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Lady Tigers win NSL Big Dipper championship

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

With the North Star League Big Dipper championship on the line last Thursday at home against the Charlton Heston Academy, the Alcona varsity volleyball team didn't disappoint.

The Lady Tigers swept the Lady Patriots in three con-

going to be a very competitive match-up," Miller said. "Mio is always strong defensively and has power on the net. We needed to step up and play consistently. We brought great energy and displayed solid teamwork. Angelina Howe had a big game with 17 kills and Gauthier really stepped up defensively, with

School improvement plans should bond proposal pass

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Should the bond proposal that the Alcona Community School District has on the November 7 ballot pass, the district has a long list of improvements to be made with the funds.



This is a rendition of what the proposed multi-purpose gym-like building will look like. The room will allow children an accessible area to run and jump during indoor recess days when it is too wet or cold to play outside. *Courtesy graphic*.

Improvements considered include many infrastructure upgrades such as heating, ventilation and cooling systems, fire suppression, security and safety upgrades, and more.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor explained 90 percent of the \$20,000,000 being asked for will be utilized for infrastructure improvements and upgrades while 10 percent will go towards additional new buildings/capital improvement costs.

One of the higher priorities

is fixing the heating, ventilation and cooling systems. "We have about 25 original heater/ air ventilation systems from 1956. They are over 60 years old. Now we have a new boiler system and control units hooked up to that, but the old technology and fire suppression that is tied into it are posing issues.

"When you have an almost 70-year-old school with additions built at three different times, trying to update infrastructure can be challenging.

"We are hoping to also update the electric panel boards in the high school. Again, there are three different chunks of when the electricity was installed based on when the additions were built," O'Connor said. He also stated some of the heaters in the middle school and elementary school were very loud interfering with students' education.

Another priority is securing the buildings for the safety of students and making the entrance at the high school Americans Disability Act barrier-free. The elementary entrance upgrade would also secure the cafeteria and the Tiger Clinic.

"The parking lots are a high concern. They were not designed well, making for unsafe drop-off and pickup locations. The parking lot at the high school is in terrible condition with big potholes," O'Connor said.

Bond funds would also address the aging sanitary sewer lines and plumbing issues especially where multiple

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The Alcona varsity volleyball team poses with its championship banner after winning the North Star League Big Dipper. (Front row, from left) Allie Travis, Baylee Goddard, Lily Pappas, Taylor LaFave, (back row) Emma Travis, Rilee Tracy, head coach Kristi Miller, Jenna West, Piper Whitefield, Liberty Kimball, Kaylee Wambold, Angelina Howe, Sage Gauthier, and Addison Beatty. *Courtesy photo.*

vincing sets, 25-2, 25-16 and 25-13; giving them a long-awaited championship moment.

"It was a huge night for us, knowing we needed one more win to be the undefeated NSL champions, for the first time in Alcona volleyball history," head coach Kristi Miller said. "In addition, it was senior night, and we were honoring our seven seniors, Emma Travis, Angelina Howe, Liberty Kimball, Sage Gauthier, Allie Travis, Lily Pappas and Kaylee Wambold. The team was definitely fired up. We covered the court and executed offensively. Everyone stepped up to make it happen! I am so proud of this team, they've earned it."

Wambold and Gauthier got nine kills apiece and Travis had 25 assists, 20 digs and seven aces.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 the Lady Tigers got a key NSL Big Dipper win over visiting Mio, 25-14, 25-27, 25-22 and 25-

"We knew going in, it was

27 digs."

Howe also had two blocks and Emma Travis got eight aces.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, Alcona played at Oscoda for the North Star League Big Dipper tournament. They went 4-2-2 on the day.

In pool play they lost to Oscoda 25-21 and 25-21; topped Rogers City 25-18 and 25-13; split with Mio 25-16 and 21-25; and also topped the Charlton Heston Academy 25-8 and 25-18; and defeated Whittemore-Prescott 25-20 and 25-19.

In bracket play, they defeated Rogers City 25-19, 26-28 and 20-18 but Oscoda ended their day with a 25-20 and 25-16 loss.

Howe had a big day with 27 kills and three blocks. Gauthier and Wambold each served for 10 aces, Wambold also had 35 digs. Emma Travis had 64 assists.

Alcona opens up the Division 3 district tournament at home on Monday against the Charlton Heston Academy.

November 7 bond request

On November 7, voters in the Alcona Community School District will be asked to vote on a school bond proposal. If approved, the bond will provide a total of \$20,000,000 for a period of 20 years for building infrastructure and capital improvements.

The district is asking to borrow the funds for the purpose of remodeling, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, reequipping school buildings, updating school security, acquiring and installing instructional technology and preparing, developing/improving parking areas/driveways, and building/equipping a multiuse educational/recreational building and a livestock learning center.

If approved by voters, the estimated millage levied for the proposed bond in 2024 is 2.20 mills which is \$2.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable

valuation to property owners in the school district. An example of cost would be if a property has a market value of \$150,000 the owner would be taxed \$165 per year over the course of the next 20 years.

According to the bond proposal verbiage, the school district does not expect to borrow from the state to pay debt service on the bonds and has no current bonds outstanding.

More information about the bond proposal is available on the school's website at www.alconaschools-.net. The site includes a link on the front page which sends viewers to a detailed look at where funds will be used. The site includes a graph on what it will cost taxpayers in the school district. The link has a reduction table for homestead property and a senior credit table.



God Bless America





Obituary



David B. Sterner Sr.

David B. Sterner Sr., 86, of Harrisville, passed away Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Dave was born May 14, 1937, in Yonkers, New York to Dr. Burton and Margerite (Budd) Sterner Sr. He was raised in Staten Island, New York until joining the U.S. Air Force in 1957.

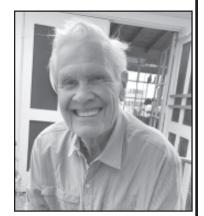
Dave was then stationed in Oscoda where he met and later married Maxine Kudla on April 2, 1958.

He took much pride in serving his country and worked for many years as a civil engineer at the Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

He had a strong passion for farming his land, where he raised beef cattle, many crops, barn cats, and other animals. He enjoyed working on his vehicles and tractors and always helping his friends whenever he could.

If Dave wasn't working on the farm, you could almost always find him talking and laughing with his many friends. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and always made time to attend his kids' activities.

Dave is survived by his wife, Maxine; three children, Wayne (Mary Jane) Sterner,



David Sterner Jr., and Kym England; four grandchildren, Mikala, Kara, Lindsey, and Natalie; and one great grandchild, Hayes. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews and his cousin Sue Belden.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Burton Sterner Jr., and Thomas Sterner.

A memorial service will be held later in Spring of 2024 on the farm for family and friends. This date will be announced at a later time. Memorial donations are suggested to Hospice of Michigan or to the Alcona County Veterans.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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, OCTOBER 26

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, OCTOBER 27

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

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 Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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.

There will be a children's Halloween party from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles

Arie No. 4141, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City. The adult Halloween party begins at 7 p.m. For details, contact Theresa at (989) 820-2186.

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 in December. Rehearsals are from 10:30 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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Learn how to make Kokedama, a living décor made with moss and plants, at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Space is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a spot. Cost is \$3 for supplies.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Practice ukulele at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of

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Guest Editorial

Clouds continue to hang over state government's transparency laws

By Wes Smith

MPA President

When there was a change in leadership in Michigan's legislature earlier this year, hope rose again in the hearts of citizens who want a more transparent state government.

Maybe, it was thought by those citizens, the time has finally come for Michigan to join almost every other state in expecting their legislature and Governor to be subject to our open records law. Maybe, they thought, adding hope upon hope, new laws would be passed requiring other government officials to respond to records requests in a timely manner without outrageous

But, alas, it's nearly November and there has not been even a small ray of sunshine in our state house or governor's mansion. Michigan remains at the bottom of the bottom for government openness among the 50 states. The Center for Public Integrity gave the Great Lakes State an "F" grade in 2015. In 2020 Michigan ranked 47th out of 50 for anti-corruption measures for public officials according to the Coalition for Integrity.

News reports of former House Speaker Johnson convicted of accepting bribes and Inkster Mayor Wimberly indicted on bribery charges, along with numerous other accounts of unethical behavior on the part of elected officials in our state, illustrate the importance of openness and transparency in government.

In 2022 Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported a ballot initiative to require state elected officials to provide financial disclosure statements. In a recent study, done on behalf of the Michigan Press Association, there was more data showing Michigan voters want more information about what their elected officials are doing.

Nearly nine out of 10 Michigan adults believe that tax-payers should have access to the meeting calendars of state representatives and their correspondence with outside organizations as well as the budgets of these office holders

Leaders from the Michigan Press Association have recently reached out to legislative leaders and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer requesting action with specific amendments to improve the open government climate in our state.

The Michigan Press Association has drafted – and this newspaper fully supports – the following crucial measures to bolster transparency, accountability, and integrity in Michigan government:

• Extending Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the executive and legislative branches.

• Requiring far more timely response to FOIA requests. Citizens and media outlets routinely endure very long and unnecessary delays in obtaining clearly public information from government agencies.



• Preventing exorbitant fees for FOIA responses. Michigan transparency is severely restricted by often outrageously high fees public bodies attempt to charge for FOIA responses.

As citizens of Michigan, you can hold your government accountable. We urge you to contact your legislators and tell them to move forward to improve Michi-gan's open government laws to allow taxpayers the access they deserve when it comes to the people's business.

It's high time to get Michigan out of the basement when it comes to ethics in government. We implore you to act now.

(Wes Smith is president of the Michigan Press Association board of directors and publisher of the View Newspaper Group. The Michigan Press Association has actively advocated for open government at the local, state and federal level for the better part of 160 years. The mission is to promote transparency for the citizens of Michigan and serve as a watchdog of taxpayer dollars.)



Calendar of Events



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the Alcona County Library. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome to participate. The ability to read music is not required. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

Trick or treat at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. In costume, stop at the circulation desk for a sweet treat.

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 annual Drive-through Halloween Party at the Curtis Township Library will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to dress up and trick or treat with the Friends of the Library. Prizes and candy will be available at this all-ages event.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an incomebased program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and

In recent weeks, the Al-

cona County Register of Deeds

office has been informed of

residents receiving offers for

the purchase of property.

Accompanied with the letter

is a signed purchase agree-

ment which contains the par-

cel number and legal descrip-

tion of the property, the pur-

chase price offered, and stipu-

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conducting a Google search

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receive an agreement in the

mail. If anyone does wish to

sell, consider using a local real estate company, title

company, or attorney to con-

duct the transaction.

The Register of Deeds wants property owners to be aware and use caution if they

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and closing.

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fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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A "Holiday Jump Start Craft and Bake Sale" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Alpena. There will be concessions and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call (989) 573-0513.

A soup and dessert 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 invited. Cost is \$6.

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Local\ Notes

Senior Menu

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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, Oct. 30: Chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, pears.
- Tuesday, Oct. 31: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches.

November menu unavailable by press time.

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.

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answer

That king is so uncommonly benevolent that everybody began calling him "Your Royal Kindness."

Community Christmas Celebration in December. Rehearsals are from 10:30 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

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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry for Alcona County residents will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building in Lincoln (near the AAA Credit Union) until the food is gone.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

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Sealed bids will be received by the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake St., P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, MI. 48742 by 4:00 p.m. local time November 20, 2023 to be read at a regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners on November 22, 2023, at 3:15 p.m. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted.

One (1) or more new current model year, 64,000 G.V.W. **Tandem Trucks**

The trucks will be equipped with a radius dump body, 9" tailgate spreader, underbody scraper, front snowplow hitch, side snow wing, and a hydraulic system to operate the equipment.

Bidder's proposals are to be properly completed and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked:

"TANDEM AXLE PLOW TRUCK BID"

The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof at its discretion and to waive any irregularities in the bidding. The purchaser may also split the bids at its discretion.

Bidders shall mark either yes or no in ink in the spaces provided indicating if there is compliance for each portion of the specification.

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The ghosts of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse

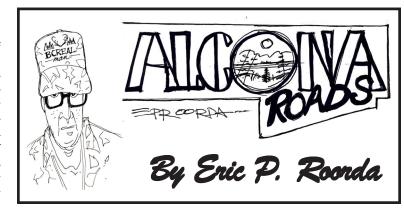
By Eric P. Roorda Author & Artist

The ghost-hunters came to Harrisville on Saturday, Oct. 7. The library hosted them for a couple of hours that day, in a "mini-con" format, with three organizations giving presentations and hosting display tables. They were MAPIT, the Michigan Area Paranormal Investigative Team; the Cherry Capital Shadow Seekers; and a couple of UFO researchers. There were 10 or a dozen people in all. That night, the Alcona Historical Society hosted them at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

I volunteered for the gig. Their leader, Danny, was already in a state of excited anticipation when they arrived, because a psychic friend of his told him over the phone that she'd had a dream the night before, about three crosses on a beach. He headed straight to the little dunes near the shore in the fading light, and damned if he didn't find three sets of rocks arranged as crosses!

He asked me about them, and I said I'd never seen them before, taking him at his word they were there. Recent visitors must have left them, I explained. (People like to gather stones together. There is a time for that, under the sun, as Roger McGuinn and The Byrds reminded us.)

I tried to curb his enthusiasm—I knew of no tragic deaths having ever taken place at the lighthouse. There had been the Marine City disaster on August 29, 1881, I said, but all of the victims of that notorious shipwreck had been taken to Black River or the town of Alcona, not to the



Sturgeon Point Lifesaving Station, which shamefully had saved no lives that day (when the steamer caught fire, the crew was goofing off, not keeping watch, and the slacker lighthouse keeper was at his farm).

But no amount of critical skepticism can argue with a ghost-meter going nuts. I have no idea what the ghostthe arrangement allowed. I sort of wanted to let them stay the night!

The next day I turned to my copy of the authoritative account of the Marine City disaster, "Into Oblivion," by Robert Bunting. It turned out I was wrong when I told Danny that none of the victims had been brought to the lighthouse.



Several spirits apparently roam the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, according to a recent visit from ghost hunters.

hunters' devices were, in technical, real-life terms, but one of them started singing out in a way it never had before, when Danny took it into the little bedroom behind the kitchen pantry. Before long, he used another ghost-meter in the storeroom, where a spirit spoke up in a way that the device heard him say "Tom." He also said what sounded like "grief" and "death."

Then "Bob" chimed in at the base of the tower, where there is a storage space, when Danny surveyed it with his ghost-meter. In the meantime, the meter in the bedroom kept sending signals, but not saying anything. Two women in the group who identified themselves as mediums somehow determined that the spirit was a female who didn't want to talk about her presence there.

It became difficult for me to process what was going on. I was by turns bemused, baffled, and finally, intrigued. The ghost-hunters were so thrilled by the results of their investigation, I let them stay an hour and more later than

In fact, three days after the Marine City burned and sank, a salvage diver tried to locate the ship's safe. He failed to find what he came for, but he made what the Detroit Free Press headline called a "Grisly Discovery."

In the charred hull of the steamship, the diver came across three badly burned corpses. One was a woman, whose face and torso were hideously disfigured. The other two had been reduced to scorched assemblages of bones. Bunting believes they were "the stowaways who were known to have come aboard at Black River," probably a pair of young men.

The remains were all brought to Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

Did the crew at the lighthouse place the female, whose unrecognizable body was clothed and intact, in the little bedroom on the first floor? Did they take one seared set of bones to the storeroom inside the front door, and the other down the hall into the tower storeroom?

According to Bunting's

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 7, 2023

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, november 7, 2023. the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following polling locations.

Alcona Township Caledonia Township Gustin Township Harrisville Township Hawes Township Haynes Township MikadoTownship Millen Township City of Harrisville

Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce Township Hall, 113 S. 2nd Street, Lincoln Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road, Lincoln Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado Township Office, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City City Office, 200 N. 5th Street, Harrisville

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Alcona County residents will vote on the following proposals:

Local School Districts: Alcona Community Schools Bond Proposal

Full text of the ballot proposals and sample ballots may be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk. Sample ballots may also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Registered electors may apply for an absentee ballot with the City or Township Clerk where they

are registered to vote.

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille. Arrangements for obtaining instructions for these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City or Township Clerk in advance of the election.

Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

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Alcona soccer blanked by Roscommon in district semifinals

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity soccer team did a great job of slowing Roscommon down in the Division 4 district semifinal game on Monday, Oct. 16. The host Bucks got the job done though, handing the Tigers a season-ending 3-0 loss.

"Our team played extremely well considering their fire power," said head coach Tim Steiner. "We stacked our defense to slow Roscommon down and it was effective. This was the first game this penalties were awarded to either team. Roscommon plays a roster with 11 seniors and a full rotation of subs which gives them a big advantage."

Alcona proved to be a tough out for the eventual district champions though, only trailing 1-0 at the half.

'We put senior Michael Nevin in goal for the first half and he made some impressive stops on goal (14 total)," Steiner said. "In the second half, senior Dawson Rigby was in goal and he also played

year where no penalty kick very well (eight saves). These two seniors, along with senior defensive sweeper Carter Upper, will be greatly missed next year.

> "I could not have asked more from this team as they gave it their all. The defense held time and time again turning away the onslaught from Roscommon. We played hard against a very talented opponent and came up short in the end. I would commend Roscommon for their quality of sportsmanship both times we played them this year."

Alcona finished the sea-

son 3-7-3 overall.

"As we look towards building the program for next year, we will be working in the off season to improve our touches on the ball and finishing at the net," Steiner said. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to coach most of this team again next year and build on the fundamentals they learned this year as

well as bring in a new freshman class, many of whom I've already had the privilege of coaching in 4-H soccer.

The Alcona soccer varsity team is a family of students, parents, supporters, former players and coaches and I'm thankful to have been a part of this season and I look forward to the next one."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday November 9, 2023 at the CaledoniaTownship Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Michigan at 6:30 p.m. Please note: the regular Planning Commission Meeting will also be changed from Monday November 6, 2023 to Thursday November 9, 2023 following the Public Hearing due to election day. The purpose of the hearing is for all interested parties to be present and to be heard regarding comments on the newly revised Zoning Ordinance for Caledonia Township, Alcona County Michigan. The entire Zoning Ordinance can be found on the website of Caledonia Township at www.caledoniatwp.net under the tab of Planning & Zoning/Documents. Comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance may be sent to Dan LeClair, Chair of the Planning Commission, PO Box 7, Spruce MI 48762 or email to pcchair@caledoniatwp.net.

championship at Hale invitational By Ben Murphy Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country team scratched another goal off its list last week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, the Tigers won the Hale Invitational, held at beautiful Wicker Hills Golf Course.

"We set a goal at the beginning of the season to win the Hale Invitational and that is exactly what they did," head coach Tammy Nelson said. "The team has worked hard to fulfill their goals this sea-

Alcona won with 31 points, Fairview was second with 34, Tawas placed third with 69 points, and the Charlton Heston Academy was fourth with 91 points.

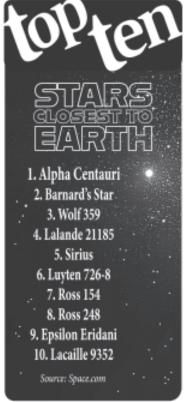
Cole Upper and Carter Upper finished first and second with times of 18:16 and 18:28. Darren Boyat was sixth at 19:45, Ziggy Villalobos placed seventh at 20:05, and in 20th

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was Colin McKenna at 22:06. On Saturday, Oct. 21 Al-

Alcona runners meet goal, claim

cona ran at the Northern Michigan Championship race in Gaylord. The Tigers finished in fourth place in the large meet.

Cole Upper had a fifth place finish and time of 17:48. Carter Upper was 10th at 18:11. Boyat had a 22nd place run at a 19:03. Villalobos came in 34th at 20:16, and McKenna placed 52nd at

"As always, I am proud of this team," Nelson said.

Alcona runs in a Division 4 regional meet at East Jordan on Saturday, Oct. 28.

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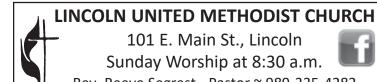
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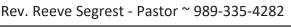
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Alcona dominates in regular season finale

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

With the playoffs looming, 13th ranked Alcona didn't overlook the task at hand last Friday.

The Tigers played host to Whittemore-Prescott in a game that would clinch the North Star League Big Dipper championship, and they dominated the contest and picked up a 54-0 victory.

"This group had set that as one of their goals before the season even started," head coach Jason Somers said. "So,

28-yard touchdown pass to Walker making it 48-0 at the

The lone touchdown of the second half was a short twoyard touchdown run by Jacob Renchenski.

"I thought that we executed pretty well, the kids did the game plan just like we had talked about," Somers said. "The weather kind of hindered us a little bit with the passing game, but all in all it was pretty good. Walker had a great game. It was his last

touchdown. He also threw a had a fumble recovery as well, giving the defense five total turnovers.

Alcona (8-1 overall) heads to seventh ranked Inland Lakes (8-1) on Friday, Oct. 27 for the first round of Division 1 eight-player playoff action.

We will be traveling up there, and they look to be a pretty good football team as we look at tape," Somers said. "We will have to play our best and play mistake-free foot-

The Tigers and Bulldogs have one loss on the year;



The Alcona varsity football team celebrates after topping Whittemore-Prescott last Friday, winning the North Star League Big Dipper Championship. Photo by Rachel Somers.

to see them reach that goal was pretty awesome and to do it in the fashion that they did was pretty good to see as well."

Collin Walker started his huge night with a 14-yard touchdown run for a quick 6-0 lead. He followed that by hauling in a Garrett Somers pass for a 12-yard touchdown and 12-0 advantage. Walker then had a 26-yard scoring run for an 18-0 margin.

The Tigers got their defense to find the end zone next, as Somers stepped in front of a W-P pass and returned it 20-yards for a touchdown, setting it to 26-0.

Walker scored yet again in the first quarter, this time racing from 44 yards out, making it 34-0 after one.

The second quarter saw Somers run for a 23-yard home game as a senior and I thought he really stepped up and did his part."

Walker finished with 58 vards and two touchdowns on four rushing attempts. He had four receptions for 94 yards and three touchdowns. Somers ran six times for 77 yards and a touchdown, and he was four-of-seven passing for 93 yards and three touchdowns. Jeremiah Bullis had three carries for 49 yards. Jesse Sheldon ran six times for 41 yards. Renchenski finished with 29 yards on the ground. Sawyer Seminoff also had one reception for 42 yards and Richard Schott had one grab for eight yards.

On defense, Zean Monnier got six tackles and one fumble recovery. Evan Borsvold and Sheldon had five tackles apiece. Seminoff got four tackles and Jacob June took down three. Travis Walker, Renchenski and Somers all had interceptions, C. Walker

both coming at the hands of St. Ignace. They are coming off a 36-30 win over Gaylord St. Mary last week.

"They have a really nice quarterback (Aidan Fenstermaker), he is kind of a dual threat guy, he can run it and throw it, he looks pretty good," Somers said. "They have a receiver that is pretty good size, and the defense is big and fast and strong, so I think those are the things we are going to be preparing for."

This is the first time that Alcona has qualified for the playoffs since 2017 (every team made it in 2020). That long absence doesn't appear to worry Somers though, as he believes in his team full of talented players.

"I think we have been in a couple games that have tested us a little bit," he said. "We are in a tough region, but I think that we belong in that region, and we are just as capable as anyone in the regional."





Monotropa uniflora lacks chlorophyll pigments and appears white. It grows in the decaying debris of dark, densegrowth forests across the Northern hemisphere. Each stem bears a single delicate flower that hangs downward, which protects its pollen from the rain and lets insect pollinators access it. The clear fluid from its stems has been used to treat eye problems, skin problems, seizures and pain by Native Americans and traditional medicine practitioners. - Brenda Weaver Sources: medium.com, wildadirondacks.org

October colors on inland lakes

By Gregg Schefferly

Outdoor Writer

While there's nothing more breathtaking than being out on a lake in northern Michigan in October as the fall colors peak and the ridges glow from the sunlight reflecting off the leaves.

However, the October colors I'm referring to is the gold that's in them waters come October of every year. I'm referring to Yellow-belly Perch. In the fall a lot of anglers hang up their rods and grab a bow or shotgun and head to the woods in pursuit of whitetail or small game. For the few hardy souls that hang tough, there are limit catches of nice eating sized perch schooled up, hungry, and in shallow water.

If you can find a school, it doesn't take long to get your limit.

The perch population seems to have rebounded both on the big lake and on the inland lakes. Now, while there are still schools of small perch, there's a good population of larger perch out there and anglers are having no trouble getting a limit of 25 perch running nine to 12 inches in length.

During the summer months perch are scattered throughout the lakes hidden away in weed beds. As the water temperatures cool in the fall, the weeds die, the perch school up, and move in shallower. Additionally, they develop a voracious appetite as they prepare for winter.

Starting in September anglers fishing perch will start making their way to the edge of the drop offs. Sometimes they are just off the drop and other times just up on it. As September moves to October and the water temperatures drop, the perch continue to move shallower.

Initially, some anglers start with worms, but ultimately, the bait of choice is perch minnows, which is just a small minnow that perch readily inhale.

Most anglers will either use a slip bobber with one or two minnows below or a perch rig with a weight right over the side of the boat. Some anglers will cast small jigs and find success slowly working a jig along the bottom.

The most important thing is finding them. Often times it's as simple as finding other boats anchored in the shallows. From there a little moving around the other boats and once you find them it won't take long.

When fishing perch, having a few people with you or even boats close by will keep the fish focused on the offerings from everyone fishing, which will help prevent them from moving off.

I've only managed to get out once or twice, between commitments, work, and the weather; it seems like every weekend I'm free it's blowing or raining. Nevertheless, while I haven't gotten out recently, those who I know that have gotten out, have limited out on nice catches of perch. I've talked to anglers who've done well on Long and Grand lakes north of Alpena and anglers who've done well



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly



A passel of perch caught from Hubbard Lake and Long Lake, which is north of Alpena. *Photo by Gregg Schefferly.*

on Hubbard Lake.

The same holds true for the smaller inland lakes. Pan fish really get fired up come fall and are easier to find and catch. When fishing pan fish, I always use my ultralight fishing rods, because in the fall the fish run bigger and with the small rod, it adds to the excitement.

In addition to the pan fish getting an appetite, so do both pike and bass, so don't be surprised when you have a bite and set the hook to realize you have a little more than you bargained for.

For those who've hung up their rods and turned to hunting, I've heard good reports from hunters. The acorn and apple crops this year have been phenomenal -- acorns and apples are everywhere.

Last weekend we took an afternoon side-by-side ride and everywhere we found oaks there were deer. It was in the middle of the day and the deer were out there in the open.

It sounds like some hunters have been enjoying success whether they're hunting ducks, upland birds, squirrels, or whitetail. Even when you don't bring something home, success can be measured in the memories from your experiences outdoors.

Get out and enjoy the outdoors in the coming weeks, this is what we wait for. Good

(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.)



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book, one account says the bodies were taken down the road and up the hill to Mount Joy Cemetery to be buried. (If so, they were joined there later by that slacker lighthouse keeper.) Another account contends they were interred in the sandy soil near the Lighthouse, beneath wooden crosses.

I had to go look for the three crosses on the beach that had gotten Danny the ghost-hunter in such a tizzy. There they were! Made with rocks the size of my fist, these crosses took some effort to create. Who made them?

Whv?

I felt a tingle...

AHS President Kristin Benghauser (Viva la novia!) told me that some volunteers in the past had experienced odd happenings or creepy feelings at the lighthouse. Now I think I know why. Three spirits reside there! They are Bob and Tom, hard-luck, unemployed stowaways, and a silent, anguished woman, who has no face.

Now the AHS ought to cash in, listing high-dollar sleepovers with the Ghosts of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, on Airbnb's "haunted house"

category!

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.")

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Three vaccines seniors should consider getting this fall

Dear Savvy Senior,

Which vaccines are recommended for Medicare seniors this flu season?

Just Turned 65

Dear Just Turned,

There are actually three different types of vaccines seniors should consider getting this fall to protect against a repeat of last winter's "tripledemic" of respiratory illnesses, which included flu, RSV and coronavirus.

Here's a rundown of the different vaccines the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending and how they are covered by Medicare.

Senior-Specific Flu Shots

For people age 65 and older, there are three flu vaccines (you only need one) that the CDC recommends over traditional flu shots.

These FDA-approved vaccines provide extra protection beyond what a standard flu shot does, which is important for older adults who have weaker immune defenses and have a greater risk of developing dangerous flu complications compared with younger, healthy adults. The three senior-specific options include the:

- Fluzone High-Dose Ouadrivalent vaccine, which contains four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, creating a stronger immune response for better protection.
- Fluad Quadrivalent vaccine, which contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59 that also helps create a stronger immune response.
- FluBlok Quadrivalent vaccine, is a recombinant protein (egg-free) flu vaccine that contains three times the amount of antigen as compared with a regular flu shot.

There isn't enough evi-

dence yet to indicate whether elderly. one of these three vaccines provides superior protection over the other two for seniors.

As for side effects, you should know that the Fluzone High-Dose and Fluad vaccines can cause more of the mild side effects that can occur with a standard-dose flu shot, like pain or tenderness where you got the shot, muscle aches, headache or fatigue. While the side effects of Flublok tend to be a little less frequent.

All flu vaccines are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B as long as your doctor, health clinic or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.

New RSV Vaccines

Anyone age 60 and older, especially if you have any heart or lung conditions, diabetes, kidney or liver disorders that make you vulnerable to the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) should consider getting one of the new FDA approved RSV vaccines (either Arexvy or Abrysvo).

These vaccines, recommended by the CDC, will help protect older and immunocompromised adults from respiratory illness, which is responsible for 6,000 to 10,000 deaths and at least 60,000 hospitalizations each year in seniors 65 and older.

The new RSV vaccines are covered by Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plans.

Updated Covid Booster

If you haven't had a Covid-19 booster shot lately, you should consider getting one this fall. Even though the Covid public health emergency has ended and the number of cases has gone way down, it has been surging in recent months causing an increase in hospitalizations, especially among the

The updated Covid vaccine targets the XBB omicron subvariants that are some of the most dominate coronavirus variants circulating in the U.S. It will also provide protection against the EG.5 variant (Eris), which is closely related to the XBB.

Covid booster shots are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B.

When and Where

Most health officials agree that it's safe to receive the flu and Covid booster at the same time. But because the RSV vaccines are new this year, many doctors are recommending a two-week window between an RSV shot and the flu and/or the COVID shots.

You can find all three vaccines at most pharmacies, medical clinics and health departments, or you can do a search at Vaccines.gov.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Does Medicare cover second medical opinions? The doctor I currently see thinks I need a knee replacement, but I would like to get some other treatment options before I proceed. What can you tell me?

Limping Larry

Dear Larry,

Getting a second medical opinion from another doctor is a smart idea that may offer you a fresh perspective and additional options for treating your knee so you can make a more informed decision. Or, if the second doctor agrees with your current one, it can give you some reassurance.

Yes, Medicare does pay for second opinions if your current doctor has recommended surgery, or some other major diagnostic or



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therapeutic procedure.

If you're enrolled in original Medicare, 80 percent of the costs for second medical opinions are covered under Part B (you or your Medicare supplemental policy are responsible for the other 20 percent), and you don't need an order or referral from your doctor to get one. Medicare will even pay 80 percent for a third opinion, if the first two differ.

Most Medicare Advantage plans cover second opinions too, but you may need to follow certain steps to get it paid for. For example, some plans will only help pay for a second opinion if you have a referral from your primary care doctor, and/or they may require that you can only use a doctor in their network. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you'll need to call it to find out their rules.

Finding Another Doctor

To find another doctor for a second opinion you can either ask your current doctor for a name or two, or ask another doctor you trust for a referral, or you can find one on your

Whatever route you choose, it's best to go with a doctor that's affiliated with a different practice or hospital than your original doctor. Hospitals and practices can be set in their ways when it comes to treatments and are likely to offer similar advice.

If you choose to find one on your own, use Medicare's Care Compare tool at Medicare-

.gov/care-compare. This will let you find doctors by name or medical specialty in your area that accept original Medicare. You can also get this information by calling Medicare at (800) 633-4227. Or, if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, call or visit your plan's website for a list of candidates.

After you've got a few doctors names, there are a number of free online resources to help you research them like HealthGrades.com and Vitals.com.

After you find another doctor, before you get a second opinion, you'll need to have your current doctor's office send your medical records ahead to the second doctor, or you may have to pick them up and deliver them yourself. That way, you won't have to repeat the tests you already had. But, if the second doctor wants you to have additional tests performed as a result of your visit, Medicare will help pay for these tests

For more information, see the Medicare publication 'Getting a Second Opinion Before Surgery" at Medicare-.gov/publications - type in 02173 in the Keyword or Product number box.

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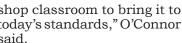
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agri-science classrooms. "The last upgrade to those rooms was in the 70s. We would like that technology upgraded as well as upgrading the wood

shop classroom to bring it to today's standards," O'Connor

New furniture is on the list with O'Connor pointing out that much of the student and staff furnishings are over 30 years old. "They get a lot of use considering there are six classes a day with 23 to 25 students per class. A lot of Alcona parents were once students here using the same chairs and desks their children are using. Classroom furniture is not an allowable usage of sinking funds, so they have not been updated," O'Connor said.

The funding would also be used to replace the original (old) gym flooring and create a multipurpose room out of the old stage area.



sue for students. The transportation department also has items that have needed to be addressed for a long time such as poor lighting and no fencing creating safety and security issues. "Also, the buses sit on gravel which due to moisture rots the underside of the bus, decreasing its lifespan. We'd like them to be parked on cement slabs," O'Connor said.

O'Connor showed ex-

amples of peeling paint in the

shower area and bent lockers

in the gym locker room which

could also create a safety is-

He explained the 10 percent to be utilized for new additions would be to create an agri-science livestock learning center to be built across the street from the school in front of the transportation center site.

"The Agri-science livestock learning center is something that has been on the strategic plan for a long time. This is an opportunity to enhance one of our stronger programs in the district," O'Connor said. The building would include a classroom lab and multiple indoor/outdoor animal stalls.

The other capital improvement would be to build a gymlike multipurpose room off the elementary school. The multipurpose enclosure would give children a place to move and exercise on bitter cold/wet days when children cannot go outside to play.

"The idea of the multipurpose room came from students and staff. When we sat back and thought about it -it made a lot of sense. We have about 370 students, counting preschool in the elementary building and somewhere between 40 and 80 indoor recess days per year depending on the weather.

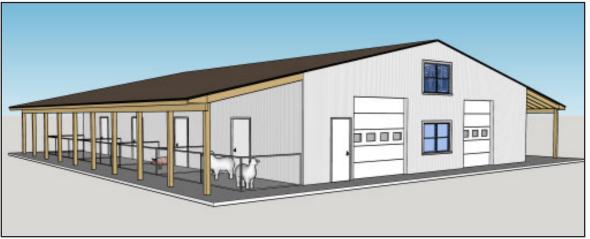
"We are very full at the elementary level and space for students is limited. The only space for them to spend an indoor recess is at their classroom desk with no room to stretch or move around.

"We would attach the multipurpose building to the existing elementary school so students could use restrooms already in the school to keep construction costs down," O'Connor said.

He explained the district's vision is to create an indoor space that could accommodate indoor recess days with turf and room for students to run and jump that could also accommodate additional classroom space for special projects and space for clubs and groups for after-school activities.

O'Conner estimated the cost of new additional buildings to be around \$2,000,000 and work on both the infrastructure and new buildings to be accomplished in the summers of 2024, 2025 and

For a detailed list of cited improvements, www.alconaschools.net or bit.ly/AlconaBond2023.



This is a rendition of what the proposed agri-science livestock education building for Alcona Community Schools should the bond pass. Courtesy graphic.

Buggy Rides



Still seized on Spruce farm

October 25, 1923 ~ Copper tank, coil, cream cans, crocks, kegs, mash, bottles, oil stove, and everything that goes into the making of a first-class moonshine liquor outfit were included in a haul made Monday, by Sheriff Wilson, Deputy John Martin and Prosecutor Dehnke at the house on the Spruce farm occupied by James Haley and family.

The still was found in an upper room and there were two receptacles containing quantities of corn mash in different stages of fermentation. Evidently, the plant could turn out quite a lot of mule as there were two 30gallon and two 20-gallon crocks in addition to various other containers.

There was one bottle in a carton bearing the label "Blue Ribbon quality Bottles" from Standard Glass Co. of Marion, Ind. The equipment included a quantity of sand, presumably used in cleaning the bottles. As the officers were going into the place with a search warrant, they met Haley coming out. They hesitated to take him before the search was made and when they sought him, he could not be located.

Super Crossword

October 28. 1998 ~ The Alcona County Habitat for Humanity will be finishing two more homes in Alcona County this year, hopefully with a before Christmas move in for the families involved.

The 1179 Barlow Road, Lincoln location will be going to the family of Renee King who is a single parent with two children.

The 5450 Pine Street, Harrisville home will be going to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy who have two children also.

Since breaking away from the Alpena Habitat for Humanity, a year and a half ago, the Alcona branch has built a total of eight homes. Although Habitat for Humanity receives grants from the state, much of its funding comes from auctions, raffles and donations.

Alcona Habitat readies for two homes

According to Bob Spencer, chairman of fundraising, "\$20,000 was raised this year throughout the 12,000 resident community of Alcona County."

The homes are awarded on income, need and ability to

The interest free mortgage or land contract is held by the Habitat for Humanity Organization.

A candidate must basically be in the 50 percent average income bracket of a family that size. The candidate must earn enough to make payments but not enough to afford basic housing through other means.

George W. Colwell passes away

Pioneer Resident And Business Man

October 25, 1923 ~ George W. Colwell, pioneer business man and citizen of Harrisville and Alcona County, passed away Wednesday night, October 17, about 11:00 o'clock at his home in this city. He was 77 years of age.

Mr. Colwell passed through a severe illness earlier in the vear but had recovered so that he was able to be about during the summer, though never fully regaining his strength.

He suffered a sinking spell about a week before the end came. His condition was serious from the first and soon developed to a point where the attending physicians held but little encouragement.

The two absent children, Wm. W. Colwell of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. J. F. Gilpin of Astoria, Oregon, were speeding homeward in a vain effort to arrive before their father died, but it was not to be.

Mr. Colwell arrived Sunday and Mrs. Gilpin Monday

Mr. Colwell had been a resident of Harrisville nearly fifty

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years. He was born May 5, 1846, at Southport, New York, and in the early seventies he came to Harrisville and was a member of the lumber firm of Colwell Bros. & Co. and of Colwell, McGregor & Co., doing a store business. Later he was interested in shingle mills here and at Grand Marais,

For many years Mr. Colwell has led a semi-retired life. He was alderman from the First Ward several terms and a member of the board of supervisors, where he served on important committees. He was appointed secretary of the Soldiers' Relief, and it is due very largely to his efforts that the graves of departed war veterans are now properly marked and their service records correctly inscribed.

Mr. Colwell was an enthusiastic Mason, having joined the Blue Lodge of that order at Olean, N.Y., in 1867 and later affiliating with the Harrisville Lodge. He was also a member of the Sovereign Consistory, Detroit; Detroit Commandery K.T. No. 1, Masonic Veterans Association and the Detroit Old Guard. He was a member of Moslem Temple, O.M.S., Detroit, and of Lake Huron Chapter No. 184 O.E.S. of Harrisville.

In June 1875, Mr. Colwell was united in marriage with Mary Gardner at Angelica, N.Y., who survives. Miss Ethel Colwell of Harrisville, W.W. Colwell of Los. Angeles, and Mrs. J.F. Gipin of Astoria are the surviving children. Besides these there are two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell of Harrisville and Mrs. Valentine of Englewood, N. J.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church, and there was a large attendance. Rev. C.M. Boyce officiated at the church, and at the cemetery the beautiful burial service was given by the Blue Lodge members, led by Past Master C. M. Lund. Following this the Knight Templars of Alpena Commandery, officiating for their Detroit brethren, performed the impressive final service of committing the body to the grave.

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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
- **2. LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "Pride and Prejudice"?
- **3. ASTRONOMY:** In which constellation are the gas and dust clouds called the Pillars of Creation located?
- 4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?
- **5. MOVIES:** Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?
- 6. MEDICAL: Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?

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99 Billfold bill

100 Hawaiian

96 President

90 Blown away

- **7. TELEVISION:** In which state is the sitcom "Newhart" set?
- **8. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the tallest mountain in Africa?
- **9. HISTORY:** Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
- **10. U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of South Dakota?

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Answers: 1. A drake.; 2. Jane Austen.; 3. Serpens.; 4. Franklin Roosevelt.; 5. "The Matrix."; 6. The kidneys.; 7. Vermont.; 8. Mount Kilimanjaro.; 9. Winston Churchill.; 10. Pierre.; (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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Moments In Time By The History Channel



- On Nov. 6, 1869, Rutgers beat Princeton, then known as the College of New Jersey, 6-4 in the first college football game. Played with a soccer ball before roughly 100 fans in New Brunswick, New Jersey, it more resembled rugby than today's version of football.
- On Nov. 7, 2016, American lawyer and public official Janet Reno, who was the first female attorney general of the United States from 1993-2001, died at age 78 from complications related to Parkinson's disease.
- On Nov. 8, 1994, Salvatore "Sonny" Bono was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Best known as the popsinger husband of Cher, after their divorce he left the music world behind to launch several successful restaurants, until frustration with bureaucratic hurdles around one of his construction projects in Palm Springs, California, sparked his foray into politics.
- On Nov. 9, 1971, John List murdered his family in their Westfield, New Jersey, home before disappearing. Though police quickly identified the Sunday School teacher and Boy Scout troop leader as the most likely suspect in the case, it would take another 18 years for them to locate him and bring him to justice.
- On Nov. 10, 1808, the Osage tribe agreed to abandon their lands in Missouri and Arkansas in exchange for a reservation in Oklahoma. The decision eventually made them the richest surviving Native American nation in North America after they amassed enormous wealth in the 20th century from oil and gas deposits.
- On Nov. 11, 1942, Congress approved lowering the draft age to 18 and raising the upper limit to age 37, though initially Black citizens were passed over because of racist assumptions about their abilities and the viability of a mixed-race military. As World War II progressed, however, they were included and finally allowed to serve in combat.
- On Nov. 12, 1799, American astronomer Andrew Ellicott observed the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. In the first recorded instance of such an event in North America, he wrote that the "whole heaven appeared as if illuminated with sky rockets, and I was in constant expectation of some of them falling on the vessel. They continued until put out by the light of the sun after day break."

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- In a survey of hundreds of Oreo cookie eaters, Kraft Foods came to the conclusion that biters were easygoing and self-confident; dunkers displayed a more energetic and adventurous side; and twisters leaned toward the sensitive and trendy.
- The average person spends 38 days brushing their teeth during their lifetime.
- Not only does the moon have its own time zones, but an astronomer designed a watch relying on "lunations," the amount of time it takes for the moon to revolve and rotate around the earth.
- There are more than 10 holidays that support chocolate. Naturally, we fully support that.
- The "Trembling Giant" in Utah's Fishlake National Forest includes over 47,000 quaking aspen trees that share the same root system. Some scientists have estimated its age at nearly a million years old.
- The oldest known prosthetic wear, a toe made primarily of wood and bound with leather thread, possibly dating to 950 B.C., was discovered on the mummified body of an Egyptian noblewoman in Cairo in 2000.
- Cambodian bamboo trains are made of an electric generator and a makeshift bamboo platform for seating and run at speeds of up to 40 km per hour. While unmaintained tracks do indeed make for some bumpy rides, at least the fares are low.

Thought for the Day: "Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will." -- Suzy Kassem

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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: **T** equals **K**

OGYO TZFA ZP PD NFLDHHDFWR

ICAYF LYWWZFA GZH

"RDNJ JDRYW TZFEFCPP."

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting By Terry and Kim Kovel

Patriotic decorations

American companies have used patriotic imagery in advertisements for more than a hundred years. It appeals to customers and shows pride in American industries. Current trademark law prohibits using the American flag in advertisements, but there are plenty of other patriotic symbols to

This tin lithographed tip tray, which sold for \$2,010 at an auction by AntiqueAdvertising.com, is red, white and blue and features stars, stripes and the eagle-and-shield seal. Trays with this design were made by 1917. They advertise "Deacon Brown," a soft drink made in Montgomery, Alabama, in the early 20th century.

The tray proclaims the drink "The King of Phosphates," suggesting another American icon -- the soda fountain. Notice that the young woman draped in red and white stripes is drinking from a glass, not a bottle. Phosphates, popular from about 1870 to 1930, were soda fountain drinks made with acid phosphate, which gave the drink a slightly sour taste. Fruit flavors were popular, and cherry phosphate appears to have been the favorite. Raise your glass to history!

Q: I have an unusual cylindrical lamp that has a cast-iron base and vented cast-iron top. The sides of the cylinder are covered by a picture of a

cabin in the woods. When the lightbulb inside is lit, the inside of the lamp rotates and orange and yellow "flames" appear. It still works but the cord is old, so I don't use it. What can you tell me about

A: This is called a "motion lamp," When the lamp is lit, rising hot air causes an interior cylinder to turn, making it look like parts of the picture are moving. Several companies made motion lamps from the 1920s to the early 1960s. The scene on your lamp is known as "Forest Fire." It was one of 11 motion lamps made by Scene-In-Action Corp. of Chicago, Illinois, from 1927 until about 1936. Econolite Corp. made a similar Forest Fire motion

lamp after 1946. It's best to use a low wattage bulb in a motion lamp to avoid damage. The lamp should be rewired if you want to use it.

TIP: Clean the inside of a bottle with detergent powder and a Water Pik.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dakota Jackson, a single man. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic

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Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$207,286.98

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The south 1/ 2 of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 6 East.

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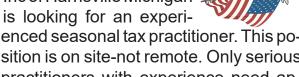


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