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Alcona High School alumnus accepts principal role

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Alcona Community Schools welcomed an interim principal this summer who has been a familiar face in the school district since she attended and graduated 24 years ago.

Christie Thomas was named the new interim principal in July after Edwin Barber left the position to move back to his home state of

Thomas, who is on course to get her master's degree in education administration this year, said the offer to take on the role came suddenly. "Because of the situation we were in (with COVID-19 closures). the school needed someone who could hit the ground running, who knew the staff and the students and how things ran in the school and the community, which is why they asked me," Thomas said.

Thomas began her career at Alcona Community Schools in 2006 teaching third grade at Alcona Elementary. She



Chistie Thomas

taught second grade for five more years before accepting a position teaching middle school English for seven years. Last year she accepted the position of Dean of Students for the middle/high school.

She explained moving into the principal position was difficult, especially this year with so many uncertainties

and changes. "Schedules have changed, everything we have done has changed. We get some guidance (from the state) and then have to make new adjustments. It's trial by fire this year," Thomas said.

As Dean of Students last year, Thomas contributed to making decisions, but has had to make a lot more since becoming an interim principal. Now her decisions have a lot more impact on staff and students and it is a lot harder to turn off the job when she goes home.

Her immediate goal is to make the transition into the new school year as smooth as possible by supporting teachers and students. "Everything they are doing this year is practically new. The changes over the last five months have affected students' emotional well-being as well as their academics.

"I'm doing what I can to show support and change things whenever we need to for the next phase we are in. I also want to finish getting

my degree this year and stay sane," she said, laughing at the thought of the heavy work load she is facing.

Thomas feels that the teacher/student relationship is a lot more important now than when she attended high school. "We recognize that relationship more now. I had a lot of great teachers and I think they cared about their students, but we talk more now about how that relationship (is) number one. You can't accomplish anything if you don't have a relationship with your student," she said.

Thomas always knew she wanted to teach, but never expected to enjoy the administration side of education. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I was a kid. I dressed up for Halloween as a teacher one year and I used to make my younger brothers be my students.

'When I first started teaching, I loved elementary education and had no desire to ever teach middle school.

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Prison sentence for **MacDermaid**

By Cheryl Peterson Editor

Gene Elliot MacDermaid, 47, of Harrisville was sentenced in 23rd Circuit Court on August 18. He pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult and three counts of financial transaction device illegal use, sale. He was sentenced to serve three years 23 months to 15 years in prison.

MacDermaid's sentencing stems from an investigation that was initiated in December 2019 by the Alcona County Sheriff's Department involving fraudulent activity in a loss of more than \$116,000 of an elderly Alcona County resident.



Gene MacDermaid

According to Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson, cases involving embezzlement of a vulnerable adult are "difficult from start to finish... Unfortunately, victims, if they realize they are being embezzled from, are embarrassed or don't want to say anything," he said. "Additionally, a police officer might not realize that a crime is taking place (when it is reported). Then, the criteria for vulnerable adult must be met - which is a legal definition that has to do with cognitive understanding. These cases are complex. They take a lot of investigation which takes a lot of documentation, which takes time..."

"We aren't seeing a lot of physical abuse when it comes to our older population," Stephenson said. "What we see are emotional and financial abuse situations. Victims are groomed, sometimes for years, by relatives, someone they trust or someone they learn to trust and they (vic-

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Alcona Elementary offers face-to-face and online education

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Elementary education can be trying even under the best circumstances, but this year presents a set of interesting challenges no one ever expected a year ago.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many elementary students must be taught socially distanced. The restrictions have brought about a new set of protocols implemented at Alcona Elementary School to make sure children are taught in the safest environment

According to Alcona Elementary School Principal Tim Lee, 20 percent of students will be taking online classes in their homes. The remaining 80 percent will have face-to-face instruction at the school beginning September 8.

"Online instruction at the elementary level is a new adventure for us. We are working closely with families to make sure their education curriculum will meet the needs they have," Lee said.

He explained online learners will have a little different curriculum but will be taught the same standards as students who are learning faceto-face. "The scope and sequence of the books may not exactly line up to what we are doing at that time face-toface. Because of this, we are asking parents of online learners to make a semester-long commitment, which means online students will not be able to change back to faceto-face instruction until the end of January." Lee said.

To limit students' exposure to the virus and keep them socially distanced during the day at school. Lee explained every class contains 15 or fewer students and extra classes have been added for a few grade levels to meet that number and keep class sizes small.

He explained with guidance from the State of Michigan Return to School Roadmap, Alcona Health Center and District Health Department No. 2. masks will need to be worn by students when they are being transported to and from school on the bus, when they are in common areas and in hallways under phase four restrictions, which Alcona County is still in.

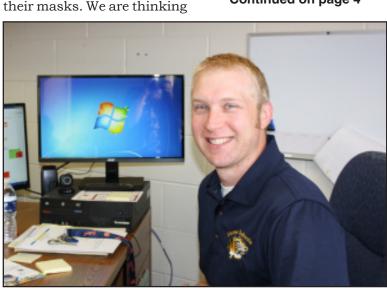
Masks will have to be worn by all staff, teachers and visitors. Visitors will be limited. Also, students will remain in one classroom throughout the day and masks will be encouraged to be worn for as long as the student can wear it. Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom and their teacher will be responsible for physical education for their students.

"We are trying to limit the mixing of students and teachers to limit their exposure. When a different adult or teacher comes into their room, we will ask students to wear

about the safety of everyone involved and want to make sure our family of staff and teachers stay safe too. We don't want to put them in a situation where they have to interact with a lot of different people." Lee said.

Students will not be required to wear masks outside and, according to Lee, a lot of the teachers are choosing to utilize outdoor learning spaces. "Alcona Community Schools is fortunate to have a lot of outdoor space and teach-

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Tim Lee



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Obituaries

Diana L. White

Diana L. White, 55, of Spruce, died on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 at home.

She was born August 13, 1965 to Roy M. and Jamie Sue (Jackson) White in Flint, Mich., where she was raised.

In 1989 she moved with her family to Glennie.

She moved to Spruce in

Miss White loved animals, especially her horses, chickens, dogs and cats. She really enjoyed country music, especially listening to her favorite, Trace Adkins.

She was employed through North Eastern Michigan Rehabilitation and Opportunity Center, Inc. (NEMROC) in Alpena assembling clocks and working to keep the hospital clean.

Miss White is survived by her mother, Jamie Sue White; one sister, Peggy (Ben) Kripps; one brother, Jim (Tere) White; nieces and nephews, Christopher and Catlin White and Stefanie Bentoski; two aunts, Judy (George) Gunckel and Eileen Herrick.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roy, on December 14, 2008.

A committal service was held Friday, Aug. 28. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



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Robert M. Buhl

Robert M. Buhl, 80, of The Villages, Fla., died on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at The Villages Regional Hospital,

He was born February 18, 1939 in St. Paul, Minn. to Henry and Esther Buhl. He joined the U.S. Air Force at age 17 and was stationed in South Africa during the Vietnam War and was stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda prior to being honorably discharged after almost six years. While stationed in Oscoda he attended Oscoda High School and graduated in 1959.

He married Jane Sanborn on July 25, 1981 at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville. They enjoyed spending time in Harrisville during the warmer months and traveling to Florida during the winter.

Mr. Buhl worked for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in Alpena and traveled all over the region of northeast Michigan in that capacity. He retired in 1996.

He enjoyed wood working in his shop, fishing and golf-

Mr. Buhl is survived by his wife, Jane; one son, Craig (Rhonda) Buhl; one daughter,

Pamela (Steve) Lemorie; two stepsons, Phillip (Jean) Sanborn Jr. and Peter (Lori Hoppie) Sanborn; one stepdaughter, Kathleen (Rob Schwartz) Sanborn; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren; several greatgrandchildren; one step great-grandchildren; one brother, Earl Buhl; and one brother-in-law, Gary Davis.

He was preceded in death by his twin sister, Ruth Davis; and several siblings.

A celebration of life event will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Judith "Judy" D. Ellis

Judith "Judy" Darlene Ellis, 73, of Oscoda died on Friday, Aug. 28, 2020.

She was born on April 21, 1947 in Noblesville, Ind. to Herman and Mary Ann (Scheere) Shirley.

She worked as a teacher for a Christian school and was a tutor for homeschooled stu-

On May 27, 1972 she married Bill Ellis in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1981 she became a member of The Gideons International. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado.

Mrs. Ellis loved leading her family by her example of love and devotion to her faith; her children and grandchildren were her most prized possessions.

She enjoyed music, singing, gardening, baking, bird watching, teaching Sunday school and serving the Lord with the Gideons and through her church.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by her loving husband, Bill; three daughters, Shirley McMahon of Columbia, S.C., Natalie (Ryan) Ridgewell of Oscoda and Joy Ellis of Greenbush;



one son, Todd (Farrhen) Ellis of Oscoda; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister-in-law, Pamela Collins of Boerne, Texas; and two nieces, Amy (Scott) Hyden and Jamie Collins. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother-inlaw, William Collins.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Sept.1 at Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado. Interment will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich. Memorial contributions can be made to Gideons International, 7071 Sunset Drive, Harrisville, Mich. 48738.



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Calendar of Events



(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. 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.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required.

The virtual showing of Project Shiphunt will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. The film will show how Five high school students undertook the adventure of a lifetime during Project Shiphunt: hunt for a shipwreck, investigate its identity, and document it in 3D for future generations. Accompanied by a team of scientists and historians from the NOAA, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and other partners, the students conducted a fullfledged research mission, as they searched the deep waters of northeastern Lake Huron. Join Tirrea Billings to learn more about this experience and how it helped shape her love for film and storytelling, her journey as an entrepreneur, and how she uses her gifts as an activist in digital spaces. Register on-

https://registerline at: .gotowebinar.com/register/ 2160293366302456334.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

The Sunrise Gardening Club will hold its Annual Fall Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon or until sold out. This fall, in addition to a variety of perennial plants and large rose bushes, large mums (three plants per pot) will be available. Proceeds will be used to benefit the community. The sale will be held at the Craftmakers' Cabin at the corner of U.S. 23 and M-72 in Harrisville. Contact Becky Bean, (989) 724-6569.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

All locations of the Alcona County Library (Harrisville, Caledonia, Lincoln, and Mikado) will be closed to observe Labor Day.

TUESDAY, **SEPTEMBER 8**

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet by video conferencing at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. For more information and video participation information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

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school, I loved it and had no desire to ever go into education administration, but here I am and I'm enjoying it," Thomas said.

Then when I taught middle

Thomas, the mother of two Alcona High School graduates, said family dynamics haven't changed all that much since she was in school. "Some parents are heavily involved in their children's education, some are less. One of the benefits we have now compared to when I was in school is the access to better information and communication through the Internet,"

she said.

She explained today's parents have immediate access to their child's education through emails and a program the school uses called Synergy where parents can access what assignments their student needs to do, what grade they got on assignments and read comments from the teachers. "They can email or call the teacher if they have questions. Parents are still concerned about their kids and want them to do well. We want that too," Thomas said.

Over the past two weeks she has enjoyed talking with

parents and students and assists them with making education decisions for the coming year.

"Christie is a compassionate and energetic leader who brings a passion for students. Once she completes her degree in December, the board will vote on hiring her without the interim tag," said Dan O'Connor, superintendent of Alcona Community Schools.

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tims) think what is going on is okay," Stephenson said.

He encourages anyone who notices questionable behavior to older adults (by anyone) to speak up and report it to law enforcement. "If you think something is going on speak up," he said. "It isn't going to hurt to call. If you see something, say something.' We have to take care of each other."

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department can be reached by calling (989) 724-6271 or by online at alconasheriff.com/home/contact-information/.

WEDNESDAY, **SEPTEMBER 9**

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required.

The Newcomers Lunch Group will meet at noon at the Big Boy Restaurant on $Ripley\,Avenue\,in\,Alpena.\,Call$ Terry at (989) 340-0676 if planning to attend.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

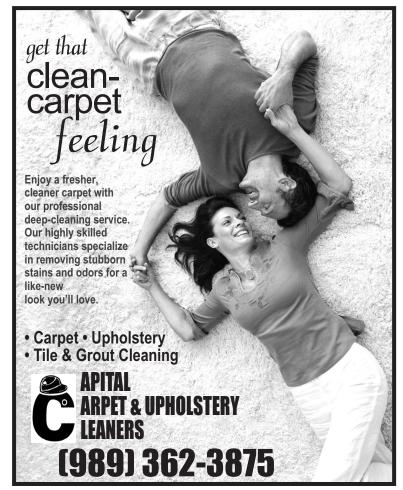
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SATURDAY, **SEPTEMBER 12**

The Alcona Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23).

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

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Police officers train at Sprinkler Lake

Police officers from across northern Michigan assembled at Sprinkler Lake Education Center near Glennie on August 19 to conduct training exercises.

According to Alcona Sheriff Scott County Stephenson, members of the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Task Force (NMMATF) Emergency Response Team (ERT) train once a month at different locations. This team is comprised of officers from police and sheriff's departments across northern Michigan. The task force also has a dive team and a civil disturbance team that is available to assist member agencies.

Stephenson explained law enforcement agencies in every county and municipality from M-55 north to the Mackinac Bridge make up NMMATF. There are three different ERT within that area and are regionally based to ensure quick response depending on where an incident happens.

Members of the ERT are called out to assist member agencies with situations like barricaded suspects, hostage situation and high-risk warrant service. The ERT has been called out six times so far this year, Stephenson said.

Alcona County has been a member of the NMMATF for more than 20 years and has had several deputies serve on the team. Currently, deputy Robert Clink serves on the ERT

"When I came into office in 2019, Alcona County was a participating member of the

task force, but we did not have a member on the team," Stephenson said. "Staffing limitations and budget restraints had prevented us from being able to meet that commitment. I felt it was important for Alcona County to participate and give back to the task force. It took some rescheduling and repurposing of some used equipment to make it work, and I was able to assign deputy Clink to the team."

According to Stephenson, Alcona County has hosted the ERT training before, but it has been several years. Sprinkler Lake Education Center is a logical place to host the training because it has several buildings and a wooded environment similar to what ERT members would experience in northern Michigan. Permission to use the property was granted by the U.S. Forest Service and law enforcement officers from the forest service participated in the training.

"These types of mutual aid agreements and multi-agency training are necessary in northern Michigan," Stephenson said. "None of our agencies are large enough or wealthy enough to provide these services alone. If we are all able to contribute at some level, we can all benefit."

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ers are finding some great opportunities for students to get fresh air and learn that way," he said.

The annual open house for the school has also changed and will be a virtual format. Teachers will talk about themselves, what the school year will look like for their students and take viewers on a virtual tour of the school and classroom through a video or Facebook format.

According to Lee, plans are in place should the school need to change back to the state's one through three phases, which will close face-to-face instruction or to upgrade to a phase five, which will loosen some restrictions.

"We are going to do our best. We've had some great ideas by staff who are thinking outside of the box to make a lot of things happen," Lee said. "We may have to modify and adjust as time goes by."

"We are anxious to see the kids and get going with this. A lot of preparation has been

implemented to get to this point. We are limited to what we can and can't do but having a strong staff and a strong community has helped us get this far. We will get through this together," Lee said.

Dan O'Connor, Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, said the school district is ready to start the new year. "We are ready in regard to safety and protocols, but we have quite a bit of work in the next week to finetune our educational approaches due to so many new teaching assignments and new tools. We will be ready but looking forward to having staff on-site this week to begin the collaboration process and help ensure all questions are answered and we are as prepared as possible."

Parents of kindergarten through fifth-grade students can find videos and school lists on the Alcona Community School Facebook page or by accessing bit.ly/ACS-K-5-Fall20Update.

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You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to continue paying your property taxes and insurance. Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow account to pay future bills. If the financial assessment finds that vou cannot pay your insurance and taxes and have enough cash left to live on, you'll be denied.

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But be aware the reverse mortgages aren't cheap. HECM loans require a two percent upfront mortgage insurance payment, plus an additional 0.5 percent annual charge, on top of origination



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Also note that because reverse mortgages are complex loans, all borrowers are required to get counseling through a HUD approved independent counseling agency before taking one out. Most agencies charge between \$125 and \$250. To locate one near you, visit Go.usa.gov/ v2H, or call (800) 569-4287.

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If you have a short-term need for cash, there are other options you should look into. For example, many low-income seniors don't realize they qualify for the earned income tax credit, a refundable tax break that can put cash in your pocket. You also could use BenefitsCheckUp.org to search for financial assistant programs you may be eligible

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The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville City office. This meeting is called to hear the request filed by Michael Baird owner of 500 Huron St., Harrisville MI to purchase the garage and property across Huron Street owned by Norma Rust at 5609 Huron. Said variance to allow Baird property to and maintain the garage across Huron Street on the Rust property.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET Alcona Conservation District

The proposed budget of the Alcona Conservation District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 will be presented to the District Board for final approval at the regular monthly meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 7p.m. via teleconference. The dial-in number is (612) 746-7366; the conference code is 149593. The Public is invited to comment on the proposed budget at that time. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Alcona Conservation District office located at 320 S. State St. (Alcona ANR Building) Harrisville, MI 48740. Call (989) 724-5272 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday to request a copy of the proposed budget. Randy Thompson, Chairman

Alcona Conservation District

Parenting isn't a picnic

By Mary Weber

Being a parent is truly one of the toughest and most rewarding adventures anyone could ever embark on. It takes loads of patience, endurance, some discipline and a lot of love to raise a child.

Today's parents, however, have gone through some very taxing issues over the past four or five months since COVID-19 came into play, and unfortunately, things for them are not getting much easier.

Since April, the job of home schooling their children was thrust upon them when schools closed their doors to help stop the spread of a possible deadly virus. Of course, no one wanted to expose their child to such a threat, so busy parents, many who both work hard to keep a roof over their family's head stopped and took the time to make sure their children had what was needed to finish the 2019/2020 school year.

For some, it meant finding Internet service, something they never had in their home before. It meant spending time learning a bit of curriculum, talking with teachers, and



Alcona's Backyard By Mary Weber

ing mom and dad to become a coach and referee.

I can't imagine how hard it would be to try and teach, with no previous teaching experience, in a one-room schoolhouse, typically the family dining table, with children of various ages who were all related to each other.

Just trying to help my eight-year-old granddaughter get through four workbook pages recently was beyond my patience level, turning me into "Grammy the Monster" while I tried to keep her on task.

Sports activities became family activities, soccer and baseball were replaced with family hikes through the woods and strolls on the beach. While that sounds nice to many adults, I'm sure the

school-age children were affected by the change and were taught about the virus and what to do to prevent it. They worried their parents and grandparents would get sick, they worried about their friends, neighbors and teachers. They fretted about having to put on a mask. They saw their parents struggling to make everything as normal as possible.

I'm sure many tears were shed throughout April and May. Tears from frustrated students and parents, all wanting things to be the way they were and the hard realization that things may not return to that state for a long time.

Now, after an uneventful summer with no fair, no artshow and no summer sports, children are watching their parents struggle again as the make the decision on how to proceed when school begins again.

Currently, many schools are giving parents the option of sending their students back to school for face-to-face instruction or keeping their children at home for a virtual online option of school. Alcona Community Schools has offered the virtual online option since 2014, but only about 10 to 15 out of nearly 700 students each year ever took it and most of those students were in high school.

If parents choose the virtual option, students will have a new staff of teachers who will instruct them via the Internet. They will no longer be seeing the staff or teachers they have known and loved since kindergarten.

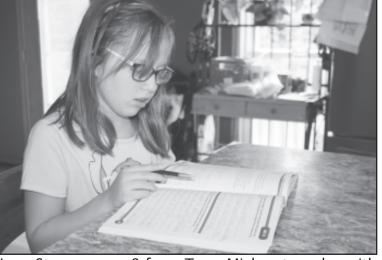
I'm sure, especially for younger students being home schooled virtually, it will take a lot of parental participation to help them accomplish each day. It may force dual-income families to become single-income families, causing financial concerns.

The home schooled child will most likely miss out on some daily peer interactions, something many feel is a vital component in learning how to work through things together as a group.

The upside to home schooling, however, is their child's risk to contract COVID-19 or even the common cold will be greatly reduced.

A school day for face-to-Continued on page 10

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Hope Stevens, age 8 from Troy, Mich., struggles with home school workbooks while visiting her Grammy, Mary Weber. *Photo by Mary Weber*.

learning how to best guide their child in the right direction. For a lot of parents, it meant spending hours going over math concepts, reading and doing science experiments from items found in kitchen and bathroom cupboards.

It also meant family isolation. Students had to be isolated from their friends and relatives, forced to just socialize with their household family.

Some had brothers and sisters to interact with. Often that can be a double-edged sword -- while it was great they had each other to play and interact with -- siblings don't always get along, forc-

kids would have much rather played ball with their friends.

For others, such as my grandchild, Hope, who is by no choice of her own or her parents, an only child, the isolation has been extremely hard. Mom and Dad were the only people Hope saw physically for months. Single child parents had to become not only a substitute teacher overnight but also a playmate and friend, with the roles consistently changing throughout a given day.

I can't imagine ever having to do any of that full time while still making a living, worrying and wondering if the virus would be brought home from work or contracted at the grocery store. For parents who were laid-off due to closures, many had new worries about how the bills would get paid and if there would be enough food for their family.

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New look at middle/high school education

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Teachers, parents and students across the nation are taking a new look and trying different approaches to education for the coming 2020-2021 school year to help stop the spread of COVID-19 including Alcona Community Schools.

Christie Thomas, new interim principal for Alcona Middle and high school, said middle school students have the option of face-to-face education similar to how the school used to operate with Alcona school staff or online with an outside vendor staff of teachers. "Some schools are offering both with their staff of teachers, but unfortunately we don't have enough

teachers for that," she said. She explained face-to-face instruction at the middle school will have some changes from years past and that class size will be limited to 20 students or less. Classrooms will also be using larger spaces to spread out the students and social distance them as much as possible.

They will also be utilizing outdoor classroom spaces and learning areas and are reaching out to the public for donations of lawn chairs to accommodate outside seating areas. "The thought is to be outside as much as possible for breaks, learning, and lunch, as long as the weather permits," Thomas said.

"Unfortunately," Thomas said, "all high-school classes will be taught remotely online. However, students have a choice on whether they want online remote learning with teachers from the school they are used to, or from the school's online vendor.

Thomas felt students may be more successful with teachers they are familiar with and through that would stay more connected to the community they live in and their peers.

High school students will also have the option to come into the school where workspaces will be set up -socially distanced -- in the auditorium or gym which will allow students access to Internet Wi-Fi and a quiet, more structured environment to get their work done. They will also have access to a teacher for some help should they need it. Students at the school will be offered breakfast and

"They can also access their teacher through their Chromebooks for additional help. Students will not have free range of the school while they are there and will have to remain at the school for their designated day/time.

"We will be asking parents when their students will be coming in and will get schedules worked out in the first few weeks of school. We will see how this goes. If we see a student is struggling, we may strongly suggest they come into school," Thomas said.

Through her new role of interim principal and as a mother, Thomas understands and empathizes with stress parents are feeling these days about whether or not they should send them to school during a pandemic and the enormous changes education has undergone.

"This could revolutionize how children are educated. We are trying different things out, such as asynchronous classes which are classes which can be taught at any time," Thomas said.

She explained because the asynchronous classes, which are offered through online learning, students could have a wider range of classes to choose from because those classes would not conflict with other class schedules.

We have a lot of students who take dual enrollment classes two mornings a week. Those students are completely shut out from taking any other classes in the morning. Our art and wood shop programs have suffered because of that. Asynchronous classes could change things up a little," Thomas said.

This year asynchronous classes at Alcona Community Schools include seventh and eighth grade band, high

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school band, personal finance, entrepreneurship, English IV, advanced art and a senior art studio class.

There will also be an asynchronous social emotional learning (SEL) class which will focus on students' social and emotional well-being covering topics like building resilience, growth mindset, dealing with changes and setting goals.

To assist parents and students the school has created 'back to school' videos to better answer questions. Middle School face-to-face parents and students can access the video at bit.ly/ACS-6-8-Fall20Update. High School parents and students can access the video at bit.ly/ ACS-9-12-Fall20Update.

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Sealed bids for the City of Harrisville Harbor Park Playground Development will be received, by the City of Harrisville, at the office of the City of Harrisville, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 until 2 p.m. local time on, September 16, 2020, at which time the bids will be "publicly" opened and read. The project consists of removal of existing playground structure, site grading, installation of site elements, concrete and asphalt paving.

The issuing office for the bidding documents is: City of Harrisville, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Prospective bidders may examine the bidding documents at the issuing office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. or at the engineers office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and may obtain copies of the bidding documents as described below.

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Conservation officers arrest father and son for illegal hunting activity in northern Michigan

Two men from Rogers City, Mich. have been charged for poaching elk, among other species, following an ongoing investigation by Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers.

Val Vogelheim, 56, and Josh Vogelheim, 26, turned themselves in to the Presque Isle County prosecutor's office in July, where they were arrested and arraigned for several criminal acts at multiple hunting camps across northern Michigan.

Val Vogelheim was charged with nine counts, including, aiding and abetting; taking elk without a license; possession of illegally taken game; taking deer without a license; loaning a deer license to an-

other; unlawful methods of taking turkey; and possession of protected raptors.

Josh Vogelheim was charged with two counts: taking turkey without a license and taking deer without a license.

Conservation officers received an anonymous tip in September 2019 regarding illegal activities at a camp located in southern Presque Isle County. After a lengthy investigation, Conservation Officer Sidney Collins obtained a search warrant. During the investigation, which was assisted by several of Collins' peers, officers allegedly located several Michigan elk, white-tailed deer and wild turkey that were suspected to be illegally taken. In addition, a snowy owl, a sharpshinned hawk, a barred owl and other frozen game were

Officers also discovered evidence pointing to the unlawful feeding of wildlife and a second camp that involved similar illegal activities. In October, officers searched the second camp, also located in

southern Presque Isle County, where they found additional evidence, suspects and criminal activity.

"A lot of people have been directly involved with these camps," Collins said. DNA evidence confirmed that all of the game was taken in Michigan. Collins and Conservation Officer Paul Fox have conducted numerous investigations with other suspects located throughout the state and anticipate additional arrests.

"It takes time, often years, to investigate illegal activity that takes place at hunting camps," said Chief Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "We're pleased to see how quickly Officer Collins was able to put together the evidence and coordinate a thorough, investigative effort at multiple locations throughout the state."

No evidence has been identified connecting the suspects or camps to five elk poached in three separate incidents last November and December; those remain under investigation.





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The Junior Livestock Club

Organization Notes

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its board meeting on August 12 at 6 p. m. The following were in attendance: Ben Dietrich, president; Christy Holmes, treasurer; Ed Tombs, trustee; Sandy Arens, trustee; Mark Kovachevich, trustee; Monica Spears, secretary.

The chamber is looking at a way to cut costs due to lack of members a few options discussed:

• Discussion of office space. The chamber office cannot be open unless Precious Paws is open. It pays \$2,520 a year and is only open when Precious Paws is open (15-20 hours a week) Christy Holmes said Carolyn Brummund is "looking into it." Another cost saver is to cut Internet to chamber office to reduce cost. Christy Holmes said she will ask the post office for a free PO box also.

- Discussion was made to raise membership dues to \$120 a year and to be prorated at \$10 a month. Monica S. made the motion Mark K. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The board plans to move membership communication over more to electronic to save on
- Events Calendar will have sponsorship space available on calendar to help cover cost of the calendar.

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its general meeting on August 12 starting at 7:13 p.m. The general meeting was called to order by Ben Dietrich. In attendance: Mary Peterson and Steve Arens, member.

June minutes accepted with amended spelling errors. Treasurer's reports accepted

after amendments. Treasurer was asked for an accounts balance sheet for easier and faster reading - Steve A. motioned, Mark K. seconded, motioned passed.

Membership committee lead by Steve Arens, Monica Spears to help.

First item of business to go find members that have not paid dues. Second item of business find new members. Electronic payment offered on website Steve A. motioned, Christy seconded, motioned passed.

Christmas in the Village: Tabled (talk to Lincoln Lions about networking Lincoln lights with Christmas in the village.) Coupon book: Sandy A. and Monica S. will look for pricing for printing and bring more information to the table in October. Election: board positions open are treasurer

and vice president. Nominations open and will be slated September for October election.

Publication of minutes: In Alcona Review. Monica S. and Steve A. will work together to get minutes into Alcona Review after each meeting. US-23 construction: With MDOT planning to close six miles of US-23, the board discussed options. The board will discuss with other organizations, schools, and local government the impact to Harrisville and Alcona County if MDOT succeeds in closing US-23 for six miles next spring. Seniors 2021: Monica S. brought up with COVID-19 and schools not opening the 2021 seniors and what can the board do to celebrate the class of 21. Will bring more to the table in September. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Backyard

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face instruction may look much different than it has in the past. Most students will remain in one classroom throughout the day, with only teachers traveling to and from classrooms as needed. Lunch will be eaten in the same classroom. Outdoor teaching will be encouraged as long as good weather permits it.

Face masks will be worn on the bus and throughout the day by staff, teachers and older students. Younger students will wear their face masks on the bus and in school hallways. Parents will screen their children before school by taking temperatures and making sure their child has no signs or symptoms of the virus.

As I listened to parents' concerns and questions during a recent Facebook open meeting with Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor, I gained a lot of insight on how difficult the decision to best educate their child has become for parents.

Will their child still be given special instructions? Will they be tested for the virus? If they home school, will they still be able to participate in sports? How many students will be in one classroom? How will they keep kindergartners and first graders socially distanced? One question after another was asked and answered to the best the school could pro-

It made me glad my parenting school-age children days are over. I'm not sure how I could have survived sitting day after day with my two daughters trying to teach them long division, fractions, social studies, government and science, while still trying to keep them physically fit, socially conscious and mentally stable while I worked full time.

I'm not sure I could have stayed mentally stable myself for a day, let alone a semester.

These are very difficult times and I'm sure many are feeling the pressure of the situation at hand. I tip my hat to all parents who are trying their best to choose the right option for their child. Whatever you decide, I'm sure you put a lot of thought and effort into making that decision and I wish you and yours the very best outcome.

I also truly appreciate all the teaching staff, educators and volunteers across our nation who not only put together a teaching plan to finish out last year in a matter of a few short weeks but have worked diligently all summer to come up with the best options possible for students this coming year, especially those in rural areas such as Alcona County.

(Mary Weber was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich. She moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life presents new experiences not only with nature but with a community of caring, friendly people, they now consider family...and they love every minute of it.)

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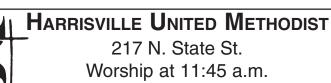


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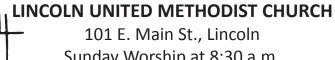
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Harmony Weekend at Harrisville

September 3, 1970 ~ The Eighth Annual "Harmony Weekend" will bring over one thousand people to Harrisville during this coming weekend.

The people will include members of the SPEBSQSA, their wives, and children, friends and relatives, staying in private homes, motels, cabins and resorts, camping in the State Park, and coming into town just for the Concert.

The Sunday Concert, by Barbershop Quartet and Sweet Adeline groups, will be staged in the band shell on the Vets Club grounds, used for the first time last year. Spectators are asked to bring their own chairs if they prefer to sit down during the program.

The Committee Chairmen have been at work arranging other events for the weekend.

The usual "Friday Fete," sponsored by Oakland County Chapter of the SPEBSOSA, will take place at Friedrich's Bar from 10 a.m. till closing time. The day's profit goes to the Chapter to

Lincoln business broken into

September 2, 1970 ~ Clement Fuller, 17, of Saginaw, is being held in the Alcona County jail under a \$1,000 bond and is charged with breaking and entering. He was arraigned in District Court on Wednesday, September 2, before Judge Edwin S. Bartlett, and asked for a court appointed lawyer. Preliminary examination has been set for Wednesday, Sep-

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department Fuller, who was staying in Lincoln, is charged with breaking into Muir's Log Cabin in Lincoln, on Sunday, August 30.

Taken was about \$100 in cash from the pool table, 4 bottles of liquor and a cannister containing money for Little League baseball teams. Most of the stolen property has been recovered.

New owners take over Goddard's gas station

September 6, 1945 ~ Mr. and Mrs. Percy Neil of Detroit, this week purchased the resort property of Mr. and Mrs. Truman C. Goddard, located at the city limits north of Harrisville. The deal Included the four overnight cabins, Gas Station and Lunch Room. Mr. and Mrs. Neil will take possession at once and expect to operate before the hunting season.

be given to the Logopedic Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

All teenagers, both local and visiting, will be guests of the Harrisville Lady Lions at a Teen Dance, beginning at 7:30 p. m. at the Vets Club.

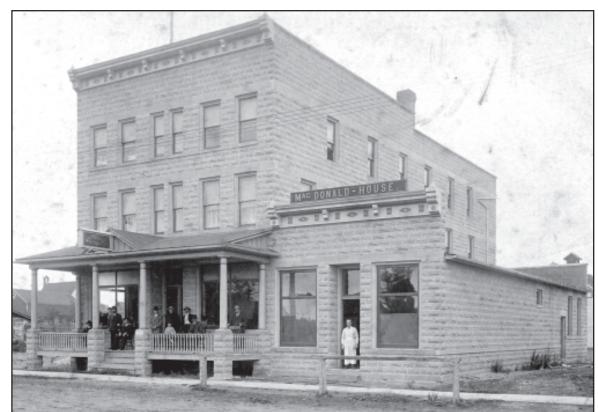
Saturday afternoon at 2:00 there will be a matinee at Alco Theatre.

And a private rehearsal party will be given Saturday night for SPEBSQSA members and their families at the Vets Club, with a free lunch, furnished by businessmen and interested citizens and served by Harrisville Lions Club members.

A public Barbecued Chicken Dinner will be served Sunday at the Vets Club, beginning at 12:30.

The SPEBSQSA, Society for Preservation and Enjoyment of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, consists of amateur singing groups, who donate any money they receive to the Institute of Logopedics. Their motto is "We Sing So That They Will Speak."





The MacDonald House was located on the north side of Main Street in Harrisville, about where Harrisville Harbor Grocery is today. The building was one of the finest hotel structures on the Huron shore. It was built by Charles J. MacDonald and opened during the second week in April 1907. The main building was 32x80 with three stories and the annex was 20x70, with basement under all. (Below) Inside the MacDonald House. Charles J. MacDonald is on the



left. It was cement veneered and the interior finish was of southern pine with maple floors and steel ceilings. It had steam heat, electric lights, running water, and baths. The dining room was 30x30. It had a lobby, reception room, kitchen, 26 guest rooms and a ladies parlor. There were no "inside" rooms, all having windows opening out of doors. The first manager of the hotel was Harry H. Purkiss and the bar room was presided over by George Emeigh, assisted by Joseph Racine.

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	Precipitation Summary (Inches)					
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Normal</u>			
Weekly Total	0.43	0.17	0.77			
August to Date	2.94	0.57	3.28			
Year to Date	16.79	14.27	19.14			

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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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. LITERATURE: What was the name of Hermione's pet cat in the "Harry Potter"
- 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the metal band that attaches a pencil and an eraser?
- 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: Which state claims Mackinac Island in Lake Huron?
- 5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the coffeehouse in the "Friends" sitcom?
- **6. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many presidents have died in office?
- 7. **MEDICAL:** What is the common name for lachrymation?
- 8. LANGUAGE: What is the American English version of a British flannel?
- 9. HISTORY: Who was the last czar of Russia?
- **10. MUSIC:** What was the original name of the pop rock group Maroon 5?

Answers: 1. Crookshanks; 2. A ferrule; 3. A tower; 4. Michigan; 5. Central Perk; 6. Eight; 7. Flow of tears; 8. A washcloth; 9.

Nicholas II; 10. Kara's Flowers (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc. **Super** Crossword **LEAVING L.A. ACROSS** 94 Wound 87 Salty waters 53 Diner 2 Pelvic bone 45 Dismal 88 Hotshot 1 Most dispenser protector 3 Big name in **47** Hotshot minuscule **54** Bucolic that causes skin care 48 "-- -La-La" 90 American 57 Many '90s 8 "The lady sorrow? 4 Suffix with (Al Green hwys. 98 Hot pepper 91 Feudal lords' protest ...' music Tokyo hit) 12 Subjective 49 Old writing sales variety **5** SFO guess estates 101 Folk tales **58** Auditoriums newspaper 6 Camera scroll 95 Kay-em link 96 Lawn turf section **59** Mailed item 102 MPG org. type, in brief **50** And 20 Slightly 97 "Golly!" containing 105 Suffix with 7 Work fill-ins 51 Dressed (in) 52 Juan's "this" 99 "Life of Pi" 21 Opera part a bill from a salt 8 Mexican nail salon? 22 Scrams 106 Hairless 55 Dole out director Lee flower 100 Teachers' 23 Spicy stew 63 Replies to inmates 9 Get aligned 56 Theater irritably **10** Up to, in in an old that's so mogul gp. 103 Larder 65 Imprint thick it takes English brief Marcus prison? 104 Farewells, in more than 66 On the safe 11 Port-au-60 Interloped two people 116 Related to side, at sea Prince's land 61 Center or French to stir it? 12 Highway Pen lead-in 106 Linda in **67** — B'rith the kidneys 25 Commits in 69 Skywalker's **117** GI tour gp. 62 Like prisons 1998 news bridge confidence mentor 118 Tyke, in Baja 13 Skillet, say 63 Weaken 107 Actor 64 Bit of a chill 26 Mon. follower 119 Sis, e.g. 14 Trauma-70 Attach a Fonda **27** With 121 Restrictedtrained pro 108 Step into certain 67 Beer and 75-Down, 15 Singer Day package access tea 109 Dancer's 68 Quarterback light-colored covering computer 16 Rains heavily handrail pub drinks to a linkup 17 Verdi's "very great Joe 110 Actor Delon 111 Riatas, e.g. 28 Sticky sealer corkboard? 124 Product for 18 Reach **71** Org. for 75 Chorus **30** Very mad scrubbing 19 Ruhr city 68-Down 112 Kin of Ltd. your noggin? 31 Create the voice 24 Bill the -**72** Lad **113** Film 73 "Easy there!" wax figure of **78** A.J. of auto 129 Wash lightly director (comics racing the Police's in advance character) 74 Big head Christopher 79 "Psst" cousin 130 Beige-like 29 All fired up 114 Actor Davis frontman? **75** See – be an 80 Navigate 131 Painter 32 Billy the -27-Across 115 Claims on 84 In a lax way 76 1970 hit by honor' Watteau (outlaw) homes, say 39 Dinero 86 Taking a 132 Mountains 33 & so forth the Kinks 120 Writer Harte long time to between **34** Gussy up 77 Chuck of 122 Ark.-to-III. dispenser 40 Glass plate grow, just France and 35 SUV biggie **NBC News** dir. like some 36 Gene stuff 81 Tahiti, e.g. 123 Suffix with 41 Cause of a Spain 133 River of myth stuffy nose velvety 37 Alway 82 Sweetums Nepal 46 Speed at plants do? 134 Most orderly 125 Opera part 41 Motor noises 83 Fuel brand 89 Born earlier which a 42 QED part up north **126** Hydrocarbon 90 Sci-fi craft **DOWN** 43 Paquin of 85 Be incorrect Roman ending **127** — glance emperor 92 Daisy's kin 1 William "True Blood" 86 Many 44 Sweetums — Palmas 128 NSFW part Howard walks? an heir 18 20 22 23 25 24 28 30 33 34 37 35 36 55 56 65 66 68 69 67 70 73 80 76 78 79 82 88 85 86 87 89 90 92 93 98 94 95 100 196 97 99 101 102 | 103 | 104 105

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- On Sept. 2, 1666, the Great Fire of London breaks out in the house of King Charles II's baker near London Bridge. When the Great Fire finally was extinguished on Sept. 6, more than 80% of London was destroyed and 100,000 people were left homeless.
- On Sept. 3, 1939, Britain and France declare war on Germany. The first casualty of that declaration was the British ocean liner Athenia, which was sunk by a German U-
- On Sept. 6, 1943, a new high-speed train traveling between New York City and Washington, D.C., derails, killing 79 people and seriously injuring 100 more. The Congressional Limited traveled at a then-unprecedented speed of 65
- On Sept. 4, 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus enlists the National Guard to prevent nine Black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock. The armed Arkansas militia troops surrounded the school while an angry crowd of some 400 whites jeered, booed and threatened to lynch the frightened teenagers.
- On Sept. 5, 1969, Lt. William Calley is charged with premeditated murder in the deaths of 109 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai in March 1968. Calley, a platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre that was only stopped when a pilot landed his helicopter between the Americans and the fleeing South Vietnamese.
- On Sept. 1, 1972, American chess grandmaster Bobby Fischer defeats Russian Boris Spassky during the World Chess Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland. Fischer became the first American to win the competition since its inception
- On Aug. 31, 1997, shortly after midnight, Diana, Princess of Wales dies in a car crash in Paris. She was 36. Her boyfriend, the Egyptian-born socialite Dodi Fayed, and the driver of the car died as well. A swarm of paparazzi on motorcycles had been aggressively tailing their car.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- A tarantula discovered in 2015 near Folsom Prison, California, was given the scientific name "Aphonopelma johnnycashi" after Johnny Cash, in honor of his song "Folsom Prison Blues.'
- For that matter, "The Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin had a snail named after him, the "Crikey steveirwini," a rare species of tree snail with a khaki-colored shell discovered in 2009
 - Some 60% of human DNA is identical to that of a banana.
- The maddening but addictive Rubik's Cube was created by accident. Professor of architecture Erno Rubik built a twistable box with colorful rows of labels on each side in an attempt to design blocks that could move without collapsing the entire structure. After rotating a few rows and mixing up the colors, the real challenge began: realigning the hues! It took Rubik about a month to restore his cube to its original condition.
- "Slaughterhouse-Five" author Kurt Vonnegut was such a big fan of the TV series "Cheers" that he once told reporters he would rather have written scripts for the show than all his bestselling novels.
- Peppermint oil does a better job of promoting hair growth than hair-growth medication.
- · Speaking of hair, following the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, thousands of hairstylists and alpaca farmers donated over 19 warehouses worth of cut locks to absorb it.
- Looking for a possible reason to like Monday? It's the least rainy day of the week. While the exact science behind this is unclear, researchers believe it's likely due to the decrease in man-made pollution over the weekend.
- · The tradition of knocking on wood for good luck originated with primitive pagans who tapped on trees to summon the protective spirits residing in them.

Thought for the Day: "There are years that ask questions, and years that answer. " -- Zora Neale Hurston (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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: P equals R

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#eterans #ost By Freddy Groves

Caught in the Act

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General has been extremely busy. What's astonishing is the criminals who actually think they're going to get away with their crimes.

A gun store thief claimed, in court in front of a judge, that he had been awarded two Purple Hearts. He was trying to get a lower sentence on a couple of other firearms offenses, including stealing 87 guns from a store and then being a felon in possession of guns. Among other things, he claimed Iraq service and said he got the medals for saving another soldier. He showed photos of his (fake) Purple Heart certificates. Nobody was fooled.

Then there was the idiot who defrauded cemetery services customers out of a half million dollars by taking the payments and using them for personal gain and gambling.

Let's not forget the fool who shot up the inside of a VA hospital with a gun he had tucked in his wheelchair. He won't see daylight for a long time.

Sometimes, though, the OIG handles emotionally tough cases, like the VA hospital nursing assistant that murdered seven hospitalized veterans and was planning to kill an eighth by injecting them all with lethal doses of insulin. In one case medical staff discovered the patient's blood sugar level and were able to revive him ... until the nursing assistant came back and injected him again, killing him. Nursing assistants are not allowed (or trained to) administer medication.

Multiple law enforcement agencies cooperated, leaving no stone unturned to rein in the killer, conducting 350 interviews, serving 60 subpoenas and so much more. Still, there are many unanswered questions, such as why wasn't the insulin locked up to keep unauthorized people out of it? Why didn't anyone notice a pattern that went on for over a year? But the biggest question might never be answered: Why? Why on earth did she do this?

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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CryptoQuip answer

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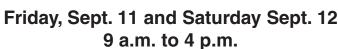
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2 bath home with plenty of space to farm and hunt not to mention the well maintained home. 19-0106 \$199,900



HARRISVILLE-10 acre rolling parcel with a great spot for a walk-out basement. Front 1/3 is mostly open, with the balance being a nice mix of pines and hardwoods. 20-0061 \$23,900



GLENNIE-10 acres of woods, ponds, and wildlife. Three bedroom, 1 bath can be an up north retreat, a hunting camp, or maybe all year round home. 20-0054 **\$120,000**



BLACK RIVER- 100 foot lot on Lake Huron has a cleared area in the middle with trees still remaining along the shore and the road to give it some privacy. The drive and well are already in place. 20-0044 \$120,000



HARRISVILLE- Four bedroom 13/4 bath brand new and waiting for you! This brand-new home is a Habitat for Humanity built home waiting to be finished. 20-0012 \$160,000



BLACK RIVER- Two bedroom, 1 bath manufactured home. Sits on 6.5 acres plenty of room to have outdoor fun with the family. 19-0098 \$62,500



HUBBARD LAKE-Three bedroom, 1¼ bath with deeded Hubbard Lake access. Vacation place or full time residence come check it out it won't last long. 20-



HARRISVILLE-10 acre parcel on a paved road, to build your dream home. It's close to the the city of Harrisville, the state park, Harrisville harbor and a short drive to 1000s of acres of federal land! 20-0052 \$39,000



LINCOLN-Four bedroom, 2 bath home on a dead end street yet close to town. Upper level has an open concept kitchen, dining, living room all with beautiful views. 20-0042 \$159,900



HARRISVILLE-Lake Huron 171 feet of beautiful Lake Huron frontage. Lot is over 500+ feet deep and has a gentle slope to the water, making for outstanding views. 20-0011 \$199,900



MIKADO-Hello Hunters or Weekend retreaters, this may be the place you need to come up north to hunt or relax. With over 7 acres to hunt. 19-0073 \$48,500



Barton City - Gas Station/Convenience Store immaculate and profit making. Located in the heart of the Huron National Forest with year round activities. 18-0006 \$499,900



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HARRISVILLE- Five bedroom, 3 bath Lake Huron home. One of a kind gorgeous log home with quality through out. Come see and make this yours to enjoy. 20-0058 \$529,383



GLENNIE- Four bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, comes with a lake lot across the street, plus a one bedroom, one bathroom log cabin guest house. Invite your friends to the lake! 20-0051 \$199,000



OSCODA-Three bedroom, 2 bath home, that sits on 200 feet of sandy beach, on a side road off US-23. The interior is all tongue and grove cedar, accented with a huge stone fire-place. 20-0044 \$379,000



BLACK RIVER-40 acres with an old farm house and barn. The farm house has not been lived in for some time, the barn is used to store hay at this time and is use-able. 20-0008 \$79,900



HARRISVILLE- Great location formerly Richards Pharmacy start a new business that everyone wants to come to. 19-0035 \$190,000



BLACK RIVER 80 acres of hardwood and pine, excellent hunting. Two fully furnished cabins with entire contents offered. 20-0057 **\$169,900**



BARTON CITY - In the heart of the Huron National Forest. Year round home with 3 bedroom, 2½ baths, 2 car attached garage, semi-fin basement. Ready for new owner. 20-0048 \$125,500



HARRISVILLE- Four bedrooms, 3 bath raised ranch. Home sits on beautiful 10 wooded acres with wild life galore. Lower level completely finished just move in! 20-0039 \$239,900



HARRISVILLE-100 foot Lake Huron lot that is over 500 foot deep. It is about 1 mile south of the quaint town of Harrisville. The lot has a gentle sloop to the water. 20-0007 \$129,900



HARRISVILLE-Great location formerly Richards Pharmacy start a new business that everyone wants to come to. 19-0035 \$190,000