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## Students to share positive graduation messages

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

After over a year of chaotic school closures, virus testing and COVID-19 uncertainty, Alcona Community School's 2021 graduates are stepping out into the world and moving in a positive direction.

The school district is celebrating graduation on Friday with two valedictorians, Hunter Winter and Gabriel Froehner, who will be giving speeches to staff, peers, parents and invited guests along with Zachary Stephenson, class president.

Stephenson explained from the abrupt onset of COVID-19, his class has had to learn to adapt to a variety of learning formats and the students have done well.

Because COVID-19 restrictions began in March of 2020, students in the senior class of 2021 were well prepared to finish their final year in any way possible, be it online or face-to-face instruction. As it turned out, the year began with all high school classes taught at home online and it wasn't until January the students were allowed back into the school.

"It was nice to be able to come back to school and see each other again. I wasn't sure we would ever be able to do that," Stephenson said.

Although he and his classmates have had to follow distancing and masking protocols, they have been able to enjoy a few traditions of their senior year: they have been able to enjoy senior skip day together, decorated hallways, participated in spirit week and painted the large rock on school grounds. They also had a prom, although Stephenson said it was somewhat mandated.

He felt grateful for the college classes many of his peers took at the high school because even when school was closed from September through January, college course instruction still met in-person and after class, they sometimes would get together and go out for a bite to eat.

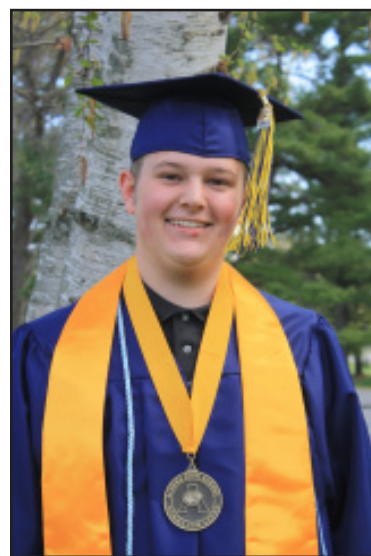
Stephenson felt honored to be class president and said one of the things which has brought him the most happiness at the school was how closely tied the class of 2021



Zachary Stephenson



Gabriel Froehner



Hunter Winter

is, similar to extended family.

"Most of us have known each other since kindergarten and we get along. There is no lack of communication between us, no matter how

varied our interests are, we have good conversations. Throughout this past year, we were good at keeping in touch with each other while still maintaining distance. We've adapted well and did

what we had to do.

"This class is not afraid to follow their passion and there is a wide variety of what they want to do. No one seems to

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Michael Doidge (left) receives the Alcona Tigers football jersey worn by Jason Sytek (right) as head football coach Jason Somers watches. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

## Memorial Day Observances

Monday, May 31

The Burger-Wiedbrauk Post No. 8135 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will perform Memorial Day services at the following cemeteries.

- Barton City Lutheran Church at 9 a.m.
- Maple Ridge at 9:30 a.m.
- Curran at 10:15 a.m.
- Twin Lakes at 11 a.m.

There will be a ceremony at the stone on the Alcona County courthouse lawn in Harrisville at noon. There will be a guest speaker, patriotic songs, prayer, rifle salute, and bugler.

## Dreams, dedication and a good deed

By Cheryl Peterson & Mary Weber

Since elementary school, Michael Doidge Jr., dreamed of becoming a player on the Alcona High School football team. The fact he was confined to a wheel chair due to cerebral palsy, may have kept him from playing on the field, but it never squelched his dedication and drive to do his part for the team he loves.

Now six years later, Michael, a junior, is still showing his team dedication, this time by designing, fundraising and gifting the team with two benches as part of earning his Eagle Scout badge of Scouts BSA, formerly known as Boy Scouts of America.

Michael, the son of Ruth and Mike Doidge of Greenbush, has been in Scouts for eight years and is a member of Troop 959 of Oscoda under the leadership of Alan Avery.

Avery explained just beginning the process of earning Eagle Scout status comes after becoming a Life Scout. Then there is a list of requirements that must be fulfilled, including earning 12 Eagle badges - each one with a list of requirements that must be

fulfilled.

Michael began his Eagle Scout project two years ago and it came to culmination on May 14 when the benches were placed on the Alcona High School football field as his mother, troop members, school staff, football players and the head football coach were in attendance to celebrate his achievement.

"I'm a young man trying to make a difference in my community," Michael said that afternoon as he watched as the benches were unloaded and placed on the field.

Jacob Sytek, a senior and member of the Alcona varsity football team, gave Michael his jersey in appreciation of his support and dedication over the years they've been "teammates."

Head Football Coach Jason Somers remembers well when Michael was still in elementary school and came to him about his desire to someday play for the team. At the time, Somers heard he wasn't doing as well as he could with his academics, so he decided to have some players come and talk to him about the hard work and dedication it

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# Obituaries

## Thomas D. Morgan

Thomas Douglas Morgan, 74, passed away May 10, 2021, after a 16-month battle with cancer, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Port Huron, Mich. on October 23, 1946 to Rhea Gosman. Later in life he was adopted by Ralph and Shirley Morgan of Kalamazoo, Mich.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Sharon; four sons, Thomas Jr. (Ashley), Randy (Tonya), Grant, and Jason (Jaime); 13 grandchildren, Alexandra, Trevor, Conner, Christian, Kyleigh, Mayson, Kayla, Kayden, Jacy, Christina, Ava, Jaxon, and Luke; and one brother, Charlie (Sue).

In life, Tom and Sharon met each other in math class at Loy Norrix High School. They would have been married 55 years this June. They lived in South Carolina from 1965 until 1969 while Tom served on the USS Nathanael Greene submarine as a Torpedoman Mate in the U.S. Navy.

After completing his service, they moved back to the Kalamazoo area where he became a Master Electrician. After retiring in 2010, he and his wife built their dream home and moved to a small town surrounded by the outdoors and apple trees.

Family is important to us all, a lesson we learned from him.



He was always a great husband, great dad, great grandpa and he will be missed by us all.

Life lesson he'd want you to know... "don't do sh\*t half-assed."

The family will be planning gatherings later this year in both the Alpena and Kalamazoo areas, date and locations are still to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to MPN Research Foundation, 180 N. Michigan Ave Suite 1870, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, Mich. For online condolences please visit [www.petersandmurrayfh.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfh.com).

**Paid Obituary**

## Almyra Pruitt

Almyra Pruitt, 85, of Barton City, died on Friday, May 21, 2021 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 18, 1936 to Henry and Myrtle (Holloway) Edwards in Bee Branch, Ark.; she was raised there and in Missouri.

On December 12, 1951, she married Buddy Pruitt in California. They resided in Missouri and California before settling back in Michigan.

Mrs. Pruitt was a devoted homemaker who was active in her children's activities. She was a wonderful cook and was known for her chocolate gravy and her fried chicken.

She loved her garden, and enjoyed word search puzzles, fishing, playing cards and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Barton City Eagles Auxiliary No. 4141 where she served as past president.

Mrs. Pruitt is survived by three daughters, Henrietta (Wayne) Fortney, Vickie (Robert) Phipps and Sherri Apsey; 11 grandchildren, Angela Ross, Tonya Boettge, Cassie Blascyk, Amber Foote, Christy Havens, Brandi Parden, Jodi Neuman, Jamie Blain, Laura Aube, Alisha Apsey, and N.J. Apsey; 19 great-grandchildren; three sons-in-law, Norman Apsey, Matt Robinson and Denny Blain; four sisters, Edna Crain, Shirlene Nelson, Vanessa Quinn, and Theresa Kirkendoll; and one brother, Charles Edwards.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy, on January 30, 2020 and one daughter, Marsha Robinson.

The funeral was held on Sunday, May 23 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Timothy Azzam officiated. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Compassus.

## John D. Heilig

John Daniel Heilig, 76, a lifelong resident of Curtisville died on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at home.

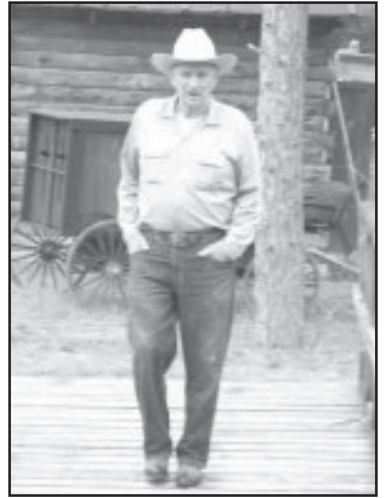
He was born July 18, 1944 to James Nolan and Flora May (Jacques) Heilig.

At 19, he was inducted in the United States Army on July 7, 1965 and served in Vietnam until his honorable discharge on July 6, 1967.

Mr. Heilig spent his days working in the woods and in sawmills around the area.

He enjoyed farming on the family farm where he spent his entire life. He also enjoyed spending time with his few close friends and his family nearby.

Mr. Heilig is survived by nine siblings, Elaine Sears of Holly, Mich., Winnie Omeara of Curtisville, Pauline DeMott of Curtisville, Kay Heilig of Curtisville, Sue Heilig of Curtisville, EJ Heilig of Curtisville, Jim (Phyllis) Heilig of Dayton, Nev., David (Kathy) Heilig of Grand Forks, N. D.,



Henry Heilig of Linwood, Mich.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Orval Thompson, Art Heilig and Sherman Heilig.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside ceremony with military honors will be held at a later date, likely the end of July 2021 at Curtisville Cemetery.

## Janet J. Franklin

Janet Jean Franklin, 77, of Harrisville, died on Friday, May 7, 2021 at Lakeview Manor in Tawas City.

She was born September 15, 1943 to Charles and Marletta (Rondo) Brayman in Saginaw, Mich., where she was raised.

On March 31, 1987 she married Donald Franklin in Saginaw, Mich.

She loved little kids, animals, flowers, and trips to the casino.

Mrs. Franklin is survived by her husband, Don; five sons, Robert Konsdorf, Todd (Susan) Konsdorf, Barry (Martha) Konsdorf, Marshall (Lizabeth) Konsdorf, and Darrin (Jennifer) Konsdorf; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Joyce (Mel) Beirlen and Cynthia (John) Lucsy; one brother, Charles (Mona) Brayman II; two sisters-in-law, Betty Brayman and Elaine Medor; one brother-in-law, Theron (Karen) Franklin; four step children, Jeff Franklin, Brad Franklin, Kirk (Laura) Franklin, and Vicki (Chris) Kersten; and four step grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, LeRoy Brayman and Duane Brayman; and one sister-in-law, Sharon Brayman.

Cremation arrangements made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial is in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, or to the Alcona Humane Society.

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## Letter to the Editor



To the Editor,

Thank you so much for the article written by Mary Weber concerning mental health. And thank you to the Duncckels for sharing this painful story of the loss of their beautiful daughter to suicide. My heart goes out to them as they continue to grieve.

Our nation has hidden the topic of mental health and suicide for too many years. So many people seem to feel that by not discussing mental health they can pretend it doesn't exist. Sadly, it exists far more often than most people realize. It's the 'elephant in the room' that is hushed behind closed doors.

I have dealt with bouts of depression at various times in my life. I have found that mental health assistance is not always as easy to find as this article leads us to believe. Recently, during a major upheaval in my life, I was in immediate need of mental health treatment. Point East at Alpena hospital would not see me because I told them I was not suicidal. Later, N.E. Michigan Community Mental Health refused me care because I was not on Medicaid (I have worked all my life and have very good health insurance). Then the third provider, Alcona Health Center, would not accept me as a mental health patient be-

cause I did not use their facility for general medical issues.

Finally, after bouncing off the walls for over six weeks, I was able to find a therapist through a privately operated organization. I currently have an excellent therapist there.

People should not assume that they will be able to find available and affordable mental health care when they need it -- unless they really do admit they are suicidal. Scary! Thank God I am in a much healthier state of mind currently.

Do not stop talking about mental health.

Delores Chase  
Oscoda

**Obituaries**

**Jeanette "Jean" L. Read**

Jeanette "Jean" Louise Read, 78, of Barton City died on Friday, May 21, 2021 at home surrounded by family.

She was born in Flint, Mich. on October 18, 1942 to Guy and Cecil Alexander.

Mrs. Read worked for IMA, Wally's, Carman Glass Company, and Read Advertising before retiring to northern Michigan with her husband, William John Read Jr.

She enjoyed traveling, gardening, cooking, and spending time with her friends and family.

She was the matriarch of her family and enjoyed being active in her community. Mrs. Read was the past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Aerie 4141 in Barton City. She

was an active member of the Chatham County Democrats.

Mrs. Read is survived by one daughter, Carman (Keith) Purtee of Brooklet, Ga.; two sons, Jeff (Wendy) Foster of Clio, Mich. and Clayton "Buzzy" (Sherry) Foster Jr. of Barton City; seven grandchildren, Kurtis Purtee, Crystal Leeseberg, Keaton Foster, Chelsea Foster, Austin Foster, and David Hunt; many great-grandchildren; one sister, Sandra Bader of Sun City Center, Fla.; one brother, Gerald (Barb) Alexander of Owosso, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William John Read Jr; her parents Guy Alexander and Cecil Alexander; one brother, Darell



Alexander; and one sister, Barbara Alexander Velasquez.

The family is planning a private service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Women's Auxiliary of the Barton City Eagles Aerie 4141.

**Ralph "Bud" Stoddard**

Ralph "Bud" Stoddard, 84, of Davison, Mich., formerly of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at home, with his family at his side.

He was born on May 26, 1936 in Davison, Mich. to Guy and Myrtle (Pettengill) Stoddard. He graduated from Kearsley High School.

He went to work for Michigan Bell Telephone Company at age 19 and worked his entire career at the phone company.

He married Rebecca Ellen Shriner on December 17, 1955 in Flint, Mich.

After retirement, the Stoddards moved to Harrisville where he was active in many community projects. He was especially proud of his membership in the Harrisville Lions Club. Mr. Stoddard was instrumental in the establishment of the Harrisville Duck Race and chaired the event for many years.

He enjoyed spending time at his cabin on Long Lake, hunting, fishing and spend-

ing time on his boat and tractor. Above all, he cherished the time spent with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Stoddard is survived by his wife, Becky; one daughter, Michelle (Harold) Steiner; two sons, Douglas Dana Stoddard and Steven (Kim) Stoddard; seven grandchildren, Emily (John Karadell) Steiner, Aaron (Stacy) Steiner, Andrew (Laura) Steiner, Carter Stoddard, Alex Stoddard, Noelle Stoddard, and Claire Stoddard; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church 1084 N. Irish Road, Davison, Mich. on Wednesday May 26 at 11:30 a.m. The Reverend Hal Polk will officiate. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Westminster Pres-



byterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church or the Harrisville Lions Club.

**THANK YOU**

To all the great Volunteers and Business that gave their time and machines to make a great **COUNTY WIDE CLEANUP.**

**THANKS AGAIN**  
*Recycle Alcona County Inc.*



*We would like to thank Heritage Baptist Church and everyone who donated, sent well wishes and prayers for our recovery from our tragic house fire.*

*We would also like to thank the first responders, police, EMS and fire fighters for their prompt response.*

*Lawrence and Mary Ann Brozowski  
Kim Robbins*

**Calendar of Events**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person following state health guidelines at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 27**

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona

County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

**FRIDAY, MAY 28**

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

There will be a bake sale at Glennie United Methodist Church (next to the Post Office) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 29**

There will be a bake sale at Glennie United Methodist Church (next to the Post Office) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Spring Plant Sale will be held at the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville from 9 a.m. to noon. All plants are

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### BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

The Alcona County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Boater's Safety Course on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Alcona County Library which is located at 312 W. Main St., Harrisville, MI 48740. To register please call the sheriff's Office at 724-6271 Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. You must be at least 12 years old. The class is free of charge and lunch will be provided by the Cedar Lake Association.



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### ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD VACANCY

Alcona Community Schools is seeking candidates to fill an unexpired term on our Board of Education that will become vacant on June 15, 2021.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days
- A resident of Alcona Community School District

Interested candidates should submit their letter of interest by June 21, 2021 to [kellyj@alconaschools.net](mailto:kellyj@alconaschools.net) or by mail to:

Attn. Jackie Kelly  
51 N. Barlow Rd.  
P.O. Box 249  
Lincoln, MI 48742

Eligible candidates will be interviewed on June 28, 2021 at the ACS Board of Education Work Session.

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**Dear Cedar Lake Resident:**

On behalf of the Cedar Lake - Lake Level District, I wanted to share this information with you in response to some allegations related to the Cedar Lake structure "leaking."

As you may know, Alcona and Iosco Counties are responsible under a circuit court order to maintain the normal level of Cedar Lake. In 2019, the Cedar Lake - Lake Level District held an assessment hearing to collect assessments to, among other things, finance a new structure (dam) on Cedar Lake to maintain the normal level of the lake in accordance with a circuit court order. Construction of the new structure is complete.

Some have noticed water around the new structure and have alleged that the structure is "leaking." Although there is water near the structure, the source of the water is from existing groundwater and not the dam. I have confirmed this with an engineering firm retained by the Lake Level District, and property owners may recall from previous meetings that this groundwater has existed in the area even before the new structure.

Likewise, lower lake levels on the lake this spring are due to significantly less than average rainfall for the refilling period (and not due to a dam leak). The structure is designed to maintain the legally established lake level and provide relief during large flow events. The design included use of permanent steel sheet pile for water control during construction. This also provides the means to regulate the flow of surface water to maintain the level. Precipitation is still needed to provide the proper inflow into the lake to raise and maintain the lake level.

The public also should be aware that construction of the new structure required permitting from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy ("EGLE"). Thus, EGLE is familiar with the new structure as constructed.

I appreciate the concerns brought to my office about the lake level control structure. Both Counties are working hard to maintain the lake level pursuant to the court order. I hope the above helps clarify any misconceptions about the structure. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (989)736-8168

Sincerely,  
Jesse Campbell



## Local Notes



### Libraries Combine Resources

The Curtis Township Library recently named Denise Bearre as acting director. Bearre serves as the director of the Alcona County Library and has 30 years of library experience. Effective immediately, the Curtis Township Library will receive supervision and administrative services from the Alcona County Library.

In 2018, the Alcona County Library received the June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service from the Library of Michigan Foundation's June B. and Roger Mendel Fund. It received an environmental initiative grant of more than \$22,000 from the Laura Musser Fund in 2017 and worked with the MSU Extension and local groups to develop a Reading Garden and Book Trail.

Additionally, the library was selected by the Michigan Humanities Council to host the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit in 2018. Next year it will host "Thinking Money for Kids" interactive display in February and March, in participation with the American Library Association and FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

Curtis Township Library has served the community by building an Outdoor Learning Center in the form of a labyrinth adorned with native wildflowers in 2018. It was also the recipient of the Public Library Association and Ebsco "Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award," which helped fund the Curtis Township Library endowment fund.

For more information, contact the Alcona County Library's Harrisville branch

at (989) 724-6796 or Curtis Township Library at (989) 735-2601.

### Scholarship Recipient

Anna Loyer, an Alcona High School senior, is the recipient of a GreenStone scholarship. She is one of more than 50 applicants and 20 students who was chosen for a scholarship because she stands out in her community due to her numerous honors and awards, volunteer work experience, grades, and ambitious goals.



Anna Loyer

She is the daughter of Jason and Heather Loyer of Harrisville. She has earned a 3.74 cumulative GPA; is a member of the National Honor Society; has been on the honor roll for all four years of high school and the principal's honor roll for three; was selected as the Academic All

State Basketball Scholar Athlete in 2020; belongs to the NorthStar League Academic All-Conference Team; and served as team captain for the varsity basketball team. In her community, she is involved in 4-H and MSU exploration days.

In the fall, Loyer plans to attend Western Michigan University in pursuit of a psychology degree, with the goal of achieving a doctoral degree in psychology.

For more information about GreenStone's scholarship program, visit [www.GreenStoneFCS-.com/Community/Scholarships](http://www.GreenStoneFCS-.com/Community/Scholarships).

### Planet Award Honor

Huron Pines was awarded \$200,000 through the Consumers Energy Foundation's Planet Award which aims to make a positive impact on Michigan's land, water and air. The funding will help launch the Protect Wild Places program empowering Michigan communities to support land and water by partnering with Huron Pines to restore 5,000 acres of wildlife habitat and recreational land and 150 miles of waterways and Great Lakes shoreline.

"We've seen people embracing the outdoors and public access to nature in staggering numbers over the past year," Huron Pines Executive Director Brad Jensen said. "Now is the time to turn enthusiasm for the outdoors into

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Members of the Alcona County Democratic Party collect more than 20 garbage bags of highway litter on a three-mile stretch of US-23 between Elmer and Malaski roads on May 8. (From left) Tom Venney, Quentin Venney, Nick Williams, Bob Kennedy, Margy Kennedy, and Kerri Turner. *Courtesy photo.*



# Calendar of Events



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from the gardens of Sunrise Gardening Club members, sponsors of the event. The cabin is on the corner of US-23 and M-72 in Harrisville.

The Lincoln Depot perennial plant sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The depot is located at Lake and Fiske streets in Lincoln. Proceeds support the Alcona Historical Society.

There will be a Corn Hole Tournament at the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City. Sign up is at 1:30 p.m. and games start at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

**MONDAY, MAY 31**

A Memorial Day Observance will be held on the lawn of the Alcona County Courthouse at noon. Everyone is welcome.

The Alcona County Library and all its branches will be closed to observe Memorial Day.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

Euchre will be held at the Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Face masks are required.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to

3:25 p.m. All levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Free formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing is available for residents of Alcona County with newborns thru age four. Layettes are available in the eighth month. This is not an income-based program. COVID-19 regulations will be in place.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m. Social distancing will be practiced.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

Youth ages nine to 18 may pick up their DIY Kit at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. June's kit is papercraft animals. Students may also pick up kits at the main office of Alcona High School. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet via telephone conferencing at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. Conference line access is (877) 402-9753 -

access code is: 8013514. For more information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

Euchre will be held at the Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Face masks are required.

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# Ready to go fishing?

**By Gregg Schefferly**  
*Outdoor Writer*

Ever since we covered our fishing boats, we've wanted to be back on the water. Well, that time has arrived.

The question is are you ready?

Some die-hard anglers have already been out fishing. Personally, I've been trying to wrap up some last-minute projects around the house while I get everything ready to go when the wind stops blowing and the sun starts shining. That's right I'm a fair-weather fisherman.

All week on the way to work I look out over Lake Huron and so many days it's like glass. All I can think of is I'm so ready to get out fishing this weekend. Then, to my dismay, it's either blowing or raining.

So, while some of you have already had the boat out, for the rest of us, taking the time and measures prior to putting the boat on the water will help avoid problems once we head out. The first thing I do after uncovering the boat is hook up the negative post on my No. 3 batteries and put them on the charger. This year, since the batteries are going on five years old, I elected to replace all three to avoid any unpleasant surprises after a day of trolling.

This is followed with pulling out the totes with all my gear for the boat. To avoid providing the mice anything to chew on I put everything in totes — everything.

As I stow it all away in the boat, I check and replace the batteries for the trolling motor remotes, headlamps, and the ACR C-Strobe lights affixed to the primary life preservers. Since I often fish alone, I have a self-inflating life preserver which I wear when by myself. Every year I check the date on this vest's CO2 cylinder. I also check the date on the handheld flares to be sure they haven't expired.

It's nice having a permanent plate on the boat trailer, but don't forget the annual Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check (VSC) decal on your boat. How about a 2021 fishing license? I've checked the air in all the tires and greased the bearing buddies. Last, but not least, don't forget your boat plug — is it in? I can't tell you how many stories I've heard of boaters who've been unfortunate to experience this at least once in their life. I check mine periodically when I'm home but never put the plug down and immediately put it back in to avoid this.



## Exploring the Outdoors

*By Gregg Schefferly*

I reacquaint myself with all the crankbaits that I had to have and inspect everyone. Cheap sunglasses, water melon, and oh, nurse Betsy, she's a hot lure, quite the catch. Are the hooks still in good condition? Are they sharp? If not, you'd better sharpen or replace them. I check the planer boards over, are the screws holding the

many how-to videos. It takes a little time, but it's actually very simple. Having them calibrated is especially important if you use the Precision Trolling app to get your crankbaits to a specific depth as you target fish.

Taking the time to check these things prior to hitting the water could very well save



My Coast Guard Auxiliary 2021 boat inspection decal. This lets the Coast Guard, DNR, and sheriff patrols know that your boat passed annual inspection for the year and will save having to endure an inspection while trying to troll with six rods. *Photo by Gregg Schefferly.*

snaps tight? Is the wire on the tattle tale flags straight and functioning properly?

Finally, I put new line on my rods. All my trolling rods have line counters on which I calibrate every spring. Before I get into calibrating, how many of you don't look forward to removing line from all your planer board rods? A few years ago, I started using a rechargeable drill with a half-inch chuck. I put a half-inch piece of dowel in the chuck, tie on the line. Removing four or five hundred feet of line from all my reels is no big deal.

Prior to removing the line, I zero out my line counters and peel off about 400 feet. This is roughly where I find the knot where I tie the new line to my backer line. However, because I don't re-zero my line counter reels, when respooling it allows me to determine when I have approximately enough new line spooled. Rather than attempting to explain calibrating line counter reels, goggle it and watch one of the

grief when fishing. It's the little things. A routine will help you develop and work together with your partner to ensure safety and prevent mishaps.

Another good tip — at the end of the day when you're about to head in, always leave your kicker motor running until you get the big motor started. Doing so might save the grief of being stuck on the water because your battery is dead, and the big motor won't start. If you shut off the little motor and the battery is dead — you're dead in the water.

I've spent enough time at launches over the years and I am amazed at some of the things I've seen — boats unhooked prematurely that rolled off rollers and motors smashed on the pavement. I've seen a boat with motor running skip across the parking lot because they failed to unhook it from the trailer when they went to park. And, a truck stuck in the water because the automatic locks locked the keys in the truck with it running in the water while launching the boat.

Taking a few extra moments will, hopefully, prevent you from being "that guy." In closing, let's hope Mother Nature will smile on us with calm winds and warm weather. Good fishing.

*(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)*



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takes to be on the team. "Since then, he has hardly missed any days with the team. He shows up early and motivates our players who see a peer who can't physically play the game but has the same spirit and dedication as anyone who can," Somers said. He felt one of the biggest ways Michael served the team was by just being there so they can see if he can give 100 percent, so can they.

Somers explained why the need for benches was important to Michael. "We didn't have very good benches for our players, they didn't have backs. Mike saw a player get injured during a game and come off the field in pain. The player needed a bench with a back to rest and recover from his injury. Mike saw this and decided to do something about it."

It took roughly two years to raise almost \$1,000 to pay for the benches by collecting returnable bottles and cans. He is quick to credit his family and troop members for all the

help they provided for the Eagle Scout project – and other aspects of his life. "My family... my troop... I wouldn't be anything without these guys. I owe everything to them."

Avery explained that the community service project required at least 50 to 60 hours spent working on the project. "It involves the whole troop," Avery said. "He oversees and coordinates it all. The boys do the work."

According to Scouts BSA, the Eagle Scout badge is the highest achievement of rank attainable by the program. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of scouts have earned the rank. The ranking is long and involved with a lengthy interview process. Additional requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges before the scout's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. An Eagle Scout must also show spirit with an ideal attitude based on scout oath, law, service and leadership. It also includes an extensive service

project the scout plans, organizes, leads and manages.

Michael is fantastic... He's a go-getter. You can't slow him down," Avery said. "He always wants more information. I made him my junior assistant scoutmaster. He helps other boys with their qualifications as they go through the ranks. He teaches them a lot of life skills. He has earned 72 badges since he has been in scouting."

Patti Byce, district athletic coordinator, has known Michael for many years and is impressed by his drive. "Since I started working with Michael, he has gone from using a wheelchair, to moving about with the aid of a walker. To date, I have never seen Michael look back and he has never thought of giving up. He is learning to walk with crutches and is now determined to use those crutches to walk across the stage to receive his diploma. I have no doubt he will put in the work to make this happen. I am looking forward to

him making that walk.

"Michael remains determined to get on the sidelines and follow the football team. I will continue to keep my promise to him and make sure he is on the sidelines with the team at home and away. You may also find him in the press box to do a little announcing," Byce said. "I am proud of his thoughtfulness to provide benches to the football team. It is the perfect Eagle Scout Project."

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Michael Doidge (front row, center) shows off his new jersey while sitting on one of the benches he donated to the Alcona High School football team. He is joined in celebrating the delivery of the benches by student athlete, Gavin Walker (front, left); athletic coordinator Patti Byce (front, right); (back row, from left) Scout leader Alan Avery; his mother, Ruth Doidge; Alcona High School Principal Christie Thomas; and head football coach Jason Somers. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

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## Lady Tigers pick up mercy wins over W-P

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team had no problem with visiting Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, May 20.

The Lady Tigers easily handled the Lady Cardinals, 13-3 and 18-0 in North Star League Big Dipper action.

In game one, Miah Schopfer was the winner, as she pitched five innings and gave up three runs on five hits, struck out four and walked one.

Sage Gauthier had an in-

side the park home run to spark the offense. Ashlyn Gordy had two hits and stole three bases.

In game two, Olivia Borchardt tossed the team to the win, giving up two hits in three innings and striking out three as well.

Gauthier had three hits. Rachel Layton had two hits and Gordy stole three bases.

On Wednesday, May 19, the Lady Tigers lost a pair of home NSL crossover games

with Posen, 8-7 and 12-7.

Lady Tigers Borchardt and Gordy got multiple hits and Anna Loyer stole two bases.

In game two, the Lady Tigers smacked 11 hits, led by Layton, Borchardt and Gauthier with multiple hits each.

Borchardt took the loss pitching, with Schopfer also seeing time in the circle.

Alcona plays division four district tournament host AuGres on Friday, June 4 in a district semifinal contest.

## Alcona baseball sweeps Whittemore

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team earned a North Star League Big Dipper sweep over visiting Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, May 20.

The Tigers won the opener 13-2 and then picked up a narrow win in game two, 12-11.

In the opener, Alcona was able to score nine runs in the in the second inning to take control early. Zach Stephenson was the winning pitcher, as he gave up two runs on one hit and struck out five in seven innings.

Stephenson also had a double and a single on offense. Jakob Tanner had a home run and a single. Chris Barnes, Nathan Nardi, Carter Upper, Gavin Walker and Jacob Sytek all had at least one RBI.

In game two, it was Nardi hitting a walk-off single for the win.

Stephenson was also the winner in this game, as he tossed one-third of an inning and gave up two runs on one hit and struck out one.

Walker had a grand slam and two singles. Tanner had a home run and a double. Barnes and Collin Walker had two hits apiece.

On Wednesday, May 19, the Tigers won a pair of North Star League crossover games over Posen, 14-4 and 12-7.

Gavin Walker was the win-

ner in game one, as he tossed five innings and gave up four runs on four hits and struck out 11.

Collin Walker led the offense with four hits. G. Walker had three hits, including an inside the park home run. Nardi had three hits and Mike Basner had two hits.

In game two, Sytek picked up the win. He pitched five and one-third innings, gave up seven runs and struck out eight. G. Walker picked up the last two outs to get the save.

Basner had an inside-the-park home run and two singles. Stephenson had three hits and G. Walker added a pair of singles.

Alcona played at Hale on Tuesday, May 25 in a division four pre-district contest.

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## Track teams have several individuals qualify for finals

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona track and field teams competed at a division four regional meet at Inland Lakes on Saturday, May 22. The Tigers had quite the showing, as both teams placed third in the 15-team event. Individually the team fared well, as several athletes will go to the state finals on June 5 in Hudsonville, Mich.

"(We) had an excellent day at regionals," said head coach Mandie Willey. "Congratulations to the team and to all that qualified for states. Everyone did a fantastic job."

On the girls side, Johannesburg-Lewiston won with 128.5 points, Inland Lakes was second with 120 and Alcona was third with 94.

Lily Bilbey qualified in three events. She won each of the sprint events, winning the 100-meter dash in a time of 12.71, the 200 at 26.82 and the 400 at 1:03.78.

Kelsey Hansen qualified in the shot put by winning it with a throw of 35-03.5. She was also second in the long jump. Brielle Keyser qualified with a second place finish in the discus.

Also competing on the day was Emma Travis, who placed fifth in the 400. Sarah Decker was eighth in the 800 and the 1600. Caroline Forsythe was fourth in the 100 hurdles and eighth in the 300 hurdles. The Tigers also had third place finishes in the 4x200 and

4x400 relays. Hansen added a third place finish in the discus, Keyser was fifth in the shot put and Carmen Dellar was fifth in the long jump.

For the boys, Joburg won with 131 points, Petoskey St. Michael Academy was second with 125 and Alcona was third with 92.

Qualifying for the boys was Nick Rasmussen, who won the 200-meter dash at 23.72, and he was second in the 100 at 11.71. Gavin Walker qualified in the 200 as well, with a second place finish of 24.29. Sytek won the 400 in a time of 53.21 to also qualify. Zach Stephenson also qualified in the pole vault with a second place finish.

The 4x200 and 4x400 relays teams qualified as well, as the 4x200 team took first in a time of 1:35.51, on runs by Chris Barnes, Rasmussen, Sytek and Walker. The 4x400 team took second with Stephenson, Barnes, Walker and Sytek.

Not qualifying for states, but also competing was Walker in the 100. Hunter Rigby was 10<sup>th</sup> in the 400, Ryken Wallenmaier was 16<sup>th</sup> in the 800 and Carter Upper was 14<sup>th</sup> in the 1600, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 3200 and he was ninth in the long jump. Rigby was also fifth in the 110 hurdles. The 4x100 team also had a third place finish. Jakob Tanner placed third in both the shot put and discus.



# Glennie Sportsman Club hidden gem for hunters and shooting enthusiasts

**By Cheryl Peterson**  
Editor

Back when going to the local dump was a good way to practice shooting and provided something to do in a small, rural community — the location didn't offer much of a challenge for shooting enthusiasts.

Quite a bit has changed since then.

For those that want to improve their shooting skills — either firearm or archery — the site of the old Curtis Township dump on Brody Road has a shooting range that offers many challenges for club members, according to Curran resident Paul Hegwood, president of the Glennie Sportsman Club. He explained the club began in

water and forest resources and to promote sportsmanship, boating safety, hunter safety and youth education. Safety is our priority."

Club membership, which includes a variety of options and prices, includes full use of the shooting range and participation in shooting events. Hegwood explained beyond paying the annual (or lifetime) dues no other responsibility is required. Of course, all members must adhere to range safety rules.

"We've been trying to keep the (membership) fees low. Fifty dollars (for an adult) is very good value compared to membership fees in other areas," Hegwood said.

"We are refreshing our club brand and awareness while

everyone and many opportunities to enjoy the club" Hegwood said. "There's no better time than now to join our club and new memberships are being accepted." Additional information can be found on the club's new website, glenniesportsman-club.com.

Upcoming events include (more dates on the club website):

- May 28-30: Fund-raising sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at 6796 M-65, Hale, Mich. 48739.

- June 19: Kids Fishing Tournament at Alcona Park. Free and open to kids 16 and under. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Shore fishing only starts at 10 a.m. to noon. Bring own fishing pole. Bait is provided.



The Glennie Sportsman Club operates its range from April 1 to December 15, weather permitting. *Courtesy photos.*

1999 and claimed the area three miles west of Glennie.

"The club is growing and making improvements to meet the needs of current and prospective members. We were over 100 members strong in 2020 and we expect that our membership ranks will continue to grow in 2021" Hegwood said. "The club offers a variety of facilities and activities for sport shooters and hunters. Trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges are arranged conveniently and available to members, their guests and visiting shooters."

"The Glennie Sportsman Club is a member/volunteer-operated, nonprofit club that supports the cause of conservation in all its phases," Hegwood said. "The club aims to stimulate interest in conservation of fish, game, soil,

adding activities and improving facilities. Some examples include our new rifle range target system that makes shooting safe and convenient for practice. We have also upgraded our pistol targets this year to include new AR 500 spinning targets," he said.

Anyone who would like to get involved beyond shooting can be helping maintain and improve the grounds, volunteer for community outreach events and contribute in other aspects of keeping the organization viable.

Club members are residents or property owners in Glennie, McKinley, Hale, Tawas, Mikado, Oscoda, Mio, Curran, Fairview, Cummins, Ossineke, Rose City, South Branch, Curtis and other surrounding communities.

"There's something for ev-

eryone and many opportunities to enjoy the club" Catch and release after measuring length of catch. Longest fish wins. Lunch provided for all participants noon to 1 p.m. Awards and prizes at 1 p.m.

- July 17: CPL Class. Registration at 7:30 a.m. at Heritage House Realty Office in Glennie. Classroom content and instruction starts at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. Lunch noon to 1 p.m. Live fire training and demonstrations at club range 5690 Body Road at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m. class resumes at Heritage House Realty office. Examination and grading followed by certificate awards at 3:30 p.m. Participants may bring their own firearm to the range for training and demonstration. Cost is \$100 per student payable to Glennie Sportsman.



A variety of shooting events are planned throughout the year for members, their guests and visiting shooters.

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Take on invasives with Huron Pines: Japanese barberry

*(This is the first in a monthly series on invasive plant species in northern Michigan, their impact on natural landscapes and what can be done to help control and prevent their spread.)*

One of northern Michigan's most aggressive invasive species can be purchased at many local garden centers as an imported ornamental shrub with leaves that change from green to a purple or burgundy shade through the season.

In areas where it takes hold, Japanese barberry outcompetes every other plant. This means the flowers, trees and shrubs that provide pollen, nutrients and habitat which support native wildlife don't have a chance to grow. Left unmanaged, barberry forms a thicket, upwards of six feet tall, of snarled and thorny branches. Once it spreads, it grows without interference because its thorns keep deer and other wildlife at bay. Additionally, birds eat its fall fruits and pass the seeds in their droppings, furthering its spread.

"That's what makes it a perfect invasive species," said Shelby Bauer, Stewardship Program Coordinator who oversees the Huron Heartland Invasive Species Network. "It spreads quickly and it withstands most natural threats."

Bauer's first encounter with a barberry invasion happened at a privately owned clearcut, where the newly abundant sunlight spawned a sea of barberry shrubs that choked out any potential for



The Japanese barberry bears fruit in the fall. Birds and small animals eat the berries and spread the seeds after digestion, making it difficult to control new growth. Photo courtesy of Huron Pines.

native tree seedlings to grow.

"It was an impassable wall," she said. "That was also my worst tick day, because small mammals are drawn to these thick barberry shrubs and ticks follow those animals."

If caught early, infestations can be kept in check. Individual plants can be hand-pulled — wear gloves and eye protection — and larger patches can be cut then treated with herbicide. Plants should be removed ahead of any forestry activity, since machinery can disturb soil and spread seeds across areas newly exposed to sunlight.

Most importantly, when planning landscaping, avoid

Japanese barberry and plant a native shrub like ninebark instead. Individuals can report suspected barberry infestations to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) at [misin.msu.edu](http://misin.msu.edu).

The Huron Heartland Invasive Species Network is made up of conservation groups, landowners, state and federal agencies that seek to restore native habitat through invasive species education, prevention and management. The Huron Heartland ISN is led by Huron Pines with support from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program ([Michigan.gov/Invasives](http://Michigan.gov/Invasives)).

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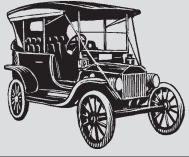
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# Buggy Rides



## 200 attend "Old Timers' Day"

**May 21, 1971** ~ The "Alcona County Old Timers Day", which was sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and held at Alcona Community High School, on Saturday, May 22, ended in a rollicking success when the last strains of music brought the day's festivities to a close at midnight.

Light refreshments were served during the afternoon Fellowship Period, when friends met after many years - some as long as fifty years. Many gracious hostesses were on hand to register the guests and make all heartily welcome.

One hundred ninety eight people were served a fine roast beef dinner, with many more guests arriving later in the evening.

After the guests were seated, Brenda Read, accompanied by Susan Armstrong, sang the Star Spangled Banner. Invocation was given by the Rev. Alfred Anderson, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Barton City. Master of Ceremonies Gerson Kahn, took charge of the interesting program which followed at a lively clip and grew with merriment until the late hours.

Sam Pizer, an "Old Timer," and long time member of the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly to the group.

Acrobatic solo dances by Suzanne and Sharon Gruden were especially well received. Then a well rounded and entertaining performance by "Oscar the Clown," Paul Mathieson, magician, was followed by an excellent piano solo by Duane Bejesky.

Awards were presented to those aged 80 years and over as follows: Sam B. Pizer, Harrisville; Mrs. Martha Morrison, Harrisville; Mr. Henry VonFintel, Barton City; Mrs. John Williams, Greenbush; Mrs. E. S.

Nieman, Lincoln; Mr. Arthur Galloway, Mrs. Maude L. Miller, Harrisville; Mrs. Elizabeth Landgren, Hubbard Lake; Mrs. Etta Failor, Mikado; Mr. John Zimmer, Harrisville; Mrs. Minnie VonFintel, Barton City; Mrs. Zelda Potvin, Black River; Mrs. Charles Johnston, Alpena, and Mr. George Johnson, Spruce.

Following the awards came the real life of the evening, when the "Old Timers Music Makers" took over. Members of this group were Fred Becker, Herman Knight, Onnie Lange, Mrs. Cecil Dorr, Herbert Holmes and Rudy Cordes. Led in singing by Herman Knight the hall rang with voices as the guests all joined in singing many of the old time favorite songs.

With the tables all removed, the band struck up music for the dancers. Square dancing was a joy to behold, and continued until midnight, with many wishing it could continue.

The general chairman of this affair was Miss Doris Gauthier, and officers of the Chamber of Commerce are: president, Mrs. Lou Kramer; vice president, Kenneth L. Noyes; secretary, Mrs. C. Anderson; office manager, Taylor Mathieson; treasurer, Archie Cordes, who, with the directors, and on behalf of all the member of the Chamber, express deep appreciation to those who helped make this a joyous and successful event.

## Spruce brothers are bound for Poland

The lifestyle, scenery, language and customs might be different, but Chris and Matt Thomas will find something very familiar about their trip to Poland this summer—their hosts.

Chris and Matt, of Spruce, will be staying with exchange students that visited Spruce last year.

The brothers, participants of the Michigan/Poland 4-H Exchange Program, have been planning and raising money for this trip for almost a year.

They will leave July 7 and return Aug. 8. They will travel together until they reach Poland but will then go to different communities to live for several weeks. Chris will go to Lapusznno to stay with Pawel Szymanski and his family.

Matt will stay in Morag with Marcin Rurys and his family.

Both Pawel and Marcin stayed with Chris and Matt, their parents Les and Toni and brother Leslie last summer during a similar exchange.

Chris and Matt have kept in touch with Pawel and Marcin over the last year. They have been also using language tapes, illustrations, and dictionary sheets to study Polish. "It's mostly self-taught," Matt said. "It's going pretty good." "It's easier to understand it than to speak it," Chris said.

Chris and Matt have been raising money for a year to earn \$1,500 needed for the month-long trip. They have individually made presenta-

tions to their church council and congregation and the Spruce VFW.

"Our relatives have been very supportive," Matt said. When they return from Poland, they will make presentations to organizations or individuals who made donations toward their trip. The Polish experience will begin with one week in Warsaw for Chris and Matt. After the acclamation week, they will spend a week at the International 4-H Camp celebrating their 17th birthdays in the process in Gdansk.

Some of the places they hope to visit during their trip are the salt mines in Krakow and Oszwicz.

## Banquet was well attended

**May 29, 1996** ~ The Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet was held at St. Anne's Maria Hall on May 13.

More than 100 attended and were entertained by the Sweet Adelines and Erika Read, Natalie Gunderson, Naomi Marshall, Christie Thuss and Keith Collins from Alcona High School did a "Mock Rock" skit.

A group from the elementary school performed a pantomime.

Several children from St. Anne's sang "Immaculate Mary" assisted by Amanda

Oposnow and Sharon O'Callaghan.

Will MacMaster led a group of 'little ladies' in a hilarious song and dance routine. Assisting were Jackie and Travis Ellinger with Joe Sterling at the piano. Les Thomas sang "Luck Be A Lady Tonight."

A scrumptious buffet was served. This was all done under the planning and direction of Lorraine Goebel and her committee.

Anna Apsey won the prize as the eldest grandmother while Jailean Gunderson was the youngest mother present.

Answers  
of puzzle hints, could you say  
if somebody totally turns out

### Answers

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## Lincoln business has new owners

**May 27, 1971** ~ Mr. and Mrs. William Muir of Lincoln, announced last week the sale of their Log Cabin Inn. The new owners are Mrs. Lillie Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Ingalls, both of Greenbush, who will take possession on June 1. They have been associated with food operations at the Lakewood Shores private club, and at Lakewood Shores Country Club.

The Muirs have operated the Log Cabin Inn since 1947. They have no definite plans for the future, but they will continue to reside on their farm on Hubbard Lake Road, north of Lincoln.

Saturday night about one hundred and fifty friends gathered at the Log Cabin for a "surprise retirement party" for "Bill and Amiel." A pot luck lunch was served, and the couple was presented with a purse.

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2021

### Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
May 16	56	45	0.00	3.2	11	SSW
May 17	58	43	0.00	4.0	14	SSW
May 18	65	47	0.00	2.5	16	SSW
May 19	61	48	0.00	1.8	9	SW
May 20	65	54	0.00	2.3	12	SW
May 21	69	57	0.00	3.4	29	SW
May 22	81	55	0.15	1.8	14	SSW

**Precipitation Summary (Inches)**

	2020-2021 Season		Normal Water Content
	Water Content	Snowfall	
Weekly Total	0.15	0.0	0.63
May to Date	1.48	0.0	1.86
Year/Season to Date	4.36	26.9	9.41

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LAW:** What is the subject matter of the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
2. **HISTORY:** What was the bloodiest single-day battle of America's Civil War?
3. **MEDICAL:** What is a common name for somnambulism?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of British Columbia in Canada?
5. **MUSIC:** What was Elvis Presley's last No. 1 hit?
6. **SCIENCE:** Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at standard room temperature?
7. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had the most children?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the Pritzker Prize given for?
9. **LITERATURE:** Which novel was the first to feature a place called King's Landing?
10. **TELEVISION:** Which animated TV character's favorite expression was "Hokey Smokes!"?

**Answers:** 1. Right of trial by jury in civil cases; 2. Antietam; 3. Sleepwalking; 4. Victoria; 5. "Suspicious Minds"; 6. Mercury and bromine; 7. John Tyler (15 children by two wives); 8. Lifetime achievement in architecture; 9. "A Game of Thrones," the first in a series called "A Song of Ice and Fire"; 10. Rocky Squirrel on "The Bullwinkle Show"; (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

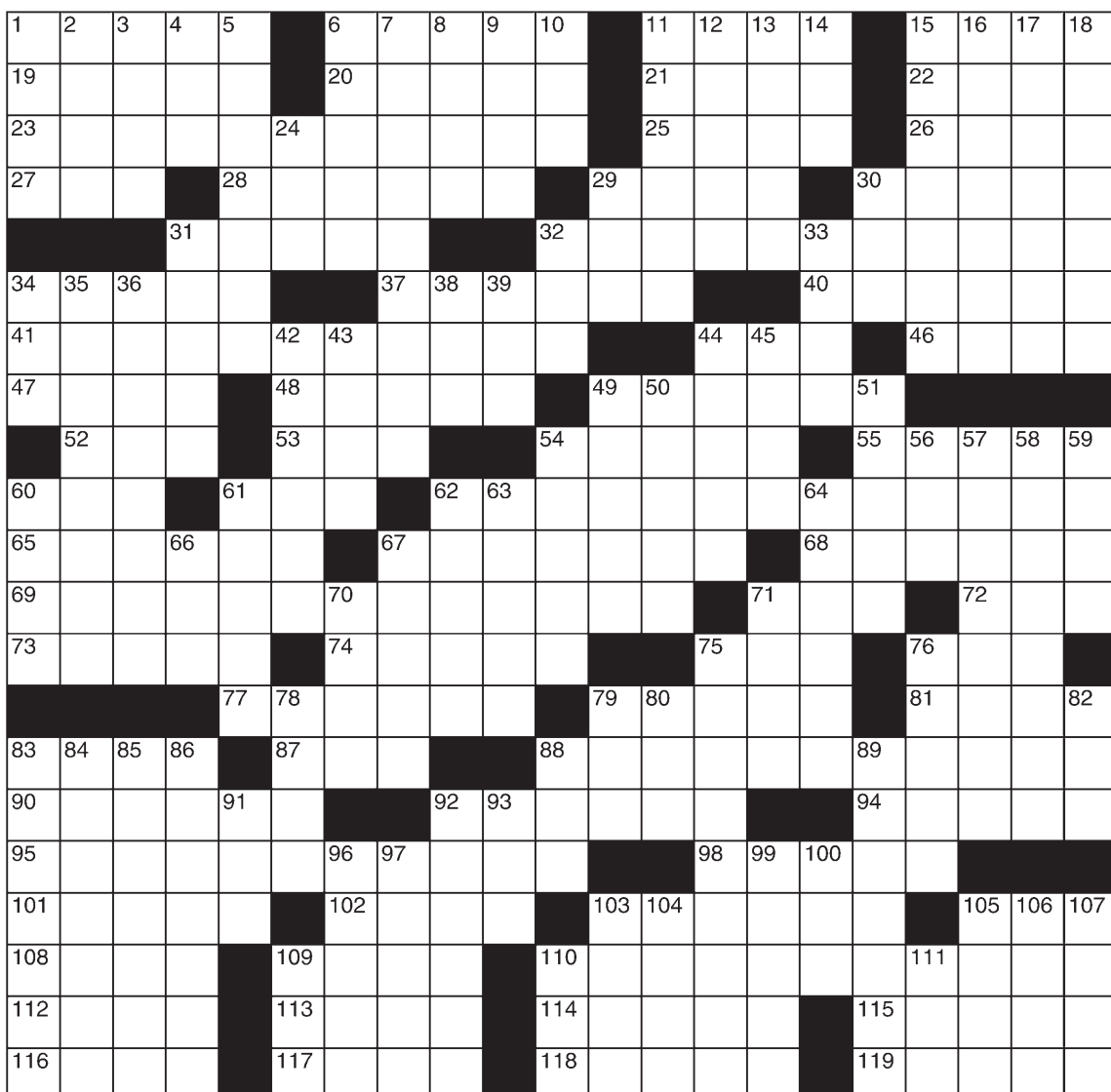
By The History Channel

- On May 30, 1431, in Normandy, Joan of Arc, the peasant girl who became the savior of France, is burned at the stake for heresy. Her most serious crime was her rejection of church authority in favor of direct inspiration from God. She was 19 years old.
  - On May 26, 1897, the first copies of the classic vampire novel "Dracula," by Irish writer Bram Stoker, appear in London bookshops. Stoker had originally named the vampire "Count Wampyr."
  - On May 29, 1914, in one of the worst maritime disasters in history, heavy fog causes a collision of boats -- the Empress of Ireland and the Storstad -- that kills 1,073 people on the St. Lawrence River in Canada.
  - On May 24, 1935, the Cincinnati Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 in Major League Baseball's first-ever night game, played under recently installed lights at Crosley Field in Cincinnati. The game drew 25,000 fans as President Franklin D. Roosevelt symbolically switched on the lights from Washington, D.C.
  - On May 27, 1943, a B-24 carrying U.S. airman and former Olympic runner Louis Zamperini crashes into the Pacific Ocean. After surviving the crash, Zamperini floated on a raft in shark-infested waters before being picked up by the Japanese and spending two years in brutal prison camps. His story of survival was featured in the 2010 book "Unbroken," by Laura Hillenbrand.
  - On May 28, 1961, the British newspaper The London Observer publishes British lawyer Peter Benenson's article "The Forgotten Prisoners," launching a movement that later became Amnesty International.
  - On May 25, 1994, the ashes of 71-year-old George Swanson are buried in Pennsylvania in the driver's seat of his 1984 white Corvette. Swanson, a U.S. Army sergeant during World War II, had acquired 12 cemetery burial plots so his beloved Corvette would fit in his grave with him.
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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Synagogue leader</p> <p>6 Mojave plant</p> <p>11 Pinnacle</p> <p>15 Czech-German river</p> <p>19 Island (former immigration gateway)</p> <p>20 Carpentry rod</p> <p>21 With 71-Across, act all-powerful</p> <p>22 Usual thing</p> <p>23 Many supermarket entrances</p> <p>25 Glass sheet</p> <p>26 Large mop</p> <p>27 Ruhr article</p> <p>28 With gusto</p> <p>29 Chilean money</p> <p>30 Kagan on the high bench</p> <p>31 Big hit</p> <p>32 Collect deserved benefits</p> <p>34 Crime boss John</p> <p>37 Roll out, as a flag</p> | <p>40 Flood zone protections</p> <p>41 Long strip of high-end shops along a road</p> <p>44 -fi</p> <p>46 Water swirl</p> <p>47 Pottery base</p> <p>48 Satire device</p> <p>49 "Beetle" of comics</p> <p>52 Jewel box contents</p> <p>53 1986-2001 space station</p> <p>54 Swell out</p> <p>55 Lock horns</p> <p>60 Mauna Observatory</p> <p>61 Uncles, e.g.</p> <p>62 "Charlie's Angels" co-star</p> <p>65 Notwithstanding</p> <p>67 Jungle jaunts</p> <p>68 More cruel</p> <p>69 Many a metal alloy, chemically</p> <p>71 See 21-Across</p> <p>72 Turin-to-Milan dir.</p> <p>73 Tendency</p> <p>74 Like ruled paper</p> <p>75 Part of ABA</p> <p>76 24/7 care ctrs.</p> | <p>77 "Goodness!"</p> <p>79 Singer Cole</p> <p>81 Meat cut</p> <p>83 Magnetism</p> <p>87 Ireland's - Lingus</p> <p>88 Bright blue gem</p> <p>90 Book before Jeremiah</p> <p>92 Semi engine</p> <p>94 - beat (falter slightly)</p> <p>95 What you can hear from an audible clock</p> <p>98 Garbage</p> <p>101 Put in a tomb</p> <p>102 Torchiere, e.g.</p> <p>103 Ineffective</p> <p>105 Block of history</p> <p>108 Fashion's von Fürstenberg</p> <p>109 Cakewalk</p> <p>110 Yoga pose with hands and feet on the floor</p> <p>112 Artful dodge</p> <p>113 Son of Adam and Eve</p> <p>114 Fuse</p> <p>115 "Meenie" (2010 hit song)</p> <p>116 Floored it</p> <p>117 Nothing but</p> <p>118 Swamp critter</p> | <p>119 Repeated musical sequence in this puzzle</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Funny Foxx</p> <p>2 First-aid plant</p> <p>3 Make fuzzy</p> <p>4 Spill-catching neckwear</p> <p>5 Like Iran's religion</p> <p>6 - Ababa, Ethiopia</p> <p>7 A genial mood</p> <p>8 Missing GI</p> <p>9 Really</p> <p>10 Overhead trains</p> <p>11 Magnetism</p> <p>12 Purse part</p> <p>13 Estate house</p> <p>14 Face part</p> <p>15 Place in bondage</p> <p>16 Devalued</p> <p>17 Not generic</p> <p>18 Emissary's residence</p> <p>24 Mendes of "Hitch"</p> <p>29 For every</p> <p>30 She-sheep</p> <p>31 Doesn't go</p> <p>32 Feel regret about</p> <p>33 Novelist Wiesel</p> | <p>34 Truck and SUV maker</p> <p>35 Common painting medium</p> <p>36 Suitable to be bartered</p> <p>38 Diarist Anaïs</p> <p>39 Aviate</p> <p>42 Restricts</p> <p>43 Journalist Burnett</p> <p>44 Audible exhalations</p> <p>45 Musical symbol</p> <p>49 Donkey</p> <p>50 Writer Locke</p> <p>51 Swerved</p> <p>54 Interweave</p> <p>56 Big TV brand</p> <p>57 Bighearted</p> <p>58 Knives, e.g.</p> <p>59 To be, in Arles</p> <p>60 Make it</p> <p>61 Little buddy</p> <p>62 Animal life</p> <p>63 Succeeding</p> <p>64 Ethically indifferent</p> <p>66 Ruhr article</p> <p>67 More artful</p> <p>70 Antique, quaintly</p> <p>71 Lasses</p> <p>75 Made an intrinsic part of</p> <p>76 "Popeye" cartoonist Segar</p> | <p>78 Violinist Hilary</p> <p>79 Step in ballet</p> <p>80 Oafish type</p> <p>82 Actress Vardalos</p> <p>83 People showing sympathy</p> <p>84 Exhausting</p> <p>85 Milk sugar</p> <p>86 Analogized</p> <p>88 Actor Bruce</p> <p>89 Electric current units</p> <p>91 Be televised</p> <p>92 Chin feature</p> <p>93 Bratty tot</p> <p>96 Small world?</p> <p>97 Less feral</p> <p>99 Oar wielder</p> <p>100 "This - surprise!"</p> <p>103 Actress Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"</p> <p>104 Tease</p> <p>105 Saucy Aussie "Dame"</p> <p>106 Stir up, as waters</p> <p>107 "The African Queen" scriptwriter James</p> <p>109 He-sheep</p> <p>110 Used a shovel</p> <p>111 Yr. ender</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The rarest shape for a human nose is the bulbous type, exemplified by former U.S. President Bill Clinton.
- Smuggling a cat out of ancient Egypt was punishable by death.
- A variety of corn grown in Peru has kernels so large that they're eaten individually.
- After impressionist painter Claude Monet developed cataracts, he agreed to have surgery on his right eye only. It is believed that afterwards he could see and paint a wide spectrum of colors usually not seen by the human eye.
- Dinosaurs often swallowed large rocks, which stayed in their stomachs and helped them grind up food.
- One in 23 million people have an allergy to water.

\* In 1631, royal printers Robert Barker and Martin Lucas published a Bible containing the typo "Thou Shalt Commit Adultery." As if that weren't embarrassing enough, another misprint, in Deuteronomy, substituted the word "greatnesse" with "great-asse." Barker and Lucas were fined 300 pounds and lost their printing license. Less than a dozen copies of what came to be known as the "Wicked," "Sinful" and "Adulterous" Bible are known to exist today and are highly prized by collectors.

- On average, a person's eyes make 15 to 30 gallons of tears a year.
- A rainbow's arc is relative to the position of the person observing it, so it is impossible for two people to actually see the exact same one.
- The air around a lightning bolt is five times hotter than the surface of the sun.
- While rare, there have been enough reported cases of strokes triggered by spa massage treatments that the medical community has nicknamed the phenomenon "beauty parlor stroke syndrome."
- Altocalciphilia is a fetish for high heels.

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Thought for the Day: "Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in." -- Bill Bradley  
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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: J equals F

LJ YZPBQZFC GZGEHHC WTX Y ZTG  
ZJ QWBEGI PLXGY, SZTHF CZT YEC  
IB'Y TX-SBWG-LJLBF?

# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Teakettle inkwell

Many people would never guess what this strange bottle was used for. Although it is called a "teakettle" by bottle collectors because of its shape, it is an antique ink bottle. A quill pen made from a sharpened feather was used to write before a better pen was invented in the early 1800s. After the ink bottle's cap was removed, the pen point was dipped into the ink. Improved pens had a nib, a metal point with a small slit and a ball tip, and later, a reservoir with a feeding mechanism for the ink. When the pen was held in position to write, the ink flowed to the paper.



Photo Credit: Kovels

This green glass inkwell was made about 1880 in France. It is about 2 inches tall and has an unusual brass cap. It sold for \$2,691 at an online-only auction by Glass Works Auctions of Pennsylvania.

The first ballpoint pen was invented in 1888, but because the ink was wrong, it didn't become a financial success until the 1950s, after many improvements were made. The ballpoint pen is cheaper, so fountain pens have become status symbols used to sign important documents and proclamations. But collectors buy old and new fountain pens, and many also collect inkwells, ink bottles and related antiques.

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Q: I just found my grandmother's sewing box along with a gold thimble, a strawberry-shaped pincushion, some unusual buttons, wooden spools of thread and a strange pair of tiny scissors. She also has many paper folders with ads on the front and needles inside. Are there collectors for old sewing items?

A: Yes. If the thimble is 14-karat gold, not just gold-colored metal, it is worth more just because it is gold. The other items are wanted by collectors who sew to actu-

ally use or by advertising collectors who like the small ads or use them to display items with old quilts or clothing.

Before the sewing machine was invented in 1845, all clothing and linens were handmade using tools like yours. The needle trade cards were popular giveaways in the 1870s and '80s. A few years later, the needle cases were improved and became small folded envelopes with a piece of fabric pierced by a set of needles. The needles in all these advertising pieces are of top quality and often are taken out of the books to use. Sewing utensils are not expensive and are collected by many. Look for them at house sales, where they may be out of sight in sewing and knitting baskets.

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CURRENT PRICES

Advertising sign, "You're Miles Ahead with Mobil," canvas, yellow & red letters, blue ground, rolls up, 1950s, 57 x 35 inches, \$60.

Marble lamp base, neoclassical, gilt bronze, putti, acanthus base, 1800s, 19 x 34 x 9 1/2 inches, \$220.

Danish modern chair, cherry frame, swooping arms, swivel backrest, woven back & seat, Selig, Denmark, 28 by 28 inches, \$345.

Travel alarm clock, bicolor gold, decorative screws, folding burgundy leather case, Cartier, box, 2 1/2 inches square, \$530.

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TIP: Keep Barbie barefoot. Don't store a Barbie doll with shoes on because the shoes may damage the feet. Store the shoes where they won't be lost.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	9			7		2
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

### VA vaccine clinic gets a thumbs-up

I wasn't the only one walking down the street toward the Department of Veterans Affairs pop-up vaccine clinic. In fact, there were about six guys who were doing the same thing I was: scoping out the situation before actually getting in the drive-up line for the vaccine.

I'll say it right off the top here: The VA did this right. They did a good job on the logistics and execution. Here

in town, they'd selected a location with lots of space outside. There was an army of volunteers of all kinds, laying out a traffic cone grid in the parking lot, directing cars along the rows, nurses with tablets taking information, VA medical staff giving shots through car windows. There was even an observation area where cars would park afterward (with medical staff there) in case a veteran had a bad reaction.

"Looks pretty good," said one guy as we hovered on the sidewalk and watched. A few others chimed in, agreeing. One muttered something about an expected SNAFU, but there was none of that to be seen. We stopped a couple of cars with veterans leaving after getting their shots and queried them about how it had gone. SITREP: It was great.

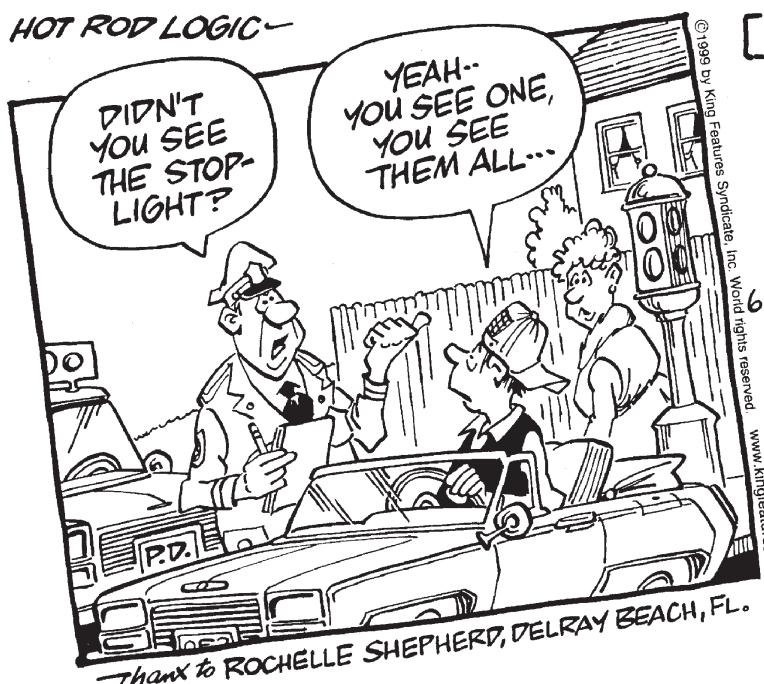
Now that everyone age 16 and up is eligible for the vaccine, and now that SAVE (Strengthening and Amplifying Vaccination Efforts) has opened up a long list of veteran-related people who are eligible, if you want to get the vaccine, make an appointment now. If you wait too long, the demand for vaccines will eventually slack off, and these nearby pop-up clinics will be gone.

Keep an eye on the news for VA pop-up clinics in your area. Judging by how this drive-thru clinic was run, I have confidence that the VA is doing just as well in other areas where they're giving vaccines: medical centers, community clinics, outreach centers, mobile units -- and even rural parking lots.

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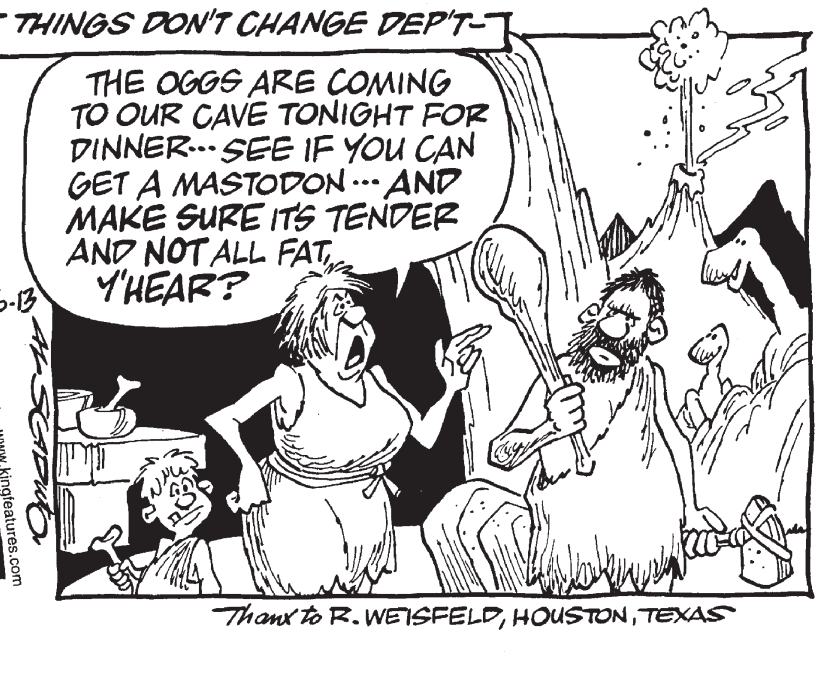
## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

HOT ROD LOGIC—

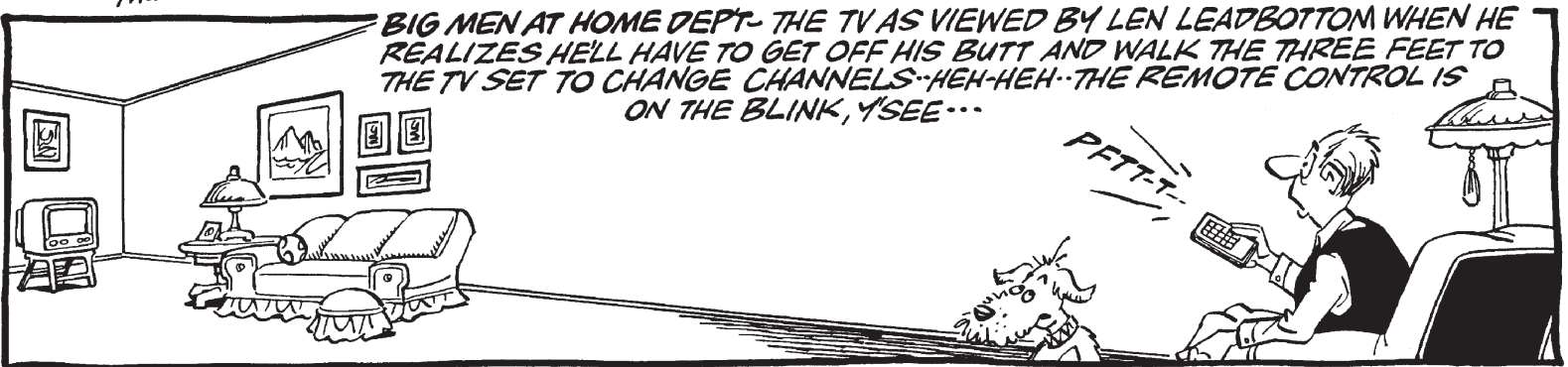


## BY AL SCADUTO

THINGS DON'T CHANGE DEPT--



BIG MEN AT HOME DEPT-- THE TV AS VIEWED BY LEN LEADBOTTOM WHEN HE REALIZES HELL HAVE TO GET OFF HIS BUTT AND WALK THE THREE FEET TO THE TV SET TO CHANGE CHANNELS...HEH-HEH...THE REMOTE CONTROL IS ON THE BLINK, Y'SEE...



# Alcona County Review Classifieds

Ads may be brought in to our office at 111 Lake St., Harrisville  
 Cost per ad is \$5 for the first 10 words and 20¢ for each word thereafter. Boxed ads are \$6 per column inch.  
 Ads and payment must be received by 4 p.m. Monday.

All Classified Ads MUST be Paid in Advance  
 We accept: Cash, Checks, Visa, Mastercard and Discover  
**Call 989-724-6384**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**State of Michigan  
 in the Circuit Court for  
 the County of Alcona**

U.S. Bank National Association,  
 as trustee for manufactured housing  
 contract senior/subordinate  
 pass-through certificate trust  
 2000-4, by its servicer New Rez,  
 LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage  
 Servicing.

Plaintiff

v

Any and all unknown claimants,  
 owners, heirs, devisees or as-  
 signees of Dennis Somers, Myrtle  
 Somers, Tammy Somers, Troy  
 Somers, Brian Somers and the  
 Michigan Department of State  
 Defendant

Case No. 21-3519-CH

Hon. Laura A. Frawley

Trott Law, P.C. by Joshua  
 Chomet (P81569) attorneys for  
 New Rez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint  
 Mortgage Servicing 31440 North-  
 western Hwy. Ste. 145 Farming-  
 ton Hills, Mich. 48334-5422  
 (248) 341-4634.

Order for Service by Publication  
 This matter having come before  
 the court on Plaintiff's Ex Parte  
 Motion for Service pursuant to  
 M.C.R. 2.201(D)(3) and M.C.R.  
 2.105(I); and the court having  
 reviewed the motion; and the  
 court finding that plaintiff's coun-  
 sel demonstrated diligent efforts  
 to ascertain the address and iden-  
 tity of unknown heirs, devisees  
 and assigns of Dennis Somers,  
 deceased; and the court being

otherwise advised:

It is hereby ordered that the fol-  
 lowing be published in a newspa-  
 per within Alcona County:

To the unknown heirs, devisees  
 and assigns of Dennis Somers:  
 1. You are being sued in this  
 court by the plaintiff in an action  
 to quiet title for the mobile home  
 which is affixed to the property  
 commonly known as 1860 N.  
 Coville Road, Lincoln, Mich.  
 48742-9760 and formerly owned  
 by Dennis Somers deceased.

2. You must file your answer or  
 take other action permitted by  
 law in this court at the court's  
 address of 106 5th Street, Har-  
 risville, Mich. 48740 on or before  
 the 28th day after publication of  
 this order is completed.

3. If you fail to answer or take  
 other action permitted by law in  
 this court on or before the 28th  
 day after publication of this order  
 is completed, a default judgment  
 may be entered against you for  
 the relief demanded in the com-  
 plaint filed in this case.

4. A copy of this order shall be  
 published once a week in a news-  
 paper that publishes within Al-  
 cona County for three consecu-  
 tive weeks, and proof of publica-  
 tion shall be filed with the court.  
 It is further ordered that no mail-  
 ing of this Order is required.  
 It is so ordered.

This is not a final order.

April 23, 2021  
 /s/Laura A. Frawley  
 Circuit Court Judge  
 5-12, 5-19, 5-26

**State of Michigan  
 Probate Court  
 County of Alcona  
 Notice to Creditors  
 Decedent's Estate  
 File No. 20-6115-DE**

Estate of Karen Bard  
 Date of Birth: January 25, 1943  
 To all creditors

Notice to creditors: The dece-  
 dent, Karen Bard, died August 9,  
 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are  
 notified that all claims against  
 the estate will be forever barred  
 unless presented to Michael  
 Bard, personal representative,  
 or to both the probate court at  
 106 N. 5th Street, P.O. Box 385,  
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the  
 personal representative within  
 four months after the date of  
 publication of this notice.

Date: May 26, 2021  
 David H. Cook P04560  
 Attorney  
 5466 M-72  
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
 (989) 724-5155  
 Michael Bard  
 Personal representative  
 4155 Pine Street  
 Glennie, Mich. 48737  
 (989) 619-3193

**State of Michigan  
 Probate Court  
 County of Alcona  
 Notice to Creditors  
 Decedent's Estate  
 File No. 21-679-DE**

Estate of Robert Franklin Cham-  
 pagne  
 Date of Birth: June 16, 1936

To all creditors:  
 Notice to creditors: The dece-  
 dent, Robert Franklin Cham-  
 pagne, died January 28, 2021.  
 Creditors of the decedent are  
 notified that all claims against  
 the estate will be forever barred  
 unless presented to June Cham-  
 pagne Riggle, person represen-  
 tative, or to both the probate  
 court at 106th Street, P.O. Box  
 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and  
 the personal representative  
 within four months after the date  
 of publication of this notice.

Date: May 26, 2021  
 David H. Cook P04560  
 Attorney  
 5466 M-72  
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
 (989) 724-5155  
 June Champagne Riggle  
 Personal representative  
 131 Driftwood Lane  
 Pontotoc, Miss. 38863  
 (662) 419-7779

**Get  
 Results  
 in the  
 Classifieds**

**Classified Ad  
 Deadline  
 is  
 Monday at 4 p.m.  
 Call 724-6384**

## HELP WANTED

Now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs  
 and a cook. Apply at Jamieson  
 Nursing Home, 790 South US-  
 23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. (989)  
 724-6889

Alcona Humane Society has one  
 part time animal caregiver posi-  
 tion available. This is a cleaning  
 position! Hours are 8 A.M. – 3 or  
 4 P.M. and include every other  
 weekend and holidays; 22-24  
 hours per week @ \$10.00/hr.  
 Must be 18 years of age and  
 have a valid drivers license. Must  
 be able to lift 50+ lbs. Must be  
 able to bend up and down and be  
 physically active for 4+ hours.  
 Call 989-736-7387 to schedule a  
 time to pick up an application.  
 457 W. Traverse Bay Rd., Lin-  
 coln, MI., 48742

The Alcona Conservation Dis-  
 trict is seeking a qualified For-  
 ester to manage the Forestry  
 Assistance Program in Iosco and  
 Alcona Counties from the  
 Harrisville Field Office. Minimum  
 B.S. in forestry from an accred-  
 ited college or university. This is  
 a year-to-year grant-funded sala-  
 ried position with a benefit contri-  
 bution. Use of a personal vehicle  
 required (mileage reimbursement  
 provided). The full position de-  
 scription and application details  
 are available at  
 www.alconaconervation.org or  
 at the Alcona Conservation Dis-  
 trict, 320 S. State St., Harrisville.  
 Application deadline is June 11.  
 989-724-5272.

Horse Farm hiring for barn and  
 farm help. Full and part-time, pick  
 up applications between 8 a.m.  
 and 3 p.m. at 1120 S. Everett  
 Rd., Harrisville.

## BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, mini-  
 mum five acres. Cole Forest  
 Products (989) 736-8928.

## LOST / FOUND

Lost dog in the Mikado area.  
 Michaud Road call 989-254-  
 2132. \$200 reward.

**CRAFT AND BAKE SALE.  
 Friday, May 28, 9:00 to 4:00 and  
 Saturday, May 29, 9:00 to 4:00.**

Hand painted signs, patriotic wreaths plus many  
 more designs. Barn Quilt Squares. Maple syrup and  
 maple cream. 18 inch dolls and accessories. Home-  
 made white and wheat bread, cinnamon rolls and  
 more.

**3070 Lakeview Circle, Lincoln.**

One block north of DNR Station on Barlow Road.  
 Turn east on Richland Drive, then right on Lakeview  
 Circle.

## SALES

Moving sale items: Hunting, fish-  
 ing, tools, household, jewelry and  
 crafting. May 28, 29 and 30 9  
 a.m.-6 p.m. 3851 Whippoorwill Dr.,  
 Spruce.

Rummage sale May 28, 29 and  
 30. 880 East Proconier Rd.,  
 Harrisville.

Huge garage sale 46-inch smart  
 TV, Kirby vacuum, towels, throw  
 blankets, lamps, curtains, com-  
 forters, bath and body spray,  
 Noritake china, Fisher Price toys,  
 Cabbage Patch dolls, Care Bears,  
 assorted dolls, Pound Puppies,  
 Barbie and Ken dolls and doll  
 clothes. All in excellent condition.  
 Too much to mention. Saturday,  
 May 29 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday,  
 May 30 9 a.m. – 4p.m. 676 North  
 Poorfarm Road.

Garage sales Friday & Saturday,  
 May 28 & 29 Brownlee Lake Neigh-  
 borhood N. Sleeper & S. Sleeper  
 Drive Lincoln, MI.

Garage/moving sale, Memorial  
 Day weekend 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 2353  
 S. US-23, Greenbush, Whisper-  
 ing Pines Condos.

Yard Sale May 29, 30 and 31 66  
 North Poorfarm Rd. Table top key-  
 board, patio table, pool ladder,  
 carpet cleaner, Eureka cleaner.

Garage sale Friday, 28, Saturday,  
 29 and Sunday 30. 5865 E. Trask  
 Lake Road, Harrisville, two miles  
 north of Harrisville. (No construc-  
 tion during holiday weekend).  
 Quarter mile east of US-23 toward  
 Lake Huron.

HUGE GARAGE SALE May 28  
 and 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. All kinds of  
 items. Outdoor, kitchen, furniture,  
 electronics, craft supplies and  
 much, much more. 1715 S.  
 Poorfarm Rd., Mikado/Greenbush

Two family sale - 4028 E. Black  
 River Rd. Black River. Friday and  
 Saturday - 9 -5. Lots of house-  
 hold items, crafts, jewelry, small  
 tables and chairs, women's  
 clothes 11-12, small cabinet and  
 hutch, Honda 1980 C70, RV hot  
 water heater, new exterior steel  
 door and much more.

## NOTICE

Notice: Millen Township – Maple  
 Ridge Cemetery Ordinance Revi-  
 sion. On May 3, 2021, Millen  
 Township approved revisions to  
 the Article XXXIV Millen Town-  
 ship Ordinance 1466 – Maple  
 Ridge Cemetery. The mainte-  
 nance section of this ordinance  
 will be posted at Maple Ridge  
 Cemetery located in Barton City.  
 The complete ordinance will be  
 posted on the Millen Township-  
 com website. Individuals may  
 contact the sexton, Barbara  
 Bartlett, at 989-736-0700 for a  
 complete copy of the ordinance.

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## FOR RENT

### Lincoln Manor Apartments

Enjoy your independence  
 at Lincoln Manor! If you  
 are a senior of at least 50,  
 or a disabled adult, we  
 have apartments that are  
 designed especially for  
 you! Come home to a  
 beautiful country setting,  
 where our spacious indoor  
 and outdoor areas provide  
 great places for some of  
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 8394.

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 and employer.*

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Central Boiler Certified Classic  
 Edge outdoor furnaces. Excep-  
 tional performance and value.  
 Call today! Gauthier Heating &  
 Cooling (989) 471-2478.

## HOME FOR SALE

Home for sale on 61.35 wooded  
 acres approximately six miles  
 from Harrisville or Lincoln. Home  
 is a 1992 Redman 14x70 mobile  
 home in excellent condition on a  
 cinder block foundation. Home  
 has central air plus front and  
 rear porches. Too many other  
 items to list. Asking \$180,000  
 contact Joe Romano 810-499-  
 5599.

**Pickup a copy of the Alcona County  
 Review at the following businesses**

### HARRISVILLE

Alcona County Review  
 Harrisville EZ Mart  
 Harrisville Shell  
 The Flour Garden  
 Harrisville Grocery

### GREENBUSH

Cedar Lake Grocery

### LINCOLN

Fick & Sons  
 Kris Mart

Lost Lake Woods

Lincoln Pharmacy

### MIKADO

Mikado Market  
 Nedo's Farm Market  
 SPRUCE

Chippewa Pt. Grocery

### BARTON CITY

General Store

### GLENNIE

Roger's Food Pride

### OSSINEKE

Ossineke BP

### OSCODA

Gary Oil

Gilbert's Drug Store

Oscoda Shell Station

Sunrise Citgo

# Messages Continued from page 1

be following the footsteps of their peers; they are making their own path. It's pretty cool to see all of us going after our dreams," Stephenson said. He felt confident that after what the class of 2021 has been through, they could tackle any obstacle the future may bring.

Stephenson has been keeping very busy over the last few years. In addition to his duties as president of the student council, being part of the National Honor Society and in the woodshop club, he has been on five different sports teams including football, basketball, bowling, baseball and track and field. Last weekend he participated in track and field at regional's and qualified for the state competition in pole vaulting.

In his graduation speech to his peers Stephenson plans to talk a little about the past years growing up while on school as well as encourage his class to keep growing and find mentors to look up to.

Stephenson plans to attend Northwood University directing his study course for a business degree and obtain

an accounting degree after that. He is the son of Scott and Lisa Stephenson of Barton City.

**Froehner** was born in the Philippines and moved to Alcona County with his parents, James and Lyn Froehner, when he was two.

As an only child, he grew to love the county's close-knit community and spending time with friends, walking on the beach, playing video games and hanging out with his dog, Oreo.

Academics always came easily to him, probably because he has very smart parents, according to Froehner. He explained even the six college courses he took in high school were not all that challenging to him, but he still enjoyed it. He especially enjoyed how teachers could make dry subjects such as English and history interesting.

Although he appreciates the small town atmosphere, he is ready to try something new and is looking forward to attending the University of Michigan in the fall. "I'm looking forward to living in a large

city. It's something I've never experienced," Froehner said.

His message on graduation day will be about ambition. "I believe we all have ambition, but sometimes we lose motivation. I hope my speech gives (my class) the encouragement they need," he said.

Froehner was also hopeful the reduction of COVID-19 cases continues to drop and that his college plans will not be affected. While he didn't mind learning from home, he wasn't all that impressed with the online education and found the classes to be taxing.

**Winter** said it was awesome to be able to share the honor of valedictorian with a classmate. "Gabe and I both worked very hard and took college classes. Both of us took ahold of every opportunity the school offered. Despite Alcona being a small school, they offer a lot to students here," he said.

Beginning in middle school Winter developed an interest in philanthropy and volunteerism. He has been a part of the National Honor Soci-

ety, tried FFA for a few years and has done volunteer work in the community including over 100 hours helping the Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 3762 in Spruce. He also spent time helping the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He began taking college classes in the tenth grade. Winter enjoyed the challenge they brought him, however, it wasn't until he began working with the school's admission counselor, Megan VanKoningsveld, that he was able to develop clearer plan and take courses with a Michigan Transfer Agreement Stamp (MTA) so those credits could transfer to other MTA agreeable colleges.

Winter plans to attend Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Mich. and feels he should be able to get a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting in four years. "With those two degrees, I will be able to get my CPA (Certified Public Accounting) certification.

His speech includes thanking those who have sacrificed everything for his benefit -- his mom and dad -- as well as

the teachers and staff.

"Even the cafeteria staff, janitors, and paraprofessionals have always been kind to us. They've pushed students to do the right thing, no matter how much we pushed back.

"I don't want to give too much away about my speech but I have always heard the expression 'follow your dreams.' My message to my classmates will be a little different and contains what will happen to those who don't work as hard as they have in the past," Winter said.

Winter is the son of Wayne Winter and Cindy Smith. His sister, Courtney, graduated from Alcona High School last year.

The 2021 graduation ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 28, attendance by invitation only. Alcona High School Principal Christie Thomas said they are hoping to hold the ceremony outside, weather permitting, which will allow each graduate to bring eight guests. If the ceremony is moved indoors, only four guests will be allowed.



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