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# Fire claims Lincoln residence Sunday morning

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor

A Lincoln family lost their home to a fire on Sunday morning.

According to Lincoln Fire Chief Mike Serafin, no one was home when the fire started and officers from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department were at the scene before fire fighters. They checked the house and rescued the Wright family's dog.

The Lincoln Fire Department was called out at 7:54 a.m. on November 22 to a house fire on Merrick Drive in Lincoln. Upon arrival fire fighters found smoke and flames concentrated to the rear of the residence. "Flames were through the roof. Fortunately, no one was home and it was a calm day - no wind - which made easy to keep the fire away from other structures nearby," Serafin

Fire fighters cleared the scene at 12:07 p.m. Lincoln fire fighters were assisted by three other fire departments - Harrisville, Mikado and Alcona Township.

Serafin said it is a total loss and an investigation is being conducted by the insurance company and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal's department.

"It's a sad thing when anyone loses their home," Serafin said. "Everyone did a great job controlling it, so it didn't get out of control."



No one was inside this home on Merrick Drive in Lincoln when fire broke out Sunday morning. Courtesy photo.

# Gun store robbery has \$5K reward for information

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) - the trade association for the firearms industry have put up a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for the burglary of Full Bore Firearms, located at 1109 Crittenden Ct., Alpena.

At approximately 4 a.m. on November 21, at least two unknown suspects threw a brick through the front glass of the business and stole 49

firearms before leaving the scene.

This burglary is being investigated by ATF's Detroit Field Division jointly with the Michigan State Police and the Alpena County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone having information about this incident should contact ATF at (888) ATF-TIPS or (888) 283-8477). Individuals may also email ATFTips@atf.gov, or contact ATF through its website at www.atf.gov/contact/atf-

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This photo was taken from surveillance video during the break in at Full Bore Firearms in Alpena. Anyone who has information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects in this robbery will receive a \$5,000 reward. Photo courtesy of ATF.

# ACCOA hires new employees to help seniors

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) has hired three new employees to improve and develop new programs to assist seniors in the community.

In September the ACCOA hired Paul Althoff, Alcona County day center program coordinator; Meg Rice, registered nurse consultant; and Leann Hanner, in-home service coordinator.

Althoff explained although the new day center has not officially opened yet, he has been at work since September. "We hope the day center opens soon, but we are not exactly sure when that will be. I have been making sure all the policies are in place and have all the necessary forms," he said.

The day center is designed to provide respite for adult caregivers who cannot leave their loved one alone while they are running errands. It also helps clients by preventing isolation by providing socialization.

"There are two different types of day centers, one is a

medical day center, which would provide medical care. The other is the type ACCOA will offer which will be a social day center. We will be supporting personal independence in a social setting," Althoff said.

He explained clients will have to be somewhat ambulatory and, although they would be caring for people 18 years of age and older who cannot be left at home by themselves, they will not be administering any injectable medications and will not accept clients who needed a lift

to be moved. All clients utilizing day center would have to be approved by assessment before attending. Once at the center they will have all the comforts of home including a large TV to watch, games and puzzles to play, comfortable sofas and chairs to relax and read and beds to lay down.

They will also be given food and beverage and encouraged to socialize with others. "We want to appeal to their interests and allow them to feel comfortable here," Althoff

Althoff grew up in Fenton, Mich., and moved to Harrisville in June of 2019. His grandfather had a cabin in Oscoda, so he got to know the area when he was growing up. For 30 years prior, he and his wife lived in Maryland. He obtained a master's degree in psychology from Hood College in 1981.

He comes with many years of experience in the health care field including managing group homes for the developmentally disabled and working for a mental health hospital.

He is excited to see the center open. Once it does the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. "I believe this will truly benefit this community substantially. The median age group in this county is fairly high and there is a need for this type of service," Althoff

Rice comes to ACCOA with 42 years of nursing experience and took the job as a way of giving back to the com-

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# Freda Sprague

Freda Sprague, 98, died on Thursday, Nov. 19 in Black River with family.

She was born on June 24, 1922, to Guy and Stella (Black) Blankenship in Topeka, Kan.

She married Robert Sprague on Nov. 23, 1953.

She worked a number of vears for the Oscoda Area Schools food service and enjoyed being around the students.

Mrs. Sprague lived in Mikado with her husband, Bob, for 43 years, until his death. Following his death, she resided at Tawas Village in Tawas. For the last three and a half years, she lived in Black River with her with son, Don (Donna) Sprague.

She loved her family, and enjoyed quilting and baking. True to being raised in Kansas, her favorite season was the "dog days of summer."

Mrs. Sprague is survived by three daughters, Barbara



(Don) Keagy, Sandra (Jerry) Covey and Debora (Terry Wolfe) Shellenbarger; three sons, Bill Dryer, Donald (Donna) Sprague and Randy (Mary) Sprague; many grandchildren and great-grandchil-

She was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Sprague, and her husband, Robert, in July 12, 2007.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

# Lois A. Williams

Lois Anita Williams, 87, died on passed in November at the age of 87.

She was the daughter of Tom and Dorothy Bowman and wife to the late husband Kenneth Williams.

She enjoyed puzzles, painting, hot chocolate, and spending time with her fam-

by her children; Steven Forton, Linda Dolliver, Sherry (Roger) Clouse, and Celynn Middleton as well as 24 grandchildren and 22



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## John N. Leiterman

John Nicholas Leiterman, 95, died on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 at Brookdale Senior Living in Bowling Green, Ohio after complications from a hip

He was born and raised in Bach, Mich. on March 17, 1925 to Peter and Anna (Keller) Leiterman.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He married Deloris Sinkoski in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Leiterman operated the Oxhorn Tavern in Bach, Mich. for approximately 18 years. It was about a mile from where he grew up.

After selling the business the Leitermans took a sixweek vacation in Europe. His second career was working at Michigan Sugar as a maintenance supervisor until he retired.

In retirement, he was a member of several service organizations and felt strongly about the mission of the American Legion. In addition, he volunteered at the Senior Center, delivered Meals on Wheels and worked at the bingo hall.

As an adult it bothered him that he never finished high school but chose instead to help his father on the family farm. He decided to take classes at the Oscoda Area High School and received his degree at the age of 76.

Wayne A. McGregor, 81, of

Barton City, died on Sunday,

Nov. 15, 2020 at University of

Michigan Hospital in Ann

to Emery and Evelyn (San-

born) McGregor in Barton City, where he was raised.

He was born May 5, 1939

On November 30, 1963, he

married Linda A. Smith in Pontiac, Mich. They were

residents of Grand Blanc,

union committee man and

skilled trades millwright while

working at General Motors

Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in

Flint, Mich. and retired from

AC Delco when the factory

closed. He was a member of

the Barton City Eagles Club

formed the original Barton

City baseball team, which won

a state championship. He was

baseball player, coach, score

keeper, and umpire. He en-

joyed playing cards and

spending time in the out-

doors, especially hunting and

by one daughter, Julia (Will-

iam) Boland; two sons, Jo-

seph (Cheryl) McGregor and

Wayne (Jane Strudgeon)

McGregor; seven grandchil-

dren, Justin (Rachael) Bo-

Mr. McGregor is survived

He loved baseball, and

Aerie No. 4141.

fishing.

Mr. McGregor served as a

Arbor, Mich.



by one daughter, Donna (Klaus) Burke of Perrysburg, Ohio; two sisters, Lillian Retzler of Sebewaing, Mich. and Kathryn Avery of Reese, Mich.; five grandchildren, Andrea (Pat) Gibbons, Lily Leiterman, Danielle (Matt) Mairn, Annie Trotter and Nick (Elida) Leiterman; nine greatgrandchildren; and special friend, Uneta May Bishop.

He was preceded in death by one son, Clyde Leiterman.

Burial will be in St. Agatha Catholic Cemetery in Gagetown, Mich. in a private service at a later date.

Memorial donations may be given to the Sebewaing American Legion Post No. 293 or the Mikado American Legion Post No. 254.

Arrangements handled by Juengel & Mellendorf Funeral Mr. Leiterman is survived Home in Sebewaing, Mich.

# the Editor To the Editor,

I was taught from a child to always respect our law enforcement officers and our president, no matter which party he stands for.

Letter to

President Trump has been our president for almost four years (with little respect) and now it seems as though some people don't know how to spell his name yet.

We received an insert in our local newspaper, which was nice and informative, but as I read down the list the of 41 candidates, our president's name was the only one misspelled. So sad, and a lack of respect.

> Daisy Bradley **Barton City**

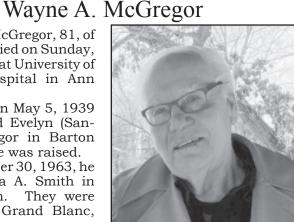
(Editor's Note: The misspelling of President Trump's name had nothing to do with lack of respect or anything else. It had to do with a late-night gathering of election results. It was simply, and regrettably, a mistake. We respect and support President Trump. We apologize for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.)

# Robbery

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tips. Tips may also be submitted to ATF using the ReportIt® app, available on both Google Play and the Apple App Store, or by visiting www.reportit.com.

This reward is part of a larger national cooperative initiative between the NSSF and ATF in which NSSF matches ATF rewards in cases involving the theft of firearms from federally licensed retailers. ATF works closely with the members of the firearms industry to curb the criminal acquisition and misuse of fire-



land, Meghan Boland, Jessica (Jake) McGregor Gabbert, Allison McGregor, Jack Strudgeon, Brookelyn Strudgeon, and Trevor (Brittany) Woodruff; three great grandchildren, Lulu Boland, Lily Woodruff and Aurora Woodruff; five sisters, Violet Bethuy, Helen Indish, Jodie (Tony) Phelps, Anita "Kitt" (Larry) King, and Loretta (Dick) Kowalski; two brothers, Freeman Scott "Joe" McGregor and Burton (Mary) McGregor; and his fiancée, Joe Ann Wilson Angel.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda, on December 25, 2017, and an infant son, Charles McGregor on June 22, 1979.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Barton City. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



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ily. Mrs. Williams is survived

great-grandchildren.

May God give her rest.



Private arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes.

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# Calendar of Events



#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

All branches of the Alcona County Library will be closed for Thanksgiving.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

All branches of the Alcona County Library will be closed.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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.



# Local Notes

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#### Senior Menu

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) is not serving meals in the Senior Center until further notice. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (989) 736-88798 or (989) 334-3466

#### **Office Closed**

The Alcona County Road Commission has closed its business office to all in-person activities per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recent pandemic orders. This decision was made to prioritize the health of its community and employees during the coronavirus outbreak.

"We need to do all that we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among our crew and in our county," said Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Road Commission managing director. "The road commission provides critical and essential services to our community. Our employees need to be in good health to respond to weather related issues. Our crews will still be ready to respond to all seasonal road emergencies during this time and we will still work closely with law enforcement to assist them in any way we can."

The Alcona County Road Commission will continue to monitor the safety of roads as this pandemic runs its course. The road commission is still under contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation to maintain 154 lane miles of state roads as well as ensuring local roads remain navigable.

Anyone who encounters an emergency on the roads, should call 911. For all other inquiries, the Alcona County Road Commission administrative staff will still be working remotely to assist residents. Contact the Alcona County Road Commission via phone (989) 736-8168 ext. 1, email to roads@alconacrc-.com, visit the website to obtain permits online at www.alconacrc.com, or via private message to the Alcona County Road Commission Facebook page.

#### **Remote Learning**

As a result of two confirmed positives and other probable cases during the last week, the Alcona Community Schools has been experiencing multiple classroom and staff quarantines. As a result of staffing challenges, Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community Schools superintendent announced that the entire district has changed to remote learning as of Monday, Nov. 23.

He said the school district is anticipating a return to face-to-face learning on

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#### Dennis K. Gehres

I, Dennis Karl Gehres, have kicked the bucket. I was able to stay in my home until the end because of the great teamwork from my amazing family.

I'm the lucky one, I'm in heaven, but I leave behind many fond memories and family and friends.

On earth I enjoyed hunting, golfing, bowling, swimming, horseback riding, sleigh riding, playing baseball, basketball, football, and cutting many loads of firewood; all while spending precious time with my family and friends. Just being outside in God's beauty was always refreshing.

I was born on November 3, 1940 and left this earth on November 19, 2020.

My various jobs started when I was a young teenager delivering the Alpena News for about 4 years from my bicycle to 80 customers in and around Lincoln. During my high school summers I also worked for Elmer Deller on Wurtsmith AFB as a construction laborer and for French and Lorraine Bates as a stock boy at their Lakeside Party Store in Lincoln.

After my high school graduation in 1959, myself and three other friends, Carl Moore, Bill Green, and Bob Krumbach went to work for the old Tool and Dye shop in Harrisville (just north of the State Park) for about 2 years. I then went to work for Garnet Steadman at Steadman Brothers in Harrisville where I was their bookkeeper for 6 years. During the last two years at Steadman Brothers, I also had a part time job at the Alcona County Courthouse as the addresso-graph.

In the mid 60s, the State of Michigan passed a law that each county must have an Equalization Director. So, on January 2, 1966, I began my life-long career for the county until I retired in 2004 after 38 years. During those 38 years, I also had many jobs as assessor and often worked with all the Alcona



County Township supervisors and county commissioners.

I was a long time member of the Lincoln United Methodist Church, where I served as treasurer for many years.

I leave behind my beautiful wife of 59 years, Lois Ann (Dunn) Gehres; one sister, Gail (Gehres) Frusti of Norco, Calif.; five children, Tina Gehres of San Diego, Calif., Kathy (Gehres) and Rusty Hale of Harrisville, Deborah (Gehres) and Craig Mulligan of Middleville, Mich., Steven Gehres and Julie Anderson Middleville, Mich., and John Gehres of Gwinn, Mich.; many grandchildren, James Kinnee and Tori Volmer, Aaron Kinnee and Cindy Perez, Kelly (Kinnee) and Wayne Harper, Russell and Chantal Hale, Michael Torz, Nicole Gehres, Tyler Gehres, Jordan Gehres and Thomas Pajor, Adam Gehres, Madison Gehres, and Abigail Gehres; four great-grandchildren, Lilly Harper, Dakota, Drake, and Delilah

I was preceded in death by my parents, Sylvia (Lasanen) and Leonard Gehres, and my younger brother, Gary.

I want all to know that I truly enjoyed my life and God bless you.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at 4 p.m. at Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln. The Rev. Martha Hartman Stuart will officiate. Memorial donations are suggested to Hospice of Michigan.

# William S. Roorda

William Simon Roorda, 96, of Harrisville, passed away peacefully at dawn on 14 November 2020, at his Lake Huron home.

Bill was proud of being a stowaway from Holland in utero with Elizabeth Cornelia "Bep" Verstijnen Roorda, of Amsterdam, when she immigrated to America. He was born in Detroit on 19 December 1923, the son of Hendrik "Henry" Roorda, of Enk-huizen, Holland, who left his career as a first engineer on oceangoing ships to come to the USA. Dutch was little Billy's first language, and his pronunciation remained excellent throughout his life, kept up during frequent trips to visit his close relatives in The Netherlands.

He grew up in Melvindale and Grand Rapids, graduating from South High School. The 6-foot-2 Bill met another graduate of South High, the lovely and statuesque Pearl Elaine Carpenter, six feet in her stocking feet, a model and art student, at a tall persons' club. They wed in 1952, and were married for 53 happy years.

Bill served honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II, discharged as a corporal in 1946.

He worked his way through General Motors Technical Institute, now Kettering University, in Flint, and had a distinguished career as a professional engineer at GM and other corporations, as plant manager, among other positions of authority. He contributed to workers' safety by writing standards for stamping presses that are still in force.

Nearing the age of 65, Bill formed Alcona Associates, Inc., and became a consultant and expert witness in product liability cases, delaying his retirement until the age of 90. His career took him all over the world, and he also traveled widely for pleasure, with family and friends. Hiking and canoeing were major themes in his life, with Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior being a special favorite on his long list of destinations.

He also relished ocean voyages, preferably aboard the ships of the Holland America Line, which he remembered fondly from his boyhood passages across the Atlantic. In his later years, he enjoyed reviewing photographs of his previous



adventures and writing about them, assembling travelogues in thick albums, which lined the bookshelves of his home in Harrisville. He gave copies to his travel companions.

He was the longtime assistant scoutmaster of his sons' Boy Scout troop, and later, he agreed to serve as the first dcoutmaster of a BSA troop formed to serve disadvantaged, multi-ethnic boys in Lansing. Enrollment in Troop 444 swelled when word got out at middle school how much fun it was to go camping with Mr. Roorda, and soon Bill was literally showing the ropes to 20 tenderfoot scouts.

Snowbirds for two decades, Pearl and Bill spent their time golfing and beachcombing in Harrisville and Venice, Florida. He was an active member of the Alcona Historical Society, frequently to be found sitting in the Bailey Schoolhouse or perched at the top of the lighthouse tower at Sturgeon Point, where he enjoyed being a docent, interacting with families, and imparting morsels of history in his friendly way.

Bill is survived by four children: twins Alida Kay "Leedee" (Steve) Berryman and Randall Keith (Susan Cobin), Terence Edward (Rita Getzen), and Eric Paul (AE Dee Doyle); seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; his sister-in-law, Joanie Roorda; and his brother-in-law, Keith Carpenter.

He was predeceased by Pearl in 2005, his brothers, Henry and Edward, and his sister-in-law, Joyce O'Krent.

Gillie's Funeral Home in Harrisville will carry out Bill's wish to be cremated, with his ashes to be placed with Pearl, at Mt. Joy Cemetery, overlooking Lake Huron

Contributions in his memory made to the charity of the donor's choice would be deeply appreciated.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2021 General Fund Budget on December 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.





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# Administration of survey upsets parents of Alcona students

By Cheryl Peterson *Editor* 

Parents and guardians of students in Alcona Elementary and Alcona Middle schools are upset and/or outraged about a health risk profile survey that was administered without parental review and included inappropriate questions meant for high school students.

According to Dan O'Connor, superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, a survey of this type had not been used within the school district prior to this school year. It was "strongly recom-mended" in the MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to Schools Road Map a 63-page document issued by the governor's office — which outlined "required" and "strongly recommended" details for planning and implementing programs, and protocols for assigned phases of operating regarding COVID-19.

Page 29 of the document details "Mental and Social-Emotional Mental Health" with the first paragraph stating, "encourage schools to

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implement a mental health screening for all students by a trained professional, if possible. Any screening should be compliant with HIPAA and FERPA policies. Screening instructions (offered verbally to younger students) should provide age-appropriate and transparent disclosure of protocols in place to protect confidentiality while adhering to mandated reporting guidelines."

It is up to each school district to plan the screening process, including finding and implementing the screening process, which was supposed to be an age-appropriate survey for students in grades two through twelfth

fusion as to what links would go to the appropriate survey for specific grade levels.

"Parental permission was supposed to happen. Whether the links were confused or not, parents should have had the ability to preview and decide whether it was appropriate or not," he said. His fourth-grade daughter was one of the students who were exposed to the questions.

"Ultimately, I'm responsible for protecting the students from this type of content, especially without parental permission. I accept responsibility, and whatever consequences come my way,"

O'Connor said.

He explained that he and

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~ Dan O'Connor Superintendent Alcona Community Schools

to complete once parents decided whether their child would participate.

Unfortunately, O'Connor explained, the parental approval process did not get implemented. Then, a Rapid Adolescent Prevention Screening (RAAPS) survey meant for high school students was given to fourth through eighth grade students – approximately 150 to 200 students.

The topics covered in the 32 question "health risk profile" included diet, activity level, seatbelt/helmet use, threats received in person or online, physical abuse, nicotine/alcohol/drug use, sexual activity, sexual preference, depression/self-injury, safety at home, lack of heat, water, food. homelessness, health issues for missing school, and discrimination.

"Mistakes were made in not notifying parents and stopping the process along the way. There was also constaff members "have been very up-front about the mistakes made and commitment to repairing trust." Additionally, a new school success worker began work in the district on Monday, Nov. 16 to fill a vacancy that opened on November 13. School success workers are employees of the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency.

"While I wasn't involved immediately, once I was, I stopped the administration of the survey and communicated with families that same afternoon. To continue to demonstrate ownership and commitment to repairing trust, I hosted a Q and A session the same week for families. We offered free counseling for students/families involved," O'Connor said.

He explained that the results have been destroyed by the company that the district purchased the surveys through—confirmed in an email, voicemail, and follow up phone call.

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# Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of November 16-22, 2020

67 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Domestic; 1 Warrant Arrest.

| <u>Complaint Statistics</u> |    |                      |    |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| Car/Deer Accidents          | 10 | Traffic/Traffic Stop | 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Warrant Arrest              | 1  | Assist               | 6  |  |  |  |  |
| Animal/Dog                  | 8  | Miscellaneous        | 2  |  |  |  |  |
| Well Being Check            | 3  | Suspicious Event     | 4  |  |  |  |  |
| Alarm                       | 3  | Abandoned Vehicle    | 1  |  |  |  |  |
| Fire/Power Lines            | 3  | Threats              | 2  |  |  |  |  |
| Littering                   | 1  | Open Door            | 1  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic                    | 1  | Larceny              | 1  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil                       | 1  | Burglary             | 1  |  |  |  |  |

#### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

| Alcona           | 6 | Caledonia       | 3    |   | Curtis      | 8  |
|------------------|---|-----------------|------|---|-------------|----|
| Greenbush        | 3 | Gustin          | 3    |   | Harrisville | 11 |
| Hawes            | 8 | Haynes          | 5    |   | Mikado      | 5  |
| Millen           | 1 | Mitchell        | 4    |   |             |    |
| Harrisville City | 6 | Village of Lind | coln | 4 |             |    |

# How to claim Social Security benefits during the pandemic

Dear Savvy Senior,

With my local Social Security offices being closed due to COVID-19, what is the best way to apply for my Social Security retirement benefits?

Approaching 62

Dear Approaching,

Because of the pandemic, all Social Security field offices across the country have been closed since March, so you can't just walk-in, talk to a counselor and apply for benefits in person right now. But there are other ways to claim your benefits that are much easier and quicker. Here's what you should know.

#### How to Apply

The easiest and most convenient way to apply for your Social Security benefits during the pandemic is to do it yourself online at Social-Security.gov. It usually takes around 15 minutes to complete the application, as long as you've gathered all of the required information and documentation (more on that at the bottom of the column). You can also save your application as you go, so you can take a break at any time.

If your situation is complicated or you're uncomfortable using the Internet to apply, you can have a Social Security employee assist with the process via telephone. To make an appointment call (800) 772-1213. If you're hearing impaired, you can call (800) 325-0778.

The phones are monitored Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. At the time of your appointment, the representative will call you.

If you start to complete the online application form but find that it's too confusing or complicated, call the agency and set up a phone appointment.

Once you have submitted your application, a representative may contact you with updates or questions about your application. You can also check the status of your application by signing in to your



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"my Social Security" account at SSA.gov/myaccount.

#### When to Apply

You should file one or two months before you want benefits to begin, but if you're the worrying type, you can do it up to three or four months before. It takes a little time to process the paperwork, so by putting in your application a few months early, you can fix any problems that come up without it interfering with your starting date.

It's also worth noting that if you start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits before age 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

But if you decide to delay your retirement benefits, you'll need to sign up just for Medicare at age 65, which you can also do at Social-Security.gov or over the phone at (800) 772-1213.

#### **Need Information**

In order to apply for Social Security benefits online or over the phone, you'll need to be able to document some information about your identity and work history. So before applying, have the following information handy:

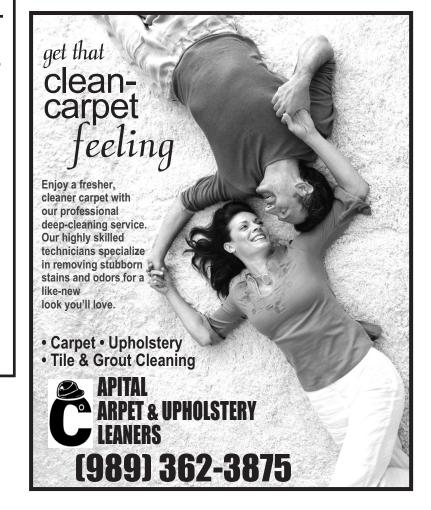
- Your Social Security number
- Your birth certificate (original or certified).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status if you

were not born in the United States.

- A copy of your U.S. military service papers if you had military service before 1968.
- A copy of your W-2 forms and/or self-employment tax return for last year.
- Your bank information (including your account number and the bank routing number) where you want your benefits direct deposited to.

For a complete checklist of what you'll need to complete your application, see SSA.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf.

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





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Bruce and Lillian Bigham had a successful hunt this year at their private camp outside of Harrisville. Lillian (left) bagged an eight-point buck opening day at 2:35 p.m. despite the bad weather.

Bruce (below) shot a 10-point buck on Thursday, Nov. 19. He has been hunting for several years. This was his first 10-point. *Courtesy photos*.







Gregg Schefferly of Lincoln shot this seven-point buck on opening morning in the area of Sucker Creek Road area. *Courtesy photo.* 

# ACCOA Continued from page 1

munity and to keep herself busy. "I failed at retirement," she said smiling.

Since September, Rice has been the clinical eyes and ears of ACCOA. She signs off on care plans which are needed to be able to offer many of the programs the senior center has such as respite, in-home services, meals and the new day center. "I am also assisting with some assessments of clients for services," Rice said.

more people take advantage of the programs here," Rice

Hanner has been the In-Home Service Coordinator since September and is enjoying the work, despite the fact that the need is far greater than what ACCOA can currently provide. She is actively seeking new employees to help with the in-home services, namely: homemaking, personal care and respite care.

Currently, ACCOA has

not know them, but when I mention my mom's name, Elaine Swales, clients will tell me they knew my grandparents. They tell me stories about them I've never heard before. It's a lot of fun.

"I've worked some great jobs in the past and always try to take a positive outlook on things. This is the first place I have ever worked where we truly work together. We work hard, we support each other, but we also have



Three new employees help seniors at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (from left) Meg Rice, registered nurse consultant; Paul Althoff, Alcona County day center program coordinator; and Leann Hanner, in-home service coordinator. Photo by Mary Weber.

Rice grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich. and attended Washtenaw Community College, spent two years at Hurly School of Nursing and graduated from Providence Hospital School of Nursing. She worked for the Oakwood Health Care system for over 40 years. "My passion was discharge planning and case management and I loved working with seniors," Rice said.

She has been busy becoming familiar with all ACCOA programs and has been building her network to assist clients, such as getting to know the different Hospice agencies and developing relationships with local Department Health and Human Service (DHHS) employees. She is also researching resources to assist seniors with ramps and other equipment.

"I want everyone to know about the senior center and what we offer. I want to see about 80 clients receiving inhome services with only seven daycare providers who work five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She said COVID-19 is also playing havoc with her scheduling as she not only has to make sure her employees are healthy to go into the homes they service, but the people in the homes are healthy as well.

"People are missing out on services. It is aggravating, but we certainly don't want to endanger anyone," she said.

Hanner was born and raised in Alcona County and graduated from Alcona High School in 1991. She worked for the University of Michigan as an account payable supervisor for 26 years.

Hanner said the best part of the job is talking to clients, but she also enjoys the people she works with.

"Growing up here I recognize certain names. I might a lot of fun in the process. The direct care providers here truly love their job. They love going out and helping people. I know everyone here makes my day better. I hope I do the same for them," Hanner said.

Anyone seeking employment as a direct care provider can call Hanner directly at (989) 334-3467. To reach out for future ACDC services, call Paul Althoff at (989) 334-3473. Meg Rice can be reached at (989) 334-3466, extension 20.

The ACCOA is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions, but employees are still working and they have not discontinued in-home services. To find out more about what ACCOA offers, visit Alconaseniors.org.

# Do You **Have News** We can Use?

Call the Alcona Review at 724-6384 or e-mail to: editor@alconareview.com

#### NOTICE: CANCELLED

The meeting scheduled to be held on December 2, 2020 by the Harrisville Township Planning Commission has been cancelled due to the Emergency order from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. This meeting will be rescheduled at a later



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The Pocket Park will be located on Main Street in Harrisville next to the railroad tracks (there is a sign at the location).

Brick purchases are fully tax deductible. All proceeds from brick sales will benefit the City of Harrisville Pocket Park fundraising campaign.

If you have questions, please email Becky Bean: beckybean48@gmail.com



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Wednesday, Dec. 9 for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

• Students/families will receive communication from their teacher on the remote learning expectations and will be in touch on details for the remaining days and learn-

• Additional supplies will be offered through grab and go or delivery next week.

• Ninth through 12th-grade students can continue to access the Internet and support in the auditorium during the shift to remote learn-

• The district plans to open learning labs for K-5 and 6-8 in the buildings starting November 30 to access the Internet and support for students to spend the day if needed.

For more information, contact the district office at (989) 736-8685.

#### **COVID-19 Testing Info.**

The Michigan Department

Sassamanash (the native American word for this The Sarden autumn fruit) grows in boggy areas on evergreen shrubs up to 7 feet long and 2-8 inches high. In his 1588 book The Land of Virginia, Thomas Hariot describes local Cranberries tribesmen offering gifts of containers of cranberries to Europeans. The first published recipe for cranberry sauce appeared in the Pilgrim Cookbook in 1663. Appreciation for this fruit grew, and in 1703 fresh cranberries were served at the Harvard University commencement dinner. Brenda Weaver

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of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has launched a new online test finder tool at Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest with filters that allow users to find the closest testing sites that meet their needs. Using these new filters, Michiganders can locate test sites that are no cost, that test people who do not have symptoms, do not require a doctor's order, or are for uninsured individuals. For select testing sites, users can schedule an appointment online.

The department is also working with Northeast Michigan 211 to help residents find test sites and register for testing over the telephone. Anyone who calls the Michigan COVID-19 hotline Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at (888) 535-6136, and presses 1 will be transferred automatically to a 211 operator who can help the caller find testing sites and, for select sites, schedule an appointment.

"As Michigan works to expand testing sites, it's also important to make it as easy as possible for people to iden-

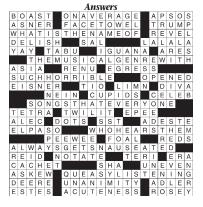
tify testing locations and simplify their testing experience," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "We continue to work to eliminate barriers to testing so we can identify and contain COVID-19 as much as possible."

In recent weeks Michigan has expanded its criteria for COVID-19 testing to encourage even people who are not showing symptoms to be tested - such as those who are at risk because they work in a congregate facility or other high-risk setting (such as a nursing home, jail, prison, homeless shelter, assisted living facility) or frequently interact with the public.

According to Khaldun, residents should get tested immediately if they feel sick, if someone close to them feels sick or if they work outside the home. There are over 300 test sites in Michigan, including many sites that offer testing at no cost to the patient.

Information around the COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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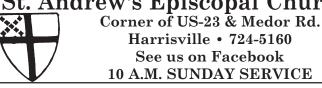




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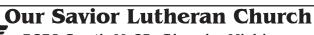
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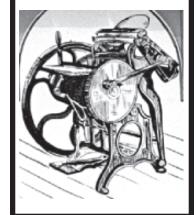


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The new business will be known as Katona Electric, and will carry a full line of electrical merchandise in a number of nationally known makes, including the Hotpoint and Bendix Home Appliances. He will also have a complete line of electric wiring supplies and sundries.

The building, housing the business was recently completed and is of cement block construction. It is an asset to the town and the best wishes of his many friends are extended to Mr. Katona for the success of his undertaking.

# Black River church dedicated

Bishop Richter Conducts the Ceremony,which was Impressive

November 22, 1895 ~ Probably what was the most important event in religions lines to occur in Black River for years, was the dedication of the new Catholic church here on Thursday of last week.

The ceremony was commenced on Wednesday evening, when the silvertoned bell that now announces the passing hours of the day and calls worshipers to their respective places on Sunday, was blessed and hung high in the belfry. High mass was celebrated on Thursday morning at an early hour by the Rev. Bishop Richter and several talented musicians from Alpena, conducted by Prof. Gauthier.

The dedication exercises were very impressive as conducted by the Bishop, and the impressions made were such as will not soon be forgotten.

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After the dedication services a large class was confirmed, the first to receive the rite in the new church, and in fact, in this place.

The little church is one that was greatly needed here as there is a large congregation, and their holding of worship was conducted under difficulties in the times past.

Alger Smith & Co. donated the ground, and now that the building is completed, paid for and dedicated, it stands a monument to the integrity of Rev. Fr. Ducette, who labored untiring until the last. The structure, aside from donations of land, etc., cost \$2,000 Mr. LaFlame has been appointed to care for the church.

Services are held regularly and are largely attended.

# Gold found on Fleming farm in Haynes Township

"About two months ago while digging a well upon the farm, Mr. Fleming unearthed a mineral which he suspected might be the precious article and sent several samples to various assay offices to have it tested. So far but one reply has been received and that confirmed his suspicions as to the value of the find, the assayer pronouncing it gold." The article, from the Alcona County Herald on November 15, 1912, further states that several other holes were dug and gold was found in every instance, both nugget and dust form.

In February 1913 a \$40,000 Haynes Mining and Development Company was formed, an office set up in Harrisville, stock certificates were printed and selling began. In the spring of 1913, Yuill's mill cut the timber for the project. By June 19 a shaft was down 75 feet and going down at the rate of eight to nine feet a day. At this point they ran into water and had to set up a pump to remove it. No gold yet!

At the annual meeting of the company's board of directors in February 1914, it was announced that the company had made arrangements for further development work with a

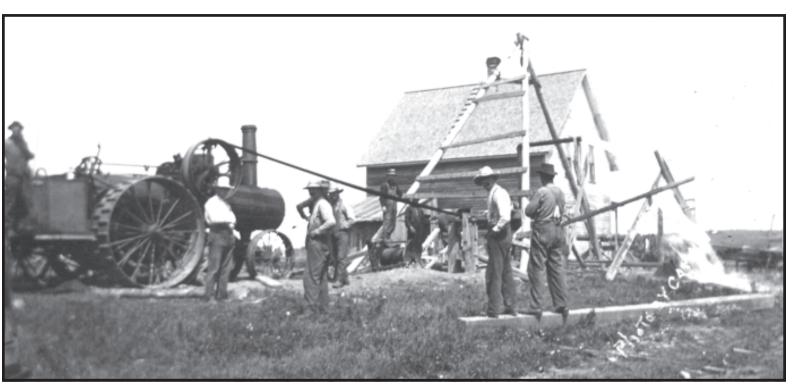
Saginaw concern, the Michigan-Yukon Corporation. When this happened real estate in Haynes began to change hands at a fast pace. Why? Because there was gold!

October 22, 1914 the Alcona County Review reported the gold mine is proving a success. After this, things were very quiet until February 1921, it was rumored that operations would again be started at the Fleming gold mine.

By now many of the local folks were a bit skeptical, along with Alcona County Prosecutor Dehnke. In March 1921, he stopped the sale of stock. The money that had been received from the sale of stock was turned over to Dr. A. R. Miller of Harrisville, who acted as trustee for the stock buyers until legal matters could be resolved.

July 1921, the Michigan-Yukon Company was ordered to return all stock monies, because the company had never applied for a license to sell stock.

We will never know if this started as a joke or if it was a planned scheme to get rich.



Pump at work at the gold mine on Fleming's farm.

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| Year to Date    | 21.55                          | 19.51       | 25.96         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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# Trivia Test





2. MOVIES: Which 1989 movie contains the line, "Have you ever danced with the devil by the pale moonlight?"?

3. U.S. STATES: Which state's official flower is the Rocky Mountain Columbine?

4. LITERATURE: Which 17th century Spanish novel includes the line, "Wit and humor do not reside in slow minds"?

**5. HISTORY:** How many crewed moon landings has the United States made so

**6. TELEVISION:** Which 1980s sitcom features a character named Al Bundy?

7. LANGUAGE: What action is described in the term nephelococcygia?

8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is cyan?

9. MUSIC: Which group had the 1989 hit "Love Shack"?

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Answers: 1. Africa; 2. "Batman" (The Joker); 3. Colorado; 4. "Don Quixote"; 5. Six; 6. "Married ... With Children"; 7. Finding shapes in clouds; 8. Greenish blue; 9. The B-52's; 10. Enlargement of the thyroid gland (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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• On Nov. 28, 1582, William Shakespeare, 18, and Anne Hathaway, 26, pay a 40-pound bond for their marriage license in Stratford-upon-Avon. Six months later, Anne gives birth to their daughter, Susanna, and two years later, to

• On Nov. 27, 1868, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer leads an early-morning attack on a band of Cheyenne in Oklahoma. Custer did not attempt to identify the group of Cheyenne, or to make even a cursory reconnaissance. Had he done so, he would have discovered that they were peaceful people and the village was on reservation soil.

• On Nov. 26, 1922, in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists become the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen's tomb in more than 3,000 years. Inside were several thousand priceless objects, including a gold coffin containing the mummy of the teenage king.

• On Nov. 29, 1942, coffee joins the list of items rationed in the United States during World War II. Butter, sugar and milk had been rationed earlier. By the end of the year, cars were limited to 3 gallons of gas per week.

• On Nov. 23, 1966, Elvis Presley's 22nd film, "Spinout," in which Elvis played a singing race car driver, opens in theaters.

• On Nov. 24, 1971, a hijacker calling himself D.B. Cooper parachutes from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 into a raging thunderstorm over Washington state. He had \$200,000 in ransom money and was wearing only wraparound sunglasses, a thin suit and a raincoat. No trace of Cooper was ever found, but in 1980 a child found \$5,880 of the ransom money.

• On Nov. 25, 1990, after a howling wind and rainstorm on Thanksgiving Day, Washington state's historic floating Lacey V. Murrow Memorial Bridge slowly breaks apart and sinks to the bottom of Lake Washington. News crews captured the whole thing on camera.

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# Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

· Deceased scientists and researchers who have contributed to the study of Mars will, in a sense, live forever on the red planet: Craters larger than 37 miles are named in their honor.

 Hans Steininger, who is said to have had the longest beard in the world, died in 1567 from tripping over that beard while running from a fire.

• The blue whale is earth's largest living creature, surpassing even most dinosaurs. Not only can it reach over 100 feet in length and weigh more than 100 tons, but its heart can tip the scale at 1,300 pounds and is the size of a small car, while its arteries are big enough for a full-grown human to swim through -- not that we recommend you go for a swim and attempt it.

• In 2007, Iran claimed 14 squirrels found near the nation's borders were actually spies.

 New York City's Flatiron building used to cause enough downdrafts to lift the skirts of women passing by, giving a then-daring view of their legs and ankles. The phenomenon resulted in groups of young men regularly gathering on 23rd Street to watch.

People with autism are less likely to catch yawns.

 The record for most times being hit by a baseball pitch -- a whopping 287 -- belongs to Hughie Jennings, who finally got smart and retired in 1918.

• A bizarre form of Victorian-era entertainment was the "Fasting Girl." Young women appeared in public exhibits and dazzled spectators with claims that they are nothing at all. Obviously they munched in secret and most were eventually caught at it, though, tragically, some starved to death in a bid for authenticity.

Thought for the Day: "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." -- Pericles

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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: Y equals P

BIDV GPR ODSEOD UP YRZSICHD GPRZ PBV IPZHD, GPR BEMM DADVURCMMG ICAD UP YPVG RY.

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#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on January 13, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale.

Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis K. Somers and Myrtle M. Somers, husband and wife.

Original mortgagee: Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC F/K/A Conseco Finance Servicing Corp. Foreclosing assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, for manufactured housing contract senior/subordinate pass-through certificate trust 2000-4.

State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate/Trust
File No. Not Assigned
Estate of Robert J. Perry,
deceased

Date of birth: September 7, 1931 And the Robert J. Perry Revocable Living Trust dated November 25, 2013

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: the decedent, Robert J. Perry, who lived at 3755 South Poor Farm Road, Greenbush, Michigan, 48738, died May 22, 2020. No probate file was opened with respect to the estate of the decedent as there were no assets requiring administration

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate and/or the Robert J. Perry Revocable Living Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy R. Perry as successor trustee of the Robert J. Perry Revocable Living Trust, or to both the probate court at Atten: Probate Division, Alcona County Trial Court, Alcona County Building, 106 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, and the trustee within four months after the date of publication of

this notice.
Date: November 25, 2020
Attorney
Robert K. Myles P.C
Robert K. Myles P36055
109 S. State Street
Oscoda, Mich. 48750
(989) 739-2871
Personal Representative
Nancy R. Perry, trustee
3755 South Poor Farm Road
Greenbush, Mich. 48738.
(989) 724-5643

#### BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, minimum five acres. Cole Forest Products (989) 736-8928.

Date of mortgage: July 12, 2000. Date of mortgage recording: July 19, 2000. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$96,377.62.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Havnes, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel F: That part of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 9 East. Described as: Commencing at the 1/4 corner common to sections 29 and 30, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, Haynes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, thence north 00 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds east along the section line between said sections 29 and 30 and the centerline of Coville Road, 666.70 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing north 00 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds east along said common section line and said centerline, 333.35 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 26 seconds east 1338.48 feet, thence south 00 degrees 38 minutes 07 seconds west along the west 1/8 line of section 29, 333.03 feet, thence north 89 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds west 1340.29 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being the south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said section 29

Common street address (if any): 1860 N. Coville Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742-9760

State of Michigan

**Probate Court** 

**County of Alcona** 

**Notice to Creditors** 

**Decedent's Estate** 

File No. 20-6113-DE

Estate of Renee Michelle Rose-

Notice to creditors: The dece-

dent, Renee Michelle Rose-

Spain, died on July 12, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are

notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred

unless presented to Virginia

Rose, personal representative,

or to both the probate court at

County Building, P.O. Box 385,

106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich.

38740 and the personal repre-

sentative within four months af-

ter the date of publication of this

Howard T. Linden, P.C. P25438

29100 Northwestern Hwy., Suite

Date: November 25, 2020

Southfield, Mich. 48034

Personal Representative

East Tawas, Mich. 48730

**BUYING** 

**BOUGHS** 

Huron View Tree Farm is buying

balsam and white pine boughs,

bale or bulk, call (989) 724-5510

(248) 358-4545

2890 Wilber Road

(989) 254-6018

Virginia Rose

Date of Birth: May 26, 1977

Spain, deceased

To all creditors:

notice

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The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice

This notice is from a debt collec-

Date of notice: November 25, 2020.

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Notice to Creditors Alcona County William S. Roorda Revocable Living Trust

dated August 2, 2005
To all creditors

Notice to creditors: The decedent, William S. Roorda, died November 14, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Eric P. Roorda, P.O. Box 406, Harrisville, Mich., 48740 within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

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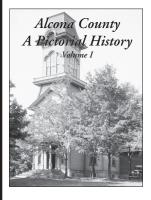
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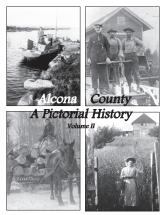
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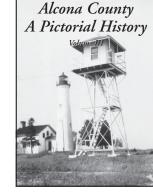
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