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Students succeed with practice, dedication and hands-on instructor

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Despite a shortage of reliable instruments and an outdated band room, the Alcona Community School band students and their instructor are doing their best to make the county proud.

Much of the student's success comes from practice and dedication to perfect their skills according to their instructor, Emma Pendergrass Hilton.

In March, the school hosted the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 9 Band Festival. The festival included 15 schools from Clare, Mich., to Alpena and ran for two full days.

"There were hundreds of

band students here. Standish brought 120 students and Oscoda brought 150. Some of the schools are quite large while others are more like us about 80 students," Hilton said.

According to Hilton, all band students performed before three adjudicators that gave students feedback and grade on tone quality, intonation, rhythm, technique, and interpretation.

"They gave students comments on what the student did well and what needs improvement. Then students get a letter grade which equates to points and is scored with a division rating. A first division (I) would be a superior rating. A fifth division (V) would be a poor rating.

"Every band got a first, second or third division rating in the district. Alcona High School received a first division which is outstanding because four years ago we got a third. Last year we took a second and now we have a first. That's steady growth," Hilton said.

The middle school band received a second division rating award and Hilton said they were thrilled because they got a medal.

The festival also included sight reading which Hilton explained as giving each student five minutes to look over a piece of music, ask questions and then perform it. "They were great at how well

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Alcona students (from left) Abel Birk, Kiera Chrzan, Jasmine VonFintel practice with their flutes during band class. *Courtesy photo.*

Dry weather boosts fire risk around state, especially in northern Lower Peninsula

Warm, sunny spring days across most of Michigan this week have sparked people's interest in outdoor fun, but warmer weather also stokes wildfire danger. Make fire safety a top priority when working in the yard, riding all-terrain vehicles or building an evening bonfire.

Fire danger is highest across the northern Lower Peninsula and in parts of the

Upper Peninsula, said Jeff Vasher, fire specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"Humidity is low, so the environment is drying out fast," Vasher said. "A fire can take off with very little warning in these kinds of conditions, especially if it's windy at all."

Some parts of the Upper Peninsula still have melting

snow, but those that don't also are drying fast. Fire danger is expected to remain elevated throughout the week-end.

Before burning yard debris or lighting any fire, check Michigan.gov/BurnPermit to make sure weather conditions allow for safe burning. In southern Lower Peninsula communities, consult local fire authorities

People cause most wildfires

Nine out of 10 wildland fires are caused by people, and yard waste burning is the top cause of wildfires in Michigan.

Here are tips to keep your outdoor activities fire-safe:

- Keep a hose or other water source nearby when burning.
- Prevent sparks. Keep trailer chains from dragging when you're on the road; don't park hot equipment on dry grass.
- Contain the campfire or bonfire in a pit or ring and make sure to put it out thoroughly before leaving for the night. Douse the fire with water, stir the ashes and douse again.
- Never leave any fire — including hot coals — unattended.
- Never shoot fireworks into

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Victim Service Unit offers comfort through tragedies

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A Victim Service Unit is comprised of compassionate volunteers to assist families at the very worst of times.

Working under the direction of the Alcona County Sheriff, the Victim Service Unit (VSU) provides comfort, direction and solutions for survivors, also known as victims, to help them cope after learning of the death of a loved one or watching their home destroyed by fire.

The Alcona County VSU has been available in the county for decades, off and on, as volunteers came and went. The service was gone completely for quite a while until two years ago when Sheriff Scott Stephenson revived the group by finding the right volunteers for the job.

Being a VSU volunteer is not for everyone and the work can be heart-wrenching, according to Stephenson. VSU volunteers are sent out in pairs to non-crime situations which can include deaths; natural, suicide, or accidental and house fires which displace family members.

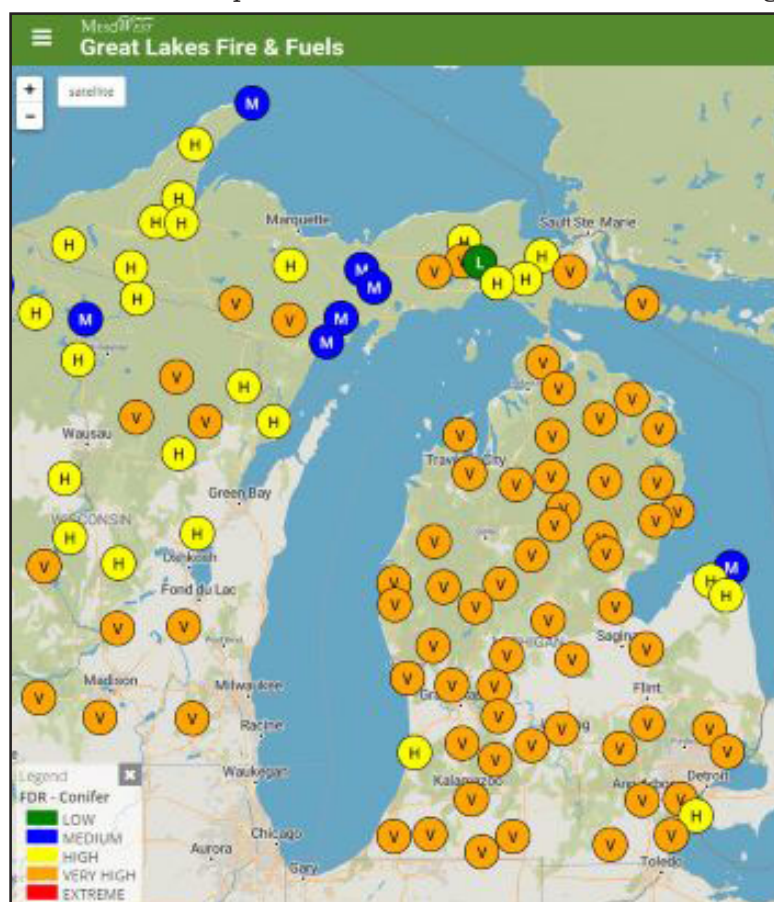
Currently, Alcona County has four VSU volunteers to cover the entire county and Stephenson is seeking eight to 10 more so an on-call schedule can be implemented.

He cautioned it is not the type of volunteer work just anyone can do because sometimes it is closely related to death, perhaps even a deceased child and the body may still be nearby.

"The VSU acts as a liaison between the sheriff's office and the family. Having the VSU allows us to do our job at the scene and not have to attend to the victim's needs as much," Stephenson said. "They will console and comfort the grieving victims and offer resources, so it is easier for the victim to begin the task of recovery."

"When a fire destroys everything in a home, when a spouse dies unexpectedly or parents just learn about their child's death, the grief is overwhelming and most people are not thinking clearly. In a fatal auto accident, the VSU

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Obituaries



Bruce A. Edwards


Bruce Alan Edwards, 61, of Lincoln, formerly of Dearborn, Mich., died on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich.

He was born on April 6, 1962, to Charles and Sharon (Laszlo) Edwards in Messena, NY. He spent most of his life in the Metro Detroit, Mich. area.

Upon graduation, he furthered his education at Carnegie Melon University and achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree in engineering. He was active in his grandparent's business, Abdite Industries, an aeronautical manufacturer. He spent his last years living a grateful life in Alcona County.

Mr. Edwards is survived by one brother, Kevin Edwards; two sisters; two nephews and four nieces.

No services are planned. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



Paul T. Dwyer Jr.

Paul Thomas Dwyer Jr., 90, of Harrisville died on Monday, May 8, 2023, in Oscoda.

He was born on March 13, 1933, in Detroit, Mich. to Paul and Ellen (Francis) Dwyer.

A curious learner, he graduated from the University of Detroit with an undergraduate degree in economics and a graduate degree from the Detroit College of Law.

He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict, where he learned some of his most positive personal and professional attributes.

After working for 14 years at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Chrysler Corp., in the offices of legal affairs, Mr. Dwyer moved to pursue an interest in serving a community with limited legal access and began a private law practice in Oscoda.

In 1972, he was appointed by then Governor William Milliken, to Probate Court in Harrisville. Eighteen years later, he was voted into the 82nd District Court, where he led the progression of the court system.



In retirement, he volunteered for special assignments on the Supreme Court throughout Michigan and enjoyed spending his free time with family and sailing on Lake Huron.

Mr. Dwyer is survived by his wife, Joan, of 67 years; one son, Tom Dwyer of Wilkesboro, N.C.; one daughter, Marie Dwyer of St. Paul, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A family service will be held later this summer.

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Leslie "Les" Thomas Sr.

Leslie "Les" Thomas Sr. of Spruce passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

Les was born July 27, 1944, in Portland, Maine to John Carl and Louella (Ward) Thomas. The oldest of six brothers and sisters, Les grew up in Redford, Mich., where he graduated from Thurston High School in 1963.

He was a three-sport athlete in high school, lettering in wrestling, swimming and football. In addition, he was an active member of the Schoolcraft DeMolay Chapter, where he eventually became Advisor. He joined the Masonic Lodge No. 654 in Morehead, Ky. where he earned his 32nd degree.

Les worked for Ford Motor Company until enlisting in the U.S. Navy, where he served two tours in Vietnam as a Seabee—working to rebuild roads, schools, and churches until coming home in 1970.

On June 19, 1971, he married Antionette "Toni" Ballelli, and they eventually made their home with their three boys in Alcona County.

Les found his passion for pottery and ceramics while

studying at Alpena Community College, where he graduated with an Associate in Arts degree in 1990. This love propelled him to start their small business, Thomas Meadow Farm Pottery Shop in Spruce where he specialized in pottery, ceramics, stained glass, Raku, and mosaic art.

Besides his love of small farming and art, Les believed in the service of helping others. He joined the Alcona 4-H Council in 1984 and served in numerous roles in Alcona County 4-H for nearly 40 years.

His love for art and passion for service allowed him to teach hundreds of students in various art forms through the years, hosting 4-H club meetings, volunteering at camps, as well as statewide and local community events.

Les leaves behind Toni, his beloved wife of almost 52 years; as well as their three sons, Les (Christie) of Lincoln, Chris of Alpena, and Matt of Elkhart, Ind.; one brother, John (Rhonda) of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; and one sister, Claudette of Sterling, Ky.

He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Ellie and Ben; several nieces and nephews; cousins; aunts and uncles; and his recliner companion, Pookie.

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Les was preceded in death by his parents, as well as two brothers, Dr. Robert J. and Ruben "Frank"; one sister, Charlotte Earhart; and one nephew, Edward Earhart.

The funeral was held Saturday, May 13, at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery in Spruce.

In lieu of flowers, the family has decided to create a scholarship fund for graduating Alcona seniors who pursue the arts or human services fields.

Joyce M. Dingeldein

Joyce Mary Dingeldein, 92, of Mikado passed away Sunday, May 7, 2023, at home surrounded by her family.

Born June 3, 1930, on the family farm in Mikado, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Alice (Nedo) Michaud.

On October 27, 1951, Joyce married Curtis Dingeldein and quickly settled into her role of military wife. Soon after, the first of the Dingeldein children, Dawn Marie, was born. The following sixteen years would bring five more additions: Dara, Dale, Denise, Douglas, and Donald.

Throughout those years, Joyce packed her family up and moved across the country and around the world without complaint. Over the course of Curt's career, the family moved to Alaska, Idaho, New York, Scotland, Spain, and Maryland before finally retiring to Mikado following the devastating loss of their eldest daughter.

Joyce faced each move and every challenge throughout her life with a brave face and a "we will work it out" mantra. She possessed a spirit of kindness and charity that is unmatched by many, and she always bypassed the finer things in life in favor of frugality.

Joyce was a lifelong member of St. Raphael Catholic

Church in Mikado where she served on the Altar Society, helped with the CSA and taught CCD for many, many years. She volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul for as long as she was physically able and then continued her support in other ways following. Joyce also supported the Mikado Goodfellows by attending bingo faithfully, always claiming that it was because it was "for a good cause!"

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and sewing, and made many hats, baby blankets and lap robes over the years for the local hospitals and baby pantries. Joyce enjoyed trips to the casino, playing cards with family, reading and watching sports, especially her Green Bay Packers.

Joyce is survived by her children, Dara (Rod) Indish, Dale (Kathy) Dingeldein, Denise (Robert) Bateman, Douglas (Cheryl Buczek) Dingeldein and Donald (Dr. Jennifer) Dingeldein; sister, Faye (Carl Larson) Frayer; sister-in-law, Alberta Michaud; grandchildren, David (Melissa) Indish, Theresa (Timothy) Zollars, Lisa (Douglas) Blake, Krystal (Dr. Douglas) Leichtner, James (Tirena) Dingeldein, Gerald (Mandi) Dingeldein, Jonathan Dingeldein, Nathan (Lydia) Butler, William Gage (Dr. Stephanie) Dingeldein and Noelle Dingeldein; great-grandchildren, Ajax, Noomi, Vivian, Katelyn, Maxwell,



Sophia, Owen, Blaire, Adalynn and one due to arrive in the coming months; a host of nieces and nephews; and her longtime, faithful feline companion, Cat.

Welcoming her to Heaven were her daughter, Dawn; husband, Curtis; parents, Ernest and Alice; and her siblings and siblings-in-law, Lorraine (Frank) Bobick, Clara (Joe) Watson, Donald Michaud, Leo Michaud and Everett Frayer.

A memorial Mass was held at St. Raphael Catholic Church on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. A luncheon followed at Mikado Hall. Joyce was laid to rest privately at St. Raphael Cemetery alongside Dawn and Curtis. Contributions in her memory may be made to Mikado Goodfellows.

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Helen A. Volrath

Helen A. Volrath, 87, of Harrisville, died on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich.

She was born May 13, 1935, to Frank and Sophie (Friedman) Grabske in Chicago, Ill. She was raised in Lemont, Ill.

On May 10, 1958, she married Milton Volrath in Lemont, Ill. They were long-time residents of Crestwood, Ill., and moved to Harrisville in 1993.

She loved animals and was

active with the Alcona Humane Society. She was a member of the Harrisville Lady Lions and loved working on ceramics.

Mrs. Volrath is survived by one son, Scott Volrath; two daughters, Karen (Steven) Hanuska, and Ann Schroeder; six grandchildren, Stephanie (Paul) Lodato, Samantha (Shaun) Volrath, Jessica (Steve) Young, Dan (Kristin) Ritter, Kaitlyn (Morgan) Franklin, and Emily Dennett; and five great-grandchildren, Madison

Young, Riely Young, Theo Ritter, Cris Davis, and Ayden Franklin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton, on June 3, 2006.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 13 at Gillies Funeral Home in Harrisville. Memorial donations may be made to the Autism Alliance of Michigan, 26913 Northwestern Highway No. 520, Southfield, Mich. 48033.

William Percy "Bill" Hastings

June 14, 1935 – May 9, 2023

On the morning of May 9, 2023, Bill departed this world on his final journey.

Born and raised in Alcona County, Bill moved on after high school but then eventually returned home in 1975 and bought the Hastings Centennial Family Farm, where he grew up.

During the time he was gone, he served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years in both the U.S. and Europe. He then found his career in the international oil and gas pipeline industry. He hired in as a ditch laborer and worked his way up to general manager and, eventually, vice president of operations, overseas.

His career took him and his family on an extraordinary journey that included living on every continent in the world except for Antarctica. And, if they had discovered oil in Antarctica, he would surely have gone there as well.

Upon permanently returning to "the Farm," and after trying his hand at farming for a couple of years, his entrepreneurial spirit kicked in. He and Isa ran several businesses in the area, including Alpena Sewing Center, Alpena Screen Arts & Embroidery, Alpena Sign & Awning and Alpena Mini-Storage.

His work with hand carving wooden signs led him to become an avid woodcarver as a hobby, and he won numerous awards for his wood carvings. Bill and Isa started One-of-a-Kind Creations where they shared their many artistic talents at craft shows and art galleries.

As a result of his woodcarving hobby, he became involved with one of his proudest accomplishments, honoring deserving military veterans by presenting them with uniquely hand carved walking canes, through the Veterans Cane Group.

Bill possessed an upbeat, positive attitude that drew people to him. He was always the life of the party, with a quick wit, and a joke or a tall tale to tell. The expression, "he would give you the shirt off his back," described Bill completely.



He would do, and did do, anything for anybody. He affected many people's lives in a positive way, and we are all better off for having known him.

He was a long time Mason and Past Master at Lincoln Lodge 292 as well as Alpena Hopper 199. While at Lincoln, he was instrumental in starting the Masonic Lodge 292 Scholarship Fund. Raising funds for deserving local students. He also became a Shriner, and we all know the good work they do for kids.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Isa (Avino) Hastings; as well as one son, William J. (Gina) Hastings of Yorkville, Ill.; one daughter, Carla (Tom) Brown of DeRidder, La.; three grandchildren, Cynde Quiroz, Cathe Rice and Michelle Hanks; one sister, Martha Beroset; siblings-in-law Maria Helena (Carlos), Lydia (Roberto) and Francisco Jr. (Rosa, Selma), all of Sao Paulo, Brazil; honorary brother and sister, Joe and Linda Hastings of Black River; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, both in the U.S. and in Brazil.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, William G. Hastings and Hilda (Fettes) Hastings; his first wife, Mary Jo (Smith) Hastings; one sister, Phyllis Bowersox; and his father and mother-in-law, Francisco and Lydia Avino.

A memorial service will be held at the Masonic Lodge 292 in Lincoln on Friday, May 26 at noon. There will be a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Masonic Lodge No. 292 F & AM Scholarship Fund (P.O. Box 155 Lincoln, MI 48742) or - Shriners Childrens Hospitals at LoveShriners.org.

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Memorial Service



Michael E. Brown

There will be a Celebration of Life event for Michael E. Brown on Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. at the Warrior Pavilion on Van Etten Lake, Oscoda. Lunch will be served.

Mr. Brown died on October 23, 2022.

A Memorial Service for Allen Wojnar will be held on Saturday, May 20 at Noon in Mikado at the pavilion behind the civic center/bingo hall. Lunch served after.

Al was a casual guy so, please dress casually!

Donald J. Nuffer

Donald James Nuffer, "Mr. Nuffer," "Mr. Wonderful," took the Lord's hand, as he peacefully traveled to his heavenly home while surrounded by his loving wife and daughters on May 8, 2023, in Greenbush at the age of 76.

Don, "Dad" is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Sandra Nuffer of Greenbush, and proud daughters, Buffy (Travis Edwards) Beranek of Wabasha, Minn. and Heather (Jason) Loyer of Harrisville.

Papa Don is survived by his biggest pride and joy, four amazing grandchildren, Jennifer Beranek of Kansas City, Mo.; Nicholas Beranek of St. Paul, Minn.; Luke Loyer of Detroit, Mich.; and Anna Loyer of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Don is survived by his older brother, Phillip (Judy) Nuffer of Elbert, Colo. and three nephews and their families, Scott, Stuart and Shawn Nuffer, all of Colorado.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, George and Imogene Nuffer of Glennie.

Don was born on May 18, 1946, and raised in Bay City, Mich. where he attended Zion Lutheran School until moving north with his family to open Nuffer's Grocery Store in Glennie.

Don's outgoing and fun personality made friendships and involvement in numerous activities and clubs easy. As student council president, he unknowingly crowned his future wife, Sandra Pagels, Homecoming Queen! Don graduated from Oscoda High School in 1964, and his football skills and leadership as co-captain led him to a collegiate scholarship to play for Weber State University.

Don and Sandy were married on June 23, 1967. Shortly thereafter, Don graduated from Northern Michigan University with a degree in Education. After moving to Greenbush, he began working for Oscoda Area Schools as a Physical Education and Science teacher. Don loved teaching. He loved being a Jr. High teacher! Don took great pride in being a coach of wrestling, track, girls basketball, football and baseball and often a life mentor. He believed in people and

their potential, both academically and athletically.

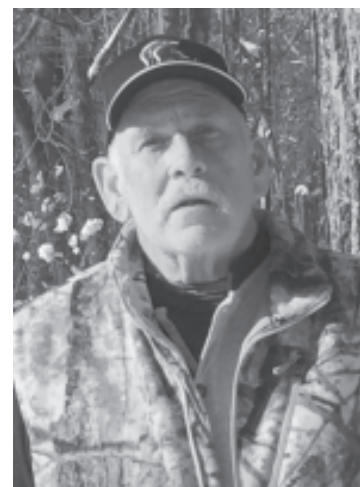
When first married, Don and Sandy established Nuffer's Antique's and together, enjoyed many years of attending auctions and yard sales, searching for, refinishing, collecting and selling antiques. Don was known for his love of finding a good bargain and taught his skill of negotiating and dickering to his daughters and grandchildren. The 100 mile yard sale in Minnesota was a dream come true!

There were many years of memories made with his family and friends at the hunting camp, with a good campfire, reading, looking for morals, hunting, trailing, cutting wood and escaping quicksand and bear! At their cottage in Minnesota, Don enjoyed kayaking, trapping, fishing, hunting, and watching for eagles. Don's appreciation and respect of nature is embedded in his children and grandchildren as they value and appreciate its peace and beauty.

Don was a man of service. In addition to teaching, he was employed by Alcona EMS, saving lives and providing comfort to individuals in their final moments. Don received a special tribute by the State of Michigan for his life saving measures in the hope that everyone will take note of his example of helping others. He also served on the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education for many years representing teachers and was proudly instrumental in the construction of the current Alcona Elementary building.

Don retired in 1993 after 30 years of teaching and coaching. To this day, he is still remembered as the "GOAT" by the students he once taught and coached and respected by his fellow teachers, staff and administrators. Don's competitiveness, hard work, determination and "NEVER GIVE UP" philosophy continues to thrive in his daughters, grandchildren and others that he interacted with.

After retiring, Don was able to engage more in his outdoor life passions, began making birdhouses, and walking sticks. He faithfully attended his grandchildren's school and sporting events and enthusiastically cheered them on.



He loved ice cream and an occasional good cigar or pipe! Don was known to joke around and tease those around him. He was an avid reader of westerns and had great respect for Native Americans, their culture, and their perseverance. Don loved deer - he loved to watch them, hunt them, shoot them and eat them. He is remembered by many as a friend and by the lucky ones, as a hunting buddy.

His children remember him as an amazing dad. Their dad was loving, humorous, supportive, and a positive role model. He taught them the importance of giving, saving, kindness, faithfulness, and resilience. He made "his girls" say, "I feel terrific" every morning before school! He taught them the value and respect of nature and embedded in them the love and peace of the outdoors. He instilled in them the meaning of family and encouraged them to love, be loved, and to pursue their goals.

Make a difference, live with purpose.

A private memorial for the immediate family is planned to take place in Wabasha, Minn. at a future date, in a place where Don shot his big buck and saw the Chief in full head-dress on his horse. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minn.; the Alcona County Library or Hospice of Michigan.

The family would like to thank the amazing medical staff at MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena, MyMichigan therapists, Alcona Commission on Aging, and Hospice of Michigan for their loving care and help.

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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 18
Veterans are invited to join follow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. The first visit is free. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

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.

Youth ages nine and up can participate in making sparkling suncatchers at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 3:30 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, MAY 19
Story time and a craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

Volunteers will be at the Harrisville Train Depot, 301 Dock Street, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. to accept donations for the upcoming garage sale fund raising event in June (no clothing). Visitors may stop by to visit and find out how to "Discover Your Depot." Attendees should bring their own chair, boombox and whatever else needed to enjoy an outdoor spring evening among friends.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addition program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Kirtland's Warblers are very choosy when it comes to their breeding habitat. Join a

U.S. Forest Service ranger on an adventure to search for this bird in its favorite habitat. Call (989) 362-8961 to register by May 17. All programs are free.

Ceramics with Ricky Blanding will be at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Celebrate spring in Harrisville during May Fest 2023, sponsored by the Harrisville Arts Council. The event is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Harrisville. There will be a classic car show, 1950s and 60s costume contest and dance off, and a chili cook-off by Alcona County businesses which will be judged by the public at \$5 per person. All proceeds go to the Alcona High School's German class trip of 2026. For details, visit HarrisvilleArts-Council.com.

MONDAY, MAY 22
A spring concert will be performed by the Thunder

Bay Arts Chorus at 7 p.m. at the Word of Life Baptist Church in Alpena. The concert is free and open to the public. Thirty plus singers will be performing.

TUESDAY, MAY 23
Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Lincoln branch at 2 p.m.

The 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 a box or bag. The church is

located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

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Teenagers (age 13 and up) are welcome to join the Movie & Munchies Night at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The movie begins at 5 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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Correspondence



To the Editor,
Recently, you ran a story about my walking county roads to pick up trash. Of course, picking up trash is only my motivation to keep walking, since it is good exercise.

When step counters came along, conventional wisdom said that 10,000 steps per day was the right number, but for years no one really knew. Now, a couple of studies have shown that the number of steps is not at least 10,000 steps. Also, it may not

be necessary to walk every day.

Walking 10,000 steps will take over an hour. Many people are not able to commit that much time to exercise. Now a study reported in JAMA Network Open showed that the "sweet spot" between enough exercise and enough time is about 8,000 steps two or three days a week. More walking is even better.

One secret is to walk briskly, about three miles and hour. I use a metronome app on my phone to tap out 120

beats per minute which is about three miles per hour for me. Otherwise, if you can speak song lyrics, but not sing them, you are probably at the right speed.

This is good news for people who want to exercise, but not like the whole day doing it. I still must pick up the trash to motivate me to walk. But I like the idea that science is telling me what I am doing is good for me. Keep walking!

Don Stansloski
Greenbush



Local Notes



Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

- Monday, May 22: Chicken Mostaccioli, peas, mandarin oranges.

- Tuesday, May 23: Beef roast with gravy, red potatoes, carrots, apple sauce.

- Wednesday, May 24: Salisbury steak, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, tropical fruit.

- Thursday, May 25: Barbecue chicken, buttered noodles, California blend vegetables, apricots.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Meal Service Change

The ACCOA senior center will no longer provide carry out meals. In alignment with the end of the COVID-19 Pub-

lic Health Emergency, the federal government has re-classified carry out meals into the same category as home-delivered meals. Those who can travel are invited to have dinners at the senior center. Those who cannot are invited to participate in an assessment to receive home-delivered meals. Please call (989) 334-3470 for an assessment.

Cornhole Competition

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) is holding a cornhole competition on Saturday, June 3. Both backyard and competition divisions will be eligible for more than 30 prizes donated by more than 15 local sponsors. It will be held at the ACCOA Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln.

The competition will be followed by a dance party with a DJ and Karaoke.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with registration and warm up. At noon the backyard competition (those with no experience) will begin. Competitive competition (for those who have competed in the past) begins at 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. rounders into seeded by division (both brackets). Around 5 p.m. backyard/competitive combo (double

elimination). Competitions my last until 9 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per player. This fundraising event will support future activities of the ACCOA. Food will be available for purchase at an on-site food truck. Those interested may sign up the same day, but pre-registration is preferred. Contact Kyle at (989) 293-0558 or Lawrence at (989) 293-0990 or email: breakawaybaggers@gmail.com.

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BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

The Alcona County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Boater's Safety Course on Saturday, June 10, "2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. It will be held at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. You must be at least 12 years old. The class is free of charge and lunch will be provided by the Cedar Lake Association.

To register please follow the below instructions.

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- Gregory Dean Smith, 64, of Greenbush was sentenced to two days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,840 in fines and costs for operate while visibly impaired.

- David Amedi Dionne, 80, of Lincoln was sentenced to 245 days in jail, two years of probation and \$1,945 in fines and costs for attempted criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, victim between the age of 13-16.

Herbs that help nursing moms

Herbs such as blessed thistle (*Cnicus benedictus*), dandelion leaf (*Taraxacum officinale*), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), and fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum*) have long been known as beneficial for new mothers. They can encourage good digestion, increase breast milk production, help relieve constipation, lessen uterine bleeding and soothe nervous feelings. They can be cooked and eaten, brewed as a tea or made into tinctures. *Consult your physician before taking herbs.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.motheearthliving.com

BLESSED THISTLE

Tigers take on Owls in NSL double header

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team had a thrilling win in game one of their North Star League Big Dipper doubleheader with Oscoda last Thursday. The Tigers won that one 6-5 in extra innings, though the did drop game two.

Owen Borsvold started the game and gave up five runs, four earned on six hits and 12 strikeouts. Gavin Dellar got the win, tossing the final two-thirds of an inning and giving up one hit.

"We didn't get many hits this game," head coach Dru Carson said. "We walked about eight times and used that to our advantage to win in extra innings."

Alcona won the game thanks to a passed ball.

In game two, Collin Walker took the loss, striking out three batters in two innings of work. Vinny Mahalak pitched two innings of relief and gave up three runs on three hits and one strikeout.

The offense was led by Evan Borsvold getting a double and a single and Jordan Benac also doubled.

On Monday, May 8 the Tigers swept visiting Whittemore-Prescott in NSL Big Dipper action, getting wins of 11-10 and 11-8.

In game one, O. Borsvold started, going the first three innings and giving up nine runs on two hits and four strikeouts. Dellar tossed the

final three innings to get the win, giving up one run on one hit and three strikeouts.

Dellar also had two doubles and four RBI and O. Borsvold had a double and a single.

In game two, E. Borsvold got the win. He went four and one-third innings and gave up eight runs on four hits and seven strikeouts.

Mahalak earned the save, giving up zero runs, striking out two and walking two.

On offense, O. Borsvold had two hits and three RBI and Hayden Johnston had two hits and two RBI.

Alcona heads to the Charlton Heston Academy on Thursday, May 18 and hosts Atlanta on Tuesday, May 23.



Alcona first baseman Evan Borsvold makes a tough catch on a pop-up during last Thursday's home games with Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy.

ALCONA TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

A new Zoning Ordinance regulating the development and use of land was adopted by the Alcona Township Board of Trustees on May 9, 2023, which replaces the previous Zoning Ordinance in its entirety. The full text of the new Zoning Ordinance is available at the Township Hall at 5576 US 23 South, Black River MI 48721, online at <http://alconatownship.com> or by calling Charles Grusnick at 989/727-1210. The new Zoning Ordinance shall take effect on the 8th day after this publication.

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Alcona athletes compete in Legends track meet

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona track and field teams competed in an event at Gladwin, Mich. last Friday, dubbed the Legends Track Meet. The Lady Tigers took third place in the seven team event while the boys came in fifth.

Addison Beatty won both sprint events, claiming the 100 with a 13.32 and the 200 with a 27.43. Mayson Morgan was sixth in the 200 and 10th in the 100. Emma Travis and Lauren Travis were second and third in the 800 and L. Travis was fourth in the 1600.

Jenna West was fourth in the 100 hurdles and sixth in the 300 hurdles. They had two relay teams finish in third place. Beatty, Piper Whitefield, E. Travis and Jenna West were third in the 4x200 and in the 4x400 it was Whitefield, L. Travis, West and E. Travis.

Hansen won the shot put with a 37-06 and she won the discus with a 114-01. Angelina Howe was also third in the high jump.

For the boys, Jeremiah Bullis won the 200-meter dash with a 23.34 and he was second in the 100. Brandon Fogle was also seventh in the 100. Sawyer Seminoff was fourth in the 400. Carter Upper placed seventh in the 800. Zygmund Villalobos was ninth in the 1600 and fifth in the 3200. Carter Upper was fourth in the 3200 and Cole Upper finished in eighth in both of the hurdle events.

Their top relay team came in the 4x400, as they took third with a squad of Daniel June, Seminoff, Ashton Rigby and Cole Upper.

In the shot put, Logan Zuchowski was ninth and he was eighth in the discus. Seminoff was ninth in the high jump. Bullis was fourth in the pole vault and Fogle came in fourth in the long jump.

Alcona heads to Inland Lakes on Friday, May 19 for a Division 4 regional meet. They also take part in the North Star League Big Dipper championship meet on Wednesday, May 24 at Whittemore-Prescott.

top ten

MOST POPULAR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS

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6. Florida
7. Oregon
8. Alabama
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"New" deputy enjoys working Up North

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

While patrolling the roads in Alcona County is rather new to Alcona County Sheriff's Office's newest deputy, serving as a law enforcement officer is not.

Kurt Etter started with the sheriff's office on March 13, 2023, he has lived in Alcona County for the last two years – after retiring from — he and his wife, Valerie (Hopcoft) moved to the area because she wanted to “come home.” She was raised in Oscoda and her family still lives in the area. They have grown twin sons.

Etter grew up in southern Cass County on the Indiana-Michigan border. He graduated from Marcellores Community High School in 1986. He worked in construction after high school for three years. In 1989 he went through a police academy and joined the Albion Department of Public Safety where he served full time as police, fire and medical for 26 years. He retired “the first time” in 2016 as a patrol sergeant.

To fill his time following retirement, Etter worked for Walmart in its distribution center in Coldwater, Mich. He returned to law enforcement with the Jonesville Public Safety for several years and retired a “second time” as the director of public safety where he managed 21 employees.

His wife decided to retire earlier than they planned, but they bought a house and moved to northeastern Michigan. “I missed the best job you could ever have,” Etter said. Joining the Alcona County Sheriff's Office as a deputy is exactly what he wanted in this phase of his career. He enjoys his job because “it's new every day. You



Kurt Etter

never have the same situation twice. It may be similar, but never the same,” Etter said.

“I've had a blessed career and specialized in several areas – canine handler, SWAT team commander for 12 years. Being a hostage negotiator is something I like doing. It's a skill you don't have to use every day, but you have to have it every day,” he said.

Now, Etter can enjoy working without as much responsibility. “I just like to run traffic (patrol) the county. It's beautiful. I've told other officers that they live in paradise. People wave and use all their fingers... I'm not used to that,” he said smiling.

“I'm settling in (at work). It's not as hard as I was thinking it would be. Some people worried that going from top to bottom would be a problem for me. It is not. I'm enjoying just going to work and going home.”

When he isn't in uniform, Etter is working on home improvements and keeping fit. “I'm very big into exercise. I usually (walk) six to nine miles a day and I'm an avid outdoorsman – hunting, kayaking, riding the trails,” he said.

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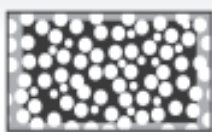
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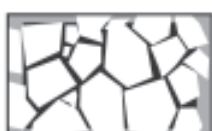
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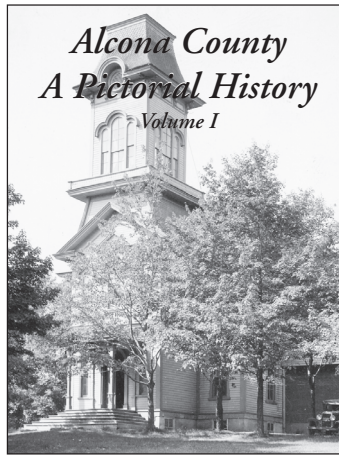
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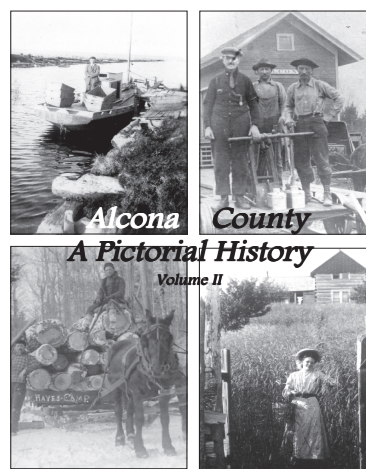
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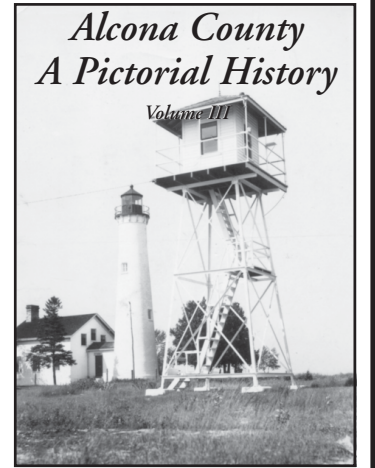
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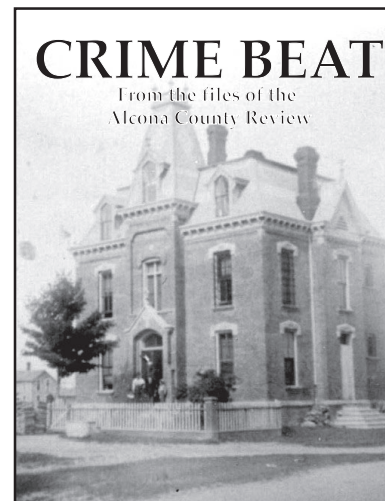
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Alcona softball splits with Oscoda, sweeps Whittemore-Prescott

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team had a disappointing loss against Oscoda in game one of its North Star League Big Dipper doubleheader with

Oscoda last Thursday. The Lady Tigers didn't let that 12-4 setback hold them back in game two however, as they regrouped for a solid 16-6 five inning mercy win in game two.

In game one, Miah Schopfer was the pitcher, going all six innings and giving up 12 runs on 11 hits, five strikeouts and three walks.

On offense, Riley Tracy and Baylee Goddard had two singles each, Sage Gauthier had a triple and a single and Addison Beatty and Schopfer had one hit apiece.

"This was a tough loss for us," head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt said. "We started off slow, got behind and couldn't come back. It was the sixth inning before we started to play like we usually do."

Alcona dominated game two, getting a good performance in the circle from Schopfer, who went five innings and gave up six runs on nine hits, four strikeouts and one walk.

Jena Wambold had three singles. Tracy had two singles. Schopfer and Beatty had one single apiece.

"This game was more representative of how we play," Neuenfeldt said. "Bats were hot, and we ran the bases well."

On Monday, May 8 the Lady Tigers hosted Whittemore-Prescott in NSL Big Dipper

Tracy, Gauthier and Olivia Borchardt all doubled and Wambold had a single. Gauthier's double came in the second inning, as part of an eight run frame.

"Beatty was able to settle down after giving up three runs in the first inning and pitched a great game for us," Neuenfeldt said. "Our offense took a while to heat up, but once we got going our hits were contagious. Really happy with how the team played in this one."

In game two, Schopfer was the winner, going five innings and giving up three runs on

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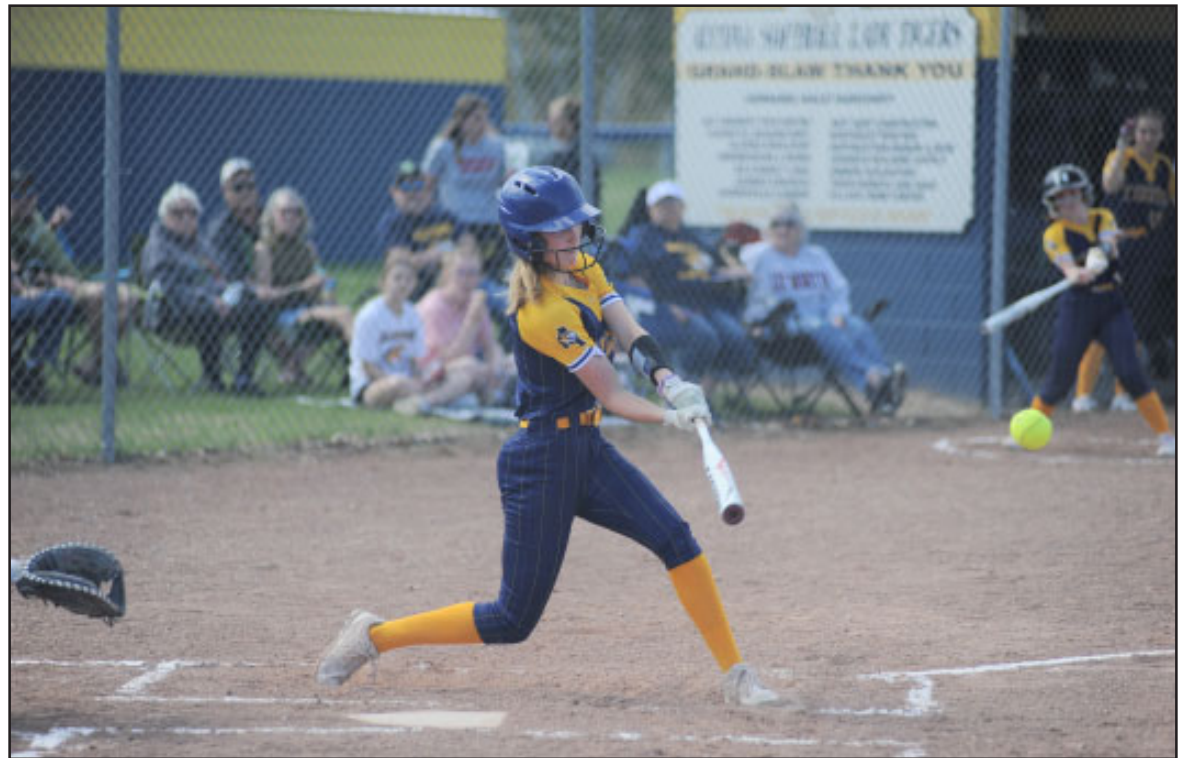
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Alcona's Sage Gauthier ropes a base hit during Thursday's home games with Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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action, winning both ends of the doubleheader handily, 18-3 (four innings) 16-3 (five innings).

Beatty got the win in game one, going three and two-third innings and giving up three runs on four hits, one strikeout and six walks. Schopfer pitched a third of an inning of relief, striking out a batter.

For the offense, Schopfer had a triple and two singles. Beatty hit a double and two singles. Rylee Croon had a double and a single. Baylee Goddard had two singles.

five hits, six strikeouts and one walk.

The offense was sparked by Gauthier, who hit a home run and a triple. Borchardt had two singles. Tracy had a double and a single. Wambold tripled and Schopfer and Kroon had one single apiece.

"Overall, I'm happy with how the girls have been playing," Neuenfeldt said. "They are always positive and really cheer on their teammates."

They travel to the Charlton Heston Academy on Thursday, May 18 and hosts Atlanta on Tuesday, May 23.

AMA ESD distributes over \$1.5 million to local districts

The Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District's (AMA ESD) Board of Education recently approved the annual Special Education Payout to local districts for costs incurred in the 2021-2022 school year.

AMA ESD Superintendent Justin Gluesing noted that this year's support totaled \$1,559,767, which includes Act 18 funds and Medicaid reimbursements. Act 18 dollars also include the distribution of local funds collected

through the Special Education Millage, which voters renewed in 2016.

Millage funds also go to support programming and services through the AMA ESD, including but not limited to Pied Piper School.

The amount provided to each local district is as follows:

- Alpena Public Schools -- \$920,505.
- Alcona Community Schools -- \$335,254.
- Atlanta Community Schools -- \$79,548.
- Hillman Community Schools -- \$224,460.

"These funds help provide critical resources to our local districts," said Gluesing. "We are grateful for the continued support of the many communities that make up our three-county region."

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Wanted: Musical instruments for Alcona band program

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It started with a dream by a student to have a band program at his school. Now, eight years later, the Alcona Community Schools band program has grown to over 80 students learning to read music, playing instruments and vying for district and state divisions.

Luckily, Ben Thomas, the student who had the vision to create a program where none existed, saw his dream flourish under the guidance of band instructor Emma Pendergrass Hilton before he graduated in 2020.

Over the last several years the program has done exceptionally well, however, there is a growing angst among many of the students and their instructor because their instruments don't work. "It's hard enough to learn how to play an instrument, but when an instrument consistently needs repair and just won't work it takes frustration to a new level," Hilton said.

hand-me-down instruments that may not be suitable or reliable. While she appreciates parents getting their children's instruments, she wants to make sure they get something worth their money and not something that will need continuous repair.

For students who can afford to rent school instruments, the program charges \$100 per year, not nearly enough to cover many of the repairs. She explained the rental fee was nominal compared to the \$35 to \$65 a month rental fee that some schools charge and that band stores charge considerably more.

"It's so discouraging for the students to have an instrument break down and I can't blame them. Flutes especially, I'm constantly rotating flutes, some have keys that don't close all the way so the instrument will not play," she said.

The band room also supplies necessary equipment to operate the instruments such



(From left) Colton Benac on tuba, Ayden Wilson on clarinet, Brenton Merillat on bass clarinet, Cameran Malule on trumpet practice under Emma Hilton's instruction at Alcona Community Schools. *Courtesy photo.*

When she began working at the school in 2017, many of the instruments had been refurbished or donated. "Some newer instruments were purchased, but time and use have worn them out. Some were not the greatest quality to begin with. We worked with what we had and could get.

"Some are okay. The saxophones work well and the clarinets are okay. I just had a trombone completely crack and we have six trumpets that don't work and need to go.

"Daily I deal with trying to make repairs in class instead of teaching. Quite often I loan the student my personal instrument until I can get the repairman to fix theirs. It's been a battle. Typically, little things need to be fixed, but this is way beyond that," Hilton said.

Hilton explained that 70 percent of her students use a school instrument. Some have instruments they get secondhand or are given

as mouthpieces and reeds.

According to Hilton, a box of 25 beginner reeds costs around \$68 and students go through a box every two months. The better reeds for her eighth grade and up students costs \$40 for 10 reeds.

She said many of the instrument mouthpieces are cracked, discolored or don't fit the instruments and need to be tossed or replaced.

Hilton believes it will take about \$20,000 to get the band room in decent shape with instruments and equipment. "There are new, used and refurbished instruments that can be purchased for \$400 to \$500 but they are usually lesser quality and prone to breaking down. Generally, the price is more likely to be \$700 to \$1,000 for a good quality beginner instrument.

"We need new marimba keys that will run \$1,600 alone," Hilton said. A fundraiser the program had by selling concessions during the

Students

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they did a sight reading," she said.

Alcona band students have also attended both District 9 High School and Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festivals, with the high school achieving seven first division and 11 second division awards. The middle school received four first division and three second division awards.

At the state solo and ensemble festivals students brought home two first division and two second division rating awards.

Hilton was very pleased that one of her seniors, Amanda de Souza, has auditioned and has been accepted at Central Michigan's Clarinet Studio. "If she continues into that, it will be our first music major since the band program began again in 2016," Hilton said.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor said the school district is proud of its band program. "Emma Hilton has taken a dormant program to a top regional musical program. Every year she continues to inspire excitement around music and tap into students' potential. The program was even able to help bring back the winter pep band this past year. We are proud of our small school's top-notch experiences for our students and community," O'Connor said.

Band students will be performing during graduation on May 26.

At the end of May, Hilton will have her seventh through 12th-grade band students put on a short concert for elementary students. She will follow up by going back to the elementary school to have students try different instruments they are interested in. She will then spend time working to fit fifth-grade students with instruments and expects between 25 and 35 students to join the band next year.

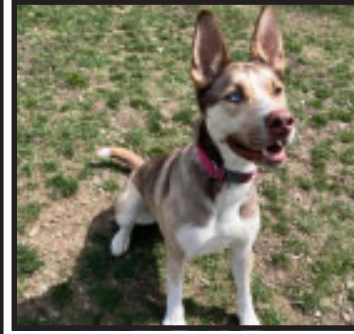
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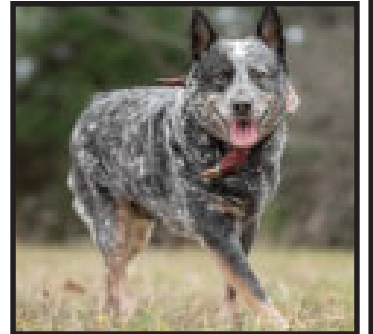
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Roxy is 6 years old, spayed, microchipped, has her Distemper+Parvo vaccine, and has been dewormed. She requires arthritis medication. This beautiful blue heeler loves all adults she meets! She prefers a quiet retirement home with no youngsters or other animals. Roxy loves belly rubs, being brushed, going for walks (which is a must to help with weight and pain management), going for car rides, and being around people. She is a snuggle bug!

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could assist deputies by going with them to make the death notification and stay with the grieving family until other support arrives. This isn't a long-term service. It is just to get the victim through the first hours and point them in the right direction," Stephenson said.

"There is no time frame set and each case is different. We could be there from 30 minutes to an hour or sometimes several hours depending on the situation. We are there until we are no longer needed," Candy Fulsher said. Fulsher is the county VSU coordinator.

She explained VSU volunteers bring an array of items to help the grief-stricken such as Autistic comfort devices, blankets, diapers, hygiene products, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, toothpaste, coloring books and crayons, hairbrushes, gum, hair ties, wet wipes, and much more.

"They even carry a pack of cigarettes," Stephenson said, "If someone has a big tragedy and the victim is a smoker, they'll want a cigarette for comfort."

Stephenson explained the VSU will leave a packet of

information with the victim. If it is a death, they will leave information about medical examiners, funeral homes, life insurance, all things the victim will be dealing with in the next few days. "People who are shocked and grieving may not remember what is being said, so the packet helps as things settle down," he said.

He explained the VSU has been well received by those who have been helped by the service with most so grateful they acknowledge their thanks through emails and phone calls.

"There are situations, however, when people do not want the VSU's assistance, and that's okay. Some people just don't want more strangers in their home," Stephenson said.

Fulsher explained they may be apprehensive to let VSU volunteers in because they don't understand what the service is. "Maybe they are hesitant because they think they may get charged for the services we provide. There is no charge, it is a totally free service.

"They could just have a fear of the unknown. That's

understandable because they are already going through a lot of fear because of their loss," Fulsher said.

She explained their service could assist victims to find the right resources that may provide funding should they need it. "We can point them to the Red Cross which will help if there is a total loss house fire and they are displaced, we can help get veteran services, senior services, and more," she said.

Fulsher explained the VSU went on a fire call that destroyed everything. The survivor had no shoes, no coat, no wallet, no cash, the car keys went up with the fire, they had nothing but the night clothes they were wearing.

"They had no way to utilize their ATM and no identification. We were able to take care of their immediate needs with clothing and contact other resources for long-term needs," Fulsher said.

Fulsher is compiling a list of businesses and organizations the VSU can call on, particularly after hours, to provide immediate needs for the victims.

"If we have a large fire dur-

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Sheriff Scott Stephenson and Alcona County Victim Service Unit Coordinator Candy Fulsher (with Bailey, the mascot for the sheriff's office). The VSU is a group of dedicated volunteers who offer immediate compassion and support to victims of a house fire or after learning of a loved one's death. Photo by Mary Weber.

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District Band Festival supplied them with enough to purchase the keys.

Hilton has received some private donations from the community and even her mom has been selling items

at craft shows with funds going to the band program.

"Sherry Manning came and sold her Christmas floral arrangements during the Christmas concert which was helpful," she said.

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ing the night perhaps a store could be reached after hours to provide food or clothing for the victims or food for the firefighters.

"Everything around here pretty much closes by 10 p.m. so there is nowhere to go at 2 a.m. when a fire breaks out and the baby needs changing. Mom and Dad don't even have shoes, a way to get to Alpena or the funds to make purchases. We need contacts we can call in the middle of the night to assist and possibly donate what is necessary at that moment," she said.

Fulsher utilizes Facebook often through the Alcona Blue Light Movement page and said when two deputies in the county had house fires the community responded rather quickly after she posted their needs on that page, however, many folks are not up at night reading Facebook and cannot provide what is immediately needed.

According to Fulsher, volunteering for VSU fits who she is. "It's fulfilling to be able to go out and help someone. People have said to me they

didn't think they could do what VSU volunteers offer and my response is simply this - if my loved one died I wouldn't want to sit home by myself waiting for family to come. I would like for someone caring to hold my hand and help me navigate through the shock. This is more than a volunteer position; it is my way of giving back to a community that has helped me through times of crisis."

Volunteers must be vetted by Stephenson complete with a background investigation and participate in a mandatory 20-hour training course. Monthly meetings with 12 hours of continuing education training follow each year. The training portion of the meetings counts toward continuing education minutes. There is no cost to volunteers for background checks, training or continuing education.

To become a volunteer of VSU or to offer a business or organization as a source to be contacted in case of emergency needs, call Stephenson at (989) 724-6271 or email him at sstephenson@alcona-county.net.

A new fundraiser Hilton is eager to try this year is operating the strawberry shortcake booth at the Harrisville arts festival held annually on Labor Day weekend.

"I think it will be a large thing for us to tackle but it should be profitable, especially since they haven't had strawberry shortcake there for a few years. We were lucky to get the offer to host that, but I'll need plenty of volunteers. It can be difficult to rally students in the summer, especially on Labor Day weekend. Anyone wanting to help that Saturday and Sunday, please contact me," she said.

In addition to needing funds for instruments, Hilton has a handful of deserving students who would like to attend band camp this summer at a cost of \$565 for the week. "We sent 10 kids last year. For such a new program in a rural community to have that many students able to go is phenomenal.

"Band camp is such a worthwhile experience, however, for most families, the cost is a deterrent. We were able to get some donations last year and sent one student on a full scholarship and two others on partial scholarships. I would like to make sure all the students wanting to attend get to go," Hilton said.

Despite needing a lot to

keep the band program thriving, Hilton and the school district are optimistic and she said the school was working on updating the very old band room.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor explained the district is working to add a large interactive screen that will allow Hilton to provide visuals for students through the device.

"It is a large touchscreen projector to display music or videos to support teaching and learning. The long-term plan is to consider replacing the entire room's flooring, removing the current chalkboard, and updating the instrument storage in the classroom," O'Connor said.

He explained while they are chipping away at the facility, replacing and adding instruments was a more urgent matter and he and Hilton were working on several grants that may help, however, musical instruments are expensive.

Donations for instruments or for sending a student to band camp may be made payable to Alcona Community Schools, 51 N. Barlow Road, Harrisville, MI 48740. Note on the check whether funds are to be used for band instruments or band camp. To volunteer for the Labor Day fundraiser, contact Hilton via the school at (989) 736-8534 or email at Pendergrasse@alconaschools.net.

Publicize an Upcoming Event in the Review

The Review's Calendar of Events is a *free service* and is published in chronological order as space allows. This forum is for events and programs open to the general public.

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Alcona High School seniors receive thousands in scholarships

The 2023 Senior Awards Night was dedicated to Jacqueline L. Kelly, former administrative assistant for the superintendent and administrators, who passed away last May.

During the evening on May 10, 19 individuals received recognition and/or scholarships. There were seven early college seniors in the Class of 2023, six early college candidates in the Class of 2023, and there are 43 candidates for graduation in the Class of 2023.

Forty one organizations provided a total of \$187,750: \$69,500 Alcona schools and community scholarships, \$109,500 in Community Foundation scholarships and \$8,750 Alpena Community College Foundation EC Scholarships.

Special awards were also given in recognition of student accomplishments and dedication to their school, sports teams and their community.

Military Honors: Hayden Johnston

His dream is to become a military police officer. He will be leaving for boot camp on June 6 to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was inspired to enlist in the United States Armed Forces because of his desire to help those in need and support his country. When he returns from boot camp, Johnston hopes to start em-



Hayden Johnston

ployment with a local sheriff's office and continue serving in the community and the United States. He received a certificate and an American flag on behalf of the United States Army.

Good Citizen Award: Logan Bates

Every fall Alcona Community Schools partners with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their Good Citizen Award. K-12 staff at Alcona Community Schools vote for the senior they feel exhibits the best citizenship to recognize the school and community. The senior with the most votes is invited to compete in the Daughters of the American Revolution essay competition at the regional and state level. The criteria for this

award is that a student: Must be a good citizen; be in good academic standing; help others; participate in community service; and be someone who represents the community. He was active in the National Honor Society, marching and concert band, bowling, student council, and Knowledge Bowl.

Student of the Year: Logan Bates

Each spring Alcona Community Schools partners with The Alpena News for their Student of the Year Award. Alcona High School is allowed to nominate one senior to compete in the regional competition through The Alpena News. Staff members of Alcona Community Schools vote for the senior they feel exemplifies what it means to be an Alcona Tiger. The criteria for this award is centered around the eight traits of a graduate. Bates was selected to receive



Logan Bates and his mother, Susanne Somers.

this award because of his ability to uphold the school motto by exemplifying excellence today and success tomorrow.

Distinguished Alumni Award: Dr. John MacMaster

The 2023 Alcona Community Schools distinguished alumni has been an advocate for the area and county for decades in both faith, non-profit, and educational initiatives. He's worked in medicine for almost four decades. MacMaster is being recognized because he is involved in making Alcona's Senior Awards Night program what it is today. The awards committee looks for distinguished



Dr. John MacMaster and Dan O'Connor.



Kelsey Hansen and Hayden Johnston

alumni who are committed to making the world a better place and there is no doubt, MacMaster embodies the stated criteria. He will receive an award and also be featured on a perpetual plaque that will be showcased in high school auditorium lobby. He is an Alcona High School Class of 1972 graduate.

Senior Athletes of the Year: Hayden Johnston and Kelsey Hansen (first Athletes of the Year since 2001)

Hayden has earned seven varsity letters with three sports and earned his FFA State Degree. He was two time Football All Conference and All State Honorable Mention. He was second team Basketball All Conference, basketball Defensive Player of the Year and All Alpena News Basketball Honorable Mention.

Kelsey Hansen has earned eight varsity letters with two sports and maintained a 3.752 GPA. She was a four-year varsity starter in basketball. She was two time 1st team, one time 2nd Team Basketball All Conference. Hansen was a two time leading scorer and two time leading rebounder basketball. She is a two time Conference Champion in shot put, one time discus and two time long jump and an All State one time shot put and discus and two times in long jump. She is the D4 shot put Champ 2021 and 2022 and discus champion in 2022. She is also fifth in her graduating class and has been on the Principal's Honor Roll eight times.



Buggy Rides



Fire wipes out twelve buildings

May 17, 1923 ~ Fire starting 6:45 Monday morning in the D. McGregor store building occupied by the Model Shop, spread to the north and fanned by a south wind wiped out every building along Lake Street to Church Street.

Fire caught several times in the O'Dell barn at the corner of First and Church streets and only prompt action saved this and the two-story house next. Had these gone the outlook for the whole row of buildings along Church Street would have been serious. The O'Dell buildings are now the only ones left standing in the block bounded by Lake, Church and First streets and the Jefferson Street alley. North on Lake Street the fire brands carried far and at one time the Edward's (L. A. Colwell) house was on fire in two places and the grass near Sherman Wilson's house was burning. Constant watchfulness is all that prevented the flames from wiping out another large area in that section.

The burned buildings are:

McGregor store building occupied by Omer Belair's Model Shop with a stock of shoes and novelties and a highly equipped shoe repair department.

None of the stock or machinery was saved. Three warehouses in connection with the McGregor building, containing some shingles and a miscellaneous assortment of other articles.

La Boueff dwelling house adjoining the store building, known as the Etta P. Reed house, and occupied by Thos. Quinlan and family. Quinlan's household goods were saved. He lost a buggy and a valuable robe with the barn in the rear of the house, and an icehouse adjoining the barn.

Fred A. Beede dwelling and office buildings. The dwelling was occupied by Milton Anderson and family and a large share of the contents of both places was carried out.

The McClatchey meat market building owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Stocking and occupied by Miller Bros. Tire Shop. All the Miller stock was saved.

James McGregor dwelling (old Pat McGrath home) and private garage. The household goods were saved, and also his auto.

The loss is variously estimated at from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and all of the losers carried some insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

Mr. Belair built his morning fires about 6:30 and then went to LaBoueff's store. On his return he went for his mail and as he was returning from the post office someone called that his house was on fire. He and others ran to the rear of the building where a small blaze was discovered in a room just off the repair room. Had water been right at hand the flames could have been quelled but by the time water was brought from across the street the flames had leaped high and eaten into the partitions. The whole building quickly filled with suffocating smoke.

The chemical engine was early on the scene but could not cope with the blaze. By the time the water was com-

ing from the steamer the flames were breaking through the roof and the building was doomed. A quantity of turpentine and oil added to the fury of the flames which by now were beyond control and a stiff wind from the south fanned them ever higher.

The firemen fought valiantly, and it was due their efforts that the flames were kept to the west side of Lake Street. The large windows of the Odd Fellow building were broken and the front of this and Ernest Silverthorn's dwelling next to it were badly scorched. The plate glass front of the post office was screened by wet rugs and saved from the intense heat which scorched the remainder of the front of the building occupied by John McGregor and Wm. Gillespie, and the A. Silverthorn carpenter shop were in extreme peril and at one time it seemed as if they would have to go.



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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANATOMY:** What is a common name for lateral epicondylitis?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What was the country of Portugal known as in Roman times?
3. **MOVIES:** What are the final words spoken in the movie "The Shawshank Redemption"?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which novel series includes a fictional place called Godric's Hollow, England?
5. **SCIENCE:** What is cytology?
6. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of the ranch in the 1960s western show "Bonanza"?
7. **U.S. STATES:** Which state has the longest cave system?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** In which country were bagels invented?
9. **HISTORY:** What kind of beetle was revered by the ancient Egyptians?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the largest lizard on Earth?

Answers: 1. Tennis elbow.; 2. Lusitania.; 3. "I hope."; 4. The "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.; 5. The study of cells.; 6. Ponderosa.; 7. Kentucky.; 8. Poland.; 9. Scarab.; 10. Komodo Dragon. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 4, 1411, France's King Charles VI granted a monopoly for the ripening of Roquefort cheese to the village of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon. The cheese's origin more than three centuries earlier was humble indeed, after a shepherd left his noon meal in a cave by accident.
 - On June 1, 1843, antislavery activist Isabella Baumfree became a Methodist and adopted the memorable moniker "Sojourner Truth." Born into slavery herself circa 1797, she chose the name after claiming that God had called her to leave the city for the countryside and testify "to the hope that was within her."
 - On June 2, 1908, the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" was copyrighted. Now the unofficial anthem of North American baseball, it wasn't inspired by personal experience, as the tune's writers, Jack Norworth and Albert Von Tilzer, had never actually attended a game when they penned it.
 - On May 31, 1911, the "unsinkable" RMS Titanic was launched from Belfast, Northern Ireland, where it had been built. Its tragic fate the following April remains the deadliest peacetime sinking of an ocean liner or cruise ship.
 - On May 30, 1964, the Beatles' official debut single, "Love Me Do," made it to No. 1 on the U.S. music charts. The tune was co-written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, though Lennon later would say it was "Paul's song... I do know he had the song around, in Hamburg, even, way, way before we were songwriters."
 - On June 3, 1989, following student unrest that was spreading to the rest of the country's population, China began using troops armed with assault rifles and accompanied by tanks to subdue protesters in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. Estimates of the death toll ranged from several hundred to several thousand people, with thousands more wounded.
 - On May 29, 2018, Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko faked his own death with the intention of exposing Russian agents. While the media at first reported that he'd been assassinated on his way home to his Kyiv apartment, Babchenko appeared very much alive the next day at a press conference broadcast on Ukrainian television.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Salary limit</p> <p>4 Reputation, on the street</p> <p>8 Two-team wrestling competitions</p> <p>13 Gave high praise to</p> <p>19 Pesticide compound</p> <p>21 The "A" of James A. Garfield</p> <p>22 Aorta, for one</p> <p>23 Study hard</p> <p>24 Proportional relation</p> <p>25 Supervise</p> <p>26 Start of a riddle</p> <p>29 Thing a doc prescribes</p> <p>30 Yin and —</p> <p>31 Suffix with hotel or cash</p> <p>32 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>43 Apple on a desk</p> <p>44 Latin "that is"</p> <p>45 "— So Fine"</p> <p>46 French for "man"</p> <p>47 Set into motion</p> <p>50 Charles Chaplin's title</p> <p>51 Eileen of "Clue"</p> | <p>53 In the vicinity</p> <p>54 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>58 Old-time actress Irene</p> <p>59 She was Mrs. Gorbachev</p> <p>60 German word before "geist"</p> <p>61 Donkey Kong and others</p> <p>62 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>65 Lacerate</p> <p>69 Dove shelter</p> <p>70 Use all of</p> <p>71 Afro-Brazilian dance</p> <p>72 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>78 Scrupulous insistence on traditional rules</p> <p>79 Disturbs</p> <p>80 Source of some bran</p> <p>81 Havana natives, to</p> <p>82 Novelist George</p> <p>83 Braying beast</p> <p>84 Shooter of small balls</p> <p>87 Bard's "before"</p> <p>88 End of the riddle</p> <p>94 Huge battle</p> <p>95 Bereft, poetically</p> <p>96 Khaki color</p> | <p>97 Riddle's answer</p> <p>107 Back-baring blouse</p> <p>108 "— think so!"</p> <p>109 Certain airport worker</p> <p>111 "History repeats —"</p> <p>112 Make a phony copy of</p> <p>113 Moniker for Wilt Chamberlain</p> <p>114 Shoulder garments</p> <p>115 Deuce-beating cards</p> <p>116 Admin. aide</p> <p>117 Low grade</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Baby bear</p> <p>2 In — (lined up)</p> <p>3 Phnom —, Cambodia</p> <p>4 Skydived, for short</p> <p>5 Second-most populous place in South Dakota</p> <p>6 Slaughter of the Cardinals</p> <p>7 Chewing gum brand</p> <p>8 Lack the courage to</p> <p>9 700-mile-long African river</p> | <p>10 Intro studio course</p> <p>11 Secular</p> <p>12 Range of the Appalachians</p> <p>13 Actress Hedy</p> <p>14 Composer Khachaturian</p> <p>15 — Reader (magazine)</p> <p>16 Turn a — ear</p> <p>17 Hence</p> <p>18 Hair colorer</p> <p>20 "I love you," to Juanita</p> <p>27 — Christian Andersen</p> <p>28 Opposite of old, in Germany</p> <p>32 Plummer of "Pulp Fiction"</p> <p>33 How cards are sometimes dealt</p> <p>34 Gasoline rating</p> <p>35 Exalting verse</p> <p>36 Lower leg part</p> <p>37 Feudal toiler</p> <p>38 Source of some bran</p> <p>39 Goose sound</p> <p>40 1980s Dodge</p> <p>41 Supermodel from Somalia</p> <p>42 Hong Kong's Hang — Index</p> | <p>48 Catering coffeepots</p> <p>49 Vigoda of "Fish"</p> <p>50 Tries to hit, as an insect</p> <p>51 Cat variety</p> <p>52 Sluggers' stats</p> <p>54 DJ Casey</p> <p>55 Fall chill</p> <p>56 Bear, in Baja</p> <p>57 Gas in an atmospheric layer</p> <p>59 Hayworth and Moreno</p> <p>62 Certain garden worker</p> <p>63 "The Simpsons" storekeeper</p> <p>64 Sleuth, in old slang</p> <p>65 Lipinski on ice</p> <p>66 Rapper aka "Slim Shady"</p> <p>67 Sop up</p> <p>68 19th-dynasty pharaoh</p> <p>69 Greek island</p> <p>71 Deli hero</p> <p>72 "Oh, ri-i-ight"</p> <p>73 — contendere (court plea)</p> <p>74 "Take — from me ..."</p> <p>75 Take an ax to</p> | <p>76 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned</p> <p>77 Waist wear</p> <p>78 Pokes a hole in</p> <p>81 Chew the —</p> <p>83 Helicopter rescue, say</p> <p>84 Three 19th-century literary sisters</p> <p>85 Arctic chunk</p> <p>86 Subgenre of rap music</p> <p>89 Friends of Snow White</p> <p>90 Mart start</p> <p>91 Like flashy jewelry, informally</p> <p>92 Least frequent</p> <p>93 Not fulfilled</p> <p>97 — and that</p> <p>98 Possesses, in Shakespeare</p> <p>99 Bride of Lohengrin</p> <p>100 Crockpot dish</p> <p>101 Beehive unit</p> <p>102 Scent</p> <p>103 Sweat outlet</p> <p>104 Singer Phil</p> <p>105 Blyton of kids' books</p> <p>106 Prefix with marketing</p> <p>110 Blvd., e.g.</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong once asked President Richard Nixon to carry his bags through customs for him because Armstrong was "an old man." We feel pretty sure Nixon wasn't aware the bags contained marijuana.
- In 2015, the 1,000-year-old corpse of a Buddhist monk was discovered inside an ancient statue of Buddha.
- Never mind Freddy Krueger's mutilated face and clawed glove -- Wes Craven designed his red-and-green-striped sweater after he read in Scientific American that the human eye has difficulty recognizing those particular shades. Therefore, just looking at his pullover is subliminally unsettling!
- The first item sold on eBay, for \$14.83, was a broken laser pointer, to someone who kept a collection of broken laser pointers.
- Costa Rica has the world's only sloth orphanage.
- Dockers recently increased the size of their coin pockets to accommodate the growing size of smartphones.
- In 1999, 15-year-old Jonathan Lebed was making up to \$74,000 a day in the stock market by using internet message boards to manipulate prices. The government eventually caught up with him, but he was still able to keep half a million dollars of his gains.
- Vending machines kill more people per year than sharks.
- Pork was once used in Spain during the Inquisition to show that one wasn't Jewish or Muslim.

Thought for the Day: "Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." -- Franklin P. Jones

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals T

YH LFFPLXD LD HCATBC HCYD
 DHLBPZ DLHYXP CLD LMXPLZR
 GAUUPIGPZ. Y BTPDD Y'U MLHP
 HA HCP FLXAZR.

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Veteran's Post

By Freddy Graves

PACT act benefits

A half-million claims have been filed under the PACT Act for exposure to toxins. So far, over \$1 billion has been paid in benefits. And that's just since last August, when the act was signed.

Three million veterans have had their new screenings since then, and nearly half of them had exposures. Since last August, 215,000 veterans have signed up for Department of Veterans Affairs health care, a big increase over the previous year. And this fiscal year alone (starting last October), the VA has paid out over \$65 billion on compensation benefits.

With the PACT Act, any subsequent illnesses are presumptive, meaning that it's assumed that your health condition is caused by exposure to toxins if you were in certain locations at certain times. The act adds over 20 new presumptives to the list.

The list of illnesses from exposure to toxins are serious: cancers of the brain, head, kidney, neck, pancreas and many more. Less serious are allergic rhinitis, bronchial asthma, chronic

bronchitis and others. Of the five conditions most frequently claimed via the PACT Act, hypertensive vascular disease tops the list, with 80% of claims granted.

To read more about the PACT Act, go to the dashboard at www.accesstocare.va.gov/healthcare/pactact. Info is updated there every other Friday. A recent issue of the dashboard says that wrapping up PACT claims is taking an average of 156 days. At that time, 45.6% of claims were at over 125 days of being completed, and the approval rate was 80%. Be sure to scroll down the page, as there is a lot of info.

Additionally, you can check va.gov/pact or call them at 800-MYVA411.

Note: The VA wants us to sign up for PACT benefits. If we do this before Aug. 10, 2023, the benefits will likely be backdated a year, to Aug. 10, 2022. Mark that date on your calendar and don't let it slip by if you intend to file for PACT benefits. In fact, why don't you get started now?

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Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

- "Store kitchen matches wrapped in tin foil to keep them dry when on camping or fishing trips. You can also store them in an empty pill bottle if they are the short kind. If you fill paper egg carton cups with dryer lint and drizzle it with wax, you can cut the cups apart and you'll have small firestarters for your campfires. My family does a lot of camping in the summer, and we use these every time." -- K.R. in Missouri

- To get scorched pan bottoms clean, scrub with sudsy ammonia and rinse well.

- * "Baby food jars make wonderful organizer containers; most people know that. But you can make a great first cup from a baby food jar. Screw on the lid tightly and poke holes along one side. Baby can tip and sip, but not much will come out. They are just the right size for small hands." -- M.W. in Alabama

- Baby oil can loosen soap scum from shower doors. Apply and buff lightly with a soft washcloth. Follow with a shampoo cleaning or just leave as is. It will repel water and smells nice, too.

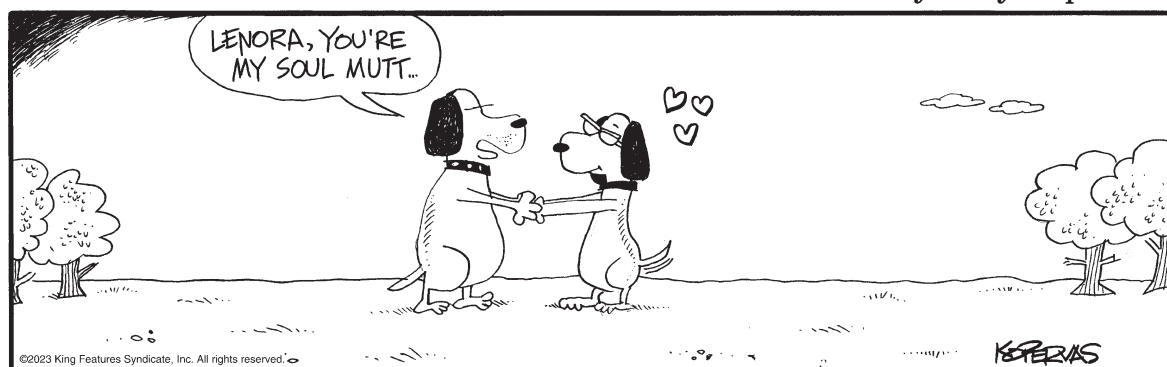
- To keep shirt collars from absorbing oil and grime, sprinkle with talcum powder while ironing.

- Keep your steering wheel in touchable condition on very hot days with a paper grocery bag. Cut out a strip down one side of the bag, allowing it to slip over the steering column. The bag can be refolded and stored next to your seat. When you get out of the car, just slip the bag over the steering wheel. No more burning hands when you get back in the car.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Escale watch



The Louis Vuitton Escale Time Zone watch features the world's 24 time zones. Escale ("stopover" in French) was created to appeal to the world traveler not only with the time zones, but with the colorful flags of the world represented on the watch's face. The images of the flags also link the contemporary wristwatches to earlier days of Louis Vuitton, when travelers could customize their LV luggage with flags of the countries where they traveled.

This watch was introduced in 2010, and there is still an Escale line. Louis Vuitton's annual designs include a resort collection also called Escale.

Q: I have a pair of gold-tone costume jewelry earrings that I love even though they are not real gold. A small green spot has appeared on each one where the post attaches. Can the spots be removed? Are the earrings safe to wear?

A: The green spots, called verdigris, are a patina that can form on copper, bronze, brass and gold or silver plate. You can clean it off your earrings and continue wearing them. You can try removing small spots with a toothpick, soft-bristled toothbrush, pencil eraser or microfiber cloth. If you need something stronger, mix a small amount of dishwashing detergent with warm water and use this to clean your jewelry. If your earrings don't have pearls or foil-backed rhinestones, you can dilute white vinegar or

— **WEEKLY SUDOKU** —

Answer

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TIP: Use eyeglass-cleaning tissues to clean the glass on small pictures.

CURRENT PRICES

Blown-glass bowl, cobalt blue, flared-out sides, short rounded foot, Millville Glass Works, N.J., c. 1890, 9 3/8 x 7 1/2 inches, \$125.

Photograph, Civil War lieutenant, albumen, hand-colored, nine-button frock coat, officer's sash, belt with sword, oval, frame, 12 x 9 1/2 inches, \$240.

Pair of terra-cotta planters, neoclassical style, rectangular, bulbous sides with raised panels, acanthus leaf corners, flared rim with molded egg and dart border, metal liner, c. 1930, 13 x 24 3/4 x 15 3/4 inches, pair, \$475.

Toy, Space Man, Colonel Hap Hazard, white space suit with NASA logo, red trim, walks, spinning antenna with red and green lights, battery operated, Louis Marx & Co., 2 inches, \$755.

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lemon juice in water, soak a cotton ball in the solution, and hold it to the green spot. Or apply ketchup to the spot; it is acidic, and its thick consistency means it won't run like a liquid. But be careful when you use acids to clean jewelry! They can discolor gold-tone metals, damage pearls (both real and fake) and foil-backed stones, and weaken some glues. To keep verdigris from forming, store your pieces separately, avoid exposing them to moisture, oils and cosmetics, and make sure your skin is clean and dry when you wear them.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board's regular meeting was held May 10 at 7:03 p.m. Motion passed to pay bills. Motion passed to approve minutes April 12 for regular meeting. Motion passed to approve restriping and seal coating of hall parking lot. Motion passed to approve scanning of cemetery records. Motion to purchase air bottles for fire dept. Motions to use ARPA funds for supplies in kitchen, contractor to complete work, and electrical in kitchen. Motion to approve cameras and pole at Holcomb Creek Property. Motion passed to send zoning board of appeals member to training. Motion to approve splitting master plan with tri-township. Adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Synopsis is printed prior to board approval. Cindy Smith, Township Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

State of Michigan
Probate Court
Alcona County
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
Case No. 23-006359-DE
Court address
106 N. 5th Street,
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
Court telephone No.
(989) 724-9490

Estate of Larry Todd Whitford
Date of birth: December 10, 1967

To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Larry Todd Whitford, died January 3, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melanie A. Kyes Whitford, 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 publication of this notice.

Date: May 17, 2023
David H. Cook, P40560
Attorney
5466 M-72
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-5155
Melanie A. Kyes Whitford
Personal representative
100 4th Avenue, Unit F-3
Tawas City, Mich. 48763
(989) 254-8837

ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's May 9 board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: LaLonde, MacNeill, Gauthier, Bolanowski, and Bouchard. Motions to approve April minutes; to approve treasurer report and bills as presented; to sign L4029 Agreement; to adopt refreshed zoning ordinance; to accept fireworks approve fireworks application from LLWC and the Hardwoods. All motions passed.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.
Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

SALES

Huge Moving Sale at Tom Jacobs. 1973 East Quick Road, Lincoln. Hunting and fishing equipment, tools, housewares, antiques, all sorts of hardware, windows and doors, lots of quilting supplies. May 26, 27, 28 and 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale Hope Lutheran Church 5462 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake. Friday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Something for everyone! Bake Sale too!

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NOTICE

The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Variances have been requested by Craig Duckwitz, Bernd Doetzgies, and Amit Patel to install or replace septic systems on parcels: 060-001-400-030-00 at address 758 N Lake Huron Shore Dr, 060-023-400-075-03 at address 933 S Crescent Rd, and 061-140-000-011-00 at address 1951 Sunrise Dr. An amendment to the Harrisville Township Ordinance will also be discussed. The proposed amendment is to remove Paragraph 3 of Article, 6 Section 6.03 of said ordinance and replace with, "All on-site sewage disposal systems shall be installed in accordance with the Environmental Health Regulations for District Health Department No. 2 along with any/all pertinent state regulations and/or legislation." These documents can be reviewed on the Alcona County Web site. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator, Tony Atkinson, 4120 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740.

5/17 thru 5/31

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ALCONA COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM
HOUSING PRESERVATION
GRANT PROGRAM 2023

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners and the Alcona County Housing Program are seeking public comment for the submission of a housing rehabilitation application to the USDA, Rural Development Program for funding under the FY 2023 Housing Preservation Grant Program (HPG). Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. June 1st and should be mailed to: Alcona County Housing P.O. Box 272 Harrisville, MI 48740. A statement of activities proposed within the grant will be available to the public at the Alcona County Housing Office, Harrisville, MI 48740.

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Knowledge Bowl champions, first since 1987

During the Alcona Community Schools May Board of Education meeting there was a special time of honoring the past and connecting it with the present. The 1987 Knowledge Bowl Team made history when it won the WBKB championship match for the first time in the school's history.

That record stood alone until March 2023 when the current Knowledge Bowl Team won the WBKB championship match again. To thank the 1987 Knowledge Bowl Team for leading the way for them, the 2023 team invited members and the coach from 1987 to present them with the WBKB traveling trophy, which is the same

trophy their team held 36 years ago. The presentation was an opportunity for the 1987 team to re-connect and share stories about their time at Alcona, while honoring the current members.

In 1987 the Knowledge Bowl Team competed in the National Competition at Ohio State University. Last month the current Knowledge Bowl Team competed in the National Academic Quiz Tournament State Competition at Michigan State University. They placed first in their placement division and 13th place overall in the state competition. Additionally, Carter Upper placed seventh in the All State Individual Class for C/D Schools out of 93 stu-

dents.

Members of the 1987 Knowledge Bowl Team are Jason Oliver (captain), Jim Kelly (captain), Sarah Goslee (captain), Russ Somers, Jessica Sansone, Clarissa (Sansone) Piatek, Kristie (Sabol) Povroznik, Belinda (Grasser) Wirth, James Armstrong, Rachel Ross, and Coach Roger Baumgardner.

Members of the 2023 Knowledge Bowl Team are Logan Bates, senior (captain); Carter Upper, junior (captain); Jerzey Brown, senior; Amanda de Souza, senior; Isabella Laird, sophomore; Emma Schroeder, freshman; Makayla Prince, freshman; and Coach Helen-Ann Cordes.



1987 Knowledge Bowl Team Presenting the 2023 Knowledge Bowl Team with the traveling WBKB trophy. (From left) 1987 team members Coach Roger Baumgardner, Myra Armstrong (honoring her father James Armstrong), Russ Somers, Jim Kelly, Jason Oliver, 2023 team members, Logan Bates, Carter Upper, Jerzey Brown, Makayla Prince, Emma Schroeder, Isabella Laird, Coach Helen-Ann Cordes. *Courtesy photo.*



The 2023 Alcona High School Knowledge Bowl Team competed in the NAQT State Competition at Michigan State University in April. (From left) Emma Schroeder, Isabella Laird, Logan Bates, Makayla Prince, Carter Upper, and Coach Helen-Ann Cordes. *Courtesy photos.*

Let us know what is happening

Story ideas can be mailed to: P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; dropped at the Review office ~ 111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville; or e-mailed to: editor@alconareview.com.

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