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This presumably female snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*), an uncommon visitor to northeast Michigan, takes a leisurely Sunday rest for several hours near a business sign on Barlow Road in Lincoln. According to Audubon.com, snowy owls are powerful and one of the largest of owl species measuring 20.5 to 27.9 inches high, with a weight of about 4.5 pounds and wingspan of 4.8 feet. In the summer they nest in the high Arctic tundra. During some winters, larger numbers of snowy owls appear south of the Canadian border but are so well camouflaged it can be difficult to spot them. Look for snowy owls sitting on or near the ground often in snow covered wide-open areas. They are typically found along lakeshores or perched on rises such as the crests of dunes, fenceposts, telephone poles and hay bales. When in flight, they usually stay close to the ground. Unlike other owls who are mostly nocturnal, snowy owls often hunt by day, usually from a perch or by flying low and hovering, watching the ground. Their diet varies and includes lemmings, which are small rodents, plus other mammals, such as rabbits, voles, and ground squirrels. In coastal areas they may feed heavily on birds, including ducks, geese, grebes, murrelets, and sometimes songbirds. Male snowy owls are mostly white with large piercing yellow eyes. Females are white with darker barring throughout except for the face, which is always white. *Photo by Mary Weber.*



Alcona Community Schools recently received a 2021 Education Excellence Award for the outdoor education nature trail project. On hand to receive the award, (from left) Elementary Principal Tim Lee; Elementary Science Educator Jenny Schroeder; High-School Agri-science Educator Connor Hubbard; SET SEG Representative Logan Suttman; School Career Navigator Helen-Ann Cordes; School Cross-Country Coach Dr. Mandie Willey; SET SEG Representative Casey Wilcox; School Cross-Country Coach Tammy Nelson and School Superintendent Dan O'Connor. *Courtesy photo.*

Health department expands COVID-19 vaccine eligibility

As of Monday, March 8 COVID-19 vaccine eligibility includes adults 50 and older with medical conditions or disabilities, and caregiver family members and guardians of children and adults with special health care needs.

On Monday, March 22 eligibility will include all adults

50 and older.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), while giving priority to the above-mentioned individuals, all adults 50 and older can to pre-register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as well as additional frontline essential workers in Priority 1B, group C. These frontline essential workers include:

- Food and agriculture workers as previously defined
- Utilities or critical manufacturing workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Workers with unique skill sets not covered above, such as non-hospital laboratories, (e.g. veterinarians)

The decision comes on the heels of a successful uptake of the vaccine by the 65 and older population in the area and to help reach the state's goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the population.

"We are pleased to be able to expand vaccine eligibility as we continue to focus on our most vulnerable and those at the highest risk of severe illness due to COVID-19," said Denise Bryan, DHD2 health officer. "With three safe and effective vaccines now available, people should get the first vaccine available to them. This is a way we can return to some kind of normalcy."

To pre-register, visit www.dhd2.org and click on the pre-registration banner. Once submitted, individuals will receive a "thank you for your submission" message.

"With this new expansion, there are thousands of newly eligible individuals and everyone who wants the vaccine will not be able to get it immediately. Patience is appreciated as DHD2 continues to schedule based on the priority groups. It may take several weeks before you receive an appointment," Bryan said.



Remember to set clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 13 because Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14.

Alcona Schools receive excellence award

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The enhancement measures Alcona Community Schools has taken by offering students a community nature trail, has won the school district an Education Excellence Award.

The award, which includes a \$2,500 grant to be used for the nature trail, is one of 10 awards given throughout Michigan. It is hosted by the School Employers Trust and School Employers Group Foundation, which is part of a risk management organization serving Michigan public schools.

The foundation's mission is to enable students to pursue enrichment opportunities that advance learning, leadership and civic responsibility by providing services, scholarships, grants and financial support directly to Michigan public schools and their students.

In addition to the grant funds, the school received an "Education Excellence Winner" road sign and a commemorative trophy which were presented March 4.

Helen-Ann Cordes, part of the school's Forest Advisory Team, said winning the award was an honor for Alcona Community Schools.

"Our nature trail project is a creative approach to teaching while engaging students

safely outdoors. We believe in outdoor education, which is often more enjoyable for children, and strive to utilize our nature trail system as an expansion of our classrooms.

"The forest provides endless educational opportunities for creatively engaging Kindergarten through twelfth grade students promoting stewardship involvement through biodiversity studies, soil science, forest management, tree identification, drainage/watershed, agriculture and writing education through nature journaling," Cordes said.

According to Cordes, the award funds will be used to ensure accessibility for students and the community on the trail located within a 43-acre school forest. "It will allow us to ensure proper drainage throughout the trail system, place fill material in uneven areas and develop trail maps and signage.

"Additionally, the northeast Michigan region is extremely rich in natural

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 **Obituary** 

Rosemarie "Jey" Zemaitis

Rosemarie "Jey" Zemaitis, of Glennie and St. Petersburg, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021

surrounded by her family at home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on September 24, 1937. Jey married Daniel S. Zemaitis on January 27, 1956.

Loving wife to Daniel S. Zemaitis for over 65 years, and mother to Dan (Cindy) Zemaitis, Tim (Debbie) Zemaitis, Cindy (Mici) Halasz, James (Sherri) Zemaitis, Steve (Linda) Zemaitis, and the late Sue Anne and Mark.

Jey is also survived by her sister, Patricia (Bernie) Bianchi and preceded by late brother, Freddie (Garnett) Yacenic and late sister, Anne (Harry) Peszko.

Dan and Jey are also blessed with eight grandchildren: Tim, Stephanie, Abigail, Daniel, Allison, Amanda, Justin, and Brittany, and nine great-grandchildren: Anna, Timmy, Tommy, Lizzy, Olga, Zander, Noah, Lilly and Zoey.

Jey will always be remembered for her outgoing, gregarious and engaging nature and spirit. Family members and friends, whether they be old or brand new, would always feel and be included in a host of activities and gatherings that she loved to plan and organize. Creating a fun and connected environment was her hallmark. She was always



generous and caring, and routinely shared whatever she had with whomever needed anything. Her pragmatic wit and laugh were drawing and infectious.

Jey routinely volunteered and donated her time to support the local communities with Boy Scout and Girl Scout leadership, Special Olympics, building a library, cooking for the elderly, and fundraising for the needy. She had a talent for crafts, and literally decorated her home and the town for the holidays. She loved gardening, flowers, camping, boating...and even casinos...but the thing she loved most was spending time with her husband, children, grandkids, great grandkids and friends!

Jey will be greatly missed by everyone that was fortunate to meet her, but lives on in perpetuity with the insights, lessons and love she shared and afforded to all of us.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

A free Zumba class for adults will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All adults are welcome. For more information, contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

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, MARCH 11

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. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required.

A Senior Boot Camp will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

A gentle exercise class for seniors will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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trance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All adults are welcome. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

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

MONDAY, MARCH 15

A Senior Boot Camp will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more info., contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 16

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for March is "The Storied Life," by A. J. Fikry. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All levels are wel-

come, call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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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. For more information, call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alconaseniors.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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- Calendar items are short, concise announcements of an event happening in or around Alcona County. *Please submit entries at least 2 weeks before the event.*
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Local Notes



Charity Squirrel Hunt

The Alcona Brew Haus is hosting a charity squirrel hunt on Saturday, March 20. Registration for two person teams is from 8 to 9 p.m. at the restaurant's parking lot, 676 N. US-23, Harrisville. The hunt will begin from the parking lot at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Mark Kovachevich at (989) 724-3301 or on the Alcona Brew Haus Facebook page. The Chosen Ranch is the recipient of this first Charity Squirrel Hunt Tournament.

Library Expands Capacity

The Alcona County Library reopened to 25 percent capacity at the Harrisville and Lincoln branches. The Hubbard Lake and Mikado branches will remain open with touchless pickup only. For details, call: Harrisville branch, (989) 724-6796; Hubbard Lake branch, (989) 727-3105; Lincoln Branch, (989) 569-8177; Mikado branch, (989) 569-8175.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 has applications for the 2021 Community College Scholarship. This scholarship is open to any high school senior from the following high schools: Alpena, Arenac Eastern, AuGres Sims, Hale, Alcona, Oscoda, Standish-Sterling, Tawas, Whittemore-Prescott, and the Alternative Education Academy of Iosco County.

Student applicants must be attending one of the following community colleges during the 2021-22 academic school year: Alpena Community College, Delta Community College, and Kirtland Community College. Scholarships for \$1,000 will be awarded to the top two applicants, but additional scholarships may be awarded at the time of judging.

The scholarship applica-

tion can be downloaded by clicking the Scholarship link, found under "More Info" at <http://www.TawasElks.org>. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 30, 2021. Contact Brad Saegesser, scholarship chairperson, at (989) 820-7171, with any questions.

Struggling with Loneliness

Loneliness is a serious issue than can affect the physical and mental health for many older adults. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased social isolation and has led to several new challenges. To help seniors struggling with loneliness, MidMichigan Health is offering a free, virtual five-week series focusing on loneliness and social connection entitled "Bridge to Belonging." The program will be held Tuesdays, beginning March 16, and will take place from 2 to 3:15 p.m. via Zoom.

"Human beings are, by nature, social creatures," said Meghan Dahl, L.M.S.W., behavioral health therapist at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich. "While some individuals may choose not to be around people and are fine with that decision, others may become lonely. Some become disconnected because of the loss of a spouse, or some retire and lose the social support they had on a job. Loneliness is a real issue that should not be ignored."

In addition, according to Dahl, social isolation and loneliness have also been linked to several negative health effects, including cognitive decline, depression and even heart disease. "Loneliness is found to be worse for your health than smoking 15 cigarettes a day," Dahl said. "It can be just as harmful to your health as obesity and lack of exercise. When we think about a person's health, we often hear recommendations to quit smoking, eat right

and exercise. However, we don't always target loneliness as a health issue. Fortunately, there are many strategies that one can learn and practice to decrease the feeling of loneliness and help feel more connected and positive about life. The Bridge to Belonging program will help explore these issues."

The program is open to anyone interested in learning more on about combating loneliness, whether for themselves or a loved one. All program materials and login information will be mailed to registrants prior to the first meeting. Registration is required for this free program through Friday, March 12. Those interested in signing up can do so at www.midmichigan.org/bridge. Those who need assistance with registration may call the MidMichigan Health Line toll-free at (800) 999-3199.

Super Crossword

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sources. However, the region as a whole is largely undeveloped and accessible. Alcona schools are centrally located, which highlights the need for our school forest to be accessible to everyone including students and the local community.

"Through this education approach, our students receive place-based education opportunities which brings them in closer contact with the community through youth-led stewardship projects that enhance their environment and community," she said.

The community nature trail project was launched in 2019 when the school purchased 43 acres of land abutting school district's property. The purchase was made possible through logging another property the school owned.

Another unique happenstance of purchasing the property when the school did was being able to offer much-needed open-air class time allowing students to safely distance outdoors, reducing the risk of catching the

COVID-19 virus. "Being able to teach students outside and allow them to take their face mask off, so long as they are socially distanced, is one of the greatest benefits of utilizing our school forest for instruction," Cordes said.

The foundation's Interim Executive Director John Hagel said it was an honor to recognize Alcona Community Schools educators and to help support the advancement of the program.

The district's plan for the project is to expand the trail to include hosting student and community groups in a safe outdoor environment through nature trail walks, sports practice, cross-country races and more. It also hopes to someday build a permanent outdoor classroom on the property.

"Students are not only considered participants and users of the school forest but are also stakeholders. Alcona Community Schools has developed a School Forest Advisory Team that includes educators, community and organization members and kin-

ergarten through twelfth grade student representatives.

"Our advisory team will allow us to continue enhancing the nature trail project by serving as a guiding force to the creation of an outdoor classroom that is accessible to all," Cordes said.

She explained elementary students are working on developing a restoration plan for a small holding pond located in the school forest. Students are taking soil samples, evaluating the natural holding pond walls and analyzing the drainage area to determine how to properly restore the natural structure.

"They are not only learning about science through this project but also career opportunities through partnerships with local professionals and organizations, drainage and watershed education and pedology as a whole," Cordes said.

For more information about the nature trail and the Alcona Community School Forest Advisory Team contact Cordes by email at cordesh@alconaschools.net.

Community partnerships for Alcona students

By Dan O'Connor
Superintendent

One of the aspects of my job that I love most is finding ways to connecting with the community that I live in to bring more opportunities for students.

As I embark on year five as superintendent at Alcona Community Schools, building on those connections to enhance what the school system can do for our students is one of my goals. Below are just a few that have been helpful to bring new experiences and resources for students.

Alcona Economic Development Council

I serve on the A-EDC board, and the organization's connections allowed the school system to be incredibly innovative during the spring of 2020 to plan for multiple modes of learning during the 20/21 school year. The A-EDC supported Internet and broadband studies of the

**Superintendent's
Corner**

By Dan O'Connor
Alcona Community Schools



county by connecting with parents to have specific data, which helped the school system's ability to provide Internet for over 150 students during the school year.

The A-EDC has also been instrumental in supporting grants for continued planning and improvements in years moving forward.

Huron Pines

Two years ago, I was able to join the board of Huron Pines. The organization has been vital for the district, offering place-based learning opportunities and school forestry experiences for our students.

They have brought resources and experts to the new 43-acre school property to help continue the momentum for students' outdoor learning experiences. The school is about to begin a project for students at the Hubbard Lake Preserve on native plans.

United Way

The United Way has been a tremendous supporter of the district by supporting many projects geared around students. United Way asked for Alcona County representation four years ago, and I have served on the board since I stepped into the superintendent role.

Alcona Agency Monthly Meeting

Alcona County has a monthly regional agency

"breakfast" meeting to share the county's ideas and programs. Many opportunities and connections with outside organizations start at this informal breakfast meeting. The group has continued to meet virtually for "breakfast" despite the pandemic.

Alcona County Commission on Aging

School partnerships with our community are vital, especially with such a significant portion of our population is over 60 years of age. Two years ago, the ACCOA asked if the school would be open to supporting a person to engage with ACCOA and sit on the board. The district has been able to bring Grand Art and engage our elementary children with an adopt-a-grandparent program to maintain youth connections.

The district has continued to embrace the "community" in our school's official name by engaging with other local organizations and agencies to bring students opportunities.

We are glad to continue to expand on opportunities and partnerships, so do not hesitate to reach out if interested in exploring ways for our students to work with your organization.

(Dan O'Connor is the superintendent of Alcona Community Schools. He can be reached by calling (989) 736-8685.)

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Lady Tigers drop key NSL game with Oscoda

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team had a chance to earn a share of the North Star League Big Dipper title against Oscoda last Friday night. However, the Lady Tigers couldn't get their offense untracked as the 14th ranked Lady Owls shut them down to claim the 38-18 victory, giving them their third straight league title.

It was a frustrating night at home for the Lady Tigers, who couldn't get their offense going and scored a season-low 18 points.

"If you had told me that we were going to hold Oscoda to under 40 points, I'm thinking that we were going to win that basketball game," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "This is a couple games now where our offense has had some problems. We had a lot of good looks and a lot of good

looks in the post, but we just couldn't finish for one reason or another. When we made a mistake, Oscoda made us pay; they are a good basketball team. I can't fault the kids' effort though, they worked their butts off but it just didn't work out for us."

An early bucket by Lily Bilbey gave Alcona a 2-0 lead, and though it held Oscoda off the scoreboard through the first five minutes, it couldn't extend on that lead, allowing the Owls to stay in the game, eventually tying it 2-2 and they claimed an 11-7 lead after one.

Feldhiser felt the opening minutes of the game were a missed opportunity for his team to take control.

"We missed a lot of shots early when we were really shutting them down on defense," he said. "They didn't have any shots going in, we were playing great defense,

our game plan worked out well defensively. We were hoping to contain them and they didn't hit many threes but it doesn't matter ... We have got to score more points or it doesn't matter who we are playing."

The Lady Tigers clawed back to within 11-9 on a Liz Henderson lay-up, but the Owls ended the quarter on a 12-4 run, allowing them to claim a 23-13 lead at the half.

Oscoda kept its lead at double digits the rest of the way, and all but clinched the win on a three-pointer by Macy Kellstrom from the left corner as time expired in the third quarter, sending the Lady Owls into the final frame with a 34-17 lead.

Oscoda opted to milk minutes off the clock before each of their shots in the fourth quarter, as the teams crawled their way to the 38-18 final.

"I told the kids, I can't fault their effort," Feldhiser said. "There are going to be nights like this that you can't score and it was just that simple, we didn't put the ball in the hole."

The Lady Tigers were led by Henderson with seven points. Carmen Dellar had four, Bilbey put in three. Rachel Layton and Kelsey Hansen had two points apiece.

On Wednesday, March 3 the Tigers won a NSL Big Dipper game in Rogers City, 33-23.

Alcona led just 7-5 after the first and 15-12 at the half but managed to surge to a 29-16 lead entering the fourth.

Layton led the team with nine points, Bilbey netted eight and Anna Loyer and Hansen finished with seven points apiece.

On Monday, March 1 the Lady Tigers won at Whittemore-Prescott in another NSL Big Dipper contest, 61-20.

Layton and Hansen led the way with nine points apiece. Bilbey, Loyer and Karen Sharboneau added eight points each and Carmen Dellar put in seven.

Alcona (7-2 overall, 5-2 NSL Big Dipper) was at Onaway

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The Alcona County Library will reopen to 25% capacity on Monday March 8, 2020 at the Harrisville and Lincoln Branches, the Hubbard Lake and Mikado Branches will remain open with Touchless Pickup only. For details please call.

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NOTICE

The Lincoln Village Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2021-2022 at 7 p.m. on March 15th, 2021. The meeting will be held via Zoom. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available for viewing during the meeting. Any questions may be directed to Sheila Phillips, Village President @ 989-335-0012.

Sheila Phillips
 Village President

NOTICE

Gustin Township will hold its Annual Budget Meeting for the 2021-22 fiscal year at the township hall at 113 S. Second Street, Lincoln, MI on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm. **The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this meeting.** The regular township meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting the clerk at 989-335-0635.

Renee LaVergne
 Gustin Township Clerk

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Caledonia Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021 -2022 in the Caledonia Township Hall at 6461 Gillard Rd. Spruce, MI 48762 in an open public meeting of the Caledonia Township Board of Trustees on March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. ***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection on the Caledonia Township website at www.caledoniatwp.net or by contacting the Caledonia Township Clerk Cindy Smith via email at caledoniaclerk1@gmail.com or by calling 989-464-2161 for a copy.

Tiger bowling scores

The Alcona girls bowling team competed against Charlton Heston High School and ended with getting most of the points for the day. High score for a single game was Brielle Keyser with 183, followed by Victoria Skuse with 166. Team game totals were 595/705 with a total of 1299.

At the end of the game schedule, averages, high games, and high series are:

- Brielle Keyser - 183 high game, 342 high series, 136 average;
- Victoria Skuse - 179 high game), 323 high series, 179 average;
- Samantha Nordstrom - 179 high game, 351 high series, 179 average;
- Morgan Munsey - 138 high game, 255 high series, 138 average;
- Nicole Swalley - 103 high game, 196 high series, 103 average;
- Jerzey Brown - 123 high game, 227 high series, 123 average;

Lady bowlers will compete in a singles event at Vista on Saturday, then go on to

regionals the following weekend.

The Alcona boys bowling team won its points against Charlton Heston High School with a high score for a single game by Brenden Hudgins with 162, followed by Jakob Tanner with 159, and Logan Bates with 155. Team game totals were 705/660 with a total of 1365.

At the end of the game schedule, averages, high games, and high series are:

- Brenden Hudgins - 246 high game, 430 high series, 188 average;
- Logan Bates - 195 high game, 311 high series, 131 average;
- Sam Prince - 165 high game, 272 high series, 117 average;
- Zach Stephenson - 143 high game, 235 high series, 104 average;
- Jakob Tanner - 245 high game, 416 high series, 169 average.

The Tigers compete in a singles event on Saturday at Vista then go on to regionals the following weekend.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of March 1-7, 2021

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Tigers fall to second ranked Oscoda

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team wasn't able to play the role of spoiler last Thursday night.

The Tigers, playing at North Star League Big Dipper champion Oscoda, a team ranked second in last week's division three rankings, fell 78-22.

"That is a very skilled team in their home gym, they hit shots early and it kind of deflated us and it was obviously a track meet after that," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "I think my guys still tried to battle as best they could, especially the second half. We just tried to come out and do whatever we could and compete. You are going to have games like this and you are going to have situations in life like this where it just seems like a losing battle but you have to keep working at it. We didn't play well, they played great and hats off to them on the league."

Oscoda opened the night with the first 17 points of the game, and though Zach Stephenson put the first points on the board for the Tigers to make it 17-2, the Owl onslaught continued as they led 36-2 at the end of the opening quarter and with just under four minutes to play in the second. Owl Owen Franklin launched a 25-footer that swished home for a jaw-dropping 49-3 lead and ushered in the Oscoda bench.

With a 55-8 Oscoda lead at the half, a running clock melted away much of the time in the third and fourth quarters, though the Owls still managed a 65-8 lead, until a DJ Howe three-pointer near the end of the third quarter made it 65-11 entering the fourth.

The Tigers had their best moments in the final eight minutes by scoring 11 points and capped off the game with a three-pointer by David Sharboneau.

Colin Walker scored all six of his points in the fourth quarter to lead the Tiger offense. Hunter Rigby netted five, Howe, Sharboneau and Jacob Sytek had three points apiece. Stephenson finished with two.

"I think all the guys, especially the second half, they didn't quit," Bilbey said. "It wasn't going their way but they kept hammering away at it the best they could."

Alcona bounced back with



Alcona's Ashton Tracy goes up for a shot attempt as an Oscoda player defends during Thursday's road loss. Photo by Ben Murphy.

a home NSL crossover win, 52-40, over Hillman on Saturday, March 6.

"Super proud of my seniors," Bilbey said. "They showed leadership and took care of business in the fourth quarter. Everybody worked extremely hard and I'm very proud of the effort we put

forth. Zach had another great game and Jacob Sytek did well on both ends of the court."

Seven points in the first quarter by Howe helped the Tigers take a slim 13-12 lead after one, and they held that same gap, 22-21 at the half.

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on Monday and played at Hillman on Wednesday, March 10. The Lady Tigers host Whittemore-Prescott on Saturday, March 13.


"We have five more games to finish out the year and we have some tough games in

front of us," Feldhiser said. "We gave three tough games next week and two more after that to get ready for districts. If everything goes as planned, we will probably have one more shot at Oscoda, but we have to get there first."



Lady Tiger Liz Henderson drops in a lay-up as a pair of Oscoda players defend during Friday's home loss. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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How to choose a quality nursing home during a pandemic

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Need Help

Dear Need,
COVID-19 has hit nursing homes hard over the past year, making it extremely difficult for people attempting to choose a nursing home during this time.

While many eldercare experts suggest avoiding nursing homes during the pandemic if at all possible, some families, like yours, find themselves in difficult situations needing long-term or rehabilitative care for their elder loved one now.

To help you find a good nursing home in the COVID-19 era, and avoid a bad one, here are some steps to follow.

- Make a list: There are several sources you can turn to for referrals to top nursing homes in your area including your mom's doctor or nearby hospital discharge planner;

friends or neighbors who may have had a loved one in a nursing home; and online at Medicare's nursing home compare tool at [Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare). This tool will not only help locate nursing homes in your area, it also provides a five-star rating system on recent health inspections, staffing, quality of care, and overall rating.

Also keep in mind that it's always best to choose a nursing home that's close to family members and friends who can check in often, because residents with frequent visitors usually get better care.

- Do some research: To research the nursing homes on your list, put a call into your long-term care ombudsman. This is a government official who investigates nursing home complaints and advocates for residents and their families. This person can tell you which nursing homes have had complaints or problems in the past. To find your local ombudsman, call your area aging agency (800-677-1116) or visit [LTCombudsman.org](https://www.LTCombudsman.org).

You should also visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website ([data.cms.gov](https://www.data.cms.gov)), which provides updated data on U.S. nursing home reported COVID-19 cases and deaths.

- Contact the nursing homes: Once you've identified a few good nursing homes, call them to see if they have any vacancies, what they charge, and if they accept Medicaid.

Also, find out their staff-to-patient ratio and staff turnover rate; their COVID-19 infection-control procedures; the percentage of residents and staff that have been vaccinated for COVID-19; and their facility visitation policy.

If visitor restrictions are in place, see if they offer smartphone, tablet or laptop technology assistance so you can have Facetime, Zoom or Skype video calls with your mom.

- Tour your top choices: The best way to evaluate a nursing home is to visit it in person, but because of COVID-19, some facilities may offer limited or virtual



Savvy Senior

tours only. To help evaluate and rate a facility, Medicare offers a terrific checklist of questions that you can print at [Medicare.gov/Nursing-HomeCompare/Checklist.pdf](https://www.Medicare.gov/Nursing-HomeCompare/Checklist.pdf).

With nursing home costs now averaging \$255 per day nationally for a semi-private room and nearly \$290 for a private room, paying for care is another area you may have questions about or need assistance with. Medicare only helps pay up to 100 days of rehabilitative nursing home care, which must occur after a hospital stay of at least three days.

Most nursing home residents pay for care from either personal savings, a long-term

care insurance policy, or through Medicaid once their savings are depleted.

The National Clearinghouse for Long-Term Care Information website ([LongTermCare.acl.gov](https://www.LongTermCare.acl.gov)) is a good resource that can help you understand and research financial options. You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free counseling on all Medicare and Medicaid issues. To find a local SHIP counselor visit [ShipCenter.org](https://www.ShipCenter.org) or call (877) 839-2675.

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

Tigers

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The Tigers fell behind 36-33 entering the fourth quarter, but eight points in the final period by Howe and seven free throws by the team helped them rally for the win.

Stephenson finished with 20 points. Howe netted 17, Sytek added eight, Gavin Walker had four and Nick Rasmussen added three.


On Tuesday, March 2 the Tigers claimed a NSL Big Dipper win over visiting Whittemore-Prescott, 73-46.

"I thought we came out extremely flat and didn't have much intensity at all," Bilbey said. "We got better as the game went on and played much better defense. It was great to get good minutes from everyone in including a couple freshmen. Zach and Gavin led us defensively and that defensive turned into layups on the other end."


Gavin Walker finished with 18 points. Howe put in 17 points. Stephenson had 15 and Sytek finished with 10. Hunter Rigby and Rasmussen added four points apiece.


Alcona (6-4 overall, 3-3 NSL Big Dipper) was at Onaway on Monday, March 8. They hosted Tawas on Tuesday, March 9 and hosts Alpena Thursday..

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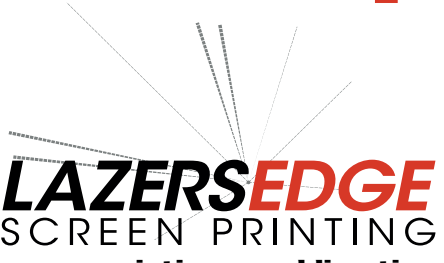
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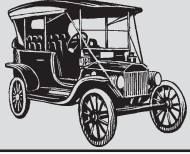
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Testing continues on white tailed deer

March 13, 1996 ~ By Cheryl Peterson
As area domestic animals are being tested for tuberculosis, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is continuing its examination of white tailed deer.

Some 208 deer were shot this winter on private land in an eight to 10 mile radius where Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda counties come together — the northwestern portion of Alcona County. The deer were taken to the Michigan State University Veterinary Department and testing is ongoing. Of those that have been examined four deer have tested positive for the disease, according to DNR Wildlife Biologist Tom Carlson.

This is the second round of deer that were taken from the wild in northern Michigan to be tested for TB. Last fall 354 deer were shot and of those 16 animals tested positive.

TB is a disease that concentrates in the lymph nodes of an animal and over time spreads to the chest cavity. It causes the animal to become thin and weak. TB is spread by close contact — usually nose to nose contact, according to Michigan Department of Agriculture Veterinarian Dr. Vickie Chickering. She said that animals eating out of the same area, in close contact, can spread the disease.

Testing for TB in wild and domestic animals began after a white tailed deer was turned in to the DNR during the firearm season in the fall of 1994.

It tested positive for Bovine TB. Last fall, also during the firearm season, another deer was turned in that tested positive for TB. It was shot in northwestern Alcona County.

The State of Michigan has been a TB free state since 1979, Chickering said, and many state and federal departments are doing all that they can to continue to maintain that status.

Carlson said the deer that are being tested at MSU are going through three types of tests. Initially, their lymph nodes are examined. Then an acid test is performed on tissue and finally, a genetic probe is completed at the National Veterinary Service Laboratory at Iowa State University.

What these tests have found, Carlson said, is that the disease is mycobacterium bovis- which is slightly different from TB, but both diseases can affect people.

Carlson said that there have been no cases in the United States where humans contracted TB through ingesting meat from infected animals. The danger comes, Chickering said, when humans have close contact with infected animals.

The cause of the infection of wild animals is a mystery. "TB has never been found in a wild herd of deer," Carlson said. It was probably spread from domestic animals or domestic deer."

The DNR is not planning to shoot any more deer, but they will be examining deer killed by accident or deer shot with crop damage permits. There is a plan to take 10 sample deer from each county in the state to further test for TB. "We are going to try to look at more samples next fall from hunters," Carlson said.

Alcona Co. airman killed on Kelly Field

March 10, 1921 ~ Orra W. Reams of Greenbush received the sad intelligence Tuesday that his son Walter C. Reams of the U. S. air service was killed in a flying accident on Kelly Field, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, March 8. Further details are lacking.

The young man was a cadet in the flying service and was on the eve of promotion when he was killed. He served about a year during the war period and a short time after his discharge re-enlisted. He was deeply interested in aeronautics and gave promise of rapid* promotion.

Walter C. Reames was born

A tragedy in two acts

March 12, 1896 ~ The curtain was rung down on the second act of a very interesting drama at the depot in Mikado last Monday eve. The first act took place last Friday evening in the shape of a banquet at the residence of a family of high standing in the community, given in honor of a young man who has since taken his departure for the iron regions. The invited guests were selected with the greatest care and only families of the highest standing were represented. The guests report, a good time, that is all except in the young man in whose honor the spread was laid. We have been led to believe that he did not enjoy

himself to a great extent. Reason: "she" said he was all right but he wouldn't do. We hear also that he was invited to get off the earth to please some parties. Curtain.

Act 2. Scene, depot platform: In this act the hero takes his departure for the iron regions. To witness the sad partings brought tears to the eyes of many of the bystanders. Indeed it was a most heart-rendering sight. It is impossible to describe on paper the grief shown by the hero, also the way he displayed his nerve. The amount of tears shed on that occasion are estimated at sixteen vinegar barrels full, so many in fact that the small boy had a picnic the next day skating on the ice. This act is closed by the train pulling out.

The curtain has not risen on the final act of this great tragedy at this writing and a good many people are wondering how it is all going to end. We believe the hero is going to get it where the chicken got the axe, p. d. q. Maybe our opinion don't go a great ways, but we have got a right to think, don't you know.

Yours truly,
Chronic Kicker

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ANSWER
If a witch were traveling very fast, do you suppose she might be on a sonic boom?

Alcona loses in district finals

March 11, 1971 ~ Braving the blizzard conditions, many Alcona County high school basketball fans journeyed to Grayling Saturday night to see the local team play against Grayling in the Class C District tournament championship game.

The Alcona Tigers were defeated, 64 - 55, ending their season with a 14 - 5 record.

Coach Jim Emington's boys came into the game hitting on only one of 20 field goal attempts to fall behind Grayling early in the game. The first quarter ended with Alcona behind by a 13 - 5 margin.

The Tigers came back to narrow the margin to 25 - 24 by the halftime, but the same cold spell that dominated the first quarter came back to haunt the Alcona players early in the second half.

By the end of the stanza, Grayling had moved out to a 44 - 37 lead.

Both teams played nip and tuck during the showdown period, keeping the Tigers from gaining any ground.

Tom McIntyre paced the Alcona scoring with 19 points on, a 7 - 5 combination. He was followed by Perry Budreau with 11 and David Somers with 10.

Terry Fitzpatrick was high for the winner with 22, followed by James Tobin with 17 and Dan McIssac with 12.

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Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Feb. 28	42	27	0.00	4.1	26	SW
March 1	35	14	0.00	5.0	28	N
March 2	36	10	0.00	6.4	28	SSW
March 3	40	28	0.00	3.9	17	NNE
March 4	28	19	0.01	7.7	30	NNE
March 5	38	17	0.00	4.1	25	N
March 6	34	18	0.00	3.8	18	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020-2021 Season	Normal Water Content
	Water Content	Snowfall
Weekly Total	0.01	0.2
Month of February	0.53	17.1
March to Date	0.01	0.2
Year/Season to Date	1.09	26.5

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.)

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Notice of Default and Foreclosure Sale

Whereas, on October 25, 2004, a certain adjustable rate home equity conversion mortgage was executed by Sara J. Olin and Charles Olin, as mortgagors, in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as mortgagee, which was recorded November 4, 2004 at Liber 409, page 99, Alcona County records; and, Whereas, the mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and, Whereas, the mortgage is now held by the secretary, as documented by corporate assignment of mortgage, dated May 18, 2016 and recorded May 20, 2016 at Liber 523, page 385, Alcona County records; and, Whereas, the mortgage at paragraph (9)(a)(i) states that, "Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this security instrument if . . . [a] borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower;" and, Whereas, Sara J. Olin died on April 12, 2019 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and, Whereas, Charles Olin died on April 20, 2017 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and, Whereas, the debt secured by the mortgage has been accelerated and is due and owing in the amount of \$145,369.55 as of February 12, 2021, and which remains wholly unpaid, as of today's date; and, Whereas, the debt must be paid in full to avoid foreclosure of the property commonly known as: 4210 S. Wilcox Road, Mikado, Mich.; and, Whereas, by virtue of this default, the secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; Now therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act

of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the secretary's designation of me as foreclosure commissioner, recorded on July 23, 2015 at Liber 516, page 911, Alcona County records, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10 a.m. local time, the real property located in the Township of Greenbush, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, the below described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:
Lot 27 of Yukon Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 at page 30 of the Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4210 S. Wilcox Road. Tax Parcel No: 01-041-300-000-027-00.
The sale will be held at the Alcona County Circuit Courthouse, which is located at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. The secretary of Housing and Urban Development may bid any amount up to and including the total debt at the date of sale, plus any and all amounts recoverable under the provisions of the mortgage.
There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.
When making their bids, all bidders, except the secretary, must submit a deposit totaling 10 percent of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10 percent of the successful bid must be presented when the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable.
The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or such other time as the secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the

secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.
The secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500 paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.
If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD field office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commission may, at the direction of the HUD field office representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.
There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the act. Therefore, the foreclosure commissioner will issue a deed to the purchaser upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale, as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The mortgage cannot be "reinstated" prior to sale, as the event

triggering acceleration was not a default in payments. Payment of the entire outstanding balance of the mortgage debt is required to stop the foreclosure. The "outstanding balance" includes amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs, posting costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the foreclosure commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the foreclosure and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to the sale.
Date: February 15, 2021
Jeffrey R. Raff
Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145
Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334

State of Michigan
County of Oakland
On this 15th day of February, 2021, before me, a notary public in and for Oakland County, appeared Jeffrey R. Raff, foreclosure commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to me personally known and being duly sworn did say that said instrument was signed and did acknowledge the same to be his free act and deed.
Name: Karolyn A. Hanna
Notary Public,
Macomb County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: February 5, 2025
Drafted by and when recorded return to:
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3-3, 3-10, 3-17

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Publication of Notice File No. 21-6149DE

In the matter of Richard J. LaPratt, deceased
To all interested persons: Patsy A. Enos and Diana L. Bennett, whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
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Date: March 10, 2021
Attorney
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Petitioner name
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The following were in attendance: President Phillips, treasurer Mahalak, clerk Somers and council members, Healy, Schick, Somers, Putsky, and Wambold. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Putsky with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Schick with support from Somers. The amendments to the budget were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Somers.
Budget hearing is going to be held on March 15 at 7 p.m. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Putsky with support from Somers. Carried. Mahalak asked about the rules of order for guests who attend the meetings. A motion was made by Wambold to adopt a measure that would limit the time to three minutes for guests who attend the meetings. It may be extended at the board's discretion. Motion

carried.
No one applied for the vacancy that is on the council. Attorney Cook advised that we should talk to a prior candidate to see if he is genuinely interested in the position still. President Phillips will report back at the next meeting after talking to him. A discussion was held regarding holding the council meetings via Zoom for a while yet. We cannot social distance at the hall so president Phillips suggested that we continue doing the meetings on Zoom. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Putsky, to continue the meetings for the village council via Zoom.
The Parks and Recreation report was given. Dale Job is getting ready to take care of the slats once the weather improves. Bottles and cans are still being collected for a pavilion. A report was given for Troy Somers, zoning administrator.
Mike Serafin fire chief gave his report. There were nine medical runs and eight fire runs which included lift assists (six) and two actual fires during the month of February. A training exercise was held on February 15 for six mem-

bers of the group. President Phillips thanked Eric Bates for his help during the recent storms. He helped with snow removal on the sidewalks. Dale Job gave the maintenance report. The dump truck is currently in Oscoda for repairs. There are some hydraulic leaks that need to be fixed. Additionally, the front end loader needs new seals. He has built a wood working bench that can be useful for using the router to make slats at the playground. The road commission is allowing us to use a truck if necessary until our truck is repaired.
Putsky stated that everything is operating well in the sewer system. President Phillips sent her report including the road report and her regular monthly president's report. President Phillips has agreed to be the representative for the village through NEMCOG.
Billings have been mailed out for the four townships that we serve on the fire department and first responders. A lengthy discussion followed.
The Traverse Bay Road project is coming up soon. A motion

was made by Healy, with support from Somers, to allow president Phillips to sign the necessary papers for this project. Teresa Hart is checking with the health department regarding the Easter egg hunt for the village. If it is at all possible to do it and keep everyone safe she will go ahead and do it.
Mahalak stated that Ron Stout asked about extending the lawn mowing contract for the village by one year. It would save us \$100 per cut.
A motion to adjourn was made by Schick with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

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Septuagenarian exercises to stay young

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

If staying active and helping others keeps a person young, then Alcona County is home to one of the youngest 77-year-olds in Michigan.

Janet Klein, known as Jan to her friends and fellow exercise enthusiasts, feels the secret to living well is to stay active and she spends much of her time helping others to follow that direction.

Jan teaches senior fitness and Zumba classes in Alcona County and has done so for over a decade. Currently, she is teaching free senior classes at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) senior center in Lincoln but has taught at various other locations since moving to the county in 1999 including the Alcona Health Center in Lincoln, Alcona High School and in the park at the Harrisville Harbor pavilion.

Jan said her love of exercise came when she was about 30 years old. "I had just quit smoking and was gaining weight when a friend asked me to go to an exercise class with her. It was when aerobics was first starting and I fell in love with it and have been doing it ever since.

"It feels good to exercise, it keeps us young and mentally happy. Life isn't fun if you are afraid of falling. I know it has also helped with my memory," she said. Jan is certified through the American Council on Exercise in both group exercise and senior fitness.

Although she is the picture of health with practically no body fat and muscle definition that most 40-year-olds would envy, like many people her age, she has health struggles.

Jan feels staying ahead of the game by moving as much as possible helps to keep symptoms of high blood pressure, high cholesterol and arthritis to a minimum and she enjoys watching others regain dexterity and reduce pain through the classes she teaches.

"I love my classes and love the people in them and they know it. We have fun. We get to be friends and it becomes a social outing we look forward to every week," she said.

She emphasized that exercise is for everyone, male and female, and there is no age limit on getting into shape. "The oldest people I ever had in class were in their mid 90s — a married couple who came to class together. Mostly the classes are female, but sometimes husbands will come.



Jan Klein keeps in shape by walking her faithful canine companion, Tovi, three to four miles a day and teaching exercise classes to others. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

The classes I teach are for everyone but men usually don't seem interested, maybe they think we will make them wear tights.

"I'd like to get more men into exercise because it would really help them. I'm thinking of maybe doing an men's exercise class for just six weeks to help ease them into the program," Jan said. She explained no one wears tights to her classes and recommends comfortable clothing such as sweat pants or gym clothing.

Jan is always busy. When she isn't spending time teaching exercise classes, she is at home preparing for them and said it takes time to work on the routines and finding the right music, especially Zumba, which is a dance exercise.

She also spends a time with her husband of 48 years, John, and their dog, a gentle six-year-old golden Retriever named Tovi, who she walks with three to four miles every day, even when it snows.

She enjoys playing bridge once a week with friends, reads often and in the summer she and her husband spend a lot of time boating.

Jan is a certified profes-

sional counselor who grew up in Royal Oak, Mich. and Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She earned a teaching degree from Oakland University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University. She worked for Utica school's downstate for 31 years before moving to Alcona County where she worked another 10 years for Alcona Elementary School.

"I loved working for Alcona schools and being around the kids. I love teaching exercise too and have taught it everywhere I lived," she said.

Living in northeast Michigan wasn't always her plan and she explained she had no real knowledge of the area until her husband moved his manufacturing business here.

"It wasn't until after we moved, I found out my family is from Alcona County. My maiden name was Fleming and there was a Fleming Farm on Shaw Road that is mentioned in the historical books. They were my relatives," she said. She snickered a bit and explained she had heard through family those Fleming's moved from the area due to the depression, when in truth they may have been kicked out of town for swindling people with fake gold shares.

Jan feels lucky to live in such a beautiful area with a home on Lake Huron. She strives hard every day to give back to the community either through helping others stay healthy through exercise or by volunteering on Tuesdays at the Precious Paws Retail Shoppe, a store located in the Harbortown Marketplace in Harrisville, which accepts donations to sell with proceeds from the sales going to Alcona Humane Society.

For more information on classes Jan is teaching, call the ACCOA at (989) 334-3466.

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