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FFA to hold dinner, demonstration event

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona FFA offers opportunities for students to hone skills in both agricultural and nonagricultural careers by providing hands-on agribusiness, technical, communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

Students participate in competitions, attend conferences and assist with community service whenever possible.

To thank the community that supports them and showcase Alcona FFA's work this year, an Agriculture Appreciation dinner and chili cook-off invites all to attend on Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Alcona High School cafeteria.

The free event is a partnership dinner brought to the community by the Alcona FFA Alumni and Supporters and the students of the Alcona FFA Chapter. A dinner of sloppy joes, cornbread, salad and dessert, along with a chili cook-off will be served.

bring the chili back as well as offer the sloppy joe dinner.

"This way we are offering a variety, something for everyone. It's a neat way to show support for the FFA. All the chilies will be homemade and each will have scorecards so guests can pick their favorite. There will be prizes for the chili winners.

"Supporters bringing a chili are asked to register before the event," Cordes said.

She explained in years past the alumni had an annual dinner meeting, but they wanted to change it and invite anyone who appreciates agriculture to come and show support for the students.

During the dinner, FFA students advancing to the state competition will present their competition leadership skills. "The dinner will present a great opportunity for a win-win situation. Students get the opportunity to practice before an audience and the audience gets to see them in action before they leave for competition," Cordes said.



Folks traverse the Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve during winter. The preserve will be holding its annual tour on February 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. *Courtesy photo.*

Winter nature walk showcases Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

As cabin fever reaches its peak in February, more and more northeastern Michigan

folks yearn for something more. Their need to be outside often outweighs the cold and grey skies.

Some will take the snow and bitter cold head-on by snowmobiling or ice fishing, if possible. Others prefer a quieter approach, such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or simply hiking the many forested trails in Alcona County.

The Huron Pines Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve is a glittering delight in the winter. The dusting of snow hushes the forested landscape and drapes each branch in crisp white lace.

To fully appreciate the beauty of such a winter wonderland, Huron Pines will be hosting a free guided winter walk at the preserve on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The family and well-behaved, leashed pet-friendly tour will showcase the history of the property, geology, ecology and ongoing land management activities on the 80-acre preserve which offers more than one can see from the road.

A wide diversity of birds visits the area all winter and other animals such as deer, rabbit, squirrel, fox, mink and more leave their tracks in the woods.

Julia Butch, land protec-

tion coordinator for Huron Pines, was excited about giving her second guided winter tour. "There are lots of deer here, so sightings are always possible. We are hoping for snow, so folks can snowshoe, but I called it a winter walk just in case. Last year, the snow was too packed down and melting to snowshoe on," Butch said.

In addition to deer, the tour will be on the lookout for any signs of bear activity. Butch explained bears do not hibernate all winter, instead, they go into a state of torpor, which is more like napping heavily. Should the weather be suitable, or if they get hungry, they will forage in the winter. She said folks who live near the preserve had a bear sighting last month.

"Last year the weather was a bit on the warmer side in February and the witch-hazel on the property had already started blooming. That was a nice surprise to see. We don't think that will happen again this year, but who knows," she said.

If, however, there is snow, folks are welcome to either bring their own snowshoes and trekking poles or they can contact Butch to request those items. "Contact me soon though, I think we only have

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Alcona High School FFA sophomores Gunner Levline (left) and Matt Abee (right) practice their FFA demonstrations skills on how to safely tune-up, clean and sharpen a chain saw. FFA students proceeding to the FFA State Competition will be presenting what they have been practicing at an open-to-the-public appreciation dinner on February 13. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Helen-Ann Cordes FFA Alumni spokesperson said earlier in the fall they had a chili dinner that was quite successful, so since the weather has turned cold and gloomy, the group wanted to

According to Cordes, the students have been working on a variety of leadership contest skills during the past months. The categories of FFA competition include agricultural issues; FFA Creed

speaking; demonstrations, such as how to clean, sharpen and tune-up a gas chain saw or how to pickle cucumbers; extemporaneous public

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God Bless America



Correspondence

To the Editor,
The economic and environmental impact of the new clean energy bill, enacted by our state legislature in November of 2023 will be a huge win for the people of Michigan and for our environment.

By 2040 Michigan's utilities will generate 100 percent of their electricity from clean energy, mostly solar, wind, water and nuclear. Currently, those clean sources produce only 12 percent of the state's energy but Michigan, with this legislation, will be a national energy leader.

There will be costs for the transition to clean energy, but they will be offset by lower energy bills for families and businesses, health benefits,

and increased energy security. With every news report of human and economic suffering around the world resulting from climate disasters caused by the continued use of fossil fuel, we understand that we must move as quickly as possible to clean energy sources. Clean energy protects our future.

The health and prosperity of the people and environment of Michigan depend on our state taking actions to protect our power grid and the essential, life-supporting waters of our Great Lakes.

Solar and wind energy will benefit everyone. Renewable energy is cheaper and creates Michigan jobs. Michigan

communities and people living on land their families have owned for generations will be able to benefit from wind and solar energy produced on their land.

Clean energy is not a partisan issue. If you have lived in Michigan for many years, you know that we have been experiencing climate change that is having a negative impact on our lifestyle in northeast Michigan. We must do everything we can to protect and preserve the people and environment in Michigan.

The survival of humanity demands political action mandating the use of clean energy.

Patty Thomas
Harrisville

Obituaries

Elsa Griffin

Elsa Griffin, 82, of Glennie died on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at home.

She was born March 19, 1941, to Olaf and Dulcie (Duncan) Gustafson in Petoskey, Mich.

On July 27, 1963, she was united in marriage to Vincent Neal Griffin. Together they shared 60 years of marriage.

She lived for 35 years in the Ferndale, Mich. area and was employed by the Ferndale Public Schools as head custodian her until retirement in 2001.

Following retirement, Mrs. Griffin moved to Glennie, where she was a member of Lott Baptist Church.

Mrs. Griffin is survived by her husband, Vince; one son, Scott Griffin; two sisters; one brother; several nieces and nephews; and her grand pup, Walter.

She was preceded in death by one son, Andrew Griffin in 2019.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m. until funeral service at 3 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, Mich. at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. 310 Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Police Report

Alpena attorney faces embezzlement, fraud charges

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Alpena Post arrested Michelle Lynne Elowski, 46, of Alpena for several felonies including embezzlement and common law fraud.

The investigation began in February 2023 when the MSP received allegations of an embezzlement by a local Alpena attorney. According to a press release, there are a series of embezzlement cases being investigated by the MSP

Alpena Post where Elowski has allegedly embezzled funds entrusted to her by multiple clients which had retained her to represent them in respective divorce, probate, or other civil matters.

One of the cases allegedly involved an Oscoda County resident. The investigation led to an arrest warrant being issued for Elowski. She was arrested this week and arraigned. More charges are expected, and the case remains open as more victims are identified.

Elowski was arraigned today in the 81st District Court in Oscoda County for one count check fraud non-sufficient funds \$500 or more;

two counts common law fraud; one count embezzlement by an agent or trustee \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000; one count embezzlement \$50,000 or more but less than \$100,000.

Her bond was set at \$500,000 10 percent cash surety. Her next scheduled court appearance is on February 12.

Anyone who believes they may be a victim of fraud or embezzlement by Elowski is asked to contact the MSP Alpena Post at (989) 354-4101.

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Rodney A. Budreau

Rodney Allen Budreau, of Spruce, passed away January 28, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center. He had fought a rare illness for many years, but his earthly body just couldn't hold on any longer.

Rod was born March 26, 1957, to Bud and Virginia Budreau of Lincoln. He was the fourth of six children and the tallest at 6'6". After graduating from Alcona High School, he was employed by D & M Railroad, the Pat Reames Masonry, then Drywall Plus.

He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, woodworking, and sports activities.

He is survived by four brothers, John (Esther) of Lincoln, Dennis of Hawaii, Perry (Ava) of Lincoln, and Michael (Sharone) of Alpena; one sister, Sandra Rockett of Barton City; seven grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and his longtime companion, Peggy Compton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and Cheyenne Smith.

Per his wishes, Rod will be cremated, and a memorial service will be held in the spring. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Paid Obituary

Francis J. Jasso

On January 21, 2024, at the age of 85, Francis J. Jasso passed away peacefully in hospice at Aleda E. Lutz V.A. Hospital in Saginaw, Mich., just four months following the passing of his loving wife, Linda Lou Jasso.

Frank Jasso, a pioneer in the arboriculture industry, poured his love of nature and landscape to build an oasis in the woods. He took great pride in his retirement property, creating elaborate gardens and one of the greenest/lush lawns in northern Michigan.

He worked hard from a young age to provide for his family and was a pillar example to others that if you work hard, anything is possible.

His hobbies included woodworking and he shared his love of bird watching with his wife, Linda. Together, they turned their property into a bird watching retreat which he enjoyed up through his final days in his home.


Frank is survived by his children, Karla Trosen, Frances Jasso, John Jasso, and Christina Jasso; his step children, Julie Quandt, Kandyce Atkins and Laura Donnelly; siblings, Annette Thompson, Jim Jasso and John Jasso; grandchildren, Danielle, Steven, Brandy, Linzi, Hayley, Delaney, Jefferson, Jillian; and great-grandchildren, Maddox, Cashton, Brantley and Harlow.

Frank is preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda Lou Jasso. The family takes great comfort in knowing they are together again in heaven, where there is no suffering and where all endings are new beginnings in the arms of God.

He is also preceded in death by his siblings Joseph Jasso, Michael Jasso Jr. and Susan Daugherty.

In Loving Memory:
Francis J. Jasso
1938 - 2024.

A public memorial service
Paid Obituary



for Frank and Linda will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Gillies Funeral Home, 104 W. Alger Street, Lincoln, Mich. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the memorial service is at 1 p.m. Any other celebrations of life will be private to immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) are recommended "In Memory of Frank & Linda Jasso."

Let us know what is happening

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

Please, include a contact name & telephone number in case there are follow up questions.



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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 income based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

Homeschoolers, seasoned or curious, are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. to offer inspiration and camaraderie for school-aged children. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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.

Learn how simple movement can change an individual's life. Liz McNichol leads the class from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call Liz for details, (989) 335-1777.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it's about unleashing the joy of discovery. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The Curtis Township Library Board of Trustees will meet in the conference room of the Curtis Township Library in Glennie at 10 a.m. Call (989) 735-2601 for more information.

Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available

for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

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

AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 3 p.m. at Oscoda Baptist Church, 5589 N. Huron Road (US-23), Oscoda. A presentation of "Shorebirds of the Tawas area" will be given by Sam Burckhardt. The public is invited. For more info., call (989) 387-5980.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come one time per month and must be present to receive food. Distribution is by curbside pickup. Recipients stay in their vehicle. Identification is required. Clients are accepted regardless of where they live. Bring a box or bag. Call (989) 727-3443 for details.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Veterans and spouses and widow(er)s are invited to join other retired military members for a drop-in 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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Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

(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.)

Super Crossword

Answers

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NOTICE
The Curtis Township Board Meeting has been moved to February 15th at 6:30 p.m at the Glennie United Methodist Church. 2/7 & 2/14

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Local Notes

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Feb. 12: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, apple sauce.
- Tuesday, Feb. 13: Meat pizza, tossed salad, pineapple.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14: Beef tips, rice, broccoli, Jell-O.
- Thursday, Feb. 15: Chicken mostacoli, green beans, mixed fruit.

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.

Away at School

- Amber Heiser of Mikado was named to the Northern Michigan University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. She qualified for this honor with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99.
- Hannah Burger of Hubbard Lake was named to the Northern Michigan University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. She earned a 4.0 grade point average to earn

this honor.

• Ava Brege of Lincoln was named to the Northern Michigan University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. She earned a 4.0 grade point average to earn this honor.

• Angie Histed of South branch was named to the Northern Michigan University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. She earned a 4.0 grade point average to earn this honor.

Love Your Library

Celebrate "Love Your Library Month" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library every morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon from Monday, Feb. 12 through Friday, Feb. 16. Read the newspaper, sample treats and enjoy coffee. Prizes will be given out. Call (989) 724-6796 for information.

Managing Chronic Pain

A free six-week workshop for chronic pain takes place via Zoom. Adults of all ages interested in managing chronic pain are welcome to attend, including those living with chronic pain, family members, and caregivers. The topics covered are: what is pain, dealing with difficult emotions, action plans decision-making and problem-solving, benefits of physical activity and exercise, fatigue management, medications for chronic pain, dealing with depression, guided imagery,

and positive thinking. For more information or to register, contact Brooke at (989) 358-4616, mainvilleb@nemcsa.org or go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/BAJyPxTULU>.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Northeast Sunrise Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is offering scholarships worth, \$1,000 and \$2,000 funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF) to local students.

This annual SBMEF scholarship will be awarded to a female student who will be attending an accredited U.S. college/university. Applicants must be citizens of the United States; residents of AuSable, East Tawas, Glenie, Greenbush, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Mikado, National City, Oscoda, or Tawas City. This is offered to high school graduating seniors through graduate students in August 2024. It is for any course of study from an institution conferring a four-year degree. GPA of 3.5 or higher required.

Eligible women interested in applying for the scholarship should contact: Belle Flora, Professional Development Chairwomen, Sunrise Charter Chapter, ABWA, via email at BelleFlora@charter.net. Applications must be completed by March 31, 2024.



Alcona Masonic Lodge No. 292 F&AM presents a check for \$5,200 and 180 items of clothing to Alcona Community Schools for coats for kids. These funds will help purchase clothing and the essentials for students in need. Dennis and Sheryl Smith coordinated this year's coats for kids drive. Community support and the leadership of Mason members, this drive would not have been possible. (Front row, from left) Jada Worth, Dan O'Connor Larry Fink, Michael Suitor, Tim Lee, (back row) Tony Bradley, Natalie Gill, Eric Wagner, Jeff Linderman, Dennis Smith, and Buck Novak. *Courtesy photo.*

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ALCONA COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDING FOR CHILL II

Alcona County will conduct a public hearing on February 12, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Alcona County Board Room, 106 5th Street, Harrisville for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG grant.

Alcona County proposes to use CDBG grant funds in the amount of \$236,000 for providing income-eligible homeowners with funds to make necessary repairs to their homes to meet applicable rehabilitation standards and code requirements. We will be leveraging funds with HPG funds to assist at least 7 households in Alcona County. All activities, upon completion, will benefit low- to moderate - income households. Zero persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed activities.

Further information, including a copy of Alcona County's community development plan and CDBG application is available for review. To inspect the documents, please contact Alcona County Housing, Diane Rasch at 989-724-9515 or via email drasch@alcona-county.net or review at Alcona County Housing P.O. Box 272 Harrisville, MI 48740 or made in person at the public hearing.

Citizen views and comments on the proposed allocation are welcome.

Classifieds ~ Where the deals are!

Classified deadline is Monday by 4 p.m.

Call (989) 724-6384

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lady Tigers drop close one at Rogers City

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

Two days after rallying for an exciting win over Rogers City, the Lady Hurons got their revenge over Alcona on Friday. The Lady Tigers lost the North Star League Big Dipper contest, 38-34.

Alcona struggled offensively in the first quarter, though Rogers City only led by one point, 7-6, after the first quarter. The Lady Tigers had their best offensive output in the second quarter by scoring 16 points. Claire Somers buried a pair of threes. Jena Wambold and Gracyn Tracy also hit from deep, and Alcona took the 22-17 lead at the half.

The Lady Tiger offense slowed down again in the third quarter though. A three-point by Somers gave them a one point lead, which they clung to entering the fourth quarter. They were unable to make that slim lead stand in the final minutes.

The Lady Tigers were led by Claire Somers with 10 points. Emma Travis finished with nine points. J. Wambold added five. Tracy scored four points. Sage Gauthier netted three. Olivia Borchardt scored four points.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, Alcona rallied at home in a NSL Big Dipper contest with Rogers City with a score of 35-32.

"This was a hard-fought win," said head coach Karina Sharboneau. "I'm proud of how we pulled together for the finish."

The Hurons led 12-9 after the first and 21-13 at the half. They still led 28-22 with just the fourth left to play.

The Lady Tigers had five different players hit field-goals in the final quarter and outscored the Hurons 13-4 to pick up the victory.

They were led by Travis and Gauthier who had 11 points apiece. Kaylee Wambold put in three. J. Wambold, Somers and Borchardt scored two points each.

On Monday, Jan. 29, Alcona had little trouble with visiting NSL Big Dipper foe Whittemore-Prescott, claim-



Alcona's Jena Wambold is ready to make a defensive play. Photo by Rachel Somers.

ing a 55-22 victory.

J. Wambold hit five threes in the game, including three in the first half as Alcona led 13-4 after one and 37-4 at the half. They also led 47-10 entering the fourth quarter.

J. Wambold finished with a game-high 20 points. Travis had nine points. Somers scored eight. K. Wambold and

Tracy scored five points. Gauthier netted four. Hannah Renchenski and Liberty Kimball added two points apiece.

Alcona (9-4 overall, 4-3 NSL Big Dipper) was at Oscoda on Monday, heads to Mio on Friday, Feb. 9 and hosts Johannesburg-Lewiston on Monday, Feb. 12.

Varsity Bowling Results

Last weekend the Alcona varsity bowling team played in Oscoda against Bay City All Saints. High scores were Rylee Manning 155; Makayla Prince 146; Ceanna Stern 137; Danica Manning 125; Jaxon Whittaker 114; Nyhia Jackson 114; Jacob June 113; Ryan Windsor 95; and Addison Birk 91.

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speaking; Greenhand, which is for younger level students, primarily freshmen, conduct of meetings; Greenhand public speaking; job interviewing; junior high conduct of meetings; junior high public speaking; parliamentary procedure; and prepared public speaking.

The Alcona FFA will not be participating in every category.

District competition took place last week in Alpena with the Alcona FFA doing very well. The Greenhand Conduct and meeting team consisting of Harrison Gehring, Sierra Wright, Kimberly Johnson, Edju Hechlik, Jaxon Whitaker, Bailey Dellar and Wyatt Alderman received a gold placing first. The parliamentary procedure team consisting of Haley Glick, Colin McKenna, Ella Gehring, Daniel June, Emma Schroeder, and Jacob June also received a gold placing first.

Public speaker, Darren Boyat placed fifth; Creed speakers, Ceanna Stern, received a silver placing third and Addison Birk placed fourth.

The demonstration teams consisting of Matt Abee and Gunnar Levline demonstrating chain saw care placed 4th and Alivia Clark and Nyhia Jackson demonstrating pickle making placed fifth.

The regional competition will be held in Whittemore on February 7.

Like the FFA Advisor and



Helen-Ann Cordes and Connor Hubbard are products of Alcona FFA who have since graduated from college and now work for Alcona Community Schools. Cordes is the district's early college coordinator and Hubbard is the high school's FFA advisor and agri-science teacher. Photo by Mary Weber.

agri-science teacher, Connor Hubbard, Cordes is a product of Alcona FFA. She also attended classes and competitions. "We have an outstanding FFA program at Alcona schools. Connor does a great job working with the students. He is a prime example of what FFA is. He was an FFA student who went to college and then came back here to serve.

"Alcona FFA shaped me into who I am today. It's an amazing organization that is open to any student. You don't have to live on a farm or have any agriculture background. FFA gives you hands-on knowledge and leadership opportunities for students to step out of their comfort zone and explore future possibilities," Cordes said. Cordes also left after graduation to attend college and came back to serve as the school's early college coordinator.

Alcona FFA Alumni, with about 60-lifetime members, supports FFA students by volunteering, making food or desserts for monthly meetings, assisting with maple syrup production and lending assistance through raffles and donations.

"Our focus is to assist Connor and support the Al-

cona FFA Chapter (students) as best as we can. We try and partner with the students on events, the chili cook-off last fall was something the students came to us to do. They wanted to get to know more of the alumni members and promote FFA to the community. This dinner is a way for them to say thank you for the community support," Cordes said.

A goodwill donation jar will be out for those who would like to donate, but it isn't a requirement. A 50/50 drawing will also be held during the event on February 13. In the event school is not in session due to a snow day, the dinner will be rescheduled. Membership brochures will also be available.

No RSVP is needed to attend the event, however, anyone planning to bring a chili for the cook-off must register by visiting bit.ly/chilicook-offRSVP

For more information, call the school (989) 736-8534 or follow the Alcona FFA Facebook page. The school is located at 51 North Barlow Road on the northwest corner of M-72 and Barlow.

top ten

Smartest People of All Time

1. Johann Goethe
2. Albert Einstein
3. Leonardo da Vinci
4. Isaac Newton
5. James Maxwell
6. Rudolf Clausius
7. Nicolaus Copernicus
8. Gottfried Leibniz
9. William Sidis
10. Thomas Young

Source: Business Insider

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The Garden Bug

Feeding monarchs

The adult monarch consumes nectar from flowers, minerals from mud puddles and liquids from fruits. To attract them to your backyard, leave out slices of banana, oranges or watermelon, and plant a variety of flowering plants.

The monarch caterpillar (the larvae stage of the monarch butterfly) feeds *only* on the leaves of milkweed plants. From these it gains all the nutrition needed to change into the adult form.

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four pairs of adult snowshoes and two pairs of youth snowshoes that haven't been requested yet," Butch said.

Although there are over five miles of trails on the property, the winter walk will only cover a little over a mile of trails. Butch explained some areas of the walk are quite hilly and steep, so even if snowshoeing may not be possible she recommends good warm hiking/winter boots, trekking poles/walking sticks and dressing for the weather. Participants should also bring their own snacks and water.

According to Butch, the tour should take approximately an hour and will start near the property house. An off-street parking lot has been plowed.

Huron Pines is a nonprofit organization established in 1973 to conserve and enhance northern Michigan's natural resources to ensure healthy water, protected places and vibrant communities. It strives to improve economic, environmental, educational, and recreational opportunities throughout northern Michigan.

The Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve was gifted to Huron Pines in 2018 by John and Wendy Fry. The 80-acre property includes a two-bedroom house used for AmeriCorps recruitment/members to stay for short visits and a large pole barn.

The Fry's, who were very active members of Huron Pines, still visit the property for a few weeks every November to hunt deer for land



Huron Pines Land Protection Coordinator Julia Butch will be conducting the annual free family and leashed pet-friendly winter tour of the Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve on February 17. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

management. The property is closed to the public during that time.

There is no rental of the property, however, they may open the barn or home for small organizations with enough advanced notice.

Registration for the February 17 event is required by contacting Butch at (989) 448-2293, extension 10 or emailing her at julia@huron-pines.org so she can gauge how many volunteers she will need to expedite the tours. In the event of extremely low temperatures or dangerous

driving conditions, the event will be canceled.

Huron Pines Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve is located at 720 Holiday Inn Road on Hubbard Lake's Churchill Point. The preserve is open seven days a week from dawn until dusk. Leashed pets and cameras to photograph nature are welcome. Leave only foot-steps, take only memories is requested. Butch recommends following the flagged tree line trail in the winter to avoid plowed snow and new plant growth areas.

Annual bird count needs participants

The 27th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will take place from Friday, Feb. 16 through Monday, Feb. 19. Residents of Iosco and Alcona counties will have an opportunity to submit data to researchers about the numbers and various species of birds located in this region prior to the massive spring global migrations.

Sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon, Birds Canada and Wild Birds Unlimited, the event is open to anyone. Observers may count one or all four days for at least 15 minutes each day. Participants may tally birds visiting their feeders, in their neighborhoods, woodland area, or along open water spaces. New totals are required for each day or area observed.

Results are then submitted online to birdcount.org. Easy to follow instructions guide the observer through the submission process. Help identifying birds found in an area, or identifying unknown species is also available. When submitting species names, just check those possibilities pre-listed in the area.

"With the aid of modern technology and increasing numbers of professional and amateur observers reporting online, scientists are now able to get a quick snapshot of where the various species are located, plus the basic population status of each prior to the huge movements to spring and summer breeding grounds," said Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the world event.

She explained that many

birds travel thousands of miles to reach nesting grounds, which may take two or three months for some. Therefore, it is not uncommon for many to begin the journey at the end of February, so that's why the timing of the GBBC is crucial. Hundreds will also travel in the calm and safety of night when air currents are steadier, temperatures more even, and predators less prevalent.

An online webinar will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. to explain participation in the event and answer questions viewers may have. Go to birdcount.org to register.

"With over 200 countries participating, we can truly get a bird's eye view of the populations and locations of the over 11,000 species that inhabit this earth and your corner of the globe counts," Ridgway said.



Don't forget that ducks, geese and swans are birds too and should be included in the count. *Photo courtesy of Bill Roth.*

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Essential topics to discuss with your aging parents

Dear Savvy Senior,
My siblings and I don't know much about our elderly parent's financial situation or their wishes if and when something happens to them. They are both in their mid-eighties. What's the best way to handle this and what all should we know?

Apprehensive Daughter

Dear Apprehensive,
Many adult children don't know much about their elderly parent's financial situation or end-of-life plans, but they need to. Getting up to speed on their finances, insurance policies, long-term care plans and other information is important because some day you might have to help them handle their financial affairs or care, or execute their estate plan after they die. Without this information, your job becomes much more difficult. Here are some tips that can help.

Have the Conversation

If you're uncomfortable talking to your parents about this, use this column as a prompt or see TheConversationProject.org, which offers free guides that can help you kick-start these discussions.

It's also a good idea to get all your siblings involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your parents will know everyone is concerned.

When you talk with your parents, you'll need to collect some information, find out where they keep key documents and how they want certain things handled when they die or if they become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas to focus on.

Personal Information

- **Contacts:** Make a list of names and phone numbers of your parent's doctors, lawyer, accountant, broker, tax preparer, insurance agent, etc.

- **Medical information:** Make a copy of their medical history and a list of medications they take.

- **Personal documents:** Find out where they keep their Social Security card, marriage

license, military discharge papers, etc.

- **Secured places:** Make a list of places they keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.

- **Digital assets:** Make a list of their digital assets – everything from social media accounts to online banking. It should include usernames and passwords.

- **Pets:** If they have a pet, what are their instructions for the animal's care?

- **End of life:** What are their wishes for organ or body donation, and their funeral instructions? If they've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home, get a copy of the agreement.

Legal Documents

- **Will:** Do they have an updated will or trust, and where is it located?

- **Power of attorney:** Do they have a power of attorney document that names someone to handle their financial matters if they become incapacitated?

- **Advance directives:** Do they have a living will and a medical power of attorney that spells out their wishes re-

garding their end-of-life medical treatment? If they don't have these documents prepared, now's the time to make them.

Financial Records

- **Financial accounts:** Make a list of their bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets they have.

- **Debts and liabilities:** Make a list of any loans, leases or debts they have – mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

- **Company benefits:** Make a list of any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from their former employers including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

- **Insurance:** Make a list of the insurance policies they have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents and phone numbers.

- **Property:** Make a list of the real estate, vehicles or other properties they own,



Savvy Senior

rent or lease and where they keep the deeds, titles and loan or lease agreements.

- **Taxes:** Find out where they keep copies of past year's tax returns.

You're probably not going

to get all this figured out in one gathering, so it's important to keep the conversation going to ensure your parent's wishes will be accurately executed.



Online gardening classes

The winter months are a good time to take some online gardening classes. Here are a few sources:

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- MasterClass.com
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- Brenda Weaver

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Buggy Rides



Heasty's absence still a mystery

Either Foul Play, Or Voluntary Disappearance Theories Held

February 7, 1924 ~ Up to date relatives and officials are equally puzzled over the mysterious disappearance of Ralph M. Heasty, missing cashier of the Mikado Bank, who has not been seen nor heard of since Christmas night, when he was last seen in the Globe Hotel at Alpena.

Voluntary disappearance or foul play are the theories accepted in about equal proportion among those closest to the missing man—but they are merely guess work.

The nearest thing to a clew (sic) that has arisen since the story of a patient in an Alpena hospital that he saw some men throw a large bundle into Thunder Bay river on the night of Heasty's disappearance is an anonymous letter said to have been received by the Alpena chief of police in which the writer claims that if the police can find one of two men who went to Oscoda just prior to Heasty's disappearance, accompanied by two Alpena women, all four attending a public dancing party in Oscoda—they will have a person who can explain Heasty's disappearance.

The letter continues that the young women from Alpena were in Oscoda solely as decoys, to lure Heasty into a trap, and that the members

of the party from Alpena spent most of their time with him while there.

There are vague rumors floating around in the Mikado section tending to show that Heasty was either foully dealt with by parties in that neighborhood or warned to get out, but nothing tangible has come from this source.

It is said, also, that Heasty feared a man about to be released from the state's prison whose conviction was brought about by his (Heasty's) testimony in court, and that he has carried a revolver for some time against the time of the prisoner's release.

Nothing has come of the investigation of the river bottom at Alpena with reference to the mysterious bundle said to have been drown into the water at Chisholm Street bridge.

Owing to difficult conditions this search has been hampered and is not yet completed, according to reports from that city. Neil McLean of Caseville, the uncle who went to Alpena to investigate Heasty's disappearance, has returned to his home and it is reported that he still thinks his nephew was foully dealt with.

Lookout Hills Ski area attracts crowd

February 3, 1949 ~ The Lookout Hills Ski Hills was a popular gathering place for outdoor enthusiasts Sunday, with a number taking advantage of the newly cleared slopes and the two ski tows now in operation.

A greater majority of the crowd were sight seers and others dressed for hiking and enjoying a clear cold winter day out in the open.

Lookout Hills is located about seventeen miles north of Harrisville on US-23, in Alcona County.

It is about mid-way between Harrisville and Alpena. The area was opened this sea-

son as a ski park through the cooperation of the Alcona and Alpena Chamber of Commerce and by its natural setting promises to become a winter haven for outdoor fans.

This weekend, February 5 and 6, the postponed Winter Carnival will be held at Alpena. Heavy rains in mid-January resulted in this later schedule.

State championship speed skating races, a figure skating show, outdoor coronation of the winter queen, a fireworks display, the Michigan Speed Ball in Memorial Hall, and skiing at Lookout Hills are highlights of the program.

Corbett remains uncaptured

February 2, 1899 ~ R. J. Corbett, the bigamist, is still at large, though officers are after him and, if the prayers of the women he has wronged are answered, his freedom will be of short duration.

Corbett, the Detroit papers state, has quite a history. He was educated originally for the priesthood, but his evil propensities early led him to abandon that calling. At one time he was quite prominent in Detroit politics. Published letters to his first wife and

also to Robert Foster of Harrisville, show the man to be about as deep dyed and slick a villain as ever perpetrated his nefarious practices out of prison.

Mrs. Corbett arrived home Tuesday evening and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Twite. A great deal of sympathy is expressed for her, and it will give satisfaction to this community when it is known that Corbett is where he belongs—behind the bars.

top ten

Countries with the Longest Life Expectancy

1. Hong Kong
2. Macao
3. Japan
4. Switzerland
5. Singapore
6. Italy
7. South Korea
8. Spain
9. Malta
10. Australia

Source: World Meters

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Which movie has the tagline, "May the odds be ever in your favor"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country possesses Baffin Island?
3. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company's slogan is, "You're in good hands"?
4. **LANGUAGE:** What is a common saying for the Latin phrase "lapsus linguae"?
5. **MUSIC:** What country was home to reggae singer Bob Marley?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is an example of a macropod?
7. **TELEVISION:** Gordon, Percy, James, Toby and Emily are characters on which children's show?
8. **MATH:** What is 1/60 of a degree?
9. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the book series "The Chronicles of Narnia"?
10. **ACRONYMS:** What does the acronym SPF stand for?

Answers: 1. "The Hunger Games."; 2. Canada.; 3. Allstate.; 4. A slip of the tongue.; 5. Jamaica.; 6. Kangaroo.; 7. "Thomas the Tank Engine."; 8. A minute.; 9. C.S. Lewis.; 10. Sun Protection Factor. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

STORYBOOK SENTIMENT

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Auxiliary professor</p> <p>8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth</p> <p>15 Cultural value system</p> <p>20 High-fashion clothing</p> <p>21 Knows someone at the company, say</p> <p>22 Reluctant (to)</p> <p>23 "Wait, my rant isn't finished ..."</p> <p>25 Private, as desires</p> <p>26 Agnus — (lamb figure)</p> <p>27 "Cool beans!"</p> <p>28 Down dinner</p> <p>30 Look lewdly</p> <p>31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson</p> <p>38 Composer — Sebastian Bach</p> <p>40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation</p> <p>41 Era upon era</p> <p>42 Turndowns</p> <p>43 Stati — (America, in Italian)</p> <p>44 Stage design</p> <p>47 La — Tar Pits</p> | <p>49 Gp. opposed to leather</p> <p>51 Made a habit of taking risks</p> <p>54 Actress Cuthbert</p> <p>57 French for "summers"</p> <p>58 Bible book after Micah</p> <p>59 Dwell at</p> <p>61 —Ops (CIA mind games)</p> <p>62 Coffee holder</p> <p>63 In love</p> <p>67 Big name in candy wafers</p> <p>68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom</p> <p>71 Give it — (try)</p> <p>74 Paris' Champs- —</p> <p>75 Certain scanning device: Abbr.</p> <p>76 St. crossers</p> <p>79 First book section</p> <p>81 Former U.N. chief Boutros Boutros- —</p> <p>83 Stool or pew</p> <p>84 Milk container</p> <p>85 Just a tiny bit</p> <p>90 Op-ed writer Maureen</p> <p>91 Art of Erté</p> <p>92 Once existed</p> <p>93 Eldritch</p> <p>94 Links gp.</p> | <p>96 Canon camera brand</p> <p>98 — part (role-play)</p> <p>100 1996-2002 sports sitcom</p> <p>101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator"</p> <p>107 Amazes</p> <p>108 Daddy's boy</p> <p>109 Prague citizen</p> <p>110 Victor's hand gesture</p> <p>113 Prefix with type or plasm</p> <p>115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle</p> <p>121 Lot units</p> <p>122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g.</p> <p>123 Pundit Huffington</p> <p>124 Hockey feints</p> <p>125 Fill with more inventory</p> <p>126 Like soon-to-be-unveiled tech</p> | <p>3 She won a Tony for "Hurlyburly"</p> <p>4 Stage actress Hagen</p> <p>5 Pious sister</p> <p>6 Actor Hume of "Cocoon"</p> <p>7 Heads, to Henriette</p> <p>8 Iota preceder</p> <p>9 Novelist Robbins</p> <p>10 N.Y. hours</p> <p>11 Cranky cry</p> <p>12 Singer DiFranco</p> <p>13 Stanford- — test</p> <p>14 Occupy</p> <p>15 — Lilly & Co.</p> <p>16 Until this time</p> <p>17 "Just one moment"</p> <p>18 Verdi opera</p> <p>19 Tears to bits</p> <p>24 "Told ya so!"</p> <p>29 Recurring themes</p> <p>32 Detests</p> <p>33 Author Blyton</p> <p>34 Oil, informally</p> <p>35 Dweeb's kin</p> <p>36 Cassini of 20-Across</p> <p>37 Quick quip</p> <p>38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink</p> <p>39 — last legs (about to collapse)</p> | <p>44 Biting turtle</p> <p>45 Ordinal suffix</p> <p>46 Like so, informally</p> <p>48 Correo — (Spanish airmail)</p> <p>50 — over (satisfied for the moment)</p> <p>52 "Movin' —" (sitcom theme song)</p> <p>53 Tube prizes</p> <p>55 Brand of fruit drinks</p> <p>56 Year, in Brazil</p> <p>60 Signs up</p> <p>62 Multilevel structure for Fluffy</p> <p>64 Suffix with chlor- or fluor-</p> <p>65 Model Cheryl</p> <p>66 "ER" or "CSI"</p> <p>68 Get a move on</p> <p>69 Lead-in to "So sue me!"</p> <p>70 Caesar's 202</p> <p>71 N.C. State's NCAA div.</p> <p>72 "— Na Na"</p> <p>73 Toiling away</p> <p>76 Fetching</p> <p>77 Certain surrealist paintings</p> <p>78 Eye maladies</p> | <p>80 Funds</p> <p>82 Sly — fox</p> <p>83 Tortoise's top</p> <p>86 Calf product</p> <p>87 Caesar's "Behold!"</p> <p>88 Campus mil. program</p> <p>89 Singer Halliwell</p> <p>94 Underside of a dog's foot</p> <p>95 Liftoff stress</p> <p>97 Hebrew horn</p> <p>99 With 106-Down, North Pole surround</p> <p>100 Cling (to)</p> <p>102 Perfumer Lauder</p> <p>103 Absurd</p> <p>104 Missouri's — Mountains</p> <p>105 Toon pic</p> <p>106 See 99-Down</p> <p>111 Kin of -ette</p> <p>112 Novelist Jennifer</p> <p>114 Pre-CIA gp.</p> <p>116 "— a girl!"</p> <p>117 Fabric dye brand</p> <p>118 Retired NBAer Ming</p> <p>119 Vote down</p> <p>120 "True —" ("Indeedy")</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Feb. 19, 1906, American industrialist W.K. Kellogg teamed with Charles C. Bolin to found the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company, now known as the multinational food manufacturer Kellogg's, after 25 years of working for his brother, John Harvey Kellogg, and buying out his indebted brother's business.
 - On Feb. 20, 1935, Danish-Norwegian explorer Caroline Mikkelsen became the first woman to set foot on Antarctica, though whether on the mainland or on an island is disputed. A small coastal mountain discovered that day is named for her.
 - On Feb. 21, 1947, Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his instant camera, called the Land Camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in just 60 seconds. Two years later he put 57 Polaroid Land Cameras in Boston's Jordan Marsh department store before Christmas, and they sold out within the first day after their demonstration.
 - On Feb. 22, 1989, Tina Turner won a Grammy award at age 49 for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance for her album "Tina Live in Europe," featuring recordings from her Private Dancer and Break Every Rule tours.
 - On Feb. 23, 2011, 77-year-old broadcaster Larry King announced plans to conduct a one-man comedy tour after retiring from his popular talk show on CNN. The new venture was set to begin in April of that year in Connecticut and end in June in Las Vegas.
 - On Feb. 24, 1836, showman P.T. Barnum exhibited an African American slave, Joice Heth, with the claim that she was the 161-year-old former nursemaid to George Washington. After her death from natural causes, and a public autopsy by a respected physician who claimed she was no more than 79 or 80, Barnum eventually admitted to the hoax, which was frequently mentioned by his critics and followed him for the remainder of his career.
 - On Feb. 25, 1993, the Florida Marlins introduced their 8-foot-tall, 250-pound mascot, Billy the Marlin. Reportedly, the team's original owner, Wayne Huizenga, chose the name for the fan-friendly fish.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A UCLA study determined that football players with lower jersey numbers are perceived as slimmer and faster than their teammates with higher jersey digits.
- The Sullivan Ordinance of 1908 in New York City aimed to prohibit women from smoking in public places, sparking not just widespread debate about women's rights, but marking a symbolic battleground for female activists dedicated to gender equality. The law was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr. just two weeks later.
- A study of over 10 million births revealed that children are 4.6% more likely to be born in the same month as their mothers.
- When Kentucky Fried Chicken expanded its operations to China in the 1980s, the food chain's iconic slogan -- "It's finger-lickin' good!" -- was mistakenly, if amusingly, translated in Mandarin to "Eat your fingers off."
- During the Napoleonic campaigns in the early 19th century, French soldiers observed an odd condition among many local Egyptian men, who reported blood in their urine, leading to the misnomer label "the land of the menstruating men." The actual cause was the parasitic disease schistosomiasis.
- Some scientists make a habit of consuming the organisms they study, a practice that dates to Charles Darwin's sampling of exotic animals such as pumas and iguanas during his voyages.
- The word "gymnastics" comes from the ancient Greek "gymnazein," meaning "to exercise naked."
- Are you a fan of Cheetos? If so, you might want to visit the town of Cheadle in Alberta, Canada, which is the proud possessor of a 20-foot statue of a ... Cheeto. Bonus: It even lights up at night!

Thought for the Day: "It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." -- Lewis Carroll
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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: **D** equals **I**

DY U IBGBQUOHBIBO QUHBN U
JMAEW SY KMJD SMN TOSQDNBN,
ESMGK IWBZ JB TWSAB-Z
EGUDQN?

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mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Foreclosing assignee: Amerisave Mortgage Corporation. Date of mortgage: July 15, 2022. Date of mortgage recording: July 21, 2022. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$112,600.79. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The southwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 26 North, Range 7 East Common street address: 1135 S. Bean Hill Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9779. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure

sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 31, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515 1520692 1-31, 2-7, 2-14, 2-21

State of Michigan Judicial District 23rd Judicial Circuit Alcona County Order Regarding Alternate Service Case No. 23-3963-CH

Plaintiff's name Michael Myles 3962 Power Drive Mikado, Mich. 48745 Plaintiff's attorney David H. Cook, P40560 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 Defendant's name Edith Lee Patricia Borman Shayna N. Engelhard and all other of their unknown heirs, legatees and assigns. The court finds: Service of process upon the defendant, Edith Lee, Patricia Borman, Shayna N. Engelhard and all other of their unknown heirs, legatees and assigns, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 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: Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following methods – publication of this order in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks. Honorable Laura A. Frawley 1-31, 2-7, 2-14

Notice to Creditors County of Alcona State of Michigan

To all creditors: Elmer R. Nedo and Verna M. Nedo Revocable Trust Agreement dated September 30, 2010 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Verna M. Nedo, died December 15, 2023 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rodney E. Charron, trustee, 2655 Kings Corner Road, Oscoda, Mich. 48750, within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 7, 2024 David H. Cook Attorney 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 Rodney E. Charron Trustee 2655 Kings Corner Road Oscoda, Mich. 48750

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 20006047-DE

Estate of Michael H. Zollweg Date of birth: August 7, 1945 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Michael H. Zollweg, died December 3, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sharon Zollweg, 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: February 7, 2024 Russell R. Wise, P44493 Attorney One Towne Square, Suite 1835 Southfield, Mich. (248) 663-5588 Sharon Zollweg Personal representative 4907 E. Cedar Lake Drive Greenbush, Mich. 48738 (727) 313-3278

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Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated January 24, 2007 and recorded January 30, 2007 in Liber 438, page 1329 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-two and 46/100 dollars (\$61,882.46). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 27, 2024. Said premises are located in the Township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, T26N, R9E, described as: commencing at a point 769 rods 22 feet east and 2 rods south of the northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, said point being marked with a cement stake 5x5 determining right of way of the quarter line road and US-

23 highway; thence south parallel with US-23, 504 feet to an iron stake, thence west at right angles to US-23, 200 feet; thence south parallel with said US-23 highway 66 feet; thence east at right angles to said US-23 highway 200 feet; thence north parallel with said US-23 highway 66 feet to the place of beginning, except US-23 highway right of way. 298 South US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 7, 2024 File No. 23-011007 Firm name: Orlans PC Firm address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Mich. 48084 Firm phone number: (248) 502-1400 2-7, 2-14, 2-21, 2-28

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Caledonia Township, Alcona County

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Place: Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd Spruce, MI 48762
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 Appeals Meeting: Monday, March 14th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Appeals Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Supervisor – Cyndy Aspey

Non-Residents are able to protest by letter, provided the letter is received prior to March 7, 2024, * Postmark not excepted* Petitions by phone, fax of electronic device will not be heard. Mail Letters to:

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 Hillman, MI 49746

In compliance with sec 211.34A of the general property tax law of the State of Michigan the following are the Tentative Ratio and Tentative Multipliers to be applied to the Assessed Values of each Class of Property in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, to achieve equalized values for 2024 Caledonia Township.

	2024 Ratio	Factor
AGRICULTURAL	45.65	1.09529
COMMERCIAL	42.40	1.17925
INDUSTRIAL	44.15	1.13250
RESIDENTIAL	40.30	1.24069
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

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Alcona wrestling wraps up regular season at NSL tournament

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity wrestling team got a final tune-up ahead of the post-season last Friday. The Tigers were in

Mio taking part in the North Star League individual tournament.

Alcona had two grapplers take second place. The first was Keegan Ritchie (144). He

opened the day with a third period pin over Oscoda's Brett Travis and then had first period pinfalls over Miles Malarick of the Charlton Heston Academy and Gabe Tams of Rogers City. His day ended with a loss via pin to Ashton Burden of Mio.

Aiden Reno (190) also took second place. With a limited

amount in the weight class, Reno had just two matches. Reno had a second period pinfall victory over Tyler Schliep of Whittemore-Prescott.

Zeon Monnier had three wins in 150 to take third place in that class. Mason Norling (175) had a win on his way to a third place fin-

ish, and Zygmund Villalobos (157) had a win too. Kevlin Travis (157) also competed in the event.

Alcona is at a Division 4 team district at Tawas area on Thursday, Feb. 8 and competes in individual districts on Saturday, Feb. 10 on the road.

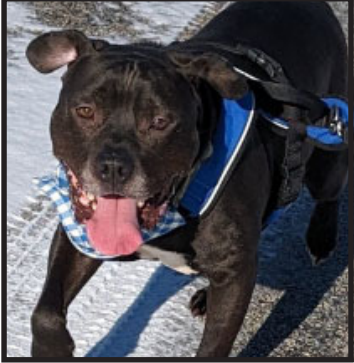
PETS OF THE WEEK

At the Alcona Humane Society

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Smokey is 5 years old, neutered, microchipped, has his Distemper and Parvo vaccines, and has been dewormed. Smokey loves people of all shapes and sizes. He really enjoys snacks and would be the perfect "Netflix and chill" bestie. This absolute precious love bug is our longest resident and it's his turn to get adopted!



Jamz is 7 years old, neutered, microchipped, has his Distemper and Parvo vaccines, and has been dewormed. Jamz hasn't met a person he doesn't love, no matter the age! He loves to snuggle, share snacks, and would really benefit from relaxing in your home!



ART FOR ADULTS

12:30 p.m. Saturdays
Alcona County Library
312 W. Main, Harrisville

Aspiring artists are invited to join this ongoing group. No experience required.

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Tigers win close games over Hurons

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A blowout win over Whittemore-Prescott early in the week. Two close victories over Rogers City toward the end of the week...

Last week was certainly a big one for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team as they picked up three North Star league Big Dipper victories, which keeps them in first place in the championship race.

"I am very happy to come away with three league wins this week," said head coach Alex Cole. "I'm proud of the guys for the resilience it took to beat Rogers City twice in a matter of three days. We had some of our worst shooting performances of the season in both games but they stayed focused on the job at hand and got it done on the defensive end."

On Friday, Alcona won at Rogers City, 40-37.

"This was a gritty team win against a tough Rogers City team in front of a packed crowd on homecoming," Cole said. "David Sharboneau was able to get it going from deep against their zone to help us get another Big Dipper win."

The Tigers got a pair of field-goals by Cayden Hebert in the first quarter, and they held a slim 10-9 lead after one quarter. Hebert scored four more points in the second and Sharboneau buried a three, and Alcona held the same lead at the half, 19-18.

Sharboneau hit a pair of big threes in the third quarter. Ricky Schott buried one from behind the arc too, and Alcona extended its lead to 30-20 entering the fourth quarter.

Sharboneau drilled his fourth three of the night in the final frame and finished with 15 points. Hebert netted eight. Garrett Somers put in



Alcona's Cayden Hebert defends a Rogers City player during last week's home win. Photo by Ben Murphy.

six. Collin Walker had four points. Schott netted three. and Jordan Benac and Evan Borsvold had two points each.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 the Tigers managed a home NSL Big Dipper win over Rogers City on a score of 34-27.

"We were able to get a Big Dipper win despite shooting very poorly," Cole said. "Thankfully, the guys were locked in defensive and made it tough for them to get anything going offensively either."

Hebert hit a three-pointer in the first quarter and Alcona led 8-4 after one. Hebert hit another three in the second quarter. Somers and Walker had two-point field-goals and that lead grew to 21-13 at the half.

Alcona also carried a 29-22 lead entering the fourth.

The Tigers were led by Hebert with 10 points. Somers put in eight. Walker netted six. Jacob Renchenski scored five points. Sharboneau scored three and Borsvold added two.

On Monday, Jan. 29 the

Tigers won a home NSL Big Dipper game over Whittemore-Prescott, 55-25.

"Excellent team effort for a solid league win," Cole said. "All 13 guys contributed and I'm proud of the unselfishness. I'd like to see a better performance from the free throw line, so I know what we will be continuing to focus on tomorrow."

Alcona took control quickly in this one. They led 20-8 after the first quarter and carried advantages of 33-10 at the half and 47-20 entering the fourth quarter.

Walker was lead scorer with 12 points. Somers, Carter Upper and Renchenski all had eight points. Hebert and Benac chipped in with six points apiece. Borsvold added four and Schott netted two points.

Alcona (14-4 overall, 7-0 NSL Big Dipper) hosted Oscoda on Tuesday for a key league game. They also head to Mio on Friday, Feb. 9 and finish conference play on Friday, Feb. 16 at the Charlton Heston Academy.

"This is going to be another tough week of league play," Cole said. "We play Oscoda and Mio, two very well-coached teams who have dominated the Big Dipper for the last several years. We've had some great matchups with them both recently, and I don't expect anything different this week."

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