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## Alcona County receives COVID-19 vaccines

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

The first phase of vaccinations offering protection from COVID-19 has begun to be administered in Alcona County.

Denise Bryan, health officer for District Health Department No. 2 and District Health Department No. 4, said the Harrisville office received the vaccine last week.

"It has been a busy year with many changes. It's been a long year for everyone, but in talking with staff and people in the community now that the vaccine is being administered, there is a small feeling of hope in their hearts," she said.

The vaccine is being administered in two doses, two weeks apart, and already staff from the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA), Alcona County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and other agencies, who have contact with public who could be at high risk of succumbing to COVID-19, have received their first injections.

Julie LeCuyer, ACCOA food service manager, said she and some of the other ACCOA staff went before Christmas received their first shot last week and she was glad to get it.

"I'm very happy I got it. It was a great gift for Christmas. I didn't have any reaction to it at all, except for a little soreness at the injection site, just like a normal vaccine. None of the other employees who got it that I talked to had any other side effects," LeCuyer said.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) after a COVID-19 vaccination, a person may have some mild side effects which is a

normal sign of the body working to build protection against the virus. Side effects may be similar to those experienced after other vaccines such as soreness, redness and/or warmth at the injection site, low-grade fever and fatigue.

Community Health Director/Epidemiologist Devin Spivey explained District No. 2 will be following the vaccine distribution phase recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Phase one contains three tiers: Tier 1A includes health-care workers and people in nursing homes; Tier 1B includes workers in essential or critical infrastructure including schools, childcare

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District Health Department No. 2 Public Health Nurse Kellan Stanchik gives the first COVID-19 vaccine to District Health Department No. 2 Clinic Staff Coordinator Sharon Langley. *Courtesy photo.*

## Looking at treatments for COVID-19

Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, there were few options available to health care providers who were trying to treat COVID-19 positive patients except to provide supportive care, such as fluids and oxygen when indicated.

However, after several months of fighting the virus, this has changed. Dr. Lydia Watson, senior vice president and chief medical officer at MidMichigan Health, answered some common questions on the different ways to help fight the illness and save lives.

**Q. Are there any treatments available for COVID-19?**

A. As we continue to learn more about COVID-19, new treatment options have become available. One of the newest treatment options available is produced by Lilly,

bamlanivimab, or BAM. In fact, MidMichigan Health is currently offering this treatment to COVID-19 positive patients who meet the criteria. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, ask your health care provider if you may be a candidate to receive this treatment.

**Q. What is BAM?**

A. BAM is a monoclonal antibody that attaches to the coronavirus and prevents it from entering into cells in our body. BAM was recently approved for emergency use authorization by the FDA. The medication is intended for COVID-19 positive patients who are not hospitalized, but who are at high risk for developing severe symptoms or requiring hospitalization. Patients receive it by IV infusion.

**Q. Are there other medications that can be used to treat COVID-19?**

A. Another medication that has been used is Remdesivir, which is an FDA-approved antiviral drug. MidMichigan Health has been using Remdesivir since the spring. Remdesivir works by blocking the virus from replicating in the body, and may help patients who are hospitalized with moderate or severe COVID-19 be able to go home quicker. However, the medication doesn't appear to have an effect on patients who are on high-flow oxygen or a ventilator.

**Q. Are COVID-19 positive patients receiving oxygen as part of their treatment?**

A. Supplemental oxygen use is standard if a patient is suffering from low oxygen lev-

els, which can occur in some severe cases of COVID-19.

**Q. How do I know if I should be receiving any of these treatments if I am COVID-19 positive?**

A. If you've received a positive COVID-19 test, the most important thing to do is to contact your health care provider for direction regarding any type of treatment. They will be able to work with you to determine what course of treatment, if any, is best suited to you.

**Q. I've had COVID-19, and have now recovered. Is there anything that I can do to help?**

A. Yes. MidMichigan Health is asking individuals who previously tested positive for

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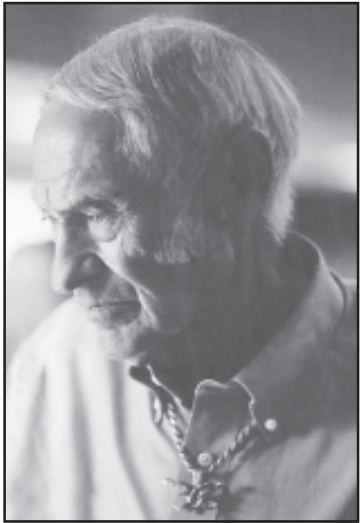



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## Armin H. Godt

1935 - 2020

Armin H. Godt, age 85, ascended to heaven on December 12, 2020 surrounded by his wife Peg; his children, Melinda, Denise, Gary, and Michelle; and loving family members. His younger brother, Ted, was also by his side during his last hours.



Armin was born in Argentina, South America to missionary parents Ewald and Gerda who brought him to the United States on the steamship Southern Cross when he was five months old along with his older brother, Siegfried (deceased) to live in Barton City, where he grew up on the family farm. He married Peg in Lincoln in 1957, and they raised their family in Oscoda where they lived until moving to Florida in 2000. After retirement, Armin and Peg spent summers in Oscoda, and Armin stayed through hunting season.

Armin had nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and attending their activities and also loved visiting with friends.

Armin was an avid deer hunter, brook trout fisherman, and a vintage car enthusiast. His two prize vehicles were his 1959 Ford

Fairlane Galaxy, hardtop convertible, and his recently restored 1955 Ford F-100 he owned since the early 1960s.

At Armin's request, a memorial parade featuring his prize vehicles will be held for him. The family has chosen to have it in May around the time of his birthday because he would never want his vehicles on the road in this weather.

Armin took his last breath listening to the song, "I Can Only Imagine what it will be like when I walk by your side. I can only imagine what my eyes would see when your face is before me."

He doesn't have to imagine anymore. He is now walking with Jesus.

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 Robert "Bob" D. Hagerty

Robert "Bob" Dennis Hagerty, 73, died in Lincoln on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020.

He was born February 14, 1947 in Detroit to James E. and Jean D. (Rutledge) Hagerty. He was raised in Royal Oak, Mich. and the Highland/Milford area and graduated from Milford High School.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany for four years.

Mr. Hagerty was kind, caring and quick to laugh and smile.

He was an excellent mechanic and owned Hag's Radiator Shop in Brighton, Mich. for many years before moving to Curran eight years ago.

Mr. Hagerty is survived by one sister, Carole Johnson of Metamora, Mich.; one step-nephew, Mark (Amy) Johnson; one niece, Jody (Scott) Oaks; four great nieces and nephews, Andrea Johnson, Mitchell Johnson, Cody Oaks and Micaela Oaks; and one great-great niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Hagerty in 2018 and Larry Hagerty in 2020; and one brother-in-law, Paul Johnson in 2018.

Cremation arrangements were made with Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

## Ruthanne (Nachtwey) Spurlock

Ruthanne (Nachtwey) Spurlock passed away Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 at her home in Black River, Mich.

Ruthanne was born on January 6, 1930 in Westboro, Wisc. to Robert and Josephine (Grittner) Nachtwey. After her mother died, Ruthanne and her brother, Tom, moved to Bloomer, Wisc. in 1938 to live with her aunt and uncle, Ray and Fern Nachtwey.

Ruthanne graduated from Bloomer High School in 1948 and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the Wisconsin State University-Eau-Claire and a master's degree in Library Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

On January 24, 1959, she married Rex Spurlock. They settled in Detroit, Mich., but later moved to the country, near Black River, Mich. in 1968.

Ruthanne is survived by four of her children, Bob, of Phoenix, Ariz., Ed (Carol), of Austin, Texas, Lisa (Mary Onifer) of Ferndale, Mich., Fern (Don) Ward of Springfield, Va.; and three grandchildren, Erica Spurlock of Phoenix, Ariz. and Lauren and Denise Ward of Springfield, Va.

Ruthanne was preceded in death by her husband, Rex, with whom she joyfully celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before his death in 2019; her son, Rex; her mother and father; her Uncle Ray and Aunt Fern Nachtwey; her brother, Tom; and her sister, Ethel.

Ruthanne's life embodied a love of learning and knowledge. She enjoyed teaching high school English before turning to her love of helping others discover books, as a librarian at the Main Branch of the Detroit Public Library in the 1960s. While there she started a program to read books to under-privileged children, to make books accessible to them and inspire a love of reading. She recalled fond memories of walking to the Library on Woodward, seeing artists recording in the windows of Motown and seeing children



excitedly expanding their world through books.

After moving to Black River and seeing that many children didn't have regular access to a library, Ruthanne started a Book-Mobile program, bringing books to school children. Ruthanne never stopped learning, earning certification as a Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver through Michigan State University Extension programs.

She taught multiple 4-H classes, including canning, sewing, gardening and others. Ruthanne was also very active in her church, St. Gabriel Catholic Church. She helped to start the rosary group, was on the Parish Council, was a long-time member of the Altar Society, served as a Eucharistic Minister and taught CCD.

Ruthanne raised her children and granddaughters to value education, hard work, and to have the courage of their convictions to see and point out injustice. Ruthanne was a smart, educated role model of a woman with a great sense of humor to her last day. From her legendary Pickled Dilly Beans to her insightful Facebook posts on the human condition, she will be greatly missed.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Black River on Monday, Dec. 28. The family will gratefully welcome a note dropped off at the Spurlock home, and look forward to a safer time after COVID-19 to meet in person. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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## Helen Haden

Helen Haden, 79, of Lincoln, died on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Lincoln.

She was born December 1, 1941 in Richmond, Va. to Andrew Barnes. She was raised in Richmond, Va. and in Sandston, Va.

On July 25, 1959, she married Arnell Haden Jr. in Sandston, Va. She was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed gardening and visiting her family.

Mrs. Haden is survived by two sons, Louis Arnell "Bubba" Haden III, and Thomas Linwood Haden; one daughter, Laura Harris; many grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Barnes; and one nephew, Andy Barnes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnell, in 2013; one daughter, Helen Cynthia Gartland, in 2019; and one son, Walter Wayne Haden in 2005.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

## Martha Jane Pasinski

Martha Jane Pasinski, 83, formerly of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020 at McLaren Bay Region Hospital in Bay City, Mich. after a courageous three-and-a-half-week battle with COVID-19.

She was born August 23, 1937 to William and Lennie (Owen) Morefield in Mayfield, Ky.

She was a devoted homemaker, and loving her children, grandchildren, and the lord our God were her greatest joys in life.

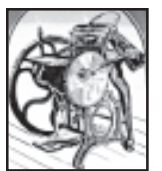
Mrs. Pasinski is survived by two daughters, Mary Everett of Tipp City, Ohio and Julie Kruttlin of Harrisville; two sons, Joseph Pasinski of Bay City, Mich. and Mark Pasinski of Lake George, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jeffrey Pasinski and her former husband, Edward Pasinski.

The funeral service will be private.

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### Jean M. Shirkey

Jean M. Shirkey, 92, of Black River, died on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born April 13, 1928, to Fred and Winnifred (Kirkpatrick) Bloye in Detroit, Mich. She was raised in Redford, Mich.

On May 28, 1949, she married Clarence Shirkey in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Shirkey was a devoted mother and homemaker. She loved playing bingo and enjoyed dog grooming.

She was a member of the Ossineke Eagles Aerie No. 3762 for 30 years and the Mikado American Legion.

Mrs. Shirkey is survived by her husband, Clarence;



one daughter, Denise L. Shirkey; one grandson, Albert Hall; and one brother, Jerry Bloye.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Diana Lee Hall on September 12, 1986.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. No services are planned at this time.

### Oletha L. Reames

Oletha L. Reames, 97, of Mikado, died on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 at The Harbors in East Tawas.

She was born July 28, 1923 to George B. and Chasta (Long) Canada in Memphis, Tenn., where she was raised.

On May 2, 1942 she married Wilson A. Reames in Mississippi. They moved to Mikado in 1946.

A devoted homemaker, Mrs. Reames loved to cook, enjoyed canning and raised seven children. She was an avid reader and liked to play Yahtzee.

Mrs. Reames is survived by four sons, Dennis (Kay) Reames of Unionville, Mich., Douglas (Gloria) Reames of Alger, Mich., Curtis (Pamela) Reames of Freeland, Mich., and Steven Reames of Nashville, Tenn.; two daughters, Claudia (Robert) Pitts of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Marcia (Stanley) Waszkiewicz of Mikado; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six



great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilson, on January 13, 1998; one daughter, Paula Swan on February 9, 2015; two sisters; and three brothers.

The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 28 at Gillies Funeral Home. The Rev. Tim Steiner officiated. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery in the spring.

### Victoria "Vicki" L. King

Victoria "Vicki" L. King, 63, of Greenbush, died on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at MidMichigan Medical Center, Alpena from COVID-19.

She was born June 22, 1957 to David and Genevieve (Mercier) Gauthier in Alpena. She was raised in Black River. On July 6, 1974 she married Mark King in Black River.

Mrs. King was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Ossineke. She was an avid reader and enjoyed trips to the casino.

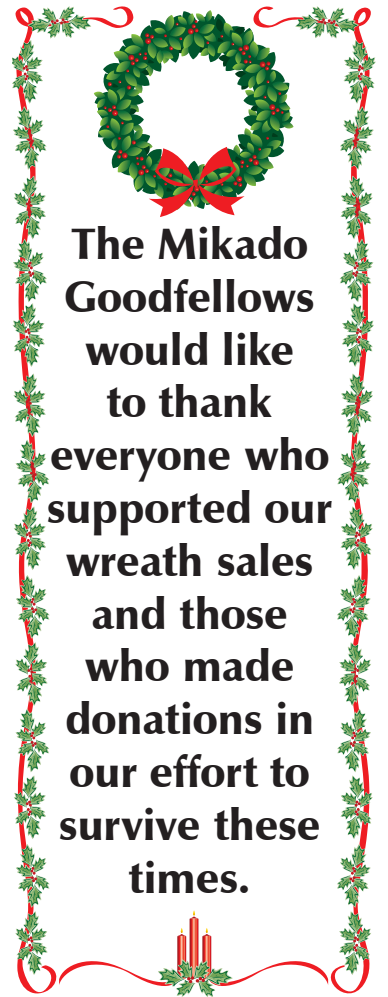
She worked as a case enforcement officer for Alcona County Friend of the Court.

Mrs. King is survived by her husband, Mark; two sons, Michael (Stephen Whipple) King of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Dustin (Cindy) King of Jenison, Mich.; two grandchildren, Tanner King and Landon King; five sisters, Rosemary Bouchard, Sylvia Werner, Lisa Coy, Tammy Cecil and Sheila Gauthier; and one brother, Chris Gauthier.



She was preceded in death by one brother, Dennis Gauthier.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. A trust fund is being set up for her grandchildren's college education. Memorial donations are suggested to Mrs. King's family for this fund.



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### Orville "Joe" Donaldson

Orville "Joe" Donaldson, 90, of Barton City, died on Friday Dec. 18, 2020 at MidMichigan Medical center in Midland, Mich.

He was born in Barton City on September 2, 1930 to Ross and Amelia (Ostrom) Donaldson.

On July 30, 1955 he married Glenda Cutsinger.

Mr. Donaldson retired from a life-long career as a semi-truck driver from Roadway Express in 1986.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved fishing, deer and bear hunting and riding his side-by-side. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends at hunting camp. He also had a passion for refurbishing old Ford tractors which led him to be known as "Tractor Joe."

Mr. Donaldson is survived by his wife, Glenda; three sons, Joey Donaldson, David Donaldson and Dale Donaldson; nine grandchildren, Karen (Joe) Vanderhoff, Kenneth Donaldson, Kaylynn Donaldson, Brian Donaldson,



Sydney Donaldson, Jake (Ashley) Donaldson, Danny Donaldson, Holly Donaldson, and Troy Donaldson; and one sister, Zella Gonyea; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Les Donaldson and Bernard Donaldson; two sisters, Mildred Tibor and Margaret Lenz; one brother-in-law, George Gonyea; and one grandson, Troy Donaldson.

Cremation services were handled by Gillies Funeral Home. No memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310 Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

## THANK YOU

The Geiersbach family would like to thank all of the people that have been there and helped us in our great time of need. To Alcona, Alpena, and Iosco Counties in general, a heartfelt thank you for all of your generous donations of time, money, clothing, household items, and meals. The compassion and generosity that has been shown to us have been absolutely astounding.

A very special thanks to the first responders who came to our home on September 18th. To the firefighters of Alcona County, we cannot thank you enough for your heroic efforts to keep our family safe and for trying to limit the level of damage to our home and surrounding structures.

To Lost Lake Woods Club Members and Management. We thank you for your immediate response to helping us find temporary lodging and also the numerous members that offered their homes to us. The General Manager, Ian Dockrill was on scene with us that night and offered us free lodging at the clubhouse until we would find more long-term housing. My neighbors were to my family's immediate need with blankets and clothes. The younger boys were all sleeping and were only in their underwear or light pajamas and did not have time to get warmer clothing.

To all of my co-workers at the Alcona County Sheriff's Office. Thank you for everything that you have all done. To not only donating to my family and helping deliver donations to us but covering all of the shifts I took off to sort everything out.

Lastly, we would like to thank Candace Fulsher for organizing and helping fundraise for our needs. Candace worked non-stop for us for weeks to make sure we had every immediate need fulfilled. With the monetary donations we received, we were able to purchase a good used vehicle to replace Amanda's vehicle that was also lost in the fire.

Once again, thank you for everything. We are forever in your debt.

Sincerely,  
Joshua, Amanda, Ethan, Xander, Jace, Jenson, and Johnathon Geiersbach.



To all the friendly neighbors who showered me with calls, cards, flowers and gifts to honor my 94th birthday.  
I'm forever grateful.  
Hugs  
Glenna

✠ **Obituaries** ✠

**Harry C. Morris**

Harry Clifford Morris, 86, of Grand Rapids, Mich. died on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, of natural causes at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was born December 22, 1933, to Ernest Robert and Ruby (Terry) Morris, in Jonesville, Va.

When he was six years old, he pulled his four younger siblings out of their burning home. People from all over the country sent him envelopes with coins after reading about his story in newspapers across the country.

Shortly thereafter, the Morris family migrated from Virginia to Detroit Mich. so that his father could find work in the auto industry as many other families did of the time.

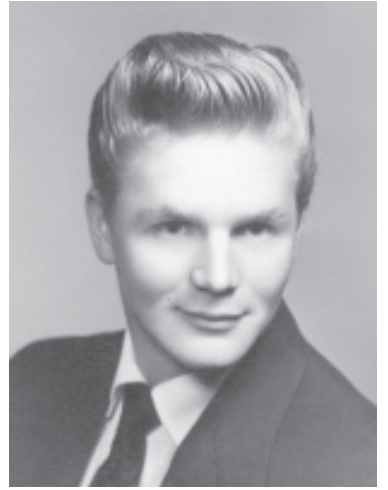
After graduating from Southwestern High School in Detroit, Mich. in 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Grace Kachadourian.

Mr. Morris spent his entire career working for the Chessie Railroad System. After retiring, Harry moved to his beloved cabin in Glennie where he pursued his passion of being outdoors in nature. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, and boating.

Later, Harry married Betty Morris and was stepfather to her son, Jeff Morris.

He spent his final years living at Lincoln Square Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Morris is survived by one daughter, Leah (Morris)



Giovanni; one son, Cliff Morris; four grandchildren, Laura Dunlop, Lisa Giovanni, Charlie Morris, and Caroline Morris; and one great granddaughter, Grace Dunlap.

**Betty L. Holmes**

Betty Lou Holmes, 77, of Ida, Mich. died on Tuesday Dec. 15, 2020, after fighting many health issues.

She was born August 20, 1943 in River Rouge, Mich. to Donald and Essiemay (Fitzpatrick) Kilpatrick. She was raised in Harrisville on the family farm. She was a 1961 Alcona High School graduate.

She married Gary Holmes on June 10, 1961 in Harrisville. Mrs. Holmes worked at Hudsons, Ida Public Schools, and was a successful Tupperware and Mary Kay

consultant.

She retired as a teacher's aid in 1999 after 19 years of service with the Monroe County ISD.

Following Mrs. Holmes' retirement, the couple began a 13-year adventure in their motorhome traveling throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and New Zealand. They traded the traveling life for the sunny beaches of Venice, Fla. to enjoy sand, sun, sunsets and good friends.

She was a member of St. Mark Episcopal Church in Venice, Fla. and loved the Bible study.

Some of her hobbies included bowling, cake decorating, sewing, genealogy, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed a heated game of Canasta. She was the number one fan at all the sporting events of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by her husband, Gary; two sons,



Michael (Patty) Holmes and John (Dawn) Holmes; one daughter, Tracy (Jeffrey) Miller; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Jay Kilpatrick.

All services are private due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A graveside service will take place in the spring at Mt. Joy Cemetery, Harrisville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation. Arrangements were handled by the Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, Mich.



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staff, people working in shelters and correctional facilities; Tier 1C includes people over 65 years of age and people age 16 to 64 with a health condition that puts them at high risk for serious COVID-19 complications. Phase Two will include anyone over the age of 16. The state will be moving through the phases together,” Spivey said.

Hospitals have deployed the vaccine for their staff and will administer and inventory their supply, according to Bryan. Long term care facilities, such as nursing homes will be receiving their vaccine through contracted private pharmacies.

“We are in charge of mass vaccination for the public, but it will take months and months. We created a hotline

and email system so a business, such as a physical therapy or dentist office can go on our Facebook site to obtain the email address and send in their information to us,” Bryan said.

According to Spivey, depending on the vaccine given, evidence is showing the vaccine is at least 94.1 percent effective after both doses are administered.

“While progress is being made in the fight against COVID-19, we must adhere to the tactics that help prevent the spread, such as wearing a mask, social distancing and hand washing. Since it is the holidays, celebrating safely is more important than ever to help prevent the spread,” Spivey said.

Currently there is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccination. District No. 2 will be updating its website at [www.dhd2.org](http://www.dhd2.org) and on the Facebook page at DHD2MI as information becomes available on when and where the vaccinations will be distributed.

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If you work as a window washer, I guess you'd find yourself on the outside looking in.



# District Health works to provide COVID-19 information for residents

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Since the onset of COVID-19, many changes have been made on how to keep the virus from spreading, the best ways to test for it and how to get a vaccine to prevent it.

The bulk of getting that crucial, ever-changing information out to the public has fallen on numerous health departments across the nation. For Denise Bryan, Health Officer of District No. 2 and District No. 4, this year has been anything but normal.

She explained they started 2020 by following the virus through travelers, checking with them every day while they were abroad.

“By spring the schools were closed and government orders were being issued. Every step of the way, local public health has been doing everything possible to keep our residents informed and bring testing to the area,” Bryan said.

“Early last spring, there were no (COVID-19) tests. Then the tests were developed and only emergency rooms and hospitals had the tests. Then the governor got the tests and rolled out the National Guard to do testing. At first, we had a lot of control over the tests. We knew every negative and every positive, we even knew if the COVID-19 positive person had symptoms or not.

“It was manageable early on, but then different tests were developed including antigen and rapid testing and new resources. Now, no one has to report the negatives to the public. Only the positive results are going into the surveillance system, which is run by the state, for the public,” she said.

According to Bryan, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test has been the “gold standard” in COVID-19 detection and something both Dr. Mark Hamed, medical director for District No. 2 and Dr. Joshua Myerson, medical director for District No. 4 have been very confident in. “It’s the antigen and the rapid testing which is more suspect for false negatives. Someone could be sick and still infectious but will test negative. It becomes confusing,” Bryan said.

She explained there hasn’t been a lot of false-positive tests but there were some with the rapid test. The person would then go for another test and get a negative result. In those cases, the medical director sent the person for a PCR test to determine the outcome.

At one time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended a person have two negative PCR tests to get out of quarantine, but they found a second test could give an inaccurate diagnosis and dropped the protocol.

All positive results get entered into the surveillance system or are faxed to the health department. If they are faxed, the health department must enter them, something

difficult for the department’s staff to manage. “We used to get only five positives a day. When it got to be 12 a day, we started thinking it was getting worse. After Thanksgiving, we had 60 per day. The numbers jumped but there were also a lot of people who never got tested. Some people are asymptomatic. They don’t feel sick, so they may spread the virus without even knowing it,” Bryan said. District No. 2 reported as of 11 a.m. December 22, 2020, the district had 2,205 positive cases, up from 1,163 cases, one month ago.

Bryan explained that once a person is found to be positive, they are called within 24 hours and put into isolation, which was 14 days but is now 10 days, if they don’t have any symptoms. Changes like that have occurred often in the CDC protocol according to Bryan.

“It’s been quite the journey with the state surveillance system. District 2 has had a dashboard up all along to report the data. We put a lot of media out on where positive people were if they were at a public place like a grocery store or a restaurant. Eventually, contacts (through public places) went up to 40 or 50 people. There have been events like weddings, reunions and even funerals where the virus was spread,” Bryan said.

The best prevention is to wear the face mask properly, wash hands and common surfaces properly, and social distance. “That six feet is really important and don’t gather together inside. Wear the mask for your fellow human beings. They may be immune-compromised, it’s just a neighborly thing to do and could mean the difference between someone getting COVID-19 and not,” she said.

Bryan issued public health orders last April and never released another order after that, but issued a public health advisory after Thanksgiving because the increase from five positive cases in the spring to 60 a day in the fall warranted it.

“No one can stop this virus on a dime, but if everyone did their part, we may be able to prevent some premature deaths. Sacrifices around the holidays are hard, I’ve had to make a lot of sacrifices this year. If we stay masked and stay distanced it will help.

“We must stay vigilant. This virus is a formidable opponent. Hope is on the horizon with the vaccine and we will not surrender. We will make sure we get our fair share of



Denise Bryan

the inventory and make sure everyone who wants it will get their vaccination,” Bryan said.

District No. 2 data dashboard can be viewed on the website at [dhd2.org/COVID-19](http://dhd2.org/COVID-19). State information and testing sites can be found by visiting [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/coronavirus).

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While loss is difficult during any time, this holiday season is especially difficult given other losses people are experiencing due to the pandemic like the loss of a job, change in residence, changes in close relationships or negative changes in one's financial status.

Additional challenges presented by societal unrest and the state of the economy also have the potential for making coping difficult.

"Any change involving loss includes a grieving process," said Michelle Lucchesi, therapist at MidMichigan Medical Center. "There is a process of grief through which one progresses, though it has many variations. If the grief process is acknowledged and prepared for, healthy grieving can take place even during the holiday season."

Lucchesi explained, that usually the grief process begins with a period of shock. This is especially true when the loss is sudden and unexpected. During this stage a person may experience denial, outbursts or numbness. It is one's minds saying, "I

can't believe this happened."

Once the reality of the loss is recognized, a protest stage follows. During this stage one may experience strong emotions of anger or guilt but also physical symptoms like nausea, loss of appetite, weakness or exhaustion. Social symptoms like withdrawal can also occur.

During this stage, one's mind and body says "I don't like that this happened!" To get through this stage in a healthy way, memories and pain must be allowed to be experienced and acknowledged which can be very difficult. Many people resist this stage, Lucchesi said.

After the protest stage, one advances to disorganization then reorganization when learning how to live with and adapt to the change occurs. Common during these stages are confusion, depression, restlessness and apathy before eventually beginning to explore new patterns of behavior, new interests and new skills.

The last, welcomed stage, according to Lucchesi, is recovery when one becomes able

to reconnect with those around them and invest energy into relationships and activities again. At this stage, planning for the future returns.

"Whatever stage of grief one is experiencing, there is often additional anxiety over how to cope with or "get through" the holidays," Lucchesi said. "This may be especially true if family has decided to forego a large gathering for safety reasons. Being alone for the holidays may feel like a relief for some grieving people, but presents certain risks as far as becoming stuck in one of the stages of the grieving process."

Here are some ideas for coping with grief during the holidays:

- Phone a friend or plan safe, individual visits. It's always safe to use the phone and with proper precautions, individual visits are less risky. When feeling lonely and missing the loved one lost, one should pick up the phone and call a close friend or family to talk through their feelings. Perhaps even make a point of calling those one may have seen at the larger holiday gatherings in years past.

- Get out of the house. Even if it takes extra effort, get out of the house for safe activities such as taking a drive or walk. Be sure to follow social distancing recommendation and get the fresh air and exercise that helps reduce feelings of isolation.

- Tell the story. It's helpful to reminisce about the person who is no longer present. Share a video or phone call and tell about a favorite memory or experience shared. This can also be done by journaling or writing a letter.

- See a need - meet a need. Honor the person by making a donation to a special cause or agency in their name. Perform special acts of kindness or send notes or letters to friends who may be in need of encouragement, dedicating the acts to the loved one's memory. When safe to do so, volunteer.

- Cry. Giving oneself permission to cry, to physically grieve the loss of the loved one helps continue moving the grieving process along and assists in avoiding bottling up feelings. It also permits others an opportunity to share in the grieving process.

- Make the most of the moment. Stay focused on the "here and now." It is okay to smile while living in a moment and showing enjoyment in the occasion.

- Laugh as much as possible. Just as permission to cry is appropriate during grief, so is permission to laugh. Even if forced, laughing has physical benefits such as aerobic workout for the diaphragm, increased oxygen intake, belly muscle relaxation, reduction of stress hormones, blood pressure and pain through the release of endorphins.

- Acknowledge the loss. Do something special for remem-



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# Michigan retailers benefit from virus-fueled interest in board games

**By Kyle Davidson**

*Capital News Service*

The same pandemic restrictions that close down movie theaters, bowling alleys and other activity centers are driving increased sales of tabletop games.

“The very fact you don’t have sporting events, you don’t have bars, you don’t have dance clubs, you don’t have all this outdoor, big gathering kind of things, has made some people search for alternative entertainment,” said Ryan Johnson, the co-owner of GOB Retail in Clawson, Michigan’s largest comics and games store.

Board and card games are the-top selling categories of products sold at GOB Retail, Johnson said. Tabletop gaming miniatures and paints are some of his hottest sellers. Board games perform well as they can be played with family members and at small gatherings.

In the second quarter of 2020, American toy and game company Hasbro Inc. reported that revenue for board games increased 11 percent globally.

Compared to the same six-month sales period in 2019, Hasbro’s total gaming revenue increased four percent, generating \$659,497 by June 28 of this year. Hasbro listed sales of both Monopoly and Magic the Gathering as among its most notable sources of revenue.

Roleplaying games like Dungeons & Dragons have seen similar demand. The roleplaying game platform Roll 20 reported more games hosted for nearly every title on the site. It reported an 81 percent increase in the total number of games hosted in the first quarter of 2020.

Sales surged at the height of the government’s distribution of stimulus checks, Johnson said.

While some game shops have closed, most stores with

a strong retail component have done fairly well, he said.

“Games help facilitate communication across digital media in a way that existed before but wasn’t necessary,” said Andrew Devenney, the associate director of the Center for Learning through Games and Simulations at Central Michigan University. He also helps publish game books as part of Superhero Necromancer Press.

At Summit Comics and Games in Lansing, Dungeons & Dragons has been a bestseller, according to co-owner Regan Clem. Miniature figure sales are booming. The newest Dungeons & Dragon book, “Tasha’s Cauldron of Everything,” was likely Summit’s new best seller for the franchise, he said. Sales for other tabletop games are more modest. Classic games like Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride saw more sales than newer, more trendy titles.

Dungeons & Dragons has seen increased interest during the pandemic as players purchase books, figures and dice.

The increased sales are welcome. Summit closed during the early months of the pandemic, Clem said. Without a significant online presence, sales took a massive dip. But after reopening, sales took off compared to prior years.

Game stores are a great place to discover new games, said Joshua Jenkins, 24, of Lansing, Mich. who started playing Dungeons & Dragons in college to hang out with friends. “They’re usually fairly priced there and they usually have a large stock, so most of the ones you’re looking for they’d most likely have,” Jenkins said.

The games market was growing even before the pandemic. In 2019 Grand View Research Inc. reported the global playing cards and board game market size was



This “game of woodland might and right,” has been a hot seller, according to Curtis Sullivan, co-owner of the Michigan-based Vault of Midnight chain of game and comic stores. *Photo courtesy of Kyle Davidson.*

expected to grow to \$21.56 billion by 2025. In 2019, game sales in the U.S. and Canada totaled an estimated \$1.65 billion, business magazine ICV2 reported.

Board games represent at least a third of the sales at the Vault of Midnight chain of stores in Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Detroit. While mainstay titles like Catan are still popular, newer titles like Wingspan and Root are some of the most sought-after products, said Curtis Sullivan, the co-owner of the Michigan-based chain. Family games like Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza have also been hot.

Sullivan also saw increased sales of dice sets and role playing games, including independent titles like Monster of the Week, Blades in the Dark and Mothership. “Being locked up in your house makes you appreciate

interacting with folks,” he said. “Whether you’re doing it over Zoom or Discord or whatever, (role playing games) are a way for folks to interact in a different way that maybe we haven’t been doing.”

And the pandemic may have a lasting impact. After a quarter-century of brick-and-mortar retail, the pandemic prompted Vault of Midnight to open a web store. Online sales are a lifeline for some game sellers.

Despite opening a webstore in 2016, Hero by Design Studios LLC relied on local game stores and conventions to sell its line of war-gaming products. The online store has since become a key part of the company, said Lee Gaddies, the company’s chief executive officer.

The Detroit-based company saw a 25 percent increase in sales earlier this

year. Sales dropped after August, Gaddies said.

While online sales have helped sustain the company, they have brought new customers. Gaddies saw increased sales overseas. “Europe and Australia have kind of filled in where the American market has dropped off,” Gaddies said.

Johnson reported similar results, attributing some of his sales growth to customers who found GOB Retail through its online storefront.

While board games are readily available at most big box retailers, Devenney explained the importance of supporting local game sellers and creators.

“If you want these places to still be around, if you want these small presses and creators to create things that you might get enjoyment out of, you need to support them,” Devenney said.

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# What caregivers should know about Medicare

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I am the caregiver for my 81-year-old mother, who recently fell and broke her hip, and have a lot of questions about how original Medicare works and what it covers. Where can I get some help understanding this program?  
Overwhelmed Caregiver

Dear Overwhelmed,  
Excellent question! Having a working knowledge of Medicare can help you take full advantage of the coverage and services it provides to ensure your mom receives the best care possible. Here's what you should know.

### Medicare Assistance

A good starting point to get familiar with Medicare is the official "Medicare & You" handbook that overviews the program. It's mailed to all beneficiaries every fall and provides an up-to-date description of all services and benefits. You can also see it online at [Medicare.gov/medicare-and-you](http://Medicare.gov/medicare-and-you).  
If you have a particular question, you can call and

visit with a Medicare customer service representative at (800) 633-4227. Medicare also works closely with State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP) to provide free health insurance counseling. To find a SHIP counselor in your area visit [ShiptaCenter.org](http://ShiptaCenter.org) or call (877) 839-2675.

Caregivers also find Medicare's secure website - [MyMedicare.gov](http://MyMedicare.gov) - especially useful. After setting up a personal account for your mom, you can view the details of her coverage, track recent health care claims and keep up to date on the preventive services she qualifies for.

### Compare Tools

Medicare can also help you locate the right health care providers for your mother. At [Medicare.gov/care-compare](http://Medicare.gov/care-compare) you can find and compare doctors, hospitals, home health agencies, dialysis facilities, inpatient rehab facilities, long-term care hospitals and nursing homes in your mom's area.

### What Medicare Covers

Medicare can reduce many out-of-pocket medical expenses your mom incurs, but it doesn't cover everything. Understanding what Medicare does and doesn't cover can save you time and spare frustration when navigating the caregiving maze.

Here are some key points for caregivers:

- Besides basic hospital and physician services (which includes telehealth services) and optional prescription drug benefits, Medicare covers home health care too. To qualify, your mom must be homebound, under a physician's care and in need of part-time skilled nursing care or rehabilitative services like physical therapy.
- Medicare also helps pay for oxygen, catheters and other medical supplies that a doctor prescribes for home use. The same is true for medically necessary equipment like oxygen machines, wheelchairs and walkers.
- In addition, Medicare covers skilled care in a nursing home for limited periods - up



Savvy Senior

to 100 days - following hospital stays. But it doesn't cover long-term stays. Patients who need custodial care (room and board) must pay out of pocket unless they're eligible for Medicaid or have private long-term care insurance.

• Medicare pays for hospice care too, for someone with a terminal illness whose doctor expects to live six months or less. The hospice benefit also includes brief periods of respite care at a hospice facility, hospital or nursing home to give the patient's caregivers an occasional rest.

• Besides long-term nursing home stays, original Medicare typically doesn't cover regular dental care or dentures, regular eye exams or

eyeglasses, and hearing exams and hearing aids. Likewise, it won't pay for nonemergency ambulance trips unless a doctor certifies they're medically necessary.

To find out what Medicare covers, visit [Medicare.gov/coverage](http://Medicare.gov/coverage) and type in the test, item or service you have questions about, or download the Medicare "What's covered" app in either the App Store or Google Play.

### Financial Assistance

If your mom lives on a limited income, you should check whether she qualifies for help with prescription drug costs or with other Medicare-related premiums, deductibles and copayments.

For help with drug costs, visit [SSA.gov/prescription](http://SSA.gov/prescription) help or contact Social Security at (800) 772-1213 and ask about the "Extra Help Program." For help with other Medicare costs, go to [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) or call (800) 633-4227 and ask about the "Medicare Savings Programs."  
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branch. There may be a special candle, a personalized tree ornament, setting a place at the table or putting photos in special places throughout the home.

• Strike a balance. Grief is a balance between being in the past and being in the present. Allow time for both, to remember and then to move forward into a new chapter of life.

• Say no. If feeling overwhelmed by the responsibilities of buying gifts, mailing cards and family obligations, it is acceptable to say "no thank you", especially when concerned about safety issues. When limits are being tested by holiday stress, take a step back and reprioritize.

• Seek professional help. Having a neutral person who is not emotionally involved to talk to, such as a counselor or therapist, can be very beneficial. A professional will provide various coping strategies to help get through the holiday season and beyond. This may be in the form of outpatient counseling or, for more serious needs, intensive day programs.

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# Buggy Rides



## Construction work on new plant to be commenced when weather permits

Alcona County Herald, February 3, 1922

The Lincoln Elevator Company's big grain elevator, together with all its contents, was completely destroyed by fire Friday night. The cause of the fire is undetermined. While the origin of the blaze is undetermined, it is thought probable that it was started either by a dust explosion or from friction in one of the elevator boots. The loss is placed at \$40,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire occurred shortly after seven o'clock Friday evening, and immediately an alarm was given (and) volunteers responded and a bucket brigade was formed. The flames started in the basement, and the entire basement was ablaze when the first of the crowd arrived on the scene. Flames prevented entrance to the basement. Dense, black smoke made entrance to the other floors impossible.

The books, containing several thousand dollars in accounts, were in the safe, but records of other transactions which had not been posted were on the bookkeeper's desk and were destroyed. After vainly trying to enter the building from various positions in order to save some of the contents and being driven back by flame and smoke the fire fighters turned their efforts toward saving the Farm Bureau's plant which stood within a few feet of the blazing structure.

So intense was the heat that for some time it seemed as if the Farm Bureau building must go and some of the contents were removed from the building, while a bucket brigade forming from Lincoln Lake put forth strenuous efforts to prevent the fire from gaining a foothold. The heat was so severe that workers could not work unprotected on the side of the building

exposed to the flames, and a barricade of grain doors salvaged from the elevator yard was erected. Behind these men worked desperately keeping water on the building while others, braving the heat, (sprayed) water from the roof. After nearly an hour's work on the part of the volunteers, the Farm Bureau building was saved undamaged.

The value of the burned building is placed at approximately \$15,000. The stock and contents accounted for a large portion of the loss, being estimated at approximately \$25,000. The larger share of this was in clover seed and peas, the total of these two items running over \$9,000. Besides the clover seed owned by the elevator firm, there was in the building about \$1,000 worth of clover seed belonging to farmers and left there awaiting higher markets. On this seed no insurance can be collected as it was not storage seed; however, the elevator company will pay the farmers for the property, and stand the loss itself. A carload of beans bagged for shipment was piled at the door of the storage room, but the denseness of the smoke made it impossible to save them. Other grains included rye, oats, and barley. Besides the stock of grains, feeds and the like, the building contained a large stock of cement, roofing and



Lincoln Elevator fire Friday, Jan. 27, 1922.

other building material.

The firm will rebuild as soon as the condition of the ground permits the laying of a foundation, and the new plant will be in operation by the time the fall season opens. At the time of the fire, there was considerable speculation as to whether or not the plant would be rebuilt, owing to conditions prevailing at this time. Failure to rebuild would have been a severe blow to the farming community as well as to Lincoln, as the plant furnished a market for more produce than any other place

in the county, their payments for grain and produce totaling nearly a quarter-million dollars a year.

While in Lincoln Monday, Charles A. Francis of Standish, head of the firm, stated definitely to the Herald that the plant would be rebuilt, and that work would be commenced as soon as the weather permits. The new plant will be modern and fully equipped in every respect. In the meantime some method will be devised to handle the present trade.

Friday night's conflagra-

tion was probably the most costly blaze in the history of the county, and was a very spectacular one. While the interior was a mass of flame, no fire showed on the outside until suddenly the flames burst all over at once. The height of the structure when ablaze made it a mammoth torch and telephone calls from Harrisville, seven miles east, Mikado, six miles south, and Barton City, 11 miles west came in to the central office asking about the fire.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020						
Weekly Report						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Dec. 20	36	31	0.00	2.6	14	SSW
Dec. 21	36	29	0.00	1.6	12	SW
Dec. 22	35	28	0.00	2.9	19	N
Dec. 23	41	33	0.00	14.4	30	SSW
Dec. 24	43	22	0.01	6.6	29	SSW
Dec. 25	23	20	0.00	3.2	17	N
Dec. 26	28	23	0.00	2.3	17	N
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
2020-2021 Season						
	Water Content	Snowfall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	0.01	0.3	0.39			
December To Date	1.05	3.3	1.53			
Year/Season to Date	23.21	4.2	28.10			

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.)

### top ten

#### Least Trust in Media

1. Russia
2. Turkey
3. Ireland
4. Japan
5. France
6. Spain
7. U.K.
8. Argentina
9. Australia
10. Brazil

Source: Edelman Trust Barometer



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# Trivia Test

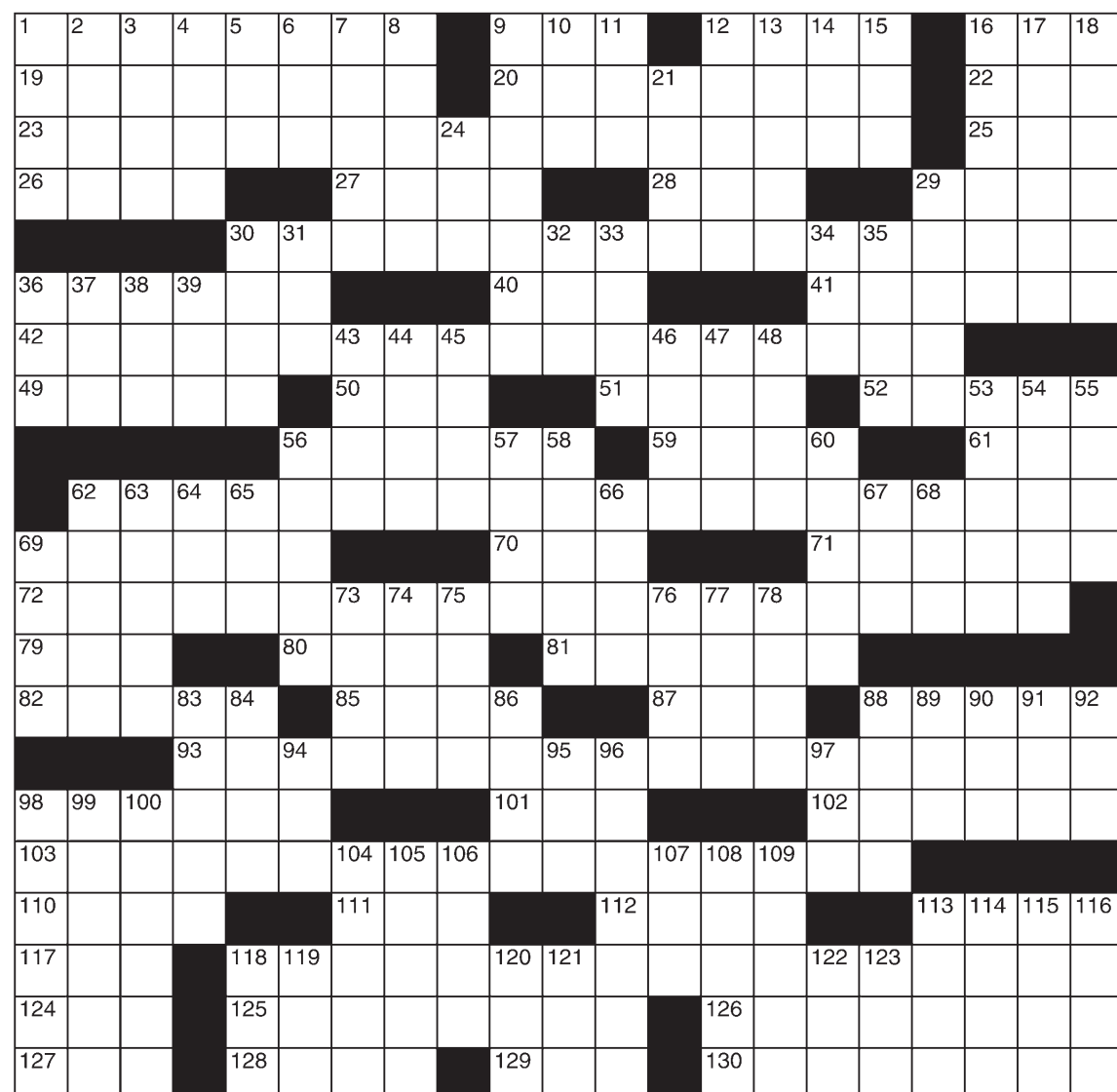
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many tablespoons are in 1 fluid ounce?
2. **LITERATURE:** Which famous gothic novel features the beginning sentence, "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again"?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of New Zealand?
4. **BUSINESS:** When was the first iPhone released?
5. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of Norm Peterson's unseen wife in the sitcom "Cheers"?
6. **PERSONALITIES:** Which former pro football player earned the nickname "Broadway Joe"?
7. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a female donkey called?
8. **MEDICAL:** A deficiency of vitamin A causes what condition?
9. **MUSIC:** Which 1980s pop hit starts with the line, "Dearly beloved, we have gathered here today to get through this thing called life"?
10. **MOVIES:** What was the name of Charles Foster Kane's estate in "Citizen Kane"?

**Answers:** 1. 2 tablespoons; 2. "Rebecca"; 3. Wellington; 4. 2007; 5. Vera; 6. Joe Namath; 7. A jenny; 8. Night blindness; 9. "Let's Go Crazy" by Prince; 10. Xanadu (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

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|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Dreamworld</p> <p>9 Pa</p> <p>12 Incline</p> <p>16 Big — whale</p> <p>19 Person copying another</p> <p>20 Straight-ahead view</p> <p>22 Dandy sort</p> <p>23 "That raving guy is lying!"? [1958, 1999, 1983]</p> <p>25 Regret a lot</p> <p>26 Mythical ship</p> <p>27 Plane-related</p> <p>28 Compass dir.</p> <p>29 Growing field</p> <p>30 Franklin brought a certain continent's nations back together? [1972, 1979, 1983]</p> <p>36 Very reactive element</p> <p>40 Actor Ely</p> <p>41 Inflexible</p> <p>42 Assist an unwise fugitive? [1965, 2002, 1961]</p> <p>49 Like cold fish</p> <p>50 Muscular jerk</p> | <p>51 Organic compound</p> <p>52 Castle encirclers</p> <p>56 Join others in the attack</p> <p>59 Poetic foot</p> <p>61 — long way</p> <p>62 Effortless progress with zero snags? [2017, 1999, 1980]</p> <p>69 Certain scroll key on PC</p> <p>70 — Dhabi (emirate)</p> <p>71 Mr. — ("Fantasy Island" host)</p> <p>72 Kings and queens hold agave liquor dear? [2013, 1966, 1958]</p> <p>79 High peak</p> <p>80 Reversed sort</p> <p>81 Directs</p> <p>82 Cantata kin</p> <p>85 Dirt clump</p> <p>87 Ph.D. or MBA</p> <p>88 Allergic reaction?</p> <p>93 City's main business section during a tornado? [1982, 1967, 1965]</p> | <p>98 The Everly Brothers' "— Clown"</p> <p>101 Bovine cry</p> <p>102 Old Fords</p> <p>103 Rigg made Rooney go "Wow!"? [1957, 2000, 1982]</p> <p>110 Many a seized car</p> <p>111 Honest prez</p> <p>112 Revered sort</p> <p>113 Messy stack</p> <p>117 Bitter brew</p> <p>118 This puzzle's long answers each consist of three of these</p> <p>124 Actor Gulager</p> <p>125 Extolling</p> <p>126 Analgesics</p> <p>127 "Keystone" lawman</p> <p>128 Move upward</p> <p>129 Heckling cry</p> <p>130 Fresh beginning</p> | <p>8 Less sweet, as wine</p> <p>9 Gobbles up</p> <p>10 In-favor vote</p> <p>11 JFK, e.g.</p> <p>12 High-strung</p> <p>13 Vine-covered</p> <p>14 Grassy area</p> <p>15 Mom's skill, in brief</p> <p>16 Fright-filled</p> <p>17 Wellspring</p> <p>18 Epithet for Tarzan</p> <p>21 Most recent</p> <p>24 Before</p> <p>29 Sorbet alternative, for short</p> <p>30 Shine up</p> <p>31 Broody rock genre</p> <p>32 Japanese dance-drama</p> <p>33 Concerning</p> <p>34 "So cute!"</p> <p>35 Beer bubbles</p> <p>36 "— ching!"</p> <p>37 Slim fish</p> <p>38 — -Blo fuse</p> <p>39 NYSE debut</p> <p>43 Of ears</p> <p>44 Jaunty tune</p> <p>45 Frosts</p> <p>46 Modular part</p> <p>47 Ark-itect?</p> <p>48 Charity</p> <p>53 Katy Perry's "I Kissed —"</p> <p>54 Toy truck maker</p> | <p>55 Wise guy</p> <p>56 Cola biggie</p> <p>57 Actor Epps of "Shooter"</p> <p>58 "Ora pro —" ("Pray for us")</p> <p>60 Root beer brand</p> <p>62 Filmmaker Pier — Pasolini</p> <p>63 Nile's home</p> <p>64 Stephen of "Ondine"</p> <p>65 Suffix with play or faith</p> <p>66 Kick out</p> <p>67 Debt slip</p> <p>68 Chou En- —</p> <p>69 Soho stroller</p> <p>73 Roman 350</p> <p>74 Consecrated</p> <p>75 Sufficient, in poetry</p> <p>76 Lamarr of "Comrade X"</p> <p>77 Ticked (off)</p> <p>78 Accordingly</p> <p>83 Prefix with botany or biology</p> <p>84 "— Little Tenderness"</p> <p>86 Lightest coin</p> <p>88 Actor Griffith</p> <p>89 Dol. parts</p> <p>90 Farming tool</p> <p>91 Barn percher</p> | <p>92 Slip- — (mules, e.g.)</p> <p>94 D.C.'s land</p> <p>95 Silent "OK"</p> <p>96 Santo —</p> <p>97 Diminutive</p> <p>98 Audiophile's storage item</p> <p>99 Danny of "Ruby"</p> <p>100 Wrap, as a weak wrist</p> <p>104 Papas' partners</p> <p>105 Activist Hoffman</p> <p>106 Final letters</p> <p>107 Chemical suffix</p> <p>108 "Over There" composer</p> <p>109 Kevin of "Silverado"</p> <p>113 Pitcher — Wilhelm</p> <p>114 Central Sicilian city</p> <p>115 Golden — (senior)</p> <p>116 "Hey ... over this way!"</p> <p>118 "Car Talk" network</p> <p>119 "Mystifier" Geller</p> <p>120 Chest bone</p> <p>121 Artist Yoko</p> <p>122 Job for AAA</p> <p>123 1960s univ. radicals</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 1, 45 B.C., New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 for the first time as the Julian calendar takes effect. Julius Caesar enlisted the aid of Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, who calculated a year to be 365 and 1/4 days.
- On Dec. 30, 1862, the U.S.S. Monitor sinks in a storm off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Just nine months earlier, the ship had been part of a revolution in naval warfare when the ironclad dueled to a standstill with the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimack) off Hampton Roads, Virginia.
- On Dec. 28, 1895, the world's first commercial movie screening takes place at the Grand Cafe in Paris. The film was a series of short scenes from everyday French life. Admission was charged for the first time.
- On Dec. 29, 1940, London suffers its most devastating air raid when German planes firebomb the city. The next day, a newspaper photo of St. Paul's Cathedral standing undamaged amid the smoke and flames seemed to symbolize the capital's unconquerable spirit.
- On Jan. 3, 1952, Sgt. Joe Friday's police drama "Dragnet" comes to television. A popular radio series, it became one of the first TV series filmed in Hollywood, instead of New York, and began a long line of crime and police dramas.
- On Dec. 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente, future Hall of Fame baseball player, is killed when the cargo plane in which he is traveling crashes off Puerto Rico. Clemente was on his way to deliver relief supplies to Nicaragua following a devastating earthquake.
- On Jan. 2, 1981, the so-called Yorkshire Ripper, Peter Sutcliffe, is finally caught by British police. For five years, investigators had pursued the serial killer who terrorized Northern England. Sutcliffe had been interviewed nine times but always convinced detectives that he wasn't involved. He finally confessed when confronted with evidence.

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Doc Martens come in all different colors and sizes now, but the first pair was created using old tires.
- There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he just happened to like 57.
- March 3 is known as "What if Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day."
- The number of permutations within a deck of cards is mind-bogglingly large: an 8 with 67 zeroes after it. That means there are more card combinations than stars in the Milky Way, which amount to as many as 400 billion!
- Cataract surgery was possible as early as the 6th century B.C.
- Barbie's physical appearance was inspired by a German doll named Bild Lilli, created in 1952 and based on a high-end call girl named Lilli who was featured in the comic strip "Bild-Zeitung." She was sold as an adult novelty in bars and tobacco shops -- definitely not as a children's toy. Barbie inventor Ruth Handler saw the doll while vacationing in Europe and brought it home.
- Sunsets on Mars are blue.
- The Gate Tower Building in Osaka, Japan, has a highway that passes through the building, between the fifth and seventh floors.
- A Paris morgue needed help identifying bodies in the 1860s, so decided to open its doors to the public. They probably underestimated people's morbid curiosity, though, as soon 40,000 people a day were coming to look at corpses.
- Mob boss Vincent Gigante would wander around New York in his bathrobe to convince the police he was insane, and thus avoid capture.

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Thought for the Day: "Life is mostly froth and bubble. Two things stand like stone. Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own." -- Adam Lindsay Gordon  
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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: **N** equals **U**

HB PGN XGUD MV M XHZEGX

XMVQFU, H YNFVV PGN'E BHZE

PGNUVFOB GZ LQF GNLVHEF

OGGDHZY HZ.

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# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Christmas devil

Krampus is a legendary German figure who visits children on Dec. 6 to find bad children, catch them with his very long tongue, beat them with sticks and take them away to the underworld. This evil man was part of holiday lore for centuries, but this frightening idea was suppressed. The Catholic Church forbade the celebrations, and it was considered an evil political idea after World War II. Antique figurines and drawings of Krampus are still found in searches for antiques, although rarely are recognized.

In the past 25 years, Krampus has reappeared in two new books of old postcards picturing him, a comic book, a TV show, movies and an art exhibit for the "cool" crowd. In Europe on Dec. 5, there have been celebrations with drunken men in devil costumes chasing people in the streets. But some are remembering Krampus in a friendlier way, by selling pieces of chocolate shaped like devils.

This 33-inch-tall Krampus figure with golden horns was made in Germany. He is covered in black fur and holds a chain and basket full of naughty children. It sold at a Bertoia auction for \$1,560.



Christmas celebrations were very different centuries ago. Along with a gift-giving Santa, there was devil punishing children, drunken men chasing people and coal for bad children. Krampus, this strange man, was to be feared. He took bad children away. This figure is a 19th century version of the horned devil. He sold for \$1,600.

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Q: I have a set of nativity figures that came with a Certificate of Authenticity that reads "Original Lepi Woodcarvings." It says they are made of maplewood, and carved and painted at Ortisei in Val Gardena, Italy "following an original design of Rupert Reindl, our famous master sculptor." I have the box they came in. I'd like to know something about the maker.

A: Ortisei is an Italian town in Val Gardena (Garden Valley). Woodcarvers have worked in this area since the 1600s. At first, they made practical items for the home and farm. Eventually, the town became a center of decorative woodcarving, especially nativity sets and other figures. Lepi is a woodcarving workshop founded by Leo Prinoth in 1920. The company still is in business, and it makes wooden figures based on designs by Rupert Reindl (1908-1990) and other well-known woodcarvers. Christmas woodcarvings sell for half or less than the original price.

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### CURRENT PRICES

Christmas postcard, Santa Claus, seated at desk, working on his list, candlestick,

maroon coat, c. 1905, \$20.

Mittens, white rabbit fur, front and cuffs, red leather backs, cream felt liner, women's, 1960s, 12 1/2 inches, \$80.

Bell, sleigh, 24 brass bells, incised, leather strap, 100 inches, \$110.

Christmas ornament, kugel, cluster of grapes, olive

green glass, baroque cap, Germany, 5 1/2 inches, \$445.

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TIP: If you are a collector of old Christmas tree ornaments or Christmas lights, use these on the tree. Do not use burning candles -- it is too dangerous.

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4	6	3	6	4	5	4	8	7	2	6	2	6
O	P	N	L	T	E	H	I	R	A	E	M	N
5	8	7	4	2	6	7	6	5	4	5	7	5
V	F	M	E	I	D	B	I	E	F	L	O	O
7	8	7	6	5	3	8	5	6	3	8	5	4
N	E	D	D	P	T	A	T	I	E	L	A	U
3	2	5	2	4	8	4	6	2	5	4	6	4
D	L	L	Y	T	T	U	D	V	E	R	E	E
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul S. Hupcik and Dolores E. Hupcik, husband and wife. Original mortgagee: First Federal bank of Northern Michigan successor in interest to/and or name change to mBank. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None. Date of mortgage: December 23, 2005. Date of mortgage recording: January 4, 2006. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$105,282.39. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The N-1/

2 of the SW-1/4 Exc. the south 250 feet of the west 697.94 feet, Section 26, T25N R8E. Common street address (if any): 4255 Alvin Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9749 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 14. This was a virtual meeting via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, aldermen Peterson and Kaiser in attendance. Clerk Pierce, and council members Schwanz, Mason and Bean, and city attorney Cook attended by Zoom.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz, to accept the minutes of November 9, 2020 as amended. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$49,940.41. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the County Designated Assessor agreement between the city and the county. Discussion. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, for Mayor Gehring to enter into agreement with the County of Alcona for the services of the designated assessor upon approval of the state tax commission. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Gehring informed council of a new water line policy for the City of Harrisville, recommended by the mayor and the city maintenance department. It defines the extent of the city and the property owner's liability when a water line is deemed necessary for replacement because of out-

dated lines from the city curb stop to the owner's building. Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser, to adopt this city policy of water line replacement. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the Charging Station Agreement. RED E Charging will install electric vehicle chargers (EV Chargers) on the premises as defined herein, and will provide value to the city by attracting electric vehicle owners and the public to, and providing additional visibility of the property described as: 1 E. Harbor LN. (lower parking lot). Installation to begin upon review and inspection of site, beginning January 1, 2021. Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser, to accept Charging Station Agreement. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring introduced Richard Castle from Consumers Energy to inform council about solar energy options for Consumers Energy customers in the City of Harrisville. A presentation and conversation was also put forth by Jeff Myrom of Consumers Energy as to the feasibility of electric fleet vehicles for the city and education and technical development for such a project. Mayor Gehring opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2021 at 8:10 p.m. with a public comment period. No public com-

ments concerning the budget were made. Budget meeting closed at 8:18 p.m. Treasurer Luenberger presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mills for the water debt. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2021. Motion carried: 5-0.

Reports: Mayor Gehring, with advice from attorney Cook, to discuss administrative and municipal employees pay raises at the next finance meeting scheduled for February 2021, prior to the setting of the General Fund Budget in March 2021.

Treasurer Luenberger reminded residents that Winter Taxes will be due February 15, 2021.

Airport Commission assistant manager Colleen Higgins submitted a written report on the ongoing logging of obstructions at the south end of the runway. State aeronautics member Mary Trierweiler has approved Harrisville Airport to stay on the state provisional list for certification until the obstructions have been removed and is in accordance with MDOT and FAA regulations.

Comment Cards: None. Councils Last Comments: Alderman Mason addressed the issue and development of the Huron Bluffs area which is located within Harrisville Township. Motion to adjourn by Mayor Gehring. Adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

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