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Three local veterans receive Quilts of Valor

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It's been said, through numerous entities, that one of the highest honors a civilian can bestow to a veteran is the Quilt of Valor. Recently, three Alcona County men received that honor and all three were surprised and moved by their quilt presentation.

Lincoln resident, Rolland Lynch and Spruce residents, Les Thomas Sr. and Ray Kraft, were presented their personalized homemade quilts with family and friends witnessing the occasion. All three men spent time in the service during the Vietnam War.

The Mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. The quilts, which are machine or hand-stitched by volunteers, are a way of saying thank you to those who sacrificed serving our nation.

Thomas and Kraft, who are neighbors, received their quilts together in Thomas' home. Neither man had any idea they were about to be thanked in such an admirable way. The surprise presentation of the quilts was organized by Thomas' son, Les Thomas Jr.

Even Toni, Les' wife of 50 years, didn't know there would be a group of people coming to their home for the double presentation until an hour before they all got there and then she kept it a secret from Les until the quilts arrived.

"My brother Bill (Ballelli) and his wife, Karen were here visiting from Florida and brought Les' quilt with them from there. They winter in Florida and when they said they were coming back for a visit I thought it was a little odd because we had just seen them not too long ago. I didn't even know there were Quilts of Valor until I saw our friend, Rolland Lynch, get his a few weeks ago. Les' quilt was made by the Carefree Quilt Guild down by where my brother winters," Toni said.

Kraft thought he and Kim, his wife of 48 years, were just going over to visit Les and Toni, but when he saw all the cars at the house, he thought there must be a party. "I had no idea I was getting a quilt. The presentation was so nice and my family was there. I got a little emotional during it. The quilt has beautiful stars. It's going on my bed. I just like looking at it. I'm just as proud as I can be to have received this," Kraft said.

A member of the Quirky Quilters group in Oscoda, Dianna Rigato, presented the quilts saying they were long overdue.

"When these men came home from serving (in) Vietnam, they didn't get the welcome they deserved. I'm here to make sure each of you are thanked and remembered by honoring you with these quilts. We don't want you to put these in a box in the closet, we want you to use them every day, so you know how much you are appreciated," Rigato said as she gently draped the quilt around the recipient.

Lynch explained he knew someone was making him something that had to do with his many years spent in the army, but by the time the quilt was presented, he had forgotten

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Dianna Rigato (center) awards veterans Ray Kraft with his wife, Kim, (left) and Les Thomas Sr. with his wife, Toni, (right) with Quilts of Valor, one of the highest awards that a civilian can bestow to a veteran. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Past, present and future, stewardship remains vital to state forest resources

By Kathleen Lavey
Michigan DNR

At the turn of the 20th century, some of Michigan's greatest conservation minds focused on a very important issue: turning vast, logged-over stump fields back into forests.

It wasn't an easy sell at first.

Hillary Pine, a historian based in Crawford County at Hartwick Pines State Park – which features an old-growth white pine forest and a logging museum among its 9,762 acres – said the first state forests were founded in 1902.

The Higgins Lake Nursery in Roscommon County was started a year later. "At that time, there was pushback from locals," Pine said. "They said, 'We're growing crops, what are trees going to do for us? That's useless.'"

Despite the opposition, conservationists carried on with their admittedly lofty replanting goal. It came with its own set of challenges.

"They wanted to regrow forests on a monumental scale," Pine said. "How do you plant the seeds? How deep do you plant them? How do you protect them from birds and

pests? It was a big experiment in how to do it properly and successfully."

There were a few misses. An attempt to grow eucalyptus trees didn't work out. But there were many successes, and eventually, much of Michigan was successfully planted in jack pine, red pine and other species of trees.

Nearly 120 years later, foresters are still carefully studying Michigan's forests to determine the best ways to help them thrive well into the 22nd century and beyond.

Today, 20 million acres, or half of Michigan's land mass, is covered with forests, rang-

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Obituaries

Andrew E. Agren

December 13, 1936 – December 18, 2021

Andy was born in Detroit, Mich., to Raymond and Elizabeth Agren. He attended Redford High School, where he was president of the senior class and a member of the swim team.



He attended Wayne State University, where he was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and rowed crew. He graduated with a B.S. in Industrial Management and went on to enjoy a long career as an executive at the Ford Motor Company.

While at Wayne he met Nancy Beamer, whom he would marry on June 25, 1960. They enjoyed 61 years of marriage together. They lived in Allen Park, Beverly Hills, and Harrisville, Mich. They also spent many winters in Naples, Florida.

Andy enjoyed woodworking, photography and classical music. He was a very skilled craftsman and built the family cottage up north.

He believed in education and hard work and instilled those values in his children.

He is survived by Nancy; his sister, Peggy Saxon; his daughter, Lenore (Tim) Webb; his son, Raymond (Roseann) Agren; and four grandchildren, Oscar, Gustavo, Carleny and Jessica Webb.

Cremation has already taken place. No memorial is planned at this time.

Paid Obituary

Timothy J. Byce

Timothy J. Byce, 50, of Harrisville, died on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Ascension St. Joseph in Tawas City.

He was born February 18, 1971, to Charles and Sylvia Gay (Michaud) Byce in Alpena. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

He graduated from Alcona High School in 1989 and served in the U.S. Air Force as a Morse Code operator.

On September 26, 1998, he married Yvonne Senyko in Lincoln.

Mr. Byce worked as a woodyard operations manager for National Energy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, op-

erating heavy equipment and riding his Harley.

He was a very intense, dedicated, hardworking man who loved to laugh with his family and friends.

Mr. Byce is survived by Yvonne; two sons, Gage Byce and Luke Byce; his mother, Sylvia Gay Kennedy; one brother, Andrew (Karen) Byce; one sister, Tara Byce, six nieces and nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chuck Byce, on November 21, 2015.

The funeral was held on Monday, Dec. 27 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The



Rev. Tim Steiner officiated. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

Robert C. Karsen Sr.

Robert C. Karsen Sr., 86, of Lincoln, died on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 at home.

He was born February 11, 1935 to George and Eliza (Becker) Karsen in Harrisville. He was raised in Mikado.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 10 years.

On December 1, 1956, he married Margaret Hart in Lincoln. They owned and operated Karsen Oil in Lincoln for 32 years and retired in 2010.

Mr. Karsen was a member of the Alcona Lodge No. 292 F. & A.M. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

He played golf and hockey

and enjoyed snowmobiling and riding his motorcycle.

Mr. Karsen is survived by his wife, Marge; two sons, Robert (Tracie) Karsen Jr. and Ricky Karsen; one daughter, Cheryl (Bryan) MacNeill; six grandchildren, Brandon Karsen, Cortney Karsen, Ashley Borchard, Chad MacNeill, Lauren Karsen, and Chaz Karsen; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Belt; and three brothers, Richard Karsen Sr., Ronald (Carol) Karsen and Frank Karsen.

He was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Connor Kasubowski.



Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Hubert M. Cornelius

Hubert Milo Cornelius, 88, was born to Shirley and Leora (Somers) on July 28, 1933 at the William Somers family Farm in Lincoln. Because Shirley was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, Hubert's family occupied several lighthouse stations including those at Tawas Point, Sturgeon Point and Port Huron, Mich.

Hubert served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Panama from 1954 to 1956.

His teen age and adult years were filled with hunting, trapping, horses, and cross-country skiing through the woods on his Bushwhacker skis. He enjoyed hiking through the woods in the fall to pick huge bowls full of blackberries. He was skilled at woodworking and build his own beautiful off-grid cabin using a hammer and hand saw.

He laughed easily and often and enjoyed coffee with his friends, entertaining them with storytelling and tales of his many adventures. He rode his motorcycle to the west, sleeping under the stars and traveled north to Canada to hunt moose and caribou. An avid hunter, Hubert shot his last six-point buck at the age of 85 with open sights!

For the last 15-plus years Hubert was afflicted with micro-strokes that started him down the life-changing road of dementia. This horrible disease slowly robbed him of his sense of humor, normal behavior and activities, and eventually, his memories. He will always be remembered as a unique frontiersman and adventure-spirited woodsman.

We would like to thank his second "family" of friends at the Hubbard Lake Restaurant, who looked after him, cared about him, celebrated his birthdays, made sure he was fed, and worried about him during his absence. Thank you, also to his friends who treated him with dignity, even when he told the same story 100 times. And thank you to Jim Farrar who was Hubert's good friend right up to the end!

Dad drew his last breath on December 12, 2021. Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; daughter, Edie (John) Abbot; sons, Alex and Brocht; stepchildren, Chad and Chonda; grandchildren, John (J.V.) Abbott, Casey (Robb) Odell, Mekayla Abbott, Henry and Peter Cornelius; and great-grandchildren, Connor, Gunnar, Tanner, Brayleigh Odell and Rylee Abbott, and special nephews, Fred and Kurt Kading.

A memorial service will be held at the Hubbard Lake Bible Church on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 at 3 p.m. followed by a meal. You are welcome to attend so we can all fondly remember my dad for the man he once was!

Paid Obituary

Mary L. St. John

Mary L. St. John, 86, of Oscoda, died on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 at Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas.

She was born March 21, 1935 to Leonard and Carrie (Hays) Tatum in Carrabelle, Fla., where she was raised.

On January 11, 1972, she married George St. John in Chula Vista, Calif. They were longtime residents of Oregon before moving to Michigan in July of 2004.

A devoted homemaker and caregiver, Mrs. St. John loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She enjoyed crochet and word searches. She was an avid reader and excellent cook.

Mrs. St. John is survived by eight children, Dave (Elaine) Calhoun, Gary (Kandy) Calhoun, Debbie Calhoun, Sandra Miller, James (James Duncan) St. John, Donald Wilson, Terry (Kim) Mason, and Erin (Jeff) Bray; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Myrtice Willoughby and Berniece Campbell; one brother, Herman (Evelyn) Tatum; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, on October 9, 2012; one son, Daniel St. John, in 1985; and nine brothers and sisters.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



John Parkinson began his apprenticeship to a London apothecary in 1585. He went on to have a distinguished career as a medical practitioner. In 1622, he gave up this career to concentrate on his garden in London's Long Acre. He started researching and writing his first book, *Paradisi in sole paradisus terrestris*. The book included descriptions and illustrations of hundreds of plants, their origins, alternative names and medicinal properties. Parkinson was given the title First Botanist to the King by King Charles I. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.parksandgardens.org, wikipedia.org

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

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 31

All branches of the Alcona County Library will be closed for New Year's Eve. The Curtis Township Library will also be closed.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

All branches of the Alcona County Library will be closed for New Year's Day. The Curtis Township Library will also be closed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

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, JANUARY 4

Knitting Klub & Crochet is at the Harrisville Branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

TOPS 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Site is handicap assessible. 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, JANUARY 7

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

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Local Notes

Guidance for Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide caregivers with the tools they need to take care of themselves. This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

This interactive online workshop consists of six sessions held once a week. Interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming will help take the "tools" a caregiver chooses and put them into action for their life.

Classes will be held online from 5:30 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday and begins on January 4, 2022. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Upon registration participants will be given the access code to join the online workshop. For more information or to register, contact Brooke Mainville at (989) 358.4616 or mainvilleb@nemcsa.org.

Managing Fall Concerns

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this concern often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

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signed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. By attending eight, two-hour sessions held twice a week, participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Sessions for the A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls program will begin via Zoom on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon. To register, call Brooke at (989) 358-4616 or mainvilleb@nemcsa.org.

A Matter of Balance is sponsored by the Older Americans Act, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency, and the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging a division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency. To find out more information regarding NEMCSA's programs and services, visit www.nemcsa.org.

Deer Habitat Grants

The application period for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Deer Habitat Improvement Program grant is open.

The deadline is February 14, 2022. This grant program is available in partnership with the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District. It is designed to fund deer habitat improvement projects on private land in counties where bovine tuberculosis is present. The awarded funds will be used to improve deer habitat

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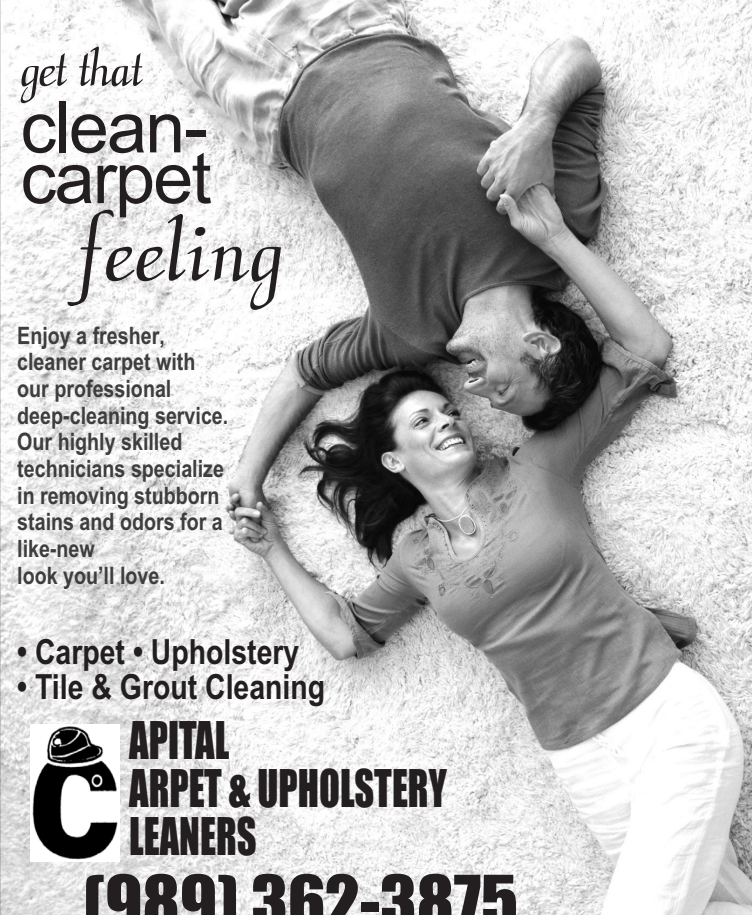
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HAPPY HOLIDAY'S

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and increase opportunities for hunters to successfully harvest deer.

Landowners with property in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties are eligible to apply for the grant. Applications for habitat improvement

in other counties will not be considered. Grants will be awarded in amounts from \$500 to \$2,500. A total of \$50,000 will be available for grants and program delivery in 2022. The Deer Habitat Improvement Program is funded through the Deer

Range Improvement Program Fund, which comes from \$1.50 that is collected from every deer hunting license sold in Michigan.

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For additional information, please contact Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority by calling (989) 739-1111.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of December 20-26, 2021

67 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrest, 1 Warrant Arrest

Complaint Statistics			
Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	13
Mental	1	Property Damage Accident	1
Assist	6	Animal/Dog	3
Patrol Check	3	Well Being Check	9
911 Hang-up	1	Suspicious Event	6
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	PP Order Violation	1
Fire/Power Lines Down	2	Domestic	3
Warrant Arrest	1	Assault	1
Vehicle Id. Inspection	2	Abandoned Vehicle	1
No Insurance	1	Threats	2
Alarm	4	Lost Property	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	1	Caledonia	8
Greenbush	10	Gustin	3
Hawes	5	Haynes	4
Millen	4	Mitchell	5
Harrisville City	5	Village of Lincoln	3
		Curtis	8
		Harrisville	8
		Mikado	3

Tigers claim home win over Eagles

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer
The Alcona boys varsity basketball team saw themselves facing a five-point hole

at the half of their North Star League crossover game with Hale on Monday, Dec. 20. The Tigers responded with a well-played second half though, and hung on for a narrow 47-46 victory.

"After facing a deficit at half, I was very pleased of the heart the guys played with in the second half," said head coach Alex Cole. "They continued to claw their way back through adversity against a very well coached team by Andy Katterman. I think every kids' dream is to be at the free throw line late in a game and Mike Basner definitely stepped up to the challenge. I'm proud of him for sealing the deal at the line."

DJ Howe put in eight first quarter points to help the

Tigers lead 16-3 after one, but Hale erupted for a big second frame to take a 26-21 lead at the break.

Howe netted four of the team's 11 points in the third as the Tigers tied it up 32-all entering the fourth. Howe's big night continued there as he drilled home four field-goals for eight more points and Basner's late free throws helped finish Hale off.

Howe finished with 22 points. Hayden Johntson put in eight. Collin Walker scored five. Basner and Gavin Walker each finished with four. Hunter Rigby added three and Garrett Somers scored one point.

Alcona (2-2 overall) returns to action January 6, 2022 at Whittemore-Prescott.

Lady Tigers have lopsided win over Lady Eagles

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

A big first quarter for the Alcona girls varsity basketball team helped pave the way to a road win at Hale on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Eagles by nine points in the opening frame, in what was a 62-36 North Star League crossover win.

"This was another real complete game by our girls," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We played well for all four quarters, but especially well in the first half. It is nice to get to .500, but more importantly, we are learning and improving with every practice and game. Every player on the team is

working very hard to get us where we want to be. We don't play again till January, so we will have some good practice time to keep improving."

Alcona's lead was 18-9 after the first quarter and it led 43-15 and 53-20 at the other quarter breaks.

Leading the Lady Tigers was Kelsey Hansen with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Emma Travis added 14 points. Janna Wambold and Carmen Dellar netted nine points apiece. Sage Gauthier chipped in with eight and Kaylee Wambold was good with four points.

Alcona (3-3 overall) is off until January 7, 2022 when it hosts Whittemore-Prescott.

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ing from young aspens to ancient hemlocks. There are nearly four million acres of state forest in Michigan's northern Lower and Upper peninsulas. There are also three million acres of federal forest land in the state.

That's all because forests are managed to provide for a huge range of activities. That includes all types of recreation, wildlife habitat for everything from tiny birds and butterflies to enormous elk, and timber harvests to make products people use every day, from lumber to toilet paper.

"Vigorous and healthy forests would not be here with a hands-off approach," said Jason Hartman, DNR silviculturist. Silviculture is the science of caring for and cultivating trees.

"This new era with climate change is going to require a tremendous amount of stewardship," Hartman said. "Everyone seems to want to plant more trees, which is great. We just need to be strategic."

Some important Michigan trees such as aspen and jack pine are at the southern end of their current geographic range and need cool temperatures to thrive. But DNR data shows that mean temperatures in the state rose between 1969 and 2020.

That means Michigan's forests may lose a few iconic tree species in the next 100 years, but at the same time may gain a few different tree species as southern trees expand their range to the north.

One of the stewardship tasks the DNR is considering now is a process known as "assisted tree migration."

"We are basically just selecting some species from farther south to plant as tests across different latitudes in Michigan," Hartman said. "For instance, we are planning to plant some hickory trees in Lansing and Gaylord and Shingleton. We want to see which species perform best if assisted migration were to become operational."

Hickory currently thrives in southern Michigan but becomes rare in the north. It's an important prospect because its hard-shelled nuts provide food for wildlife through the winter.

Other hardwood species under consideration for assisted migration include yellow poplar, walnut and, perhaps, some of the southern species of oak or blue ash, which resists the invasive and destructive emerald ash borer.

DNR foresters also are looking at species that could possibly replace red pine and jack pine in the distant future, and additional experiments are likely to include growing short-leaf pine and pitch pine in Michigan.

Short-leaf pine grows in southeastern Ohio, the Ozarks and much of the south. Pitch pine currently grows on the east coast and in portions of the south.

Besides looking at trees that thrive in warmer southern temperatures, the experiments also will include work-

ing to improve existing forests.

"It's also about selecting genetic diversity from the species we currently have that would be the best performers," Hartman said.

The DNR works closely with Michigan State University on tree genetics, to improve the quality of seedlings grown for state forests.

Hartman said any species that will be test-planted will be carefully studied to make sure they fit in with the current forest - so that eucalyptus experiment of the early 1900s is unlikely to have a modern repeat.

"We're not going to move any species that have the potential to be invasive," Hartman said.

During the 1930s, the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps planted 484 million trees in Michigan, twice as many as any other state.

"We may be entering a modern day CCC era due to the amount of reforestation being promoted," Hartman said.

Sending an army of young men to turn fields into forests may not be feasible today, but there are other ways to

get more, and healthier, trees into the landscape.

For example, the DNR and MSU researchers have been


working on a large-scale project to improve the way

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A winter scene of a cutover forest in Crawford County in the early 1900s, from Michigan's archives.


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about it. "I never dreamed the quilt would be so nice. I felt very honored," Lynch said.

Lynch volunteered for service in high school in 1960. "I was a few credits away from graduating with my class and didn't want an unsigned diploma, so I went in early, I got my orders the day my class graduated," Lynch said.

He was assigned to Korea before the Bay of Pigs began and then his orders were extended for six months. He was discharged in 1962. Once back home he married the late Jacqueline (Ackerson). They were married for 65 years.

After their marriage, Lynch was not able to find work, so he reenlisted in 1965. After serving for two tours in Vietnam, he came back to Fort Ord in California.

According to Lynch, Fort Ord was a mech unit (motorized/mechanical) which didn't appeal to him. He transferred to Fort Dix in New Jersey where he was trained to be a drill sergeant and received his five stripes. He then went to Panama for jungle operation training where he received his E6 and E7 ranking and then spent a few years training men for jungle missions.

His service continued for many years and he saw a lot of the world. He was stationed in Germany when he had a heart attack. Not long after he was retired with the rank of Sergeant E-7 First Class after serving almost 18 years.

Thomas sat in his favorite



Rolland Lynch with his Quilt of Valor he recently received. Photo by Mary Weber.

easy chair being warmed by his quilt. "It's very nice. It's warm but it is lightweight," he said.

Thomas spent his time in service as a Navy Seabee from 1968 to 1970 and was discharged as a second-class mechanic after two tours in Vietnam. "My first trip was an eye-opener. I was never even in a semi-truck until then, but I had to hook it up to a trailer and drive it. On my second tour, I helped rebuild churches, schools, roads and houses that were destroyed for Vietnamese people. A lot of those people didn't even know about indoor plumbing and what indoor bathrooms were for.

"I was in the Navy but was never on a ship. I worked in a quarry, and they would spray the top of the hill with agent orange. That stuff didn't last long and would have to be reapplied," Thomas said.

Thomas has been living with the results of agent orange exposure since and has numerous health problems including Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

He said while he was in the service, he would often get letters from family and friends back home in Michigan. He

and Toni fell in love through their letters back and forth.

Kraft joined the U.S. Army in 1968 and served until 1970. He received his orders to go to Vietnam shortly after joining, but since he already had two brothers serving there, one in the Navy and one in the Army, his dad went down to the recruiting office and asked them to change his orders. Kraft was then reassigned to Ray Barracks in Friedburg, Germany.

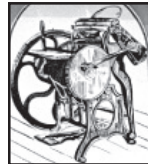
"I was with the 32nd Charlie Company, third armor division and worked as a tank mechanic. I would drive and work on the 84-ton tank retriever. I left with the rank of specialist fourth class," Kraft said.

All three men said even though they served during a very unstable war effort, they would highly recommend joining the military to young people today.

"I learned a lot and the army treated me good," Kraft said. "It's for our freedom, something we all should do," Thomas said.

All quilts had a red, white and blue theme and all three came with a Quilt of Valor Foundation certificate.

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that Michigan's valuable hardwood trees, such as sugar maple, regenerate naturally.

They've set up cameras in the woods to watch deer as they browse for tender seedlings to eat and tested different methods of harvesting trees.

They've also studied different ways of disturbing the surface of the ground to allow seeds to set better and treating unwanted species in the understory to allow desirable trees to grow.

The DNR has also worked with various other researchers to blunt the devastating effects of disease or invasive species.

One historic success is lowering the impacts of *Lymantria dispar*, formerly known as gypsy moth. Although the size of the population cycles from year to year, its impacts on forest health have been greatly reduced by naturalizing the population across the state.

Today, predators, parasiti-

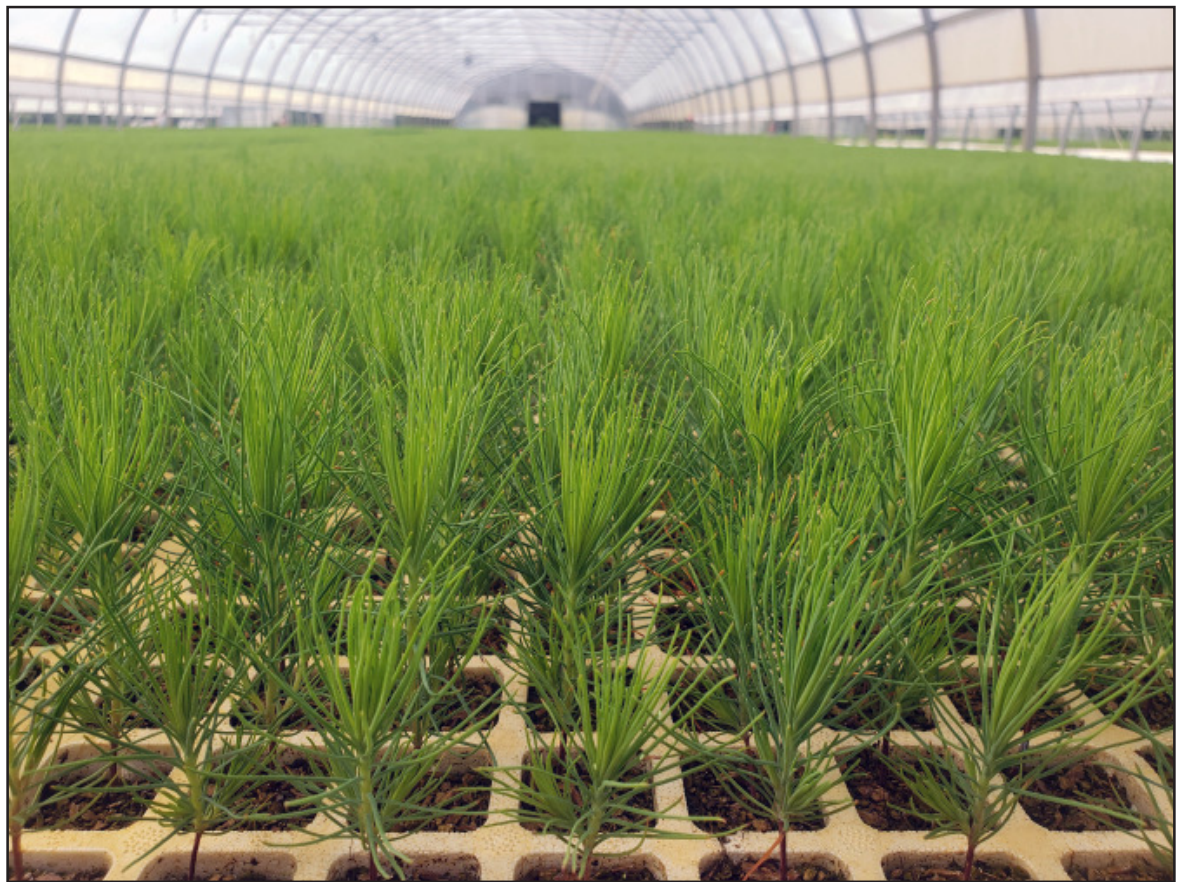
oids, a fungus called *Entomophaga maimaiga* and the nuclear polyhedrosis virus play key roles in limiting moth outbreaks and keeping populations in a regular cycle.

Another effort under way seeks to restore the state's ash trees, which have been devastated over the past 20 years by the bright-green emerald ash borer.

An ash orchard of insect-resistant trees has been established. Restoration work is still a few years away, but the effort has the potential to get resilient ash trees back into Michigan's forests.

"Stewardship is going to increase, it's not going to decrease," Hartman said. "It's getting our hands dirty in nature. It's finding ways to make good effects, planting trees of the right species in the right place, cutting trees at the right time, things like that."

For more information on forest stewardship in Michigan visit Michigan.gov/ForestStewardship.



The DNR researches ways to improve Michigan's tree stock at the Tree Improvement Center in Brighton, where seedlings for the state forest also are grown. *DNR photo.*



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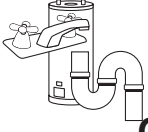
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The community tree a great success

Hall Could Not Accommodate the Big Crowd

December 29, 1921 ~ Long before the hour set for the opening of the Community Christmas exercises, people began to arrive at the Auditorium in order to be sure of a good seat—and in this they showed good judgment for the hall proved far too small to accommodate the big crowd that gathered for the event and after every available space had been filled many turned away from the doors disappointed.

Lack of room to accommodate the crowd, was the only drawback to the complete success of the entertainment, which is said to have been one of the best of the kind ever attempted here, either as a community affair or otherwise.

Every number of the program was received with applause and the uniform excellence with which each participant performed his or her part showed that all had entered whole heartedly into the spirit of the occasion.

Mention of each deserving number is not possible in the space at hand, but the “Christmas Star Drill” by the children of Miss Elliott’s room was an exhibition that calls for the highest praise.

The whole entertainment from the opening number until the children marched forward to the two trees to receive their gifts, was so successful that there is a general feeling that the “Community Tree” should be adopted as an annual affair.

St. John’s Night observed by Alcona Lodge F. & A. M.

Annual Installation of Officers Witnessed at Open Meeting.

December 29, 1921 ~ A delightful gathering was held on Tuesday evening—St. John’s Day—at the Masonic hall, when an open meeting was held for the annual installation of new officers. Many guests were present, including the members of Lake Huron Chapter Eastern Star, visiting Masons and others.

Past Master C. M. Lund acted as installing officer, assisted by Geo. W. Colwell as Grand Marshall. Mr. Lund; a veteran in things Masonic, was in his best form and conducted the ceremony of installation in his most correct and impressive manner—without the aid of book or prompter.

Following the installation, a pleasant social hour ensued, interspersed with music, singing and speeches. Refreshments were served.

The officers are: Master, S. B. Pizer; Senior Warden,

Arthur McIntyre; Junior Warden, Jos. R. Miller; Treasurer, W. F. Carle; Secretary, Geo. W. Burt; Senior Deacon, W. R. Barber; Junior Deacon, M. McLean; Stewards, Stuart Conklin; Alex Ferguson; Chapain, W. H. Gilpin; Tyler A. Silverthorn.

Meet the teachers

December 29, 1921 ~ Dolores Gauthier serves the dual role of head teacher and third grade teacher at the Caledonia Elementary School. Eleven of her 20 years teaching experience have been with the Alcona Community Schools.

Dolores lives with her husband, Floyd, and their two children, Dean and Ann, in Ossineke. The children both attend Thunder Bay Junior High School in Alpena.

One of Dolores’ outside interests is collecting and refinishing old furniture.

Pill splitting: When it’s safe, and when it isn’t

Dear Savvy Senior,
When is it safe, or not safe, to split pills? I have a cousin who cuts almost all her pills in half in order to save money, but I’m wondering if she’s going overboard. What can you tell me about this?
Curious Cousin



Savvy Senior

Dear Curious,
Pill splitting – literally cutting them in half – has long been a popular way to save on medication costs, but your cousin, if she hasn’t already done so, needs to talk to her doctor or pharmacist because not all pills should be split.

The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that’s twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it’s usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months’ worth of medicine for the price of one.

But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is okay for you, learn how to do it properly, and split only pills that can be split, there’s really no danger.

Ask Your Doctor

If you’re interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It’s also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.

The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that’s scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split are

cholesterol lowering drugs, antidepressants and high blood pressure medicines.

Use a Pill Splitter

Having the right equipment is very important too. Don’t use a knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. This can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter that has a cover and a V-shaped pill grip that holds the pill securely in place. You can find them at most pharmacies for \$5 to \$10.

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But it’s best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture, or air. It will also help ensure that any deviation in the size of one dose is compensated in the next. It’s also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

Don’t Split These Drugs

Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combi-

nation of drugs probably shouldn’t be split, because it’s difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn’t be split either, along with chemotherapy drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.

Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you’re taking a medicine that can be split, you’ll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting and saving, safely.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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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. 19	29	16	0.00	3.1	18	SW
Dec. 20	37	28	0.00	5.0	24	SSW
Dec. 21	34	20	0.01	6.8	27	N
Dec. 22	29	19	0.00	3.2	25	W
Dec. 23	31	14	0.02	8.1	31	SSW
Dec. 24	40	21	0.00	5.5	20	SSW
Dec. 25	41	28	0.00	2.6	18	N

2021-2022 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.03	0.9	0.39
December to Date	1.51	3.9	1.47
Year to Date	24.68	7.2	28.04

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. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president signed legislation that made Christmas a national holiday?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of dragonflies called?
3. **MOVIES:** Who played the role of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way"?
4. **FOOD & DRINK:** In what year was the famous Toll House chocolate chip cookie first made?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What is the international radio code word for the letter M?
6. **TELEVISION:** What's the name of the mom on "Family Guy"?
7. **PERSONALITIES:** Which famous boxer's nickname is "The Manassa Mauler"?
8. **HISTORY:** Over which empire did Genghis Khan rule?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** The Appian Way is an ancient road in what country?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many milliliters are in 1 cup?

Answers: 1. Ulysses Grant; 2. A swarm; 3. Bing Crosby; 4. 1938; 5. Mike; 6. Lois Griffin; 7. Jack Dempsey; 8. The Mongol Empire; 9. Italy. The road connected Rome and Brindisi.; 10. 250 (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 25, 1776, Gen. George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 Patriot troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey. Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the German defenders, who were groggy from the previous evening's festivities, and by morning the town was surrounded.
- On Dec. 21, 1891, James Naismith introduces the game of basketball as an activity for bored and unruly students during difficult New England winters. Based on rules he created, the game was tested by 18 students at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School in Massachusetts.
- On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first gorilla born in captivity. Colo went on to become a mother, grandmother and a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo died in 2017 at the age of 60.
- On Dec. 26, 1966, Jimi Hendrix writes the lyrics to "Purple Haze," the song that would give him his breakthrough hit. Rolling Stone magazine would later name "Purple Haze" one of the 100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time.
- On Dec. 23, 1982, the Missouri Department of Health informs residents of Times Beach that their town was contaminated when the chemical dioxin was sprayed on its unpaved roads. The entire town was evacuated and demolished.
- On Dec. 20, 1995, the United Nations peacekeeping force formally transfers military authority in Bosnia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, clearing the way for deployment of some 60,000 NATO troops.
- On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Despite fierce resistance from the Afghan army, it took the Soviets only a few days to secure the capital of Kabul.

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Super Crossword

ANIMATED WOOFERS

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Agree (with)</p> <p>5 Ability to cope well with difficulty</p> <p>11 Mini-devils</p> <p>15 Girl</p> <p>19 Forget to say</p> <p>20 Vocation</p> <p>21 Heist booty</p> <p>22 — Stanley Gardner</p> <p>23 She played Kira Nerys on "Deep Space Nine"</p> <p>25 Sicilian resort city</p> <p>26 Rain-starved</p> <p>27 Get riper</p> <p>28 Taken with</p> <p>29 Legendary nude horse rider</p> <p>31 Small bird</p> <p>32 Enhaloed Fr. woman</p> <p>33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports</p> <p>36 Like wicker baskets</p> <p>37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks</p> <p>40 Alternatives to dice</p> <p>43 Has the helm</p> | <p>44 Exactly</p> <p>46 Lime drink</p> <p>47 "Oh, go on!"</p> <p>49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role</p> <p>55 Spring-loaded stick</p> <p>58 R&B's Rawls</p> <p>60 Suffix with script</p> <p>61 Elvis — Presley</p> <p>62 Twitched, as a muscle</p> <p>65 Pasta strip</p> <p>69 Raiment</p> <p>71 — and yang</p> <p>72 Depressing or untidy sort</p> <p>75 Santa —, California</p> <p>76 Overprotect</p> <p>78 Most ashen</p> <p>79 Discovered</p> <p>81 Old cracker brand</p> <p>82 Short time, for short</p> <p>83 Sheeran and O'Neill</p> <p>85 Regatta tools</p> <p>86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning"</p> | <p>92 Retort to "No you're not!"</p> <p>95 Moray, say</p> <p>96 Gin mill</p> <p>98 Be emphatic</p> <p>102 Moniker for Boston's locale</p> <p>107 Flying disc renamed "Frisbee" in 1957</p> <p>109 Zones</p> <p>110 FDR part</p> <p>112 "Indeedy"</p> <p>113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99)</p> <p>114 Silly grin</p> <p>117 Gravy Train competitor</p> <p>118 Insult, in rap</p> <p>119 Be very mad</p> <p>120 Baseball's Ty begin eight answers in this puzzle</p> <p>125 Wields</p> <p>126 Major city in Norway</p> <p>127 Squirrel food</p> <p>128 Actress Hathaway</p> <p>129 Period before 6-Down</p> <p>130 Close-call cry</p> <p>131 Present in a different form</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Piano recital pieces</p> <p>2 Free-verse poet</p> <p>3 Kitchen nook</p> <p>4 Hellenic H</p> <p>5 Red apple</p> <p>6 It follows Holy Week</p> <p>7 Stooges, e.g.</p> <p>8 New Year in Vietnam</p> <p>9 Zodiac sign</p> <p>10 Mess up</p> <p>11 "Word has it ..."</p> <p>12 Munchies from Mars</p> <p>13 Pint-size</p> <p>14 Smeltery junk</p> <p>15 Entice</p> <p>16 Get there</p> <p>17 Split-off bit</p> <p>18 Alternatives to coupes</p> <p>24 Sun blockers</p> <p>29 Oscar winner Sophia</p> <p>30 Proprietor</p> <p>33 Uncle, in Spanish</p> <p>34 Sky shiner</p> <p>35 Head, in French</p> <p>38 Creditors' takebacks</p> <p>39 Square in the first column of a bingo card</p> <p>41 Speed</p> <p>42 Nuptial vow</p> <p>45 Try to equal</p> <p>48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray</p> <p>50 Regatta group</p> <p>51 Gym pad</p> <p>52 Pop singer Grande</p> <p>53 Intersection</p> <p>54 Presses and stretches</p> <p>55 Hitchcock film of 1960</p> <p>56 Downer drug</p> <p>57 India's Indira</p> <p>59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase</p> <p>63 Nero's 1,550</p> <p>64 Up 'til</p> <p>66 Popeye's Olive</p> <p>67 Lofty poem</p> <p>68 "ER" roles</p> <p>69 Exist</p> <p>70 Luggage-screening org.</p> <p>73 Oil gp.</p> <p>74 "Frozen" heroine</p> <p>77 Fawn nurser</p> <p>80 Hen's perch</p> <p>82 Road deicer</p> <p>84 T. rex, e.g.</p> <p>87 U.S. flag sewer Ross</p> <p>88 Meadowland</p> <p>89 Sappy tree</p> <p>90 Earthen cooking pot</p> <p>91 Person, place or thing</p> <p>93 Motorist's distance marker</p> <p>94 Attach with a click</p> <p>97 Siouan tribe</p> <p>99 "All finished!"</p> <p>100 "Kids" actress Chloë</p> <p>101 Bridge supports</p> <p>102 Amount a sack will hold</p> <p>103 Stimulate</p> <p>104 Naval petty officers</p> <p>105 Most secure</p> <p>106 OK for eating</p> <p>108 Traffic cones</p> <p>111 Funny bone locale</p> <p>115 Garbage barge</p> <p>116 Dance violently</p> <p>117 Razor choice</p> <p>121 Uber order</p> <p>122 Fabulous flier</p> <p>123 Fabled flier</p> <p>124 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2008, PETA requested Ben & Jerry's use breastmilk instead of cow's milk to make ice cream. This was unanimously rejected by Ben & Jerry's and La Leche League International.
- Sixty-five percent of test subjects had the urge to yawn after reading about yawning.
- From 1746 until 1996, English law considered bagpipes not as a musical instrument, but a weapon of war, used to "instill courage in soldiers and put the fear of God into the enemy."
- The kitchen dishwasher was invented by a politician's socialite wife who was fed up with servants breaking her expensive dishes.
- Author Roger Highfield's 1999 book "The Physics of Christmas: From the Aerodynamics of Reindeer to the Thermodynamics of Turkey" detailed a darker side to Rudolph's famously red nose -- not alcoholism, but some kind of parasitic infection.
- A tornado in Oklahoma once ripped a full motel off the ground. Its sign was later found in Arkansas.
- Born in 1924, a horse called Lady Wonder was considered by many to be psychic. Not only did she make predictions and answer questions for over 30 years and more than 150,000 people, she was credited with helping to solve several crimes.
- LeBron James's decision to leave Cleveland to join the Miami Heat was such a shocker that even Osama Bin Laden's translator, who was being held at Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba, wrote about it to his lawyers, declaring that "LeBron James is a very bad man. He should apologize to the city of Cleveland."

Thought for the Day: "Beauty is the moment when time vanishes and eternity arises." -- Amit Ray
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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: C equals T

TJRB CJR WRMWAR XHBMGRF
JXO CTM IMNND BFO, CJR AXLXF
NMBDGIJ HDLR CJRN CJR CJXGF
FRIGRR.

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

German Belsnickel

Belsnickel is part of the Christmas lore of Germany, other German-speaking countries and the Pennsylvania Dutch, a community in the United States since the 1830s. He is a companion of Saint Nicholas, but while Santa carries a bag of gifts for good children, Belsnickel spreads candy for good children then beats the bad children with his whip. Today's Santa Claus is fat and jolly, and dressed in a red and white outfit. Belsnickel wears a ragged beige coat with a rope belt and a fur collar.

Collectors of antique Christmas decorations look for old ornaments and figurines of Belsnickel used in the 19th century. They are often made of papier-mache. He has a long tongue and carries a sack of candy in one hand and a whip in the other. Christmas legends in the 19th century included other dark characters, including Krampus.

This antique German Belsnickel with a painted face and white beard is wearing a hooded white robe. It was auctioned at Cordier Auctions in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The unsigned figure sold for \$168.

Q: I have a bust of Madonna holding baby Jesus, which is marked "Goldscheider" over a large letter "G," with "U.S.A." underneath the letter. Below



This Christmas figure is Belsnickel, a 19th-century German figure, not our modern Santa Claus. Belsnickel looked for bad children to punish, not good children to reward with gifts. The scary figure is much less popular than Santa and sold for \$168.

Photo Credit: Kovels

that, it has the copyright symbol and "American Goldscheider Corp." What's it worth?

A: Frederick Goldscheider started a porcelain factory in Vienna in 1885. When Germany annexed Austria in 1938, the factory was taken over by the Nazi regime. Frederick's son, Walter, immigrated to the United States in 1940 and founded Goldscheider-U.S.A. in Trenton, New Jersey. The company became Goldscheider-Everlast Corp. in 1941. From 1947 to 1953, it was Goldcrest Ceramics Corp. The Goldscheider factory in Vienna was returned to the family in 1950. The business in America, now called Goldscheider of Vienna, is a wholesaler of religious statuary, including Madonnas that are imported from Italy. Your bust probably was made in 1940, before the company changed its name. Value depends on the size. Medium-size busts of Madonna sell for about \$125.

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Icon, silver, Mary in red robe, holding Jesus, halos, high relief borders, 7 1/2 x 6 inches, \$225.

Christmas tree, stainless aluminum, silvered finish, 91 branches, tripod stand, in original box with tubes for branches, Evergleam, 1960s, 72 inches, \$240.

Judaica, menorah, golden gate, scripture, swiveling arms, dove, marble base, Frank Meisler, 11 x 15 1/2 inches, \$1,375.

Santa Claus lamp, figural, red robe, mound of snow, glass, opalescent, nutmeg burner, Consolidated Lamp & Glass Co., c. 1894, 9 1/2 inches, \$3,240.

TIP: Dust glass Christmas ornaments with a feather duster.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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
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State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No.: 21-6232-DE

Judge: Laura A. Frawley
Court address: 106 N. 5th Street
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
Court telephone No. (989) 724-9490
Estate of John C. Robinson
Date of birth: February 26, 1955
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, John C. Robinson, died October 21, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Crista Lynn Moore, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: December 29, 2021
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