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Elliot Dubuque
Valedictorian



Matthew Warner
Salutatorian



Fifty-one students comprise Alcona High School's Class of 2019 which celebrated commencement on Friday, May 24 in the school's auditorium. Elliot Dubuque, valedictorian; Matthew Warner, salutatorian; and Abigail Franklin, class president; were the speakers for the evening. Principal Edwin Barber told the audience that the graduates earned 668 college credit hours while attending high school, which totaled a savings of \$180,000 of tuition at Alpena Community College. Additionally, a total of \$145,000 in scholarships from local organizations was awarded during Senior Night. *Review photos.* For more on the graduates, see pages 10 and 11.

Accessible canoe/kayak launch going in at Alcona Township Park

In what might seem like a long process for those involved, improvements at the Alcona Township Park in Black River, are slated to be complete by mid-June

"Maybe that's just because we are excited to be able to add these amenities at our

park," said Marlena MacNeill, Alcona Township Supervisor, about the installation of a barrier-free kayak and canoe launch and fishing deck along the Black River.

"Meridian Construction of Alpena had been poised and ready to do the work last year, but a delay in the permitting process forced work to be postponed. The bright side of that delay was that Meridian crews were waiting at the gate to begin work early this spring. Work began as soon as the seasonal weight restrictions were lifted and equipment and materials could be moved to the site," MacNeill said.

She explained that both the kayak/canoe launch and the fishing deck are barrier-free and allow persons with or without physical limitations better access to the water's edge. The kayak/canoe launch is designed for wheelchair-bound boaters to get in and out of their boat and onto the river via the barrier-free deck. This set up also provides much more efficient access for kayakers and canoeists of all abilities.

"The Alcona Township Board is hopeful these improvements will open up usage of the park to a broader population. We know by the

current usage the park is a valuable asset offering boating, swimming, picnicking, and fishing access to or along both Lake Huron and the Black River," MacNeill said.

Alcona Township owns the picnic and beach area of the park, and under a long-term lease with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is responsible for the area along the river and the launch area.

Eric Ostrander, DNR Parks and Recreation Unit Supervisor for Harrisville said, "The improvements are welcome additions and will enhance the recreational opportunities available along the Lake Huron shore area. Backcountry campsites at Negwegon State Park are accessible on foot or by water. The new launch offers campers the option to get to the sites via the lakeshore in canoes or kayaks."

The improvements also provide access to another project Alcona Township has been working on with the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary to highlight the five shallow-water shipwrecks off the Black River coast area. The wrecks are identified by white buoy markers in the waters near the shore of the park area. Informational signage is being installed in conjunction with the other park improvements to aid shipwreck enthusiasts in learning about and/or exploring the wreck sites.

The fishing deck and kayak/canoe launch are funded by a \$108,700 grant from a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and matched by \$46,700 from the township's recreation budget.

There will be a celebration to officially open the two new access points at the park on June 30 at 3 p.m.

The park can be found by following Black River Road approximately 2.5 miles east of U.S. 23. For information about the park, contact Supervisor MacNeill at (989) 727-3788.

Students fly to learn about physics

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Taking to the sky to learn about gravity and physics might seem a little out of range for local high school students. However, a program sponsored by Harvard University and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is in the second year of hands-on instruction to do just that.

Students from Alcona and Oscoda high schools' introduction to physics classes have gotten first hand experience in the pilot's seat in order to see the possibility of a career in science.

Elizabeth Himwich, a graduate student in physics at Harvard University, and Pete Mapes, a pilot who resides in Oscoda, designed the course to get students thinking outside of their northeast Michigan location and to look at world possibilities using math and science.

The goal was to expose students to what is being studied and what types of careers are available such as re-

searcher, technician and programmer as well as introduce them to advanced topics of physics including quantum mechanics, special relativity and general relativity.

Mapes explained he and Himwich, who he met when she was in high school taking a Young Eagle Scout flight, began thinking about how math and science achievements of youth in northeastern Michigan were behind the rest of the state and how most students attending Alcona and Oscoda high schools either go to college in-state or do not attend college at all.

They designed the program to entice students to enjoy math and science by hands-on experiments which include lessons on flying a small airplane. While doing so, they conduct experiments of super and microgravity.

When students arrive at the airplane hangar in Oscoda, they are given a brief description of the forces of flight and how a plane is controlled. "We expect them to fly



Karen Sharboneau and Vince Mendyka listen as Pete Mapes gives them a physics lesson before they fly an airplane. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

the airplane for the entire soar with just verbal instructions from me. Most kids can do this, nearly 90 percent can fly the first time out, including making the takeoff and landing the plane," Mapes said.

Mapes takes two students at a time in the small Cessna plane. Each student gets a

turn at flying the plane which includes practicing acceleration and turns on the ground prior to takeoff and landing.

Students practice the four basics of flying; climbing, descending, turning and flying straight and level. "Once at 3,000 feet, we put the air-

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Obituaries



Ronald E. Easton, 75 of Mikado, died on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at home. He was born June 15, 1943 to Louis C. and Thelma (Roeder) Easton in Flint, Mich., where he was raised. On June 15, 1990 he married Linda Garner in Davison, Mich. where they resided until moving to Mikado in 1996.

He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. Mr. Easton is survived by his wife, Linda; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sandra Buchanan and Kimberly Rowley. He was preceded in death

by one stepson, David Garner in 2010. Visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Thursday, May 30 at 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. Linda Deller will officiate. Burial will be at the Mikado Cemetery in Mikado.

Norman "The Captain" Mercier, 81, died on Monday, May 20, 2019 in Flint, Mich. He was born July 17, 1937 to Edmond and Agnes (LaFare) Mercier in Black River. On September 28, 1961 he married Mary Alice Hudnall. Mr. Mercier worked for several years as a forklift driver for General Motors. He served in the National Guard. He owned and operated a local towing and snow removal

Norman Mercier company for several years in the Flint, Mich. area. He loved his 1959 pink Cadillac and his dogs. He enjoyed coffee every morning at the local coffee shop. Living his motto "places to go, people to see," he was always on the move. Mr. Mercier is survived by two sons, Norman "Fred" Mercier Jr., and Kenneth Charles Mercier; one daughter, Amy Marie (Tim) Kattreh; one granddaughter, Marissa

(Bonnie) Brewer; one sister, Isabelle "Izzy" Gauthier; one sister-in-law, Dreama "Sis" Bowe; one brother-in-law, Bill "Pattie" Hudnall; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. A funeral service was held on May 24 at Brown Funeral Home in Grand Blanc, Mich. Interment was in Flint Memorial Park in Mt. Morris, Mich.



Color Guard from the American Legion in Barton City (left photo) share in the duties of recognizing fallen veterans with the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Barton City on Monday. Jim Burger, (center) commander of the VFW Post in Barton City, speaks the 50 plus attendees in the short ceremony at the memorial stone on the courthouse lawn in Harrisville. Theresa Somers sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and bugler Tony Kula played "Taps." *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*



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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

The Alcona Fifth Grade Class will be performing "The Granny Awards" at 9:15 a.m. in the Alcona High School Auditorium on Barlow Road. This funny and upbeat musical is free and open to the public. The length of this program is approximately 25 to 30 minutes.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

The Alcona Music Department will perform a concert at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School Auditorium on Barlow Road. This concert will feature the Sixth Grade Band, Middle and High School com-

bined band the the High School Choir. The performance is free and open to the public.

Youth ages eight and up are welcome and encouraged to attend the weekly Youth Group at the Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the center at (989) 335-4673 (HOPE).

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30 in Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Lincoln Lions 37th annual Lake Trout and Salmon Tournament featuring a three-day STIHL tournament, the 18th annual Women's Classic and

the 35th annual Budweiser Super Tournament. All tournaments run through June 2. For more information, contact Mark Feldhiser (989) 736-8150 days, (989) 255-6324 evenings or email mfeldhiser@alconatool.com.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street in Greenbush at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

Grand Art and Dinner will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Draw, paint, model and have fun with a grandchild or another young artist after school. Artist Autumn Bildson will lead the class. This creative fun is free to both adults and the kids, but adults will need to buy their dinner. Sponsors will pay for the kids' dinner. Sign up with Suzan by calling (989) 736-8879. This event is hosted by Inspiration Alcona.

The Ossineke Fraternal Order of Eagles and its auxiliary will host a country fried steak dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 6848 US-23 South, Spruce. Cost is \$8 per person. Call (989) 471-5047 for details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Amateur bakers are invited to roll out something delicious for the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library's Pie Baking Contest. Pies will be judged on overall appearance, crust, filling and taste. There will be two entry categories, young adults ages 12 to 17 and adults ages 18 and older. Official rules and entry forms can be found on the library's website, www.alpenalibrary.org. For more information, call (989) 356-6188 ext. 25.

An all-you-can-eat taco and nacho bar fundraiser for the Alcona Humane Society will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Monday movie night at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, 211 North First Avenue in Alpena at 6:30 p.m. A revelatory documentary exploring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life and career. This film is rated PG and the run time is one hour

and 38 minutes. This event is free and open to the public. Call (989) 419-4236 for more information.

Get Crafty for adults at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The project for June is paper making with Ellen LaCross. There is a \$5 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

Ukulele jam session for all ages and levels at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 2 to 3 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Ever wondered what the Book of Revelations means? Find out at the Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln with Pastor Charles Sheldon from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the center at (989) 335-4673 (HOPE).

Play euchre at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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Alcona softball splits with Hillman

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team had a little good and a little bad on Thursday, when it played a North Star League crossover game in Hillman.

The Lady Tigers dropped a 5-4 game to Hillman in the opener, but rebounded with a 13-5 win in the nightcap.

Raegen Eller took the loss in game one, as she gave up five runs on seven hits.

Ashlyn Gordy and Cassidy Clemens led the way on offense. Anna Loyer also had two stolen bases.

In game two, Eller picked up the win, as she pitched all six innings and gave up five runs on six hits, two strikeouts and one walk.

The Lady Tigers had 12 hits in the contest, with Hailee Gordy, Ashlyn Gordy, Thompkins and Brianna Fogle making multiple hits in the contest.

Alcona plays in the division four Mio district on Friday.



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Local Notes

American Flag Donation

American Legion Post 254 in Mikado presented Alcona High School with an 8x12 foot American flag after learning that Alcona High School needed of a large flag for the gym. The American Legion noted the need in its monthly newsletter and suggested members might be willing to contribute toward purchase of the flag. Legionnaire William Young contacted the post adjutant with the offer to purchase the flag. On Friday, May 24 the American flag was presented to the high school at morning assembly.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, June 3—Beef roast, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, and pineapple.
- Tuesday, June 4—Chicken and noodles, Prince Charles blend vegetables, pea salad, and peaches.
- Wednesday, June 5—

Breaded pork chop, baked potato, cauliflower, coleslaw, and mixed fruit.

- Thursday, June 6—Goulash, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, cake and ice cream.
- Friday, June 7—Baked fish, red bliss potato, green beans, and tropical fruit.
(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Away at School

Caitlin McNichols of Brutus, Mich., was awarded a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University on May 3. She was a recipient of the 2019 Bovine Clinical Proficiency Award, presented by the MSU Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences for "Outstanding abilities demonstrated during Clinical Training in the DVM Program." She has accepted a DVM position at the Maple River Animal Clinic in Alanson, Mich. McNichols graduated with honors from MSU in 2015, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science with a production scholars' emphasis. She graduated from Alcona High School in 2011, where she built a foundation for her collegiate accomplishments through participation in the FFA and 4-H programs. She is the daughter of Liz and Quent McNichols of Harrisville.

Ranger Station Open House

The USDA Forest Service invites the public to attend the second annual Mio Ranger District Open House on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house coincides with National Get Outdoors Day, a nationwide celebration that encourages healthy and active outdoor fun. Attendees will have the opportunity to see forest service fire engines, learn how to use an atlatl (a traditional hunting tool), and participate in other hands-on activities. Forest service experts will share information about the management of fire, heritage, recreation, timber, and wildlife resources in the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

"The open house will be a great opportunity for folks to celebrate the great outdoors, meet forest service specialists, and learn about their national forests," said Mio District Ranger Brad Bolton. "The event will feature a special guest appearance by Smokey Bear, who celebrates his 75th birthday this year."

In addition to the open house, the Mio Ranger District will conduct a free Kids Fishing Day at the Mio Pond boat launch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is made possible by the State of Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend on June 8 and 9, when all fishing license fees will be waived. The Mio Ranger District will also waive fees at most of its day-use recreation sites on June 8. Visitors will be able to recreate at popular sites such as the Wakeley Lake Nature Trail near Grayling, Mich. and the Mack Lake Motorized Trail System near Mio at no cost. The waiver does not apply to camping fees.

There is no charge to attend the Mio Ranger District Open House, which will be hosted at 107 McKinley Road, Mio. For more information, contact Christine Wiser at (989) 826-3252 ext. 3310.



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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Government pension might reduce Social Security benefits

Dear Savvy Senior,
As a teacher for 20 years, I receive a pension from a school system that did not withhold Social Security taxes from my pay. After teaching, I've been working for a small company where I do pay Social Security taxes. Now, approaching age 65, I would like to retire and apply for my Social Security benefits. But I've been told that my teacher's pension may cause me to lose some of my Social Security. Is that true?
Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,
Yes, it's true. It's very likely that your Social Security retirement benefits will be reduced under the terms of a government rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (or WEP).

The WEP affects people who receive pensions from jobs in which they were not required to pay Social Security taxes - for example, police officers, fire fighters, teachers and state and local government workers whose employers were not part of the national Social Security system. People who worked for nonprofit or religious organizations before 1984 may also be outside the system.

Many of these people, like you, are also eligible for Social Security retirement or disability benefits based on other work they did over the

course of their career for which Social Security taxes were paid.

Because of your teacher's pension, Social Security will use a special formula to calculate your retirement benefits, reducing them compared to what you'd otherwise get.

How much they'll be reduced depends on your work history. But one rule that generally applies is that your Social Security retirement benefits cannot be cut by more than half the size of your pension. And the WEP does not apply to survivor benefits. If you're married and die, your dependents can get a full Social Security payment, unless your spouse has earned his or her own government pension for which they didn't pay Social Security taxes. If that's the case, Social Security has another rule known as the Government Pension Offset (or GPO) that affects spouses or widows/widowers benefits.

Under the GPO, spousal and survivor benefits will be cut by two-thirds of the amount of their pension. And if their pension is large enough, their Social Security spousal or survivor benefits will be zero.

There are a few exceptions to these rules most of which are based on when you entered the Social Security workforce.

Why Do These Rules Exist? According to the Social Security Administration, the reason Congress created the WEP (in 1983) and GPO (in 1977) was to create a more equitable system. People who get both a pension from non-Social Security work and benefits from Social Security-covered work get an unfair windfall due to the formula of how benefit amounts are calculated.

These rules ensure that government employees who don't pay Social Security taxes would end up with roughly the same income as people who work in the pri-



Savvy Senior

private sector and do pay them.

For more information on the WEP visit SSA.gov/planners/retire/wep.html, where you'll also find a link to their WEP online calculator to help you figure out how much your Social Security benefits may be reduced. And for more in-

formation on GPO, including a GPO calculator, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/gpo.html.

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plane into a 60-degree bank turn. A very steep turn and we pull the nose across the horizon. The accelerative force felt in the plane at 60-degree bank is twice gravity.

"I have the students hold their arms out, they feel very heavy because they now weigh twice as much. A kid who weighs 125 pounds now weighs 250. They sense the effect of supergravity," Mapes said.

The students then experience micro-gravity by lowering the nose of the plane and accelerating to 140 miles per hour. "I have them gradually raise the nose up above the horizon and hold it there. The

dent of Krentz) landed so softly we didn't even know we were on the ground. There were some others who did beautiful landings too. Women seem to have a good sense of height looking out into the distance. I don't know why that is, but my wife always makes gorgeous landings," Mapes said.

He explained how the program makes gravity real for the student. "They start to understand gravity is all about acceleration and weight is about acceleration. Weight is independent of mass. Weight is a function of gravity; mass is a function of matter.

"About 10 percent of the



Pete Mapes demonstrates the aspect of physics used in flying.

reach programs to students. Mapes volunteers his time to assist with the program and said it wouldn't be possible if it were not for the EAA, which provides insurance for youth programs like this.

According to Mapes, flying lessons are expensive, but it is cheaper than horses and there are program scholarships available to youth 16 and older to take lessons locally each year.

Taylor Clark, a 16-year-old Alcona High School student, said she had never been in a plane before taking her first flight with Mapes last week.

"It was a fun experience. I loved it. At first, it was a little scary, but after a few minutes, I was fine. I could see all the way to Alpena. It showed me how small our world is and it's good to try new things," Clark said. "It was a little like riding a roller coaster, only we were in control. It was very cool to watch the pen float. The instructor was great and only helped if we needed it. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that everyone should try if they have a chance."

Clark explained the experience taught her about new possibilities available to her and is seriously considering applying for a Jon Scheer Memorial Flight Training Scholarship to, hopefully, attain a pilot's license next year.

For more information on aviation scholarship programs including aviation mechanic scholarships, contact Mapes by email at: mapesni@aol.com.



Vince Mendyka learns what the pedals, levers and throttle do while in flight. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*

plane goes up at a steep angle. As they start running out of air speed, they push forward on the yoke. While doing this, I'm holding a pen. As they push forward, we go into slight negative gravity," Mapes said.

While at slight negative gravity, Mapes' hand falls away from the pen which allows the pen to float. As the flight student maintains a forward push, the plane pushes away from the pen which appears to float midair backward where the student sitting in the back seat grabs it. "While we do this exercise, we are weightless. They get to experience what an astronaut feels for about four seconds," Mapes said.

After the experiments are conducted in the plane, the student flying performs a no-flap landing. Once landed and stopped it is the next student's turn. Mapes said the Alcona students he had flying last week performed some beautiful landings, especially from female students.

"Karen Sharboneau (a stu-

kids get airsick on the flight, but that doesn't deter their excitement. We give them peppermints before the flight and that helps. We have gallon freezer zip-lock bags in the plane just in case," Mapes said.

Krentz explained Himwich not only teaches the students about physics but sets an example for the students to open their eyes about possibilities for their future. "Just because they are from a small town, doesn't mean they cannot attend an ivy league university. There are opportunities available, including scholarships. This is the second year for the program. The kids can't quit talking about it," Krentz said.

"Math is important and being able to think logically, scientifically and do calculations is an important skill, not only for physics but for any career," Himwich said. She explained Harvard University, like many other universities, is interested in bringing educational out-

Alcona Community Schools Notice of a Public Hearing On Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

Please Take Notice that on June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Alcona Community Schools' Innovation Lab, Lincoln, Michigan, the Board of Education of Alcona Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's Proposed 2019-2020 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2019-2020 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2019-2020 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools District Office at 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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State struggles with eldercare worker shortage

By Zaria Phillips

Capital News Service

Michigan doesn't have enough personal care workers for the growing population of elderly residents and more aren't coming, according to industry experts.

The state will need 32,000 more elder care aides next year, said Clare Luz, an assistant professor at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine who has studied the need for the past 10 years.

The study said that personal care workers help reduce falls by 76 percent and the number of emergency hospital visits by 56 percent. They can improve emotional health by 79 percent and overall physical health by 77 percent.

The shortage is at a critical level, Luz said. "Most older people want to stay home and families need help caring for them," she said. "In-home personal care assistants are important because they can pay close attention to people's medical needs."

Numerous factors contribute to the shortage, Luz explained. Workers consider their wages low for the amount of work they do. They're referred to as low-skilled and they receive few benefits and little respect.

"The job is extremely trying mentally and physically," said Erin Swadley, the owner of Marquette Home Care, which provides assisted living for the elderly. "A lot of times care workers are dealing with people who have dementia so you're always repeating yourself, and that can be emotionally draining. On a physical level, people need assistance being helped in and out of their cars or out of the shower and that can cause physical strain."

And while workers start at about \$11 an hour, they can start at more at Meijer and Target. "Wouldn't you want to get \$12 an hour for working there rather than helping people in and out of showers?" she said, "For this line of work you've really gotta have the heart for it."

A training program allowing workers to advance from private duty aide to caregiver aide to skilled nursing would appeal to many workers, she said. Luz leads the IMPART Alliance, an organization of elder care workers, researchers and agencies that's trying to fill the need for more workers.

Their efforts include creating a standard training program and increasing awareness of the need. IMPART Alliance has created a traveling exhibition that displays the stories of care workers, in addition to meeting with legislators to alert them to the problem, Luz said.

There is a definite need to enhance training and certification for eldercare, said Bob Stein, the general counsel for the Michigan Assisted Living Association. "We need to professionalize the field and to do public awareness campaigns to make the job more desirable by showing how self-satisfying it can be."

Personal care workers in the mental health field

struggle with the same issue of not having and attracting enough people into the field, he said.

"The economy's gotten better than it once was, and when that happens, people have more options of other entry-level jobs to go into, and this is not one of their choices," he said. "In Traverse City, for instance, places like Walmart, McDonald's or Target raise their minimum wage to \$11 because you can pass

the cost to the customers, but with this job, it's difficult because you can't just pass the cost to the families."

The worker shortage is a problem in a lot of industries, Luz said, but this issue is different because it's a matter of life or death for many. "I've been struggling to hire more workers for a while now and the best thing we can do is to provide a more livable wage," Swadley said. "That's the best way to attract more skilled workers."

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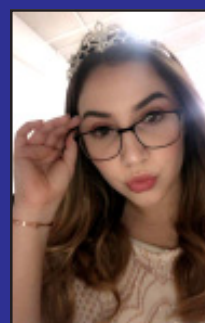
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Class of 2019
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Song: "Five More Minutes," Scotty McCreery

Alcona High School recognizes 10 graduates with the Latin honor distinction of Magna Cum Laude during commencement. (Front row, from left) Raegen Eller, 3.764 grade point average; Emily Dubuque, 3.809; (middle row) Joshua Kilbourn, 3.80; Patrick Bates, 3.755; Faith Wallenmaier, 3.7859; Hannah Brege, 3.724; (back row) Malcom Dix, 3.541; Antavius Mikazes, 3.687; Hailee Gordy, 3.81; and Justin Smigelski, 3.524. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Class of 2019

The following Alcona High School seniors were named as Top 12 of the graduating class according to their grade point average (GPA).



Elliot Dubuque, GPA 4.0, valedictorian, is the son of David and Staci Dubuque of Harrisville. He plans to attend the University of Michigan.



Matthew Warner, GPA 3.953, salutatorian, is the son of Danielle and Steven Warner of Harrisville. He plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University.



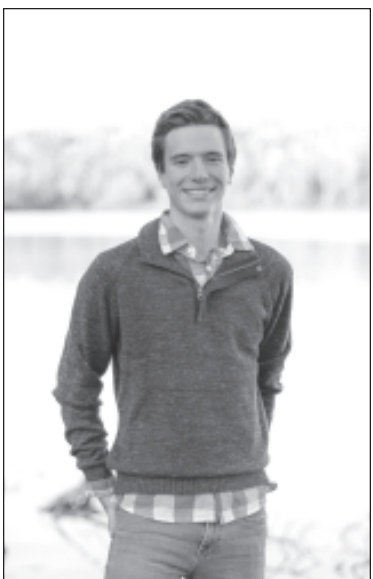
Patrick Bates, 3.89 GPA, is the son of Eric and Susanne Bates of Lincoln. He plans to attend Michigan State University.



Hailee Gordy, 3.81 GPA, is the daughter of Angela and Jesse Gordy of Lincoln. She plans to attend Michigan State University.



Emily Dubuque, 3.8 GPA, is the daughter of David and Staci Dubuque of Harrisville. She plans to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State University.



Joshua Kilbourn, 3.8 GPA, is the son of Rodney and Cindy Kilbourn of Lincoln. He plans to attend Alpena Community College.



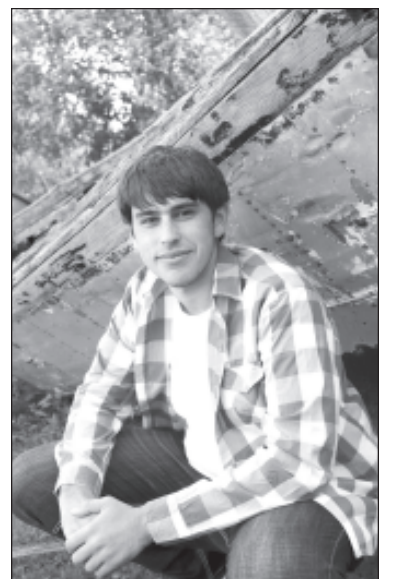
Faith Wallenmaier, 3.78 GPA, is the daughter of Jason and Dawn Wallenmaier of Mikado. She plans to attend Michigan Technological University.



Raegen Eller, 3.764 GPA, is the daughter of Stephany and Brent Eller of Spruce. She plans to attend Michigan State University.



Hannah Brege, 3.724 GPA, is the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Brege of Lincoln. She plans to attend Alpena Community College.



Justin Smigelski, 3.632 GPA, is the son of Tina and Richard Smigelski of Harrisville. He plans to attend Northern Michigan University.



Antavious Mikazes, GPA 3.687, is the son of Joel and Dawn Mikazes of Mikado. He plans to study engineering at Michigan State University.



Malcom Dix, GPA 3.541, is the son of Matthew Dix of Lincoln and Giovanna Dix of Lima, Peru.



Class officers (from left) Matthew Warner, member at large; Faith Wallenmaier, vice president; Abigail Franklin, president; Raegen Eller, secretary; and Hailee Gordy, treasurer. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*

Calendar of Events



Continued from page 3
 Fresh Hope, a Christian-based support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the Old Stone Church on the corner of Shaw and Poor Farm roads, Harrisville. For more information, contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5
 The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in

Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing will be available to residents of Alcona County with newborns through age four. Layettes available in the eighth month. This is not an income based program. The Rotary Club will be there with books for the children.

Northeast Michigan UAW

Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold their membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the 19th Hole Restaurant located on US-23 north of Alpena. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a can of food for the needy. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the

Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
 Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans welcome.

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch and bingo from noon to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Youth ages eight and up are welcome and encouraged to attend the weekly Youth Group at the Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the center at (989) 335-4673 (HOPE).

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30 in Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

Baffling Bill performs Blast Off with Books Spectacular Illusion Show at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This show of grand illusion is fun for the whole family and it is free! For more information, call Denise Bearre at (989) 724-6796.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
 Join local musicians in a casual jam session at the Harrisville United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), 217 North State Street at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served during this free event. This friendly get-together is co-sponsored by the church and Inspiration Alcona.

A fish fry will be held at the American Legion located at 2205 Alger Street in Mikado from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages six to 12 and no charge for children ages five and younger. Call (989) 736-9526 for details.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Harrisville Township will take over recreation area

May 25, 1994 ~ by Marion Tartaglia

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly supported the concept of Harrisville Township ownership and control of the Harrisville Recreation Area at last Wednesday's board meeting.

The Harrisville Recreation Area (HRA) is located at the northern city limits of the City of Harrisville.

Although it is in the township it has been under the jurisdiction of the county following a transfer that took place during the 1930s.

Because of the concentrated efforts of area parents, students and sports-minded citizens, there are several superb ball diamonds, including the MacGregor Field, located on the site.

John Grzeskowiak devoted hours of labor—and furnished the materials—to build the restroom facility on the site, in addition to his extensive field work during the 1980s.

Tim O'Callaghan has groomed the diamonds for decades, and continues to do so.

The HRA, which will soon be renamed and dedicated as "Cuyler Park" in honor of Harrisville born and raised major league ballplayer Hazen Cuyler, came under discussion during commissioner Ken Bundy's bi-monthly report to the board.

"This is a topic that has been here a lot of years," Bundy said, referring to the maintenance and improvement of the area. "Barb Moore has a new format; she has the bull by the horns. She came up with a different wrinkle than we have had in the past. She went out on her own and got donations for cutting of the fields and upkeep.

Local and personal

May 25, 1944 ~ A son, James Forrest, arrived Tuesday morning to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest O. Potter (Bonnie Dewar). Mother and babe are doing nicely.

-X-

Born Friday, May 19, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritchie.

-X-

The contract bridge club met at Alcona Beach Tuesday evening. Three tables of bridge followed a seven o'clock dinner. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Geo. Leonard, Mrs. H. Dehnke and Mrs. W. Fogelsinger.

Mrs. Grant Leonard entertained Wednesday afternoon with two tables of bridge, at her home in Harrisville Township. Mrs. W. Fogelsinger and Mrs. Kenneth Noyes received prizes. Dainty refreshments were served following play.

They needed \$600 for grass cutting and she has gotten more than \$1,000," Bundy said, explaining that Moore used a quiet, lowkey, soft-sell approach. "This lady deserves a lot of credit," he added.

"Not only that," Bundy continued, "she went up there with Rita Kaiser and they painted the washrooms; they didn't ask for any help they did it!"

Bundy went on to explain, "We have the stalls for the rest rooms that need to be put in at a cost of \$500 or more. They asked, what does Bundy think about us going to the township to see if we could get funds?" So we approached the Harrisville Township Board and asked them if they would help, and lo and behold, they said they would help with \$500. They put a rider on that \$500. They said, why don't we look into us handling that field?"

"I would be pleased to see it happen," Bundy stated. "You have all the support you need from this board to relinquish control of that property and transfer it to the township," declared Board Chairman John Gray, and the board concurred.

Bundy will continue to pursue the matter and determine what steps will be necessary in order to complete the transfer.

Mule meat and sand not an inviting lunch

Wilson Teeple Wants to Come Home and Don't Care Who Knows It

May 29, 1919 ~ Vallandar (on Rhine) Apr. 19.

Dear Folks:

Gee, I am homesick today! It's so nice, just like August, I have been wandering around all day. Were you ever that way—can't stay still?

We get 45 more days over here. I am glad to hear it; that won't be long now so we can begin to look forward to our "happy day"—that will be when we leave this good-for-nothing country: Not Germany alone, I haven't seen anything over here yet that can near compare with the States.

They are 1,000 years behind the times. Their sewing machines, you ought to see them! It takes two to sew on one of them—one to turn it and the other to sew. And the women do all the work. It will be hard for the American girls, eh? When the boys get back and get married and will want the women to do like they do over here—Ha! Ha! Why, if you would ask an American girl to do what these Dutch girls do, they would never speak to you as long as they lived, honest I'll tell you some day and see if it isn't, true. Honest they haven't any respect for their women. I don't wonder

at the things they did in this war, now. A fellow just feels like knocking their square heads off whenever he meets one and some do nearly get it knocked off. Generally after pay day you can see Dutchmen going by with their precious heads done up in "cotton," but you know "boys will be boys," as dad used to say, and you can't blame them for having it in for the Dutch can you? If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be here, don't you know.

Don't pay any attention to this letter; I am trying to get my mind off "home."

I saw something the other day that would make you laugh: Some squarehead said something to an American down street and the American made for the S.H. and the S.H. made for up the street with U.S. close on his heels. It was some foot race but didn't end right to suit the American. An M.P. stopped him and the S.H. escaped, but I guess he is going yet if he didn't run into "anything."

Secretary Daniels of the Navy was here to review our division; the marines are with us, you know. He gave us a good speech. Mrs. D. was with him, also some naval officers; Mr. and Mrs. D. rode

up to the parade grounds in a "caterpillar" tractor that hauls the big guns of the 17th Field Artillery. It looked "funny" to us—like "real old America." He said we would be going home soon. We were glad to see him and will be glad to see his boats that carry us home.

The lady of the house where I am billeted brought me a sandwich at noon; she said the meat was "muleash" (or something like that). I think it means mule meat; anyway, I ate it. Poor mule! I have eaten worse, monkey meat from South America was our main stay in June. We were drawing "French" rations then (?) And the bread she gave me! (Poor woman, I know she thought she was giving me a swell treat!) The bread is black and when it's in your mouth it's like sand. So together with the "mule" and the "sand" I had a most disagreeable lunch.

Hadn't I better quit and say "lubens sie wohl!" for today? I got a headache trying to think of all this now.

Easter greetings to all, Wilson.

P. S. I'll be all right in a few days don't worry. Ha! Ha!

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Weekly Report						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
May 19	45	40	0.47	5.5	20	NNE
May 20	53	39	0.01	3.0	19	NNE
May 21	54	39	0.00	3.7	18	NNE
May 22	50	41	0.00	5.3	20	SSW
May 23	75	44	0.21	3.7	30	NNE
May 24	56	45	0.00	3.1	12	NE
May 25	79	46	0.36	6.0	20	SW
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
2018-2019 Season						
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	1.05	0.0	0.63			
May to Date	3.19	0.0	2.13			
2019 Season to Date	9.30	68.8	9.68			

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. **HISTORY:** Which woman won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with the poor in Calcutta, India?
2. **LITERATURE:** What was the last known play written by Shakespeare?
3. **LANGUAGE:** "Cyborg" is a shortened version of which futuristic phrase?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What men's haircut was named after a style adopted by college rowing teams?
5. **MOVIES:** Who wrote the screenplay for the original "The Heartbreak Kid" movie?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which three countries mainly make up the Scandinavian Peninsula?
7. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the only president to be awarded a Purple Heart?
8. **U.S. STATES:** Which state has the most active volcanoes?
9. **ANATOMY:** What is a more common name for enlargement of the thyroid gland?
10. **GAMES:** How many letters does each player draw to begin a game of Scrabble?

Answers: 1. Mother Teresa; 2. "The Two Noble Kinsmen"; 3. Cybernetic organism; 4. The crew cut; 5. Neil Simon; 6. Sweden, Norway and Finland; 7. John F. Kennedy was wounded in WWII.; 8. Alaska; 9. Goiter; 10. Seven (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- "It is far better to grasp the Universe as it really is than to persist in delusion, however satisfying and reassuring." -- Carl Sagan
- You might be surprised to learn that some fish can hibernate. During the long, dark winters, the Antarctic cod will burrow under the seabed and stay there for days at a time, cutting its metabolism by two-thirds.
- Despite the fact that famed magician Harry Houdini exposed a number of mediums and psychics as frauds, Sherlock Holmes novelist Sir Arthur Conan Doyle persisted in believing that Houdini himself was a medium.
- Wearing skinny jeans can cause varicose veins.
- In Germany, Rice Krispies don't say "Snap, Crackle, Pop"; they say "Knisper, Knasper, Knusper."
- Squid are well known for their uncanny ability to camouflage themselves by changing their color to match their background. What's really odd, though, is the fact that the creatures are color-blind.
- The word "conspire" means, literally, "to breathe together," meaning to be in harmony.
- Even though he was arrested and put on trial numerous times, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.
- Those who study such things say that not all your fingernails grow at the same rate. It seems the nail on your middle finger is a bit of an overachiever -- it grows faster than the nails on your other fingers.

Thought for the Day: "Give all power to the many, and they will oppress the few. Give all power to the few, and they will oppress the many. Both therefore ought to have power, that each may defend itself against the other." -- Alexander Hamilton

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 9, 1772, colonists, angered by the British Parliament's passing of the Townshend Acts restricting colonial trade, board and set ablaze the HMS Gaspee, an armed British customs schooner that had run aground. British officials found no one willing to identify those involved, and the inquiry closed without result.
- On June 4, 1919, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, giving it the two-thirds majority necessary to make it the law of the land.
- On June 3, 1937, the duke of Windsor -- formerly King Edward VIII -- marries Wallis Warfield Simpson, the American divorcee for whom he abdicated the British throne in 1936.
- On June 5, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issues a stern statement warning Japan to stop using poison gas in its war on China. Japan continued its use of these weapons until the end of the war, managing to keep its activities secret.
- On June 8, 1966, the rival National Football League (NFL) and American Football League (AFL) announce that they will merge. The first Super Bowl between the two leagues took place at the end of the 1966 season.
- On June 6, 1971, "The Ed Sullivan Show" airs for the last time, 23 years after its 1948 premiere. Gladys Knight and the Pips were the musical guests.
- On June 7, 2002, Michael Skakel is convicted in the 1975 murder of his former neighbor, 15-year-old Martha Moxley, with a golf club. Skakel, a nephew of Ethel Kennedy, the wife of the late U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. In 2018, the Connecticut Supreme Court vacated the conviction and ordered a new trial.

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Mental health care 24/7

The Department of Veterans Affairs is serious about providing mental health care for veterans, especially in light of the ongoing, unchanging statistics for veteran suicides. A recent press release serves as a reminder that mental health resources and crisis intervention are available 24/7 at any VA health care facility.

In 2018, 1.7 million veterans received mental health services at the VA. That includes 84,000 psychiatric stays, 41,700 residential stays and 21 million outpatient visits. For that year, 48 percent of in-person mental health visits were held on the same day as the veteran's primary care

visit. So far in 2019, 51 percent of in-person visits were held on the same day as the primary care visit.

What happened, one wonders, to the remaining 49 percent? The 24/7 mental health coverage includes other services: a telehealth or video visit, scheduling an appointment, talking on the phone to a nurse or getting a prescription filled. Is that how the others received same-day services?

Still, all it takes, per the VA website, is to walk into any VA medical center, day or night, or into a Vet Center during operating hours and you'll get help.

If you're in crisis or know a veteran who is, call the Veterans Crisis

Line at 800-273-8255 and press 1. Or you can send a text to 838255. Or chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net.

If you're concerned about someone else, check Defense Suicide Prevention Office (www.dspo.mil) for symptoms you should watch for. Scroll down to the Prevention (service members & veterans) and Intervention (warning signs) categories.

If you just need advice and want to talk to a veteran who's been where you are, the Military One Source Be There peer program will hook you up with a peer coach, if you're freshly out of the service (up to one year). Call them at 800-342-9647.

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of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of Section 14, Township 26 North, Range 9 East, excepting that portion of captioned property deeded to the state of Michigan for highway purposes as recorded in Liber 131 of Deeds, pages 319-20, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: May 15, 2019
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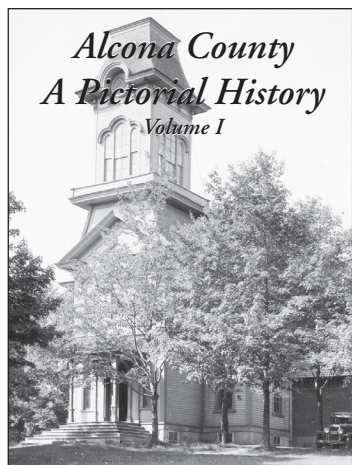
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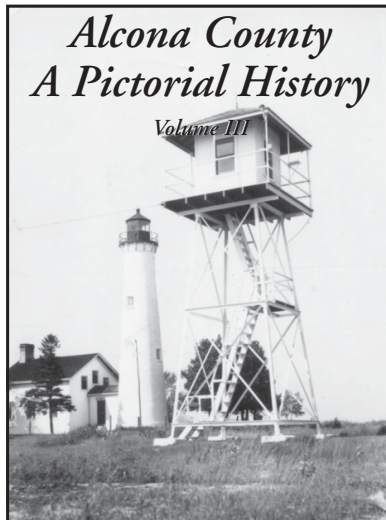
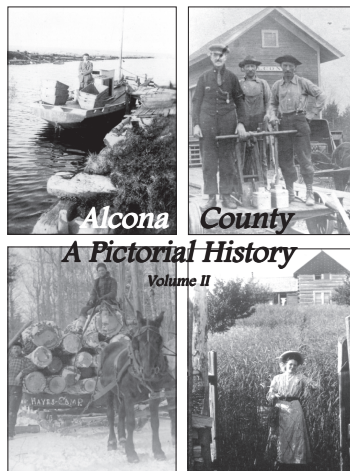
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21st annual Villages of Oscoda, community yard sales, Friday, May 31, Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2. Numerous homes participating, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Maps available. For more information, call (989) 739-4915.

Rummage sale, Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake. Friday, May 31, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Household goods, sporting goods, books. Something for everyone. Coffee and doughnut, \$1. Hot dog and pop, \$1.

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