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## New executive director, new president, new goals for Alcona County Commission on Aging

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) appointed a new board president, introduced the new executive director, discussed recent audit citations as well as upcoming goals at its board meeting on January 28.

During the meeting, Delores Schlicker, who has been president of the ACCOA board for a few months stepped down from her role sighting she felt the job, which requires the use of technology and some business savvy, was above her capabilities. The board voted to have Mike Maturen, who was appointed to the board in November 2019, as the president with Schlicker taking the role of vice president.

Also voted in as secretary was new member, Pam Ashford. Rolland Lynch remained as treasurer and existing board members, Bev Zorn, Stanley Wojnar Jr., Roger Schulte and Dan O'Connor remained as directing board members.

Lenny Avery was formally introduced to the board as the new executive director. He started in early January. Avery said he was proud to be a part of the ACCOA family, "We are looking to get a lot of things going forward which will be exciting for our consumers and work well with all in the future."

Avery explained he has instituted an open-door policy and if anyone has any questions or concerns, they should not hesitate to talk with him or the board.

Gina Bey, the associate director of Area on Aging Region 9 (AAA Region 9), a division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) was at the meeting to talk about an audit report given to the board citing areas of concern. It was the second audit performed under NEMCSA divisions in the last six months.

Bey said her primary function is community-based care and the MI Choice Waiver Program, which is a program that provides Medicaid covered long term care services and supports in-home or residential settings for individuals, meets the criteria for nursing facility level care.

A meeting was held with Avery on January 10 to discuss the findings of the report, what it was looking for and what needed to be corrected.



Lenny Avery, new ACCOA executive director, Delores Schlicker, vice president and Mike Maturen, newly appointed president, have a relaxed moment during last week's meeting. Photo by Mary Weber.

She explained a lot of the findings were from previous reviews. "Things were done, set in place and then not followed through. They didn't

make their way into your personnel policies, they didn't make their way into your reporting or training elements such as saying training was

going to happen on a certain date and then having no evidence the training was conducted," Bey said.

The greatest concern in the

report was discrepancies found with billing elements. Bey said they did a more in-depth review for a set period of three months and found they could not make heads nor tails of some of the billing. "It's not matching the units that were reported," Bey said.

Four staff members from AAA Region 9 will go over the report line by line with Avery and Brittne Baldwin, ACCOA in-home coordinator.

Bey explained the findings did not show anything malicious with those billing documents, and felt it was a training error that compounded over time due to having three different in-home service coordinators in the last fiscal year.

"We have spent a tremendous amount of time reviewing this and, hopefully, by the end of this week we can determine how many units we have versus how many were billed and can go through the process of editing some reports," Bey said.

O'Connor said he felt that

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### Presidential primary March 10

## Absent ballot voting available to all registered voters

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Any registered voter in Michigan may vote by absentee ballot and the 2020 election may be the first chance to do so since the new law went into effect making the process available to all registered voters no matter what their reason is.

Before ballot proposal 18-3, which was approved by Michigan voters in 2018, a short list of qualifiers limited who could vote by absentee ballot -- people over 60 years of age or those who knew well in advance they would not be in town to make it to the poll.

Now, with the option available to all voters and the presidential primary approaching on March 10, elected local clerks have been busy making sure anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot can.

Caledonia Township Clerk Kerry Scott said the process is easy, as long as the voter fills out the absent voter ballot application properly with a signature and the clerk for the area where they vote receives it on time.

"It's very easy to get the application, either call your

clerk or you can download a pdf file by just going to Michigan.gov and search absent voter ballot application or Google it," Scott said.

She explained what applicants must do on the form and following directions is critical for a smooth process.

"The application form is fairly simple, fill in your name, address, phone number in the first section. The second section the voter needs to decide what ballot they wish to receive. Are they looking to vote in both the March 10 presidential primary and the November 3 general election or do they want an absent voter ballot for just the primary on March 10? They just need to check the box they want," Scott said.

Also asked on the application is what type of ballot the voter is looking for. For the primary election only, the voter must decide whether they want a Democratic ballot or a Republican ballot.

The third section requires a signature and date. The fourth asks the voter if they want the ballot sent to alternate address other than their registered residence. The fifth

section is only for those voters who need assistance to vote and is a section for the assisting person to fill in.

According to Scott, once the clerk gets the application, they check the informa-

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~ Kerry Scott,  
Caledonia Township Clerk

tion against what is listed at the Secretary of State, such as making sure the voter is registered, verifying the registered address and signature.

"Then the ballot is mailed to them. It's easy. As long as their ballot is properly sealed and received by the clerk or the poll by closing on election day, their vote will be counted.

"I think absentee voting is a really good thing. A lot of people don't like standing in line, especially if they have small children. They also don't like to feel rushed at the polling booth, particularly when it comes to electing university board members and

Scott said in the past about one third of her township voted by absentee ballot with the other two thirds voting at the polls. "Because of the new law, those numbers could easily reverse, especially for elections held during winter months when icy weather could keep a voter home," Scott said.

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Obituaries

**Dana "Dan" Chriss Esch  
Suzann "Sue" Elizabeth (Wiedbrauk) Esch**

Dana "Dan" Chriss Esch, 72, of Mio, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. His beloved wife Suzann "Sue" Elizabeth (Wiedbrauk) Esch, 60, also of Mio, passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Dan was born on October 11, 1947 in Alpena, Michigan, to the late Chriss and Kathryn (Reber) Esch. Dan is survived by Susan (Fritz) Schultz, Rhonda (Albert)



Mundt, Alan (Linda) Esch, and Judy Esch. Sue was born on December 12, 1959 in Tawas City, Michigan, to the late Harry and Lila (McLaren) Wiedbrauk. Sue was also preceded in death by her brothers John and Joey, and her sister Mary. She is survived by her brothers Dave (Sue) Wiedbrauk and Fred (Tina) Wiedbrauk.

Dan and Sue were married in Mio on September 6, 1980. They have two daughters, Amanda (Jim) Salamon and Sarah (Josh) Toensfeldt. They were adored by their four grandchildren, Carter, Jack, Milo, and Lila.

Over the years, Dan and Sue enjoyed riding their motorcycles, gardening, traveling, doing puzzles, and spending time with their grandchildren. Dan enjoyed his morning coffee chats with his buddies. Sue loved to scrapbook and sew. They both were hard-working individuals. Dan was a retired truck driver, and Sue spent many years serving others at the local nursing home. They both will be dearly missed by those who knew them.

Visitation: Monday, January 27, 2020 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Lashley Funeral Home, Mio. Visitation Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at The Fairview Mennonite Church with Pastor Cody Gascho officiating, with a luncheon following at the church. Private interment at the Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Esch family or Lashley Funeral Home to help defray funeral costs. Arrangement by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

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Buddy Pruitt, 84, of Barton City, died on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lincoln.

He was born November 14, 1935 to James N. and Dema N. (Rogers) Pruitt in Oklahoma, where he was raised.

On December 12, 1951, he married Almyra Edwards in California. They lived in Missouri before settling in Michigan.

Mr. Pruitt worked in land-

**Buddy Pruitt**

scaping and was an avid fur trader.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, working in his garden and especially enjoyed mushroom picking.

He liked woodworking and adding to his arrowhead collection.

Mr. Pruitt is survived by his wife, Almyra; three daughters, Henrietta (Wayne) Fortney, Vickie (Robert) Phipps and Sherri Apsey; 11 grandchildren, Angela Ross, Tonya Boettge, Cassie Blascyk, Am-

ber Foote, Christy Havens, Brandi Parden, Jodi Neuman, Jamie Blain, Laura Aube, Alisha Apsey, and N.J. Apsey; 19 great-grandchildren; two sons-in-law Matthew Robinson and Norman Apsey; and one brother, Herbert (Lynn) Pruitt.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Marsha Robinson, one sister, and four brothers.

Visitation was held February 1 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

**Alexander Barsegian Jr.**

Alexander Barsegian Jr., 66, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 at home.

He was born November 2, 1953 to Alexander and Norma Jean (Henderson) Barsegian Sr., in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

Mr. Barsegian had a long career in construction.

On September 9, 2001, he married Laura Thuss in Harrisville, where he had been a longtime resident.

He was an avid hunter and an excellent fisherman. He enjoyed time with his grandchildren over everything else.

Mr. Barsegian is survived by his wife, Laura; one son,

Alexander Michael Barsegain; four daughters, Dawn Marie Barsegian, Kristie (Paul) Truman, Candace Thuss, and Nicole (Albert) Slaughter; several grandchildren, including Halie Truman, Brayden Truman, Reginald Rambus, Kayla Rambus, Olivia Slaughter, and Lily Slaughter; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Preston Barsegian and Tom Barsegian; three sisters, Sheila Barsegian, Sandy Odom, and Johnny Barsegian; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Mike Barsegian and one sister, Susan Collins.



The funeral was held on Sunday, Feb. 2 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Tim Steiner officiated. Burial will be in Springport Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Police Report

In December 2019 an investigation into an alleged vulnerable adult embezzlement situation was started by law enforcement officers from the Michigan State Police, Alpena post. The suspect allegedly embezzled money from a vulnerable adult relative's checking account, in which the suspect had joint access.

The investigation, which included interviews and review of the victim's banking records, which resulted in the arrest of Dianna Whitford,



Dianna Whitford

71, of Glennie on January 16. She was charged with one count of embezzlement-jointly held property, \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000, a

felony punishable by five years and/or \$10,000, or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater; and one count of embezzlement-from a vulnerable adult, \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000, a felony punishable by five years and/or \$10,000, or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater.

Whitford was arraigned in the 81<sup>st</sup> District Court and released on a \$15,000 (10 percent) cash bond. Her next scheduled court appearance is on February 19.

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**Merry Paulson**

Merry Paulson, 70, of Greenbush, MI passed away peacefully on January 3, 2020.

She had a big heart, loved to help others and serve her community. Merry taught computer lab to elementary students in the Kearsley school district for 20 years. After retiring and moving to northern Michigan, she was very involved with community organizations, including My Brother's Hope and several churches. Merry was a good friend- kind, caring and generous to all. She lived life according to her own terms, found happiness in small things, and will be missed by many.

Merry is predeceased by her parents. She leaves behind her loving children and their spouses, four grandchildren, two sisters, four nieces and nephews and many friends.

Donations in honor of Merry may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A Memorial for Merry will be held on April 4, 2020 at 11AM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second St., Harrisville, MI 48740



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# Calendar of Events

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Free 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 base program.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold the monthly meeting and luncheon at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant in Alpena starting at 11 a.m. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on hand to answer questions. Bring a donation of food for the needy. For more information, call Nick Williams at (989) 727-4080.

Homeschoolers at the library – children of all ages are invited for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 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 are welcome.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. 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.

Enjoy fresh, buttered popcorn at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 2 p.m.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Storytime and craft for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Soup and dessert dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Try one or try them all for \$6. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

First Friday Folk will meet at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23), from 6 to 8 p.m. Kick off the winter blues. Participants should bring their guitar, flute, mandolin, ukulele, tambourine to play or sing along to old and new folk music.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Read the paper, eat a muffin, and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Ukulele jam session for all ages and levels at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

*"I have discussed the photos you sent over with EGLE Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) Staff and the EGLE geologist that covers the area. What you are seeing appears to be a shale or sandstone, based on the natural layering of the rock. When it comes to the remediation of the jet fuel site RRD doesn't have records of there being contamination to the east of the highway."*

This is the reply I received on January 15 from Justin Bragg, environmental quality analyst, at the Gaylord office of Michigan Department of Environment (EGLE), Great Lakes, and Energy. I contacted the DNR about the disposal pit I came upon while walking the beach just after the new year. The pit of cement and timbers was at the site of the former jet fuel pipeline.

I replied that the conclusion of EGLE was incorrect in both its "research" and its records. The pit is indeed cement and there was this obvious contamination at the site. Additionally, erosion washed and was washing cement debris into the lake and this debris was being deposited along a stretch of beach for at least a mile.

Further communications with EGLE have indicated that, until they see the pollution first hand, they will take no steps to prevent further erosion, begin procedures for cleanup, and begin removal and disposal of the polluting cement from the lake and beaches.

I find this totally unacceptable. Delay will only allow additional cement debris to be washed into the lake and increase the amount of debris on the shoreline. Obviously, any action at this point is more difficult because of seasonal conditions, but it has been their delay in response which caused this inconvenience. Discovering exactly what is in that pit and remedying the situation is vital.

Bruce D. Weber,  
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### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at the United Methodist Church and at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Feb. 10—Beef stew, biscuit, pears, and milk.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11—Stuffed green peppers, buttered noodles, wax beans, mixed fruit, tossed salad, wheat bread, and milk.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12—Chicken chili, corn, tossed salad, Jell-O with fruit, wheat bread, and milk.
- Thursday, Feb. 13—Tuna and noodles, broccoli, pineapple, wheat bread, and milk.
- Friday, Feb. 14—Fish almandine, brown rice, lima beans, tropical fruit, and milk. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

### Away at School

• Courtney Church of Spruce was named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at Lake Superior State University. To make the dean's list, students must achieve a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0

scale. Church is majoring in nursing at LSSU. She is the daughter of Wendy and Jeff Kirchner of Spruce. She is the granddaughter of Mike and Anne Rasmussen of Spruce.

- Britny Faight, of Greenbush, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at Northern Michigan University. For dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Ravyn Rooney, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at Northern Michigan University. For dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Samantha Rush, of Oscoda, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at Northern Michigan University. For dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Alexandra Lask, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at Northern Michigan University. For dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.

### Kid's Fishing Tournament

The annual Kid's Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15 on Jewell Lake in Barton City. This free event is open to youth ages 15 and under. Registration on the ice is held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fishing poles, bait and holes are provided, and fishing will occur from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adult fishermen will be available for assistance.

Trophies will be awarded at 3 p.m. for Fisherman of the Year, largest sunfish, largest bluegill, largest perch, smallest fish and most unusual fish. Medals will go to the first 60 fishermen to sign up. Hot dogs and hot cocoa provided. Port-a-john and warming area will be available. Sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association.

### Library Fines Go Away

The Alcona County Library is celebrating a new fine free status during “Love your Library Month” in February and into the future. If overdue fines have kept anyone from using the library, February is a good time to visit any of the branches.

According to Denise Bearre, library director, as of January 1 “overdue fines will no longer be charged on library items, and all outstanding overdue fines will be forgiven. Most patrons’ existing overdue balances will be wiped clean to give them a fresh start to the year. Patrons will continue to receive reminders to renew or return materials on or before their due date to allow those items to be borrowed by other patrons,” she said.

Bearre explained that in the past, charging an overdue item fine was used as a method to encourage patrons to return their library items on time. Research has shown that instead of enticing return of items, fines contribute to the loss of items because once an item was late, patrons do not want to incur a late fee, so they just wouldn't return the item. Patrons who are financially unable to pay fines, or have difficulty getting to the library, often stop visiting altogether once an item is overdue.

“Children and teenagers often have little to no control over when they can return items to the library, so being a fine-free library means we can provide our young patrons with access to books, materials, and digital resources. We are happy to eliminate a barrier to access and we welcome back patrons who may not have visited in a while,” Bearre said.

Alcona County Library's hours in Harrisville are Monday through Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Alcona County Library also has branches in Hubbard Lake, Lincoln and Mikado, with various hours. For more information, contact the Alcona County Library at (989) 724-6796, or online: library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

REQUEST FOR BIDS:  
HARRISVILLE HARBOR PHASE 4 –  
DOCK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The City of Harrisville and the Harrisville Harbor Commission are requesting bids for reconstructing portions of the fixed and floating dockage systems within Harrisville Harbor. Sealed Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. EST, February 11, 2020 at the Harrisville Harbor Office, 1 East Harbor Lane, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. EST at the harbor office. Contract Documents are available through the office of Edgewater Resources, LLC. Hard copies are available for a non-refundable fee of \$150.00 per set and digital copies are available free of charge. Interested parties should contact Colin Hassenger, PE for obtaining Contract Documents at [chassenger@edgewaterresources.com](mailto:chassenger@edgewaterresources.com).

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## How to detect Parkinson's Disease

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What are the early warning signs of Parkinson's disease? I was just diagnosed with it after noticing hand tremors for nearly a year, but looking back, I'm wondering if I missed any other early warning signs.

Tremoring Tom

Dear Tremoring,  
The Holy Grail in any progressive disease is to find it early enough to start effective treatment before irreversible damage has occurred. But recognizing the early warning signs of Parkinson's disease is challenging because they're usually subtle and can be easily overlooked, dismissed or even misdiagnosed.

Parkinson's disease, which afflicts around one million Americans, is a degenerative disorder that occurs when the brain's dopamine-producing neurons die or become impaired. This happens in the part of the brain that controls movement, which can cause tremors (or shaking), stiff-

ness, and difficulty with walking, balance, and coordination.

The symptoms usually begin gradually and get worse over time, and the progression of symptoms is often different from one person to another. Some people with Parkinson's become severely disabled, while others may experience only minor motor disruptions.

While the cause of Parkinson's disease is unknown, scientists believe genetics and environmental factors (exposure to certain toxins) play a key role. Most people with Parkinson's first develop the disease around age 60 or older, and men are more likely to develop it than are women.

### Early Warning Signs

Parkinson's disease is difficult to diagnose because there's no definitive test to confirm it. Doctors, usually neurologists, will do an examination and evaluate a combination of warning signs, but symptoms can vary

greatly by patient which often leads to confusion and misdiagnosis. That said, here are some of the key signs and symptoms everyone should know.

- **Trouble sleeping:** Thrashing around in bed or acting out dreams - kicking or punching - when asleep. This is a REM sleep behavior disorder and one of the strongest and earliest pre-diagnostic symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

- **Loss of smell:** Not being able to smell certain foods very well like bananas, dill pickles or licorice. This too is one of the earliest symptoms.

- **Constipation:** Problems with digestion and bowel movements are a big problem for people with Parkinson's, and an early sign that can occur up to 20 years before this disease is diagnosed.

- **Changes in handwriting:** Writing may become harder to do, and your handwriting may appear much smaller than it has in the past.

- **Tremors:** Slight shaking



Savvy Senior

or tremor in your finger, thumb, hand or chin. The tremor usually happens at rest, and when you move the extremity it may disappear. This is the most common and recognizable outward sign of Parkinson's disease, but by the time tremors start, the brain has already lost more than half of its dopamine-producing cells.

- **Slowed movement:** Over time, Parkinson's disease can slow movements, making simple tasks difficult and time-consuming. Your steps may become shorter when you walk. It may be difficult to get out of a chair. You may drag your feet as you try to walk.

- **Speech changes:** Speaking softly, quickly, slurring or hesitating before talking. Your speech may be more of a monotone rather than with the usual inflections.

- **Loss of automatic movements:** Decreased ability to perform unconscious movements, like blinking, smiling or swinging your arms when you walk.

- **Impaired posture and balance:** Stooping, leaning or slouching when you stand, and/or balance problems can all be a sign of Parkinson's.

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most of the report was just oversight. He asked Bey if she saw capacity challenges. O'Connor noted the amount of turnover last fall. He was wondering if ACCOA was fighting an uphill battle that may never be won because the means were not there.

Bey explained she wasn't sure about the capacity element at this time but thought it would be determined on how individuals become trained and what that looks like while they are going through it.

Avery was confident it was something that could be fixed rather quickly. He had already addressed every one of the issues point-by-point over the last two weeks and was in the process of putting together policies to submit a corrected plan of action.

He explained a policy manual will be put into the hands of NEMSCA and the staff. "A lot of these things were just common-sense fixes. This (report) is a good

thing; it shows glaring responsibilities that can be easily fixed internally such as hiring someone who can be an accounts payable internal auditor. Their job will be to make sure we have a penny to penny dollar to dollar resolution monthly.

"We want transparency, we want to be better. That's our goal. This is what makes us better. I've worked with Gina for five years and she knows I'm an advocate for what I do. We are working together. I want to make sure NEMSCA is encouraged. We want to be audit-ready," Avery said.

During Avery's report to the board he said at this time, all employees have a clearer understanding of their job description, they are streamlining in-home services and will be bringing in new hires to fill areas needed.

All employee files have been updated with background reports and other things that were cited in the AAA Region 9 audit report. Other citations,

such as attending regional and county meetings, were simple fixes.

"As an executive director, it is my job to make sure the ship continues to sail, but also meet and greet people on the island. We have to make community partners and make sure everyone is okay with the services. Dropping in and talking to members, talking to clients, those are the things we will be doing going forward," Avery said.

He explained new guidelines for tracking inventory and employee training have and will be instituted like training staff on Microsoft Office and Excel software programs. He explained a robust inventory protocol is now in place in the kitchen so every frozen or hot meal going out can be tracked.

Also, put into policy were adverse action notices, where if a client has a change in their service, such as services discontinued because they moved into a nursing

facility, a written letter will be sent to the client and a copy put into their file kept at ACCOA. Clients notified with an adverse action may have the option to be reassessed should their needs change.

In addition to assuring the board he would be working closely with AAA Region 9 to resolve all issues, he talked about improvements that have been made in the few weeks he has been there.

There are two new flat screen TVs, one in the common dining area and one in the board room. The dining room will project coming events to patrons, the board room flat screen will be used for meetings and training sessions.

A computer lab is in place for patron use. Avery said the goal of bringing in computers was to assist people with Medicaid, Social Security and offer general computer education like learning to use email. Training for patrons on the computer will also be con-

ducted and Avery hopes to see that grow in the future.

The ACCOA has received two grants, one for \$7,000 from Michigan Works for four employees to go through a community health worker training program. The other from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan for \$2,500 is for a Census Outreach and Awareness Initiative.

Two surveillance cameras have been installed and additional ones will be put in place to protect patrons, employees and lower ACCOA's liability insurance.

"We are working on getting a lot of things going forward. There have been stumbles, but I believe in the next year the work we are doing now will have dividends going forward," Avery said.

Schlicker reported she eats at the senior center just about every night and is hearing a lot of good things about Avery. "They (patrons) appreciate him coming out and shaking their hand and talking to them for a minute. The staff is also very pleased. Everyone thinks he is doing a great job," Schlicker said.

The board did not meet in December due to the holiday so in-home service reports were given for both November and December. In November home-delivered meals which included hot, frozen and sack lunches totaled 2,533. A total of 750 congregate meals, meals served at either the Lincoln or Glennie dining location, were served. December numbers were lower with 2,377 delivered meals and 671 congregate meals served. It was noted during December many people go and visit family during the holidays or go to warmer climates which accounts for the lower numbers.

The next ACCOA board meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. in the lower level of the Lincoln Senior Center located at 207 S. Church Street. The meetings are open to the public.

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Currently, there is no known cure for Parkinson's disease, but there are a variety of medications that can provide relief from the symptoms. In some later cases, surgery may be advised. Other treatments include lifestyle modifications, like getting more rest and exercise.

For more information, visit the Parkinson's Foundation at [Parkinson.org](http://Parkinson.org).

(Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).)

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Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

# 911 service suffers temporary outage

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Alcona County and much of northern Michigan's 911 phone service was temporarily halted when the company which supports the fiber optic phone lines lost connection in the early hours last Friday.

Jeff Brackett, director of Alcona County Central Dispatch, explained the 911 fiber-optic phone lines supported by Peninsula Fiber Network, went down at approximately 2:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31. Service was fully restored about three hours later.

"I got the call at home from my dispatcher that the lines were down and immediately tried the service from my landline phone and cell phone and the calls would not go through, it made a funny sound and then there was a weird recording something about call forwarding.

"We (Alcona County) can also text to 911. I tried that and it worked fine. The central dispatch and sheriff non-emergency numbers also worked fine. It was only the 911 phone system that went down in the county," Brackett said.

Brackett immediately notified Peninsula Fiber Network and an alert was made to the county firefighters and emergency service people. Media was also contacted so the public could be notified via television and radio to call the non-emergency phone numbers; Alcona County 911 Dispatch (989) 724-0911 or the Alcona County Sheriff Department (989) 724-6271 for emergency services.

Information with those phone numbers was also posted on Alcona County Emergency Medical Service Facebook page on social media.

Fortunately, according to Brackett, the outage occurred during a time when the county

is generally less busy and doesn't get many emergency calls.

"All calls to the sheriff's department non-emergency number during the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. are answered by 911 dispatchers and they received no calls during the outage," Brackett said.

He explained that Peninsula Fiber Network was performing some type of upgrade when it lost power. The company, which is in the Upper Peninsula, is a relatively new company to the county. It was chosen for its fiber-optic connections when the county put in a new 911 phone system about a year ago. Brackett said the system had been working well before this happened.

"It knocked out at least 18 counties in northern Michigan. We were lucky because we only lost our 911 system, some counties lost all their landline phones including personal and business lines," Brackett said. He was unsure how other larger counties who have a lot more emergency traffic between those hours fared during the outage.

According to Brackett, the outage is a rare occurrence. "In the old system with Frontier we had landlines which occasionally would get cut and we'd have an outage. Those outages typically didn't last long. We have had a whole phone system go down, but that was a very long time ago. There are a lot more safety steps now to prevent things like this from happening," Brackett said.

He explained Peninsula Fiber Network has three redundant systems in place should a break in service happen, but in this case, all three systems failed, and the lines shut down.

Peninsula Fiber Network will be performing a full investigation of the outage and will be sending out a report

by February 6 on exactly what happened.

"Their technicians were on it from the onset and they are going to make sure this doesn't happen again. I'm surprised it happened at all. I've been very impressed with this company. They are a growing company and do webinars and have a lot of different training (seminars) in place. I really like their operation. This was just a freak thing that happened," Brackett said.

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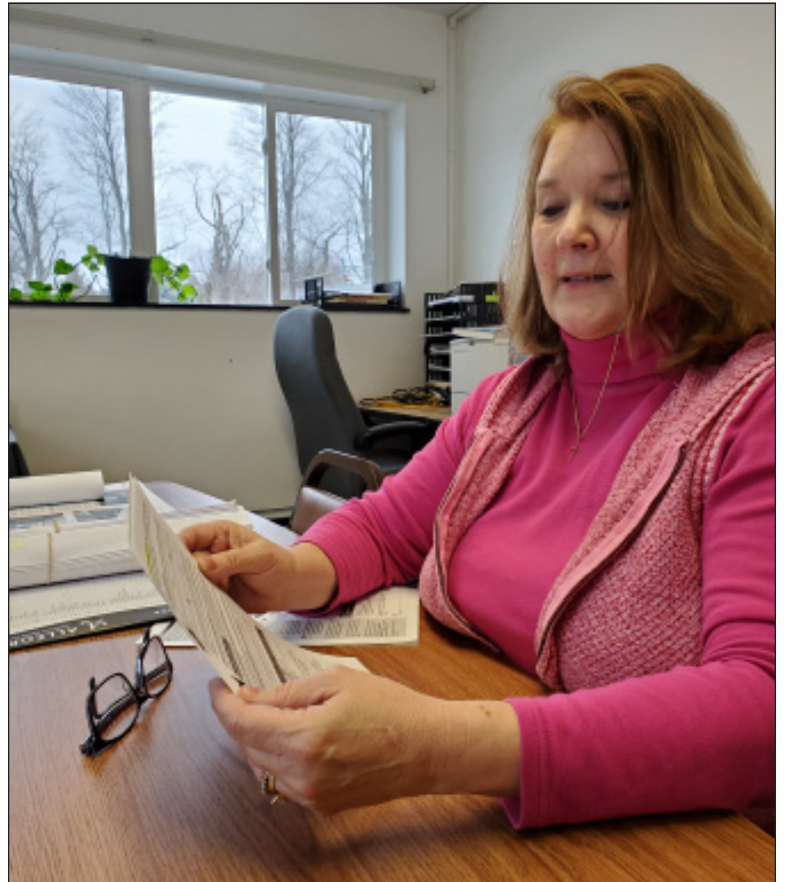
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Mike Maturen, a resident of Harrisville Township, also felt absentee voting was a good thing. Maturen was a write-in candidate for president in 2016 for 25 states and was on the ballot in Colorado. "I think voting by absentee ballot will increase voting turnout especially in areas where getting to the poll is inconvenient. Many people I spoke to during my campaign didn't vote because of the distance to get to the polls, especially in rural areas like Alcona County," Maturen said.

For others, such as Sue Fanzone of Mitchell Township, going to the polls is preferred. "If I still lived downstate in Oakland or Macomb County, I'd probably vote by absentee ballot due to the long lines at the polls, but we never have a long line in Curran. My husband and I go and vote and then we go out to breakfast."

Mikado Township Clerk Rita Sands thought it was good people could vote without going to the polls and said she likes the permanent list kept for absentee voter ballot applications. "It's good. It reminds people an election is coming up," Sands said.

So far Sands hasn't no-



Caledonia Township Clerk Kerry Scott explains the new absentee voter ballot application. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

ted any more applications than she normally gets but expects to receive more closer to March.

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# Lady Tigers storm back, tame Tawas

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

There are bigger games ahead, but last Thursday's come-from-behind 43-39 win at Tawas was certainly a big one for the Alcona varsity girls basketball team.

The Lady Tigers trailed by as much as 12 points in the second quarter and nine at the half before storming back to claim the non-conference win.

"A really big win for us," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "That's a quality win on the road against a good Tawas team. I think that this game helps our kids realize what it takes to get over the hump and win a big game on the road. It shows them what they are capable of."

Alcona entered the game without starting center Liz Henderson and combined with a hot start by the Lady Braves early on, the Lady Tigers found themselves in a 16-5 hole after the first quarter; fell behind 23-11 and 25-13 late in the half.

Alcona did get a boost heading into the locker room, when Anna Loyer drilled a three ball home from the right corner to make it 25-16 at the break.

"We told them at halftime that we were in the game, we were only down nine and just had to make a couple shots and to keep playing tough defense," Feldhiser said. "We were having a little trouble with them in man (defense) for one reason or another, so we switched to a zone."

The switch in defensive strategy certainly helped out, as it took the Lady Braves nearly five minutes to score in the third quarter, and they only scored four points total in the period.

The Lady Tiger offense got the second half on the right foot as well when Loyer began the third in the same way she ended the second -- hitting a three pointer -- this time drawing Alcona within 25-19. Kelsey Hansen, after battling for offensive rebounds on back-to-back Lady Tiger trips down the floor, was sent to the line each time and she promptly hit four straight free throws to close the gap to 25-21 and 27-23.

The Lady Braves regained a six point lead at 29-23 on their next shot attempt, though Megan Grove, who was fouled on a three-point attempt, buried each ensuing free throw to close that margin to 29-26.

Hansen continued the run by getting a 16-footer to fall and the Lady Tigers took the lead at 30-29 just before the quarter buzzer on a fast break hoop from Rachel Layton. On the play, Grove tracked down a defensive rebounded and kicked out a long pass to Layton, who breezed the other way for the go-ahead lay-in.

"We just chipped away, chipped away and the next thing you know we were back in the game," Feldhiser said. "I thought the kids played really, really good defense in the second half and we started making some shots. It was quite a while into the third and they hadn't scored yet, we can really buckle down on



Alcona's Kelsey Hansen tracks down a loose ball during Thursday's win at Tawas. Photo by Ben Murphy.

defense when we focus on it."

Layton started the fourth quarter with a pair of free throws and a tough bucket down low to extend the Alcona lead to 34-29. Tawas did rally to knot the game at 34-apiece but Alcona closed out the game on an 11-5 run, hitting seven free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"Everyone played really well and our players played a lot of minutes since we played with a short bench," Feldhiser said. "I'm proud of the kids for that."

Leading the way in the win was Grove with 15 points. Loyer finished with 11. Hansen chipped in with eight and Layton added six. Courtney Winter netted two and Lily Bilbey added one.

On Monday, Jan. 27 the Lady Tigers won a North Star League crossover game at Hale, 52-26. Alcona controlled things the entire way, leading 13-0 after one, 22-2 at the half and 42-14 entering the fourth quarter.

"We were a bit short-handed, but all eight players who dressed scored and made a good contribution," Feldhiser said. "We got off to a good start and controlled the game the rest of the way."

Rachel Layton led the team with 14 points. Karen Sharboneau had 10 and Megan Grove netted nine.

Alcona (10-3 overall, NSL Big Dipper) played at home against Whittemore-Prescott on Monday and heads to Mio on Thursday.

## Lady Tigers roll over Cougars

The Alcona varsity girls bowling team traveled to Vista Lanes in Oscoda on Saturday, Feb. 1 to compete against the Bay City All Saints Cougars.

The Lady Tigers split the Baker games but came out on top with a total of 259 to Cougar's 244.

Alcona stayed strong and swept the team games with a total of 1,499 to All Saints' 1,266. Final scoring Alcona 23, All Saints 7.

High game for Alcona went to Isabella Bates with a 193 and high game for All Saints was Chelsea Potvin with a 149.

In the second match, Alcona faced the Oscoda Owls with the Owls sweeping the Baker games with a total of 415 to the Tigers' 294. For the team event the Owls stayed strong and swept the team games 1,552 to the Lady Tigers' 1,406. Final scoring Oscoda 26, Alcona 4.

High game for Alcona was Samantha Nordstrom bowling a 173 and high for Oscoda was Tamryn Young with a 199.

In the third match, Alcona was to face the Charlton Heston Patriots, but due to illnesses they were unable to attend. Alcona bowled a Baker total of 274 and a team total of 1,540. Final scoring

Alcona 30, Charlton Heston 0.

High game for Alcona was Brielle Keyser with a 202.

Alcona's next game is February 8, when the Lady Tigers travel to Hi Skore Lanes in West Branch, Mich. to take on Whittemore-Prescott and Charlton Heston.

**Check out the Alcona Review Website**

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# Tigers get home win over Tawas

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

It was their fifth win of the season, but last Friday's 71-58 home victory over Tawas just might be the best of the bunch for the Alcona varsity boys basketball team.

The Tigers lost to the Braves 48-41 in December, but this go-around they played well from the start, which allowed for a finish on the favorable side of the scoreboard.

"It was much needed, we had a good week of practice and that helped," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "I think the pace of play helped us and we had a much better first quarter this time."

The Tigers received big first quarters from Aidan Wrobel and Mason Clark, as they netted 10 and eight points respectively in the period, allowing Alcona to take a 22-10 lead after one quarter.

Wrobel kept the hot hand in the second quarter, as he netted six of the team's 13 points. But the Braves did pull within 35-27 at the half.

D. J. Howe and Dominic Howe each hit a three in the third as Alcona continued to roll and led 51-42 entering the fourth quarter.

In the final frame, Dominic Howe hit a three and had eight points total as the Tigers played out the victory.

"It was a team effort for sure," Bilbey said. "We controlled the glass and we shared the basketball. Aidan

was tough to stop in the post and I felt Dominic had some great passes. We got the ball to Mason's side of the floor more than normal and he converted those possessions to points."

Leading the way on the night was Wrobel with 21 points. Dominic Howe scored 16 points. Mason Clark tallied 14 and D.J. Howe netted nine. Zach Stephenson and Robbie Barbato were able to net four apiece. Gavin Walker added two and Jacob Sytek had one.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28 the Tigers lost a home North Star League crossover game to sixth ranked Hale, 78-48.

"Joseph Kimmerer is an elite scorer for sure, their guard play was very good," Bilbey said of Hale. "When you add a physical and tall post player like Garrett Beebe to the mix, it gives them far too many second chance opportunities and they did a nice job of converting those attempts. We did a terrible job of rebounding and we cannot win if we are outrebounded 56 to 26. Hale

had 23 offensive rebounds and you can't let a good team get second chance opportunities."

The Eagles led 19-8 after the first quarter, 36-20 at the half and had a commanding 64-33 advantage with just the fourth quarter left to play.

Leading the Tigers was Dominic Howe with 15 points. D.J. Howe added 13. Hale's Kimmerer led all scorers with 30 points.

"We didn't give up and I'm proud of that," Bilbey said. "A big theme for us this year is perseverance. If we are willing to continue to work hard during difficult situations and battle our way out of a slump, it will bode well for us later in the season. What you do and how you carry yourself during difficult times is the true measure of what type of person you are. That philosophy will help them during this season but more importantly, will help them outside of basketball."

Alcona (5-7 overall, 1-3 NSL Big Dipper) played at Whittemore-PreScott on Tuesday and is at home to battle Mio on Friday.

## Alcona prevails over All Saints

The Alcona varsity boys bowling team hosted three matches last Saturday at Village Lanes in Harrisville.

In the first match against Bay City All Saints, the Tigers were victorious 25-5. Logan Bates (189) led the Tigers in that match. They fell short in their second match against the Oscoda Owls 10-20 after splitting two Baker games. The Tigers were led by Brenden Hudgins (234) The Owls were led by Chance Kruse (222).

Alcona won the third match against Charlton Heston due to illness causing the team to forfeit the match. Brenden Hudgins (188) was high for the Tigers. The Tigers remain in fourth place with a record of 6 and 3 on the year.

On Saturday, Jan. 25 the Tigers traveled to Hi-Skore Lanes in West Branch, Mich.

for two matches.

In the first match against the Houghton Lake Bobcats the Tigers were victorious 22-8. Alcona split the two Baker Games rolling 187 and 171. High game for the Tigers was Brenden Hudgins with 223.

The Tigers lost their second match against the first place Ogemaw Heights Falcons, 8-22. The Tigers were led by Brenden Hudgins with a 254 and Levohn Palmer pitched in with a 217. The Falcons were led by Robbie Griffin with 273.

Alcona remains in fourth place, just one win out of second.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, the Tigers will be bowling in Harrisville at Village Lanes for 3 matches. On Saturday, Feb.

8, Alcona travels to West Branch and Hi-Skore Lanes for two matches.

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UNIT	R/M	101	201	301	401	501	601	
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	M	0.9464	1.0000	0.9569	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
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	M	0.9899	0.9852	0.9846	1.0958	~	~	1.0000
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	M	0.9301	0.9940	1.0000	1.0246	~	~	1.0000
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	M	1.0380	1.0000	0.9455	1.0582	~	~	1.0000
GUSTIN	R	51.43%	49.69%	51.19%	49.01%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9722	1.0000	0.9768	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
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HAWES	R	52.12%	49.84%	49.92%	49.75%	None	None	50.00%
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	M	0.9356	1.0716	~	1.0636	~	~	1.0000
MIKADO	R	51.42%	49.22%	None	43.98%	None	None	50.00%
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**BOARDS OF REVIEW: Dates, Time, & Location of March Meetings are to be published.**

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Troy M. Somers, Director  
Alcona County Equalization Department

## Americanisms



"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."  
— Jimi Hendrix

# Calendar of Events



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The Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln is holding life skill classes on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. The first class offered is basic sewing and is open to all ages. No class fees or material costs. Limit of six participants. To register, call (248) 808-2686.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Read the paper, eat a muffin, and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Individuals whose lives are affected by depression or another mental health condition are welcome to attend Fresh Hope, a Christian-based support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:30 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.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at Robert J. Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda at 1 p.m. Kathy Bricker will discuss how the many raptors that migrate over the Mackinaw Straits get tallied in the spring and fall and the importance of that tally to the conservation of the raptor species. Refreshments will be served.

An artists' reception for Trish Davis and Carol Preuss will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 2 p.m. Refreshments provided by Friends of the Library. Artwork will be on display until March 9. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Read the paper, eat a muffin, and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

Matt Buresh from the Buresh Funeral Homes will give a presentation on funeral planning at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street, Harrisville at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. 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.

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

Enjoy fresh, buttered popcorn at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 2 p.m.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Read the paper, eat a muffin, and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Storytime and craft for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Use colorful candy to create colorful candy sushi rolls at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 1 to 2 p.m. All supplies provided. Ages eight to 18. To register, call (989) 726-6796.

An open house educational forum celebrating the National League of Women Voters' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a national call to action, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alpena County Library, 211 North First Avenue in Alpena. Everyone is welcome.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more info., call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Barton City Kid's Ice Fishing Tournament on Jewell Lake. Free for kids and young adults ages 15 and under. Registration on the ice is from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fishing tournament is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Poles, bait and holes provided and adult fishermen available for assistance. There will be free hot dogs and hot cocoa, a warming area and port-a-john. Trophies awarded at 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association.

Sock Hop at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Mel's Diner will be serving burgers, fries, malts and shakes from 5 to 7 p.m. and Rockin' Roger will start the music at 7 p.m. Dress from 1950s and 1960s. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

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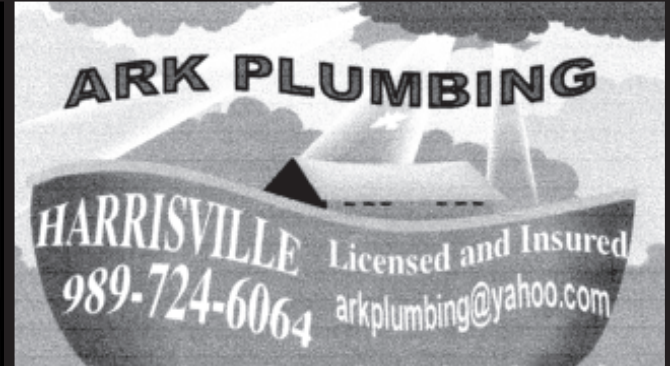
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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## TNT cow blasts \$60 out of congress

Ate \$40 in Explosive and Left Her Owner to Collect From Government

**February 5, 1920** ~ The cow that burned up Chicago, the cow that jumped over the moon, the cow that raised the fatted calf and the cow that died on the tune—they will have to recognize an addition to their celebrated quartet now.

She's the cow that ate up \$60 worth of government dynamite out in Willard, Wash., and made the wheels of congress go around until her owner got \$60.

The house paused in its consideration of weightier subjects long enough to pass the necessary bill, contributory negligence, on the part of the government road builders who left the sticks of dynamite where Bossy could eat them was the verdict.

Strangely enough, it didn't blow up the cow; it only poisoned her, but it nearly blew up the house of representatives.

The house evidently enjoyed its little excursion into the field of humor and switched from cows to false teeth.

It passed a bill to pay Michael McGarvey \$35 for a set he lost while working at the quartermaster's depot, Governor's Island, last July. The government compensation commission had refused his claim, but the house was in a compassionate mood and thought otherwise.

## Undertaker not to be blamed

**February 5, 1920** ~ Because they do not understand, many people have been criticizing W.F. Carle, undertaker, for not permitting a public funeral for the late Moses Charboneau, who died in Flint of influenza. The body was shipped home for burial.

The experience of last season's ravages from the disease led the state health board to adopt the strictest measures to prevent the spread of the disease this year, and it is upon their order that all funerals where the deceased was a victim of the flu are held privately.

In the particular case of Mr. Charboneau, Mr. Carle received the following order from the state health commissioner, by telegram: "Lansing, Feb. 2. Person shipped you today death from influenza; must not be exposed to public. Funeral strictly private. (Signed) R. M. Clin, State Health Com."

From the above it will be seen that Mr. Carle is blameless, if blame can be attached to anyone, in these matters.

## Gerson Kahns of Mikado attend wedding of son

**February 5, 1970** ~ Mr. and Mrs. Gerson M. Kahn of Mikado, returned February 1 from a trip that started Christmas morning.

After two days in Detroit with daughter Maureen and husband, Fred Wingate, they flew to Los Angeles, California. New Years Eve they attended the wedding of Miss Sherri Fern Kaplan and their son, David A. Kahn, with Steven H. Kahn acting as best man for his brother.

A family reception followed the ceremony at the home of David's great aunt.

After a honeymoon in Palm Springs the couple returned for an Open House reception given by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaplan on Sunday afternoon, January 4, in Culver City, California, for one hundred and sixty friends and relatives.

While Steven returned to his studies in Mt. Pleasant, his parents spent one week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Kahn and family in Yuba City; one week with friends in Phoenix, Arizona; five days with daughter Barbara and family in Rochester, New York then home via Detroit.

## Letter to family from local soldier in Africa

**February 1, 1945** ~ The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gauthier of Black River, from their son, Laurence.

He has been overseas more than 23 months.

Gold Coast, Africa  
January 21, 1945

My Dear Folks:

It's about time that I wrote a letter home, don't you think? Glad to hear you are all well and taking life easy. I also heard from Trena last week. Everett seems to be doing his share towards the war effort.

We had a few big league baseball celebrities here last week. Last Sunday before one of our ball games, Carl Hubell and Freddy Fitzsimmons pitched one inning each. Hubell pitched for our group team against Fitzsimmons for the Base team. Our team won the inning 2-0. Umpire Bill Summers umpired the game between our team and the Base team. No one questioned his decisions at all.

The game was broadcast over the base radio station with Harry Heilman and Bill Carmichael doing the announcing. I'm sure Dad remembers Harry Heilman. He used to broadcast the Tiger games over the Bay City Station. That evening they gave

us a little show in our theatre. It was mostly telling their experiences as a big leaguer.

My hutmate just returned from Johannesburg. From all appearances he had a swell time. On the return trip they flew over the Jungle enabling them to see many different kinds of wild animals, such as elephants, crocodiles, hippos. They also flew over the Victoria Falls and other points of interest. He said the people down there are very hospitable toward the American soldier so he had the time of his life. I may attempt to go down if they don't send me back to the States soon. At present our department head is down I'm taking his place while he's away. It's sort of a responsible job, but I like it.

Well folks give my regards to all. Hope we can all get together soon. It will be a very happy reunion.

All my love,  
Larry

### CryptoQuip answer

If a dog really likes lounging around the wharf, would you call it a dockshund?

## News of servicemen

**February 5, 1970** ~ U. S. Army, Vietnam (AHTNC)

Jan. 7— Army First Sergeant Thomas C. O'Callaghan, son of T. Clement O'Callaghan of Hale, was assigned as a combat engineer specialist with the 20th. Engineer Brigade in Vietnam December 15. His wife, Sharon, lives in Harrisville.

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(19DK0268) USS Hancock, (FHTNC) January 20— Navy Petty Officer First Class Charles R. Sweet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin E. Sweet of Mikado, is serving with the staff of the Commander of Carrier Division Nine aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hancock in the Western Pacific.

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(23DK0398) USS Home (FHTNC) January 26— Navy Fireman Apprentice Allen P. Gauthier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gauthier, and husband of the former Miss Patricia L. Boda, all of Harrisville, is serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Horne in the Western Pacific. The Horne, newest and most modern of guided missile ships, is participating in its second overseas tour of duty since its commissioning.



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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

### Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
January 26	33	29	0.007	1.9	12	N
January 27	32	28	0.00	2.9	16	N
January 28	29	25	0.00	2.6	13	NW
January 29	27	25	0.00	3.4	12	NNE
January 30	28	25	0.00	2.5	8	S
January 31	32	26	0.01	2.6	13	WSW
February 1	33	26	0.02	3.8	22	SSW

### Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2019-2020 Season		
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.10	0.6	0.35
Month of January	1.31	13.47	1.76
February to Date	0.02	0.3	0.05
Year/Season to Date	1.33	36.4	1.84

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. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many inches are in a mile?
2. **ASTRONOMY:** What does the acronym SETI mean to the scientific community?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin prefix "sub-" mean in English?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the only president to serve two nonconsecutive terms?
5. **LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century movie star penned the autobiography "Me: Stories of My Life"?
6. **HISTORY:** What was the first National Monument proclaimed in the United States?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the island of Luzon located?
8. **MOVIES:** Which sci-fi movie has the tagline, "Reality is a thing of the past"?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the name of the United States' first nuclear-powered submarine?
10. **GAMES:** What are the four railroad properties in Monopoly?

**Answers:** 1. 63,360 inches; 2. Search for extraterrestrial intelligence; 3. Below or insufficient; 4. Grover Cleveland; 5. Katharine Hepburn; 6. Devils Tower, 1906; 7. The Philippines; 8. "The Matrix"; 9. The USS Nautilus; 10. Pennsylvania, Short Line, Reading and B&O (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

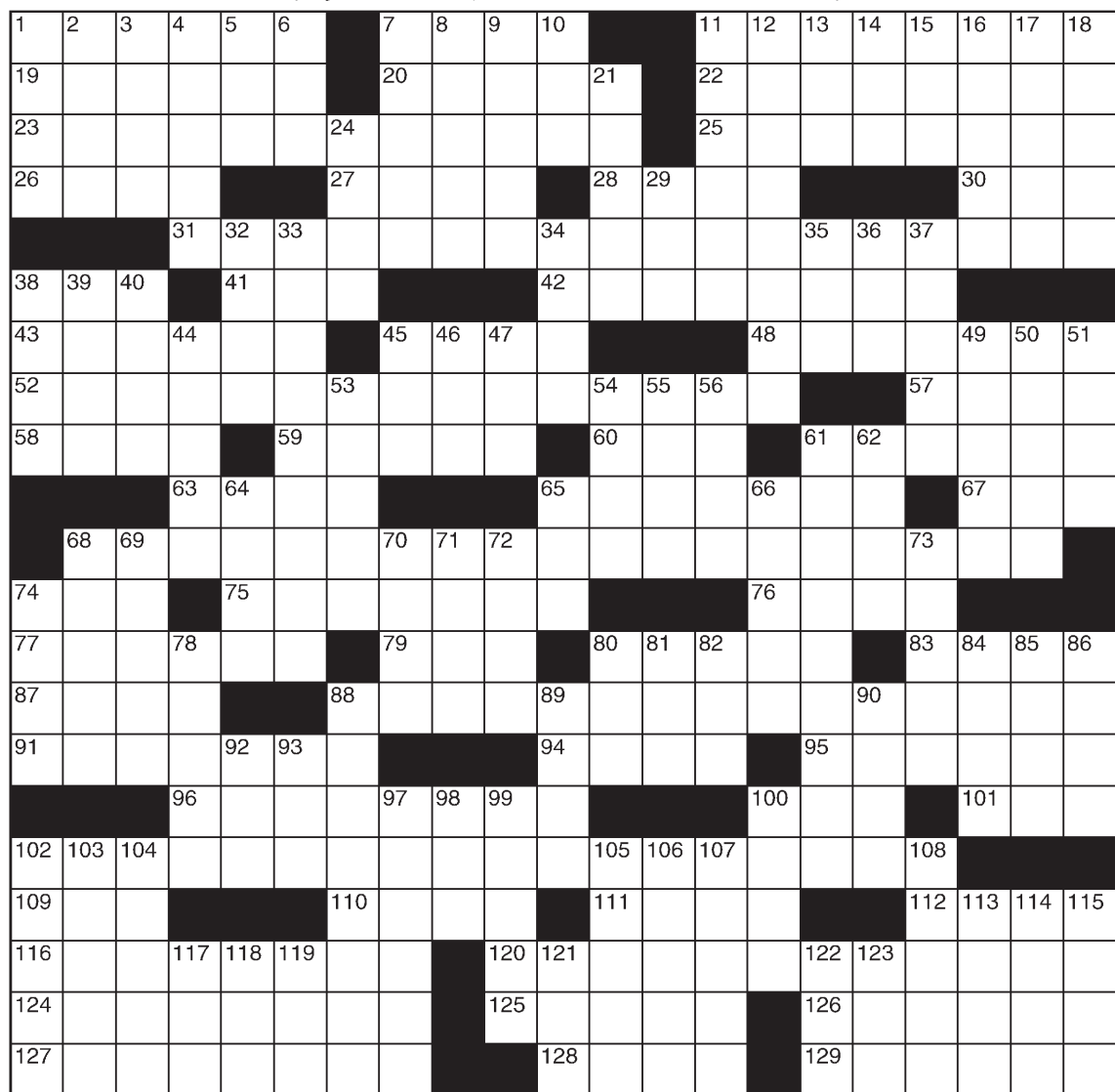
By The History Channel

- On Feb. 22, 1732, George Washington is born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. As leader of the Continental Army in the American Revolution, his success was due in part to his shrewd use of the "ungentlemanly," but effective, tactic of guerrilla warfare against British armies used to close-formation battle-line warfare.
  - On Feb. 19, 1878, the technology that made possible the modern music business comes into existence in a New Jersey laboratory as Thomas Edison creates the first device to both record sound and play it back: the phonograph.
  - On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain publishes his famous -- and famously controversial -- novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (1876).
  - On Feb. 17, 1947, with the words, "Hello! This is New York calling," the U.S. Voice of America begins transmitting its radio broadcasts into the Soviet Union. The VOA began in 1942 as a radio program designed to explain America's policies during World War II and to bolster the morale of its allies.
  - On Feb. 23, 1958, Formula One champion Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina is kidnapped in Cuba by a group of Fidel Castro's rebels. Fangio was taken from his Havana hotel the day before the Cuba Grand Prix and was released unharmed after the race ended.
  - On Feb. 21, 1970, national security adviser Henry Kissinger begins secret peace talks with North Vietnamese representative Le Duc Tho at a villa outside Paris. The North Vietnamese were demanding an unconditional U.S. withdrawal on a fixed date.
  - On Feb. 20, 1998, American Tara Lipinski wins the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, becoming the sport's youngest gold medalist at age 15.
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## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Approach intrusively</p> <p>7 Lamentor's sound</p> <p>11 Process of going bad</p> <p>19 Attach with heat, as a patch</p> <p>20 Heart sections</p> <p>22 When shows are broadcast</p> <p>23 Butler or maid</p> <p>25 Fish also called a largemouth</p> <p>26 Mop</p> <p>27 At that point</p> <p>28 CNN anchor Burnett</p> <p>30 China's Mao --tung</p> <p>31 1960s reform movement in China</p> <p>38 "Sid the Science Kid" network</p> <p>41 Tracker maker, once</p> <p>42 Convert to the Koran's religion</p> <p>43 Chevy model</p> <p>45 Suffix with towel</p> | <p>48 Korean, Thai or Chinese</p> <p>52 Precipitating heavily</p> <p>57 Big Apple sch.</p> <p>58 Off-white</p> <p>59 March composer John Philip</p> <p>60 Cease</p> <p>61 Lives (in)</p> <p>63 It lures fish</p> <p>65 Loss of memory</p> <p>67 Posed (for)</p> <p>68 "Stop thinking of me as so naive"</p> <p>74 "— recall ..."</p> <p>75 Headlined</p> <p>76 Dying words from Caesar</p> <p>77 Inflicts upon</p> <p>79 Honshu sash</p> <p>80 Small piece</p> <p>83 Ad biz prize</p> <p>87 Collaborator</p> <p>88 Person in the third decade of life</p> <p>91 Frantic scramble</p> <p>94 Correct copy</p> <p>95 Hitchcock classic</p> <p>96 Light blue avenue in Monopoly</p> | <p>100 Neat — pin</p> <p>101 Announcer Hall</p> <p>102 American flier with scarlet patches</p> <p>109 Special time</p> <p>110 Tabula —</p> <p>111 Postal letters</p> <p>112 Get in return</p> <p>116 Person</p> <p>120 What the last words of 23-, 31-, 52-, 68-, 88- and 102-</p> <p>124 Unusual</p> <p>125 1983 Streisand film</p> <p>126 Holy rings</p> <p>127 Property of a magnet</p> <p>128 Solar output</p> <p>129 Fully ready</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Bails out, e.g.</p> <p>2 Brag loudly</p> <p>3 Unconscious state</p> <p>4 Final non-A.D. year</p> <p>5 "Mayday!"</p> <p>6 Blast source</p> <p>7 — Picchu (Peruvian site of Incan ruins)</p> | <p>8 Alternative</p> <p>9 Game venue</p> <p>10 Zip</p> <p>11 Mouth liquid</p> <p>12 Billy Joel hit</p> <p>13 Planet Mork came from</p> <p>14 Suffix with social</p> <p>15 Ad- —</p> <p>16 Rare violin</p> <p>17 Undercoat for painting on wood</p> <p>18 West German city</p> <p>21 People who mimic</p> <p>24 "What's — ya?"</p> <p>29 Brother or aunt: Abbr.</p> <p>32 Tangelo trademark</p> <p>33 Tilts one's body toward</p> <p>34 Bank claim</p> <p>35 Fleur-de- —</p> <p>36 Israeli arm</p> <p>37 Poke fun at</p> <p>38 Conduit</p> <p>39 Coll. hotshot</p> <p>40 Motivate</p> <p>44 Island near Venezuela</p> <p>45 College Web site suffix</p> <p>46 Set- — (sharp fights)</p> <p>47 Old United rival</p> | <p>49 Oklahoma oil city</p> <p>50 Mosaic work</p> <p>51 Certain skin bulge</p> <p>53 "You — see this!"</p> <p>54 — Martin (cognac)</p> <p>55 British queen</p> <p>56 "Beware the — of March!"</p> <p>61 Coke Zero alternative</p> <p>62 Witch's blemish</p> <p>64 Secy., e.g.</p> <p>65 Moreover</p> <p>66 Vapor</p> <p>68 Land in water, in Italy</p> <p>69 Use, as a tool</p> <p>70 Sweat of one's —</p> <p>71 "Kill — killed!"</p> <p>72 Hold in check</p> <p>73 Small state ruled by a sovereign</p> <p>74 Eve's man</p> <p>78 Actor Max von —</p> <p>80 Rocker Barrett</p> <p>81 CBS drama</p> <p>82 Turn rancid</p> <p>84 Pet parasites</p> | <p>85 With a sharp picture, for short</p> <p>86 Hymn start</p> <p>88 Epithet for Alexander</p> <p>89 Be a ratfink</p> <p>90 Alexis I, e.g.</p> <p>92 Jackie's hubby #2</p> <p>93 Offense</p> <p>97 Almost</p> <p>98 Six-pt. plays</p> <p>99 Cry like —</p> <p>100 Amply skilled</p> <p>102 Rundown</p> <p>103 Bards' Muse</p> <p>104 Singer Hall</p> <p>105 Oven maker</p> <p>106 Spiteful</p> <p>107 Passes idly, as time</p> <p>108 Dryly funny</p> <p>113 Slaughter of baseball</p> <p>114 James with a Pulitzer</p> <p>115 Discreet call</p> <p>117 MPG monitor</p> <p>118 Chaplin's title</p> <p>119 — -fi flick</p> <p>121 Always, poetically</p> <p>122 Oldies group — Na Na</p> <p>123 "Tonka" star Mineo</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American humorist Evan Esar who came up the following definition: "Statistics: The only science that enables different experts using the same figures to draw different conclusions."
  - The Emperor Charlemagne, who conquered much of Western and Central Europe during the first century, had an unusual relationship with his daughters. He refused to allow them to get married, but he evidently had no objections to their forming, shall we say, less formal relationships. He doted on his illegitimate grandchildren and even gave money and gifts to their fathers.
  - If you look at a list of the names of the 50 states, you'll find every letter of the alphabet except Q.
  - For reasons unknown, a law in New Jersey forbids the sale of cabbage on Sunday.
  - You won't be surprised to learn that the most dangerous device that is common in the modern world is the automobile. You might be surprised to learn, though, that the second most dangerous is the stair step.
  - You've probably never heard of Countess Rosa Branicka, but she accomplished an amazing feat. In the mid-19th century, at the age of 63, the wealthy Polish noblewoman became ill. The diagnosis given by experts in Germany was breast cancer, and immediate surgery was recommended. For reasons unknown, the countess declined the treatment, then set about purchasing her own surgical instruments. Once all the tools were assembled, Branicka checked into a hotel in Paris and removed the tumor herself. Reports indicate that she healed well and quickly, and lived to the ripe old age of 82.
  - The only chemical element that is not a solid at a temperature of absolute zero is helium; it remains a liquid.
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- Thought for the Day: "One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1,000 years. To read is to voyage through time. -- Carl Sagan
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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: Z equals L

CR P FKY NVPZZM ZCJVQ ZKGEYCEY  
PNKGEF HBV SBPNR, SKGZF MKG  
APZZ CH P FKAJQBGEF?

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located on the SW corner of this legally described property being 200 feet on Barlow Road and being 250 feet in depth; and the south 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T28N, R9E, c/k/a 5150 F 41 North, Black River, MI 48721. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

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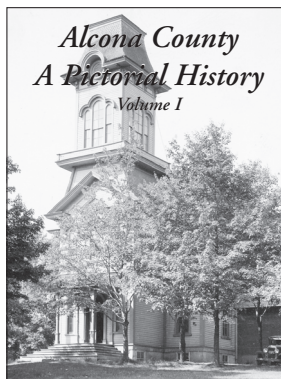
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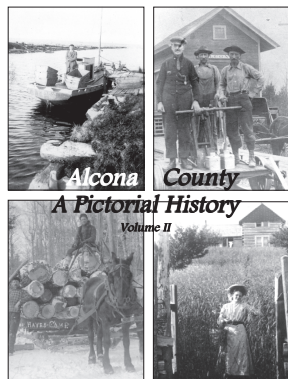
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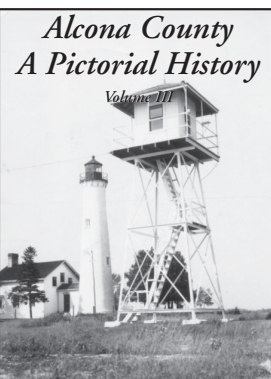
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# District shares insight locally, statewide

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

The direction Alcona Community Schools has taken in the past and its future was a topic of discussion during the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) board meeting in January.

School superintendent, Dan O'Connor, who is also a directing board member of ACCOA, discussed his recent opportunity to speak about the district to colleagues across the state at a recent Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) education conference.

"It was good to share the story of the region, especially rural schools who face an uphill battle for resources compared to the more populated regions around the state. In the talk, I focused on challenging districts around the state to look for opportunities instead of dwelling on what they didn't have access to.

"I spoke about our Grand Art program and a lot of other groups we partner with. It was a lot of fun to highlight all the things going on at school. People were blown away by our little county and all the different connections we have been able to make to try and support each other," O'Connor said.

He told the ACCOA board about the strong mental health support at the school. The school has added two mental health and behavior specialists, one being district employed and the other through Alcona Health Center (AHC), which is in addition to the therapist already on board through AHC.

"Three therapists for 700 students is really good. We are still finding behavior issues at the elementary level to be challenging. We have written another grant for a school psychologist to dig a little deeper into some of those pieces. We are optimistic we will get that grant, but won't know until the later in the spring," O'Connor said.

The school has also requested two additional grants, one to update and secure school entrances and the other to support a behavioral specialist at the elementary school.

O'Connor explained most schools have or are opting for, a tiered level of security for entry into the schools for the safety of students and staff. He equated the behavioral specialist to the Dean of Students role that Christie Thomas is filling at the high school.

"We have built up our capacity through grants and



Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor speaks to colleagues from across the state about the district at the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators Education Conference last month in Detroit, Mich. *Courtesy photo.*

creative funds quite a bit. We feel fortunate to have been able to do that and hope to continue in that way. We want to support teachers and students in the best learning environments as humanely as possible," O'Connor said.

He reported the new wrestling program was off to a good start thanks to sponsors which helped purchase the wrestling mat, the biggest cost of the program. He said 45 wrestlers are in the program, which, for a school the size of Alcona, was amazing. "We are very excited about that. We also have six or seven varsity wrestlers with zero experience who are competing at meets."

He brought up that video gaming (e-sports) may just become a Michigan High School Athletic Association sport, which made some members of the ACCOA board and community attending the meeting groan. "I know what you are thinking, how can playing video games be a sport? A lot of students are interested in it though. The more we can engage students in things they are interested in, the odds are they will be more successful in school," O'Connor said.

He explained the school board is researching preschools and daycare opportunities because of the great need in the community.

"We are trying to build a birth to five-year pipeline of support in the county after hearing from young parents who are having trouble finding daycare. It's a big project with a lot of licensing pieces to take on, but all the response we have gotten so far has been supportive. We will know more next month whether we will try to pull that off this year or if it will continue to be on our radar," O'Connor said.

The district is also talking with Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMSCA) about partnering with Head Start to spread some funds to open a third preschool classroom.

Currently, the school only has two preschool classrooms. One is the Great Start

Readiness preschool program which is a state-funded program run by the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Education Service District. The other is Head Start, which is a federal program run by NEMSCA.

Head Start is a no-cost school readiness preschool program for children whose family incomes are at or below 100 percent of poverty. At least 10 percent of enrollment slots are reserved for children with documented disabilities regardless of income.

"There are students waiting and wanting to attend a preschool who are either over income or on that threshold, which leaves them out in the cold. We have about 60 percent who have access to preschool in our district. That's not good enough. We have to try and figure out more opportunities for preschoolers," O'Connor said.

He addressed millage sinking fund monies and said the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) controls would be on the docket for this summer. "That includes every room in the district as well as the computer software program that manages those. Updating it would make us more energy efficient. If any funds are leftover, we will start looking at windows, especially windows installed in 1956."

He was unsure of whether the board will ask for a sinking fund millage renewal or not next fall and discussion is ongoing.

There is a shortage of special education teachers and the district has about 100 years of experience ready to retire and they will need to hire, according to O'Connor. "Unfortunately, there are zero special education teachers right now and even fewer than zero, if that's possible, who are looking to relocate to northeast Michigan. We are looking to create ways to try and fill those staff seats."

For further information on the school or to inquire about the special education position, call the superintendent's office at (989) 736-6212 or email Dan O'Connor at [oonnord@alconaschools.net](mailto:oonnord@alconaschools.net).

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