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Why does Michigan's worker shortage persist?

By Cameryn Cass

Capital News Service

"Help Wanted" and "Now Hiring" signs make up the storefronts of many Michigan businesses as employers struggle to find employees.

In March and April 2020, the U.S. economy lost 22 million jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, but by last month the economy regained 18 million jobs, according to Charles Ballard, an economist at Michigan State University.

So, why the shortage?

Some businesses and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce officials blame unemployment benefits.

"I'm afraid that the message, however well-intentioned, sent out by Congress, the president and the governor, was that it was okay to be unemployed," said Rich Studley, the president and chief executive officer of the Michigan chamber.

Other factors contribute to the shortage, he said, but at its peak, unemployment benefits came out to be \$16 to \$18 an hour, an attractive wage for a lot of workers. "You don't have to be a math whiz to do the numbers," Studley said.

Since unemployment benefits are funded through employers' payroll taxes, Studley

said he worries the trend will continue into 2022 if workers keep relying on these benefits, raising costs for employers.

Others say unemployment benefits are not enough to comfortably live off of.

Unemployment insurance doesn't come close to replacing regular wages for most workers, said Peter Ruark, a senior policy analyst at the Michigan League for Public Policy. The maximum weekly benefit would be equivalent to about two-thirds of the average weekly working wage.

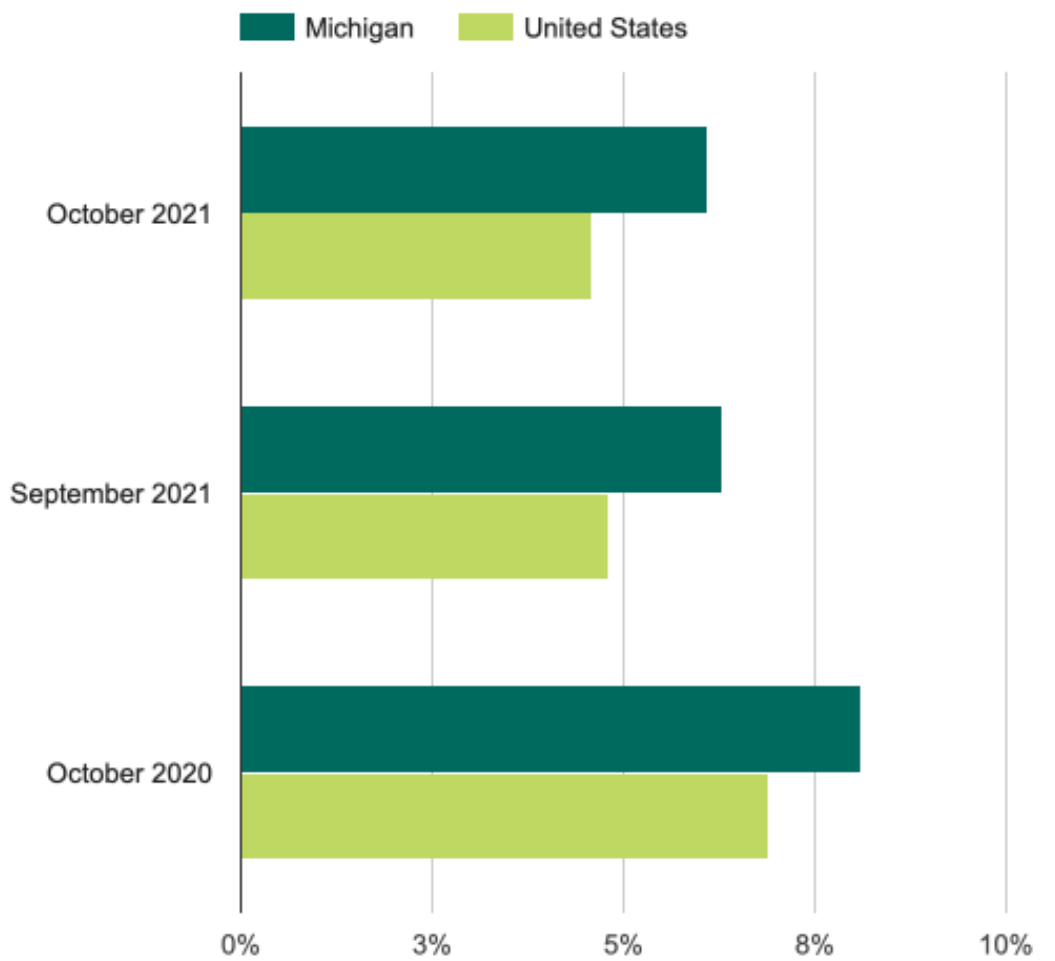
"I think we can remove unemployment insurance as a reasonable cause for the inability to attract workers," Ruark said. "One thing we have seen is that when employers raise their wages and provide better work conditions, the workers tend to come."

Employment didn't jump once benefits were cut back in September from the \$300 a week bonus during the worst of the pandemic, an indication that it's not these benefits keeping people out of the workforce, Ballard said.

Recently, the percentage of workers who have voluntarily quit their jobs has been unusually high, something

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Michigan and U.S. Jobless Rates



Michigan and U.S. jobless rates for 2020-21. Courtesy of Michigan Dept. of Tech., Mangmt. and Budget Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives.

Alcona Elementary student council represents all classes

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Alcona Elementary has a new all-inclusive student council with representatives from each classroom from kindergarten through fifth grade. The student council is connecting classes to promote school pride and community spirit.

The council, which brings ideas from their classmates, has promoted spirit week, conducted a food drive and is collecting new, unwrapped toys that will go to a local organization for distribution to needy families in the area.

Title One instructional coach and online teacher Sue Elmer, acts as an advisor for the council. She explained the experience of having all classes participate gives the council a more unified presence.

"The older classmen are nominated through mock elections; lower elementary student council members are chosen by their teacher based on criteria. The younger council students may not understand everything completely, but the older students help them along," Elmer said.

Taking on that leadership role is a smaller group of upper council classmen who began a discussion on what being on the student council meant to them, what they had already accomplished and goals they were working on.

Jadyn Lincoln, Angela Walmsley and Mason Beatty, representing fourth-grade classrooms, and Adriana Grimshaw and Reid Schroeder, representing fifth-grade

classrooms were eager to share this year's council experiences.

Lincoln and Walmsley agreed it was fun and there wasn't anything they didn't like about being on the council.

Beatty enjoyed the leadership role it presented. "Being a good leader means listening to other people's ideas and respecting them. It means making good decisions to help everyone. I like helping to make the community and school better," he said.

Grimshaw liked that they came together each month to brainstorm new ideas. She felt proud to be on the council and enjoys sharing that pride and enthusiasm with other students.

She liked that the council assisted the Parent Teacher

Organization (PTO) during spirit week and said one of her favorite parts of the week was students and teachers dressing to promote their favorite sports teams and that they also had pajama days.

Schroeder said a good leader is open-minded and helpful. He liked how being on the council allowed him an opportunity to be a bigger part of the community picture and appreciated that the school collected food, and, now, toys, which helps the whole community, not just the school.

All agreed the experience of being on the student council will assist them in the future. "Being on the student council will help us become better citizens and better, normal people," Schroeder said. "And it makes you feel good

inside," Grimshaw added.

The students explained for all three events, spirit week and the food and toy drives the council made posters to hang throughout the school to remind students of the events. They have also contributed to the school's handmade holiday cards for shut-ins and have assisted with plans for the new school playground anticipated to be installed next summer.

Ideas the council has in mind for upcoming months include sapling tree plantings, picking up litter, and helping with the school's community garden.

Elmer said this year's student council has done an exceptional job. "I think this year has been a lesson learned for

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Obituaries

Lyle C. Selman

Lyle Cosand Selman, 96, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 at home.

He was born April 9, 1925, to Lloyd and Lela (Cosand) Selman in Rose City, Mich. He was raised in the Lupton, Mich. and Mio, Mich. areas.

He served in the U.S. Army.

On May 22, 1943 he married Eleen "Peggy" Joy in Toledo, Ohio.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado.

Mr. Selman is survived by three daughters, Carol (Dean) Place of Glendale, Ariz., Mari Lou (Robert) Fitzgerald of Newport Beach, Calif. and Dawn (John) Ashford of Harrisville; eight grandchildren, Tim (Erica) Wauchek, Erin

Ashford, Matthew (Roberta) Ashford, Michael (Shannon) Ashford, Larry (Susan) Fitzgerald, Karen Fitzgerald, Barb Fitzgerald, and Robert (Lisa) Fitzgerald; nine great-grandchildren, Mckinley Wauchek, Danica Wauchek, Mattheus Ashford, Emilia Ashford, Paul Ashford, Sadie Ashford, Sean Fitzgerald, Patrick Fitzgerald, and Ava Fitzgerald; and one great-great-granddaughter, Emma Fitzgerald.

The funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado. The Rev. Tim Steiner officiated. Burial will be in Springport Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Effort Vision-Haiti Outreach, P.O. Box 228 Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Renate Carriveau

Renate Carriveau, 84, of Lincoln, died on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Mich.

She was born July 18, 1937 to Karl and Else Hartmann in Wirschweiler, Germany, where she was raised.

On May 25, 1962, she married Gerald Carriveau in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. They moved to Lincoln in 1966.

A true domestic engineer, Mrs. Carriveau enjoyed cooking. She worked as a cook at the Chippewa Point Restaurant for 15 years. She enjoyed crafts and was a talented seamstress.

Mrs. Carriveau is survived by her husband, Gerald; one daughter, Brigitte (Michael) Hawley; two grandchildren, Aaron Hawley and Jennifer (Quenton) Riggs; two great-



grandchildren, Summer Riggs and Sage Riggs; one sister-in-law, Helen (James) Grochowski; two brothers-in-law, Paul (Ethel) Carriveau and Harold (Carlene) Carriveau; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Hildegardt Whittmann and one brother, August Hartmann.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Doris A. Shoemaker

Harrisville, Michigan
Formerly of Pinconning

Doris, age 92, loving mother, grandmother and sister, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 at her home with her loving family by her side.

She was born on January 29, 1929 in Lowell, Mich. to the late Paul and Vera (Hicks) Dawson.

She married Tom Shoemaker on May 22, 1947 in Plymouth, Mich. He predeceased her in 1986.

Doris enjoyed reading, crocheting and her cats, but most of all she enjoyed her time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Thomas (fiancé, Sharnell Merklings) Shoemaker, Krysten (Brian) Abbe and Rita (Jim) Kaiser; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bonnie French and Wanda Elandt; and one brother, Paul (Liz) Woodard; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one son, Greg Shoemaker; one daughter, Tracy



(Bryant) Brewer; step-father Paul Woodard; three brothers, LeRoy, Melvin and Erwin Woodard; and two sisters, Peggy Grudenich and Barbara Brandon.

A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 at the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home. Burial was in Plymouth, Mich. at the Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers those wishing an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan, Alpena so the family can make a donation in Doris's honor.

Paid Obituary

Gerald A. Puff

Gerald Arthur Puff, 86, of Jonesville, Mich., formerly of Harrisville, died on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021.

He was born August 28, 1935 in Fort Wayne, Ind. To Adolph and Malinda (Parker) Puff.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. On June 20, 1958 he married Suzanne Ralston.

Mr. Puff was a graduate of Purdue University and worked as an electrical engineer for the U.S. government. He joined Wurtsmith Air Force Base in 1965 and continued there until his retirement.

For five years of his career he worked in Germany and enjoyed telling stories about his travels throughout Europe.

Mr. Puff was a lifelong member of the Lutheran

Church Missouri Synod.

He loved living on and farming his 80 acres in Killmaster. He attended farm auctions and enjoyed buying equipment to use for parts. His joy of farming began when he was young and helped his brother farm his land.

He had a remarkable memory and retained important dates (weddings, celebrations, funerals, etc.) of family and friends.

Mr. Puff is survived by one son, Gerald "Jake" (Leeann) Puff Jr.; three daughters, Debbie (Bill) Frickey of Osseo, Mich., Lois (Doug) Woods of Brighton, Mich. and Patricia Puff of Red Oak, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 11 siblings, and his wife, Suzanne.



The funeral was held October 25 at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Homes in Fort Wayne, Ind. Burial, with military honors, was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Dr. Stephen R. Davis and Fay Davis

Dr. Stephen R. Davis, 98, of Lincoln, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on June 26, 2021, after a short illness. He lived a full and active life with his wife, Fay, the love of his life for 75 years.

Steve was a veteran of World War II where he served in the U.S. Army Air Force. After the war, he earned a Ph. D. in Mechanical Engineering from the Univ. of Illinois. Steve worked in both industry and academia, but his true passion was helping young people to succeed.

He served in various positions, which included Dean of Engineering at Lawrence Technological University, and Provost and Dean of Faculty at Kettering University in Flint, Mich. He received calls and letters from former students many years later.



For Steve, the glass was always half full. He had a special gift of using his positive energy to brighten the lives of those around him. His actions served as an example to us all, demonstrating how even the smallest of gestures could improve other's lives.

Steve and Fay were loving parents to their sons, Steve (Lori) and Greg (Marcia). They were loving grandparents to Ryan, Andrew, Jessica (Branden) and Jeremy.

They will be dearly missed.

Paid Obituary

Fay Davis, 95, of Lincoln, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2021, of natural causes.

She lived a full and active life with her husband, Steve, the love of her life for 75 years.

During World War II, Fay became a registered nurse and provided medical care to wounded servicemen in Atlantic City, N.J. Fay held numerous positions as a nurse including an ER nurse and a school nurse.

Fay cherished time spent with her family. As a mother and grandmother, she enjoyed a house full of children. She enjoyed baking desserts, and the noise of children playing was music to her.

She taught her sons how to care about and treat others with respect.

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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon* at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information. Note: time change is only for this date.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For details call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

There will be a Christmas cookie and bake sale at Glennie United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

There will be a children's drive-thru Christmas party at the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141. Youngsters, ages infant to 12 years old, will see Santa, receive gifts, snacks and treats from 2 to 4 p.m. The party is at 671 Sanborn, Barton City. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be

served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln - across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet 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, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held the Senior Center in Lincoln from 4 to 6 p.m., or until food runs out. This is free for all Alcona County residents. The Senior Center is located at 207 Church Street, Lincoln. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alcona-seniors.org.

A holiday concert by the Alcona Middle and High School choirs will be held at 6 p.m. in the community auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Veterans, and their relatives, are welcome to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

A special service featuring a choir performing the Christmas cantata, "Gloria, Christ has Come," will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church at 11:15 a.m. "The Christmas Story" will be read and there will be additional special music.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for December is "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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Join us for Christmas Eve Service
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PUBLIC NOTICE

OSCODA-WURTSMITH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

December 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 897 2494 9002

Participants are encouraged to connect by 9:50 a.m.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

On December 8, 2021, the Caledonia Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 07 and 09 of 2021 containing zoning ordinance amendments which take effect on the 8th day after this publication. The zoning amendments can be accessed at www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/zoning.asp, at the Caledonia Township Hall at the above address, or by contacting Cyndi Apsey Township Supervisor. The proposed amendments modify the Caledonia Township Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 5.7 (Commercial District) and Section 5.10 (Schedule of Regulations) to establish a commercial overlay district on US 23 and F-41 with allowable uses from the commercial district and underlying district. The amendment also clarifies zoning district lines to match the newer, more accurate parcel layer. Amend Section 5.10 (Schedule of Regulations) to clarify that minimum lot width and area standards apply to lots created after adoption of ordinance. Lots in existence are nonconforming and to clarify that the Schedule of Regulations applies to principal buildings and not accessory buildings. Amend Section 6.3 to clarify that nonconforming lots of record can be developed. Amend Section 6.4 to clarify how nonconforming contiguous parcels under the same ownership are regulated.

The Harrisville Goodfellows have made the decision to continue spreading Christmas merriment! However, we are incorporating a number of measures to ensure the safety of our community and our Goodfellow.

Fruit Baskets will be delivered to our senior citizens on the Sunday, December 19. Baskets will be left on porches or by front doors. Goodfellows will ring your door bells/knock, when delivering to your home.

Christmas Eve, Santa will be making his rounds and delivering goodies to young children! Santa will NOT be entering any homes or in contact with anyone. Upon arrival, Santa will ring/knock, leave goodies by the door and provide children with many Ho-Ho-Ho's!

Reminder: Be sure to leave your porch/outside lights on Christmas Eve. Santa begins making his rounds at approximately 5:30 p.m. and done by 8 p.m.

If you are a new resident to Harrisville Township (Welcome) or a senior citizen and would like to be included in our merrymaking, please send us your name, address and in the case of Santa's deliveries, the number of children in your household (up to 12 years old). Contact us at **(989) 724-5077** or mail information to: **Harrisville Goodfellows, PO Box 1, Harrisville, MI 48740.**

Last year was the only time we were not able to spread Christmas Cheer. We are grateful to be back!!!

Merry Christmas to you and yours!!



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Local Notes

Correction

The family and friends of Denelle Havercroft who would like to donate to the Alcona Backpack Program are asked to send monetary donations to Alcona Community Schools, P.O. Box 249 Lincoln, Mich. 48742, with notation in the memo, instead of the Northeast Michigan Community Foundation. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Dec. 20: Baked chicken, red bliss potatoes, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk.
- Tuesday, Dec. 21: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, roll, apple pie, milk.
- Wednesday, Dec. 22: Beef with broccoli, rice, apple sauce, honey bran muffin, milk.
- Thursday, Dec. 23: Biscuit and sausage gravy, carrots, apple cinnamon muffin, tropical fruit, milk.

Office Closed Temporarily

The Michigan State University Extension office in Harrisville will be closed Monday, Dec. 27 through Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022.

LLWC Makes Donation

MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena was a recent recipient of funds from a “Chair-ity” auction hosted by the Lost Lake Wood Club in Lincoln. The fundraiser showcased 14 wood furniture pieces, decoratively painted by the ladies of the club. Mary Spring, auction organizer, presented the proceeds of the auction to Ann Diamond, director of fund development, MyMichigan Health Foundation.

“This auction gains more and more interest every year,” said Spring. “Last year we had wooden chairs. This year we had 14 items, which included some fun furniture pieces, as well as chairs.” Items available at the auction included the traditional wooden chairs and also a child’s picnic table, a rocker, bar stools and a pair of director chairs. “It’s fun to gather with the ladies at the club, who are all so very talented, to paint the items and support this cause.”

The furniture pieces were on display and open for bidding during the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, at the Lost Lake Woods Club clubhouse. Spring also brought two chairs to the Medical Center in Alpena for staff, patients and visitors to bid on. At the end of the silent auction, Lost Lake Woods Club donated more than \$1,300 which was directed to the MyMichigan’s Breast Health Fund.

“We are so thankful to our friends at Lost Lake Woods Club and for all the events they host that bring awareness to breast health,” said Diamond. “With both the Chair-ity Auction and the Rally for the Cure golf outing, the ladies leading the effort and the membership at Lost Lake Woods are passionate about this cause and we are so thankful for their support.”

Spring continued, “We have some breast cancer survivors in our club. A couple of them painted some of the chairs and this auction is just a small way we can honor them and give back. It’s not a lot of money but every little bit helps.”

Those interested in more information about the Breast Health Fund or would like to make a donation to the Medical Center in Alpena may contact Diamond at (989) 356-7738 or ann.diamond@midmichigan.org.

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that only happens when workers think they have a good chance of finding a better job, he said.

“COVID-19 has been such a large shock that it has caused millions of American workers to do a once-in-a-lifetime reevaluation of their connection to work,” Ballard wrote in an email.

Low wages, poor working conditions, early retirements brought on by the pandemic, and ongoing health-safety concerns are major contributing factors to the shortage, he said.

Some emphasize that low wages and poor working conditions are the greatest contributing factors to the shortage.

“I don’t know if I believe

there’s a worker shortage or just a shortage of workers who are no longer willing to work for those types of wages,” said Jeremy Tripp, the executive director of Service Employees International Union, Local 517M, a public employee union group.

With recent federal investments in the state, Tripp said he hopes the Michigan Legislature invests some of the billions of dollars into the workforce to improve working conditions and wages across the board.

“For so long, there’s been a lot of low-paying jobs that a lot of people have felt compelled to take,” Ruark said. “Right now, the tide has turned where it’s a job-seekers market.”

Americanisms



“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.”

— Oprah Winfrey

Medicare coverage for mobility, help for overmedicated parent

Dear Savvy Senior,
I have arthritis in my hips and knees and have a difficult time getting around anymore. What do I need to do to get a Medicare-covered electric-powered scooter or wheelchair?

Need a Ride

Dear Need,
If you're enrolled in original Medicare, getting an electric-powered mobility scooter or wheelchair that's covered by Medicare starts with a visit to your doctor's office.

If eligible, Medicare will pay 80 percent of the cost, after you've met your Part B deductible (\$203 in 2021). You will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent unless you have supplemental insurance.

Here's a breakdown of how it works.

Schedule an appointment

Your first step is to call your doctor or primary care provider and schedule a Medicare required, face-to-face mobility evaluation to determine your need for a power scooter or wheelchair. For you to be eligible, you'll need to meet all of the following conditions:

- Your health condition makes moving around your home very difficult, even with the help of a cane, crutch, walker or manual wheelchair.
- You have significant problems performing activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, getting in or out of a bed or chair, or using the bathroom.
- You are able to safely operate, and get on and off the scooter or wheelchair, or have someone with you who is always available to help you safely use the device.

If eligible, your doctor will determine what kind of mobility equipment you'll need based on your condition, usability in your home, and ability to operate it.

It's also important to know that Medicare coverage is dependent on your needing a scooter or wheelchair in your home. If your claim is based on needing it outside your home, it will be denied as not medically necessary, because the wheelchair or scooter will be considered a leisure item.

Where to Buy

If your doctor determines you need a power scooter or wheelchair, he or she will fill out a written order or prescription. Once you receive it, you'll need to take it to a Medicare approved supplier within 45 days. To find Medicare approved suppliers in your area, visit Medicare.gov/medical-equipment-suppliers or call (800) 633-4227.

There are, however, circumstances where you may need "prior authorization" for certain types of power wheelchairs. In this case, you'll need permission from Medicare before you can get one.

Financial Aid

If you have a Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policy, it may pick up some, or all of the 20 percent cost of the scooter or wheelchair

that's not covered by Medicare. If, however, you don't have supplemental insurance, and can't afford the 20 percent, you may be able to get help through Medicare Savings Programs. Call your local Medicaid office for eligibility information.

Or, if you find that you're not eligible for a Medicare covered scooter or wheelchair, and you can't afford to purchase one, renting can be a much cheaper short-term solution. Talk to a supplier about this option.

For more information about power mobility devices call Medicare at (800) 633-4227 or visit Medicare.gov/coverage/wheelchairs-scooters.

Medicare Advantage

If you happen to have a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), you'll need to call your plan to find out the specific steps you need to take to get a power-wheelchair or scooter. Many Advantage plans have specific suppliers within the plan's network they'll require you to use.

Dear Savvy Senior,
My 75-year-old mother is currently taking 16 different prescription and OTC medications and I'm worried she's taking way too many drugs. Can you suggest any resources that can help us?

Worried Daughter

Dear Worried,
Unfortunately, millions of older Americans are taking way too many medications today, which raises their risk of dangerous side effects and drug interactions.

According to the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, people aged 65 to 69 take an average of 15 prescriptions a year, and those aged 80 to 84 take 18 prescriptions a year. And that's in addition to the myriad of over-the-counter drugs, herbal remedies, vitamins and minerals they may take, any of which – alone or in combination – could cause more problems than they cure.

Even when older patients are taking only necessary and effective drugs, the dosages need a second look. As pa-



Savvy Senior

tients age, they tend to metabolize drugs more slowly, meaning the dose that was perfect five years ago may now be too high, perhaps causing dizziness and falls. Doses need to be continually adjusted with age, and most of the time that doesn't happen.

Get a Drug Review

If you have concerns or questions about the medications your mother is taking, gather up all her pill bottles, including her prescription and over-the-counter drugs as well as vitamins and supplements, put them in a bag, and take them to her primary physician or pharmacist for a comprehensive drug review.


Medicare provides free drug reviews with a doctor during annual "wellness visits," and many Medicare Part D prescription-drug beneficiaries can get free reviews from pharmacists, too.

At the drug review, go through each medication and find out if there are any duplicate meds or dangerous combinations your mom is taking, and if there are any drugs she could stop taking or reduce the dosage. Then, make a medication master list and keep it updated so it can be easily shared whenever your mom sees a doctor.

To help with this, AARP offers a free "my personal medication record" form that

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Lady Tigers drop close game to Tawas

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team couldn't find their offensive touch at home last Thursday, and came up short to visiting Tawas, 32-26.

"This was one of those games where nothing went right. Tawas played hard and we were unable to find a rhythm," said head coach Mark Feldhiser of the non-conference loss. "We were plagued by foul trouble and more importantly, injuries. We are pretty low on numbers to begin with, so we can't afford either of these problems."

Alcona held a slim 7-5 lead after the first quarter, fell behind 15-13 at the half, and slipped back ahead 21-20 entering the fourth. The Lady Braves outscored the Lady Tigers 12-5 in the final stanza to pull away for the win.

"We were just unable to get anything done in the fourth quarter and it cost us the game," Feldhiser said. "Our

concern right now is with the health of our players. We play (Posen and Hillman next) so things won't get any easier, but I am confident we will keep improving and coming together as a team."

Leading the team in the loss was Kelsey Hansen with 13 points.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7 the Lady Tigers lost to visiting Posen in a North Star League crossover game, 43-38.

"This is one of that kind of go away from us," Feldhiser said. "Posen is a good team, and they beat us down the stretch. The difference in this game was rebounding and turnovers, especially in the fourth quarter. We all understand we have to better a job at the end of games, and we will learn from this one. To our credit, we came out strong in the second half and built a bit of a lead in the fourth, but couldn't quite put it away. Our kids played hard; we just made a few more mistakes than Posen did at the end of the game."

Posen led 9-8 after the first quarter, 19-18 at the half and it was knotted up at 31-apiece entering the fourth.

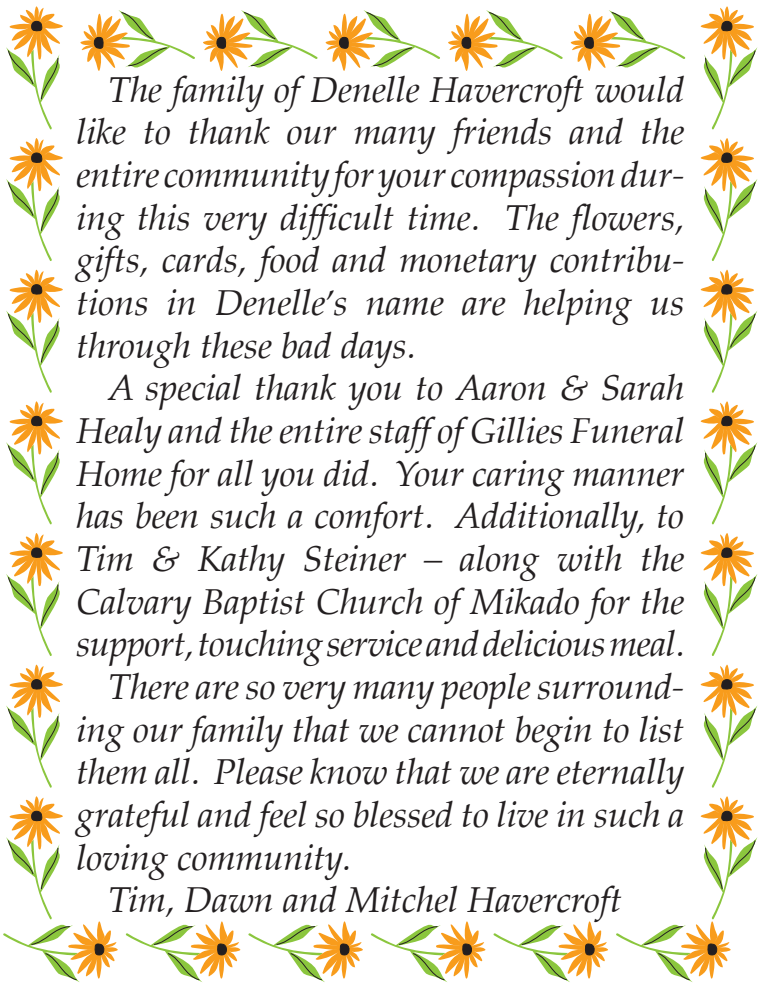
Hansen led the team with 13 points, Emma Travis netted 12, and Carmen Dellar put in six.

Alcona opened the season at Roscommon on December 3, with a 42-34 victory.

"Roscommon got an early lead, but we settled in and played a very solid second quarter to build the lead," Feldhiser said. "They came back on us a bit in the third, but I was proud of the way the girls put the game away in fourth quarter. It was a good first game, and we got a big road win. We are a pretty young team, so hopefully this game was something we can build on."

Dellar paced the team with 17 points, Hansen netted 10 and Travis put in eight.

Alcona (1-2 overall) hosts Hillman on Friday, Dec. 17 and heads to Hale on Tuesday, Dec. 21.



The family of Denelle Havercroft would like to thank our many friends and the entire community for your compassion during this very difficult time. The flowers, gifts, cards, food and monetary contributions in Denelle's name are helping us through these bad days.

A special thank you to Aaron & Sarah Healy and the entire staff of Gillies Funeral Home for all you did. Your caring manner has been such a comfort. Additionally, to Tim & Kathy Steiner – along with the Calvary Baptist Church of Mikado for the support, touching service and delicious meal.

There are so very many people surrounding our family that we cannot begin to list them all. Please know that we are eternally grateful and feel so blessed to live in such a loving community.

Tim, Dawn and Mitchel Havercroft

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some of them in understanding they are representing a larger group beyond themselves. This group has done a nice job of seeing beyond their own wants and desires. When they brainstorm ideas, they

go back and talk to their classmates. They listen to their classmates' ideas and bring those back even if it is different than their own opinion," Elmer said.

The elementary school's toy

drive will continue through Friday, Dec. 17 and the public is welcome to participate by dropping off new, unwrapped toys Monday through Friday between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. The school is



Alcona Elementary School student council has taken on a unified format by inviting younger class representatives to join their discussions. Members are (front row, from left) Eivin Travis (K), Temperance Fry (K), Sophia Patterson (1st), Cash Schmidt (1st), Colton Kimball (2nd), Nevaeh Liebler (3rd), Kailyn Mahalak (2nd), (back row) Marley Neggie (3rd), Jayden Lincoln (4th), Mason Beatty (4th), Adriana Grimshaw (5th), Reid Schroeder (5th), and Angela Walmsley (4th). Not pictured: Hunter Sommer (K). Courtesy photo.



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Local DNR C.O. receives lifesaving award

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Tyler Sabuda, who is based in Iosco County, was recently presented with a lifesaving award after aiding a downstate man who was suspected of having a stroke while stranded alone in a remote hunting cabin.

The situation began on Monday, Oct. 4, when DNR Conservation Officer Stephen Butzin, of Delta County, was contacted by his grandfather, Timothy Butzin, who has a hunting cabin in Iosco County. T. Butzin reported that his neighbor's wife was concerned because her husband went duck hunting at their cabin two days earlier and hadn't returned home or responded to communication.

T. Butzin told C.O. Butzin that his neighbor's cabin was locked, a vehicle was in the driveway and nobody answered the door. He was concerned that his neighbor may be stranded in the woods.

C.O. Butzin communicated the information to off-duty Sabuda, who contacted Iosco County Central Dispatch to request they dispatch an active law enforcement officer to check the cabin. After



(From left) Asst. Chief Dave Shaw, DNR Law Enforcement Division, Conservation Officer Tyler Sabuda and Capt. Jen Wolf, DNR Law Enforcement Division following the award presentation. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

learning nobody could check the cabin within a reasonable time frame, Sabuda activated into service and went to the cabin himself.

While en route, Sabuda alerted Michigan State Police, who were arranging for a police dog's presence at the cabin. Sabuda went to T. Butzin's cabin and he took Sabuda via off-road vehicle

through a narrow trail to his neighbor's cabin. Sabuda checked the parked vehicle and property and could not find evidence of wrongdoing.

Announcing himself as a Michigan DNR conservation officer, Sabuda knocked on the door several times, heard a quiet noise, but nobody answered the door. The cabin was elevated so Sabuda stood on the ORV to see through the windows but still couldn't see well enough inside.

He knocked on the door again, asked if anyone was injured or needed help, and heard the quiet, rhythmic noise. Sabuda contacted dispatch via radio to request medical assistance and forced entry into the cabin. He located an unresponsive man, not breathing, lying on the floor – the noise Sabuda heard through the door was the man attempting to breathe. Sabuda rolled the 61-year-old Chesterfield, Mich. man to his side and cleared his airway, then started performing sternum rubs to the man's chest, which activated the man's breathing.

Sabuda instructed T. Butzin to meet and guide EMS from the road. Sabuda performed sternum rubs until EMS arrived and transported the man to a hospital in Saginaw, Mich. where doctors suspect he may have suffered a stroke.

Community Foundation helps raise over \$365,000 for local nonprofit groups

In its seventh year of providing the platform for local nonprofits to participate in the global Giving Tuesday movement, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) helped 60 nonprofit organizations to raise a grand total of \$365,387 on November 30.

"We are never quite sure what to expect with each year's campaign," said CFNEM Executive Director Patrick Heraghty. "One thing we never doubt is the generosity of our community. That generosity shined bright for this Giving Tuesday once again."

Giving Tuesday follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, offering a dedicated day for charitable giving as the holiday season kicks off. The hope for this worldwide movement is that people will set aside a few minutes, and perhaps some shopping money, to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

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

"One of the best things

about this giving event is that there is a story of caring and compassion behind every single donation received," said Heraghty. "It is great to see our community show up with such incredible support for the nonprofits tirelessly serving northeast Michigan. Everyone who donated, no matter the size of the gift, should take pride in knowing they are part of that."

Heraghty explained that, as has been true the last few years, the Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan movement has a ripple effect, with many organizations reporting donations given prior to and after the event, as well as some donations earning matching gifts that come in later, all in the spirit of Giving Tuesday.

Those totals are not included in CFNEM's overall count, but Heraghty said the number easily eclipses an additional \$20,000.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of the area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

Its three affiliate foundations include Iosco County Community Foundation, North Central Michigan Community Foundation, and Straits Area Community Foundation. Led by a volunteer board of local citizens, the foundation oversees a group of permanently endowed funds from a wide range of donors.

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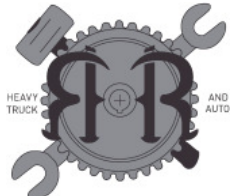
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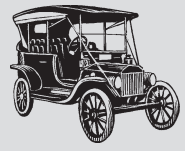
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Judge allows dental bridge as evidence

December 18, 1996 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

A key piece of evidence in the 17-year-old murder case of Cynthia Schmidt will be allowed pursuant to a decision rendered by Circuit Judge John F. Kowalski.

The piece of evidence is a partial dental bridge worn by the deceased. It was seized by police officers during a search of her home in October of 1979 - several weeks after she was found dead in Alcona County.

Gary P. Schmidt of Warren, Mich. was her husband at that time and is charged with her murder.

Schmidt's attorney had moved to suppress the dental bridge because it was illegally obtained since it was not named in the search warrant and because the bridge was not in plain view when found, it was in a purse in a closet.

Judge Kowalski ruled that while neither the bridge, nor the purse were named in the search warrant, but it was proper for the police to look in the purse.

"The general purpose of determining whether certain items named in the warrant could be found in the home of the defendant (Gary Schmidt) was to determine whether the victim, the defendant's wife, had been in the home during the last few hours of her life," Kowalski wrote in his decision.

"Specifically, the affidavit for search warrant alleged the victim had been at work, then at her parent's home in Lincoln, then at her sister's home in Lincoln for dinner, and then at ceramic class which

lasted until approximately 9:30 p.m.

The affidavit sets forth that the defendant denied that his wife returned home after ceramics class and it is clear from reading the affidavit that the various items sought to be recovered from the home were items which might prove or at least be evidence that, contrary to the defendant's assertion, his wife had been in the home after leaving ceramics class prior to her death."

Kowalski said he is allowing the partial bridge because it "must have been seized

under the 'plain view' doctrine which requires the police had a lawful right to be where they were at the time of the seizure and requires that the incriminating nature of the item seized must be immediately apparent."

The officer who seized the bridge testified that, at the time of doing so, it was his understanding that the bridge belonged to the victim, Kowalski said. Since the item was in a small, black purse, it was reasonable to assume that the item was the decedent's.

Van of tires stolen from Hart Tire Co.

December 16, 1971 ~ Northeastern Michigan law enforcement agencies were alerted Monday to watch for a van loaded with an estimated \$10,000 worth of tires, which was stolen earlier in the morning from the Hart Tire Co., at the US-23 S. and County Road 171 intersection.

According to State Police, the blue vehicle is a 1970 Chevrolet van, with Michigan license plate 4210-EP. The truck, which was locked and parked next to the building, contained some 400 tires.

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December 18, 1896 ~ Alpena Echo: The water works question is being quite generally discussed today and while most of those who discuss the matter seem to be favorable to city ownership there seems to be some question as to the advisability of the purchase of the plant now in operation. Said a prominent business man today: "Do you know that this city should use water from Hubbard Lake. It could be piped here from Wolff Creek, or some of the outlets with less than ten miles of piping. There is a fall of more than 100 feet which would give sufficient force for fire protection etc. The city could

Christmas activities

December 16, 1921 ~ A beautiful Christmas tree was placed at the foot of Main Street in Harrisville Sunday by members of the Goodfellows Club.

The perfect tree was donated for this purpose by Howard Kiehn of the North Shore Road. W. Fogelsinger will place the lighting as soon as bulbs are available.

The Lions Club will entertain the boys and girls of Harrisville with a grand Christmas party at the City Hall Wednesday, December 22. Santa plans to be there for

this big event.

On Christmas Eve Santa will call early at the homes in Harrisville and Greenbush. He will be at the Christmas tree at the foot of Main Street between 6:30 and 7:00 for children from out of town to visit him.

The big dance of the year - on Christmas Night - will again be held at the Auditorium. The "Dolly" Gray Orchestra from Alpena will furnish the music. Dancing from 9:30 to 1:30. Admission \$1.50 per couple. At the dance the Beef Awards will be made. Get your tickets now from any Goodfellow.

Two Spruce families lose homes by fire

December 16, 1948 ~ Spruce—Hally Tacia's house burned to the ground late last Wednesday afternoon. Everything except the dishes, was saved downstairs, but every thing upstairs was lost, including Mrs. Tacia's and daughter Eleanor's clothes.

The men of the community held a "bee" Friday to finish the granary inside and make it livable for the winter. The Tacias will build a new house in the spring.

The house of Iner Rasmussen burned completely Sunday forenoon. Nothing was saved.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Meet the teachers

December 16, 1971 ~ Bonnie Potter's many years of service to the Alcona Community Schools make hers a familiar face to many in the area. Fifteen years of regular classroom assignment plus twenty years of substituting combine to give an impressive thirty-five years of service. Her other professional commitments include working on the Reading Committee and on the Alcona Education Association Grievance Committee. She earned a B. S. from Central Michigan University.

Bonnie has also found time to be active in community affairs She is a member of the United Methodist Church and has been active in the W.S.C.S. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoys bowling on Lincoln Haven Team and is a member of a local bridge club.

Bonnie and her husband, Forrest, have two married sons, a married daughter, a daughter who is a senior at Michigan State University and two grandchildren.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2021

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Dec. 5	37	24	0.47	8.3	30	SE
Dec. 6	34	21	0.01	3.8	28	SW
Dec. 7	22	9	0.00	1.5	13	W
Dec. 8	28	15	0.00	2.4	14	SW
Dec. 9	35	16	0.12	8.8	34	WSW
Dec. 10	38	30	0.17	3.7	24	NNW
Dec. 11	51	30	0.56	6.4	35	SSW

2021-2022 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	1.33	2.7	0.42
December to Date	1.33	2.7	0.66
Year to Date	24.50	6.0	27.23

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.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** Which author coined the phrase "green-eyed monster"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** How many countries have nations within their borders?
3. **ACRONYMS:** What does RPM stand for?
4. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear represented in the condition called "nomophobia"?
5. **TELEVISION:** What is the address of the home on "The Munsters" (1964-66)?
6. **MATH:** How many combinations of U.S. coins would add up to \$1?
7. **MUSIC:** What was the woman's name in the Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Gimme Three Steps"?
8. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many ounces are in 3/4 of a cup?
9. **MOVIES:** Which 1959 movie had the subtitle "A Tale of the Christ"?
10. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company had the advertising slogan, "Let's go places"?

Answers: 1. William Shakespeare; 2. Two countries: The Vatican in Italy, San Marino also in Italy and Lesotho in South Africa; 3. Revolutions per minute; 4. A fear of being without your mobile phone; 5. 1313 Mockingbird Lane; 6. 293; 7. Linda Lu; 8. Six; 9. "Ben-Hur"; 10. Toyota (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

OVERTHINKING THINGS

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Curved like a pothook</p> <p>8 Some Algonquians</p> <p>14 Gushes lava</p> <p>20 Cartoon cel material</p> <p>21 Bassett of Hollywood</p> <p>22 Witch's elixir</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Shoe-collecting Marcos</p> <p>26 State whose cap. is Boise</p> <p>27 Company that retails outdoor gear</p> <p>28 FDR follower</p> <p>30 Gather, as a harvest</p> <p>31 Pooch's yap</p> <p>32 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>39 Free of charge, as legal services</p> <p>41 Make knotted</p> <p>42 Large simian</p> <p>43 Stroke gently</p> <p>44 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>48 Right wrongs</p> <p>49 Genesis game system maker</p> <p>50 Egg, formally</p> <p>54 "Cool beans!"</p> | <p>57 Lenin's land: Abbr.</p> <p>60 Tubular pasta</p> <p>64 Part of REO</p> <p>65 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>70 — kwon do</p> <p>71 "Toyboat" singer</p> <p>72 Caravan layover</p> <p>73 See 112-Across</p> <p>74 Gift for music</p> <p>75 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>79 Ho-hum</p> <p>80 Like gear that quiets mobs</p> <p>81 English law</p> <p>82 Chair fixer of a sort</p> <p>83 Bug spray ingredient</p> <p>84 Auction, e.g.</p> <p>88 Oscar winner</p> <p>91 Riddle, part 6</p> <p>100 Toby drink</p> <p>103 Zodiac lion</p> <p>104 Hocus-pocus</p> <p>105 Big retail stores</p> <p>106 End of the riddle</p> <p>110 Nibble on</p> <p>111 Be furious</p> <p>112 With 73-Across, fluorescent paint brand</p> | <p>113 Pampering, in brief</p> <p>114 Pal, to Yves</p> <p>115 Demonstrate clearly</p> <p>117 Riddle's answer</p> <p>125 Bleep bad words from</p> <p>126 Warning on an airplane wing</p> <p>127 Earhart or Lindbergh</p> <p>128 Tramps (on)</p> <p>129 Sub-locating devices</p> <p>130 Greek</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Looked at</p> <p>2 Apollo 7 astronaut</p> <p>3 Go toward</p> <p>4 "— girl!" ("All right!")</p> <p>5 Dads</p> <p>6 Verb ending in the Bible</p> <p>7 "Gloria in Excelsis —"</p> <p>8 Guy's sense of self-importance</p> <p>9 Neighbor of Michigan</p> <p>10 Entertainer's rep.</p> <p>11 "Ho-hum"</p> | <p>12 Land in la mer</p> <p>13 Voice a quick greeting</p> <p>14 Inscription on a tombstone</p> <p>15 — -com (film genre)</p> <p>16 In — (gestating)</p> <p>17 Make a heap</p> <p>18 Up till now</p> <p>19 Talk testily to</p> <p>24 Hi-tech address</p> <p>29 Salty expanses</p> <p>31 Many an iDevice game</p> <p>32 The Lone Ranger's chum</p> <p>33 Gung-ho for</p> <p>34 Hamlet</p> <p>35 Operates, as a booth</p> <p>36 Northwestern French department</p> <p>37 Many a YouTube journal</p> <p>38 Pollen transporter</p> <p>40 Triumphs over</p> <p>45 Lifesaver, perhaps</p> <p>46 Football field unit</p> | <p>47 Kind of IRA ballot</p> <p>51 Determine by</p> <p>52 Nervousness</p> <p>53 It shows reflections</p> <p>54 Passable</p> <p>55 Comedian</p> <p>Boosler</p> <p>56 "— Fideles" (Yule carol)</p> <p>58 Atop</p> <p>59 Doe's partner</p> <p>61 "Othello" role</p> <p>62 Wide divide</p> <p>63 Earlier</p> <p>65 Italian for "years"</p> <p>66 "Dumb" bird</p> <p>67 Suffix with 45-Down</p> <p>68 Stringed instrument of yore</p> <p>69 Canadian gas station</p> <p>71 Atop, to poets</p> <p>76 Essential part</p> <p>77 Potential reply to "Who's there?"</p> <p>78 Shredded</p> <p>79 Round of gunfire</p> <p>82 Lay's snacks</p> <p>85 Oscar's kin</p> <p>86 Hop</p> | <p>87 Corporate ID</p> <p>89 Takes unfair advantage of</p> <p>90 Girl in a J.D. Salinger story</p> <p>92 Part of REO</p> <p>93 Hands down, as a verdict</p> <p>94 Cato's robe</p> <p>95 More wee</p> <p>96 Lugs around</p> <p>97 Recluse under a religious vow</p> <p>98 Person acting as a link</p> <p>99 China's Sun — -sen</p> <p>100 Influence</p> <p>101 Shutter slat</p> <p>102 Ferret cousin</p> <p>107 High-IQ group</p> <p>108 Sacred songs</p> <p>109 Outer: Prefix</p> <p>114 Central Asia's — Sea</p> <p>116 Flaky fish</p> <p>118 Winning row in tic-tac-toe</p> <p>119 Rival of AOL or Yahoo!</p> <p>120 NYC rail and bus org.</p> <p>121 "That'll show ya!"</p> <p>122 Adam's woman</p> <p>123 Petroleum</p> <p>124 Three, in Italy</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 11, 1872, already appearing as a well-known figure of the Wild West in popular dime novels, Buffalo Bill Cody makes his first stage appearance in a Chicago-based production of "The Scouts of the Prairie."
 - On Dec. 12, 1901, Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean, disproving detractors who said the curvature of the earth would limit transmission to 200 miles or less.
 - On Dec. 6, 1917, a devastating blast occurs when the Mont Blanc, a French munitions ship, explodes after colliding with another vessel in Halifax harbor in Nova Scotia. The Mont Blanc was packed with 2,300 tons of picric acid, 200 tons of TNT and 35 tons of high-octane gasoline.
 - On Dec. 7, 1941, a swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes descends on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in a ferocious early morning assault. The surprise attack devastated the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States into World War II.
 - On Dec. 9, 1950, Harry Gold, who confessed to serving as a courier of top-secret information on the atomic bomb, is sentenced to 30 years in prison. Gold implicated his brother-in-law and sister, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were later executed for espionage.
 - On Dec. 10, 1967, soul legend Otis Redding dies in a plane crash in Wisconsin. "(Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay" would be released in its "unfinished" form several weeks later. The whistled verse was a placeholder for additional lyrics that Redding had yet to write.
 - On Dec. 8, 1982, "Sophie's Choice," starring Meryl Streep as a Holocaust survivor, opens in theaters. The "choice" refers to a terrible decision Streep's character is forced to make about which of her two children will live or die while in a concentration camp.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- After the battle of Waterloo in 1815, scavengers removed the teeth from tens of thousands of dead soldiers for use in dentures. The so-called Waterloo teeth were in such demand because they came from relatively healthy young men.
- In 2003, there were 86 days of below-freezing weather in Hell, Michigan.
- The U.S. Navy sustainably manages over 50,000 acres of forest in Indiana with white oak trees more than a century old, to replace like for like on the 220-year-old wooden frigate USS Constitution.
- Heavy metal band Black Sabbath's original name was The Polka Tulk Blues Band, after the brand name of a talcum powder used by Ozzy Osbourne's mother.
- Jellyfish are considered biologically immortal. They don't age and will never die unless they are killed.
- The party game of Twister was originally called Pretzel, but Milton Bradley changed the name in 1965 due to trademark issues.
- Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words and is thought to develop from the fear of pronouncing long words incorrectly. (Hey, we get it -- we tried.)
- The opposite sides of dice always add up to seven.
- "Deaf flights" were prescribed by doctors to cure hearing loss in the 1920s and '30s. Stunt pilots would take unsuspecting passengers up in planes and terrify them with loops, barrel rolls and dives.
- J.R.R. Tolkien was nominated by fellow author C.S. Lewis for the 1961 Nobel Prize in Literature, but was overlooked because the jury said the quality of his storytelling wasn't good.
- Philadelphia cream cheese was actually created in New York.

Thought for the Day: "Yearning for the seemingly impossible is the path to human progress." -- Bryant H. McGill
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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: **O** equals **M**

ZRJB JOCUCGM QVBBQD MCGYHM

OVWRB LCG RDJU EUCO KDCKQD

ZRC JUD YDMBQVYW TCOEVQL?

TGHHQD TJQQM.

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Vetrans Host By Freddy Groves

VA expands assistance to homeless veterans

With prices soaring all around us, imagine how bad it must be in places that already had high costs when it came to rental housing. In an effort to help homeless veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its grant program to raise assistance caps in housing and subsidies.

Specifically, in certain areas, the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) rent grant will increase from 35% to 50% of reasonable rent, without a need for recertification for two years. That has to be a huge aid to

eligible veterans with families who are seeking stability.

Additionally, the length of time a veteran and the family can stay in emergency housing has increased 15 days to a maximum of 60 days. This will be especially helpful in places with few rental vacancies.

The SSVF program is a series of grants to private non-profit organizations that provide support services to very-low-income veterans and their families. The role of these non-profits is to get them into permanent housing that includes a lease, either annual

or month to month, or even home ownership. They determine eligibility for assistance in part by considering whether the veteran is at risk of becoming homeless without the grant, doesn't have a fixed place to sleep at night and will likely continue in that condition without the grant, or is at risk of becoming homeless within 90 days.

If you're a homeless vet with a family or are in danger of becoming homeless, hook up with Supportive Services for Veterans Families as soon as possible. There are several eligibility conditions, and you

might qualify for Rapid Rehousing. Call them 24/7 at 1-877-424-3838. You also can call the nearest VA medical center and ask for the Homeless Coordinator.

The VA is behind this change so much that it finalized the rule without even waiting for the typical public comment period after publication in the Federal Register.

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top ten
Sesame Street Characters

1. Elmo
2. Big Bird
3. Cookie Monster
4. Oscar the Grouch
5. The Count
6. Grover
7. Bert & Ernie
8. Mr. Snuffleupagus
9. Rosita
10. Zoe

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Notice of Mortgage Sale

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on January 12, 2022. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property.

A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage

made on February 3, 2006, by June A. Fisher, a single woman, as mortgagor, given by her to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Mich. 48823, as mortgagee, and recorded on March 21, 2006, in Liber 428, page 1,384, Alcona County records; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this notice, the sum of forty-one thousand one hundred sixty-six and 14/100 dollars (\$41,166.14). And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Alcona County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows: Situated in the Township of

Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan: Lot 9, Madison Shores Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 6835 Madison Ave., Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747. Parcel Number: 023-180-000-009-00.

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: November 8, 2021

Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. Michigan State University Benjamin J. Price Federal Credit Union Attorneys for mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, Mich. 48933 (517) 371-8253 08742:01761:5923059-1 12-1, 12-8, 12-15, 12-22, 12-29

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township Board meeting held on October 12 at the township hall was called to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" at 7 p.m. Spitznagel, Harvey, Landrum, and Johnston were in attendance. Bill Thompson, Tony Atkinson and Dr. Bob Turek were also in attendance. Updates were given by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Atkinson. There was a motion to approve the clerk's minutes by Johnston, supported by Landrum. All were in favor. Motion carried. The treasurer's report reconciled with the clerk's office and will be on file for the next audit. Dr. Turek presented a resolution in support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy. Landrum made a motion to adopt the resolution, there was no support, motion failed. A motion was made to increase the price per cemetery plot for "in township" purchases to \$200 per plot by Harvey, supported by Landrum. All were in favor. Motion carried. A final motion was made by Harvey to pay the bills, supported by Johnston. All were in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board meeting was held December 8 and called to order at 7:03 p.m. Motion passed to approve November 10 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed to pay bills as presented. Motion passed to approve planning commission map 21-07. Motion passed to approve new poverty exemption 21-08. Motion passed to approve planning commission lot width recommendation 21-09. Motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Cindy Smith Township Clerk Synopsis printed prior to board approval.

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Phillips; treasurer Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members, Dunham, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold. Council member Sara Healy was excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Wambold with support from Durham. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Somers.

Eric Bates attended the meeting to see about purchasing the vacant lots that are north of his business. The lots are owned by the DDA so he was advised to contact the DDA board.

A request was received from Lenny Avery of the ACCOA to help with snow removal near the property in Lincoln to aide in the distribution of food for the pantry. Warren will work with him to get it set up. Ken Lind from EMC Insurance attended the meeting to give updates and suggestions for consideration. He will send information for the full board to look at.

Friends of the Playground currently have \$17,300 in the pavilion fund. Marsha, Sheila and Linda have been working with Diane Rasch and Karen Godi on putting together a grant package. It is for \$75,000 and will be used for help in building a pavilion and rehabilitating up to five houses in the community with outside repairs. The grant will be submitted by December 8. Mahalak gave a written zoning report. There are several property

owners that have received letters regarding the need to clean up their property. The former Our Place building is in need of repairs and there will be an inspection of the building soon by the county building inspector.

Warren MacNeill gave the maintenance report. He thanked Jason Dunham for all his help with plowing from the storm on Sunday. They spent 20 plus hours getting everything cleaned up. Warren will be gone at various times during the next several weeks, therefore, anyone wishing to contact the maintenance garage is being asked to call Jason Dunham at (517) 715-9623. There have been several breakdowns on various pieces of equipment in the past month. He expressed a desire to purchase a larger bucket for use with snow removal. He also said he would like to get a salt spreader for use on the tractor used for snow blowing the sidewalks.

Putsky gave the sewer report. He recently took the test for certification. We have two pumps down and has ordered two new ones. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Dunham, to allow president Phillips to sign documents related to the Traverse Bay resurfacing project.

Dates for next year's council meetings are as follows: January 3; February 7; March 7; April 4; May 2; June 6; July 6 (Wed.); August 1; September 7 (Wed); October 3; November 7; and December 5. All meetings are held at the village hall and begin at 7 p.m.

A budget meeting will be held on February 21 at 6 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Somers. Carried.

Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 6-12, 2021

84 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests, 1 Operate While Intoxicated, 1 Assault, 4 Citations Issued.

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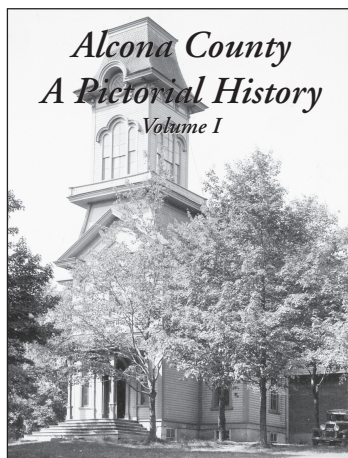
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Mental Assist	1	Property Damage Accident	8
Fraud	6	Animal/Dog	4
Well Being Check	3	Patrol Check	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Suspicious Event	3
Child Abuse	4	Civil	2
Threats	2	Assault & Battery	1
Alarm	6	Domestic	1
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Truancy	1
Fire/Power Lines Down	8	Animal Abuse	1
		Personal Injury Accident	2

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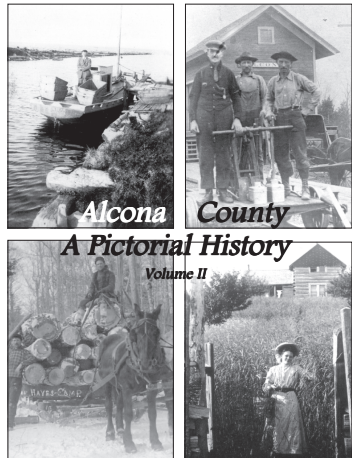
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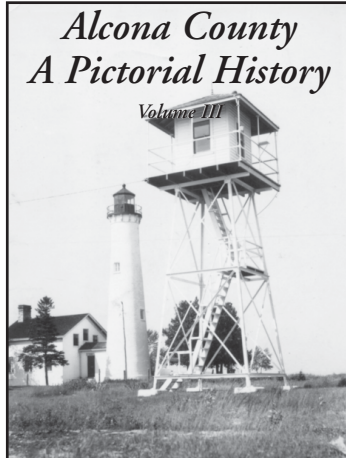
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Statistics show more Michiganders live solo

By Cameryn Cass

Capital News Service

Living alone is increasingly common throughout Michigan and the rest of the world, a trend worrisome for older folks, particularly during the pandemic.

To reduce such concerns, Michigan has bolstered programs to help older people living solo to connect socially.

More than 2.4 million of Michigan's population is 60 and up, and 41 percent of them live alone, according to a state plan on aging.

"Historically, social isolation has been a concern for our older population," said Scott Wamsley, the deputy director for the Aging and Adult Services Agency of the Department of Health and Human Services.

COVID-19 is making the problem more profound, he said.

Already, Michigan offers programs to help older adults live alone safely and socially. With promised investment in broadband, the programs should become even more accessible, especially for those living in rural areas like the Upper Peninsula, Wamsley said.

For more (employment) opportunity, adult children and grandchildren may have to move from rural areas, he said.

"We've heard about that in the Upper Peninsula where some of the younger adults need to move away for employment purposes, and therefore that family network is now distanced," Wamsley said.

The agency usually offers programs to adults 60 and older, but some programs are available to those over 55.

It recently developed an interactive program called GetSetUp, which acts as a virtual education and socialization platform, helping older folks learn to use things like video conferencing and telemedicine as more activities and services go online, he said.

To cater to the rapidly aging U.S. population, Ashton

Verdery, an associate professor of sociology and demography at Penn State University, predicts demand for places that can foster community among older adults will rise.

"We'll go from condos with pools and bars to condos with bridge clubs and things like that," Verdery said.

Older adults, however, aren't the only ones living solo. Roughly one-tenth of Michigan residents live alone, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Nationwide, the number of those living alone has nearly doubled over the past 50 years, according to the bureau's Current Population Survey.

In comparison to the post-World War II era, where nuclear families and suburbs were all the rage, younger folks are pursuing a different lifestyle, said Tyler Augst, a government and community vitality educator with Michigan State University.

"What we're seeing now is some of those family dynamics are changing," Augst said. "People aren't having as many kids, they're waiting longer in life to get married, they're just not wanting that lifestyle anymore."

Additionally, they prefer different living quarters.

Walkable neighborhoods in urban settings are particularly attractive, offering a chance for both environmental and monetary savings, especially important in today's market where housing is a considerable expense, Augst said.

"Thinking about ways to become more environmentally friendly and efficient is also a way to reduce housing costs," he said.

Contributing factors fueling rising solo living include economic stability, an emphasis on individualism and a substantial decrease in multi-generational households, Verdery said.

"I think, in a lot of ways, the increase in living alone is very good for society," Verdery said. "People are able to achieve the living arrangements that they want."

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you can download and print at AARP-medical-record-form.pdfFiller.com. Or, if your mom uses a smartphone, she can use a pill tracking app like Medisafe - Pill & Med Reminder (MyMedisafe.com).

Other Tips

If possible, your mom should also use a single pharmacy to fill all her prescriptions. The software that pharmacies use to manage patient prescriptions is designed to cross reference all medications a patient is taking to ensure that there are no drug interactions that could cause harm.

Also, the next time your mom's doctor prescribes a new medication, she should ask about nondrug treatment options that might be safer. If the drug is indeed necessary,

she needs to find out how long she's supposed to take it and the side-effects it can cause.

Another good resource that can help keep your mom safe is the American Geriatrics Society, which has identified 10 different types of medications that people 65 and older should almost always avoid because of the risk of serious side effects. They include the antianxiety drugs diazepam (Valium) and alprazolam (Xanax), and sleep drugs such as zolpidem (Ambien) and eszopiclone (Lunesta). To see the complete list, visit HealthInAging.org and search "10 medications older adults should avoid."

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