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Voters reject school bond

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, voters sent a strong message to Alcona Community Schools' request to have taxpayers levied 2.20 mills annually on their property taxes for the next 20 years.

Of the 1,799 ballots collected, 1,137 voted no in comparison to the 662 yes votes.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor said the school board has not discussed putting the bond proposal on the ballot again. "It was a decisive vote. We worked hard for nine months to tell our story and the community has given their feedback. We will continue to utilize our sinking fund. Obviously, we have more needs than that can cover infrastructure-wise.

"At this point, we will respect the voters decision and keep moving forward," O'Connor said.

The bond proposal came after a year-long detailed facility assessment with an estimated \$40,000,000 worth of needs for the aging buildings.

O'Connor told the Alcona Review in October there was no way they were going to ask voters for that much money, so they scaled back to \$20,000,000 which was to be focused on necessary items to bring the school infrastructure up to date and provide a few extras that would entice students and allow for a better education.

O'Connor said they will continue to use the sinking funds. "We were able to save half of last year's sinking fund and together with the 2023 sinking dollars we will be able to renovate the 1956 middle/high school cafeteria kitchen with its poor ventilation, piping, and equipment," he said.

According to estimates, the kitchen renovation may cost approximately \$500,000. "It

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Swans on Alcona Pond

Trumpeter Swans numbered 255 across Alcona Pond in Glennie on Saturday, Nov. 11 (33 of these were cygnets). According to photographer Maggie Berch, this is a good time to go out and enjoy the trumpeter swans there and across other hydro ponds along the AuSable River. Courtesy photo.

Sheriff's office receives autism awareness training

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Understanding autism and how those with this diagnosis deal with a spectrum of symptoms is like piecing together a jigsaw puzzle of mismatched pieces. Some engage in life with their affliction barely noticeable, while others struggle daily with simple tasks.

They may react differently to situations, especially if the situation is high-stress and

out of the ordinary.

Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson said he has seen on the news too many times where an autistic person was not identified soon enough. "The law saw the individual as not cooperating and thought the person was doing something unlawful. The situations often end tragically," he said.

Stephenson said after attending a victim advocates program, he made it a prior-

ity for his staff to be trained and develop a Law Enforcement Autism Awareness Program (LEAAP) within the county.

The training, which Stephenson said took the better part of spring and summer, dealt with people not only on the autistic spectrum but with those having other special needs.

"Quite often an autistic or special needs person will not make eye contact with an officer, they may not answer questions we ask, may not want to take their hands out of their pockets or they try to walk away from an officer. In

the past we were trained to see these signs as someone who is evading the law.

"Loud sirens, flashing lights and people in uniforms are often triggers for these people. With LEAAP training and identification, law enforcement can take a different, calmer approach," Stephenson said.

Each law enforcement vehicle was outfitted with a calming kit in 2020 with funds collected by Huron Community Bank. The kits contain fidget toys, such as squishy footballs, stretchy bands, lava

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These patches will help identify someone with autism or other mental handicaps so law enforcement can approach the situation calmly and not escalate a high-stress situation.

Autism awareness

According to the website Autism Speaks, police are trained to respond to a crisis with a certain protocol, but this protocol may not always be the best way to interact with people with autism, therefore it is critical officers have a working knowledge of autism and the variety of behaviors the autistic can exhibit in emergency situations.

An autistic person might:

- Have an impaired sense of danger.
- Wander to bodies of water, traffic or other dangers.
- Be overwhelmed by police presence.
- Fear a person in uniform/fire gear.
- Exhibit curiosity and reach for objects and equip-

ment like shiny badges or handcuffs.

- React with "fight" or "flight" impulses.
- Not respond to "stop" or other commands.
- Have delayed speech and language skills.
- Not respond to their name or verbal commands.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Engage in repetitive behavior such as rocking, hand flapping, or spinning.
- Have sensory perception issues.
- Have epilepsy or seizure disorder.

When interacting with a person with autism:

- Be patient and give the person space.

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God Bless America





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SNOW PLOW BID

St. Anne church of Harrisville and St. Raphael church of Mikado are seeking bids for snow plowing for 2023-24 season. Please send quotes to stanne@resurrectionacgr.org, or mail to P.O. Box 345, Harrisville, MI 48740. 989-724-6713

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Letters of interest should be mailed to Supervisor C. Lee Major at 2600 W Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, MI 48738. Call Supervisor C. Lee Major at 989.724.6071 for more information. Please respond to this opportunity to serve your community by November 30, 2023. 11/1 THRU 11/29

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Public Hearing on the Proposed Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan, as required by Act 57 of Public Acts of 2018, as amended, of the State of Michigan will be held on December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Lincoln Hall located at 117 Fiske Street, Lincoln, MI. Section 128 of the Act requires 20 day's notice of the public hearing be given in a publication of general circulation in the municipality. The public may review the document at the following locations:

1. Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Library
2. By appointment at the Village of Lincoln Hall.
3. Online at: www.lincolnmich.com

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Mary K. Heiman

Mary Katherine Heiman, 64, of Spruce, died on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at home.

She was born May 5, 1959, in Detroit, Mich. to Harold and Joyce Heiman.

Her love for family was as strong as her dance moves. With her family, she loved to boogie down to the rhythm of Motown, Sister Sledge, and Tina Turner. She was the heart of her family and a true dancing queen. She also enjoyed singing.

Her birthday was her favorite holiday, and every year, she celebrated the season in style surrounded by family and friends.

Mrs. Heiman is survived by four sisters, Kathy Dykes, Karen (Dale) Wasik, Sharon (Mike) Konopka, and Debbie (Tim Conroy) Heiman; two brothers, Kurt Heiman and Ted (Susan) Heiman; aunt, Lucille Gregg; her godfather, David Gregg; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Joyce Heiman, and dear nieces, Chrissie Conroy and Michaeleen Conroy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Alpena branch (www.hom.org).



A celebration of life event will take place in the spring.

Martin C. Gehres

Martin Carl Gehres, our dear husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on November 6, 2023, at the age of 82.

Carl was born to Martin and Betty Gehres in Lincoln on July 23, 1941. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1959, before attending the Culinary Institute of America in New Haven, Conn., where he graduated in 1962.

Carl started his 30-plus year career in the food business, mostly working with Saga Foods in Supervision and Purchasing.

Carl and Carol moved to Alma, Mich. where he was Food Service Director at Alma College. Next, he became a district manager for Saga Foods in the Food Service Division in Englewood, Ohio. He took a purchasing position with Saga Foods and moved his family to Brighton, Mich., where he finished his career working for Saga Foods and, then Professional Food Management.

Carl and Carol moved back home to Harrisville to enjoy their retirement near

the shores of Lake Huron.

Carl and Carol were married on August 25, 1962, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Soon, they welcomed their first child, Jeff. Over the next 13 years, their family grew with the births of Tom, Kristin and Mike.

Through the years, Carl enjoyed hunting, fishing, working at the Gehres Farm and spending time with his family. After he retired, Carl loved visiting Gulf Shores, Ala. with Carol during the winter months.

He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids at the Gehres Farm in Lincoln. For many years, the family would gather at the farm on the Fourth of July for a day of food and fun. The day would end at Carl and Carol's house in Harrisville for fireworks.

Carl never met a stranger. He loved telling jokes and had an unforgettable laugh.

Carl is survived by his wife, Carol; their children, Jeff (Sue) Gehres, Tom (Shelley) Gehres, Kristin (Mike) Weber and Mike (Jennifer) Gehres; 10 grandchildren, Mike



(Ashley), Brad (Ana), Kailey (Ryan), Chad (Emily), Abbey (Kevin), Spencer (Olivia), John, Emma, Avery, and Fisher; three great-grandchildren, Willa, Ozzy and Layla; two sisters, Barb and Joan (Syl); and brother, Larry.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Betty Gehres.

Visitation will take place on Friday, Nov. 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 N. 2nd Street Harrisville, with a visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. and the funeral service at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.

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- Drop off letters to the Alcona County Review office at 111 Lake Street, Harrisville; mail to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; or e-mail using plain text format to editor@alconareview.com.

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

All homeschoolers elementary age and up are welcome to attend the Homeschool Hour at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Each lesson includes materials and a hands-on experiment. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Veterans are invited to join fellow 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.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Children of all ages are welcome to attend story time and a craft activity at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Children's coordinator, Miss Shay, selects seasonal books to read to children and creates an engaging and fun craft to complete each week. See Facebook for a sneak peek.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

A Deer Widow's Craft Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hubbard Lake Community Center. There will be a variety of vendors with home/handmade or home grown items for sale at this free event. There will be a food truck on-site featuring the Smoking Trolls. The center is located at 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake. Sponsored by the Hubbard Lake Community Association and hosted by Jeffifer's Craft Creations.

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The choir will perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in December. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

A meatball pasta dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles Arie No. 4141, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City. The public is welcome. Cost is \$10.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christ-

mas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration on December 15. Rehearsals are from 10:45 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Ukulele players are invited to practice at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Ukuleles are available to checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona Book Club will discuss "The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Heard in the African Wild," a memoir that details Lawrence Anthony's experiences with rehabilitating a traumatized herd of elephants on his game reserve in South Africa. Coffee and light refreshments are served to those discussing the book's themes.

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

The Knitting & Crochet group will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All ages and skill levels are welcome to join in. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

A homemade Thanksgiving meal will be served at no charge at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Guests can eat turkey and all the fixings between 2 and 4:30 p.m. If possible, call (989) 724-6734 or (989) 724-7165 with the number of "gobblers" attending so volunteers will be prepared. If no answer, leave a message. The church is located at 201 N. 2nd Street, Harrisville.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any

church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The choir will perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in December. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration on December 15. Rehearsals are from 10:45 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

Correspondence

To the Editor,

On Saturday of Labor Day weekend, a burial urn was left at St. Anne Cemetery in Harrisville. There is no identification.

If anyone knows anything about this, please contact our office at (989) 724-6713. Please help us identify your loved one. Thank you.

Kathryn Hopkins,
Secretary
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Alcona County Library Board has an opening for a five-year term as a Library Board Trustee (the term expires 12/31/2028). The Board is seeking a person with an interest in continuing to provide excellent library service and educational opportunities. Please send letter of interest and a brief resume to Alcona County Library Board, 312 W. Main St, Harrisville, MI 48740 or via email to director@alcona.lib.mi.us (With the subject: Board Member Letter of Interest) prior to 5:30 p.m. Friday December 8, 2023 The Board is most interested in persons with prior community involvement. Interviews will be conducted at the Alcona Library Board meeting on Decembr 13, 2023 at the Harrisville Branch. You will be notified of the interview time. Alcona Library Board of Trustees By-Laws are available on website www.alconalibrary.com. For more information call Denise at 989-724-6796 ext. 221.

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Oscoda Support Group

Hope Shores Alliance is hosting "Setting Healthy Boundaries Around the Holidays," a support group that is open to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking. The support group will be held on November 21, November 29 and December 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The group will meet at the Oscoda Hope Shores Alliance Outreach and Services office located at 8002 N. Alaska St., Unit B, (on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base) in Oscoda.

People interested in attending can call (800) 396-9129 or email kkline@hope-shores.org to register. Registration is open 24/7 and participants do not need to attend the first session (November 14) to attend other sessions.

Hope Shores Alliance is a nonprofit agency supporting survivors and community partners across Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency and Presque Isle County by

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"It's pasture bedtime."

offering shelter and advocacy, education, systems change support, building community partnerships, and ensuring availability and accessibility of supportive services throughout this 3,000 square mile area. Their focus is to help people from all walks of life on their healing journey. At Hope Shores Alliance, they believe, support, and validate all survivors who have experienced trauma.

Report Deer Harvest Online

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters across the state that deer harvest reporting is once again required this hunting season. Now in its second year, mandatory harvest reporting of all deer is designed to provide the most efficient and effective data for deer management and conservation. Last year, 208,408 hunters submitted a harvest report.

To facilitate the reporting process and ensure a smooth experience, the DNR offers these tips:

- Report a deer harvest is by downloading the official Michigan DNR Hunt Fish mobile app, signing in or creating an account, then entering the harvest report information.

- Before reporting a harvest, make sure to have the hunting license/kill tag number for the tag physically placed on the deer. Taking a picture of the tag with a smartphone can provide a helpful reference.

- After submitting a harvest report, take a moment to wait for the confirmation number to appear, then be sure to write it down or capture a screen shot for records.

- Hunters also have the option to report their harvest online by using a computer or mobile device to access the reporting webpage at Michigan.gov/DNR-HarvestReport. To begin the report, enter the hunting license/kill tag license number and the hunter's date of birth. For more information, visit the DNR deer harvest reporting webpage.



Hunters must file a harvest report online again this hunting season. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

Harrisville Holiday Traditions

The Harrisville Goodfellows rebuilt and displayed the manger for Christmas last year. Many people noticed the absence of the camel that was damaged. Our friends from the body shop at Alcona Motors in Lincoln have worked on the repairs and repainting of the camel. We are hoping for the re-appearance of the camel in this year's presentation. The traditional nativity scene will be going on display Sunday, November 19, along with the lighting of giant Christmas tree on the corner of US-23 and M-72.

The goal of the Harrisville Goodfellows is to make sure no one is forgotten about at Christmas time. Both Seniors and children. Fruit baskets will be delivered to senior citizens in the community on Sunday, Dec 17 to wish them a Merry Christmas and a joyest Holiday Season.

Santa Claus also will be making an appearance to the homes of children ages 1 – 12 on Christmas Eve between 6 and 8 p.m. to say HO HO HO and Merry Christmas. We need the help of parents and grandparents to let us know if there will be children in the area on Christmas Eve so they can make it onto Santa's list. Leave the porch light on.

The geographic area the Harrisville Goodfellows covers is the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern portion of Haynes Township.

Residents in our area can contact us with the address of children needing a visit from Santa at one of these phone numbers. 989-724-5077 or 989-657-1004.

We have placed donation envelopes around the community so donations can be mailed to the Harrisville Goodfellow to help in keeping up the Traditions.

Thank you for your help and support and enjoy a very Merry Christmas from the Harrisville Goodfellows.

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went out for bids and we are currently reviewing the two bids we received and trying to determine the best option to move forward with that. It will still be a busy summer," O'Connor said.

The plan was to renovate

the kitchen last summer, but according to O'Connor, the boiler stacks fell on top of each other, which changed plans.

"It was during a windstorm, one tipped over and fell on top of the other. It's ironic, we had the boilers inspected just a few weeks before and it was determined they would be okay for another decade and then they weren't. The debris fell into the boilers and we had to adjust our plans, O'Connor said.

The bond, had it passed, would have provided a total of \$20,000,000 which the school district would have used in a variety of ways, with 90 percent of the funds going for necessary updates such as parking lot resurfacing, heating fans, school American Disability Act compliance, safety measures and a variety of other infrastructure improvements.

The remaining 10 percent was earmarked for two additional buildings to satisfy long-time dreams, a building for elementary students to recess in on cold and wet days when it is impossible for them to stretch their legs outside and an agri-science livestock barn.

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3. Denmark
4. Switzerland
5. Netherlands
6. Sweden
7. Germany
8. Norway
9. New Zealand
10. Austria

Source: 2021 World Happiness Report

Beware of misleading Medicare Advantage ads

Dear Savvy Senior,
I'm currently enrolled in original Medicare but have been thinking about switching to a Medicare Advantage plan during the open enrollment period. Many of the Medicare Advantage ads I've seen offer lots of extra benefits beyond what traditional Medicare offers and no monthly premiums. What are your thoughts?
Considering a Switch

Dear Considering,
Be very leery of the Medicare Advantage ads on TV, radio, social media and that come in the mail. While many of these ads may tout free vision, hearing, dental and other benefits with zero monthly premiums, they aren't always what they claim to be.

Advantage Basics
Medicare Advantage or MA plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors in a geographic area. You can sign up for one of them during open-enrollment season from October 15 through December 7.

MA plans have exploded in popularity in recent years as insurers have flooded the airways with advertisements, often by celebrity pitchmen, that promote low-cost options with lots of extra benefits. But be aware that the federal government has deemed many claims in MA ads fraudulent and misleading. Some ads imply that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services endorses or prefers a specific plan. Others promise more cost savings than you really get. And if you choose the wrong plan, your doctor may not be a member of that plan's network, or you may end up paying out-of-pocket for medically necessary care.

This past September, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services began cracking down on these ads, but you still need to practice self-defense. Here are some tips to help you make a good decision.

- Cover your needs: When evaluating MA plans, make sure the one's you're considering cover the doctors you like and the health care facilities you normally go to. Also, make sure all of the prescription medications you take are on the drug plan's formulary.

To help you compare plans, a good first step is to call the office managers of the doctors you use and find out which Advantage plans they accept, and which ones they recommend. Then go to the Medicare Plan Finder tool at [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) to compare plans in your area.

- Understand the details: Some MA plans promote no monthly premiums, but the reality is that you are still responsible for your original

Medicare costs including your Part B premium and deductibles and copays for covered services. Moreover, you may have to pay more out-of-pocket if you see a doctor outside the network.

Also, if the plan is an HMO, it generally doesn't cover non-emergency care out of network, so an individual may be responsible for full costs. A PPO on the other hand, allows people to go out of network, but they generally have to pay more to do so.

- Do some digging: Many MA plans tout free vision, hearing and dental benefits that are not covered by traditional Medicare, but these benefits are often limited. For example, a plan that offers free dental coverage may cover only cleanings and x-rays. Extensive procedures such as root canals or caps may not be covered, or the plan may limit the dollar amount it pays. Find out the coverage details so you're not surprised later.

- Get help: Reach out to your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at [ShipHelp.org](https://www.shiphelp.org) or call

(877) 839-2775. These are nonprofit programs that provide unbiased one-on-one Medicare counseling and assistance.

You can also report any misleading MA claims to the Senior Medicare Patrol Resource Center at [SMPResource.org](https://www.smpresource.org) or by calling (800) 447-8477.

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any services that you recommend that can help families resolve elder parent caregiving conflicts? My 86-year-old father was recently diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, and to make matters worse, my sister and brother and I have been perpetually arguing about how to handle his future caregiving and financial needs.

Dear Conflicted,
It's not unusual when adult children disagree with each other regarding the care of an elder parent. If you and your siblings are willing, a good possible solution is to hire an eldercare mediator who can



Savvy Senior

help you work through your disagreements peacefully. Here's how it works.

Elder Mediation
While mediators have been used for years to help divorcing couples sort out legal and financial disagreements and avoid court battles, eldercare mediation is a relatively new and specialized service designed to help families resolve disputes that are related to aging parents or other elderly relatives.

Family disagreements over an ill or elderly parent's caregiving needs, medical care, living arrangements, driving issues, legal and financial decisions are just some of the many issues that an elder care mediator can help with.

But don't confuse this with family or group therapy. Mediation is only about decision-making, not feelings and emotions.

The job of an elder mediator is to step in as a neutral third party to help ease family tensions, listen to everyone's concerns, hash out disagreements and misunderstandings, and help your family make decisions that are acceptable to everyone.

Good mediators can also assist your family in identifying experts such as estate planners, geriatric care managers, or health care or financial professionals who can supply important information for family decision making.

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Wisconsin author preserves Great Lakes shipwrecks by writing novels about them

By Mya Smith
Capital News Service

Plummeting temperatures, blinding snow and ferocious winds ripped through the air as three freighters struggled on Lake Michigan's frigid surface.

Unsuspecting and dangerously underprepared passengers braced for the worst, baffled at the stark contrast from the serene weather of the morning.

It was Armistice Day in 1940 when the blizzard on Lake Michigan sank the SS Novadoc, SS William B. Davoc and SS Anna C. Minch. The blizzard claimed the lives of 49 southern Minnesota residents.

Duck hunters, eager to hunt in prime conditions after a disappointing season, accounted for half of those deaths.

The storm, infamously known as The Great Armistice Day Storm of 1940, is one of many shipwreck stories in Michael Schumacher's newest book, "Too Much Sea For Their Decks" (University of Minnesota Press, \$24.95) is split into three sections:

Isle Royale, Minnesota and Three Killer Storms.

The book covers prominent shipwrecks in Minnesota's north shore region of Lake Superior.

Unlike Schumacher's previous books, this one expands into new territory, covering shipwreck stories in Isle Royale.

Schumacher's early love for the water attracted him to writing shipwreck stories that moved him. "This has always been important to me," said Schumacher, the author of six shipwreck books focused on the Great Lakes region. "The shipwrecks became an extension of that interest."

These wrecks are prominent pieces of history, Schumacher said. They can provide insight about commerce, how ships were built and designed and how they served communities.

"Cities were built on the backs of these boats," he said. "Lumber was being transported from northern Michigan down to Chicago, which was very important."

Though these shipwrecks may not be traditional events



Michael Schumacher

of history, like wars, Schumacher said they are part of our country's history, and particularly, Midwest history.


Having interviewed over 200 people for one of his publications, Schumacher is adamant that what matters most about these Great Lakes shipwreck stories is the people telling them. "I'm interested in the people angle of all of this," he said. "I try to get as many people in the books as I can."

Along with remembering
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Mikado Township Master Plan and Recreation Plan Public Hearing

The Mikado Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Mikado Township Master Plan and Recreation Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting on December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., located at the Mikado Civic Center, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado. The Mikado Township Recreation Plan will guide future park improvements and allow the Township to be eligible to apply for recreation related grants. The draft plan can be viewed at www.mikadotownship.org or at the Mikado Branch of the Alcona County Library, Mikado Civic Center, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado.

For additional information, contact Township Planning Commission Chair, Steve Stevens at 989-916-8060. Written comments can be submitted in advance of the meeting to: Mikado Township, P.O. Box 60, Mikado, MI 48745



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Bear den alert

While people are enjoying time outdoors this fall and winter, they are asked watch for black bear dens.

"Finding winter den locations is an important component to managing black bear populations, and we need hunter, trapper and landowner assistance to add new den sites to the program in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula," said Mark Boersen, wildlife biologist at the DNR Roscommon Customer Service Center.

"Currently, we are monitoring six bears from the ground and aircraft using radio tracking equipment."

Depending on their location in the state, bears typically enter dens in November and December. They tend to select dens in locations that provide shelter from the elements, which can include areas with dense vegetation, rock crevices, fallen trees or excavated holes. Bear dens



A bear selected for the DNR's ongoing bear management project will be sedated and fitted with a collar and ear tags, and biologists will collect data before putting it back in the den. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

may look like brush piles covered in snow or excavated holes in the ground, both having an icy opening to vent fresh air.

Anyone in the vicinity of a potential den site should stay quiet and listen for any sounds coming from within. They may be able to hear cubs nursing or crying.

Keep a safe distance away from the den and avoid disturbing the den or the bears inside. Record the location, using GPS coordinates if possible, and report the information to one of the following

DNR staffers:

- Northern Lower Peninsula: Mark Boersen at (989) 275-5151 or BoersenM@Michigan.gov.

- Upper Peninsula: Cody Norton at (906) 202-3023 or NortonC3@Michigan.gov.

After receiving a report of a dened bear, DNR biologists will determine if the animal is a good candidate for joining the ongoing project.

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Whitetail firearm season opens

By **Gregg Schefferly**
Outdoor Writer

It's opening day of the 2023 firearm season; where did the last year go?

Depending on the weather, this year's opener is posed to be a good one. November's full moon isn't until the 27th. Nothing is worse than a full moon near the opener.

During a full moon deer tend to move throughout the night. After moving and feeding all night, the deer typically bed down much of the day. This drastically reduces deer sightings and success.

What makes this season even better is the no moon phase is on November 13 and 14. The darker nights reduce deer movement at night. As a result, hunters should see increased deer activity early mornings and late afternoons. Seeing deer keeps hunters in their stands longer, which increases opportunity to see and harvest a buck.

Outside the early season drought, once the rain started this past summer it was a very green year, which seemed to have greatly benefited the bucks and antler development. Driving the backroads in late summer with binoculars and spotting scope definitely made it clear there were a number of mature trophy bucks this year.

Recently, this has been reinforced by a number of archers I know locally who've harvested some very impressive bucks. In addition to the



Exploring the Outdoors

By *Gregg Schefferly*

creasing food prices, I figured more people would be bagging a doe to fill their freezers and help reduce the bite to the wallet due to the cost of meat. Antlerless tags in the area are only \$5. Where else can you get 30 to 40 pounds of lean meat for \$5?

Then after some thought, I believe the problem is the cost of getting a deer cut up and what it costs to have sausage, and such made from the venison. I'm not knocking those cutting up deer or making sausage, everything is costing more, and they have no choice. Adding to the problem is that not as many people are cutting up deer.

Additionally, how many people know how to butcher a deer, or are equipped to do so? Perhaps they don't want to go through all the trouble of cutting up a deer. I have to believe a combination of all of the above is resulting in fewer people willing to harvest a whitetail.

Fortunately, we grew up not only hunting, but dad made sure we were involved with both skinning our deer

a deer. I will spare you the details because it's easier to do than explain.

Here's a short list of what you need.

- Approximately 20 feet of rope or, preferably, a block and tackle.
- Short length of wood — 2x4x36 inches
- Stout wire, rope or chain
- Sawzall, bone saw, or hack saw
- Knife(s)
- Knife sharpener
- Cutting board
- Freezer paper or vacuum sealer

When processing a deer, I prefer hanging them by the hind legs. To do so, you will need a rope and some sort of a spreader that could be nothing more than a 2x4. If you use a 2x4 you'll want it to be about three feet wide with a hole in center or 18 inches in from the end. This is to tie the rope to and a hole on either end to spread and attach the deer's legs with stout wire, rope, or chain.

In addition to running the

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This is a block and tackle with an old yoke used for spreader. Short chains on either end with snap links are used to secure legs to spreader. Cut between tendon and bone on each hindquarter and attach chains. A long 2x with an eye bolt lagged across the bottom of a few trusses on which to attach the block and tackle. Block and tackle attached to the ceiling can be adjusted to the height of the deer to allow for skinning and dividing into quarters. *Photo by Gregg Schefferly.*

rain greening everything up, which provided a lot of quality browse, apple and oak trees are loaded providing deer much needed forage as they go into winter. While the late season browse won't benefit them much this year, the deer will be better prepared to survive the winter. Hunters who hunt around old orchards or oak ridges should see increased deer sightings as a result.

One thing that's surprised me during the last couple of years is that deer numbers seem to continue to increase, even with the federal shooters and farmers harvesting deer using crop damage permits to reduce the size of the deer herd. As a result of in-

and cutting them up after they were skinned and quartered. As a result, I've got what I need to skin and process the deer I shoot. I won't say I look forward to it, or that it's fun, but it's a necessity.

As a result of doing it myself, not only do I save money, but I can be sure the meat I have is cut up, boned not sawed, and the fat is trimmed away leaving me only lean meat for table-fare. After processing, I grind it for burger, use it in sausage and brats we make, and of course vacuum seal some steaks from prime cuts.

There are a number of videos online that can do a much better job showing you how to skin, quarter, and process

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Your family also needs to know that the mediation process is completely confidential and can take anywhere from a few hours to several meetings depending on the complexity of your issues. And if some family members live far away, a conference or video call can be used to bring everyone together.

If you're interested in hiring a private eldercare mediator, you can expect to pay anywhere from \$100 to more than \$500 per hour depending on where you live and who you choose. Or, if available in your area, you may be able to get help through a

community-based nonprofit program that offers free or low-cost services by volunteer mediators.

Finding a Mediator

To locate an elder mediator in your area, start by asking for referrals from health professionals or hospital social workers or search online at The Academy of Professional Family Mediators website (apfmnet.org) or Mediate.com. Both sites have searchable directories.

Or, to search for free/low-cost community-based mediation programs in your state, see the National Association for Community Me-

diation website (nafcm.org). Unfortunately, not all states offer them.

There is currently no universally accepted credential or professional standard for eldercare mediators, so make sure the person you choose has extensive experience with elder issues that are similar to what your family is dealing with. Also, be sure you ask for references and check them. Most elder mediators are attorneys, social workers, counselors or other professionals who are trained in mediation and conflict resolution.

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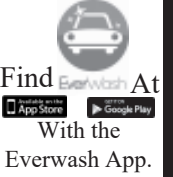
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Firearm

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rope through the center hole, you'll want to tie it around the entire 2x4. The hole is simply to prevent the rope from sliding to either side when hoisting.

You'll want to attach the deer's hind legs to the spreader at the joints right between bone and tendon. You'll attach the legs using wire, rope, or small chain — this will spread the legs allowing you access to cut and remove the hide.

Next hanging it. I have a 2x4 with an eye hook I've bolted to the rafters of my barn onto which I attach my block and tackle. If you do not have a barn, garage, or buck pole to hang it; a very large tree limb high enough and stout enough to pull the deer up to skin will do.

A block and tackle works best allowing you to not only pull and hold the deer at the proper height, but adjust the height as you work on skinning and cutting up the deer. If it's a rope and a tree limb, so be it. The deer can be raised up with manpower, which will be difficult with or without a pulley. Some people will use an ATV, tractor, or pickup and tie it off to the hitch and raise and lower it as needed.

While the process may sound a bit daunting, it's pretty straight forward. After watching a couple videos on the subject and diving in, you'll figure it out quickly. Once you've done it a time or two, it'll only get easier.

Good luck and may your 2023 firearm season be filled with good memories and success.

(Gregg Schefferly grew up and spent the majority of his life in northeastern Michigan. With the lakes and forests as his playground, he has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

Author

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the victims involved in these wrecks, Schumacher said that it's important to preserve the ships themselves.

Invasive mussels have begun to blur the artifacts of his stories, he said. "These zebra mussels and quagga mussels are especially invasive and damaging, and they're in four of the five Great Lakes," Schumacher said. "They're just disintegrating everything down there. Some of these ships that I've written about, they're completely, totally covered with these mussels that are eating them, and there's gonna be nothing left."

Like the mussels that erode the wreckage remains, Schumacher said the number of books published about Great Lakes shipwrecks is also deteriorating. "To some extent, that's how I feel about these books," he said. "Somebody needs to remember that these ships were around — that these men on the ships were alive. If I don't, who will?"

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bubble toys, noise-canceling headphones, a soft blanket and other things to distract from the chaos going on around them. The kits are also useful to calm a child in an emergency situation.

He said first and foremost was identifying the individual as someone with special needs. He is requesting the community come forward to have their special needs or autistic loved one put on a list. Once they are identified, stick-on patches will be given to be put on a vehicle, door or noticeable window of the home of a resident in need of awareness.

The free patches resemble the autism logo of jigsaw puzzle pieces but is in the shape of Michigan with a sheriff badge next to it. The patches are small, but brightly colored so they can be easily noticed and recognized.

Stephenson said just by word of mouth and a mention on Facebook the county already has 20 individuals on the list.

He hopes to share the list with county firefighters and the emergency medical service, so they too can respond differently if the situation arises.

To be put on the list and receive the patches call the sheriff department at (989) 724-6271.



Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson holds one of the patches that will help identify someone with autism or other issues so law enforcement can approach a situation calmly. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Awareness

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- Use simple and concrete sentences.
- Give plenty of time for the person to process and respond.
- Be alert to signs of increased frustration and try to eliminate the source if possible as behavior may escalate.
- Avoid quick movements and loud noises.
- Do not touch the person unless absolutely necessary.
- Use information from a caregiver, if available, on how best to respond.

Den

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Biologists will collect information from the bear including the sex, weight, body measurements and reproductive history, and will remove a small, nonfunctional tooth to acquire a DNA sample and determine the bear's age.

The DNR urges anyone who finds a den leave it alone. It is illegal to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm or molest a bear in its den. Those who think they have found a den should report it and allow DNR biologists to further investigate.

Learn more about bear management in Michigan at Michigan.gov/Bear.



Buggy Rides



Deer season, a reminder the world is too much with us

By Aubrey A. Crawford
Native Americans live in closer touch with the earth than modern Americans. It is our loss. We tend to regard the weather as an inconvenience - a conversation piece at best.

Native Americans hear the spirits of the earth speaking to them in the weather.

Airplane pilots call the weather bureau to learn what they can expect once in the air. They need to hear about cloud ceilings, the direction and velocity of the wind. All this is technical and scientific. It is information that describes what the elements will be doing.

Failure to heed this information could, well, be fatal. Walking the Lake Huron shoreline provides a very different experience of the elements. I am not concerned with what the weather will be; I resonate with the weather. Wind out of the northeast or east touches a different part of my spirit than southerly winds. West winds are different still and the bitter north wind out of Canada cuts deep into my bones.

Each evokes, or at least speaks to a different mood.

As the poet Wordsworth noted: "The world is too much with us, late and soon, Getting and spending we lay waste our powers: Little we see in nature that is ours... The winds that will be howling at all hours, are up gathered now like sleeping flowers... For this, for everything we are out of tune. It moves us not."

Weather, be it sunshine or rain, is from the creator. Cursing the weather is a repudiation of the elements. We have no right to any particular kind of weather. Regarding fair weather as our personal possession removes us from nature and insulates us from any message inherent in the wind, the rain or the storm.

Golfers and farmers have their preferences for the weather. The elements do not care. Weather-wise, what will be, will be. Sunshine bothers us when we are depressed; it reminds us how out of tune with the world we really are.

Sunshine is "salt in the wound" when we are depressed. Rain may be welcome when we are sad.

Foul weather somehow makes the universe seem more understanding and ac-

cepting of our foul moods. The elements may also touch us in deep and subtle ways we do not understand.

In his poem "Population Drifts," Carl Sandburg told of a European family that farmed the land for generations before emigrating to Chicago in hope of a better life. It didn't work out; Sandburg described them "haggling with landlords and grocers while six children played on the stones and prowled in the garbage cans." "One child coughed its lungs away," he said, "two more have adenoids, and can neither talk nor run like their mother." "One is in jail," he continued, "two have jobs in a box factory."

He spoke of their wonder at the wistful longing that fluttered in them faintly when the glimmer of spring came on the air, or the green of summer turned brown. It was, he said, the new-mown hay smell calling, and the wind of the plains calling for them to come back and take hold of life again with the strength and the passion of their heritage.

Though the elements always touch us we do not al-

ways accept that touching. Perhaps the world of nature sometimes tries to awaken us to an awareness of the meaning of life bequeathed to us by our ancestors.

Perhaps nature knows the depth of our souls better than we do and seeks to remind us of creative energies we have not yet fully given to a waiting world.

It may be this is a hidden part of why men and women tramp the woods at deer season. Perhaps some of the hunt is for "more than deer;" perhaps they seek to restore a contact with the earth that our modern civilization has stolen away from us.

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on December 13, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark W. Widmaier to American Advisors Group dated February 24, 2021, and recorded March 18, 2021, as Instrument No. 20210000908, Alcona County, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$149,312.57. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: The land referred to herein below is situated in the Township of

Alcona, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Lots 1 and 2 of Cloverbeach Subdivision, a recorded subdivision. A recorded plat is found in Alcona County records. Together with all land lying between the east boundary of said Lots 1 and 2 and the west right of way of an existing county road known as Hubbard Lake Road and the south boundary of Lot 1 extended and the north boundary of Lot 2 extended. Being the same property conveyed to Mark W. Widmaier, a married man, from Craig S. Widmaier, trustee of the Mona Lee Widmaier revocable living trust, under agreement dated October 13, 2003, by covenant deed dated May 12, 2016, and recorded May 17, 2016, among the land records of Alcona County, State of Michigan in book 523, page 291, instrument No. 201600001639. Tax account No. 013-160-000-001-00. Said property is commonly known as 4849 N. Hubbard Lake Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the sheriff's deed. If this is a residential mortgage, the following shall apply. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are a debtor in an active bankruptcy case; are under the protection of a bankruptcy stay; or have received a discharge in bankruptcy and you have not reaffirmed the debt, this notice is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as an attempt to collect a debt from you personally. Dated: October 29, 2023 Attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 Phone: (844) 856-6646 File No. 23-24604 11-8, 11-15, 11-22, 11-29

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-6409-DE
 Laura A. Frawley
 Court address
 106 N. 5th Street,
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 Court telephone No.
 (989) 724-9500
 Estate of Michael Kim Anderson
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 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Michael Kim Anderson, died June 10, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kerry L. Gonyea, 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: November 15, 2023
 Kerry L. Gonyea
 Personal representative
 927 E. Ritchie Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742
 (989) 464-1332

State of Michigan 23rd Circuit Court Alcona County Publication Notice of Hearing File No.
 In the matter of Linda Marie Eberline
 To all interested persons:
 Take notice: A hearing will be held on December 28, 2023, at 9:45 a.m. at Alcona County Courthouse before the Honorable Laura A. Frawley for the purpose of a final hearing to change name from: LINDA MARIE EBERLINE to Linda Marie Eberline. LINDA MARIE EBERLINE 4266 Wissmiller Road Greenbush, Mich. 48738 (989) 310-1818

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Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 5, T25N, R8E; thence north 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds west along east-west 1/4 line of said section and centerline of county road F-30 1965.37 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds west along said line 645.37 feet to center of said section; thence due west along said east-west 1/4 line and centerline 658.69 feet; thence north 00 degrees 21 minutes 40 seconds east along west line of east-1/2 of southeast-1/4 of the north-west-1/4 of said section 1321.43 feet; thence south 89 degrees 57 minutes 41 seconds east along north line of said east-1/2 657.26 feet; thence south 89 degrees 56 minutes 55 seconds east along north line of southwest-1/4 of the northeast-1/4 of said section 647.08 feet; thence south 00 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds west 1320.60 feet to the point of beginning. Description taken from survey recorded in Liber 454, pages 435-36, Alcona County records. Common street address (if any): 741 E. F-30, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9713 The redemption period shall be six

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 8, 2023 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515 1513750 11-8, 11-15, 11-22, 11-29

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A gun salute and taps were played to honor all United States veterans including (from left) Carl Pierce, Jerry Blevins, John Dewyse, Ed Merritt, Bill Miller, Norma Tracy and Char Blevins.



The Alcona High School Marching Band performs the "National Anthem" at the county courtyard Veteran Memorial Stone for a tribute on Veterans Day last Saturday.

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