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Viking River Cruise long ships are the newest members of the Viking fleet with sleek Scandinavian design and plentiful room for comfortable staterooms and common areas for traveling guests. Mark and Sally Rummel traveled on the Viking Tialfi and the Viking Alruna during their eight-day Viking cruise. Photo: Courtesy of Viking River Cruises

AROUND THE WORLD

This is the 24th story in a series about popular travel destinations.

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Is a Viking River Cruise for you?



Mark and Sally Rummel enjoy plentiful beer during an excursion to a brauhaus in Heidelberg, Germany this past November. Photo: Courtesy of Sally Rummel

■ It all depends on your travel style and budget

By Sally Rummel

Most of us have seen the Viking River Cruise commercials on TV, with a man sporting a strong English accent extolling the beauty of breathtaking vistas of castles and vineyards along winding European rivers.

Such a trip has always seemed out of reach for Mark's and my vacation budget, until friends shared with us their own incredible Viking experience to Paris and Normandy at very affordable off-season half-price rates.

Our 40th wedding anniversary this year seemed like a perfect excuse to make a Viking River Cruise happen. We

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About a Viking River Cruise

How much did it cost?

Our trip for two of us cost about \$6,000 total, about half what it would be if we went during peak season, May through September.

That price included:

- The eight-day Viking River Cruise; standard excursions, food, wine and beverages at meal times, airfare from Detroit, travel insurance, our two-day extension (add-on) to Lucerne, Switzerland and our 13-hour excursion for two, called "Pearls of Switzerland." That excursion was pricey, \$299 per person, but worth every penny.

The only reason this cruise was so affordable was because of the time of year we went. Temperatures were typically in the low 40s, so we wore coats, gloves and scarves daily on our excursions.

Things we learned from our experience:

- **You have to** pay to use a water closet (bathroom) in many European cities, about the equivalent of 50 cents. Always carry change with you.

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RIVER CRUISE

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• **Don't bring euro** bills home with you because banks will not exchange them back into dollars.

Expect to pay conversion fees at Detroit Metro Airport, or opt to do your money exchange at Foreign Currency Exchange Service in Birmingham. Owner Bruce Beattie has been providing this service for 30 years and doesn't charge high fees to convert back into U.S. dollars.

• **Plan an extension** at the end of the cruise. It gives you another exciting destination after the cruise is over and makes the transition back home much easier.

• **Give yourself at** least one or two days after your trip before going back to work. The jet lag is brutal and you've got tons of laundry, grocery

shopping, mail and sleep to catch up on.

• **Don't buy the Silver Spirits Beverage Package** aboard ship, unless you really feel the need to spend an extra \$150 (for the two of you) on drinks. It's a good deal if you plan to do a lot of drinking apart from meal time, but remember that house wines, beers, soft drinks and iced tea are all free with your onboard lunch and dinner.

How to book your Viking River Cruise

My best advice is to go through your local travel agent, at Superior Travel or Travel Brokers, both located in Fenton. It doesn't cost you any more to book your Viking trip through them, and it gives you a personal concierge to help guide you through the intricacies of travel.

"We can offer discounts and upgrades on targeted dates for any cruise," said Diane Roberts of Superior Travel. "The price of your trip is no different than if you booked through Viking, and you'll have a local contact and be 'shopping local' at the same time. We also know the differences between cruise lines and can make sure you are getting paired with the right trip."

"Booking your Viking cruise through us gives you a lot of perks compared to booking it on your own," said Lisa Essett, of Travel Brokers. "We have access to perks and other discounts. We may be able to get free or discounted air fares and discounts off the cruise fare, plus add-on perks like upgrades and shipboard credit. We make the booking process easier."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YEP, KEEP BUYING those superior foreign cars and trucks. Toyota is recalling about 70,000 Toyota and Lexus brand vehicles in North America to replace air bag infiltrators that could explode and hurl shrapnel at drivers and passengers.

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MADE IN THE USA (partly), Jeep's Patriot transmission originated in Mexico. Ford's Mustang transmissions have originated in China, UK, France and Mexico. GM builds their Camaro in Canada and the pickup in Mexico. It's a global economy. All the foreign car companies have plants in the US. All of them.

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CAN WE PLEASE have the town clock fixed? Come on Fire Hall, is it too much to ask?

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CHRISTMAS IS MY favorite holiday. The lights, the music, the snow, the time we get to spend with our family...it's just so wonderful. God bless you all. Merry Christmas.

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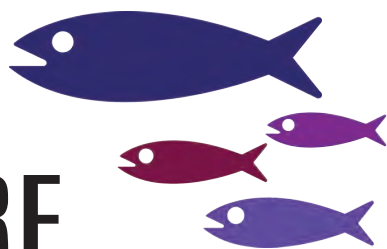
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The scenery is breathtaking above the clouds after reaching the top of Mount Rigi in the Alps, by cogwheel railway, in Lucerne, Switzerland. Photo: Courtesy of Sally Rummel

CRUISE

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signed up in August 2017 with long-time friends for The Rhine Getaway, and built up our excitement for 15 months until our departure Nov. 16.

After landing in Amsterdam following a 7½-hour non-stop Delta Airlines flight from Detroit Metro Airport, our Viking itinerary took us to ports in The Netherlands, Germany and France, then departing from Basel, Switzerland on Nov. 26.

We opted for a two-day extension after Basil to Lucerne, Switzerland,

staying in the luxurious, historic Hotel Schweizerhof, across from Lake Lucerne. Who doesn't want to see and experience the Alps when we were already that close.

So how did our Viking River Cruise stand up to all the hype?

Mark and I both agreed it was 95 percent perfect. We loved the intimate setting of a river cruise, where you meet people easily and make friends. Our Viking long ship, the Alruna, tapped out at just 188 passengers.

What was the age range aboard ship? I'd say between 50 and the mid-70s was about average, but there were

younger people and families aboard, also.

That will be changing with bookings made after Aug. 1 of this year, since Viking River Cruises no longer will allow children or teens under age 18. It's a way of differentiating themselves from cruise lines that market family-friendly features on mega ships. Their sister line, Viking Ocean Cruises, also does not allow passengers under age 18.

The food aboard ship was absolutely delicious, with regional specialties, bountiful choices and a casual dining vibe that fits our travel type more than fancy dress-ups for dinner. We also had several opportunities to dine off-ship, including the historic Peters Brauhaus in Cologne, where we enjoyed a truly authentic German meal.

The only downside to our trip was the historically low level of the Rhine River. Many river cruise lines cancelled their fall sailings because of water levels, but Viking River Cruises tried to accommodate Mother Nature by having fall cruisers swap identical long ships mid-way into the cruise to bypass shallow areas resulting from the summer drought in Europe. We also spent more time than usual on buses traveling from port to port when we weren't able to cruise the Rhine.

That being said, we saw what we came to see, whether it was by boat or by bus. Our favorite destinations were Lucerne, Switzerland and Heidelberg, Germany — such endless, historic beauty in both cities.

Lucerne held a special magic for us because of the Alps. A 13-hour Viking excursion took us up Mount Rigi via cogwheel railway, where we saw breathtaking views above the clouds. We also cruised around Lake Lucerne, visited

local markets and churches, a typical Swiss dairy farm with a 27-cow milking herd (complete with cowbells), a cheese-making business where we made our own cheese, followed by a fondue dinner.

We will be forever impressed by the impeccable passenger service aboard a Viking River Cruise, and an attention to travel details that made overseas travel much easier to navigate.



Kinderdijk, Netherlands is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its 19 mid-18th century windmills, the largest concentration in The Netherlands.

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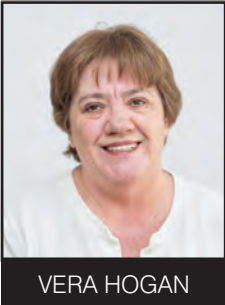
Having it all is enough

Here we go again — “Mom, what do you want for Christmas?” I struggle with this every year because honestly, other than a brand new, bright red Ford Mustang convertible in my garage, I have everything I want or need.

I do love it though when my sons go out of their way to find me the perfect gift. They are always so thoughtful. I know this sounds cliché, but just having my children and family around me on Christmas is gift enough, more than enough.

Christmas really is for kids though and instead of the thousands of Hallmark Christmas movies they’ve been airing since Halloween, I wish there were more movies showing the reason for the season — the birth of Jesus Christ.

I always loved that story as a kid and still do. When my sisters and I were little, our parents took us to the Christmas Eve program at church every year. Weeks before that, our Sunday school teacher would give each student a slip of paper with a couple of lines that we needed to memorize and recite when it was our turn



VERA HOGAN

during the Christmas Eve program.

We took this task very seriously and to my recollection, never messed up our lines in front of the congregation. I must admit, I was often annoyed with some of the other kids in my Sunday school class though. When the big night came and it was our turn to speak, there was one boy in my class who was a rapid-fire mumbler, saying his lines so fast and monotone under his breath that you could barely make out what he was saying.

“Donotbeafraidtheangel-toldmaryGodhasfound-favorwithyouandyouwill-haveababyboyandaretogivehimthenameJesus.”

A critic even then, I thought, “Come on, slow down, speak up and say it like you mean it. This is good news.”

Then, there was the girl, who was just the opposite, lifting her chin up in the air and in a very slow, loud voice,

said, “WHENJESUSWASBORN...ABRANDNEWSTARAPPEAREDINTHESKY...SOMEWISEMENSAWTHESTARANDKNEWWHATITMEANT...THATAGREATKINGWASBORN...”

Okay, that was a little better I thought. Talk about arrogant and obnoxious. Who was I at the ripe old age of 8 to critique my fellow Sunday school classmates? But since I was supposed to be a good girl, and sure looked the part in my fancy new Christmas dress and shoes, I just kept quiet and kept on smiling.

Things sure do change when you have your own children and grandchildren. In your eyes they are the smartest, most beautiful little people on the planet. And when they grow up to be kind, intelligent, productive and caring adults, there won’t be much you want for Christmas either because you have it all — and that’s enough (except that convertible maybe).

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any personal property so deposited in the front lawn or street right-of-way constitutes a public nuisance. The City of Linden will take immediate action to abate the nuisance. Any costs or expenses incurred by the City of Linden will be charged as a special assessment against the subject property and placed upon the tax rolls for collection.

CITY OF LINDEN

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ORDINANCE NO. 389

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule City Act (Act 279 of 1909) authorizes the City to revise, amend, restate, recodify and compile any existing ordinances into a new code of ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized a general compilation, revision and recodification of the ordinances of the City.

THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Codification of Ordinances.

The general ordinances of the City of Linden as revised, amended, restated, recodified, and compiled in book form are hereby adopted as and shall constitute the “Code of Ordinances of the City of Linden.” Copies of the Code of Ordinances can be viewed or obtained in the offices of the City Clerk located at 132 East Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective 10 days following publication.

Section 3. Repealer.

All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated in the Code of Ordinances shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance except as they are included and reordained in whole or in part in such Code; provided, such repeal shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred or any right established prior to the effective date of this ordinance, nor shall such repeal affect the provisions of ordinances levying taxes, appropriating money, annexing or detaching territory, establishing franchises, or granting special rights to certain persons, authorizing public improvements, authorizing the issuance of bonds or borrowing of money, authorizing the purchase or sale of real or personal property, granting or accepting easements, plat or dedication of land to public use, vacating or setting the boundaries of streets or other public places; nor shall such repeal affect any other ordinance of a temporary or special nature or pertaining to subjects not contained in or covered by the Code.

The ordinance was declared enacted by the City Mayor.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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House Bill 6553: Empower legislature to intervene in legal challenges to state laws

To authorize the state legislature, including either the House or Senate on their own, to intervene in any court of this state to protect a right or interest of this state, or of that body. The bill is reportedly intended to allow a future legislature to pursue the legal defense of previously passed laws it favors should future Attorney General, Secretary of State or Governor choose not to defend them in court.

Passed 58 to 50 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 1171: Initiated minimum wage law ‘re-do’

To revise the initiated law enacted in September 2018 that increased the state minimum wage mandate. The original version of this law was brought to the legislature by a petition drive, and would have increased the current \$9.25 minimum to \$12 in 2022, and eliminated a separate lower minimum wage that applies to tipped workers. This bill extends the phase-in of the \$12.05 minimum to 2030, keeps a separate and lower minimum wage for tipped workers (employers must still pay the difference if tips come up short of making the regular minimum wage), and eliminates indexing the minimum wage to inflation. The Senate has concurred with these changes and sent the bill to the Governor for approval.

Passed 60 to 48 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

CITY OF LINDEN
ORDINANCE NO. 390

An ordinance to amend Title XI of the Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new Chapter 117, entitled “Marijuana Establishments.”

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Title XI of the Code of Ordinances.

The City hereby amends Title XI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Linden by adding thereto a new Chapter 117, entitled “Marijuana Establishments,” to read as follows:

Ch 117. MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.

117.01. Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments.

No marijuana establishments, as defined by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (PA – of 2018), are permitted within the boundaries of the City.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days following publication.

The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.



Amour de la Mer dog collar

This decadent dog collar features an 8.5-carat sapphire as its centerpiece. The 600 handset diamonds will sparkle brilliantly to frame your dog's visage. With a sturdy yet fashionable ostrich leather band, the Amour de la Mer fastens comfortably around your dog's exquisite neck. At only \$899,000, this is actually a bargain compared to another collar from the same jewelry collection that retails for more than \$3 million.



Louis Vuitton pet carrier

Nothing like traveling in style with a Louis Vuitton monogram canvas dog carrier. This designer bag features leather handles, a washable lining, and golden brass accents. You can also get it monogrammed with your pet's initials. Such high fashion is a steal at only \$2,780.

Nothing but the best for your puppy dog this holiday season

Compiled By Vera Hogan

If you're looking for some outrageously over-the-top expensive bling this holiday season, here are a few suggested gifts for dogs enjoying luxury and living the life of the rich and famous.



Gold and diamond paw print cufflinks

For the dog lover who has everything, we're betting he probably doesn't have gold and diamond paw print cufflinks. While they're made with only 14K gold, the sparkling diamonds that complement the design have a total weight of one full carat. These are available in two color combinations: yellow gold with brown enamel or white gold with black enamel. A single set will cost \$2,895.



Dog treadmill

If your dog indulges in too many treats over the holidays, he can work off the extra calories with his own doggy treadmill. It is perfect for large dogs, but also can be used for smaller dogs. The treadmill has an LCD console and a whisper-quiet motor and comes with a training video and 30-day exercise program. The extra-large dog treadmill sells for only \$1,399. Smaller sizes are also available.



CUBE leather dog bed

The CUBE dog bed will fit in beautifully with any modern minimalist decor. The CUBE features quality leather on a solid wood frame. It's available in a minimalist palette with four flattering neutrals to choose from. This stylish dog bed can be yours for only \$1,585.



Mink hoodie

When you've got a pooch who has everything, you can pick up a mink fur hoodie. Custom colors are available on request to ensure that the mink hoodie doesn't clash with her current coat. This hoodie costs a mere \$1,259.



Motorcycle trike pet carrier

Every dog loves riding in a car while sticking his head out the window. Give your pooch the ultimate driving experience with this motorcycle trike pet carrier. While it's designed specifically for trikes (three-wheel motorcycles), it can also be used with regular motorcycles, scooters and golf carts. Made from fiberglass, it's both strong and lightweight and can also be custom painted to match your bike. At only \$750, it's a drop in the bucket compared to the price of pimping out your Harley-Davidson trike.

Sources: dogster.com, pet-interiors.com, pinterest.com

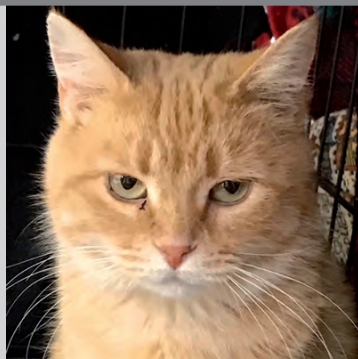
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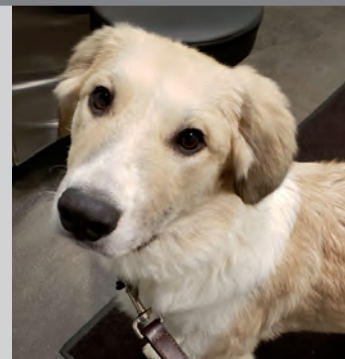
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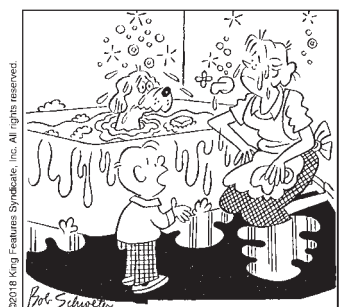
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TODAY'S WORD



"Can we trade him in for a cat?"

They're self- _____."

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Synopsis

Groveland Township Board 12-10-2018

Call to Order & Roll Call
Approved: Agenda
Approved: Consent Agenda
Budget Amendment
Accts Payable
Financial Reports
Board Minutes Twp. /Fire/11/13/18

PUBLIC HEARING
NEW BUSINESS
Approved: Appointing Interim Twp. Treasurer
Approved: Hiring Twp. Office Admin.
Approved: Reappointing Jennifer Sevigny to BZA & PC
Approved: Appointment to Board of Review
Approved: Z2018-002 Rezoning
Approved: CDBG Public Service Project
Approved: 911 / Dispatch Contract with Oakland County
Approve: NoHaz Interlocal Agreement
Approve: Master Academy Class Clerk
Approve: 2019 Open Meeting Act

RESOLUTIONS
FIREBOARD
Approved New Hire Kerri Allen Recording Secretary

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Groveland Township, the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on the following dates for the 2019 year. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442.

Township

January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 15
November 12
December 9

Planning Commission

January 22
March 26
May 28
July 23
September 24
November 26

Board of Zoning Appeals

(as needed)
January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11
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December 10

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

MIDWEEK JUMBLE
ANSWERS
Jumbles: ABACK, DODGE, THOUGH, REGRET
Answer: After trying to use a stolen credit card, the identity thief was charged —

WEEKEND SCRAMBLER
ANSWERS
Scramblers:
MINGLE, DIRECT
CREATE, INHALE
Answer: CLEANING

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH
ANSWERS

WEEKEND CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

MIDWEEK SUDOKU
ANSWERS

Weekend Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: BEFORE THE BRITISH INVASION

ACROSS

1 "Glinda of Oz" author
5 — de deux
8 Finking sort
11 Award for excellence
19 "Give that — cigar!"
20 Milky and iridescent
22 Orchestral introduction
23 Start of a riddle
25 Fishel of "Boy Meets World"
26 Dice, e.g.
27 "Yoo- —!"
28 Zodiac sign before Virgo
30 Relaxed
31 Riddle, part 2
37 Boating tool
38 Suffix with butyl
39 Jewish round dance
40 Salom curve
41 Old Dodge models
43 Foreigner
46 Glove worn at first base
48 Logging tools
52 Riddle, part 3
56 Facet

59 Preminger of cinema
60 Thereabouts
61 With
62-Across, student's grade booster
62 See
61-Across
64 Siberian dog
67 Catering hall receptacle
69 Feeling sick
70 Infomercial host Popeil
71 Riddle, part 4
75 The Great Lakes' — Locks
76 Start for cycle
77 Big NYSE event
78 Name of Amazon Echo's personal assistant
79 Buzzing (with)
81 — nova
83 Feedbox fill
86 Gel in a lab
88 Extra details
89 Riddle, part 5
94 Has an itch
95 Towed-away car, maybe
96 Wren dens?

97 Actress Pfeiffer
101 Hosp. zones
102 Bar brew, in Berlin
104 "— already said ..."
106 Vain sort's problem
107 End of the riddle
115 Uproar
116 "— a go"
117 Tart's cousin
118 Golf's
McIlroy
119 Journeyed
122 Riddle's answer
127 Nephew, e.g.
128 Non-piercing bit of jewelry
129 Nephew of Abel
130 Appraises
131 Big insurance company, for short
132 Bro's counterpart
133 Look at leeringly

DOWN

1 Audi rival
2 "Yeah, that's the spot!"
3 Mythical beast
4 — Picchu (Inca site)
5 Woolen ball on a hat
6 Kwik-E-Mart proprietor
7 Younger Obama girl
8 Glancing rebound
9 Actress Ortiz
10 Part of ATM
11 Beckett's "Waiting for —"
12 Some gametes
13 Football's Dawson
14 Moisture-removing additives
15 Geyser stuff
16 City on the Arkansas
17 "Stormy Weather" composer Harold
18 Like some marshes
21 Maned beast
24 "Fingers crossed!"
29 Beguile
31 Yucky stuff
32 Slam into
33 Large meal
34 Skye of the screen
35 Is leaked
36 Villa d'—
42 Covered with frosting

44 Thin and graceful
45 "A Mighty Fortress — God"
47 They're uncertain
48 Female, e.g.
49 Craftsperson
50 Military commander
51 "Giant" skiing events
53 Still sleeping
54 Arthur Conan —
55 Sells from a cart, say
56 Covered with brushwood
57 Smelted stuff
58 University in Granville, Ohio
63 Basketball's — Thomas
65 Stockpile
66 — Kan (old brand of dog food)
68 Raises
72 Most needy
73 Tests
74 Bedevil
80 Walk across a creek
82 Rte. parts
84 Nile biter
85 Second-rate
87 Very, to Verdi
90 Screws up

91 Rare blood type, for short
92 Lima-based flag carrier of 1973-99
93 Tesla rival
98 Rejecting
99 Custard ingredient
100 Greek dawn goddess
101 Swamp birds
103 Foot or shoe part
105 Sharpening belts
107 SAG- — (labor union)
108 Angler's aids
109 Spoken tests
110 Star bursts
111 Pokes fun at
112 Of financial matters: Abbr.
113 Gets better
114 "— ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)
120 Fleur-de- — (royal emblem)
121 Eden dweller
123 Laugh syllable
124 12, to Nero
125 Loudness: Abbr.
126 WNW's reverse

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Alfred Gebhardt

Alfred Gebhardt - age 91, died December 5, 2018. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carey Smith

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Joseph Reinfelder

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Loren Jenkins

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Patricia Wade

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George R. Christensen 1932-2018

George R. Christensen - age 85, of Cheboygan, passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the American House in Petoskey. A resident of Cheboygan for the past 14 years, moving from Fenton, George, also known as "Jimmy Snowbank", was found abandoned as a two day old baby in a snowbank in Flint, and later adopted by Carl G. and Lela (Poole) Christensen. He was a graduate of Flint Central High School and then joined the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1952 - 1956 as an Airman 1st class. On October 29, 1955 in Spokane, WA, he married Betty Haeger, who preceded him in death in 2009. He was employed by General Motors in Flint for 33 years in the skilled trades, retiring in 1998. George enjoyed spending time at the Cheboygan Senior Center and area restaurants, talking with people, telling stories, sometimes with embellishment. He was a former member of the Fenton VFW, and served on the honor guard, the Fenton Eagles Club, and the Luzerne American Legion, and was a current member of the Cheboygan Moose Lodge. Surviving are his son, Bobbie (Andrea) Christensen of Cheboygan; two granddaughters, Andrea Beth (Sam) Watson of Perry, and Ashley (Ray) McGillis of St. Johns; and three great-grandchildren, Lincoln Watson, and Aspen and Finley McGillis. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty; and a son, George Ezra Christensen in 1995. Private family services have been held. Burial will take place at Oakhill Cemetery in Benton Township in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. The Nordman-Christian Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Darlene Lapham

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Ellen Blanck

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The animal kingdom includes wild animals and domesticated pets. Human compassion often does not distinguish between “wild” and “domestic” if an animal is hurt, lost or in need. It’s human nature to want to help an animal that is suffering, whether the animal lives in its natural environment or inside a home as a companion.

How to approach an animal in need depends on whether that animal is wild or domesticated. The Humane Society of the United States notes that it’s important to be sensible and not risk personal safety when approaching a wounded animal.

Wild animals

Animals that are stressed or injured can become defensive and aggressive. Even if you are intending to help them, the animal may not understand this. As a result, it’s always best to seek the advice and assistance of a professional wildlife/animal control organization before approaching or touching a wild animal. Professional wildlife rehabbers understand what various species of animals need, what is appropriate behavior and how they can be assisted and returned to their natural environments as soon as possible. Even well-meaning individuals without such knowledge may end up doing more harm than good.

Veterinarians also may be able to house and stabilize an injured or sick wild animal for a small period of time before it can be transferred to a proper facility.

It can be challenging to determine whether baby animals have been abandoned or they are lost and need help. Visit www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/injured_orphaned_wild-life.html to learn more about helping baby animals.



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Stray or injured pets

Always put your safety first when approaching a lost or injured pet. Again, even docile pets may act out of sorts if in pain or frightened. If the pet acts or even looks threatening, do not approach it and animal control instead. Otherwise, exercise caution and approach the animal slowly while speaking in a reassuring tone.

Some people take animals home before attempting to find their owners, while others drive directly to a local animal shelter or veterinarian. Either option can work if the authorities are notified promptly.

The Red Bank Veterinary Hospital says lost animals have a greater chance of being reunited with their owners if they are kept in the county in which they were found. Always contact your local police department and animal control officer if you find a lost or injured pet. Also, spread the word on social media if you think that might be effective.

Helping animals in need is rewarding, but it must be done safely and smartly.

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I competed on the TV show “America’s Most Talented Kids.”
I became the youngest solo artist to release a #1 hit when I was 13 years old. I have also appeared in several films and TV shows.

I am an actress born in England on December 28, 1934. I studied drama at the Oxford University Dramatic Society. I have appeared opposite Robin Williams and I am well known for a recurring role in the “Harry Potter” film franchise.

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Word Search

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally and diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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A cookie that is quite simply - heavenly!

chocolate shortbread cookies



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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup Splenda No Calorie Sweetener, Granulated
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons Dutch cocoa powder
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons flour

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a cookie sheet or jellyroll pan with parchment paper. Set aside.
- Place the butter, Splenda Granulated Sweetener, sugar, vanilla and salt in a medium mixing bowl. Mix, using the paddle attachment of an electric mixer until the mixture is light and creamy (approx. 1-1½ minutes). Add cocoa powder and all the flour. Mix until just blended.
- Remove dough from bowl and form into a ball. Place the ball of dough on the parchment-lined pan. Roll the dough into a rectangle approximately 6 1/2 inches wide by 11 inches long and 1/4 inch thick. Pierce the surface of the dough with a fork all over. This allows the air to escape during baking preventing air pockets from forming.
- Bake in preheated 375 degrees F oven 20-25 minutes, rotating the pan after 10 minutes of baking. Remove shortbread from oven after 20-25 minutes and immediately cut into 24 fingers or rectangles while the shortbread is still warm. If allowed to cool, shortbread will not slice well.

Recipe Yield: 24 Servings
NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION
PER SERVING:
Serving Size: 1 Cookie
Calories: 120. Fat: 8 grams
Saturated Fat: 5 grams
Fiber: 1 grams
Sodium: 25 milligrams
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