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Defendant pleads guilty mid trial

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The three-day criminal sexual conduct jury trial scheduled for last week was halted midway through because the defendant decided to plead guilty.

According to Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Weichel, the trial for Darrell Gene Busch, 64, of Glennie started Tuesday, June 1 and was scheduled to continue Wednesday and Thursday. He was charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct (CSC), first degree with a 14-year-old victim at the time of the complaint.

On Wednesday morning, at the request of the defendant, court proceedings stopped. Weichel explained that he accepted Busch's plea of guilty on all three counts after the recent and previous survivors testified. "It is my firm belief that their testimony is why he plead guilty."

Busch was prosecuted in 2006 in Alcona County and sentenced to prison for criminal sexual conduct, second degree. That investigation was handled by the Michigan State Police in Alpena.

Weichel praised the Alcona County Sheriff's Department for its diligent investigation.

Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Robert Clink was the lead investigator on the case that began one year prior to the trial start date. He explained a complaint of possible CSC of a minor came into the sheriff's department on May 30, 2020. Busch was arrested and lodged in the Alcona County Jail on June 1, 2020. He has been in jail since his arrest.

"When sheriff Stephenson took office, he and undersheriff Myers made a priority of CSC and elder abuse cases. They have given us the back-

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Live music fills county this summer

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Whether music soothes souls or awakens a passion for the arts, almost anyone who loves listening, playing, or feels drawn to its rhythm will enjoy this summer in the Harrisville area.

Free live music will be presented to the public bringing an eclectic variety sure to get toes tapping and hands clapping under the setting sun at the picturesque Harrisville Harbor through much of the summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

An additional afternoon of free live music will be featured on the porches of downtown Harrisville on Main

Street, September 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.

In Greenbush, the **Sunrise Side Strummers** invite all to participate by bringing their ukulele talents, whether a beginner or a professional, to the Bobcat Bar and Grill at the Greenbush Golf Course every other Sunday beginning June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Non-strummers are also invited to sing-along and show support.

Already underway at the Harrisville Harbor is the **Dockside Jams** on Tuesday evening which is an open mic event for local and visiting musicians to bring their favorite pieces to the public all summer long.

Joe Thomas, spokesperson

for the Dockside Jams, explained the open mic weekly event occurs every Tuesday year-round and began three or four years ago when a small cafe opened in Harrisville. "The Dockside Cafe opened later in the fall when most of the summer tourists had left the area. We wanted to do something to try and support their business while getting together for some jam sessions," he said.

The open mic still meets in the late fall, winter and early spring on Tuesdays at the cafe, but when the weather warms up, they move to the open air of the Harrisville

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Eric Dunckle plays during the Tuesday Dockside Jam sessions at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. For more, see page 7. *Courtesy photo.*



Lily Bilbey had a championship filled day at the Division 4 Track and Field State Finals at Hudsonville, Mich. last Saturday. *Courtesy photo.*

Alcona sprinter wins two state titles

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

One individual championship? That's something special. Two individual state championships? That's something on a whole different level.

That is exactly what recent Alcona graduate Lily Bilbey did. She won both the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash at the Division 4 State Finals on Saturday, June 5 at Hudsonville, Mich.

To top things off, Bilbey was also second in the 400-meter dash.

"It really felt fantastic, hard work definitely does pay off," she said. "Winning the 100 and the 200 has always been a goal of mine. (Taking second) in the 400 was kind of shocking for me, but that was a bonus as well."

First up for Bilbey was the 100-meter dash. In the preliminary race, she ran a time of 12.59 to lead the field and didn't disappoint in the final race as well as she led it the entire way and shaved her time to a 12.51 to win the championship.

"After I was first in the

prelims, it was still pretty scary going into the final race," Bilbey said. "The other girls I ran with were great too, but once I got running I just decided it was mine."

Her run in the 400 finals came next. She took second place with a time of 59.33; despite not even running in the faster heat.

"I had never really run the 400 before this year," Bilbey said. "I hadn't run under a 1:01 all year, so that was shocking; I didn't even know I could do that."

Her busy day ended with the 200-meter dash. Bilbey ran a 26.22 in the prelims earlier in the day, which was the fastest time of any attendee, but in the meantime, she had just exerted herself in the 400.

She found a way to grind through it though and won the championship with a blistering time of 22.28.

"I was still pretty tired from the 400. I was worried I would be too tired for the 200 but I got in the blocks and I just ran it," she said.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
I had the misfortune of having a guest injured at my home.

I phoned 911 and they responded quickly. My cousin was transported to the hospital by EMS. They were kind, gentle, respectful and professional making a bad experience much less stressful.

We are all grateful to the Alcona County EMS.

Susan Calder
Harrisville

Memorial Services

Betty L. Holmes

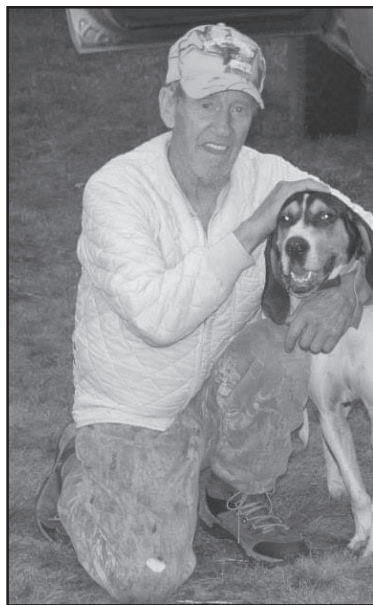
A grave side service for Betty Lou Holmes will be held at Mt Joy Cemetery on June 12 at 11 a.m.

She died on Tuesday Dec. 15, 2020.

Hazen Schram

There will be a memorial service for Hazen Schram on Saturday, June 12 at his home, 2371 Trask Lake Road, Lincoln. Visitation is from noon until the memorial service at 1 p.m. with lunch to follow.

Mr. Schram died on January 13, 2021.



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Most Valuable Media Franchises*

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Obituaries

Samuel J. Ousnamer

Samuel J. Ousnamer, 81, of Oscoda, died on Monday, May 31, 2021 at McLaren Port Huron in Port Huron, Mich.

He was born October 11, 1939 to Samuel J. and Evelyn M. (Smith) Ousnamer in Ortonville, Mich., where he was raised.

On August 2, 1958 he married Jo A. Massingill in Ortonville, Mich.

They moved to Oscoda in 1993, where Mr. Ousnamer enjoyed camping and fishing on the AuSable River. He liked hunting, bowling, and playing cards.

Mr. Ousnamer is survived by his wife, Jo; two sons, Jeffrey L. (Karen) Ousnamer of Otisville, Mich. and Gerald L. Ousnamer of Oscoda; two grandchildren, Zachary R. Ousnamer and Jenna M. Ousnamer; and one brother-in-law, Carl Lorentz.

He was preceded in death by seven sisters and three brothers.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Richard L. "Rick" Rozanek

Richard L. "Rick" Rozanek, 87, of Lincoln, died on Monday, May 31, 2021 at home.

He was born May 2, 1934 to Joseph and Mary (Cykia) Rozanek in Hawes Township. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

He served in the U.S. Army. Mr. Rozanek enjoyed a career in carpentry and masonry.

On December 6, 1984, he married Mona Fae Fulsher in Alpena.

He was a member of the Barton City VFW Post No. 8135 where he served as historian and was a member of the honor guard. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and spending time outside.

Mr. Rozanek is survived by his wife, Mona Fae; numerous grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Fay Rozanek; and



many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 11 siblings.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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ing and resources necessary to investigate these cases," Clink said. As a result, he explained that he has attended numerous training seminars on CSC investigation outside the county. "They also give the backing of all resources. I conducted more than 15 interviews and spent maybe 500 hours or more on phone calls... these are complex investigations that take a long time to complete.

Clink explained the sexual assaults Busch will be sentenced for transpired over a two-year period between 2014 and 2016. Clink's training and his experience has led him to understand that "a lot of victims don't understand that it (sexual assault) is wrong, that it is a crime. That is why there are delayed reportings. And they are sometimes made to school personnel, nurses or doctors,

etc." Clink cited U.S. Department of Justice statistics that 86 percent of CSC cases are not reported and, the average age of those making the report of sexual abuse is 52. "It can take a long time for someone to come forward," Clink said.

"This is a team effort," Clink said of the year-long investigation. "The sheriff's department, prosecutor, child protective services and Child Advocacy Council work together in cases like this. Our prosecutor is one of the best in the state. We are lucky to have him in our county. His dedication to justice for CSC victims is second to none."

Sentencing is scheduled for July 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Circuit Court. Busch will remain in jail until he is taken into custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

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.

The annual Carp Tournament, hosted by the Brownlee Lake Association, is planned with cash prizes. Shore or boat fishing Pre-registration is required for the event in Lincoln. Call Bill Putsky at (989) 736-8747 for details and registration.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for June is "The Marsh King's Daughter" by Karen Dionne. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Euchre will be held at the Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Face masks are required.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:25 p.m. All levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Summer Reading 2021 begins at the Alcona County Library. Children, pre-teens, teenagers and adults may stop in at their preferred branch to sign up. For more information, call (989) 6796.

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held at two locations - Alcona County Fairgrounds (854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln) and Greenbush (5036 Campbell Street) from 4 to 6 p.m. This is for Alcona County residents only. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alconaseniors.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

The annual Community-wide Garage Sale will be held in Harrisville and surrounding area from roughly 8 a.m. until sales close. Individual sales with a multitude of treasures can be found throughout the community and beyond all day. A map of the registered sales will be distributed at high traffic areas the day before. Call the Alcona Review office at (989) 724-6384 for more information.

The Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville is hosting a Log Cabin Day event from noon to 4 p.m. Call Nancy at (989) 904-0108 for details.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

The Sunrise Strummers encourage all levels of ukulele players to join an evening of strumming and singing at the Bobcat Bar and Grill, 1981 S. US-23, Greenbush from 6 to 8 p.m. Friends are welcome to sing along.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Euchre will be held at the Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Face masks are required.

A Pop Up Pantry with produce and baked goods will be held from 1-4 p.m. at Sunrise Community Food Pantry at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow

volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry for Alcona County residents only will be held at in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church, 4257 M-65 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is for Alcona County residents only. For more info., call Margo Lowery at (989) 735-3438 or email to margo2lowery@hughes.net.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

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BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

The Alcona County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Boater's Safety Course on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Alcona County Library which is located at 312 W. Main St., Harrisville, MI 48740. To register please call the sheriff's Office at 724-6271 Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. You must be at least 12 years old. The class is free of charge and lunch will be provided by the Cedar Lake Association.

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The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome. Masks are required to be worn in the building. Be sure to call ahead before going to the center.

- Monday, June 14: Fish, Spudsters, California blend vegetables, pineapple, milk.
- Tuesday, June 15: Hamburger gravy, noodles, peas, pears, milk.
- Wednesday, June 16: Pork chop, sweet potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, milk.
- Thursday, June 17: Tuna pasta salad, three-bean salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

Flag Day Event

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 is hosting its annual Flag Day Ceremony on Monday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Iosco County Veterans Recognition Plaza located between the Tawas City Post Office and Tawas City Hall. Following the 30-minute Flag Day ceremony, the Tawas Elks will be awarding \$6,000 in college scholarships to six area students, including two from Alcona County. Anyone

planning to attend should bring their own lawn chairs to the ceremony.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization and allegiance to the flag of the nation is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the Elks Grand Lodge designated June 14 as Flag Day and adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911. That requirement continues today. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Elk's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country. Questions can be directed to the Tawas Elks Flag Day Chairperson Brad Saegesser at (989) 820-7171.

Virtual Meeting for Seniors

A virtual town hall meeting will be held on Friday, June 11 at 3 p.m. The meeting is hosted by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. The panelists include State Senator Curt VanderWall and State Representative Sue Allor.

The meeting will spotlight five critical areas to senior services:

- Rebalance Community-Based Long-Term Services and Supports Funding
- Increase Access to Home and Community Based Services
- Bridging the Digital Divide for Older Adults
- Support and Strengthen the Caregiver Workforce
- Establishment of a Kinship Care Navigator Program

Interested individuals are invited to join this event to show their support for policies that support older adults. This free event provides the opportunity to speak with a unified voice to the Legislature expressing the concerns, challenges, and opportunities for older adults by the experts, older adults themselves and aging service providers.

Following the presentations, there will be time for question-and-answer discussion. Attendees are encouraged to submit their questions in advance to: mainvilleb@nemcsa.org or (989) 358.4616 or watch the live event on NEMCSA's Region 9 Area Agency on Aging Facebook page.

Grant Opportunity

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the summer 2021 grant cycles of its Community Impact Grant, and the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC) Grant. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for nonreligious purposes) and government agencies serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle are invited to apply.

Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000. The deadline to apply is July 15. Applications for this opportunity will use the foundation's new online grant application system. Community foundation staff members are available for questions and assistance. Note: previous, older versions of CFNEM Community Impact applications will no longer be accepted.

Women's Giving Circle Grants are for projects and programs that address issues important to women in northeast Michigan. The maximum grant request amount is \$3,000. The deadline to apply for WGC grants is July 1. The previous method of applying for WGC Grants will be used for 2021.

Applications and guidelines for both grant opportunities are available at cfnem.org.

DNR's Three Free Weekend

On Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13, residents and out-of-state visitors can fish, ride Michigan's off-road trails or visit state parks and state-managed boating access sites - all for free.

Free Fishing Weekend: Two days twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premier outdoor activities, Michigan fishing, for free. All fishing license fees will be waived for two days. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations will still apply. This year's weekend includes a 4-H Youth Virtual Fishing Derby for kids ages 5-19 (no need to be a 4-H member).

Free ORV Weekend: Twice a year, residents and non-residents legally can ride without buying an ORV license or trail permit during Free ORV Weekends (the second one is set for August 21-22). All other ORV rules and laws still apply. Riders will have access to nearly 3,800 miles of off-road trails and the state's six scramble areas.

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Dear Savvy Senior,
Is there an easy way to figure out how much I will need to save for retirement? My wife and I are both in our late 50s and want to figure out about how much we'll need in order to retire comfortably.

Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,
How much money you need to retire comfortably is a great question that all working adults should ask themselves. Unfortunately, far too few ever bother thinking about it.

But calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to have saved for retirement is actually pretty easy and doesn't take long to do. It's a simple, three-step

Sprinter

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During the season Bilbey placed first in the 100 and the 200 in every race she entered. She knew she would have to race her best Saturday though, considering she was going up against some of the best runners in the state.

The speedster admirably pushed any nerves she may have had aside. "At first I was pretty scared and I didn't want to strategize," she said. "Once I got there, I found my dad (Ryan Bilbey) and asked him to help me strategize. This was something that had been on my mind for a long, long time and it is just as much mental as it is physical."

In the 2018 and 2019 track seasons, Bilbey managed a total of four all-state finishes. The 2020 season was washed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that didn't slow her down when the 2021 season came around.

"It was terrifying after I hadn't run for pretty much a whole year, I was worried I had lost speed or I wasn't as strong but once I got working out it was my one and only goal to take first," Bilbey said. "I really wasn't looking for anything else in the 100 and the 200."

When the 2020 season was cancelled, it created countless unfortunate endings to high school careers. A year later, Bilbey is certainly grateful to close out her career as a champion twice-over.

"I don't really think I could have ended it any better," she said.

process that includes estimating your future living expenses, tallying up your retirement income and calculating the difference.

Estimate Living Expenses

The first step – estimating your future retirement living expenses – is the most difficult. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement. You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses.

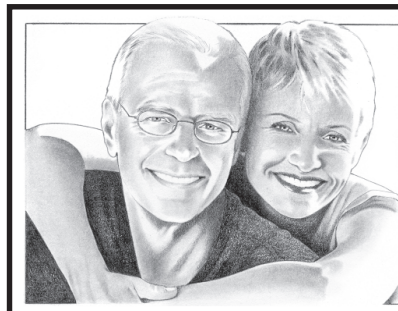
Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in some occasional big budget items like a new roof, heating/air conditioning system or vehicle.

Tally Retirement Income

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to [SSA.gov/MyAccount](https://www.ssa.gov/MyAccount) to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have,



Savvy Senior

such as rental properties, part-time work, etc.

Calculate the Difference

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

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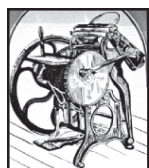
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Alcona track has good showing at state finals

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

There was a heavy dose of Alcona at the Division 4 Track and Field championships at Hudsonville, Mich. on Saturday, June 5.

Lily Bilbey highlighted the day by winning a pair of state championships and claimed a second place.

As a team, the Lady Tigers took third place, a remarkable feat with just three members qualified for the finals.

Bilbey won the 100-meter dash in a time of 12.51 and she won the 200-meter dash

in a time of 26.28. In the 400-meter dash Bilbey came in second place with a time of 59.33.

• Sophomore Kelsey Hansen was runner up in the shot put with a throw of 36-00.50 and she was also 11th in the long jump.

• Brielle Keyser placed eighth in the discus.

On the boys side the top finish came from the 4x200 relay team.

• The relay took fourth in a time of 1:33.11, thanks to runs by Chris Barnes, Nick

Rasmussen, Jacob Sytek and Gavin Walker.

• In the 4x400 relay, a team of Zach Stephenson, Barnes, Walker and Sytek placed 20th on a run of 3:50.65.

• Rasmussen placed 22nd in the 100-meter dash in a time of 12.17 and he was 15th in the 200-meter dash at 24.07.

• Sytek was eighth in the 400.

• Gavin Walker placed 19th in the 200-meter dash.

• Stephenson also competed in the pole vault. He took eighth at 11-06.

Tiger's rally falls short

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team fell behind in its opening round during the Division 4 district contest at Hale on Tuesday, June 1.

The Tigers trailed 6-1 in the second inning, and while they rallied admirably, they came up just short in the final inning and their season ended with an 8-7 setback.

Zach Stephenson took the loss pitching, with Jakob Tanner pitching in relief.

Leading the offense was Tanner with a double and two singles. Gavin Walker had two hits. Stephenson had a double and Collin Walker and Cayden Hebert had one hit apiece.

Jacob Renschski also had an RBI.



Alcona's Jakob Tanner guns the ball to first base for an out during last week's district loss in Hale. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Alcona softball falls to AuGres in district semis

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team was unable to get things going in its Division 4 district semi-final game at AuGres on Friday, June 4. The Lady Tigers couldn't slow down the Lady Wolverines; they fell 14-2.

AuGres broke the game

open with an eight run fourth inning and Alcona never got back into the contest.

Olivia Borchardt took the loss from the pitching circle, as she gave up 11 hits, struck out two and walked one. Miah Schopfer pitched in relief.

The offense had Borchardt, Emily Lobaugh and Makala Mendyka get one hit apiece.

Alcona finishes the season 8-15 overall.

"We have had a rough season with COVID-19 and quarantines not allowing us to ever have a complete team," said head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt. "We have a very strong, positive, young team coming up and I am excited to see where the team goes next."



Alcona's Sage Gauthier ropes a base hit during Friday's Division Four district action in AuGres. Photo by Ben Murphy.



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Spontaneous music erupts at Harrisville Harbor

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In a community filled with gifted musicians, spontaneous music sessions are bound to happen.

To make sure their music is heard, several have chosen Tuesday evenings to come together for jam sessions in Harrisville. They first met this past winter at the Dockside Café and word spread quickly, quite often filling the café to capacity with music and friendship.

Now that warmer weather is here, the jam sessions will be held throughout the summer every Tuesday evening at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion on Lake Street beginning at 6 p.m.

“When the Tuesday night sessions began last January, I could see right away it would be a great way to break up the winter months,” Eric Brandon said. Brandon, who works by day as the Alcona/Iosco Conservation District For-ester is just one of many talented musicians now living locally.

The jam sessions are held open-microphone style with a sign-up sheet available prior to 6 p.m. for anyone wanting to play a few selected pieces for an audience of musician peers, interested family and friends and anyone else who happens to pass by.

Joe Thomas, also a regular at the sessions, said he enjoys the camaraderie of the other musicians. “We are so lucky to have a lot of talent around us. There are gifted people all around that most would never find out about. The jam sessions provide an atmosphere of encouragement. Everyone is trying to improve everyone else. We make each other feel appreciated and celebrated. That feeling is infectious and spreads to the audience,” Thomas said.

Thomas explained the music played is eclectic ranging from Rolling Stones rock to soul music, traditional folk, oldies, and alternative American folk along with just about anything in between. The instruments the musicians bring with them also vary and include vocals, guitar, flute, saxophone, stand-up bass, dobro, mandolin, violin and more.

“A chance to interact with other musicians is a big deal for me. This is not meant to be a cool concert to come out to, it’s about giving everyone of every ability a chance to play for an audience. It welcomes old troopers like me and others who want to dust off their instruments and play,” Brandon said.

He explained towards the end of the evening all the musicians come together to play, which is a great opportunity to teach, learn new songs and techniques. “That’s usually when I play my fiddle because a fiddle all by itself doesn’t sound like much. We’ll run through a song, make sure everybody knows how to play it and away we go. It’s so much fun,” Brandon said.

Brandon, who plays guitar, accordion, piano, bass, violin, and mandolin can also sing harmony. Whenever possible, his wife Annie and



Joe Thomas plays during the Tuesday Dockside Jam sessions at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. *Courtesy photo.*

daughter Alli sing with him. “I’m a good side man,” Brandon explained, “I’m not a gifted singer, but people don’t run away when I do.” The trio will be performing during the upcoming Sunrise Side Wine Food and Brew Festival in Harrisville on July 20 and has booked other summer festivals in Michigan.

Brandon first picked up a guitar when he was seven years old because everyone in his family was expected to know how to play an instrument. “I’ve been playing off and on since then. I’m 63 years old now. You’d think I’d be better at it,” he said followed by a hearty laugh.

Brandon has played alongside some well-known musicians in his life such as the Coasters, famous for their song, “Yackity-Yak Don’t Talk Back” and toured with Del Shannon, known for his number one Billboard hit, “Runaway.”

“I also played with the Tokens. That’s me playing bass on the “Lion Sleeps Tonight” record. I don’t think I got these jobs because of my talent. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time,” Brandon said.

Thomas is the Alcona County Library technology assistant during the day and teaches after school ukulele to Alcona Elementary students. He also streams a live music broadcast over the Internet on Sunday evenings.

“I like music too much to be a passive observer. I’m glad the Tuesday Dockside Jam Sessions will be open to a much larger audience. Now that we have an outdoor venue, we’ve begun putting up flyers to attract visitors staying at the park or others who may not have known about it. It’s always more fun to play in front of an audience. We can also play for a while longer and not so constrained by the restaurant hours. Typically, the summer sessions end about 9 p.m. but they could run longer,” Thomas said.

Brandon said new musicians are always welcome and he has heard some great music since the sessions began. “One of the best things I’ve heard was when Bill Immekus of Greenbush played Crosby, Stills and Nash’s ‘Suite: Judy Blue Eyes.’ It’s a long song with a

lot of changes in it and he pulled it off. That took talent.

“Musicians always want to show off. My grandma used to say, ‘You boys just want to be seen,’ in a disgusted way. She didn’t believe people should show off their talents. I don’t prescribe to that philosophy at all.

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Alcona Community Schools Notice of a Public Hearing On Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

Please Take Notice that on June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Alcona Community Schools’ Middle School Lobby, Lincoln, Michigan, the Board of Education of Alcona Community Schools will hold a public hearing in-person with a virtual option. The Zoom link to join the meeting virtually is located under the events section on the School District’s website at www.alconaschools.net.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2021-2022 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools District Office at 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. Please contact Nicholas Cordes, Business Manager/Food Service Director at 989-736-6212 or cordesn@alconaschools.net to set up an appointment to obtain an electronic or hard copy.

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Alcona alumnus returns to coach

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Once again Alcona Community Schools has named a new coach who is an alumnus of the school with a very familiar last name.

Karina Cole was recently named the new coach of the Junior Varsity (JV) girls basketball team, just one month after her brother, Alex Cole, accepted the position of the new boys varsity basketball coach.

Karina, who is three years younger than Alex, said growing up watching her brother play made her a better athlete. "I watched his entire career before playing mine during high school. It always pushed me to be the best I could be," she said.

Karina made her mark during high school, both academically and as her class president of the National Honor Society, and athletically before graduating from the school in 2014.

Athletically, she was a record-breaker for the school including scoring the highest total points for a high school career; 1,600 and the most points in a single season; 556.

After graduation, Karina played basketball for Alpena Community College on a full scholarship where she also broke some athletic records while earning an associate degree. That allowed her to play, again by scholarship, for a Canadian University, Algoma, in Sault St. Marie, Ontario, where she earned a



Karina Cole has been named the new girls JV basketball coach for Alcona High School. *Courtesy photo.*

bachelor of science degree in mathematics and graduated in 2019.

While growing up in Alcona County, Karina explained her biggest supporters were her parents, Brad and Lucy Cole of Lincoln. She, her younger sister, Kendra, and Alex grew up in an athletic and multiple sports-minded family.

"My parents were just as dedicated to the sport of basketball as we were. My dad coached me for two of my high school years and all of my elementary years. Even when I played college ball, both in Alpena and Algoma, they traveled to my games and were the loudest supporters in the gym," Karina said.

Over the past year, Karina has been working for the family business in Lincoln, coaching Alcona's JV girls volleyball team and assisting her brother coach the boys JV basketball team. She feels she is more than ready to coach the girl's team.

"Basketball is my passion and I know a lot of the girls coming into my team, so it's exciting to get to coach them. I coached some of them when they were much younger. I feel I can help the girls in a little different way than the boys.

"My goal with the team is to teach them dedication, commitment, and strengthen skills while having fun. I love winning and it has always been a huge part of my life, so I hope to help create great student-athletes. It's important to excel academically and have accountability," she said.

Alcona Community Schools Athletic Director Chad Cole, (no relation), said

he was happy to have Karina on board. "We are excited and proud to have Karina as a coach. I graduated from Alcona Schools with Karina. I had the experience of going through high school watching her dedication to sports and the game of basketball. She was a top graduate in our class with honors academically and very athletically inclined. She never left a stone unturned.

"Day to day, Karina was either acing a project or scoring 30 points a night. She is someone who, when she puts her mind to it, will get the job done. She is consistent with effort and consistent with excellence.

"I know if her coaching is anything like her athletic performance, ability in the classroom and her strong work ethic, we've got a great coach and a beacon for the girls to look up to," Chad said.

Karina explained her greatest obstacle is that she wants to win all the time and it is sometimes difficult to remember the team she is coaching is mostly made up of 14-year-olds, whose drive to win may not be as strong as hers. She is also not a fan of teenage drama that many girls of this age fall victim to and hopes to show her team how they can leave emotional baggage at the door before getting on the court.

"I'm looking forward to next November. I had a positive experience in school and want this team to have that too. I am here to help with whatever they need, whether it is getting them help with schoolwork or on the court. I want them to know they can come and talk to me.

"When my dad coached, he was big on making sure the team felt like family. I believe unity and family are key to success in basketball. I want to push them to be the best athletes they can be and achieve their goals, which is what my coaches did for me growing up," she said.

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Elementary teachers retire together

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With nearly 70 combined years between them, two Alcona Elementary School fifth grade teachers will be saying good-bye to their students for the last time this June.

Both Rene Holmes, who has worked with the district for 38 years and Teri Yokom, who has worked with the district for 30 years, said their career was a wonderful experience but felt it was the right time to retire and move forward with their lives.

Yokom explained it was a unique situation and that she had been team teaching with Holmes, who she referred to as her partner in crime, for 24 years. "I think she waited around and now she is retiring with me. It has been awesome having a teammate like Rene. She has been a blessing, both on a professional and personal level," Yokom said.

Holmes began her career after receiving her teaching degree for emotionally impaired and general education from Central Michigan University. Alcona Community School's hired her in 1983.

"I often say Alcona Schools chose me, in reality, I chose Alcona Schools. I could have taught anywhere. Living in Alpena, it would have been convenient to teach at the school right across from where I live, but I love the family atmosphere here among the staff. My colleagues have been supportive and helpful over the years. I like all the opportunities we have for the kids here. People are not afraid to put in the time to make sure our students are successful," Holmes said.

Holmes, who grew up in Alpena, knew at a young age she wanted to teach. She explained her grandfather was a special education teacher at Pied Piper School in Alpena which allowed her a birds-eye view of what teaching was about.

Yokom, who is a lifelong resident of Alcona County, said it took her a few more years to choose teaching as a career. She started college at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) intending on getting a business degree but after one semester of accounting, she knew it wasn't for her.

"My great-grandfather, Charlie Cook, was a teacher and taught in a one-room school house on Poor Farm Road. He always told me to be a teacher, but I wanted to go into business," Yokom said.

During that first accounting course, she ran into a former teacher from Alcona Schools, Bob Petrovitch, at a homecoming game. After she relayed her feelings about accounting to him, he told her to think about becoming an elementary teacher.

Yokom received a bachelor's in education degree from SVSU and earned a master's degree in the art of teaching at Marygrove College.

Both women said the best part of teaching was the students. "I love teaching fifth grade. I love their age. They are innocent, fun and hon-



Rene Holmes,

est. I felt it was a good fit for me," Holmes said. Yokom said the students made her laugh and smile daily.

While they will both miss their students and the camaraderie of their like-minded colleagues, there were some things they would not miss including the endless amount of paperwork teachers do each year.

"I won't miss correcting papers in the evening. I won't miss (curriculum) planning on a Sunday afternoon and I won't miss the meetings and the moving target demands from the state. I especially won't miss the COVID-19 craziness," Holmes said.

Yokom explained the past year and a half under COVID-19 restrictions was the worst part of teaching for her. "It has been a struggle having to rely on technology as an instructional tool. Teaching an old dog new tricks isn't easy, so learning to navigate all that to effectively instruct students has been hard. Shifting gears (this year) from in-person to remote learning and back again to in-person made this a trying year," she said.

Spending time with family, especially grandchildren is on the retirement agenda for both teachers. Holmes is anxious to spend time with two granddaughters ages 10 and two living in the Kalamazoo, Mich. area. Yokom has a two-year-old grandson and is expecting another grandson to be born this September.

Yokom loves cooking and nothing makes her happier than having a crowded table so she is planning to do a bit more entertaining and possibly travel.

Holmes would like to just be able to read a book that isn't school or curriculum related. "I want to read something that has nothing to do with improving myself as a teacher or improving what I do in the classroom. I'm not sure what I'll do. I have a list of improvements I want to do at our cottage. I'll just see where the Lord leads me, I hope it's a good path.

"Alcona Community Schools has given me this wonderful opportunity for a career. I thought I could just walk away, close the door and no one would notice. However, as word got out, I'm receiving some very heartfelt messages from former colleagues and even one from a student, I wasn't expecting anything like that," Holmes said.

She explained she knew the student fairly well, but until receiving her letter,



Teri Yokom

didn't know she had profoundly enlightened the student's education. "She's a sweet girl and it was kind of her to bring that to my attention. It made me cry," Holmes said.

Both teachers said their career spent at the school was well worth it, but Yokom was concerned about the future of teaching. "I hope things turn around. There is such a teacher shortage right now, it's worrisome. Teacher burn-out is high, but these kids are worth it. They bring so much joy. They have had such a hard year, but they have weathered the storm," she said.

Holmes has been married to her husband, Brian, for 35 years and has three children, Christopher, Brianne (Smith) and Courtney. Yokom has been married to her husband, Steve, for 31 years. They also have three children, Braden, Dustin and Lauren. Her daughter-in-law, Ali, who is married to Braden, and her son Dustin, are both teachers at Alcona Community Schools.

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NOTICE

The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on June 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. Two proposed site plans will be reviewed. One will be from Byron and Melanie Smith of 11282 Burton Way, Roscommon, MI 48653. The site plan review will be to develop a Greenhouse/Nursery/Retail store on parcel number 060-014-400-093-00 that is zoned C-2 (General Commercial) and has an address of 5450 S Hill Trail and is 7.43 Acres in size. The other is a request from Springport Development LLC to construct a recreational vehicle park/campground on parcel 060-023-200-020-00 at address 5184 Springport Road. This 59.22 acre parcel is zoned C-1 (Recreational/Resort Commercial). The public is welcome to attend. Written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator, Tony Atkinson, 4120 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740.

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Harbor pavilion.

Thomas explained the fun begins around 6:15 p.m. when artists begin signing up to play a slot and they finish by sundown before the bugs start biting. "Typically, we have at least five or six performers, mostly local talent, but one who is very good, Charlie Flower, lives in Columbus, Ohio, and drives up to his summer home here to play on some Tuesdays.

"These are just folks who like to play for free. They enjoy sharing their original music or cover songs mostly ranging from folk to classic rock," he said. Thomas is also a guitarist and singer-song writer.

Other local talents who often join the Tuesday night lineup are Eric Brandon, the Tree Guy from WXTF radio in Harrisville; Lee Kitzman; a duo, Bill Immekus and Juregen Neugebauer who bring guitar and slide guitar classic rock; and a variety of others who stop by including Laura Frawley, and flutist Michelle Marcouiller.

On Wednesday evenings, the City of Harrisville is sponsoring its annual **Harrisville Summer Concert** series beginning at 7 p.m. from July 7 to August 4. Wednesday night performers this year include Flipside, The Oxymorons Band, Jon Archambault Band, Chelsea Marsh and the Money Gods Band.

While the Dockside Jams and the City of Harrisville Summer Concert Series on Tuesdays and Wednesdays have been featured at the harbor previously, the **Harbor Nights Concert Series** on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m.

beginning on June 18 and running until September 17, is something new for this year.

Laura Frawley, a singer-songwriter herself, explained the Friday night series came about when Inspiration Alcona, a group dedicated to building cultural opportunities in Alcona County and make it a destination home for creative people of all kinds, had some extra funds from not being able to hold its annual Artist Retreat last year due to COVID-19 shut downs.

Frawley was tasked with spending about \$9,000 to put together a concert series. Her first thought was it would take her a few weeks to fill 14 available time slots, instead, she had the entire series booked with Michigan-based artists in just a few days.

"I've been taking a lot of music classes the last three or four years across the state and I got to know quite a few singer-song writers. A lot of them make their living playing music and haven't been able to find a gig in the last year and a half. I started reaching out. Everyone is so anxious to be able to get to play live music again and we have a great lineup, some of the artists are nationally known including Kitty Donahoe and Claudia Schmidt," Frawley said.

Donahoe is a 2002 Michigan Emmy award-winning song writer hailing from the Detroit, Mich. area and has been featured in Irish Music Magazine. Her song, "There Are No Words," was used in a film and an appearance at the Pentagon for the dedication of the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial.

Also hailing from Michigan, Schmidt pursued a professional music career while in Chicago, leading her to Wisconsin and Minnesota where she made frequent guest appearances during the early days of A Prairie Home Companion, a long-running variety radio show hosted by Garrison Keillor.

More than 30 years and 16 albums later, Schmidt continues to perform on the road mixing folk, jazz, traditional ballads and originals.

A complete lineup of musicians playing for the Friday Harbor Nights Music series with a small synopsis of what types of music they will bring can be found at Inspiration-alcona.org.

Frawley said they are all very excited to play in Harrisville and people across the state are interested in coming to hear them play. "I just began advertising the series online and already many people from downstate are asking where they can stay to take in some of these concerts.

"That was one of the guiding influences of Inspiration Alcona, to get people to come to Alcona County and create a new economic base of people engaging and appreciating the arts. I'm hoping this will be a real boom for the county," she said.

All event organizers bring entertainment to the harbor want to make sure businesses in the City of Harrisville prosper and thrive. Thomas said they were currently asking local restaurants in the area to stay open later on Tuesday nights or possibly cater food to the audience while they enjoy the music sitting in lawn chairs or on a blanket.

Frawley thought if there wasn't a restaurant that was able to cater food to the harbor, then perhaps a local non-profit could offer something.

On September 4, the **PorchFest of Harrisville**, which coincides with Labor Day festivities, will celebrate its second year of Main Street performers playing free for afternoon strollers going to the arts and crafts show.

PorchFest spokesperson Elaine Edwards said at least nine performing groups will be playing popular tunes on guitars, ukuleles, bass, fiddles, flutes and mandolins on porches. She suggested people wanting to enjoy the sounds to bring a chair or just stroll down the street.

For information on the Dockside Jams or Friday Harbor Nights Music series, visit InspirationAlcona.org. For information on the Wednesday Summer Concert Series, visit the alconacountychamberofcommerce.com event page.

For information on PorchFest, contact Elaine Edwards at (305) 395-0237 or visit [Facebook@Harrisville, Michigan Music PorchFest](https://www.facebook.com/HarrisvilleMichiganMusicPorchFest).

For information on the ukulele group, The Sunrise Side Strummers, visit [Facebook@Harrisville Michigan Ukulele Meetup](https://www.facebook.com/HarrisvilleMichiganUkuleleMeetup).

A complete lineup of musical events is also available at alconareview.com and in the weekly calendar section of the paper.

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"I'm excited this has continued and we found a summer home at the harbor. This is truly grassroots -- with musicians practicing all week at home to play a few songs. It's a concert, but it's not a headliner that's getting paid. It's just local musicians who have something to show. We just want to be seen."

The jam sessions are free for all to enjoy thanks to the financial assistance to pay for the pavilion rental from Inspiration Alcona, a non-profit group whose mission is

to support culture and creativity in the community. For more information, visit the Dockside Jams Facebook page.

Thomas' stream can be found on Sunday evenings by visiting the website [twitch.tv](https://www.twitch.tv). His username is wiggishades. Brandon can be heard locally on WXTF radio on Thursday evenings with his show "Annie and the Tree Guy" which blends forestry conservation interviews, information and topics along with a blend of music.

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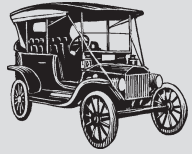
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Harmon and her award-winning program introduces students to trees

June 12, 1996 ~ By J.M. Ristow and Kathryn Fritz Kniep "People are losing touch with how important our resources are," said Mary Harmon of Mikado.

Still, as thousands of school children all over the state begin their summer breaks, because of this award winning Alcona County resident, many young people will be in touch with Michigan's forests like never before.

Harmon who is the executive director of the Michigan Forest Resource Alliance is recipient of the 1996 O.B. Eustis Environmental Award due to her efforts to "Make students aware of the importance of forestry."

Harmon's award winning efforts are the result of her development and statewide implementation of the Teaching Responsible Environmental Education (TREE) program.

The program provides fourth through sixth grade students with new insights to the "working forests" that provide products used in every day life.

Students gain from the program a clearer vision of how forests provide these products and the recreational opportunities of Michigan's woodlands.

Harmon has received contacts from organizations as far away as Wisconsin and Mississippi who hope to use and adapt the TREE program in their states.

Along with 50 statewide facilitators, she has visited approximately half of Michigan's elementary schools this year alone. Harmon and the Alliance's volunteers provide each classroom with a packet of materials which include a book entitled Green Gold: Michigan Forest History, handouts, and puzzles.

The group's presentations involve the use of mounted wildlife animals, "tree cookies" made from slices of trees, and hand drawn displays. The program and materials are provided free of charge to school districts by the Alliance.

The monetary reward that comes with Harmon's O.B. Eustis Environmental Award has been earmarked to assist in the development of the

AuSable Forestry Demonstration Site. According to Harmon, the state-owned site is designated as a long-term forest stewardship demonstration area.

When completed, the demonstration site will display typical stewardship practices that are applicable to private forest lands through a combination of self-guided auto, foot-trail, and guided group tours. It is anticipated that the 300 acre site consisting of aspen, oak and pine, will an-

nually attract approximately 3,000 visitors.

"My father was with the forest service," Harmon said, "I grew up talking trees across the dinner table." Her husband, Charles, is a third generation logger.

Harmon has had a lifelong interest in forestry. As executive director of the Forest Resource Alliance, she represents the interests of the organization's 200 members that range from large corporations such as Mead paper, Weyerhaeuser Company, and Georgia-Pacific

Corporation to individual "forest families." Having worked as a logging trucker and skidder operator, she spends the least amount of time in her forestry career out in the woods. "I just say to myself that I know what needs to be done. And right now, that means being on the road, most of the time, three days out of the week," said Harmon in reference to the weekly meetings she attends throughout the state.

The goals of the alliance is to create an environment essential to the health and well-being of the living forest. Through conservation and sound management, the organization hopes to create and maintain jobs, products for society, and a growing, living forest. The alliance works to meet these goals through edu-

cational programs such as TREES and extensive public relations efforts.

Commenting on the alliance's current \$50,000 public relations program in southeast Michigan, Harmon said, "We should be spending \$500,000, but it's a start... We need to do a better job educating the public that the forest is not disappearing. More trees are planted each year than are harvested. There are over 19 million acres of forest in Michigan and almost a million acres of new forests.

The organizations' approach appears to be consistent with the namesake of Harmon's award. According to Harmon, the late industrialist, environmentalist, and columnist O.B. Eustis had a common sense approach to the environment.

Harmon was selected by a committee of seven individuals from around the region because her work with the alliance and TREES program is consistent with Eustis' long-term view of reconciling the protection of the environment with intelligent use of natural resources.

"I really believe 100 percent in what I'm doing," Harmon said. "We need to educate. We need to let people know that what we are doing is right."

Candidates for school board

June 10, 1971 ~ Candidates for two posts on the Alcona Community Schools board of education who will be chosen at the June 14 election.

Ronald Edwards, of Harrisville, is factory representative for Harrisville Tool Company. Married and father of three children, he has

resided at the county seat since 1961. He has been active in the Harrisville Lions Club and Boy Scout work.

Ralph Moore is presently a member of the board, having been appointed to fill a vacancy. He also is employed at the Harrisville Tool Company, is past president of the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and is treasurer of the Harrisville Lions Club. Before moving to Michigan from Ohio, Moore was administrative head of a school district and had 15 years experience in the field of education.

Anthony (Hank) Bianchi of Lincoln is a retired chief master sergeant in the United States Air Force. He retired earlier this year after almost a quarter of a century in the service. He is married to the former Alyce Hart of Lincoln and is the father of six school age children.

Harrisville man hurt at Fort Sam Houston

June 9, 1921 ~ Ernest Spencer received word Saturday that his son, Robert, was injured at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he is a member of Troop I., U.S. Cavalry.

Full details of the accident were not given, but the young man's injuries were said to include a fractured leg and arm. He is in as good a condition as can be expected, the letter stated.

Robert enlisted in the U. S. cavalry in July or August, 1920, for what he thought was a period of one year, but later he learned that his enlistment papers called for three years service. He is endeavoring now thru his parents to have the error corrected so he can get his discharge at the end of his year of service.

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May 30	58	36	0.00	2.8	10	NW
May 31	65	42	0.00	0.6	13	S
June 1	60	45	0.00	1.9	9	NNW
June 2	64	46	0.00	1.8	15	S
June 3	64	49	0.00	3.2	18	EEW
June 4	69	59	0.00	0.9	9	WNW
June 5	91	60	0.00	4.2	22	SW
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Normal Water Content</u>			
Weekly Total	0.00	0.68	0.56			
Month of May	1.87	3.68	2.61			
June to Date	0.00	0.12	0.40			
Year/Season to Date	4.75	9.28	10.56			

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

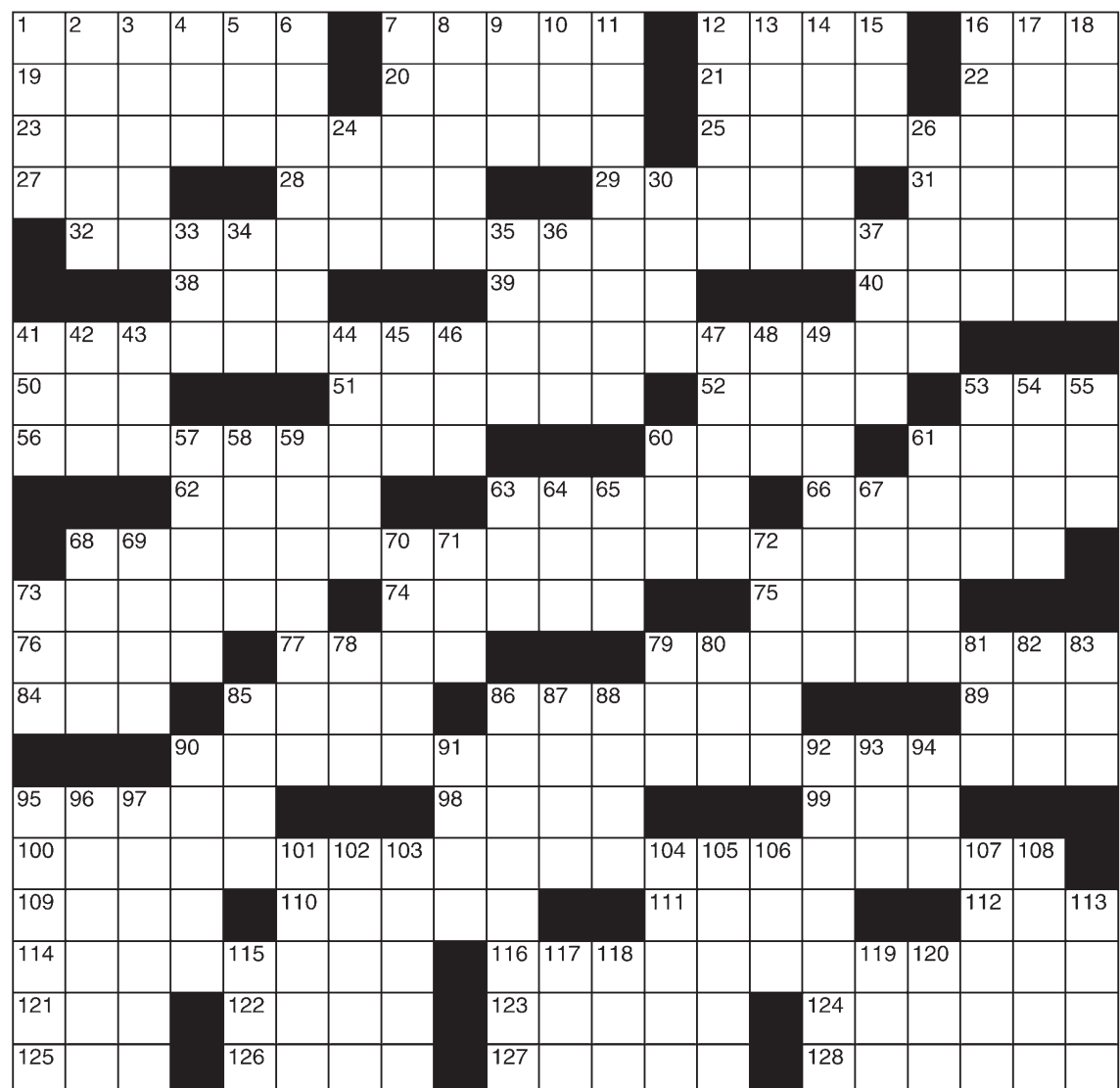
1. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president signed the Louisiana Purchase?
2. **MOVIES:** Which 1960s movie featured the theme song "Foggy Mountain Break-down"?
3. **ADVERTISING:** Sailor Jack and dog Bingo are the mascots for what snack?
4. **SCIENCE:** When was the International Space Station launched?
5. **U.S. STATES:** I-75 runs between which upper Midwest state and Florida?
6. **TELEVISION:** The long-running TV drama "ER" is set in which U.S. city?
7. **LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "aut viam inveniam aut faciam"?
8. **INVENTIONS:** When did the FDA approve the first oral contraceptive in the U.S.?
9. **HISTORY:** The ancient city of Rome was built on how many hills?
10. **MEDICAL:** What is a common name for the condition known medically as pyrexia?

Answers: 1. Thomas Jefferson; 2. "Bonnie and Clyde"; 3. Cracker Jack; 4. 1998; 5. Michigan; 6. Chicago; 7. I shall either find a way or make one; 8. 1960; 9. Seven; 10. Fever (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 7, 1893, Mohandas Gandhi, a young Indian lawyer working in South Africa, commits his first act of civil disobedience when he refuses to comply with racial segregation rules on a South African train and is forcibly ejected at Pietermaritzburg.
 - On June 13, 1905, pitcher Christy Matthewson of the New York Giants throws the second no-hitter of his career to lead his Giants to a 1-0 win over the powerful Chicago Cubs. Matthewson would go on to win 31 games that year.
 - On June 12, 1920, Man O' War wins the 52nd Belmont Stakes. His only career loss came in 1919 when his back was to the starting line at the start. Before the advent of starting gates, a rope was all that held horses back from starting their run.
 - On June 8, 1948, a hand-built aluminum prototype labeled "No. 1" becomes the first vehicle to bear the name of one of the world's leading high-performance automakers: Porsche. Over the next two decades, the German manufacturer would build more than 78,000 vehicles.
 - On June 9, 1954, in a dramatic confrontation, Joseph Welch, special counsel for the U.S. Army, lashes out at Sen. Joseph McCarthy during hearings on whether communism has infiltrated the U.S. armed forces. Welch's verbal assault marked the end of McCarthy's power during the anticommunist hysteria of the Red Scare in America.
 - On June 10, 1979, actor Paul Newman, driving a red Porsche 935, roars into second place in the fabled 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race in France.
 - On June 11, 1989, in the wake of the Tiananmen Square Massacre, China issues a warrant for a Chinese dissident who had taken refuge in the U.S. embassy in Beijing. The diplomatic standoff lasted for a year before astrophysicist Fang Lizhi was given free passage out of the country.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Sir Isaac Newton invented the cat flap. Newton was experimenting in a pitch-black room when Spithead, one of his cats, kept opening the door and wrecking his experiment. The flap kept both human and feline happy.
- "Brave New World" author Aldous Huxley became almost completely blind as a teenager. He regained much of his sight later in life, crediting an unorthodox treatment known as "The Bates Method," which recommends never using eyeglasses and exposing one's eyes regularly to sunlight.
- The ancient Greeks believed that redheads would turn into vampires after they died.
- Walt Disney's "The Three Little Pigs," released in 1933, was seen as symbolic of the Great Depression, with the wolf representing the Depression and the three little pigs representing average citizens who eventually succeeded by working together.
- In Japan, Domino's started testing pizza delivery via reindeer in 2016.
- James Barry, the Inspector General of the British Army in 1858 during a period when women were not respected in the medical field, had a highly successful career in surgery for more than 50 years. During an autopsy after Barry's death, he was discovered to be a woman in disguise. To avoid embarrassment, the war department and medical association arranged for the doctor to be interred as a man.
- The average office chair with wheels travels about 8 miles per year.
- Chicago Cubs outfielder Rick Monday became a national hero when he rescued an American flag from two men trying to set it on fire at Dodger Stadium during a game on April 25, 1976. The 25,167 fans gave him a standing ovation and started singing "God Bless America."

Thought for the Day: "First find a path, and a little light to see by. Then push up your sleeves and start helping." -- Anne Lamott

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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: **V** equals **H**

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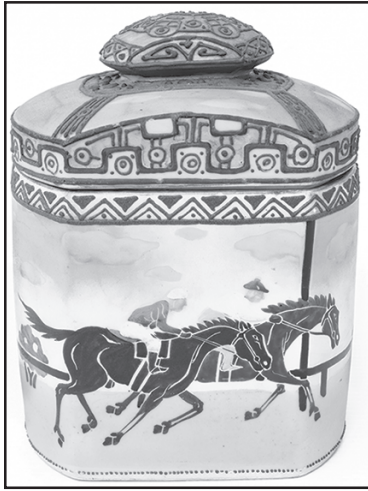
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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Decorative humidior

A reader sent us a picture of an item in an auction catalog that looked like a cookie jar decorated with racing horses, but it had a strange lid. What else could it be? Why horses on a cookie jar? The lid and the size, 7 inches high, are clues. The jar is a humidior, a container for cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco and even cannabis that keeps the tobacco moist and shields it from sunlight, insects and damage.



Although this humidior is called "Kentucky Derby," it may not be an official souvenir of a derby, just a decorative piece made in Japan. *Photo Credit: Kovels*

Humidors were necessary and very popular in the late 1880s to early 1900s, when smoking cigars was a sign of masculinity. Most vintage humidior cases are made of attractive wood and lined with Spanish cedar, a wood that holds moisture and does not warp. It also has a pleasant odor and discourages tobacco beetles. But humidors were also made of glass, ceramics, metal or even plastic.

The humidior pictured is marked with an "M" in a green wreath, the trademark used by the Morimura Brothers Company, a New York City import firm that operated from 1911 to the 1950s. The humidior is called the Kentucky Derby Scenic. It was probably made by Noritake, a Japanese company. It auctioned for \$130 at an online sale of Nippon china by the Harritt Group of Indiana.

Q: What's the best way to clean a rubber doll? I've had

mine for about 65 years, and it has a lot of sentimental value to me. It closes its eyes when it's laid down, cries when squeezed and has hair that can be combed. It's dirty from having been played with then left sitting in a corner. I cleaned it with Dawn detergent and water, but I don't think it did a thing. Is there something else I can use, or do I just accept that my neglect stays on the doll?

A: There are a few things you can try, but remember to test them out in an inconspicuous place, like the bottom of the doll's foot, first. It's better to have a slightly dirty

doll than one that's ruined. Try rubbing off the dirt with undiluted detergent instead of detergent and water, or use a damp cloth dipped in baking soda. Other suggestions include rubbing the doll with an art eraser or using a damp "magic eraser." Just don't use anything that contains bleach.

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Fan, electric oscillating, Robbins & Myers, art deco style, 4 blades in wire cage, black paneled base, marked R&M, 18 inches, \$60.

Cut glass wine goblet, Val St. Lambert, Boris pattern, green cut to clear, crosshatching, diamond cut stem, rayed foot, c. 1920, 7 inches, \$150.

Advertising boot scraper, duck, scraping bar on back, Kendell O'Brien Lumber, Door & Hardware, painted cast iron, 17 inches, \$275.

Disney toy, Stretchy Pluto, Pluto chasing ball, tin lithograph, spring center, 4 wheels, windup, box, Walt Disney Productions, Linemar, 6 3/4 by 3 1/2 inches, \$490.

TIP: Wrap jewelry in acid-free tissue or in cotton bags to keep pieces from bumping and scratching.

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Once-homeless vets test job market

In the month since the homeless veterans had moved into the attic dormitory, three of them had gotten jobs of one kind or another. Sarge had gone banging on doors up and down the main street, looking for available work within walking distance.

The accountant-to-be, he of the formerly long hair and a face hidden by an immense beard, was keeping books and answering phones afternoons at a real estate office, wearing a clip-on tie and a collared shirt with the sleeves rolled down to cover the tattoos on his arm.

Another veteran was only working three nights a week washing dishes at a restaurant. "But he's trying," said Sarge. "He was out on the streets a long time, has PTSD, and a noisy restaurant kitchen is hard on him. He goes outside a couple times each shift and does breathing exercises with the stress app on his phone. He's really trying. Restaurant owner loves him."

The third dormitory veteran was working the building supplies pro desk at the

hardware store, quietly mulling his options. "Store manager called me," said Sarge as we stood outside the coffee shop's back door. "Asked if I knew my veteran had once owned a construction company. I did not know that."

Sarge had looked the guy up online and found an old website full of what he said were the most beautiful, high-end kitchens he'd ever seen, along with additions and custom playhouses. "And our boy was the company owner. He never said a word. Never says much of anything."

"But here," he said, pulling some pages out of his pocket and handing them to me. "I found these drawings in the trash."

The sketches were floor plans for tiny homes with storage built-ins and loft bedroom space. At the top of the pages was the notation Veterans Village. The veteran's initials were penciled in the lower corner.

Sarge smiled. "At least we know what he's thinking about."

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Sports Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Name the quarterback who started for the San Diego Chargers in their 49-26 loss to the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XXIX.
2. What Baseball Hall of Famer, nicknamed "Double X," became the second player in Major League Baseball history to hit 500 career home runs when he achieved the milestone in 1940?
3. Reality TV star Kendra Wilkinson ("The Girls Next Door," "Kendra") was married to what NFL wide receiver from 2009-18?
4. What golf equipment manufacturer introduced its Big Bertha line of stainless-steel drivers in 1991?
5. During the Korean War, Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams flew fighter jets and was wingman for what future astronaut/politician?
6. Shannon O'Keefe, Dasha Kovalova, Danielle McEwan and Bryanna Cote are athletes in what professional sports league?
7. For what Apple TV+ series did Jason Sudeikis win a Golden Globe award for portraying a backwoods American football coach who takes a job as manager of an English Premier League soccer club?

Answers: 1. Stan Humphries.; 2. Jimmie Foxx.; 3. Hank Baskett.; 4. Callaway Golf Company.; 5. John Glenn.; 6. The Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA). 7. "Ted Lasso." (c) 2021 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Donna Day

By Donna Erickson

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As the school year winds down, it's time to show appreciation to a special teacher. Here's a springy idea: Arrange a casual bouquet of flowers with offshoots of your child's creativity.

First, choose some flowers and greens, such as hosta leaves and herbs for fragrance from your garden, or purchase a bouquet at your market. Let your child trim the stems, loosely arrange the blooms and greens in his hand, and then head for the recycle bin.

The perfect "vase" for the blooms just may be lurking between a milk carton and yesterday's newspaper. I'm thinking pint-size pasta-sauce jars, but any glass pickle, mayonnaise or fruit jar makes a casual and

charming "jar in bloom." Simply wash with soapy water, remove the label, tie twine around the rim, and set the bouquet inside. Add some water and a card, and it's ready to give.

It's also fun for kids to decorate and personalize the jars before adding the flowers. Here are some handmade arty ideas using nontoxic paint pens, ribbon, wire, beads or anything that catches your child's attention in your craft box.

Compose a jingle or rhyme about the teacher receiving the bouquet and write it on the jar with paint pens. Tie ribbon around the rim and thread a few small beads near the ends of the ribbon to dangle on the jar.

Use acrylic paints to paint designs or images of the

teachers' favorite things.

Simply write a thank-you greeting directly on the jar with paint pens, and then finish it off with copper wire twisted around the neck of the bottle several times. Arrange a curly willow branch and two or three flowers in the modern vase.

Extra idea: Painted and decorated jars make attractive containers for displaying kids' summer camp and vacation nature finds. Write the place and date directly on the jar with paint pens and fill with pretty rocks from a lake in Wisconsin, mini pinecones from a woodland walk in Oregon or sand from a beach in Florida.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Student-led stewardship builds community connections

By Chris Engle

When students gain a deeper understanding of the natural resources in the places they live and have connections to, it sets the groundwork for lifelong stewardship.

This is the goal of place-based stewardship education — the lessons students learn in their classroom are applied directly to their community through immersive stewardship activities. Giving students ownership to drive projects and have a direct and positive impact on their environment strengthens their sense of place and responsibility for their community's natural resources now and into the future.

In communities across its 12-county service area, Huron Pines works closely with K-12 students on a variety of place-based stewardship education efforts tailored to their landscape.

In May, a hundred students from Alcona Community Schools took a field exploration trip to Huron Pines' Hubbard Lake Preserve where they learned ways to protect and steward the natural as-

sets found on the hilly, forested property. Students participated in a series of interactive stations covering topics related to native plants, forest invasive species, nature journaling and observation techniques, and ways in which individual actions can impact natural resources and biodiversity on a larger scale. Part of their hands-on learning involved planting native plants and shrubs at the preserve.

"Place-based stewardship education is a way to create meaningful experiences for students, teachers and administrators in the outdoors," said Abigail Ertel, community program leader for Huron Pines. "Field days supported by our staff help foster deeper connections to natural resources and public spaces in and around a student's community, and the empowerment that comes with students driving their own projects can make a big impact on their learning."

Dan O'Connor is a board member of Huron Pines and superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, whose campus is minutes away from Lake Huron and the Huron-



First-grade students from Alcona Community Schools plant native plants at Huron Pines' Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve. *Courtesy photos.*

Manistee National Forest. He sees place-based stewardship education as an opportunity for his students to appreciate and take ownership of the places they live.

"We want our students to engage in our community and the natural resources we have here in rural northern Michigan," he said. "Our students are only limited by their experiences. I do my best to make sure my teachers and students don't miss any opportunity."

Jennifer Schroeder is one of those teachers. The K-5 science teacher and facilitator routinely partners with Huron Pines and NEMIGLSI and has most recently been utilizing Alcona's 43-acre school forest for lessons in biodiversity.

For the last several months, fourth-grade students have had motion-sensitive trail cameras set at different locations to study mammal diversity on the property.

"We've found 10 different species of mammals including deer, bobcats, coyotes and

foxes," she said, noting most animals were seen in a wetland area versus an all-birch forest. "Students are making the connection that plant diversity leads to mammal diversity. Place-based stewardship education connects them to their community and immerses them in real-world science and it's quite heartwarming to watch them develop ownership of their school forest."

At AuGres-Sims Schools, on the Lake Huron coast in Arenac County, students learn the importance of water quality and native-plant conservation through partnerships with Huron Pines and Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (NEMIGLSI). They've applied that knowledge through several on-the-ground projects, including operating a native plant greenhouse and installing rain gardens on school grounds, leading a community stormwater visioning meeting, designing and installing a bioswale at AuGres Riverside Park, and monitor-

ing populations of threatened Pitcher's thistle plants on Big Charity Island, part of Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge, in Saginaw Bay.

At Vanderbilt Area School in Otsego County, students are stewards of the school forest where they've established a trail, installed benches and built an outdoor classroom. They've also helped establish a forest management plan to guide actions and activities on the land for the next decade.

(Chris Engle is Communications Associate for Huron Pines, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Gaylord and Alpena to conserve and enhance Northern Michigan's natural resources to ensure healthy water, protected places and vibrant communities. Huron Pines strives to improve economic, environmental, educational and recreational opportunities throughout northern Michigan. Learn more at huronpines.org.)



Huron Pines' Community Program Director Abigail Ertel (center) preps Alcona Community Schools students and their teacher for planting native ferns and wildflowers to bolster biodiversity at Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve during a field-exploration trip.



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