, Mich. 48737.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 19, 2014
 Quicken Loans Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
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 811 South Blvd. Suite 100
 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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 File No: 14-13095
 11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10

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Mortgage sale – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Patrick Carriveau and Kathy Carriveau, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for J. Virgil Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded June 23, 2005 in Liber 419, page 910 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Matrix Financial Services Corporation, by assignment dated October 30, 2014 and recorded November 17, 2014 in Liber 511, page 839, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-one thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$61,919.98) including interest at seven percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on January 7, 2015. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michi-

gan, and are described as: Part of the southeast one quarter of the southwest one quarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of the east one half of the southwest one quarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East; thence west on Spruce Road centerline, 400 feet to beginning; thence west 525 feet; thence north 350 feet; thence east 525 feet; thence south 350 feet to beginning, except commencing at the southeast corner of the southwest one quarter of said Section 1, thence west 400 feet to the point of beginning; thence west 425 feet; thence north 350 feet; thence east 425 feet; thence south 350 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2683 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 3, 2014
 Matrix Financial Services Corporation, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
 Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
 811 South Blvd. Suite 100
 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
 (248) 844-5123
 File No: 14-12936
 12-03, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's November board meeting was called to order by Supervisor MacNeill at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead and Bouchard. Motion to approve minutes; financial report and bills; to approve William Cordes and Christopher Fleury to the fire department; to appoint Jack Kostka to the board of review. All motions passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk
 This synopsis published prior to board approval.

ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held November 26 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve a road right of way encroachment; approve the minutes of the November 12 meeting; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$435,914.74; temporarily lift the seasonal road designation on a portion of S. Everett Road and S. McGregor Road in Harrisville Township; to accept bids for electrical wiring for the pole barn.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168.

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is December 26 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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