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School district names new varsity basketball coach

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Quite often a young athlete dreams of growing up to become head coach for their school team. Last week that dream came true for an Alcona High School alumnus who was named as the new boys varsity basketball head coach beginning with the 2021-2022 season.

Alex Cole was born and raised in Alcona County and graduated in 2011. He was always into sports and played soccer, basketball and baseball but, basketball was always his favorite sport.

After graduation Alex obtained a business degree from Saginaw Valley State University. He worked for an insurance company in Lansing, Mich. before moving back to Alcona County.

For the last three years, Alex has been the boys basketball junior varsity (JV) coach, learning under Ryan Bilbey, the previous varsity head coach. "I wouldn't be where I am as a coach if it hadn't been for him. He has done so much for me the past few years as a JV coach. He is leaving big shoes to fill at the varsity level, but I'm honored to be given the opportunity," Alex said.

Other important mentors also made an impact on Alex while growing up and playing the sport he loves. They helped shape him into the man he is today, and he hopes to be able to fill the same mentoring role for others.

"Seth Coffing was my mentor at the school. He coached all my soccer, baseball and basketball career. I became

close with him, enjoyed playing for him and learning from him, but my dad, Brad Cole, is someone who I've always wanted to be like. The way he handles himself in every aspect of his life. In his business, his coaching and our family. I've tried to model every aspect of my life after his example," Alex said.

As the new varsity coach, Alex said the team has some solid footing to build on and was starting to create successes last season. He explained COVID-19 interfered and cut their season short so they were unable to finish. "I think we were turning things in the right direction. The guys seem excited, they had a taste of winning and are going to want more of that.

"Getting in the gym and working hard every day is something I have preached to my JV boys the last few years and will be what the program going forward will be built on. Giving their full effort every

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Alumnus Alex Cole is new head coach for Alcona High School's boys varsity basketball team. *Courtesy photo.*

AG's office prosecutes Barton City resident

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor

A Barton City resident has made a plea agreement with the Michigan Department of Attorney General in a series of incidents that began on Christmas 2020 and spilled into the New Year.

According to a press release from the attorney general's office, Richard Raymond Coutts Jr., 43, will serve prison time as a habitual offender by pleading guilty to:

- Domestic violence, his third offense, resulting in a minimum of four years and maximum of 15 years in prison;
- Assault with a dangerous weapon, resulting in a minimum of four years and maximum of 15 years in prison;
- Witness tampering, resulting in a minimum of four and maximum of 10 years in prison;
- Malicious use of telecommunications, resulting in credit for time serviced, which is approximately four months; and
- Obstructing and resisting a police officer, resulting in a minimum of two and maximum of 15 years in prison

Additional charges includ-

ing unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence were dropped as part of the plea agreement.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department began an investigation on Tuesday, Jan. 5 after Coutt's live-in girlfriend came to the lobby of the sheriff's department to get away from him.

She reported that on Christmas day Coutts allegedly held her "at knifepoint, would not allow her to leave, physically assaulted her on at least two occasions between December 25, 2020 and January 4, stole cash from her to buy drugs, took her vehicle and refused to return it," according to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department.

He was arrested January 5 in Oscoda Township after Coutts again held the victim at knifepoint and threatened to kill her if she did not drive (him) to a residence in Oscoda Township where he wanted to kill a resident there. The victim got away from Coutts when he got out of the vehicle at a local store to buy alcohol and cigarettes. While (he) was in the store and out of sight of the victim she sped away and drive directly to the Alcona

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Grieving parents share daughter's struggle with hopes to start many conversations

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

On Christmas Eve of 2019 a Haynes Township couple received the worst news any parent could get -- their daughter had died by suicide.

Eric and Kathleen Dunckel raised two daughters in the county, their oldest daughter Elaina and their youngest, Abigail, born three years after.

The Dunckels explained that "Abby" would have turned 28 on May 6, a reason why they wanted her story told and to bring awareness about the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the national suicide prevention lifeline, National Prevention Week, from May 9 through May15.

National Prevention Week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, mental health and/or substance use disorders.

"The second year after your

child dies is not much better than the first year. Maybe we're not as numb. It still feels like we've been gutpunched, but there is a bit more energy and drive to do something," Kathleen said.

The Dunckel's driving hope by sharing Abby's life and death is to possibly open family discussions about mental health disorders and issues that typically go hand in hand such as substance abuse, depression and suicide.

"(Suicide) is a mental health issue. It's a part of our existence. Awareness may not cut down on the number of suicides, but it might impact the community to have normal discussions about it," Eric said.

Kathleen described both of her daughters as very smart and inquisitive. Both did well in school. Abby was about 16 when she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, a mental health condition that causes extreme mood swings that include emotional highs and deep lows of depression.

Kathleen explained that at

15 Abby somehow accidentally fell out a second-story window at home and broke her back. She underwent extensive surgery removing fragmented bone. Rods and screws were put in place of the shattered bone. "After that though, she had tremendous courage and motivation to overcome it," Kathleen said.

While Abby excelled academically, she had a very hard time socially in high school. According to the Dunckels, it was then that Abby began vaping THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol), a crystalline compound that is the main active ingredient of cannabis (marijuana). She also began using alcohol in her senior year of high school, contributing to her first suicide attempt and first psychological admission. Still, she graduated from Alcona High School in the top 10 of her class and received a full scholarship to the University of Michigan.

Unfortunately, a relapse with substance abuse, an-

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Obituaries



🔪 Jasper J. Holsworth

Jasper James Holsworth, 88, of Spruce died on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at home.

He was born in Rodney, Mich. on October 19, 1932 to Charles and Cloe (Thompson) Holsworth.

He served in the United States Army for three years during the Korean War. He was very patriotic and proud of the time he served.

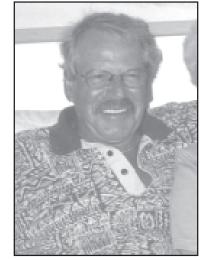
Mr. Holsworth was an active member of the Spruce Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and deacon.

He was a stone mason all his life and took pride in making beautiful stone fireplaces. He enjoyed playing poker, hunting and fishing.

On January 15, 1994 he married Ramona (Beloskur) Clark.

Mr. Holsworth is survived by his wife, Ramona; three James (Leslie) Holsworth, Steve Holsworth and Travis (Molly) Black; three daughters, Loree (Mark) Robertson, Brenda (Jim) Kieliszewski and Shawna (Mike) Scott; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two stepchildren, Tamara (Douglas) Quick and Sherry Clark (Jennifer Smalley); two step-grandchildren; and one step-greatgranddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers,



Charles "Buzz" Holsworth and Lyle Holsworth; one sister, Bernadette Garrett; one nephew, Gary Garrett; and his first wife and mother of his children, Alice Mae.

Memorial visitation will take place at the Bannan Funeral Home on Friday, May 14 from 2 p.m. until the time of the private memorial service at 7 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth Krause will officiate, followed by military honors by VFW Alpena Post 2496.

Inurnment will be in the Caledonia Township Cem-

Memorials may be made to Spruce Presbyterian Church or Compasses Hospice.

For those unable to attend because of the 25-person limit, live streaming will be available at www.bannanfuneralhome.com.

Marion Ann Travis, 77, of Mikado died on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at her daughter's home in Tennessee.

She was born November 29, 1943 to Albert and Goldie (McGregor) Bellmore in Oss-

She married Leo Travis on July 14, 1962 at their home in Mikado.

Diana L. Chabot, 67, of Barton City, died on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at home.

She was born December 10, 1954 to Elmer and Marvel (Kelly) Rifenbark in Alpena. She was a lifelong resident of the area.

On February 7, 1983 she married Ronald Chabot. They were residents of Barton City where Mrs. Chabot owned and operated Chabot Adult Foster Care.

She was a devoted caregiver, who was the rock of her family. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchil-

Mrs. Chabot is survived by five daughters, Melissa Cole of Glennie, Laurie (Marc) Chabot of Glennie, Connie (Mike) Corkins of Howell, Mich., Angela (Karl) Kisor of Brooklyn, Mich., and Debra Gregory of Brighton, Mich.; five sons, Allen (Tonya) Rifenbark of Barton City, Scott (Erin) Chabot of Barton City, Brian (Delores) Chabot



Victoria L. King

There will be a memorial for family and friends on Saturday, May 29, at Alcona Township Hall in Black River at 1 p.m.

Victoria Lee King, 63, of Greenbush died on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 from COVID-



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If the D.J. were to go wild on the job, I suppose he could be spinning out of control.

Marion A. Travis

Mrs. Travis is survived by one son, Terry (Elaine) Travis; two daughters, Tammy (Dan) Whitmore and Tracy (James) Speed; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Judy Brilinski and Linda Hagberg; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

by her husband; Leo; her parents, Albert and Goldie Bellmore; three brothers, Charlie Bellmore, Dale Bellmore and Glenn Bellmore; and one sister, Rosena Brown.

Cremation arrangements were made, and a private service will take place at a later

Diana L. Chabot

of Brighton, Mich., Rick (Pat) Chabot of Dexter, Mich., and Greg (Robin) Chabot of Gainesville, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Roxanne (Marvin) Dean and Pamela Rifenbark; six brothers, Melvin Rifenbark, Doug (Kathy) Rifenbark, Ronnie (Kelly) Rifenbark, Kevin (Shannon) Rifenbark, John (Kathy) Chabot, and Tom Chabot; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Friday, May 7 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery in Barton City.



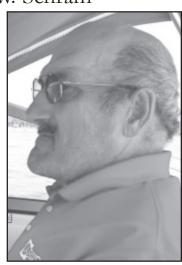
Kenneth W. Schram

Kenneth W. Schram, 73, of Gaylord, Mich. has soared to meet his heavenly father. He passed away on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Mich.

Harold Junior Schram and Jean Shirley (Champagne) Schram were blessed with their only son, Ken, on November 4, 1947 in Hubbard Lake. Ken and his only sister, Bonnie, were remarkably close and looked after each other while growing up. Ken was highly active and excelled in bowling, football, baseball, and pool. He was always known for standing out and being the center of the show.

Viki Lynn Stoyke was the love of Ken's life. She caught his eye when they first met; they were married 52 years ago. Their love for one another gifted them with four sons and two daughters. Always dedicated to his family, he worked countless hours in the oil and gas industry, becoming very knowledge and climbing his way to the top of the sales

Ken's drive for work did not prevent him from being involved with his kids. He passed along his strong work ethic, the ability to fix and build things, and a love of sports. He never missed one of their games, regardless of the distance. His passion for sports led him to teach little league baseball to countless kids. He will always be remembered for his glove-sized hands that most often were his ball glove. His grandchildren were truly the apples of his eye and he rarely ever told them no. He really enjoyed taking them camping, fishing, boating,



and golfing, and he always followed their sporting events. He dearly loved each of them.

Ken's big teddy bear heart, his spirit, sense of humor, and jokes will always be remembered by those whose lives he touched. Ken never said no or turned his head on anyone. He has truly left his mark upon those who knew

Ken is survived by his loving wife Viki; His six children, Corey, Kim, Kevin (Angie), Misty (Mike), Mandy (Kirt), and Justin Schram; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ken reunites with his father Harold, mother Jean, and sister Bonnie Bowers Gauthier: and a few of his dearest friends.

A family memorial service will be held soon. Those who wish may send any condolences, gifts, and contributions to the Schram family through the Gaylord Community Funeral Home, P.O. Box 249, Gaylord, Mich. 49734.

Or you may share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

The Craftmakers' Cabin spring meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Craftmakers' Cabin, 106 S. State Road, Harrisville. It is open to any artist or crafter who wishes to sell their work. Call (734) 904-0108 for more info.

Children of all ages are invited to stop in and pick up a fun and educational activity at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

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, MAY 14

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Alcona County-Wide Cleanup will be held at the ARA site in Lincoln from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Watch for accepted/not accepted item list and prices. Call (989) 724-5007 for more information. Residents and property own- Pantry is open from 1 to 3 ers must show proof of resi-

dency or tax bill to partici-

MONDAY, MAY 17

quired.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for May is "The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry (for Alcona County residents only) will be held at the Lott Baptist Church, 4257 M-65, Glennie from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Margo Lowery at (989) 735-3438 or by email at

THURSDAY, MAY 20

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, MAY 21

A story time and craft activity will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Sunrise Community Food p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible

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 re-

Euchre will be held at the

margo2lowery@hughes.net.

The Community Walking

information.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

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County Sheriff's Department. After he was transported to the Alcona County Jail, Coutts became violent toward correction officers and law enforcement officers.

According to a press release from the attorney general's office, "the defendant attempted to break the window of the jail tank with the handcuffs as they were being taken off, resisted being placed in a restraint chair after attempting to break the window, and spit on an officer once restrained.

"For the following two

months, Coutts, despite being told to have no contact with the victim, called, texted and wrote letters from jailincluding nearly 1,200 messages sent between January 5 and February 9 through the Alcona County Jail's texting system."

"This plea agreement shows the dedicated work being done by the department to uphold the law and achieve justice," Nessel said.

Coutts is scheduled for sentencing June 8 at 9:30 a.m. The sentences will run concurrent.

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

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person following state health guidelines at the Lincoln branch at 2

Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more

information.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

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 info.

(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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1-POL # 2878709 Sportsman XP Front Brush Guard 1-POL # 2880539-409 K- Windshield ,ATV,Tall,Clear

1-POL # 2878000 Cargo Box, Rear, LH-RH, Tour XP

1-POL # 2881003 K-Tracks, CMPLST, SPMN 1-POL # 2879457 K Mount CMPLST XP 850/550

Quotes will be accepted until 5:00 PM Wednesday June 2, 2021, when guotes will be opened at a Public Meeting of the Barton City Volunteer Fire Department Inc., at 7:00 p.m., located at 1868 W. Trask Lake Rd. Barton City, MI 48705. Quotes should be clearly marked and mailed as follows: Rodney Cordes (ATV QUOTE) 2006 N. Stout Rd. Barton City, MI 48705, phone (989) 736-8460. The Barton City Volunteer Fire Department Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids and make the award of a firm, fixed price quote to any responsible bidder in a manner deemed in the best interest of the BCVFD.

ALCONA COUNTY WIDE CLEANUP



At the ARA site in Lincoln (the fair grounds)



8 am to 2 pm, Saturday, May 15th

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call ahead before going to the

bage rolls, buttered noodles,

lash, green beans, bread,

becue chicken, baked potato,

carrots, bread, pears, milk.

peas, pineapple, milk.

• Monday, May 17: Cab-

• Tuesday, May 18: Gou-

• Wednesday, May 19: Bar-

Tocal Notes

• Thursday, May 20: Pork and gravy, biscuit, California The following meals will be blend vegetables, Mandarin served at 5 p.m. Monday oranges, muffin, milk. through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reserva-

Burial Assistance

Anyone who has lost a loved one to COVID-19 may be eligible for a government program that pays for funeral expenses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will pay up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses for loved ones who died of COVID-19. Survivors can apply for benefits by contacting FEMA, tollfree at (844) 684-6333. For qualifications, read FEMA's Funeral Assistance FAQs.

FEMA reports that scammers are contacting people and pretending to offer to register them for assistance. To avoid those scams, here are some tips:

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- FEMA will not contact anyone until they call or apply for assistance.
- The government won't ask anyone to pay anything to get this benefit.
- · Don't give out personal information or a deceased loved one's personal or financial information to anyone who makes contact out of the

Anyone who thinks they received a scam call, should hang up and report it to the FEMA Helpline at (800) 621-3362 or the Federal Trade Commission at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov.



peaches, milk.

#olice Report

Cause of Death Determined

The investigation into the cause of death of a man found floating in Hubbard Lake on October 27, 2020 has closed following an autopsy report recently issued from the Saginaw County Medical Examiner. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the medical examiner's office has determined that Lon Stephen Lizotte, 64, of Spruce died from an accidental drowning and hypothermia.

Fire Investigation Closed

The investigation on the residential fire on east Clark Road in Harrisville on morning the morning of April 2 has concluded. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, "after a lengthy investigation, the area of origin for this fire was located underneath the back covered porch on the south side of the residence. Due to the amount of fire damage, a reliable conclusion cannot be made. However, an accidental cooking fire could not be excluded."

First responders were called to the scene of a fully engulfed residence at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 2. Three adults were escaping from the home as deputies from the sheriff's department arrived. Owners of the residence, Larry and MaryAnn Brozowski, were transported by Alcona EMS to MidMichigan Health in Alpena and later taken to Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Mich. for serious injuries.

They have since been released from the hospital and are recovering with family and friends, according to the sheriff's department.

Dump Trailer Theft

An Iosco County man has been arraigned on a felony charge of larceny under \$20,000 for the alleged theft of a 16-foot dump trailer from Ronee's Flowers in Greenbush. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the theft occurred on February 14. After a joint investigation with the Oscoda Township Police Department and Michigan State Police, West Branch post, officers located the trailer at a residence in Iosco County on February 18.

David Clifford Barnes, 26, of Iosco County, was arrested on April 15 and arraigned in 81st District Court. The delay in his arrest and arraignment was due to being incarcerated in Iosco County on other charges. Following his arraignment in Alcona County he was released on a personal recognizance bond \$50,000.





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The following individuals were sentenced in April in 81st District Court.

- Jeremy Michael Fischer, 41, of Ossineke was sentenced to three days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,285 for domestic violence.
- Andrew David Bammert, 35, of Spruce was sentenced to two days in jail, two years of probation and \$2,200 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.
- Andrew Phillip Warren, 25, of Glennie was sentenced to 38 days in jail and fines and costs of \$715 for no insurance.
- Jeremy Alan Lee, 42, of Mikado was sentenced to two days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,285 in fines and costs for domestic violence.
- Dillon James Harburn-Elowsky, 29, of Glennie was sentenced to 60 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,840 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Dalton Ray VanDenBoom, 23, of Lincoln was sentenced to loss of hunting licenses in 2021 and 2022, 50 hours of community service and \$600 in fines and costs for shining with weapon accessible.
- Christopher Dee Johnson, 46, of Glennie was sentenced to 79 days in jail, restitution of \$38.32 and fines and costs of \$625 for retail fraud third degree under \$200.
- David D. Shepard, 48, of Barton City was sentenced to one day in jail and \$915 in fines and costs for failing to report an accident and operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.
- Jennifer Lynn Buckner, 38, of Harrisville was sentenced to one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,840 for operating an off-road vehicle (ORV) while impaired.

Alcona baseball sweeps away Atlanta

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team found the win column twice on Monday, May 3. The Tigers took down visiting Atlanta in a North Star League crossover, topping the Huskies 10-4 in game one and 11-0 in game two.

In the opener, it was Zach

Stephenson getting the victory, as he gave up five hits and had five strikeouts. Jakob Tanner pitched in relief to earn the save.

The offense saw Michael Basner go two-for-two at the plate with two RBI and Gavin Walker had a hit, one RBI and scored three times.

In the nightcap, Walker got the win on the mound, as he gave up just one hit and struck out three.

Alcona was at home against Oscoda on Monday, May 10. The Tigers travel to Rogers City on Thursday, May 13 and heads to Mio on Monday, May 17.

BID NOTICE

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Huskies no threat to Lady Tigers

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team had little trouble with visiting Atlanta on Monday, May. 3. The Lady Tigers, hosting the Lady Huskies in what was a North Star League crossover game, won both sides of the twin bill, 11-0 in five innings in game one and claimed another convincing win in game two, 14-6.

Miah Schopfer was the

winning pitcher in both games. She tossed a shutout win in game one, while striking out eight batters in game

Makala Mendyka and Liz Henderson had three hits and three RBI apiece in the opener. Sage Gauthier, Anna Loyer and Avery Wrobel added two hist each. Schopfer and Loyer added two RBI

In game two, the Lady Ti-

gers plated nine runs in the first inning to take control early. Rachel Layton had a triple, double and two singles. Ashlyn Gordy, Schopfer and Wrobel had three hits apiece with Gordy and Layton also adding three RBI apiece.

Alcona hosted Oscoda on Monday. The Lady Tigers play at Rogers City on Thursday, May 13 and heads to Mio on Monday, May 17.



Alcona track wins NSL tri-meet

The Alcona varsity track and field teams served as host to Oscoda and Whittemore-Prescott in a North Star League tri-meet on Tuesday, May 4. The Tigers largely dominated the event, winning both the boys and girls sides.

The boys won with 233 points, Whittemore-Prescott was second with 83 and Oscoda placed third with 55.

Alcona claimed the top three spots in both the 100and 200-meter dashes. Gavin Walker won the 100 with a

200 at 24.03, with Walker and Chris Barnes coming in second and third. The 400 had Sytek win and Hunter Rigby place second, with Sytek's winning time reading 54.72. Carter Upper won the 800 at 2:34.88, won the 1600 at 5:37 and won the 3200 as well with a 12:30.

Rigby won the 110 hurdles

events by taking first place in the 4x100, 4x200 and

In the throwing events, Jakob Tanner swept first place, winning with a throw of 34'5.25 in the shot put and had a winning discus throw of 91'3. Logan Zuchowski was also third in the discus. Rigby and Johnston were first and second in the high jump with Rigby's leap at 4'10. Stephenson won the pole vault at 11'0. Johnston won the long jump at 16'6.25 and Upper was second in the same event.

The girls team racked up 220 points overall. Whittemore-Prescott tallied 59 and Oscoda was good for 25.

Lily Bilbey won the 100and 200-meter dashes, with times of 12.99 and 27.00, while Emma Travis was second in both events. Travis won the 400 on a run of

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By Ben Murphy 12.14. He was followed by Sports Writer Zach Stephenson and Fallon Hux. Jacob Sytek won the 4x400 relays.

at 19.86 and Hayden Johnston won the 300 hurdles at 54.99. Alcona rounded out the running

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day when they come in.

"Even bigger than basketball, that hard work ethic is what will make them better young men later in life. If you put your all into anything, you will reach your goals.

"There is a lot of responsibility when you are playing a sport, juggling school work and things going on at home. Grades and academics are more important than an athlete's success on the court," Alex said.

He also hopes to instill respect, respect for teammates, respect for coaches and respect for other teams, with the athletes he coaches.

He explained one of the obstacles his team will face is the learning curve of having himself, a newer coach at the varsity level while having athletes who never played at a varsity level join the team, but he is looking forward to the challenge.

"I'm excited to be taking over the program I grew up in. I want to build Alcona into a powerhouse from the ground up. I want to work with the youth, the middle school up through the high school and build continuity that will be around for a while. We've had a lot of great coaches recently, but we have also had a lot of turnover since I graduated," Cole said.

Alcona High School Athletic Director Chad Cole (no relation to Alex) said he has had the pleasure of knowing Alex for a long time as Alex was a senior when Chad was playing ball as a freshman.

"I wasn't in basketball, but I was in baseball with Alex. One of the greatest compliments that I can give Alex is he is stable. He is a constant. You know what you are going to get from him day in and day out. He is a professional with the right amount of playful attitude mixed with seriousness to teach the kids what they need to know.

"From my freshman year through today, I've been able to learn from Alex. I see what he brings and how he communicates with people and how he genuinely cares. I know he will do great things with success on the court. but the level of care and stability he will also bring to the program is unparalleled.

"I knew from the moment he expressed interest in the position, we had the right man for the job. No one is more suited for this role of leadership given the location, the experience and the actual desire to propel the team forward. I expect success from what he will teach, but more importantly, I expect good young men to come out of the program if he is involved," Chad said.

Alex and his wife, Emily, have an 18-month-old son, Micah, and another son due to arrive in August. "Micah loves basketball already. It's a good fit," he said.

City of Harrisville HARBOR PARK PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bid for the City of Harrisville Harbor Park Playground Development will be received. by the City of Harrisville, at the office of the City of Harrisville, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 until 12 p.m. local time on, may 17, 2021, at which time the bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The project consists of playground and associated site element installation.

The issuing office for the bidding documents is: City of Harrisville, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Prospective bidders may examine the bidding documents at the issuing office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours on 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. or may obtain copies of the bidding documents as described below.

Printed copies of the bidding documents may be obtained by contacting OHM Advisors, 300 East Mitchell Street, Suite 2, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, upon payment of a nonrefundable fee on \$40.00 for print sets that need to be mailed UPS.

The City of Harrisville has received funding for this project through a Recreational Passport Grant. State or federal funds are being used to assist in construction and relevant State or federal requirements will apply.

Owner: City of Harrisville By: Jeff Gehring Title: Mayor Date: April 30, 2021

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other attempt at ending her life resulting in another psych admission, ended her college studies at UofM. Kathleen explained her daughter's fight to live, however, was stronger than her struggle to die at the time, and Abby did succeed in life.

She earned an associate of arts degree in sign language from Lansing Community College, a bachelor's degree through online courses from Sienna Heights University, and received a master's in library and information science from Wayne State University.

Although Abby tried her best to hold on to all life had to offer, issues kept arising, causing relapses including a break-up with a long-time boyfriend and a move to Portland, Ore. for a new job. Her parents feel the two events were probably the catalyst to their daughter's increase in depression, substance abuse and ultimate death by suicide.

In all. Abby attempted suicide four times over 10 years. "There were stretches of very good. She was not a rotten, delinquent kid, she was smart, she succeeded.

"She wasn't a perfect person, but she wasn't a train wreck. She had her ups and downs, relationship issues, employer/employee troubles and some financial troubles. She had few legal troubles, which is something many bipolars have a lot of. We saw a little bit of that toward the end when Abby had to see the magistrate for some traffic issues. She wasn't a good driver," Kathleen said.

Eric, who has also been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, feels the role of genes one is given may be who they are, but doesn't always define them. "What we do with it is not necessarily predetermined. There are genes, learned behavior and certainly free will in context.

"The fact is, a certain segment of the population will commit suicide. We need to do what we can to help and we need to know how to pick up the pieces afterward. How do we, (as a society), deal with this?" he asked.

Having their daughter go into another psych admission while in Portland was extremely hard for the Dunckels, but they reached out and received therapy and advice on how to try and help their daughter through Catholic Human Service's Up North Prevention and Families Anonymous, which Kathleen said was helpful for them.

She explained that mental health disorders, substance abuse and/or depression are diseases that impact everyone in the family.

Kathleen recommends any family going through a similar situation to get advice and counseling on warning signs. She also wanted people to know there are several organizations able to help locally including Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Al-anon, Alateen, Catholic Human Service's Up North Prevention and Alcona Health Center's behavioral health and substance abuse programs.

One way the Dunckels found comfort was to unit with people who understand what they are going through. Kathleen said last year the family participated in a suicide prevention walk annually held in September by the Partners in Prevention's Alpena Suicide Prevention Team.

"That walk was an open window letting in some light. My parents went, there were



Eric and Kathleen Dunckel hold a photo of their daughter, Abigail who died by suicide in December of 2019. Photo by Mary Weber.

aunts and uncles, and friends. There were 20 different groups involved, workers and volunteers. It showed us

the impact suicide has on the entire family. It was the community coming together. We are not alone," Eric said.

Places to seek additional

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According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA), the national statistics are staggering. In 2019, 1.4 million adults attempted suicide, 3.3 million adults ages 18 and older made suicide plans and 10.7 million adults thought seriously about trying to kill themselves.

SAMHSA explained the causes of suicide are complex and determined by multiple combinations of factors, such as mental illness, substance abuse, painful losses, exposure to violence, and social isolation. Warning signs that may mean someone is at risk

• Talking about wanting to

- · Looking for a way to kill oneself.
- Talking about feeling help, resources and guidhopeless or having no reason to live.
- Talking about feeling trapped or being in unbearable pain.
- · Talking about being a burden to others.
- · Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- · Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Sleeping too little or too much
- · Withdrawing or feeling isolated. Showing rage or talking
- about seeking revenge. • Displaying extreme mood
- swings.

The risk is greater if the behavior is new, or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

Anyone who believes someone may be thinking of suicide:

- Call 911, if danger for self-harm seems imminent.
- Ask them if they are thinking about killing themselves. (This will not put the idea into their head or make it more likely that they will attempt suicide.)
- · Listen without judging and show you care.
- Stay with the person (or make sure the person is in a private, secure place with another caring person) until you can get further help.
- Remove any objects that could be used in a suicide attempt.
- Call SAMHSA's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and follow their guidance.





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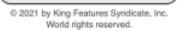
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City of Harrisville shows enthusiasm for baseball, revitalizes three fields

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The sport of baseball is alive and well in the City of Harrisville now that it has reconditioned the ball diamond and have teams playing on it, albeit they are minor league.

The ball field, which has three diamonds, is located at the end of Lake Street and until recently, was the property of Harrisville Township.

City of Harrisville Mayor Jeff Gehring said the diamonds had deteriorated over Gehring explained when the city began care of the field, it did a controlled burn on one of the fields. "There was a tangled mat of grass and other things. The burn came off perfectly and it took care of a lot of issues our crew simply couldn't get with a mower. We did a lot of tree trimming around the field and maintenance of the fields themselves, graded roads inside and out and added little things like trash cans.

"It doesn't seem like a big deal but little details are imday was May 8 and the season will end on June 16 with games on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Also located near the field is a pavilion, which is available to rent, restroom facilities and a community hoop house. Gehring said the city doesn't have any concrete plans to develop the area more but will see how it goes in time.

For more information, call the City office at (989) 724-6666.



Alcona County athletes of the Huron East Knothole Association begin practicing for softball on the City of Harrisville baseball field located at the end of Lake Street. (From left) Adriana Reich, Taylor Laube, Macy Somers, Gracie Travis, Jordyn Somers, Zoey O'Connor, Addison Griffin and Brooklyn Mose. *Photo by Mary Weber*.

the last few years due to its location so far from the township. "We had a better grasp of the field because of our location. We saw the maintenance needs daily and had the equipment close by to work on it. It just made a lot more sense for the city to be the facilitator of the field," Gehring said. The city and the township put together a plan for the transfer of ownership last fall.

Gehring explained each diamond on the field has a purpose, one diamond is primarily for softball, one is used by T-ball and coach pitch and the far-field that used to be primarily the men's league baseball diamond.

portant. This is a representation of our city. We need to be focused on what our image looks like. There is still some work to do, but it is beginning to look beautiful," Gehring said.

He commended the city's maintenance crew of Tom Keerl and Alan Kay for their work on the field, adding that, fortunately, the two men are just as big into baseball as he is.

Currently, boys and girls baseball, softball and T-ball teams from ages four to 13 are using the diamonds for practice and games as part of the Huron East Knothole Association

Coach Ashlie O'Connor said there are four teams in the Girls Minor League. Opening

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- ➤ Sponsored by Grace Church, 6012 Skeel Road, Oscoda on Friday evening and Saturday, May 21-22.
- ➤ Several high-level learning modules with opportunities to go deeper into topics such as trust-based relational intervention, correcting principles.
- ➤ No charge for conference, free lunch will be provided.

<u>Please call the church with questions or to reserve a spot (989)739-3424</u>. Limited spots for virtual attendance also available. If leaving a message, please indicate best time for a call back.

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How seniors can learn new technology skills online

Can you recommend some good technology classes or online learning resources for inexperienced seniors? I have a computer and a smartphone, but my knowledge and skills are pretty limited.

Tech Challenged Senior

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There are many different technology teaching tools available to older adults that can help you learn new tech skills so you can better utilize

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· Local classes or workshops: Depending on where you live, there may be community resources that offer beginning computer and personal technology classes, be it online or in-person, for older adults that are new to technology. To find out what's available in your area, contact your local public library, senior center, college or university, or local stores that sell computers. Your Area

Agency on Aging may also be able to help you. Visit the Eldercare Locator Eldercare.acl.gov or call (800) 677-1116 to get your local number.

• GetSetUp.io: This is one of the best online learning websites that partners with guides to provide training on tech tools for adults 50 and older. They provide more than 350 online classes taught in real-time by retired educators and tech industry experts in a way that lets older adults learn-by-doing, versus just watching a video.

Their technology classes all taught via Zoom - cover things like learning how to use smartphones and tablets, how to setup and use Zoom, how to utilize Gmail features, how to recognize online scams, how to sell your stuff online and so much more. Most of their classes are free, however some charge a small fee.

 SeniorPlanet.org: Created and sponsored by national nonprofit OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) and recently joining forces with

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AARP, Senior Planet offers 60and-older adults a wide variety of free online courses. programs, and activities that are taught in real-time to help seniors learn new technology skills, as well as save money, get in shape and make new friends.

Some of their more popular tech classes include "All Things Zoom," "Everything Smartphones," and an "Introduction to Social Media." They even offer a "lunch and learn-tech discussion group" at various times throughout the year where you can ask questions as well as share your struggles and experi-

And, if you ever have a technology question that pops up during the week, you can call their National Senior Planet Hotline for tech help at (920) 666-1959 anytime Monday through Friday during working hours.

• OasisEverywhere.org: This nonprofit educational organization for older adults provides more than 10 lowcost/free online computer, Internet and mobile technology courses for beginners. And when the pandemic dies down, they will resume offering beginner tech classes in their 27 locations (located in nine states) throughout the country.

• CandooTech.com: This company provides fee-based online tech support and training to help older adults feel more comfortable with phones, computers, tablets, home safety devices and more.

Their specially trained tech concierges will teach you how to use your technology, fix what's not working and install software, as well as learn how set-up and use email, video chat, social media, online shopping and entertainment, ride sharing services and more.

They offer one-hour, oneon-one or small group sessions for \$50, or you can become a member and get two 90-minute training sessions plus unlimited quick support (30 minutes or less) for \$180 per year. They also provide device installation and setup done remotely for \$180.

• TechBoomers.com: This is a free educational website that provides video and article tutorials that teach older adults and other inexperienced technology users how to use the most popular and trusted websites, apps and

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

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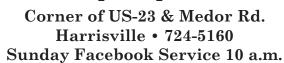
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1:11.9, where Sara Decker was also second. Karen Sharboneau won the 800 at 3:03, where Decker was third and Decker won the 1600 on a time of 7:00. Mercedez Codling was also second in the 1600. Caroline Forsythe won the 100 hurdles in a time of 19.30 and the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams were also winners.

In the shot put, Kelsey Hansen, Brielle Keyser and Alexis Anderson swept the top three spots, with Hansen's winning throw reaching 31'0.25. In the discus the top three was Keyser, Hansen and Amanda DeSouza, with Keyser's winning throw falling at 97'7. Hansen also won the long jump at 14'4.

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Thieves enter several businesses in Lincoln

May 13, 1971 ~ Seven business places in Lincoln were broken into and entered by thieves Friday night, and one place, Gulf Service Station, showed evidence of attempted entrance.

Somers Mobil Gas Station was the biggest loser as the firm's owner reported \$290 taken. Others who lost cash were O'Callaghan Drug Store, \$164; Dr. H. R. Hair, \$12; Alcona County Herald, \$20.

Charles Lecuyer's Shell Service Station was entered and according to Lecuyer a number of tools were stolen but he has been unable to determine how much cash, if

Observes golden anniversary

May 16, 1946 ~ Mr. and Mrs. Achiel Samyn observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 12, by having a family gathering and dinner at their farm home near Glennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Samyn were married in Detroit, on May 7,

With them on this happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Leon DeSever, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Royal Chase, of Dearborn; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Katona, and family, of Glennie; and Albert Samyn, of Glennie. Mrs. DeSever, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Katona are daughters, and Albert Samyn is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samyn.

Mr. Samyn has been engaged in farming for the past thirty-three years.

Ruling upheld in damage suit in boy's death

May 16, 1946 ~ LAN-SING— The State Supreme court, Tuesday, upheld an Alcona County circuit court ruling of no cause for action in an accident damage suit against brought Harrisville Grain and Lumber Co.

The suit resulted after a company truck, driven by Harry Dunn, struck and killed Marvin V. Morrison, 16, on M-72, Sept. 22, 1944. The boy was taken to Alpena General Hospital where he died without regaining consciousness. When struck by the truck the Morrison boy was riding a bicycle on the high-

The high court held that the lower court erred in sending the case to the jury and should have dismissed the suit on the defendant's motion alleging contributory negligence by the victim.

solo-ensemble festivals May 15, 1996 ~ Alcona

any, was taken. The REM Furniture Store was entered but nothing appeared to have been taken. This was also true of the ASCS

Sheriff Martin Gehres and his department are investigating the robberies which added up to approximately \$450 in cash. The Sheriff estimates the entries were made sometime between midnight and 7 a. m. Saturday.

Junior High Band students traveled to Harrison on April 20 to attend the Junior high solo-ensemble festivals. Two ninth grade students also attended.

Chesney Siegert (clarinet solo), Jenny Miller (clarinet solo), Rachelle Wnuk (flute solo), Natasha Tudor (piano solo), and Dawna Smith (flute solo) all received first division ratings from adjudicators.

Sarah Donahue (flute solo),

Sarah Lalonde (alto saxophone solo), Lyn Gooding (flute solo), Jessica Musinski (alto saxophone solo), and Jenny Miller-Crystal Hendricks (clarinet duet) received second division ratings from the judges.

Junior High band takes honors at

Natasha Tudor and Carol McGuire accompanied the Alcona musicians on piano. The students study privately with studio teachers Susan Armstrong, Loretta Beyer, Mary Hubbard, Dennis

Diemond and band director Carol McGuire.

Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School bandroom.

A band concert is scheduled for May 9 at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The high school band will participate in Memorial Day services in Harrisville on May 27 at noon. The band banquet is set for May 30. All parents, staff, community members, alumni are welcome.

Alcona Lodge No. 292 observes 100th year

May 13, 1971 ~ Alcona Lodge No. 292, F. & A. M., which was constituted on January 12, 1871, held a dinner and program in celebration of being 100 years old.

At 6:30 p. m. about one hundred and twenty-five Masons, their wives and guests from Alpena, Tawas, Lincoln and Oscoda, Harrisville, were seated at dinner tables in the dining room of the St. Andrew's bythe-Lake Episcopal Church north of Harrisville.

Rev. J. Russell Hughes gave the Invocation.

Following the dinner, a program at the Masonic Temple began at 7:45 with Worshipful Master Walton Edwards welcoming all present. A Masonic Apron was presented to Mrs. Lawrence Dellar for her husband,

Lawrence, Jr. Past Master, who is a patient in the hospital. Bud Halstead, Worshipful Master of Baldwin Lodge, Tawas, and Past Masters, Earl S. Estes of Hopper Lodge, Alpena, J. R. Hughes and Hans Kohlheim, Twin Lakes Lodge, Lincoln, and Mrs. Inez Wanzer, Worthy Matron of Lake Huron Chapter No. 184, O. E. S., were introduced. Worshipful Master Walton then presented his officers present, Senior Warden Earl McCurdy, Junior Warden John Freeman, Treasurer Grant Leonard, Senior Deacon James Erickson, Junior Deacon Caius Gordon, Tiler Jack Winter, Chaplain J. R. Hughes, Marshal George McIntyre, Stewards Frederick Elgear and Forrest Potter and their wives.

Caius Gordon was then

called upon to present Past Masters of this Lodge who were present. In so doing he read a poem he had composed about all the Past Masters. There were eight present namely Jos. Miller, Master 1923-1935; Forrest Potter, 1943 - 1944; Milo N. Johnson, 1947 - 1948; George McIntyre, 1951-1952; Grant Leonard 1954-1955; Frederick Forsythe, 1962- 1963; Lyle Holm, 1966-1967 and James Erickson, 1968-1969.

Jos. R. Miller the oldest Past Master present, reminisced about all the Past Master of Twin Lakes Lodge, having known all of them except the first two, Joseph VanBuskirk, the first Past Master of the Lodge and John C. Gram, the second one. VanBuskirk served four different times for a total of thir-

Mary Jean Holm and Elaine Swales then sang two duets, which dated back a few years.

Rev. J. Russell Hughes speaker of the evening, used for his subject "Ancient and Modern Masonry" and opened his talk by stating that Masonry is "based on the fundamental foundation of religious nature, but is NOT a religion.

Frederick Elgear than presented the Lodge with a "Book of Past Masters", the making of which he had supervised. All available pictures of the Past Masters are used in this

A very enjoyable evening was closed by a hymn sung by Mary Jean Holm and Elaine Swales and all joined in the final chorus.

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Weekly Report

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High Dominant **Date** <u>High</u> <u>Speed</u> **Direction** NNE May 2 53 22 May 3 42 0.20 5.3 NE 46 14 NNE May 4 53 41 0.43 3.0 17 NNE May 5 52 36 0.00 4.0 23 48 32 0.02 May 6 3.5 17 Ν May 7 44 33 0.18 3.6 17 NNE 49 20 **NNE** May 8 33 0.00 4.7

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2020-2021 Season **Normal Water** Snowfall **Water Content Content** Weekly Total 0.0 0.56 1.31 May to Date 1.31 0.0 0.64 Year/Season to Date 4.19 26.9 8.19

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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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's northernmost territory?
- 2. **TELEVISION:** Which sitcom features a bar named Paddy's Pub?
- 3. SCIENCE: Mycology is the study of what?
- 4. MUSIC: Which city is mentioned in the Eagles' 1972 song "Take It Easy"?
- 5. MEASUREMENTS: Which civilization was the first to divide a day into 24 hours?
- **6. U.S. STATES:** How many states border Colorado?

51 Place to grow **96** 1991

grapes

54 TV program

- 7. MOVIES: "Hedwig's Theme" is the music that marks which movie series?
- 8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novella "Breakfast at Tiffany's"?
- **9. LANGUAGE:** What does The Magna Carta mean in English?

Wimbledon

champion

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for June babies?

Answers: 1. Nunavut; 2. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"; 3. Fungi; 4. Winslow, Arizona; 5. Ancient Egyptians; 6. Seven: Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming; 7. "Harry Potter"; 8. Truman Capote; 9. The Great Charter; 10. Pearl (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, May 3 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included president Phillips, treasurer Mahalak, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers, and Wambold. New council member Jason Durham was sworn in by attorney David Cook.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy with support from Wambold. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Wambold with support from Somers. Treasurer Mahalak presented the following: Request to have the following accounts declared delinquent as complete payments were not received for the 2020 billing cycle and these need to be placed on the tax roll. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Schick, to place the following on the tax rolls for delinquent sewer payments. Carried. Durfee's Whitetails Restaurant

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900-008-005-34 \$228.10 Kirk Belt

000-023-003-00 \$130.07

Lenny Bobick 052-000-023-003-50 \$260.00 Lincoln Truck & SUV

052-900-012-080-00 \$65.00 Steve Golbeck

052-000-024-010-00 \$211.90 Steve Long

052-000-027-002-00 \$302.25

Committee reports were given. The Friends of the Playground have now collected over \$6,000 toward a pavilion. They are continuing to collect cans and bottles and are also accepting donations towards the project. Jason Durham has resigned from the planning committee since he is now on the council. We will need to get someone to replace him. Sara Healy has resigned from the RRC Committee. President Phillips stated that Karen Godi suggested perhaps whoever is brought on to the DDA as director the RRC position could be a good fit for the person. Zoning administrator Troy Somers was not present at the meeting

Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder reports. There were 12 medical runs and 10 fire runs for the month. Mike gave his letter of resignation as the fire chief for the Village of Lincoln. He is recommending that Billy Cordes be appointed as the new fire chief. A motion to accept Mike's resignation was made by Somers with support from Durham. Carried. A motion to appoint Billy Cordes as the new fire chief was made by Durham with support from Somers. Carried.

to give his monthly report.

Warren MacNeill gave the Maintenance report. The water has been turned on at the restrooms. Our insurance agent, Ken Lind, worked with Warren and Dale to fix some issues to help the Flights of Imagination Playground more handicapped accessible. Tables and benches have been placed around town. He said that it has been brought to his attention that the south wall of the old Our Place has peeling paint. He wondered what can be done by the village or if that is something that we can take care of. Warren has fixed the few problems that needed to be addressed according to the insurance agent.

Bill Putsky is working v to get prices for repairing equipment in the sewage lift station. The sewer system is otherwise working very well right now. President Phillips gave the street report. Currently, the Traverse Bay Road Project is in the hold pattern. We are still trying to figure out the Barlow Road final bills. We will have paperwork submitted to the state to let them know of our intent to do the Traverse Bay project next year. In her president's report she stated that we may be getting funding from COVID-19 relief grants. The money could be used for some of the needs in the sewer system and perhaps putting funds aside for a first responder vehicle or for storage of fire department vehicles.

Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan Resolution No. 20-1

Resolution to designate the Village of Lincoln as a Golf Cart Community and authorize the operation of golf carts on the streets of the village.

Whereas, Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949, as amended, Section 257.657a authorizes a village having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals on the 2010 Decennial Census to adopt a resolution authorizing

golf carts to be operated on the streets of the village; and

Whereas, according to the 2010 Decennial Census, the Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan has a population of three hundred thirty-seven (337) individuals; and

Whereas, the Village of Lincoln Council desires to designate the Village as a "Golf Cart Community;" and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Lincoln Council designates the village as a "Golf Cart Community" and authorizes the operations of golf carts on the streets of the village subject to the Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949, as amended, and the Alcona County, State of Michigan ORV Ordinance NO. 09-01.

Therefore be it resolved that the Village of Lincoln Council is setting forth these additional guidelines for operating a golf cart within the village limits:

- 1. All persons riding on a golf cart, including the driver, must be seated on one of the seats of the golf cart.
- 2. No one may sit on the driver's lap while the cart is in motion.
- 3. Pets: (a) must be on a leash; (b) pets on extendable leashes must not block the street for other users; (c) do not let pets go into private property: (d) the operator is required to clean up after pets; (e) pet owners can be held legally and civilly liable for any injuries caused by their pet.
- 4. Anyone operating or riding in a golf cart on the public streets shall do so at her/his own risk and may wish to consider liability insurance. The Village will and intends to avail itself of any protections afforded it by governmental immunity as provided for under State of Michigan law
- 5. It is the operator's responsibility to know what the state and county law requires.
- 6. No racing in any form, except for special events approved by the village council.
- 7. No blocking public access, except for special events approved by the village council.
- 8. Pedestrians will be given the right of wav.
- 9. An audible warning signal is required from golf carts when approaching pedestrians from behind.
- 10. Trash must be placed in designated receptacles or held for proper disposal
- 11. The provisions for driving a golf cart on the streets of the village are set forth in state law and the Alcona County, State of Michigan ORV Ordinance NO.
- 12. Golf cart safety reminder: (a) Golf carts are not toys; (b) Golf cart collisions with cyclists or pedestrians can be deadly; (c) Golf carts do not have the right-of-way; (d) Golf cart operators should use caution at all times: (e) Stop before crossing roadways or driveways; (f) Yield to motor vehicles on the roadways; (g) Always provide audible signal (bell, horn, etc.) when approaching pedestrians from behind to alert them of your presence

13. The village council reserves its right to modify this resolution in the future, including, but not limited to, taking action to disallow the operation of golf carts on public streets within the village if the limited and regulated use of golf carts becomes a safety hazard or deemed to be a nuisance

This resolution was offered by Durham and seconded by Wambold. This resolution is adopted by action of the Village of Lincoln Council on 3rd day of May,

Council members voting aye: Durham, Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold. Council members voting nay: None. Council members absent: None. Certification: I, Linda K. Somers, clerk of the Village of Lincoln, Michigan, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the ordinance duly adopted by the Village of Lincoln Council on the 3rd day of May, 2021 Linda Somers, Clerk,

Village of Lincoln, Michigan

President Phillips asked that committee members take a look at the various committees and report back at the next meeting of their desire to see things changed. She said that the fire department is in need of a laptop. Mike Suitor will be working with Billy to get specifics of what is needed. Motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Somers. Carried.

Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

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State of Michigan **Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate** File No. 21-6167-DE

Estate of Frank J. Vandruska (a/ k/a Frank Joseph Vandruska) Date of Birth: November 23, 1924 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Frank Joseph Vandruska, died September 16, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christopher Vandruska, personal represen $tative, or to both \, the \, probate \, court$ at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of this publication. May 12, 2021

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State of Michigan in the Circuit Court for the County of Alcona

U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for manufactured housing contract senior/subordinate pass-through certificate trust 2000-4, by its servicer New Rez, LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing. Plaintiff

Any and all unknown claimants, owners, heirs, devisees or assignees of Dennis Somers, Myrtle Somers, Tammy Somers, Troy Somers, Brian Somers and the Michigan Department of State Defendant

Case No. 21-3519-CH Hon. Laura A. Frawley Trott Law, P.C. by Joshua Chomet (P81569) attorneys for New Rez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 (248) 341-4634.

Order for Service by Publication This matter having come before the court on Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion for Service pursuant to M.C.R. 2.201(D)(3) and M.C.R. 2.105(I); and the court having reviewed the motion; and the court finding that plaintiff's counsel demonstrated diligent efforts to ascertain the address and identity of unknown heirs, devisees and assigns of Dennis Somers, deceased; and the court being

State of Michigan **Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors** Decedent's Estate File No. 21-6177-DF

Estate of Kimberly A. Vandruska (a/k/a Kimberly Anne Vandruska) Date of Birth: January 19, 1960 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Kimberly A. Vandruska, died April 9, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christopher Vandruska, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of this publication.

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otherwise advised: It is hereby ordered that the following be published in a newspa-

per within Alcona County: To the unknown heirs, devisees and assigns of Dennis Somers: 1. You are being sued in this

court by the plaintiff in an action to quiet title for the mobile home which is affixed to the property commonly known as 1860 N. Coville Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742-9760 and formerly owned by Dennis Somers deceased.

2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court's address of 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on or before the 28th day after publication of this order is completed.

3. If you fail to answer or take other action permitted by law in this court on or before the 28th day after publication of this order is completed, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

4. A copy of this order shall be published once a week in a newspaper that publishes within Alcona County for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed with the court. It is further ordered that no mailing of this Order is required.

This is not a final order. April 23, 2021 /s/Laura A. Frawley Circuit Court Judge 5-12, 5-19, 5-26

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township budget meeting was called to order via teleconference on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. with three of the board members in attendance: Spitznagel, Johnston and Landrum. The supervisor went over the main points of the budget with few changes.

Some main differences were noted. Harrisville Township received \$300 more in revenue sharing than last year. The election board budget is \$3,000 less than last year, being that it is not an election year. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The monthly board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Johnston, Landrum, Spitznagel, and Healy were all in attendance and joined by Melissa Moore.

There was a motion to accept the clerk's minutes by Spitznagel, supported by Healy. All were in favor and the motion carried. There was a motion to accept the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by Johnston and supported by Landrum. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Spitznagel to pay the ordinance enforcer only when an issue arises and to drop the payment of the township hall custodian to \$50 beginning April 1 until the hall is available to rent again. The motion was supported by Johnston and all members were in favor and the motion carried. A final motion to pay the bills was made by Landrum and supported by Johnston. All members were in favor, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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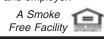
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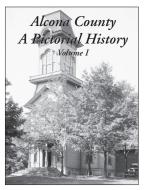


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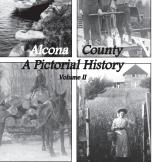
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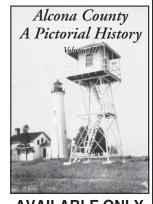






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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Harrisville Township special

The Harrisville Township board called the special meeting on March 30 to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance." There was a motion by Healy to address the county commissioners' by letter, about distributing the unused donations back to the townships that donated to the cleanup. The motion was supported by Harvey, all members were in favor and the motion carried. There was a motion to increase payment for digging graves, from \$400 to \$600 by Johnston and supported by Harvey. All were in favor. Motion

A motion was made to increase the wages of the tax assessor from \$1,340 to \$1,450 per month by Healy and supported by Landrum. All members were in favor. Motion carried. It was announced that Randy Thompson would like to step down from the zoning administrator position so the board will be looking for a replacement. Mike Johnston motioned that Chad Spitznagel and Kaylie Landrum be made trustees for the pension plan through Lappan Agency. Healy supported, all members were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made to transfer \$1,000 from the contingency fund to the fire department fund by Harvey, supported by Landrum. All were in favor. Motion carried. A final motion was made by Harvey to agree to the current contract by the Lincoln Fire Department for one year contingent upon all other townships contributing their share. Motion supported by Spitznagel. Roll call: three ayes, two nays. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.