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## Elementary school feline helps students learn

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

It seems Alcona Community Schools is always looking outside the box to entice students to accomplish all they can. This year the box includes some litter, as there is a new school feline.

Blaze, a four-month-old Ragdoll kitten, resides during the day in Christa Misiak's second-grade classroom. His purpose there is multifaceted. He not only brings the children joy, but also helps reduce stress, encourages attendance, teaches responsibility and he is a great listener while the children read to him.

Students will also be learning all they can about his breed and purpose. They will also be working on a budget for Blaze and learning about what it costs to keep a pet healthy.

Misiak explained Blaze is not the first cat she has brought in to assist students, she first introduced another Ragdoll cat named "Jazzy" a few years ago. "Unfortunately, Jazzy died during the school year. It was traumatic for my class, but we all grieved together through the loss," she said. Misiak was not sure of what happened to the first school cat and thought perhaps it was an undetected heart defect.

Misiak researched the breeds and the benefits of having cats in the classroom for years before settling on Ragdolls and gave it her whole effort to find just the right reputable breeders.

After finding Joyful Ragdoll Cattery of Michigan, owned by Rebecca Tietz, a single mother of three, she felt confident in working with them as pilot program sponsors to introduce Blaze to the students. "She's very knowledgeable about the breed and with three children at home her kittens get held a lot," Misiak said.

According to Misiak, Ragdolls are the most docile of all pet cat breeds. "They love and crave human interaction and attention. If they are picked up, instead of trying to get away, fearing harm will come to them, these cats just go limp like a ragdoll. They don't have any flight

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Blaze, the Alcona Elementary cat in Christa Misiak's second grade class is enjoying the story that Mckinley Hart (left) and Jack Wofrom (right) are reading. *Courtesy photo.*

## Salute to Alcona's hometown heroes

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Local heroes, including all Alcona County active military and veterans, active emergency medical professionals, retired or active firefighters and law enforcement officers will be honored on Friday, Sept. 22.

For three years the Alcona High School, its football team, students and staff have taken a day to recognize local heroes by having a service to honor them and have them each carry a flag around the track.

Shelly Hoffmeyer and Patty Byce, who were both para-professionals, first brought the idea in 2021 to have only Alcona High School graduates in the military recognized, but as often happens, good ideas grow and flourish and theirs grew too.

Last year they welcomed all military-related residents, whether they graduated from the school or not.

This year the welcome has been extended to all Alcona County residents currently working as emergency medical professionals, retired or currently working firefighters and law enforcement along with active military or veterans.

Hoffmeyer said she was excited to have the emergency medical, fire and police included in the event and is looking forward to a big turnout. "I believe Kyle Thum, an active-duty Alcona alumni has even extended his leave so he can participate again in the event.

"The football team will have new jerseys like they did last year and Lisa Dellar will sing three songs, the National Anthem, America the Beautiful and God Bless the USA during the event.

"Following the event, courtesy of the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, all who participate by carrying flags will be offered a free dinner by Dan

the Smokin Man," Hoffmeyer said. She explained spouses of those carrying flags may also enjoy a meal for \$5 per plate.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor is proud of the event and said life is all about experiences. "Our students/athletes are fortunate to interact with the people who have served our country and gain a new appreciation through the hometown heroes experience," he said.

According to Hoffmeyer, each year the community comes through with donations but as with most ongoing events, the donations seemingly become less and less each year. "With costs going up for the flags and the jerseys, we are hoping the community comes through again this year. Anyone wishing to donate may do so either at the event or by sending a check to the school stating it

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## Free well testing available to Michigan residents

A special program to help Michigan families know the quality of their well water has been developed for Michigan residents. The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and local health departments (LHD) are working together to ensure that safe drinking water is a priority for Michigan families.

Last year, the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$5 million to provide free well water testing for Michigan residents who rely on a household or private well for their drinking water. Water from private wells may sometimes not be safe to drink. EGLE and the LHDs want to help families know if their water is safe to drink, and this free well water testing will help get them that answer.

Most wells get checked when they are first built; however, EGLE and the LHDs know that water wells should be checked more frequently as water quality may change over time. This testing can determine if there have been any water quality changes to a well that could be harmful to those who drink and use that well water.

Many different substances may be found in well water that could be harmful and may cause illness, including bacteria; nitrates; and some metals, such as arsenic. Residents who test through this free program will have the assistance of the LHD to help determine next steps if test results show a problem with their well water quality.

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# Obituary



## Darlene C. Inman

Darlene Carol Inman, 78, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community Center in Lincoln.

She was born June 29, 1945, in Harrisville to Neuman and Violet (VanWagoner) Thornton.

She loved nothing more than being surrounded by her family. She enjoyed reading her Bible, petting her beloved

dog Goldie, and playing cards. She loved coffee from Alcona Coffee Co. and trips to the Harrisville Harbor on her motorized wheelchair.

Mrs. Inman is survived by four children, Benita Stephenson of Harrisville, Sherry (Wes) Perry of Bradenton, Fla., Harry Inman Jr. of Greenbush, and LuCinda Chavis of Walterboro, S.C.; seven

grandchildren, Jessy (Syrina) Stephenson, Angela Stephenson, Alan J. Karow, Wes (KC) Perry Jr., Autumn (Chandler) London, Christopher Dangerfield, and Ashley Kovacekk.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A celebration of life event will be held on September 30.



# Correspondence



To the Editor,  
For years the cry of "Play Ball!" echoed through the small towns in our surrounding area. The crack of the bat, the handshakes with neighbors, kids fighting over a foul ball to get the nickel reward; all this and more was lost when the Men's Independent Baseball League disbanded several years ago.

But with a sense of community spirit and a tribute to the best baseball player that ever came from the area -

Hazen "KiKi" Cuyler — the boys of summer will be back at Cuyler Park in Harrisville. Men who are now 50 years of age and older will once again lace up their spikes, oil their gloves and hit the field for one more day in the sun.

The feet are slower, the muscles are more sore, but their spirit is alive as ever! So on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. (rain date September 24) grab yourself a hot dog, pop, Cracker Jacks and a seat in the bleachers and remember

good times past and present. All proceeds from concessions and a 50/50 raffle will benefit the Alcona Backpack Program, which provides food for children and families in our community.

"Play Ball!" will once again be heard at our own Field of Dreams at the north end of Lake Street in Harrisville. Proving that America's favorite past time is alive and well. I hope to see you there.

Charlie Fowler  
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# Calendar of Events



**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13**

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register.

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,  
SEPTEMBER 14**

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,  
SEPTEMBER 15**

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

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 Cain-cross at (989) 569-1298.

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16**

A motorcycle Poker Run to benefit local libraries will begin at two locations - Oscoda County District Library in Mio (430 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street) at 9:30 a.m. and East Tawas Library (760 Newman Street) at 10:30 a.m. This charitable ride is where motorcyclists follow a designated route, making stops at select libraries to draw playing cards. View the motorcycles at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 12:30 p.m. and at the Curtis Township Library in Glennie at 2 p.m. After the ride, participants will gather to reveal their poker hands, compete for a price for the best hand and celebrate the cause. The cost is \$25. Call the Oscoda County District Library for details at (989) 826-3613.

Discover a world of imagination, where heroes are born, and legends unfold in the lounge of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. for the new Dungeons and Dragons Club. For more details call, (989) 724-6796.

Ladies Night Out, an event to benefit the Alcona Humane Society, will include a fashion show, music, dancing, appetizers and desserts, beverages available for purchase and vendors. Tickets are sold

at Precious Paws Resale Shoppe, Main Street, Harrisville for \$20 before the event and \$25 at the door. This event is from 6 to 10 p.m. at Mria Hall (behind St. Anne Catholic Church), Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 724-3036.

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17**

The Sunrise Side Strummers encourage all levels of ukulele players to join in an evening of strumming and singing from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bobcat Bar & Grill, 1981 S. US-23, Greenbush. Friends are welcome to come and sing along.

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18**

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An informative program, "Vampires of the Great Lakes," will be held at 7 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena. This free program will share information about sea lampreys - parasitic fish native to the Atlantic Ocean. Lauren Holbrook, communications associate with Great Lakes Fishery Commission, is the guest speaker. The heritage

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center is located at 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Ukulele practice for confident beginners is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The ability to read music is not required. Confident beginners will know several chords and are eager to become familiar with playing in a group. Call (989) 724-6796 for information.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for September is "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue," by V.E. Schwab. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

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

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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.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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.

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Traditional baseball returns to Harrisville. Join friends and neighbors at 1 p.m. at the north end of Lake Street in Harrisville for the Friends of Cuyler Park Old Timers Game.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues will be held at the Harrisville

branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register and info.

Michigan's geological diversity has gifted the state with a rich array of gemstones, each with its own unique story and allure. Jordan and Zara Pride will delve into the captivating world of Michigan gemstones and the phenomenon of Yooperlites at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5:30

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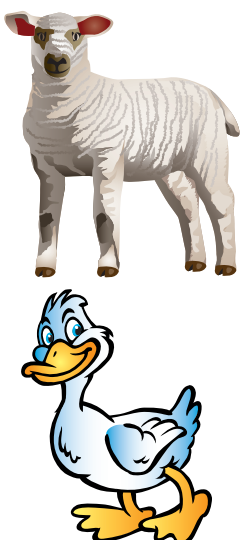
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Maria Hall in Harrisville (Behind St. Anne Church)

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**Classic Baseball is Back**

Join friends and neighbors on Saturday, Sept. 23 for the Friends of Cuyler Park Old Timers Game. Festivities start at 1 p.m. in Harrisville, at the north end of Lake Street. Admission is free, and refreshments and a 50/50 raffle will be available at the event. All proceeds support the Alcona Backpack Program, which provides weekend food for area young students. Rain date is September 24.

with community members. The event is from 5 to 7 p.m. at Alcona High School before the Alcona vs. Onaway home varsity football game. Chili, cornbread, and dessert will be served by FFA members. Join the FFA to tailgate the football game, participate in a cornhole tournament, and more. Cost for dinner is a suggested donation of \$10 with a mug, \$5 without a mug, and children five and under are free without a mug.

Council (NEMYAC) grant. The deadline to apply is October 15, 2023. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply.

Youth Advisory Council grants are for projects benefiting youth under the age of 18 in the four-county service area. The maximum request amount for YAC grants is \$2,500. The Northeast Michigan YACs are particularly interested in funding projects and programs that help to address the top issues for their peers as noted in their most recent youth needs assessment: depression and mental health issues; stress issues; and schoolwork/homework.

**Tailgate Meet and Greet**

On Friday, Sept. 29, the Alcona FFA Chapter is teaming up with the Alcona FFA Alumni & Supporters to host an FFA Tailgate Meet & Greet

**Youth Project Grants**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for its Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory

Applications are available at the Community Foundation website (cfnem.org) through their Online Grants Portal. Applicants may also call the Community Foundation office for more information at (877) 354-6881.

 **Buggy Rides** 

## Wins automobile in stiff contest

**Hazen Cuyler league's most valuable player**  
**September 13, 1923** ~ Hazen (KiKi) Cuyler, Nashville centerfielder, won the automobile offered by the Gardner Motor Car Company of St. Louis to the most valuable player in the Southern League to the league. Cuyler is the property of the Pittsburgh club and came to Nashville from Charleston, where he was with Manager Hamilton when he won the Sally pennant last season.

He is one of the greatest outfielders and one of the most popular men the league has known. He was selected

## Crossing accident, 3 hurt at Glennie

**Auto and Motor-Car Collide; Latter demolished.**

**September 13, 1923** ~ Last Tuesday evening as the motor handcar in the charge of Section Foreman Swen Christeson and his crew consisting of Clark Reynolds and William Horton, all of this place, was coming into town at the close of the day's work, and it collided with the Power Company's auto from Bamfield driven by Caius Gordon.

The accident occurred just as the motor car came from behind the D & M depot building which obstructs the view of the highway east of the crossing. Occupants of the handcar were all thrown violently to the ground, and all were more or less injured. The motor car was demolished and the auto was damaged, though the occupants were not hurt, and the machine was driven to its garage under its own power.

It was thought for a time that Mr. Reynolds would not survive, while Mr. Horton was badly bruised and cut about the head and face. Mr. Christeson escaped with slight bruises, being thrown clear of the auto and alighting on his neck and shoulders.

The injured were cared for by Dr. H. R. Moore of Bamfield. It is considered remarkable that more serious injury was not done.

## State trooper training

**September 16, 1998** ~ Alcona County natives Neil B. Somers and Ted J. Stone, have been accepted and began training as Michigan State Police Trooper Recruits on August 23.

Somers and Stone, as members of the 117th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School, are expected to complete basic training on January 8, 1999.

They will receive 20 weeks of intense training in criminal law, criminal investigation, crime scene processing, patrol tactics, physical fitness, first aid, firearms, and defensive tactics.

Somers and Stone will also be trained in precision driving techniques, special police enforcement functions, and various other skill areas. Upon graduation Somers and Stone will become Michigan State Police Troopers assigned to one of the 64 state police posts in Michigan.

The 117th Recruit School began with 120 recruits. Of those recruits, 31 have previous law enforcement experience, 38 have prior military services, and 69 are college graduates.

**Caregiver Webinar Series**

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is hosting a free Caregiver Webinar Series via Zoom on the second Friday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. starting in September 2023 and going through February 2024. The AAA's priority is to provide support to local family caregivers that are unable to/ leave the home due caregiving restraints by providing virtual options. All caregivers are welcome to attend this free, informative, and interactive virtual conference.

- Topics include:
- October 13: Preparing to Care: Caregiving 101
  - November 10: Building Resilience to Avoid Burnout
  - December 8: Technology Tools for Caregiving
  - January 12, 2024: The Neuroscience of Art and One Little World
  - February 9, 2024: Importance of Planning Ahead for Legal Matters
- For more information or to register, contact mainvilleb@nemcsa.org or call (989) 358-4616.

## Hazen 'Ki Ki' Cuyler resigns Atlanta position

**September 16, 1948** ~ Hazen (Ki Ki) Cuyler, has resigned as manager of the Atlantic Crackers of the Southern Association, after successfully leading this southern team for the past five years. He has made no definite announcement of future plans.

Ki Ki and Mrs. Cuyler returned to their Harrisville home this week from Atlanta, Georgia.

Cuyler began playing in organized baseball in 1920 with Bay City as an outfielder. He was called up to the Pittsburgh Pirates the same year but did not get in any games. He hit .258.

In 1921 with Bay City, Cuyler hit .317 and the next year he went to Charleston, S.C. He went back to the Pirates in time to play one game with them that year.

In 1923 Cuyler was with

the Pirates as a regular and stayed with them through 1927 when he was traded to the Chicago Cubs.

In 1935 the Cubs released him but the Cincinnati Reds picked him up two days later.

He played with the Reds in 1936 but drifted out of the majors a short time later.

Cuyler, a right hander, had a lifetime major league batting average of .326. His best year was 1929 when he hit .360 for the Cubs. He averaged .281 in three World Series, with Pittsburgh in 1925 and Chicago in 1929 and 1932.

Petitions were circulated in Michigan cities a few weeks ago asking that Cuyler be considered as manager of the Detroit Tigers if the present manager, Steve O'Neill, is replaced. There is no indication yet that he will get the call.

**Super Crossword**

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instinct when being held and seem to enjoy it, making them very enjoyable beings to be around," she said.

Tietz explained the breed is perfect for a therapeutic animal. "This is something I've always dreamed of doing. There is something special and unique about Ragdoll cats, they have a doglike personality. They are very loyal, loving, chill, funny and curious. They can sense when someone is emotionally upset and make awesome

therapy/support animals. It's been proven that the vibration of a cat's purr can be very healing.

"Another thing about Ragdoll cats is they get more beautiful as they age. It takes four years for a Ragdoll to get their coloring in and full coat, which is one of the most luxurious of all cats," Tietz said.

Blaze has the typical Ragdoll soft blue eyes and is mostly white, with just a hint of orange on his ears and tail which is called a flame color point. As he matures the orange coloring will become much more pronounced.

Although Tietz has never had one of her kittens go to a school setting before, she has had many families who have autistic children or children who have gone through trauma adopt cats from her with great success. She would like to see a Ragdoll cat in every school district.

Misiak said she and her students will be following recommendations to groom Blaze into being a therapy cat for the school, however, he will not be certified as the only way to certify him is to

take him out of state and pay thousands of dollars for certification, funding neither she nor the school district has just to be able to say the cat was certified.

"His purpose is to promote student achievement and social and emotional growth through support of a community of learners. There are many benefits. When I tried this two years ago there was a marked decrease in absenteeism, students wanted to come to school to be with the cat," Misiak said.

She explained that so far none of her students were allergic to cats and if an allergy did come up, they would most likely transfer the child to another non-cat room.

"Research through the Huron Bond Research Institute showed that cats can increase immunities, so the chances of getting sick are less. Cats are known to reduce stress and pain, decrease anxiety, depression and other mood disorders. The purring sound is very calming," Misiak said.

One of the school's goals

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## Heroes

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is for Hometown Heroes," Hoffmeyer said.

Lineup for the event will begin at 3 p.m. with the flag-raising following at 4 p.m. The Tigers varsity football game versus Charlton Heston Academy Patriots will start at 7 p.m.

Hoffmeyer said anyone wanting to participate should try to let her know in advance so they can make sure they have enough flags and food. Contact her through the school at Hoffmeyers@alcona-schools.net or call the school at (989) 736-8256.

Those wishing to mail a donation may do so by sending a check noted for the Hometown Heroes, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

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**Golf pro, local course make history**

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

The Greenbush Golf Course made golf course history recently when the it re-acquired a Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) professional.

Greenbush Golf Course first hired Ty Damon in 1950 when he was 18 years old as the head professional, making him the youngest head PGA professional ever hired in the United States history of the sport.

Now at 92, Damon still loves the sport and has earned the achievement as the oldest hired head professional by the same course that saw his skill and merit at 18.

Damon said he grew up with the sport, watching both his mom and dad play and began caddying at the age of 13.

When he turned 18, he played in the Motor City Open at the Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak, Mich., and became the youngest to tour at that time.

He said Leo Conroy, a professional who worked at the Oakland Hills Country Club, where Damon was hired as an assistant, was friends with the people who owned the Greenbush Inn and Golf Course resort.

"The owners of the Greenbush Inn, which was a very nice resort, didn't have a golf pro and asked Leo to find them one. Leo asked me to take the job and I was thrilled to do it. I jumped in my 1939 Ford and drove up Dixie Highway because at that time there was no expressway.

"I stayed at the clubhouse because there were some break-ins, so they wanted someone to stay there. I spent the entire season giving lessons to resort guests and running the pro shop," Damon said. He went on to win the 1958 PGA Assistant Professional Fall Event that year.

In 1959 Damon started a career in advertising, but the United States had different plans for him. Even through his tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Japan, his golfing skills did not go unnoticed — he won the Sendai Open in Japan.

In 1963 and 1972 he won the professional divisions of the Michigan Open before forming Ty Damon Inc., a primary sales promotion agency for American Motors and Jeep.



On August 8 Ty Damon returns to Greenbush Golf Course at 92 years old for a round of golf. He shot 41 for nine holes and had one birdie. He complemented the greenskeeper, Cameron Kingsbury, on the excellent condition of the course, especially the putting surface. *Courtesy photo.*

He returned to professional golf in 2002 when he won the Michigan Super Senior Spring Event, his first professional event in 30 years.

Damon has made 10 holes in one throughout his years of playing. During a seven under par nine of 29, he had two holes in one. According to golf historians, Damon is the only professional in Michigan to record this 200 million to one feat.

Janine Kingsbury, who has owned the Greenbush Golf Course with her husband, Kevin, and son, Kameron, for about nine years, said it was quite an exceptional thing to have Damon as their head PGA professional. "He's 92 and still loves the game. It's quite an honor to have him

here. He is quite amazing and we look forward to his time spent here," she said.

"There are 9,052 golf courses in the United States and over the 236 years of golf history, only the Greenbush Golf Course has hired the youngest head pro and the oldest head pro at the same course. That's something only the Greenbush Golf Course can claim. It's really pretty neat."

Damon has passed his passion for the game to his three sons and one daughter, who all play golf and love the game. He is also the grandfather of seven including grandson, Nick Damon, who is attending class to become a PGA professional.

**Tiger cross country team wins Rifle River Invite**

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country team had quite the dominant performance at the Rifle River Invite on Wednesday, Sept. 6, hosted by Standish-Sterling. The Tigers not only won the meet, they had the top two finishers and all five runners earned a medal.

Alcona won with a team score of 22, well ahead of second place Standish-Sterling, which had 45 points.

Cole Upper won the race with a time of 19:07. He was followed by Carter Upper in second place, as he clocked 19:52. Darren Boyat had a sixth place finish on a time of 21:38. Zygmund Villalobos was seventh with a 21:56, and Colin Mckenna placed 13<sup>th</sup> at 24:12.

Alcona competed Wednesday at Roscommon and competes in the first North Star League Jamboree on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Fairview.

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# St. Ignace hands Tigers 42-24 defeat

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The first half went pretty well. The second half? That was a different story however, as the Alcona varsity football team struggled to keep things going last Friday. The lost to visiting St. Ignace 42-24 in non-league play.

"I thought we played well at times, but in the end (we) just had too many mistakes that cost us," said head coach Jason Somers. "I thought there were some bright spots on both sides of the ball, however, we need to put plays together in order to sustain drives or get off the field."

The Tigers played right along with the Saints in the first half, if not better. A pair of Jeremiah Bullis first half touchdown runs helped give them a 16-6 lead before the Saints closed within 16-14 by the half.

"The first half we played nearly mistake-free football and it showed on the scoreboard," Somers said. "I thought we executed well on both sides of the ball."

St. Ignace scored on a 56-yard touchdown run less than a minute into the third quarter to lead 20-16. The Saints padded that lead to 34-16, before Bullis scored the team's final touchdown to bring it to 34-24.

The Saints added one more touchdown in the late stages of the game to finish things.

"They are physical and have good speed," Somers said. "They presented us with some



Alcona's Garrett Somers fires a pass during Friday's home loss to St. Ignace. Photo by Ben Murphy.

challenges at certain positions."

Garrett Somers finished with 148 yards passing and 125 yards on the ground to lead the offense. As for the other side of the ball, Collin Walker had nine tackles and Evan Borsvold nailed eight tackles.

Alcona (2-1 overall) heads to Hillman (0-3) on Friday, Sept. 15. The Hillman Tigers have yet to score a point this year, including last week's 46-0 loss to Posen.

"They have struggled a bit this year, but they will be at home and their coaches will have them ready," Somers said. "I feel as though they are always a good second part of the season team and we will have to prepare well and then follow it up with a good showing on Friday."

# Alcona soccer plays well against Harbor Light

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

It was a tie, but for Alcona varsity soccer head coach Tim Steiner, things still went pretty well.

The Tigers played to a 1-1 draw at Harbor Springs Harbor Light on Sept. 7.

"I could not be more pleased with how this team is coming together and playing with heart and never quitting," Steiner said. "This was a great team effort in which everyone contributed, especially the defense, which improved from our last outing."

The game was scoreless at the half. Harbor Light scored a goal about 10 minutes into the second half on a direct kick.

Not long after, Preston Sharp sent a well-placed corner kick in front of the goal. Cole Upper found the ball and sent it in to tie the game 1-1.

Michael Nevin was in goal and made 10 saves, helping end the game in the tie.

Alcona (0-2-1 overall) played at Pinconning on Monday, Sept. 11 and hosts Roscommon on Thursday, Sept. 14.

# Tiger volleyball earns split at home tri-meet

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team had mixed results in its home tri-meet on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The Lady Tigers defeated Standish-Sterling 25-20 and 25-21, but they came up short with Tawas, 26-24 and 25-17.

"Against Standish, we were focused behind the serving line and did a nice job covering the court and keeping the ball in play," head coach Kristi Miller said. "When facing Tawas, we definitely needed to

be more consistent on defense and aggressive on the net."

Against Standish, Angelina Howe had seven kills and two blocks. Rilee Tracy had six aces and Emma Travis added 17 digs.

In the match with Tawas, Howe nailed three kills. Serving was highlighted by Kaylee Wambold, Addi Beatty and Lily Pappas by getting three aces apiece. Emma Travis got 14 digs.

Alcona played at Hillman on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and heads to Fairview Thursday.



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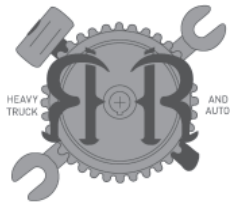
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# Using livescope for late summer walleye

**By Gregg Schefferly**  
Outdoor Writer

My first memories of walleye fishing were with my dad and brother on Long Lake north of Alpena. We caught quite a few walleye by mostly drifting and, occasionally, trolling with crawler harnesses.

Over the years, I did not cast nearly as much for walleye as I had for pike, bass, and panfish. This past fall I purchased a Garmin fish-finder and a Livescope due to an incredible end-of-year sale and because I heard it was a very exciting way to fish for walleye.

Due to a shoulder replacement surgery last May, the purchase sat in the box until a few weeks ago. My friend, Eric Carlson, was doing pretty good using his, which prompted me to get it out. After taking stock and talking to Eric, I looked into a couple transducer poles for the livescope transducer. After watching some videos online I settled on a Brew City pole. While there are a number of companies making them, I liked the Brew City because it mounted on my front rail and it could be quickly detached.

Next I was told I needed a dedicated battery because between the livescopes blackbox and the fish-finder they sucked a tremendous amount of juice. Otherwise,

I might not be able to start my motor to go home after a few hours of fishing. Again, I did some research and found a couple that stood out. I ended up going with a made in the USA, Dakota lithium battery. After reading up on it and sending a couple emails to the company, I was told that I needed a 12V 25Ah battery. I've fished four hours without any issues.

Because I wasn't certain how I wanted to set it up and mount it on my boat, I was told they made shuttles on which you could mount the blackbox, fishfinder, and battery. Not wanting to spend any more money and after some online research, I was able to round up some material and made my own shuttle using some steel plate, tubing, and a cooler. Additionally, with the shuttle I could use it for ice fishing. Outside of all the technical stuff - setting up the unit, which I referred to online videos and received a little help from Eric, I was ready to try my luck.

Prior to trying the Livescope system, I heard statements that it would make it too easy and anglers would catch all the fish. It is no different than when the underwater cameras came out. While technology definitely helps anglers fish more effectively and adds the element of hunting and stalking your quarry, by no means does it

ensure a limit catch.

Anytime you try an entirely new method of fishing, it can be frustrating however, if you dedicate enough time to it, you're going to get very good at it.

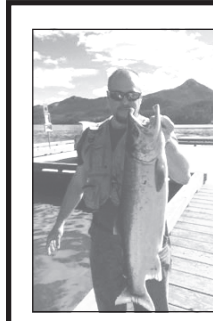
Knowing someone who's figured it out and is willing to share tactics, or even better, take you out fishing, will definitely reduce the learning curve, but there will still be a learning curve.

On my first trip I went out on Hubbard Lake, found fish, and quickly realized just getting everything to come together was a serious challenge. Yes, once the settings were set properly, I saw fish and caught two walleye and lost one.

On the second trip Shannon and I only caught one walleye, a huge 24 inch fish. Seven hours were dedicated to fishing on those outings.

Once the fish are spotted, you have to contend with the facts -- the boat is moving, the fish are swimming and you have to keep the fish within the narrow beam of the transducer. While this is all transpiring, you have to cast your lure accurately to where the fish are, while watching the screen and turning the handle on the transducer pole as you work the lure and jig it in a way to entice them to bite.

So, if it's so much work, so difficult, why would anyone



## Exploring the Outdoors

*By Gregg Schefferly*

want to invest in so much frustration? Until you've enjoyed success it's hard to understand. Without it, you could spend hours casting into areas void of fish. If you aren't certain there are fish there, you can't be certain if you need to change your lure or try a different color.

Using a Livescope allows anglers to know exactly when to put the moves on the fish. Even more importantly, with it anglers will know if their moves are working. If they aren't, you'll start changing it up until your jigging method trips their trigger and the fish slam your lure.

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With lots of practice, the Livescope unit properly setup,

is an incredible tool to add to the angler's toolbox.

For more years than I care to admit, the primary way I've fished is trolling. It's been years since I've drift-fished or jigged for walleye. Because fish aren't predictable, what they bit on yesterday might not work today.

Those who are adept at different methods and know when and how to employ them is what separates good fishermen from great fishermen. There are times a trip fishing is nothing more than an opportunity to set rods for trolling, kick back, relax, and enjoy the peace. Then there are times you want to catch fish and you are trying everything in your tackle-box to get them to bite.

Either way, get out and enjoy time on the water before the seasons change. Good luck.

*With the lakes and forests as his playground, Gregg Schefferly has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping in northeast Michigan.)*

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**State of Michigan  
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Judicial Circuit  
County Probate  
Order Regarding  
Alternative Service  
Case No. 23-240-SP**

Court address  
106 5th Street, P.O. Box 308  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Phone No. (989) 724-9500  
Plaintiff  
Louis W. Cutliff and Geraldine Cutliff  
6421 Tower Drive  
Hudson, Fla. 34667  
Plaintiff's attorney  
David H. Cook, P40560  
5466 M-72  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Phone No. (989) 724-5155  
Defendant  
Robert E. Miller Sr. and Kim M. Miller, husband and wife  
1787 Curran Road  
Curran, Mich. 48728

The court finds service of process upon the defendant, Robert E. Miller Sr. and Kim M. Miller, husband and wife, cannot be reasonably be made and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. It is ordered that tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 1787 Curran Road, Curran, Mich. 48728. Publication in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks.

Date: September 6, 2023.  
Judge Laura A. Frawley, P39644  
9-6, 9-13, 9-20

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The foreclosure sale is pursuant to the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Wissmiller and Marilyn K. Wissmiller, mortgagors, to First National Bank of America, mortgagee, dated July 23, 2004, and recorded July 27, 2004, in Liber 404, page 125, of Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$35,143.27, including interest at 14.5 percent per annum.

Said premises are described as: Parcel 1: Situated in Gustin Township, Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, Lot 4 of Lincoln Industrial Park, a subdivision recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 60, Alcona County records, c/k/a 620 S. Lake

Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, and Parcel 2: Situated in Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 36, T27N, R8E, less the west 50 feet of the south 250 feet thereof, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes, c/k/a 2588 Apsey Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. The redemption period further may be shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3238(10) if the property is not adequately maintained, or if the purchaser is denied the opportunity to inspect the property.

Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, 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. Dated: September 13, 2023  
Randall T. LeVasseur, P41712  
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
3233 Coolidge Hwy  
Berkley, Mich. 48072  
(248) 236-1765  
9-13, 9-20, 9-27, 10-4

### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-6389-DE

Court address  
106 N. 5th Street,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Florence V. Cordes  
Date of birth: July 31, 1918  
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Florence V. Cordes, died June 13, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rodney L. Cordes, 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: September 13, 2023  
David H. Cook, P40560  
Attorney  
5466 M-72  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
(989) 724-5155  
Rodney L. Cordes  
Personal representative  
2006 N. Stout Road  
Barton City, Mich. 48705  
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### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-6390-DE

Court address  
106 N. 5th Street,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Ross G. Teeple Jr.  
Date of birth: May 21, 1942  
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ross G. Teeple Jr., died November 25, 2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Randy K. Riehl, 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: September 13, 2023  
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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer/zoning administrator Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members Durham, Lucas, Schick, Wambold and Werth. Council member Gauthier was absent.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved on a motion from Schick with support from Wambold. The minutes of the council meeting held on August 21 were approved on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Wambold with support from Durham. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Schick with support from Wambold.

Dan O'Connor Alcona schools superintendent appeared before the board to present information regarding a bond issue that will be on the ballot in November. As part of the project there are two buildings including a livestock barn and a gym-type structure at the elementary school. Additionally, there would be upgrades including a paved parking lot for the bus garage, new furniture in some of the classrooms and renovating some of the rooms. Members were given flyers with information.

The bottle fund currently has \$6,115 in it. There are some things that need to be added to the pavilion. Marsha suggested having our maintenance crew build six heavy duty tables that can be left there permanently. The planning commission requested that we appoint Lornie White as a new member to the planning commission. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Werth, to appoint Lornie to the planning commission. Carried. The DDA is nearing completion of its part of the RRC. Dates will be set up for public meetings and mailings will be going out soon. Mahalak gave the zoning report. There are two property owners that will be notified of upcoming court cases. Brian Renchenski, fire chief gave his report. One new firefighter is taking a basic EMT course in Atlanta. Brian and Assistant fire chief Nate Walker will be attending a course in Frankenmuth next week. He would like to send up to five firefighters to a training course in Tawas in October. There is also a need for recertification of CPR for many of the group.

Gary Graves gave the maintenance report. A discussion was held about issues at the beach. Werth gave the sewer report. The numbers have been in the good range for the past few weeks. There will be water testing by EGLE next week. The veterans building is set to begin construction soon. A meeting will be held about finding a new spot for a car charging station. President Phillips will get things set up. A motion was made by Durham, with support from Werth, to pay Brett Wambold for attending fire department meetings as a liaison. Carried. A motion was made by Schick to adjourn. Wambold offered support.

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## Feline Continued from page 12

this year is to increase motivation and excitement for reading and writing and Misiak is talking to the district about having a Blaze Page where students create the posts, giving them a real purpose to write.

Currently, students are learning responsibility by volunteering to care for Blaze which includes cleaning out the litter box, which they seem to do most willingly for the cat to remain in class.

Misiak has observed students who may feel shy or socially isolated seem to be able to find their confidence while spending time with the cat. "They love reading out loud to the cat, the cat has no judgment. The cat is only enjoying the moment, which makes the moment more enjoyable for the student," she said.

Colton Kimball, Alexy Leprich and Nickali Berwer are fourth-grade students this year, but when they were in second grade, they were one of Misiak's students when Jazzy was coming to school. They all said having a cat in the classroom made a world of difference to them, even though Jazzy died.

"Sometimes while taking a test, I'd get mad because I couldn't remember an answer. I'd get distracted or nervous. I knew in Mrs.

Misiak's class I could just raise my hand and snuggle with the cat and it would settle me down. A cat purring on your lap makes you feel happy," Berwer said.

Leprich said in second grade she was going through a lot at home and knowing the cat was going to be there waiting for her helped her want to come to school. After that experience, she was able to get a cat of her own that she still has.

Kimball said having a cat in school helped him to focus more on his work. "It just made things easier for me to concentrate," he said.

Misiak said she has made arrangements for any of her students who are now in the fourth grade and want to visit with Blaze to be able to do so.

Having a pet in class isn't unusual for Alcona School District as it already has Cona, a golden retriever who has spent much of his five years growing up and visiting with students in the elementary school.

Tim Lee, Alcona Elementary principal, said Blaze was a welcome addition to the school. "Students will be involved in journaling and letter writing for him, which is a great motivation to write in authentic ways. Also, students who are reluctant to read aloud to peers or the

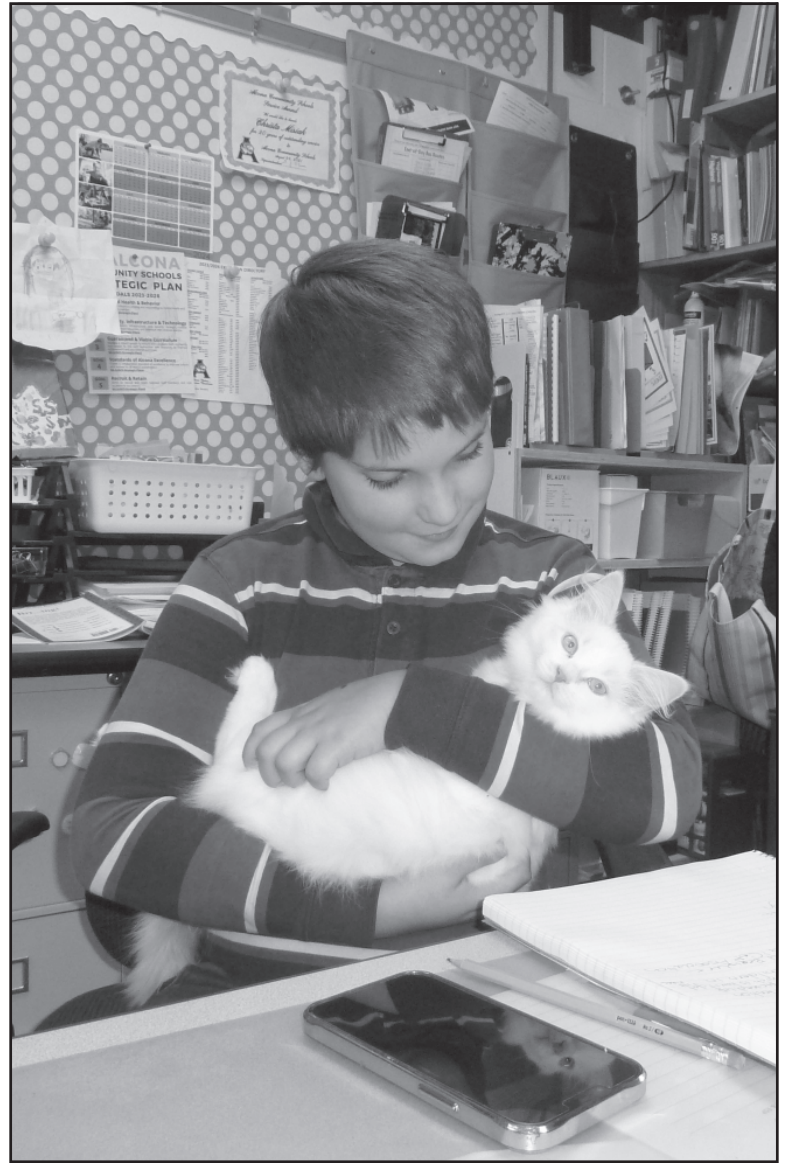
teacher, are more comfortable reading to Blaze and increase ability. We have seen this with Cona, our therapy dog as well."

Superintendent Dan O'Connor said Misiak has been very dedicated to her research and implementation of a therapy cat for several years. "Learning starts with relationships and connections to adults and school in general. The more comfortable, the better chance to have positive outcomes. Blaze is another tool to help build connections with students," he said.

Misiak is taking full responsibility for the cat in and out of the classroom, as Blaze accompanies her home every day and is part of her family when school is not in session. Accepting all costs for his care, she is looking at possibly getting an Amazon Wish List so parents and citizens can help purchase necessary supplies, but she has not talked with the district about it yet.

For more information about the benefits of having a cat in the classroom, contact Misiakc@alcona-schools.net.

For information about Ragdoll cats, visit Joyful Ragdoll Cattery of Michigan's Facebook page.



Nickali Berwer gets some "purr-time" with Blaze. He said a purring cat just makes him feel happy. Photo by Mary Weber.

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