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Alcona County's libraries offer so much more than books

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man."

~ T.S. Eliot

In today's fast-paced world, libraries can be a mystical oasis offering all ages a mix of old-fashioned literary standards still organized according to the Dewey Decimal System to live video streams, movies, music, events and much more.

The Alcona County Library's versatility is what draws people in, especially in the winter when people are feeling the effects of cabin fever.

It offers a bevy of programs including ukulele lessons with the library loaning some of the instruments, movie nights, online classes, book clubs, cooking club, tai-chi and stretch yoga classes, walking club, Dining with Doctors lunch, knitting/crochet club and special events such as conversations with Michigan gemstone experts, documentaries with the historical society, art instruction, and notable author

events.

For youth, story time/crafts for kids, Dungeons and Dragons for teenagers and a kid's Spring Fling Celebration and other parties throughout the year, keep family time together in a positive way.

According to Alcona County Library Director Denise Bearre, circulation is up and all is well at all the branches. "People enjoy coming to the library and the friendly staff here works hard to make our branches run efficiently while offering as much as possible," she said.

Bearre said there was a significant increase in audiobooks this past winter. "People don't always have time to read a book anymore. Audiobooks are a great way to pass time during a long car ride or while doing chores," she said.

The Alcona County Library system includes branches in Harrisville, Mikado, Lincoln, Caledonia and the Curtis Township Library branch in Glennie.

Bearre explained in the past, the Curtis Township Library was its own entity and not a part of the Alcona

County Library system, however, that changed a few years ago when the Curtis Township Library board needed a certified director and qualified staff to keep its library doors open. Bearre and the Alcona County Library system stepped in to fulfill that need.

Bearre initially hoped all five branches could combine and become a district library, but, it just couldn't happen. "It came down to economics. We had wanted to keep everything for all staff the same and when we priced out the health care insurance it came to \$15,000 more than I estimated.

"Also, our retirement system with all three full-time staff having a pension was an issue. We would have had to stop having a pension. It just wouldn't work at this time," Bearre said.

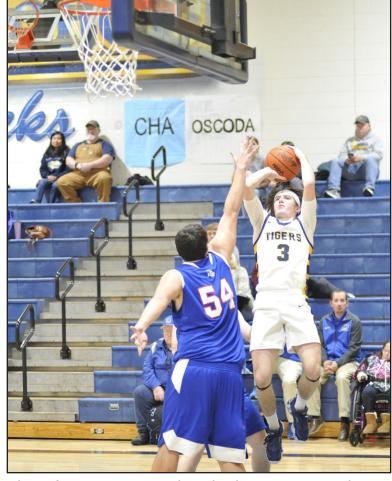
The Curtis Township Library is now on the same library system as the Alcona Library and can process books available through any of the other four branches. Like the Alcona branches, it offers patrons inventory access to Michigan E-books, Hoopla, and Libby, opening a world of news, education, and enjoyment to patrons at their convenience wherever they are.

One of the differences between the Alcona Library and the Curtis Township Library is that the Curtis Township Library still operates under a separate library board of directors.

Bearre explained unlike the library board affiliated with the Harrisville, Mikado, Lincoln and Caledonia branches, which have sporadically spaced term enddates for board seats, the Curtis Township Library board seats all expire each presidential election day.

"When board terms are spaced out, they never have to worry about a whole new board coming in and trying to figure things out. Operating a library is a lot of work and it takes time to understand it all. That could happen with the Curtis Township Library,

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Alcona's Garrett Somers knocks down a contested jump shot during last week's district action in Roscommon. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

Roscommon spoils Tiger's bid for district championship

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

For a good portion of last Friday's Division 3 district championship game, it appeared as if the Alcona boys varsity basketball team was poised to take home the tro-

The Tigers scuffled down the stretch however, allowing a second half double digit lead to disappear and turn into a disappointing 64-51 season ending loss at the hands of tournament host Roscommon.

"The environment for the district final game was something every kid dreams about playing in," head coach Alex Cole said. "Trophy on the line. Packed house. Loud student sections that make the place explode after every bucket. It's the moment that we preach about when we start training in the summer. Unfortunately, after a very hard fought battle, we came up short."

A pair of first quarter threes by David Sharboneau gave the Tigers an early spark. Collin Walker knocked down a couple of shots in the paint in the opening frame, as did Evan Borsvold. The Tigers led 14-11 after one. Four more points by Walker in the second and field-goals by Sharboneau, Cayden Hebert, Borsvold and Jacob Renchenski kept Alcona in front at the half, 27-26.

The third quarter started well for Alcona also, as Sharboneau hit a three and Walker knocked down six more points in the paint. The Tigers built a lead as big as 13 points at one point. The Bucks got hot in the final minutes of the frame though, and they pulled within 45-42 entering the fourth.

Roscommon kept the hot hand, while Alcona seemingly couldn't reclaim its offensive touch, scoring just six points in the quarter. This allowed Roscommon to not only claim a lead but pull away down the stretch.

"Our game plan was to pound it inside and try to use our size to our advantage, for

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Daylight saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10.



God Bless America



The Serious Flowers for Easter Lilies represent hope, love, divinity, purity and gratitude. Daffodils are one of the first signs of spring; they often symbolize romance. Tulips are another early sign of spring and the rebirth of the season after winter. They often indicate feelings of love. Daisies are considered cheerful, and are available in white, yellow, pink and purple. Hyacinths have incredible fragrance and showy, delicate blooms. - Brenda Weaver Source: www.easternfloral.com

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BUDGET HEARING

Caledonia Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget at the Caledonia Township Hall on March 13, 2024 6:30 p.m. **The Property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of the hearing.** A copy of the budget can be viewed on-line at www.caledoniatwp.net. The regular township meeting will follow the hearing at 7 p.m. Cyndi Apsey, Township Supervisor

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Harrisville Township will hold its public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget at the township hall on March 12, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget can be viewed online at harrisvilletownship.com. The regular meeting will follow the public hearing at 7p.m.

Chad Spitznagel, Township Supervisor

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NOTICE

Hawes Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2024-2025 at 6:45 pm on Tuesday March 12, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Barton City VFW Hall 2120 W Trask Lake Rd Barton City. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. Regular meeting to follow.

JanetteRichardson-Stover Hawes Township Clerk

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Obituaries



William J. Inman

William J. Inman, 67, of Glennie, died on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at Lakeview Manor in Tawas City.

He was born October 9, 1956, to Duane and Shirley (Joseph) Inman in Tawas City. He was raised in Glennie and Flint, Mich.

In 1989 he returned to Glennie.

He was very musical. He loved The Beatles and playing the violin. He was artistic and enjoyed drawing and sketching.

Mr. Inman is survived by his mother, Shirley Inman-Wirgau; two sisters, Theressa Schlink and Pam Dowis; one brother, Rodney Inman; four nephews; four great-nephews; and one great-niece; and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane Inman; his stepfather, Jake Burr; and his stepfather, Gerald Wirgau; and his faithful canine companion, Pug.

The funeral was held Thursday, Feb. 29 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Dr. Rev. Arie VanBrenk officiated. Burial is in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Barton City.

Carline D. Bendig

Carline Dorothy Bendig, 80, of Harrisville, died on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, at home.

She was born June 22, 1943, to Carl and Theresa (Washe) Scheenks in Detroit, Mich., where she was raised.

On April 23, 1962, she married Daniel Bendig. They were residents of Harrisville.

Mrs. Bendig attended cosmetology school and was a devoted homemaker.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling and playing bingo. She was a member of the Ossineke Eagles Aerie 3762.

Mrs. Bendig is survived by one son, Paul (Jennifer) Bendig of Mancelona, Mich.; one daughter, Julie (John Swanberg) Bendig of Cadillac, Mich.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Barbara Smith of Virginia, Pattie Elliot of Michigan and Renee McMa-



hon of Florida; two brothers, Adam Scheenks of Michigan and Michael Scheenks of North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, on May 11, 2019; one sister, Sharon Brooks; and two brothers, Albert Scheenks and Carl Scheenks.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A private memorial service will be held in the spring.

Jacqueline "Jackie" A. Jolliff

Jacqueline "Jackie" Annette Jolliff, 61, died on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, in Hubbard Lake.

She was born July 28, 1962, in Holden, W. Va. to Roger and Helga (Muller) Smith.

She was the owner of the Hubbard Lake General Store with her husband. She loved a getaway. She enjoyed visiting Mackinac Island, trips to the casino, vacations to Tybee Island and Las Vegas, Nev., and camping trips during the summer.

Mrs. Jolliff was a magnificent cook and was delighted to have friends and family over for dinner get-togethers. She had a great appreciation for antiques and history.

She had a passion for discovering her family ancestry, particularly her family's Native American heritage, where she traced generation after generation.

Mrs. Jolliff is survived by her husband of 31 years, Rob-



ert Jolliff II; one son, Robert (Brandie) Jolliff III; two daughters, Shawntae Jolliff and Taylor (Caleb) Pillar; one grandson, Robert Jolliff IV; two granddaughters, Holly Priano-Jolliff and Claire Priano-Jolliff; her parents, Roger and Helga Smith; one sister, Donna Smith-Nelson; and one brother, Kenny (Lori) Smith.

No funeral service will be held. A celebration of life event will be scheduled by family at a later date.

Check out the Alcona Review Website

www.alconareview.com
For events, local news & much more!

Correspondence

To The Editor,

As a kid I was taught "common sense" which leads me to ask questions about global warming/climate change.

Why would PBS and NPR claim we have a serious problem but not tell us to turn off our TVs and radios? In fact, they encourage us through shows by Rick Steves, Joseph Rosendo and others to travel more. Common sense says they don't really believe there's a problem.

Google, Apple and others spread fear about the climate but never tell us to turn off our devices. Common sense says they don't care whether there's really a problem.

Some politicians claim the climate issue is the greatest threat to mankind, but they don't threaten military action against the biggest polluting factories in China and India. Don't they believe what they tell us?

Common sense says that if a gas like CO2 can bounce heat back toward the earth it can also bounce incoming heat from the sun back to outer space to the same extent

Common sense says we can choose where to get our information and what to believe. It intrigues me that the same people telling us we have a climate crisis are also telling us that a man can become a woman.

Bob Karbowski Caledonia Township

To the Editor,

I apologize for naming the 4-H Club as the beneficiary of the proposal voted down in November. I should have named the FFA, Future Farmers of America, as the main beneficiary of the proposed structures.

I'm thankful that Mrs. Cordes and Mr. Hubbard promote learning and leadership development over and above agribusiness assisted by the FFA alumni. One should never quit learning.

I'd appreciate Mr. Hubbard, the agri-science teacher, explaining the science involved in Patty Thomas' world of "clean energy." Electric tractors, like electric school buses, would be highly inefficient and very costly. What is the planting scheme/layout of crops in relation to wind turbines and solar panel arrays on the arable land?

You could save money and promote consumer health by eliminating pesticides from the planting protocol(s). The wind from the turbines and the installation of electric bug zappers like those found at Dairy Queens would keep the bugs away or kill them.

This whole clean energy agenda leads to horse-drawn plows and indentured servitude/slavery plus no property right or ownership.

Thanks again Mrs. Cordes and Mr. Hubbard, plus the FFA alumni. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Mike Doran Caledonia Township



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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 schoolaged children. For more information, call (989) 724-6796

Enjoy "Soup and a Sermon" during Lent at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Soup is served at 5:45 p.m. and the sermon is at 6:30 p.m. This is a "come as you are," free event. For details, contact Pastor Putzat (989) 736-6701. The church is at 301 Church Street, Lincoln.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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.

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, MARCH 8

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.

Celebrate International Women's Day at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This year's theme is "Inspire Inclusion." Ladies are invited to stop in and select a plant of their choice between 3 and 5:30 p.m.

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, MARCH 9

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.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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 the Senior Center, 312 Newman Street, East Tawas. Russell Williams from Iosco Conservation District will speak about invasive species in the Tawas area. The public is always welcome. For more information, call (989) 387-5980

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Kristin Denig is hosting Dining with Docs from noon to 1 p.m. for a lunchtime gathering at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Participants will learn secrets to wellness while discovering the power of food. Seating is limited to 20. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

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.

Enjoy "Soup and a Sermon" during Lent at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Soup is served at 5:45 p.m. and the sermon is at 6:30 p.m. This is a "come as you are," free event. For details, contact Pastor Putzat (989) 736-6701. The church is at 301 Church Street, Lincoln.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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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

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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, MARCH 16

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 details.

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.

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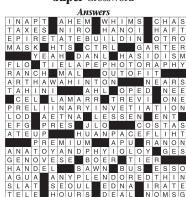


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TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The City of Harrisville will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2024-2025 at 6:05 p.m., on Monday, March 11, 2024. Any questions may be directed to Barbara Luenberger, City Treasurer at 989-724-6804, or the City Office, 989-724-6666.

NOTICE

Gustin Township will hold its Annual Budget Meeting for the 2024-25 fiscal year at the township hall at 113 S. Second Street, Lincoln, MI on Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this meeting. The regular township meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting the clerk at 989-335-0635.

Renee LaVergne Gustin Township Clerk

NOTICE

Mikado Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2024 in the Mikado Civic Center on March 19 during its regular monthly meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. "The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing". A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Clerk's office. Please call (989) 736-7721 for an appointment or further information.

Rita Sands

Mikado Township Clerk

HELP WANTED

PT Circulation Clerk job opening at Alcona County Library for 10 -15 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of Alcona County Library or on our website at http:// alconalibrary.com. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license for this position. Applications accepted until 5:00 pm Friday March 15, 2024. Please apply to: Library Director, 312 W. Main St.; Harrisville, MI 48740, at any Alcona County Library branch, or via email at director@alcona.lib.mi.us (please write in subject line "Clerk Application").

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Township of Greenbush Board of Trustees (Board) will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at the Greenbush Township Hall at 5037 Campbell Road on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 starting at 7:15 PM during the regular monthly Township Board meeting which starts at 7:00 PM. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at www.greenbushtownship.com and posted at the Township Hall or you can contact Clerk Story at 989-569-3519. The Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon six (6) day's notice to the Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Board by writing or calling the following: Clerk Story, PO Box 9, Greenbush, MI 48738, 989-



Local Potes

Players Postpone Play

Due to circumstances beyond its control, the Shoreline Players had to postpone the current production of "Boeing Boeing." Anyone who pre-purchased tickets for the show will be contacted in regard to transfer of tickets when the show is rescheduled or refunds as necessary. The Players have been working hard and look forward to rescheduling the show and bringing this comedy to the community.

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, March 11: Garden chicken, potato lyonnaise, Brussel sprouts, mandarin oranges.
- Tuesday, March 12: Cheeseburger, French fries, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, pineapple.

- Wednesday, March 13: Pork tips, rice, cauliflower, tropical fruit.
- Thursday, March 14: Corned beef, cabbage, fingerling carrots, red potatoes, 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

- Katherine Edwards of Greenbush was named to the Saginaw Valley State University President's List for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point aver-
- Conner McCoy of Black River was named to the Saginaw Valley State University President's List for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

• Autumn Schwarz of Glennie was named to the Saginaw Valley State University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or bet-

Local

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- Damion Stewart of Greenbush was named to the Saginaw Valley State University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or bet-
- Brett Nelson of Lincoln was named to the Saginaw Valley State University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or bet-
- Kendal McLaughlin of Mikado was named to the Saginaw Valley State University dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or bet-



Calendar of Events



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Enjoy activities with a "spring fling" theme at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cookie decorating, crafts, a chance to win a bike and a springthemed photo zone are included in the free event. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library to discuss March's book "The Sanatorium," by Sarah Pearse. Coffee and light refreshments are available during the discussion. For more details, call (989) 724-

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.

The 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 skill levels are welcome to share stories, tips and tricks while working on projects or starting a new one. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

Michigan's airfields have launched the Tuskegee Air-

men, biplane aces and one of the longest bombing missions in history. Ric Mixter, an award-winning producer, author, pilot and Great Lakes historian, will share rare footage and interviews with the men and women who made history at local air bases and Selfridge, profiles of Kincheloe, Sawyer and Wurtsmith bases at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This Cabin Fever lecture series is sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society and the Alcona County Library. Visit AlconaHistoricalSociety.com or call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

"Golden Grocery Giveaway" (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Plainfield Township Community Center, Street, Hale.

"Golden Grocery Giveaway" (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5300 N. US-23, Oscoda.

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 schoolaged children. A special aspect will be a presentation on financial literacy with Smart Money MI Kids Read, sponsored by Michigan Financial Wellness Network and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. For more information, call

(989) 724-6796.

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building by AAA Credit Union in Lincoln until the food is gone.

Enjoy "Soup and a Sermon" during Lent at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Soup is served at 5:45 p.m. and the sermon is at 6:30 p.m. This is a "come as you are," free event. For details, contact Pastor Putz at (989) 736-6701. The church is at 301 Church Street, Lincoln.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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.

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 in-

(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.)

What's happening at the library?

The Alcona County Library, Harrisville, Mikado, Lincoln and Caledonia along with its Curtis Township branch always have a large variety of events and offerings for all ages.

Library director Denise Bearre said they are currently planning for the upcoming events and the summer youth reading program.

In addition to weekly and normal bi-monthly events, there will be a celebration of International Women's Day on Friday, March 8 with a plant giveaway to all ladies while supply lasts. Ladies also have an opportunity to win a free garden basket.

On March 13 at noon Dining with Docs will be held at the Harrisville branch. On Saturday, March 16 is the annual kid's Spring Fling with cookie making and crafts, bikes and other ageappropriate toys will be raffled for free. Bearre said the Spring Fling will be geared toward 12-year-olds and younger.

The Alcona Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at noon at the Harrisville branch. Also, at the Harrisville branch at 6 p.m. on March 19, the Alcona Historical Society will be presenting its second in a series of three Cabin Fever sessions. This session will be with Ric Mixter, an awardwinning producer, author, pilot, scuba diver, skydiver, and Great Lake historian who will share rare footage and interviews with the men and women who made history at our local airbases.

The month will close out with the Glennie Book Club meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at the Curtis Township Library. On the 28th the Harrisville branch will host Rock Painting with Judy Sullivan at 3 p.m., reservations necessary with a limit of 15 in the class. There is a \$10 fee for supplies to be collected.

Bearre said they are still working out a day and time between April and June for notable author, Erin Bartels, to come and discuss her 2024 Michigan Notable Book "Everything is Just the Beginning."

The summer youth reading program which annually begins the week school is dismissed for the summer, will have the theme: "Adventures at your Library" and will include an animal act, Nerf war with Joel Tracy, Drummunity, reading challenges, prizes, a party and more. Details on weekly events will be made available before the program be-

A Friends of the Library book sale will be held at the Harrisville branch from Thursday, April 25 to Saturday, April 27. The Curtis Friends will hold its annual book sale on July 4.

For all calendar events, branch locations, hours and more visit alconalibrary.com.

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but it hasn't so far. Luckily, most board members renew their seats," Bearre said.

Also separate is how the two libraries are funded. The Curtis Township Library relies heavily on a millage paid by Curtis Township residents which will be up for renewal again this year in August. The Alcona County branch libraries: Harrisville, Mikado, Lincoln and Caledonia, rely on a millage paid by county residents, including those living in Curtis Township, which will be up for renewal in 2025.

Bearre said a few building issues have come up in the past six months including furnace issues at various branches. She said of the seven furnaces within the library system, six were repaired and one got replaced at a cost of about \$23,000. "We were glad the money was available in our general fund or we would have had to scramble," she said.

They hope to recarpet the Lincoln branch this year, but Bearre said it would be dependent on what kind of bid prices they get for the job.

She is also excited about the possibility that the Caledonia branch may have a new space inside the proposed community center yet to

break ground. She explained once the building has broken ground the library will start working on grants to furnish the new 1,200 square-foot space.

For more information

about the Alcona County Library including board member meetings, quick links to access Michigan E-books, Hoopla and Libby visit alconalibrary.com.



Director of Alcona County Library, which includes the Curtis Township Library, Denise Bearre (left), is proud of her staff including assistant director Jan Plamondon, administrative assistant, Kat McCracken and circulation assistant/clerk Ann Krebs. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Waterfowl numerous during February bird count

The 27th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) took place February 16-19. Worldwide, 209 countries participated tallying 7,842 recorded species. The United States ranked eighth in the world with 672 species being documented.

Local bird watchers in both Alcona and Iosco counties turned out in good numbers and observed a variety of water and land species. Many open areas of lakes and rivers in both counties attracted a wide range and high number of waterfowl.

At the harbor in Harrisville 250 Canada geese were present along with smaller numbers of long-tailed ducks, red breasted mergansers, common mergansers, herring gulls, trumpeter and mute swans, mallard ducks, common goldeneyes, and one



This pileated woodpecker was counted and photographed by Samuel Burckhardt.

rarely seen Ross's goose.

Open waters on Tawas Lake, Tawas Bay and along the AuSable River in Oscoda also hosted numerous species including greater scaups, hooded mergansers, ring-billed and herring gulls, American black ducks, common goldeneyes, Canada geese, trumpeter swans and an uncommon snow goose and a tundra swan.

As for the land-based birds, there was a noticeable absence of evening grosbeaks, common redpolls, Bohemian waxwings, ring-necked pheasants and snowy owls. Also, fewer numbers of snow buntings, ruffed grouse, brown creepers and horned larks were recorded.

Fifteen participants in Alcona County tallied 45 species. The top 10 highest single sightings observed included Canada goose (250), cedar waxwing (151), mallard duck (87), European starling (31), American goldfinch (30), pine siskin (30), blue jay (30), American crow (22), American robin (21), and mourning dove (20).

Thirty-one participants in Iosco County totaled 50 species. The top 10 single sighted species observed were European starling (200), rock pigeon (120), mallard duck (107), pine siskin (80), American goldfinch (70), trumpeter swan (67), common goldeneye (24), wild turkey (22), common merganser (22) and blue jay (18).

"With this many participants, we certainly helped put our counties on the world map," said Peggy Ridgway local ambassador for the event.

The 2025 GBBC will take place February 14-16. Additional information and statistics for 2024 can be found on bird count.org.



Bill Roth took photos of this northern shrike and the snow bunting on the front page.

From trash dump to treasured attraction

By John Pepin

Michigan DNR

In early May 1959, a small group of Michigan State Police troopers practiced their diving and recovery methods, probing the clear, cold waters of the state's largest natural spring, located 12 miles northwest of Manistique-the Big Spring called Kitch-itikipi.

Outfitted with wool mittens and socks, insulated underwear and heavy rubber suits, the troopers carried onion sacks with them to the bottom of the 40-foot depth to retrieve beer cans, pop bottles, a toy pistol and a golf

But to really get to the bottom of the Big Spring, you need to go back in time a few more years to uncover the efforts of John Ira Bellaire, a former schoolteacher and native of St. Joseph County, who came to the Upper Peninsula pursuing a newspaper classified ad that sought a store salesman in Seney.

In spring 1893, Bellaire became a salesman for the Morrison and Schneider general store in Seney. He purchased the store three years later. Bellaire then spent a decade during the wildest days of the white pine bonanza in Seney drinking and whoring lumberjack town nicknamed "Hell" by some.

"In 1904, shortly after robbers blew open his safe, Bellaire sold the store building and moved the business to Germfask where he had previously operated a branch store," the Escanaba Daily Press reported. "Ten years later, he sold the Germfask business and went to Blaney to become manager of the Wisconsin Land and Lumber Co. general store."

In 1925, Bellaire moved to Manistique, purchasing the Riverside Coal and Produce Co. when it went bankrupt. About this same time, Bellaire began his nascent efforts to promote the Big Spring.

"Bellaire fell in love with the Big Spring when it was still a black hole all but hid-

den in a tangle of fallen trees," according to a state park brochure.

The 300-foot by 175-foot oval pool gushes more than 10,000 gallons per minute from numerous fissures in the underlying limestone. "Vegetation grew lush, draping the piles of trash dumped into the pool by the lumber company which operated nearby," the brochure stated.

In years past, the spring – with its constant 45-degree temperature and emeraldtinted waters - had been a popular picnic place. Visitors crossed Indian Lake - the eventual destination of the spring's outflow - by boat and then hiked to the spring.

At one point, a narrowgauge railroad brought visitors to the spot from Thomp-

Bellaire - who became thoroughly enchanted with the spring-collaborated with a poet and writer to produce "Namesakes" and "Medicine Water," two booklets which sold in the thousands, describing the beauty of the area and the supposed American Indian legends surrounding this placid pool-the "Mirror of Heaven."

"The Big Spring wasn't too different in formation from the other sink holes in the area, except that it was tapped to a fast-flowing spring," the brochure said. "Bellaire saw through the debris, saw the beauty of the emerald bottom of the pool. He watched the sand bubble and roll as some hidden hydrostatic pressure forced water through the narrow opening left when the slumping occurred in the glacial drift near Manistique." Bellaire, who could have

purchased the spring and surrounding roughly 90 acres for himself, instead arranged for a sale of the property by the Palms Book Land Co. to the State of Michigan for \$10.

A deed stipulation required the property to be used "forever" as a public park - Palms Book State Park.

Around 1930, Bellaire op-

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erated a five-and-dime store in Manistique where he sold water and sand from the spring, promoting them as "magical." The sand was said to be called "Juggler's Sand" by the Indians and the water, "Juggler's Laughing Rain."

According to the packets containing them, the sand and water from Kitch-iti-kipi are used thus: "The sand as an all-around good luck powder, and the water as a prevention against Bad Spirits. The sand, when mixed with a kind of bark the Indians smoked, becomes Takosavos, 'Love Powder.'

visit the spring almost daily.

In 1955, the local Lions Club erected a three-foot-tall stone memorial at the park. Attached was a bronze plaque honoring Bellaire for his "unselfish service in promoting and developing the Big Spring."

Four years later, after an illness of several months, Bellaire died at age 87, roughly two months before the state police divers swam among the sparkling waters of "The Blue Sky I See" - one of numerous supposed Chippewa translations of Kitch-iti-kipi.

among the encrusted branches of the cedar trees that guard the rim of the spring. At the bottom, coins dropped by visitors for luck lie half-buried in the churning sands.

Last fall, members of the Manistique Lions Club, in coordination with the DNR, cleaned up the Bellaire stone memorial at the park and erected a new interpretive sign to bring more attention to Bellaire and his work at the Big Spring.

Now decades after his altruistic efforts began, Bellaire's waters of the Big



PETS OF THE WEEK At the Alcona Humane Society



The raft at the Big Spring at Palms Book State Park in Schoolcraft County is shown on a winter day. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

"Through the two books and other writings Bellaire succeeded in making the Big Spring one of the best-known scenic attractions in the Midwest," the Daily Press reported.

Into his 70s, Bellaire, still mesmerized, continued to

Today, a state highway brings visitors to the Big Spring. There they sit and enjoy the eerie quiet or turn a large metal wheel to propel a glass-bottomed raft across the surface of the pool.

Large brown and lake trout haunt these depths and hide

Spring remain magical. Find out more about Kitch-iti-kipi, the Big Spring, at Palms Book State Park.

(John Pepin is the deputy public information officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.)



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Big trout are shown in the pool at the Big Spring. Photo courtesy of Michigan

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the most part, we did just that." Cole said. "We knew they were going to be scrappy and tough on the defensive end. For most of the game, we controlled the tempo and took care of the basketball. Unfortunately, there were a few possessions in a row where we compounded errors and gave them the lead and momentum that we couldn't overcome."

Walker finished the game with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Borsvold added 12 points and five boards. Sharboneau netted 12 points as well. Renchenski finished with seven points. Hebert netted four and Ricky Schott added one.

"I give my congratulations to those in the Roscommon program," Cole said. "They've built a tough squad over there and I wish them nothing but the best in the next round."

On Wednesday, Feb. 28 the Tigers won a district semifinal contest over the Charlton Heston Academy (CHA), 67-

"Huge team win as we kicked off the state tournament in Roscommon against Charlton Heston Academy,"

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Cole said. "Garrett Somers and Collin Walker kept attacking their defense and led us in scoring while all 11 guys locked in on the defensive end and really did a nice job executing our game plan."

Alcona and CHA split their regular season meetings and this one proved to be a close one through much of the night. An early three-pointer by Hebert helped the Tigers take a 13-7 lead in the first quarter, though a pair of Patriot buckets trimmed that to 13-11 after one.

The contest was tied at 13-13 and 15-15, though Alcona got three straight hoops by Somers, Walker and Hebert to lead 21-15.

A bucket in the paint by Borsvold kept Alcona ahead 23-16, but CHA continued to hang around. Alcona led 25-21 at the half.

CHA scored the first two baskets of the third quarter to tie things up at 25-all. Alcona responded with 12-2 run, giving them a 37-27 advantage; capping the spurt off with a three-pointer by Sharboneau. The Patriots pulled to within five points late in the quarter, but Somers put an exclamation point at the end of the frame

with a three-pointer at the buzzer to make it a 43-35 Tiger lead entering the fourth

Another three by Somers moments into the final stanza pumped the Alcona lead to 46-35 and their lead was not seriously threatened from there.

Somers hit three treys on the night and finished with a game-high 23 points. Walker scored 17. Hebert and Borsvold scored eight points apiece. Sharboneau added five points. Schott, Sawyer Seminoff and Jacob Renchenski scored two points apiece.

Alcona finished the season 18-6 overall and won the North Star League Big Dipper with a 9-1 league mark.

"While it is never easy for the season to come to an end, this year is especially difficult," Cole said. "We lost in the district final for the second straight year. To the seven seniors that move on, I could not be more proud. They have put so much time and effort into basketball and have really helped to shape the culture of our program. They will be greatly missed, and I wish them nothing but the best."

Alcona girls play to late season loss at Standish

By Ben Murphy Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team wrapped up regular season action on Thursday, Feb. 29 by taking on host Standish-Sterling. The Lady Tigers were unable to pick up a win over the strong Lady Panther squad, falling in the non-league game, 58-33.

Alcona got a first quarter three from Sage Gauthier and two points each by Jena Wambold, Kaylee Wambold and Emma Travis. But it was Standish that took a lead after one, 17-9. In the second, the Lady Tigers managed a two point field-goal by Gracyn Tracy and a pair of free throws by Travis, but they fell further behind by the half, 28-

three-pointer by Gauthier in the third highlighted that quarter for Alcona, as they faced a 40-20 deficit entering the fourth.

Travis hit a three-pointer for part of her six fourth quarter points and tallied a teamhigh 10 points on the night. K. Wambold and Gauthier scored seven points apiece. Hannah Renchenski scored three points and adding two each was J. Wambold, Tracy and Olivia Borchardt.

The Panthers were led by Jensyn Machala with 14 points with Addison Walker and Charlotte Daniels adding 10 points apiece.

Alcona (11-10 overall) opened up Division 4 district action on Monday in Hillman, taking on Fairview. The winner of that contest played in the semi-finals on Wednesday, against Hillman.

The finals are set for Friday, March 8 with Posen, Atlanta and Mio also in the district. The winner of this district competition plays in a regional semi-final game on Tuesday, March 12 in Kalkaska, Mich.

Buggy Rides



Plans underway to restore Lincoln train depot

March 3, 1999 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

It isn't just a "Little Engine That Could," there is also a train depot and community that could, and will.

About two years ago the Lincoln train depot was doomed to become a pile of rubble, and now plans are being drawn up to restore the building to its original form.

The depot, which was builtin 1886, was in jeopardy of being demolished just two years ago because it had become an eyesore. Now, after a group of individuals expressed an interest in saving the building and the historical value for the community, it has become one of the focuses of the Lincoln Downtown Development Authority and the Alcona Historical Society.

George Byelich, Michigan State University Extension director, was one of the first people to recognize what would be lost if the building was torn down. He rallied for support to save the depot, and with that support has been working with interested residents, the Lincoln DDA and the Alcona Historical Society to bring about the restoration of the building.

In June 1997 the Lincoln DDA purchased the building, located on Lake Street in Lincoln, and two city lots for of the Alcona Historical Soci-\$8,000. Members of the community worked together to clean up the depot, inside and out, with numerous hours of volunteer work.

"Load after load of stuff has been hauled out of there," Byelich said. "It's been scrubbed clean on the inside too. We are planning some structural changes this summer and it could be used by late summer or fall."

The structural changes being planned include siding the exterior, removing a portion of the building to restore a freight room that had been removed in the 1930s, and changing the windows of the building to what they were when it was a depot. We want to bring it back to its depot days," Byelich said.

The restoration plans will be helped with the Lincoln DDAs pledge of \$10,000 to the project. Duane MacNeill of MacNeill and Associates in Alpena is working on the plans, Byelich said.

While all of the manual labor at the depot site was being conducted, members of the community were trying to decide how best to proceed with fund raising and the legal issues involved.

After much discussion, Friends of the Lincoln Train Depot was formed as an arm

ety. Dick Gillies was appointed as chairman of the Friends group.

Alcona Historical Society President Don Sawyer said he was interested in the project, on a personal level, from the beginning and is pleased with how it has developed to date. "At the annual meeting last May, historical society members in attendance voted almost unanimously to support the effort to save the depot.

There is no reason why we shouldn't be involved," Sawyer said. "There are advantages to both sides in establishing an affiliation between the two groups," Sawyer said. "It's an advantage for the historical society because it has been narrowly focused on the lighthouse, and now the Bailey School. This gives us an opportunity to branch out, as we are a countywide en-

"It is an advantage for the because Friends group, too, because being under the umbrella of the historical society lends for a good reputation when it comes to grant writing and the legalities of receiving donations, as we are a 501C3 tax exempt group and chartered nonprofit corporation," Sawyer said.

He explained the affiliation

with the historical society is a trial for one year and can be dissolved by either group. "This is a good way to keep everyone's options open,'

In order to become an official Friend of the Lincoln Depot, individuals or families can join the Alcona Historical Society and those memberships, donations or pledges made to the depot will be used only for that purpose. "It's important, if you aren't using a preprinted membership form, to specify that you want to be a Friend of the Depot," Sawyer said of individuals who want to join the historical society.

Anyone interested in joining will pay \$10 for a single membership or \$20 for a family, or they can be a sponsor for \$35 or more," Sawyer said. All contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to the Alcona Historical Society, P.O. Box 174, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

The depot also has the state behind it now, too. In January 1998, application was made to have the depot become a state historic site, and in December 1998 it was accepted as a historic site.

Friends of the Lincoln Depot will meet next on March 11. 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Village Fire Hall. Anyone is wel-

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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



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- 2. MOVIES: Which movie features the quote, "She doesn't even go here!"
- **3. GEOGRAPHY:** Which national capital city is the northernmost in the world?
- 4. TELEVISION: Which long-running sitcom features a dad named Phil Dunphy?
- **5. GAMES:** In chess, how many knights does each player have at the beginning?
- **6. GEOLOGY:** What natural phenomenon is associated with igneous rock?
- **7. LANGUAGE:** How many official languages are in the United Nations?

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- **8. MUSIC:** David Grohl was a drummer in which band before he became the frontman for the Foo Fighters?
- 9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of alligators called?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of meat is used in Hasenpfeffer, a traditional German stew?

Answers: 1. Portland, Oregon.; 2. "Mean Girls."; 3. Reykjavik, Iceland.; 4. "Modern Family."; 5. Two.; 6. Volcanic eruption.; 7. Six.; 8. Nirvana.; 9. A congregation.; 10. Rabbit. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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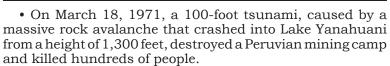
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Moments In Time By The History Channel



• On March 19, 1954, Willie Mosconi, aka Mr. Pocket Billiards, set a new world record for running the most consecutive pool balls without a miss -- 526, in fact! -- during an exhibition in Springfield, Ohio. A handwritten and notarized affidavit with the signatures of more than 35 eyewitnesses served as proof of his feat.

• On March 20, 1648, King Charles I of England attempted an initial escape from his captivity at Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight by climbing out of a window, but the effort proved fruitless when he got stuck between its frame and an iron bar, and had to retreat to his room.

• On March 21, 1984, New York City's Central Park designated a section of its grounds as "Strawberry Fields" to commemorate former Beatle John Lennon, who was shot dead in front of his nearby residence by Mark David Chapman.

- On March 22, 1946, the United States Army made its first successful launch of an American-built rocket out of the atmosphere, using a combination of American and German scientists in adapting the German V-2 rockets seized after the Allied victory in World War II. The rocket reached an altitude of about 50 miles.
- On March 23, 2022, New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, announced the country would relax Covid mandates for some of its workforce, allowing restaurants and similar hospitality venues to increase their indoor capacity from 100 to 200 people. Vaccine passes were no longer required to get into shops, and visitors no longer needed to scan the venue's location using their Covid-19 tracer apps.
- On March 24, 2017, 560 people dressed as ghosts to set a world record for the largest such gathering. But these spooks at the Mercy School Mounthawk weren't trying to scare anyone -- rather, their aim was to highlight the invisibility of arthritis.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- Andrew Jackson's parrot was kicked out of his funeral for swearing
- *In 1947, The New York Times opined that "the pizza could be as popular a snack as the hamburger if Americans only knew more about it."
 - Buzz Aldrin's mother's maiden name was Moon.
- When pirate Richard Worley, captain of the New York's Revenge, captured his second ship, he named it the New York Revenge's Revenge.
- Wisconsin is known as the Badger State because the area's lead miners used to spend winters in tunnels burrowed into hills -- like badgers.
- Jim Carrey was the first actor to have three number one movies in one year.
- The Palais Ideal in France was built entirely of stones that a postman named Ferdinand Cheval picked up on his mail route.
- Honey hunters in Mozambique use special calls to recruit the services of birds known as honeyguides. The birds lead the humans to bees' nests, and in return, they get the leftover beeswax.
- In 1964, a pre-fame 17-year-old David Bowie was interviewed on the BBC program "Tonight" as the founder of The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Long-Haired Men.
- Thomas Edison nicknamed two of his kids Dot and Dash after the Morse code signals.
- John Quincy Adams was an avid skinny-dipper who included dips in the Potomac River as a regular part of his exercise regimen.
 - Crayola came from the words for "oily chalk.

Thought for the Day: "Leaders can let you fail and yet not let you be a failure." -- Stanley McChrystal

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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 **P**

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PIEYO GC VLNQOS, WG HGI
AIDDGAL OL YGIRW QLS Z
EG-PLRRH DKNFL?

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting By Terry and Kim Kovel

Gothic Revival

Despite the technological and manufacturing advancements of the 19th century, many artists of the time looked to the past for inspiration. Visual artists developed the Pre-Raphaelite style. Architecture and decorative arts had the Gothic Revival.

While it started earlier in England, the Gothic Revival lasted from about 1840 until 1860 in America. Buildings and furniture were decorated with towers, pointed arches, tracery and other features borrowed from medieval castles and cathedrals.

Of course, imitating medieval style didn't mean sticking to medieval technology. Homes in the Middle Ages would have been heated by hearths, but the Victorian era had more efficient and effective ways.

Cast-iron stoves were being made about 1728, and cast iron became popular for furniture in the mid-1800s. This box-shaped Victorian wood stove sold at a Conestoga auction for \$354. The designs embossed on its front, back and sides show the decorative potential for cast iron and provide an example of Gothic Revival style. There is a row of pointed arches, also known as the Gothic arch, on each side. As arguably the most distinctive feature of Gothic architecture, this arch was often incorporated into Gothic Revival designs.

Q: My kids all have character lunch boxes. When I was in elementary school, everyone had lunch boxes with their favorite cartoon character, movie or band. When did they start making these and are old ones valuable?

A: The first character lunch box was made in 1950 when one was marketed with the cowboy movie star Hopalong Cassidy. The fictional hero walked with a limp in books, movies and television. Aladdin Industries was the first company to produce a lunch box and thermos with a licensed character. More than 60,000

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Answer Weekly SUDOKU

This cast-iron wood stove kept a 19th-century room warm. Its embossed designs, especially the rows of pointed arches on its sides, were meant to evoke medieval architecture. Review photo courtesy of kovels.com

Hopalong Cassidy lunch boxes were sold in the first year, starting the character lunch box craze that continues to this day. Vintage metal lunch boxes recently have been selling for \$200 to \$775.

TIP: Don't wax a piece of furniture that has not been cleaned in the past year.

CURRENT PRICES

Bowl, San Juan Pueblo, flared lip, twotone, red top half, orange base, micaceous clay, signed, Myrtle

Cata, late 20th century, $5 \times 8 = 3/4$ inches, \$60.

Man In Space, spaceship, Major Matt Mason astronaut figure, accessories, papers, box, Mattel, 1966, \$95.

hogany, weather and humidity dials, bubble level, signed, G. Carter, $39 \times 91/2$ inches, \$150.

Chrome lamp, cube shade, stacked cube base, black enameled platform, signed, Curtis Jere, Artisan House, c. 1960, 36 1/2 x 18 inches, \$485.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Case No. 22-3710-CH - Circuit court sale in pursuance and by virtue of an order granting motion for default judgment and for judicial foreclosure as to all defendants in the circuit court for the County of Alcona, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 6th day of June, A.D., 2023, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein the Huntington National Bank, was the plaintiff and Tait J. Mahlmeister and Kelly Ann Lester were the defendants.

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In the matter of Myrtle Ann Haack

To all persons, whose address is

unknown and whose interest in the

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Take notice: Myrtle Ann Haack

has filed a petition for name change

Harrisville, Mich. 48740 before

Judge Laura Frawley to change the

name of Myrtle Ann Haack to

State of Michigan

Probate Court

Alcona County

Notice to Creditors

Decedent's Estate

Case No. 24-6431-DE

Estate of Kenneth F. Puzewicz,

Date of birth: November 20, 1956

Notice to creditors: The dece-

dent, Kenneth F. Puzewicz, died

Creditors of the decedent are no-

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Date: March 6, 2024

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Alcona County Trial Court

Atten: Probate Division

Harrisville, Mich. 48740

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Court address

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To all creditors:

January 5, 2024.

Judge Laura A. Frawley

Harrisville, Mich. 48740

106 5th Street

(989) 724-9410

by the following:

at 106 5th Street

Myrtle Ann Cucco.

being the place of holding the circuit court for said county), on the 1st day of May, A.D., 2024, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan: The northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 6 East. EXCEPT the coal, gas, oil, and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Curtis Township Board of Review Notice

The Curtis Township March Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 11, 2024 from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the purpose of hearing protests of assessments, taxable value, property classification, or qualified agricultural exemptions. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 2 p.m.

No protests are allowed at the organizational meeting. The appeal meetings for: Curtis Township will be held at: Curtis Twp Fire Hall at 5019 Bamfield Rd., Glennie, MI. Written appeals must be received by March 7, 2024. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. Please call 989-734-3555 to schedule an appointment.

The tentative equalization ratios and multiplier for Curtis Township are as

	Ratio	Multiplier:
Agricultural	0.4422	1.13071
Commercial	0.4827	1.03584
Industrial	0.4425	1.12994
Residential	0.3873	1.29099
Timber Cut Over	NA	NA
Developmental	NA	NA
Personal Property	0.5000	1.00000

PUBLIC NOTICE 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

HAYNES TOWNSHIP

3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742

An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 5th at 1pm to allow the Board of Review members to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be heard at this time.

Public Protests will be heard at the Haynes Township Hall Monday, March 11th from 9am to 5pm. And Tuesday, March 12th from 5pm to 9pm

Protests may be filed in writing by letter or electronic address. They must be received by March 11th, 2024, Protests must include a signed Form #618 L-4035 Petition to the Board of Review. Forms can be requested or downloaded from Michigan.gov

Mail to: 4478 M 32 W Alpena MI 49707 Email to: haynes.twp.assessor@gmail.com

Appearing below are the recommended Tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	52.78	0.94733
COMMERCIAL	37.86	1.32066
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	42.11	1.18737
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7-day notice. Contact the assessor at (989)464-5557

Sarah Gohl

Haynes Township Assessor

2024 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Harrisville Township 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville, MI 48740

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road on the following dates:

March 12, 2024 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. March 14, 2024 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	49.99	1.00000
Commercial	49.89	1.00000
Industrial	49.93	1.00000
Residential	49.86	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GUSTIN TOWNSHIP

Gustin Township Hall, 113 S Second St, Lincoln MI 48742 Monday, March 11at 1:30 until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Written protests should be mailed to PO Box 25, Lincoln MI 48742 no later

An organizational meeting will be held on March 5, 2024 @5:30 p.m. at the hall to examine the Assessment Roll. NO APPEALS WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. Appearing below are the tentative Equalization Ratios as provided by the Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	46.65	1,07181
Commercial	43.62	1.14626
Industrial	45.01	1.11086
Residential	40.76	1.22669
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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Consult our WEBSITE for any forms regarding issues you may need for the meeting, The Township will provide any necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the BOR meeting upon seven day notice per the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Contact Pamela Ashford, township supervisor, at 989 736-8312 or 989 335-3056 with questions or concerns.

2024 Board of Review Notice Alcona Township 5576 N. US-23 Black River, Mich. 48721

The Alcona Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River, on the following dates: Monday, March 11, 2024–1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2024 An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 provided by the Alcona Equalization Department are as follows.

	Kano	Multiplier
Agriculture	42.61	1.17343
Commercial	44.30	1.12867
Industrial	45.78	1.09218
Residential	41.47	1.20569
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days' notice. Contact Sarah Gohl, Assessor (989) 464-5557 or alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com

2024 Board of Review Notice **Hawes Township**

VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road, Barton City, MI 48705

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the VFW

Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:

March 11, 2024 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. March 15, 2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Ratio	Multiplier
49.96	1.00000
49.99	1.00000
50.00	1.00000
50.00	1.00000
	49.96 49.99 50.00

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460.

2024 Board of Review Notice City of Harrisville

City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street, Harrisville, MI 48740 The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:

March 12, 2024 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. March 14, 2024 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Ratio	Multiplie
49.97	1.00000
49.85	1.00000
49.99	1.00000
50.00	1.00000
	49.97 49.85 49.99

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Barbara Pierce at City Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mon -Friday at 989-724-6666.

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2024 Board of Review Notice

Millen Township

VFW POST 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road, Barton City, MI 48705 The Millen Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the VFW POST 8135, 2021 Trask Lake Rd on the following dates:

March 11, 2024 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

March 15, 2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Katio	Mumpher				
Agricultural	49.86	1.00000				
Commercial	49.50	1.00000				
Residential	49.72	1.00000				
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000				
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice						

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Russell Smith at

231-357-2426.

2024 Board of Review Notice

Mitchell Township

6849 W Tower Road, Curran, MI 48728

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following dates:

March 11, 2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

March 13, 2024 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. to

examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2024. The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real

property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	49.93	1.00000
Commercial	49.98	1.00000
Industrial	49.90	1.00000
Residential	49.94	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

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