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Halloween event to fill gift boxes for underprivileged kids

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A unique event to celebrate a Christian Halloween and help needy children in developing countries with a memorable Christmas gift will take place Sunday, Oct. 31 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at St. Anne parish's Maria Hall in Harrisville.

The Boxes of Joy Spooktacular is open to the public and will include lunch,

games, children's crafts, trunk or treat, a pumpkin story and an All-Saints Day-themed costume contest for \$5 per person.

The event is an opportunity for the local parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord which includes St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael Catholic churches to come together with the community to fill shoe boxes with necessary and fun

items for poverty-stricken children who do not typically get anything for Christmas.

Jaci Fitzgerald, program coordinator for the event, explained this is the second year the four parishes have combined to participate in Boxes of Joy, which is part of the international relief and development ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach.

"It is a delightful program. They send us the boxes and

we fill them with useful things and things that are fun. The boxes can contain things such as combs, toothbrushes, soaps, school supplies, hair barrettes, or possibly Christian items such as a rosary or prayer picture book, small toys like balls, whistles or jacks or things that would appeal to an older age group -- whatever will fit in a woman's size shoe box.

"The boxes can be filled with pretty much anything a child would like to receive, including a new pair of shoes, a T-shirt, coloring books and crayons and safety scissors, but nothing with sharp points that could poke through the box and nothing that could leak or melt. Hard candy is okay to send.

"Each box filled must include a \$9 check for the shipping costs, which is paid by the person or family filling the box. Then the boxes are packed up and go to a clearinghouse in Florida to be distributed to mostly missionary schools in Central America and the Caribbean, allowing children to get a gift for Christmas. Many of these children are receiving a gift for the first time in their life.

"We had families do it together last year and it's fun deciding what to put in the box. You can also put in a photo of you or your family or write a small note," Fitzgerald said.

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MSP arrest barricaded gunman

A call that began as an alleged domestic disturbance turned into a barricaded gunman standoff last Thursday.

According to the Michigan State Police, on October 21 at approximately 4 p.m., troopers from the Alpena post dispatched to a possible domestic assault at an address on US-23 in Ossineke. The first call came from a man at the residence and, later, a woman called. The man called to say his wife was intoxicated, on drugs and that she had been abusive in the past. When the woman called, she said her husband had choked and pointed a gun at her. She was being held hostage.



Mark D. Deckard

Troopers set up a perimeter and attempted to talk to the husband, who refused to come out. The state police Emergency Support Team (EST) was activated.

Negotiators talked to the husband while the wife was upstairs communicating with 911 dispatchers. The husband, Mark Dwayne Deckard, 53, eventually surrendered and was placed under arrest. His wife was transported to MidMichigan Medical Center where she was treated and released for non-life-threatening injuries. The standoff that lasted several hours.

Deckard was arraigned on Monday, Oct. 25 in the 88th District Court in Alpena for one count of domestic violence, one count of unlawful imprisonment, one count of felony firearm, one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, and one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

His bond was set at \$500,000 cash surety. His next scheduled court appearance is on November 15 at 2 p.m.



Business owners and residents donned their finest costumes to give candy during the Harrisville Boo Fest last Saturday. (From left) Creed, 7, Brystal, 2 and Benson Leeseburg, 4 receive candy from Monica Spears and her son, Marius. Photo by Mary Weber.

New classes entice students with different content

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Enticing students to do their best and stay in school has many school districts taking a hard look at the courses they offer students.

This year, Alcona Community Schools is offering several new classes for students to choose from including a German exploration and music exploration class offered to middle school students, and German, environmental science, pop culture and combined mythology/science fiction/fantasy classes for high school students.

Christie Thomas, interim principal for the middle and high school, explained the middle school German exploration and music exploration coincide with the students'

gym class. "The students have gym or an exploration class every other day. For the first semester, eighth grade is in German and seventh grade is in music. They will switch at semester," Thomas said.

Middle school students have art in the classroom every third day and they have an option for band. Those in band do not have to take an extra gym class.

German, a new class taught by Amanda Boboltz, is a language class replacing Spanish that students had been taking previously. Spanish in the high school ended when the teacher Dr. Mandie Willey left the district last summer. Thomas said those students still interested in taking Spanish may do so through online courses.

Boboltz, an Alpena native, has a master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages and has had a long-term teaching job living in Austria teaching English to German-speaking students.

She hopes, down the road, there will be some travel involved with some of her German students to let them learn the language first hand. She is also thinking about some type of student exchange partnership program.

For now, she is very happy teaching first-year German classes, German exploration and a world culture class.

Environmental science is a new high school class taught by Kathryn Luce, who has a bachelor's degree in biology and range and wildlife man-

agement and a master's degree from Texas Agriculture and Mechanical University.

Luce explained that through the class, students will study the interactions of the earth's systems and humans. "In this class, students focus on natural resource availability and sustainability. Every Monday, scholars review a recent and relevant scientific issue. Students use their critical thinking skills to create solutions for the issue given," Luce said.

So far, students have looked into water shortage issues across the country, created a proposal for urban agroforestry, discussed the importance of pollinators, and are ready to look into problems concerning ecosystems

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Obituary

Robert J. Heritier Jr., 51, of Linwood, Mich. died on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 following a brief illness.

He was born in Bay City, Mich. on January 10, 1970 to Robert and Ann (Witbrodt) Heritier. He resided in Linwood, Mich. all his life. He graduated from Bay City Western High School in 1988.

Mr. Heritier worked for Lamar Advertising for 26 years.

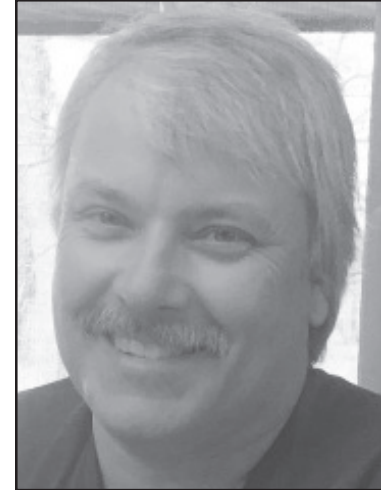
He enjoyed dedicating his spare time to raising black angus cattle and farming with his dad in Mikado, as well as hunting and fishing.

Mr. Heritier is survived by

one daughter, Kaitlyn Heritier; three sons, Dylan (Megan) Heritier, Robert J. (Charlie Ann) Heritier III and William Heritier; three grandchildren Kayson Heritier, Robert J. Heritier IV and Addison Heritier; one sister, Cathy (Tim) Johnston; fiancée, Charity Higgins; two nieces, Carmen Krueger and Delaney Johnston; and one nephew, Quinton Krueger.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Alma Heritier, and Arthur and Nina Witbrodt.

Funeral services were held at Rivertown Funeral Home, Kawkawlin, Mich. on Saturday, October 23, followed by burial in St. Anne Cemetery, Linwood, Mich.



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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

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

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 pickup 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.

Alcona Needle Crafters will

meet from 1-3 p.m. upstairs in the Senior Center in Lincoln. All levels of needle crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-3999.

An artists' reception for the Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1:30 p.m. Art will be on display until December 1. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

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.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Family Halloween event Trick or Trunk (for children under 13) and Business Chili & Soup Cookoff will be held in downtown Lincoln from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Prizes given for best decorated pet (12:30 to 12:45 p.m. All pets must be on a leash). Prizes awarded for best decorated vehicle in truck or trunk and best decorated business. Sponsored by the Chosen Ranch. For more information, contact Teresa Hart at (989) 736-8936. (Food is prepared in private kitchens and not inspected by the health department.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

The Boxes of Joy Spooktacular event is open to the

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Local Notes

Professional Recognition

Dr. Tom Marshall, chief medical officer, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Primary Care Association. He has dedicated his entire medical career to Alcona Health Center, beginning in 1985 as a staff physician, before accepting his current role as chief medical officer in 1987. Dr. Marshall is recognized for his expertise at the local, state, and national level.

Alcona Health Center's



Dr. Tom Marshall

Clinical Operations Director Ashley Goddard, RN, BSN, has received a distinguished service award from the Michigan Primary Care Association. The recognition stems, in part, from her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. She took the lead to develop safe clinical protocols and worked with local health departments to establish four regional testing locations. She also coordinated the northern Michigan Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) regional hub for



Ashley Goddard

distributing Pfizer vaccines to other health centers in the state.

Bottle and Can Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold a bottle and can drive on Friday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, November 6 to benefit the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. Deposit cans and bottles can be dropped off during those two days in the parking lots of the following locations: St. Ann Church, 110 S. State Street, Harrisville; the former Knights of Columbus Hall, 6731 US-23, Spruce and St. John Church, 2550 S. First Street, Alpena.

Monetary donations may be sent to: Options Pregnancy Center, 526 W. Chisolm St., Alpena, Mich. 49707. For more information or to volunteer to assist with the drive, call or text Gerald at (517) 449-7352.

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public and will include lunch, games, children's crafts, trunk or treat, a pumpkin story and an All-Saints Day-themed costume contest for \$5 per person. It will be held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at St. Anne parish's Maria Hall in Harrisville. Bring donations to fill shoe boxes for children in need for Christmas. For details, call St. Ann Parish office at (989) 724-6713.

The Curtis Township Library in Glennie will have a drive-thru Halloween party from 5 to 7 p.m. with candy

and prizes. Call (989) 735-2601 for more information.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln - across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

TEFAP commodities will be

distributed at the Alcona County Commission on Aging building, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 10 a.m. to noon.

Euchre is played at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Veterans, and their relatives, are welcome to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

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coln - across from Alcona Health Center. Contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760 for more information.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

AuSable Valley Audubon will hold a meeting at the Oscoda High School, 3550 E. River Road, Oscoda at 7 p.m. The topic is "Life of the Kirtland Warblers in the Bahamas," presented by Dave Ewert, senior conservationist scientist from the Kirtland's Warbler Alliance. The program is open the public.

An Open Letter To Our Dedicated WXTF Listener Community

It is with great regret that we here at WXTF-LP 97.9 FM (WTF) Harrisville must announce a temporary suspension of broadcasting and streaming services until further notice as of Sunday evening October 31st.

For the past several years WXTF-LP has operated from "Studio C" on the shores of Lake Huron in Harrisville. This location was always intended to be temporary while we searched for a more permanent location. Unfortunately, a suitable new location has not yet been located, necessitating putting our broadcast license "on hold" with the FCC for now.

This process may take several months, though we have up to a year by FCC rules to make this move. It is our intention to make this suspension as short as possible.

We at WXTF-LP have been blessed and overwhelmed by the support of both our community and listeners near and far and hope we can continue to bring you the community programming and the "best music you won't hear anywhere else."

We will keep you updated you on our Facebook and Web Page (www.979harrisville.org) as further information and news becomes available.

All of us here at WXTF-LP thank you, and we appreciate your past and continued support as we embark on the next chapter for our station!

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According to Fitzgerald, the parishes had so much fun they decided to up the number of boxes filled from 118 last year to 300 this year and invite the community to participate. Fitzgerald would like to make this an annual gathering of community event.

She said most items for the boxes can be purchased for nominal costs through dollar stores, which contain many items the children receiving the boxes do not have access to. She will also have items to purchase for the boxes at the event on Sunday.

The boxes filled can also indicate whether the gift is for a boy or a girl and an appropriate age. Plastic shoe boxes and ladies' normal size cardboard shoe boxes can also be used, according to Fitzgerald, but the boxes they get from Cross Catholic Outreach are white with a red bow printed on them and are the correct size to fill the shipping containers.

All additional boxes not filled at the event must be filled and delivered to the St. Anne Parish office for shipment by November 8. For more information, call the office at (989) 724-6713.

For those wanting to donate, but not fill a box, visit the Boxes of Joy website at <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/>. The cost

to donate a box is \$34 which includes the cost to fill the box and ship it.

According to the Boxes of Joy website, despite the pandemic in 2020, Cross Catholic Outreach collected and delivered gift-filled Boxes of Joy to 61,422 children in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Grenada and Guatemala.

Cross Catholic Outreach supports more than 299 projects in 33 countries, emphasizing areas needing disaster relief, education, food, housing, medical aid, orphan and child care, clean water, and microenterprise.

St. Anne Catholic Church is located at 110 N. State Street (US-23) just south of M-72 in Harrisville.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Alcona – 106 N. 5th St. – Harrisville, MI 48740 will receive proposals from Certified contractors for the following projects:

Complete roof replacement of the roof system on the Alcona County Building

A Mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk through will be held on October 13 at 10:00 am. Bidders are to meet at the Alcona County Building – Parking lot at 106 N. 5th Street-Harrisville, MI Bid packages will be handed out at this meeting.

All sealed bids must be received at the County of Alcona – 106 N. 5th St. – Harrisville, MI 48740 on or before October 28, 2021 at 3 pm (local time). All bids will be opened publicly and if qualified, read aloud. All bids must be in plain envelopes marked **“Sealed bid for Alcona County Building Roof Replacement”**. Proposals must be received before 3 p.m. Proposals received after the designated time may not be opened. Evaluation of the proposals and awards by the County of Alcona will be at a later date.

The County of Alcona reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive all irregularities in Proposals. Proposals shall remain firm for forty-five (45) days from date of Bid Opening. A 5% Bid Bond will be required before any bid that is read aloud. 100% Performance, Labor and Material Bid will be required.

Any questions regarding bidding procedures should be directed to:
Mr. David Hanson – 989-724-9517

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and biodiversity.

Luce tries to implement a research-based learning environment and students have sampled and analyzed soil around school grounds and determined its significance for natural resource use.

“Currently, we are working on a multi-week project in which we used the quadrat sampling technique to determine the frequency of living organisms on school property trails. We have also created a biota library in which students identify local plant and animal life from which we will draw some conclusions about the ecosystem and biodiversity close to home. So far, everyone likes the project-based scientific experiences they are making in my class, and I am hoping I can uphold this curiosity throughout the year,” she said.

Benjamin Erickson is the high school's new English teacher who is also teaching elective classes such as drama and the new mythology/science fiction/fantasy and pop culture classes.

“The two classes together are part of our alternate English credit path, so we offer one each semester. For this year, it's pop culture in the fall and myth in the spring.

“In pop culture literacy and analytics, which the students and I all use ‘Nerd Culture’ as the name, is pretty interchangeable. We just finished breaking down some aspects of the British science fiction show, ‘Doctor Who’ and are writing responses based on the multiple facets of the

show. We are also starting a section on Dungeons and Dragons, using the popular alignment charts to understand motivations for pop culture characters,” Erickson said.

He explained during the course students will be studying comic books and other TV shows such as ‘Star Trek.’ He feels a student can learn just as much from a Justice League comic book as they can from Shakespeare if analyzed properly. “They both have the same ideas and themes; they are just written with a different mindset for a different type of person. I'm looking forward to seeing where that goes from here,” Erickson said.

The mythology/science fiction/fantasy class scheduled for next semester will first go through multiple cultures' mythology and lore, according to Erickson, and then analyze several different science fiction short stories, along with multiple opportunities for students to write their own. The class will finish by studying a famous, short fantasy book and will look at several tropes and major ideas presented in fantasy literature, while students work on a foundational writing piece based on either of the three genres.

Thomas said she was excited to be able to offer new courses to students. “We hope that by providing a wider variety of subjects students will have an opportunity to explore future career options and be more engaged in school.”

Runners compete in NM championships

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona cross country teams competed in their final regular season meet on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Northern Michigan Championships in Gaylord, Mich. at Michaywe Golf Course.

In the girls' race Sara Decker ran a time of 22:13 and was 70th and Katelynn Bravata was 174th on a time of 28:34.

For the boys, Carter Upper was 104th on a time of 19:06 and Fallon Hux was 179th on

a time of 23:52.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19 the Tigers competed at the Hale Invitational. In this event, Decker was fourth on a time of 23:45. K. Bravata was 20th at 31:19 and Isabella Bravata was 24th at 47:07.

For the boys, Upper was sixth on a run of 21:08, Hux crossed the line 31st at 27:06 and Kaiden Berryhill was 36th on a time of 33:19.

Alcona heads to a Division 4 regional at East Jordan on Saturday, Oct. 30.

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If you and your husband are interested in cremation, a direct cremation is the simplest and least expensive way to go. It includes picking up the body, completing and filing the necessary paperwork, the cremation itself and returning the cremated remains to the family. There's no embalming, formal viewing or casket. A simple cardboard box called an "alternative container" is used to hold the body.

Depending on where you live and the funeral home you choose, the average cost for a direct cremation runs between \$1,000 and \$3,000. If you want additional services beyond what a direct cremation offers, ask the funeral home for an itemized price list that covers the other services cost, so you know exactly what you're getting. All providers are required by law to provide this.

To locate nearby funeral homes, look in your local yellow pages, or Google "cremation" or "funeral" followed by your city and state. You can also get good information online at Parting.com, which lets you compare prices from funeral providers in your area based on what you want.

Immediate or Direct Burial
If you're interested in being buried, an immediate/direct burial is the most basic and low-cost option. With an immediate burial, your body would be buried in a simple container shortly after death, skipping the embalming, viewing and use of the funeral facilities.

If your family wants a memorial service, they can have it at the graveside, at your place of worship or at home without the body.
These services usually cost between \$1,800 and \$3,500, not counting cemetery charges, which can run you an additional \$1,000 to \$3,000. All funeral homes offer direct burial.

Green Burial
An eco-friendly green burial is another affordable way to go that costs anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000 depending on the provider. With a green cemetery burial, the body is buried in a biodegradable coffin or just wrapped in a shroud, without embalming chemicals or a burial vault.
The Green Burial Council

(GreenBurialCouncil.org, 888-966-3330) has a state listing of cemetery operators who accommodate green burials, as well as funeral professionals who provide the services.

Anatomical Donation
If you'd like to eliminate your cremation/burial costs all together, as well as help advance medical research, you and your husband should consider donating your bodies to science. This option won't cost you a cent, however, some programs may charge a small fee to transport your body to their facility.

After using your body for

medical research projects, anatomy lessons and surgical practice, your remains will be cremated and your ashes will be buried or scattered in a local cemetery or returned to your family, usually within a year.

To locate accredited university medical school body donation programs in your state, see the University of Florida's U.S. program directory at Anatbd.acb.med.-ufl.edu/usprograms, or call the whole-body donation referral service during business hours at (800) 727-0700.

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


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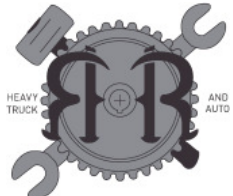
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By Greddy Groves

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There was a long laundry list (nine counts) of things she did. She had veterans apply for HISA grants (Home Improvements and Structural Alterations), which are for doing work on their homes and making improvements. Not only did she not complete the work, she pocketed the money.

Then she managed to have the income and retirement benefits of a veteran diverted into her own account. She took out loans in the elderly

veteran's name, with the money going into her pocket, and used the veteran's credit and debit cards.

But she didn't stop there. In another scheme, she linked veterans with landlords, but kept the money they paid for security deposits and rent.

The legal names for these are wire fraud and aggravated identity theft and involved 27 victims.

While a Department of Justice press release stated that "elder abuse and financial fraud targeted at seniors is a key priority," nowhere in the sentencing does it call out the specific punishment for that. They carefully listed the types of elder abuse (physical abuse, financial fraud, scams and exploitation, caregiver neglect and abandonment, psycho-

logical abuse and sexual abuse), but don't seem to have made it specifically part of this case.

At the time of the indictment, this miserable excuse for a human faced a possible 20 years in prison, plus two years after pleading guilty to one count of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft. In the recent sentencing, she got a mere 9.5 years.

Why is that? Why do the powers-that-be think it's OK to give much shorter prison sentences to these people? Where is the deterrent in talking about the "serious nature of these fraud schemes" when you don't follow it up with serious jail time?

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Pumpkin-head dancers

Halloween is becoming one of the most popular holidays for collectors. Of course, children still dress in costumes and go door to door for treats, but the holiday items collectors are more interested in the "trick or treat" bags or decorations that are created each year.

Carved pumpkin jack-o'-lanterns are being replaced by plastic, foam or cardboard. They can be saved and used for many years. Hundreds of witches, ghosts, black cats and skeletons are manufactured and sold to decorate a house inside and out, but it is the vintage toys, candy containers, postcards, costumes, noise makers and sparklers made since the early 1900s that attracted the collectors in the late 1970s.

Today there are important auctions featuring Halloween, including modern dolls and figures, full-size ghosts that guard the front door and even a pair of legs in striped stockings and pointy shoes that is all that is left of the witch who landed in the planter headfirst. Display the collection in a cool room without bright lights or sunlight and handle with care the papier-mache candy containers made in Germany in the 1930s. They are expensive today, \$50 to

\$150, and an adult-size skeleton costume in good shape with a papier-mache skull mask sells for hundreds of dollars.

This toy, a dancing couple with pumpkin heads, is on a wheeled platform, and they dance in circles when wound up. It was probably made in the early 1900s. Bertoia Auctions sold the toy for \$1,920.

TIP: Old papier-mache jack-o'-lanterns originally had a thin painted piece of paper for eyes. The light from the candle showed through the paper. You can make a replacement with tracing paper and watercolor paint.

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by Linda Thistle

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Tigers close season with romp over Onaway

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity football team had aspirations of ending the season on a three-game winning streak. The Tigers did just that last Friday night as they took down visiting Onaway, 44-0.

“We knew coming in that Onaway was a little banged up, but we knew they were going to give us their all and they did that with that outside kick (to open the game) and recovery and drove down the field a bit,” said head coach Jason Somers. “But our defense stood tall and we scored a couple times after that. I thought from there our boys played really well.”

The Tigers scored a pair of touchdowns in both the first and second quarters, as they led 14-0 after one and 30-0 at the half. Alcona pushed its lead to 36-0 entering the fourth quarter.

“Defensively, we have been playing pretty good the last couple of weeks. Throughout the week I thought the coaches did a bang-up job of just preparing for the different formations and different things they were going to run so I was really pleased with the prep and to see the kids go out there and that just made it that much better.”

Garrett Somers wrapped up his prolific passing season by completing 11-of-15 pass attempts with four touchdowns and he also ran five times for 63 yards and a touchdown. Michael Basner had seven rushes for 137 yards and one touchdown.

Gavin Walker had a big



Alcona's Michael Basner rips down the Onaway ball carrier during last Friday's season ending victory. Photo by Ben Murphy.

game receiving. He hauled in seven passes for 124 yards and three touchdowns. Collin Walker had three receptions for 63 yards and one touchdown.

For the defense, C. Walker had 14 tackles, one sack and forced one fumble and recovered it. Quinten Goldberg had 10 tackles and Kaden Goldberg had nine tackles.

“I want to mention my seniors. We had a good group this year and we had the ones that always get mentioned like Gavin Walker, Hunter Rigby and Michael Basner. We had the unsung heroes like Ashton Tracy and the Goldberg brothers (Quinten, Kaden),” Somers said. “They all brought a lot to the table and in some cases, they had some of the best games they played all year. So, kudos to

them for coming into their last game of their senior year and making it happen.”

The Tigers finish the season 5-4, with three of their four losses coming to playoff-bound teams.

“We have a really nice core coming back, so we are going to return a lot of kids in the skill areas and two of our three lineman that started for us,” Somers said. “It looks pretty good and we will be in the North Star League next season, so we will have a reason to play for a league championship and, hopefully, the Michigan High School Athletic Association may expand the playoff field (to allow larger enrollments in the eight-man playoffs) so I'm hoping that can give us another reason to compete a little better too.”

Lady Tigers claim four set win over Au Gres

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team took on visiting Au Gres in a North Star League crossover game Thursday, Oct. 21. The Lady Tigers got the better of the Lady Wolverines in four sets, 25-23, 25-18, 21-25 and 25-11.

“We played stronger all around and displayed much more consistency,” said head coach Kristi Miller. “The girls worked hard defensively, which led to a more balanced attack. We definitely need to carry this momentum into next week.”

The team was led by Sage Gauthier with 11 kills and 25 digs. Carmen Dellar had two

blocks. Miah Schopfer added 49 assists and Emma Travis and Angelina Howe served up five aces apiece.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19 the Lady Tigers lost at home to North Star League Big Dipper foe Rogers City, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22, 25-27 and 15-12.

“It was our Pink Out game, in which we raise funds to support Friends Together of Alpena,” Miller said. “I am very thankful to those that came out to support and those that stepped up to help make the event a success especially, Patti Byce, Les Thomas and

Angela Gordy. It is always a special evening.”

Dellar led the team with 10 kills. Schopfer had 58 assists. Howe served up eight aces and Travis had 16 digs.

“Throughout the game, we were back and forth, and really needed to take charge offensively and focus behind the serving line,” Miller said. “We kept fighting until the final point, but our inconsistent play held us back.”

Alcona and opens the Division 3 district at Whittemore-Prescott against Tawas on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

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