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Jail status changes, inmates go to Iosco County

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor

As of October 6, the Alcona County Jail ceased housing inmates overnight and reduced its services to booking arrested individuals, drug testing and finger printing.

The change came just a few weeks after Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson announced the change in responsibility for the jail. The decision was based on the cost of housing inmates and a dwindling jail population.

According to Stephenson, the projected cost to operate the Alcona County Jail for 2022 was approximately \$800,000. This added up to almost \$2,200 per day. The average daily inmate count in Alcona County for 2020 and 2021 was between eight and 10 inmates, with a low of two and a high of 16. "If there are 10 inmates per day, it costs \$220 per day per inmate. With the cost of housing inmates in other county jails ranging from \$30 to \$45 per inmate per day, it is not fiscally responsible to operate the jail at such a high expense with so few inmates," Stephenson

The Alcona County Jail was built in 1961 with 15 beds. It was added on to in 1987 bringing the capacity to 31 beds. There were six full time and two part-time corrections officers and two cooks employed by the county to operate the jail. The sheriff's department oversees the operations and budget for the jail.

The change in jail operations became official when the Alcona County Board of Commissioners signed the necessary paperwork on October 6 for a three-year agreement with Iosco County to house overnight and extended stay inmates.

Stephenson said the terms of the contract include a cost of \$135,000 per year at 10 beds per day. He explained that adjustments will be made if the numbers fluctuate. When the change was made and inmates were transported to Iosco County, there were four individuals that were relocated.

"We've been working with Iosco County for almost a month now and things are going really well with Iosco County. They are easy to work with," Stephenson said.

The decision to explore alternatives to the current jail

operation was reached in late summer-early fall after discussions with the Judge Laura Frawley, prosecutor Tom Weichel, members of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and several other Michigan sheriff's departments.

According to Stephenson, the judge and prosecutor explained that recent changes in state legislation will probably result in inmate numbers remaining low for the foreseeable future. Legislative

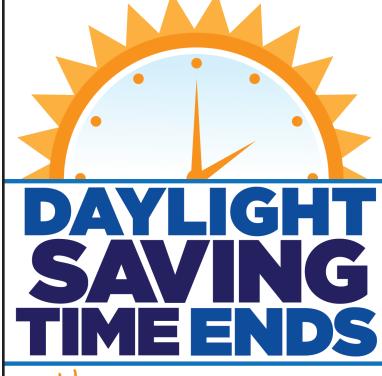
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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (left) visits Alcona Health Center in Lincoln on October 27. She spent time talking with health center staff, board members, officers and patients during her visit. She was touring northern Michigan to promote her \$2.1 billion Michigan New Economy plan. "I'm here at Alcona Health (Center), as we know this is an important facility that has met the primary needs of residents well beyond this one county -- many counties in fact... I wanted to come here and thank these incredible people who have been on the front lines throughout this pandemic. They're exhausted. They are stressed. And yet they show up every single day to try to keep the people of the community safe," Whitmer said.

"We were so excited to have the governor here today," said Nancy Spencer (right), Alcona Health Center CEO. "To not only show the comprehensive services that we provide... but also, she thanked our staff so that was really exciting." Gov. Whitmer also visited the Michigan State Police Post ribbon cutting in West Branch, Vantage Plastics in Standish, Cooper Standard in Fairview and held a roundtable on PFAS in Oscoda. For more about the new economy plan, see www.michigan.gov/MINewEconomy.

Photo by Cheryl Peterson.



NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. Remember to turn clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Keck serves as MSP assistant district commander in Gaylord

Inspector Frank Keck has been promoted to the position of assistance commander of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Seventh District.

As the assistant district commander, Keck will assist the district commander in the coordination and provision of state police activities and services within the district. Evaluate the activities of each work site within the district and works with work site commanders to maximize crime prevention, traffic safety, and community outreach efforts.

He will also work with the MSP Professional Development Bureau to implement the department-wide plan for in-service training, leadership development, wellness, and career development.

Keck is a native of Kalkaska, Mich. and grew up in Ypsilanti, Mich. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Michigan State University. He began his career with the MSP on January 15, 1995, as a member of the 111th Trooper Recruit School

His first assignment was at the Cadillac, Mich. post as



Inspector Frank Keck

a trooper. From there he went to Traverse Narcotics Team as a detective trooper. He was promoted to sergeant at the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. post and detective sergeant at Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement where he also served on the FBI Task Force.

He was promoted to detective lieutenant at Huron Undercover Narcotics Team in Alpena, and then promoted again to detective first lieu-

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Obituaries



Tawas, died at home on Monday, Oct. 25, 2021.

She was born November 26, 1929 to James and Dorothy (Castner) Arquilla in Chicago, Ill. She was raised in Harrietta, Mich.

She moved to Oscoda in 1969. Mrs. Cushion worked in the food service department at Wurtsmith Air Force

She was a member of the Oscoda Assembly of God. She loved the church and enjoyed

Susan Beth Glowinski, 71, of Mikado, died on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at Lakeview Manor in Tawas City.

She was born November 2, 1949 to Norman R. and Jean (LeSeure) Mobley in Detroit, Mich., where she was raised.

On August 25, 1967, she married David Glowinski in Detroit, Mich. She worked as a paralegal.

She enjoyed reading, travelling, and spoiling her grandchildren.

Mrs. Glowinski is survived by her husband, Dave; two

Valerie K. Joslin, 73, of

She was born November

Harrisville, died on Tuesday,

21, 1947 to Harold and Leora

(Rushman) Reames in Har-

risville, where she was raised.

land Community College and

worked as a registered nurse.

married Walter Joslin in Har-

She graduated from Oak-

On February 6, 1971 she

Oct. 26, 2021 at home.

Lela B. Cushion

Lela B. Cushion, 91, of East participating whenever she

Mrs. Cushion is survived by three sons, Daniel Baxter, Michael Baxter and James Baxter; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchil-

The funeral was held Saturday, Oct. 30 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Eric Hendricks officiated. Memorial donations may be made to the Oscoda Assembly of God.

Susan B. Glowinski

sons, Scott (Jeannine) Glowinski of White Lake, Mich. and Doug (Christi) Glowinski of Commerce, Mich.; two grandsons, Chase Rogan and Evan Glowinski; two sisters, Michelle Mobley of Highland, Mich. and Denise (Mark) Edmunds of Nashville, Tenn., and one brother, Gary (Connie) Mobley of West Bloomfield, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Steven J. Glowinski.

There will be a memorial service on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Westminster Pres-





byterian Church in Harrisville, at 1 p.m., with a lunch afterwards at Rosa's Lookout

Valerie K. Joslin

risville. They were residents of Oxford, Mich.

Mrs. Joslin was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado. She loved quilting and was a member of several local quilting clubs.

She enjoyed genealogy and traveling and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Joslin is survived by

her husband, Walter; two sons, Vincent Joslin and Phillip Joslin; three step daughters, Rene Aebig, Deborah Taylor and Dixie Joslin; numerous grandchildren and step grandchildren; one brother, Duane (Althea) Reames; one sister-in-law, Rosemary Reames and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Carole Campbell and Barbara Becker; and two brothers Larry Reames and Jerry Reames.

The funeral was held Monday, Nov. 1 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado. The Rev. John William officiated. Burial was in St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery in Mikado. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Over the course of the last couple months, a growing group of concerned citizens have respectfully implored our county commissioners to stand up for our rights regarding medical freedom, election integrity, and our First Amendment rights.

We have presented the commissioners with many different resolutions addressing the above issues. It has been our hope that they would honor their oath of office, by acknowledging that our constitutional rights are secure and will be honored in this county.

Our entreaties have been met with statements of discussion that indicate to us, that our commissioners are quite happy with letting "someone else" handle the issues of today, rather than confronting them here and now... in our own back yard.

We believe this is an unac-

ceptable approach. Alcona citizens deserve representation which will not only handle the "day-to-day business" of the county, but also confront the eradication of our constitutional rights on the issues for which our founding fathers shed their blood, lost their lives, risked their livelihoods, and literally sacrificed everything for.

We are asking for nothing more than simply having leaders who are willing to stand up and proclaim to everyone in the State of Michigan that government overreach -- federal, state or local -- will not happen here.

We believe that asking our direct representation to stand up for their oath and to acknowledge our rights, is not

too much to ask.

Jeffrey Dobbs Glennie Alcona Grassroots Conservatives

Local Notes

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Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

• Monday, Nov. 8: Oven fried garden chicken, paprika roaster potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, milk.

• Tuesday, Nov. 9: Taco salad, baby carrots and dip, flavored apple sauce, milk.

• Wednesday, Nov. 10: Barbecue pork roast, baked potato, broccoli, Mandarin oranges, milk.

 Thursday, Nov. 11: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, California blend vegetables, pears, milk.

Holiday Card Making

A workshop to make handcrafted greeting cards will be held on Monday, Nov. 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona

County Library. Instructor Theresa McCurdy will help attendees create artistically designed stenciled cards using oil pastels just in time for holiday events. Register for this Craftomania class by calling (989) 724-6796. All materials provided for \$3 per person.

Children's Mental Health

Raising children can be difficult. Even under the best circumstances, their behaviors and emotions can change frequently and rapidly.

All children are sad, anxious, irritable, or aggressive at times, or they occasionally find it challenging to sit still, pay attention, or interact with others. In most cases, these are just typical developmental phases.

However, such behaviors may indicate a more serious problem in some children.

Mental health services are offered in schools within the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona

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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Veterans, and their relatives, are welcome to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more info., call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln – across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet 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. For more information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

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

AuSable Valley Audubon will hold a meeting at the Oscoda High School, 3550 E. River Road, Oscoda at 7 p.m. The topic is "Life of the Kirtland Warblers in the Bahamas," presented by Dave Ewert, senior conservationist scientist from the Kirtland's Warbler Alliance in Lansing, Mich. The program is open the public.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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 info.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The Alcon 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.

Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

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

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Educational Service District (AMA ESD). These mental health services are provided by 31n therapists who are licensed master's clinicians. These therapists can help students to address various issues/difficulties they may be going through, including self-confidence, self-esteem, depression, anxiety, grief, loss, divorce, attention/focus challenges, motivation, anger management/coping strategies and life transitions.

Anyone who has questions about 31n services, call Tracy Romel at (989) 354-3101 ext. 103. For more information on the AMA ESD, visit www.-amaesd.org.

Baskets on Display

Basketweavers of the Thunder Bay Basket Guild are the Featured Artists for November and December at the Thunder Bay Arts Gallery in Alpena. Handmade baskets will be on display.

The Thunder Bay Basket Guild was formed in the 1990s to create a place for fellow weavers to get together, exchange ideas, share expertise, and meet new weavers and friends. Over the years there have been many changes with members. What has continued is a group of 17 women who have become friends, working on projects in the community, teaching and being taught, and sharing laughter

Awards have been won at Jesse Besser Museum, the Brush Creek Mill, and at the Association of Michigan Basketmakers (AMB) convention. Thunder Bay Basket Guild is a recognized chartered guild with the Association of Michigan Basketmakers.

The Thunder Bay Arts Gallery is located at 127 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Public is welcome.

Learn About Alzheimer's

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is hosting a three-part Dementia Webinar Series via Zoom on: "Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's," Friday, Nov. 12 from 1 to 2 p.m.; "Helping Caregivers to Understand Dementia-Related Behavior," on Friday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 2 p.m.; and "Effective Communication Strategies," on Friday, Jan. 14 from 1 to 2 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend this free, informative, and interactive virtual conference presented by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter.

The first webinar, "Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's," will educate participants on how to recognize common signs of the disease, know what to watch for in themselves and others and how Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory,

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thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

This program:

- Explores typical age-related changes.
- Describes common signs of Alzheimer's and dementia.
- Offers tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns.
- Explains the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis.
- Details possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process.
- Identifies helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

For more information or to register, contact mainvilleb-@nemcsa.org, or call (989) 358-4616.

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is a division of division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA). To find out more information regarding NEMCSA's programs and services, visit www.nemcsa.org.



Sentencing was recently held on a domestic violence call that turned into a combative arrest and continued intimidation of the victim until discovered by corrections officers.

Ian Anthony Pasqualone, 31, of Farmington Hills, Mich. was sentenced on October 26 by Judge Laura A. Frawley in 23rd Circuit Court. He was sentenced to serve 70 months to 20 years in prison with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Pasqualone was found guilty of domestic violence, resisting/assaulting a police officer, witness bribery and intimidation and habitual offender by a jury on September 21.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the charges and conviction stem from an incident that occurred on September 13, 2020, at around 3:50 a.m. in Hubbard Lake when deputies from the sheriff's department were dispatched to a domestic violence call. When deputies arrived, Pasqualone had fled the scene. The deputies tended to the victim and assisted her in going to a safe location.

Deputies returned to the residence at approximately 11:23 a.m. where they located Pasqualone hiding in the residence. When deputies attempted to arrest him, Pasqualone resisted. He was arrested and transported to the Alcona County Jail on charges of domestic violence and resisting/assaulting a police officer.

While being held at the Alcona County Jail it was discovered that Pasqualone was contacting the victim by telephone and text messages in violation of conditions set by the court. An investigation revealed that Pasqualone had contacted the victim and he was attempting to get her to change her story or not testify. He was also using other individuals to contact the victim. This resulted in a charge of witness intimidation.

Michigan's childhood psychiatry needs go unmet

By Cameryn Cass

Capital News Service

Michigan has fewer than 300 hospital beds for children under 18 needing mental health treatment, a shortage that worsens the farther you go north.

There are no juvenile mental health beds in the Upper Peninsula. Oakland County is the only county that has an adequate number of child psychiatrists for the county population, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

In fact, Michigan ranks third worst in the nation in the number of child psychiatrists, said Sheila Marcus, a clinical professor at the University of Michigan (U of M) who is involved with a statefunded project called Michigan Child Collaborative Care. Most psychiatric illnesses start in adolescence or younger.

Michigan Child Collaborative Care is trying to address mental health problems before people go to the hospital through telepsychiatry support to primary care physicians, Marcus said. It offers same-day phone consultations and educational opportunities to help them think like psychiatrists.

The collaborative started in 2012 and includes the state health agency, U of M and Michigan State University.

When hospital beds run

out, patients are boarded for hours, sometimes days, waiting in hallways or emergency rooms for an open bed, said Lia Gaggino, a Michigan pediatrician of 32 years and a former committee chairperson for the Michigan chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Sometimes that means patients must seek help out of state.

The emergence of COVID-19 flooded emergency rooms with people afflicted with mental illnesses, Marcus explained. Reports of suicidal thoughts increased 124 percent, and there was a 158 percent increase in depression and anxiety cases.

The pandemic also changed the public perspective toward physicians from being superheroes to enemies, according to Gaggino, who described them as wounded healers.

Gaggino said mental health needs are not being met not only across Michigan, but nationwide. "We have to be willing to put resources into developing programs that work. It would require an enormous system change," she said.

High costs for adequate treatment is a concern. Patients with suicidality require strict supervision Gaggino said.

"We have a grossly inadequate supply and huge demand for services that really requires we rethink how we deliver mental health services," said Marcus.

Telepsychiatry is a bright spot of the pandemic, Gaggino said. These services can be accessed remotely in rural areas that lack access to psychiatric help, like the Upper Peninsula.

But a good third of U.P. residents are without Internet, so although telepsychiatry is a promising solution for rural areas like this, broadband issues are a concern, said Jim Haveman, a former director of the Department of Community Health.

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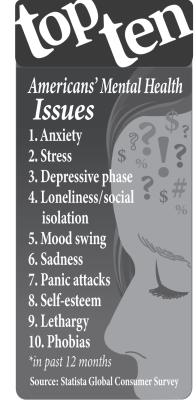
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Social Security benefits following death of spouse, finding a better Medicare prescription drug plan

Dear Savvy Senior,

Who qualifies for Social Security survivor benefits? My ex-husband died last year, so I would like to find out if me or my 17-year-old daughter are eligible for anything? Divorced Survivor

Dear Divorced,

If your ex-husband worked and paid Social Security taxes and you and/or your daughter meet the eligibility requirements, you may very well be eligible for survivor benefits, but you should act quickly because benefits are generally retroactive only up to six months. Here's what you should know.

Under Social Security law, when a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, certain members of that person's family may be eligible for survivor benefits including spouses, former spouses and depen-

Here's a breakdown of who qualifies.

· Widow(er)'s and divorced widow(er)'s: Surviving spouses that were married at least nine months are eligible to collect a monthly survivor benefit as early as age 60 (50 if disabled). Divorced surviving spouses are also eligible at this same age, if you were married at least 10 years and did not remarry before age 60 (50 if disabled), unless the marriage ends.

How much you'll receive will depend on how much money (earnings that were subject to Social Security taxes) your spouse or exspouse made over their lifetime, and the age in which you apply for survivor benefits.

If you wait until your full retirement age (which is 66 for people born in 1945-1954 and will gradually increase to age 67 for people born in 1960 or later), you'll receive 100 percent of your deceased spouses' or ex-spouses' benefit amount. But if you apply between age 60 and your full retirement age, your benefit will be somewhere between 71.5 to 99 percent of their benefit.

There is, however, one exception. Surviving spouses and ex-spouses that are caring for a child (or children) of the deceased worker, and they are under age 16 or disabled, are eligible to receive 75 percent of the worker's benefit amount at any age.

• Unmarried children: Surviving unmarried children under age 18, or up to age 19 if they're still attending high school, are eligible for survivor benefits too. Benefits can also be paid to children at any age if they were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled. Both biological and adoptive children are eligible, as well as kids born out of wedlock. Dependent stepchildren and grandchildren may also qualify. Children's benefits are 75 percent of the worker's benefit.

You should also know that in addition to survivor benefits, a surviving spouse or receive a special lump-sum death payment of \$255.

• Dependent parents: Benefits can also be paid to dependent parents who are age 62 and older. For parents to qualify as dependents, the deceased worker would have had to provide at least onehalf of the parent's financial

But be aware that Social Security has limits on how much a family can receive in monthly survivors' benefits – usually 150 to 180 percent of the worker's benefit.

Switching Strategies

Social Security also provides surviving spouses and ex-spouses some nice strategies that can help boost your benefits. For example, if you've worked you could take a reduced survivor benefit at age 60 and switch to your own retirement benefit based on your earnings history between 62 and 70 - if it offers a higher payment.

Or, if you're already receivchild may also be eligible to ing retirement benefits on your work record, you could switch to survivors benefits if it offers a higher payment. You cannot, however, receive both benefits.

You also need to know that if you collect a survivor benefit while working, and are under full retirement age, your benefits may be reduced depending on your earnings see SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf.

For more information on survivor benefits, visit SSA.gov/benefits/survivors.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Is it important to compare Medicare Part D prescription drug plans every year? My pharmacist highly recommends it, but it's such a hassle sorting through all those different plans. $\bar{\text{Is}}$ there an easier way to shop and compare Medicare drug plans?

Lazy Beneficiary Dear Lazy,

Because Medicare's pre-



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scription drug plans can change their costs and benefits from year-to-year, comparing Part D plans every year during the open enrollment season (which is October 15-December 7) is always a smart

Even if you're happy with your current coverage, there may be other plans out there that you're not aware of that offer better coverage at a lower cost. You never know until you look. Here are some tips to help you shop and compare Medicare drug plans.

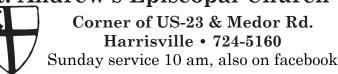
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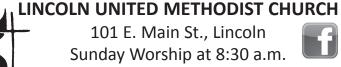
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Take on Invasives with Huron Pines: Phragmites

This is the final installment of 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.

A receding Lake Huron is contributing to a resurgence of one of Michigan's most notorious invasive plant species -- phragmites, a reed grass capable of reaching 15 feet in height. It can't grow in water more than a few feet

When Lake Huron rose to record highs in 2020, it flooded shallow sandbars and drowned phragmites that had been growing there. Now that levels are falling again, those dormant roots are coming



Huron Pines' Restoration Team member Dylan Loop treats phragmites with herbicide along a roadway at Tuttle Marsh in Oscoda. Left untreated, phragmites disrupts wildlife habitat and blocks views for visitors. Courtesy photos.



A mature stand of phragmites growing just offshore on Lake Huron.



their towering shoots once

back to life and sending up

"We're seeing some of those old populations coming back, especially along the shore near Tawas," said Logan Hawley, Coastal Restoration Team Leader for Huron Pines. "Once it establishes itself, nothing else grows."

Introduced to the United States from Europe, phragmites has been a persistent and destructive invasive in Michigan for decades. It is commonly found growing in ditches, wetland areas and along lakeshores. Phragmites can spread incredibly quickly with the aid of tendril-like stems, called rhizomes, that snake 20 feet across the ground and send up vertical shoots along their entire length. Its seeds are carried long distances by wind and waves, and broken stem fragments can re-root, further hastening its spread.

The problem with phragmites lies in the sheer density of its stands combined with its immense height. Phrag-

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mites infestations block waterfront views, prevent native plants from growing and obstruct the movement of waterfowl and turtles. Large offshore patches can disrupt wind and wave action needed to replenish beaches and dunes with sand.

Invasive phragmites is easily identified this time of year by its fluffy, hand-sized seed heads atop tan shoots. These structures remain standing through winter and resemble tall field corn. Michigan also has a native phragmites. Though not very common, the native species is shorter, less dense and has reddish stems.

Targeted treatment with herbicide, either by hand or spray application, has proven to be the best way to control phragmites. "We see high, high effectiveness with our herbicide treatments, especially on mature stands late in the year," Hawley said.

Phragmites infestations can be reported through the Midwest Invasive Species Identification Network at misin.msu.edu, an online database Huron Pines uses to prioritize future treatment work.

(The Huron Coastal 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 Coastal ISN is led by *Huron Pines with support from* the Michigan Invasive Species *Grant Program.*)

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Alcona runners qualify for state finals

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country team competed at a Division 4 regional race at East Jordan, Mich. on Saturday, Oct. 30. Of the three Tiger runners competing, two punched their tickets to the state finals.

In the girls' race, senior Sara Decker qualified for the finals, as she finished in 13th, clocking out a time of 22:13. Fellow senior Katlelynn Bravata also competed in the race, finishing in 41st on a run of 27:53.

The lone Alcona runner in the boys' race was sophomore Carter Upper. He will move on to the state finals as well, as he finished in 14th on a time of 18:35.

"(We are) proud to announce Carter Upper and Sara Decker medaled at regionals and qualified for the state finals," said head coach Tammy Nelson.

The cross country state championship races are held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.



Carter Upper and Sara Decker medaled at regionals and qualified for state finals, which will be held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. on Saturday. Courtesy photo.

at Whittemore-Prescott on

Wednesday. The finals are set

for Friday, Nov. 5 with host W-P, Oscoda and Pinconning

also in the tournament. The

district winner advances to

the regional semifinals in

Houghton Lake on Tuesday,

Nov. 9.

Lady Tigers close regular season at NSL tourney

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team wrapped up the regular season on Saturday, Oct. 30 playing in the North Star League Big Dipper tournament. The Lady Tigers went 1-3-1 on the day.

"Throughout the tournament we had positive energy,' said head coach Kristi Miller. "Finishing plays and continuing to be aggressive throughout the entire set are areas of focus. It is imperative that we continue to build our mental toughness."

In pool play, Alcona lost to Mio, 25-23 and 25-21; fell to Oscoda 25-15 and 25-18; split with Rogers City 17-25 and 25-21; and topped Whittemore-Prescott 25-21 and

In bracket play, Alcona lost eventual champion to

Oscoda, 25-10 and 26-24. Division 3 district semifinal Stats were not available at press time.

On Tuesday, Oct. Oct. 26, the Lady Tigers played in a trimeet at Johannesburg-Lewiston. They lost both matches, 25-13 and 25-7 to host Joburg and 25-15 and 25-15 to Inland Lakes.

"We were forced to make last minute adjustments and the girls responded well," Miller said. "Throughout each game they never gave up and worked together until the final point. It is important we continue to work defensively and keep up the strong effort heading into districts.'

Leading the way was Kaylee Wambold with six kills. Carmen Dellar had two blocks. Emma Travis had 41 assists and Sage Gauthier had 11

Alcona played Tawas in a

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News of servicemen

November 4, 1971 ~ San Antonio— Airman Mark A. Willhite, son of Mrs. Laura J. Willhite of Marquette, Michigan, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Illinois, for training in metalworking. Airman Willhite is a 1971 graduate of Marquette Senior High School. His father, Robert Willhite, resides in Mikado.

U.S. Air Forces, Thailand— U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Donald A. Schulz, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Schulz of Barton City, is on duty at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Colonel Schulz, an intelligence staff officer, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces, headquarters for air operations in South east Asia, the Far East and Pacific area. Before his arrival in Thailand, he served at Beale AFB, California. He holds the aeronautical rating of senior navigator.

A 1947 graduate of Harrisville High School, the colonel received his B.S. degree in education in 1951 from Michigan State University where he was commissioned upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Colonel Schulz wife, Lucienne is from Germany.

Panama City, Florida— Technical Sergeant Harvey D. Harger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Harger of Glennie, is a member of the 2021st. C ommunications Squadron at Tyndall AFB, Florida, which has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The squadron was cited for exceptionally outstanding achievement while providing air traffic control service in the Tyndall area during 1970. The tower controlled 216,000 takeoffs and landings and the radar approach control unit handled 104,860 flights during the year.

Sergeant Harger, an air traffic controller, will wear a distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The sergeant, a 1961 graduate of Oscoda High School, has completed 11 months of duty in Vietnam. His wife is the former Patricia L. Smith.

Announce engagement

November 4, 1971 ~Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tartaglia of Harrisville are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Cheri Monnier, to Kenneth Ash of Oscoda.

No wedding date has been set.

Stone honored for excellent performance

Cheryl Peterson

One of the smiling faces seen in First of American Bank in

Harrisville has just been recognized for 33 years of work and dedication and community involvement.

Judy Stone, sales branch manager of First of America Bank, was recently awarded the James H. Duncan Award for Performance Excellence.

She was recognized for consistently being a retail sales leader in individual product campaigns and an overall micromarketing leader.

She was credited for bringing creativity and excitement to her work which is evident to staff and customers.

November 6, 1996 ~ By Award for Performance Excellence formally recognizes First of American Employees who have gone above and beyond the expected in working with their fellow employees, their customers and their communities.

> Stone just celebrated her 33 year of full time employment with First of America Bank on Oct. 1. She started as a teller and worked her way up through the ranks being named assistant branch manager in 1972 and manager in 1990.

Stone said graduating from high school and having to decide what to do with her life was a difficult task, one that she hopes to help area students with by being strongly The James H. Duncan involved with the School to

Work Program at Alcona High School.

Last year Stone hired a high school student through the School to Work Program to work part time in the bank to gain knowledge about the working world.

She is also involved in other community organizations like the Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce, the Alcona County Economic Development Council and Habitat for Humanity.

Stone credits her award to the employees she works with

day. "I don't feel like I did it alone," Stone said. "I really attribute it to my supportive

Stone said she enjoys her too early."

work at the bank - especially the "people part. I'm a people person. I really do enjoy my job. Every day is different and it's like home."

When she isn't working, Stone and her husband Bill can be found camping, going to country music concerts or planning their next camping trip. They have been married for 36 years and Bill works for the Alcona County Road Commission.

For any student who isn't sure what they want to do with their life after school, Stone has some advice - "See Cindy Leeseberg (School to Work Coordinator) and get into the business world and see what it's like. It's never

Township injures two Plane crash in Alcona

November 6, 1996 ~ By **Cheryl Peterson**

One man is in good condition and another escaped with minor injuries after the single engine airplane they were in crashed in Alcona Township Saturday around noon.

The pilot, Thomas Faulkner, 55, of Berien Springs, Mich., is in good condition at Alpena General Hospital. His passenger, Gerald Barefield, 53, of St. Joseph, was treated and released.

The two were flying in a fixed-winged single engine Maule aircraft when it started to land on a private landing strip located in the Consolidated Hunt Club in Alcona Township.

According to a report from the Alcona County Sheriff Department, a witness said the plane circled the landing strip twice, preparing to land.

On its third approach, the plane began its descent and touched down, then a gust of wind began moving the plane to the right.

According to the witness in the report, Faulkner powered up to take off, in order to make another attempt, but the plane lifted up to its right into a small stand of trees. The aircraft then flipped over landing on its wheels.

Barefield exited the plane by himself and two witnesses, unidentified by the police report, who just finished hunting, pulled Faulkner out of the plane.

Faulkner and Barefield were enroute to the Consolidated Hunt Club to visit their hunting properties. They were treated at the scene by the

Hubbard Lake Fire Department and Alcona EMS. They were transported to Alpena General Hospital by Alcona

The Federal Aviation Administration is handling the ongoing investigation.

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Oct. 26	48	42	0.00	7.7	31	NNE
Oct. 27	52	47	0.00	8.1	22	NNE
Oct. 28	54	51	0.00	12	21	ESE
Oct. 29	54	51	0.00	13.7	27	ENE
Oct. 30	54	50	0.00	14.2	26	NE

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	<u>2021</u>	2020	Normal Water <u>Content</u>				
Weekly Total	0.03	0.40	0.49				
October to Date	1.78	2.51	2.26				
Year to Date	21.75	20.60	24.42				

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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez

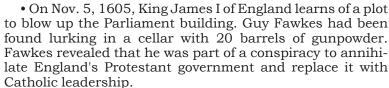


- **1. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the only country that ends with the letter Q?
- **2. LITERATURE:** Which Truman Capote nonfiction book begins with the line, "The village of Holcomb stands on the high wheat plains of western Kansas, a lonesome area that other Kansans call 'out there'"?
- **3. MOVIES:** What were the words on the hot-air balloon in which the wizard leaves Emerald City in "The Wizard of Oz"?
- **4. HISTORY:** Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed the right to vote regardless of race?
- **5. MEDICAL:** What condition is the result of a decrease in red blood cells?
- **6. MEASUREMENTS:** How many tablespoons are in a 1/4 cup?
- 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do deltiologists study and collect?
- **8. TELEVISION:** What is Netflix's highest rated original series in 2021?
- **9. SCIENCE:** What is a person who specializes in plant studies called?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: Is eggplant considered a fruit or a vegetable?

Answers: 1. Iraq; 2. "In Cold Blood"; 3. State Fair Omaha; 4. Fifteenth; 5. Anemia; 6. Four; 7. Postcards; 8. "Bridgerton"; 9. A botanist; 10. Fruit (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

PITIFUL PANTRY Super Crossword **PROBLEM ACROSS** 49 1930s-'40s 96 End of the 82 Whine like a **6** Razor option 48 Shaw of 1 Spot's threat riddle 7 Certain prez swing baby 4 Bacteria-50 Church 100 "Woe is me!" parallelogram 50 "Valiant 83 Yodeling growing gel vestibule 104 "The 8 Drive back attempt!" comeback 8 Crevices 53 Classical 9 "Maybe" 84 Banned Mummers' 51 Aspiration 13 Having 10 Shortcoming orchard spray intro? Dance' **52** Just-prior 54 Riddle, part 3 the most singer 11 Ex-Yankee periods 86 Currency of McKennitt wisdom 59 It may take Martinez **55** Egg Laos 19 Glasgow the cake 105 No longer middles 90 Dined at 12 Appear refusal **61** "— Sexy" relevant 13 Miserly 56 Work fill-in someone 20 "Space (1992 #1 hit 106 Classic else's place 14 Sound 57 Goya's gold Ghost" engineer's 92 Embellished arcade name 58 Cedar song) cartoonist 62 Clapton of 107 Riddle's console cousin 93 Haughty sort 94 Band's lineup Alex rock 15 Smiling one 60 "Fat chance!" answer 63 Bernstein's of gig songs 21 Actress 113 All-terrain 16 Swelled head about Kemper of "Candide," for military 17 Resident of a (close to) 95 Fills up gaming "City" 64 Mark in "The Office" vehicle 97 "Gas Food one 18 NFL scores 116 Clipped, as a 22 Swollen and **67** Early Oscar Lodging" "piñata" distended 24 "It's the **65** "Grand" director sheep 23 Central North Jannings **Rockies** Allison **117** Many a era" 28 Rowboat pair peak 68 Riddle, part 4 98 Tennis player Carolina city magic trick 25 747, say **72** Fought (for) 118 Give support 29 Satisfied sigh 66 Wise saying Shriver 26 Often-used 73 Look for a 119 Sizable 33 Victor's gloat 68 Herr's "no" 99 Appear expressions therapist, say 120 Sulky state 34 "Titanic" actor 69 Pot for **101** Lasso 27 Start of a 121 Malt product Billy 102 Colorful ring 75 Poi base arroz con 76 River mouth 35 Petroriddle 122 Some online pollo of anatomy 70 "Poppycock!" 30 "Three Times 103 Writer deposit greetings Canada rival 123 Possessed **71** With Sheldon -" (1978 hit **77** Go via boat 37 Time — half song) 78 Riddle, part 5 124 Gl's "lullabv" 38 Square type 106 Lies against 46-Across. 31 Hay unit **82** "— culpa!" **125** Longest river 39 Meg of "I.Q." brand of 108 Port of 40 Three feet frozen fries **32** Be in great **85** How a of Scotland Norway 74 Is in first 109 Turn to liquid anguish winding path 41 "Poppycock!" **DOWN** 36 Trainee, e.g. proceeds 43 "Should that place 110 Trumpet, e.g. 87 Part of RBI or 76 "- be shy" 37 Riddle, part 2 1 Chew on be true ..." 111 Forearm part 112 Radar image 42 Diplomat's ERA persistently 46 Brown. 78 Bona skill 88 Dir. from Ariz. 2 In an overly Penn and (real) **113** Color tone 79 Lena of 44 Former to Ky. hasty way Harvard 114 Scanned 47 "The Silence **NBAer Ming** 89 Dazzling 3 Hold a new "Havana" market ID 45 Gets wrinkles success trial for of the Lambs" 80 Grand **115** Deg. for out of 91 Despot Amin 4 Up a tree director (auto race) many an **46** See 71-Down 92 Gives a hand 5 Silly mistake 81 Drive out Jonathan exec 14 17 10 11 12 13 16 19 20 21 22 26 23 25 24 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 36 41 38 40 39 42 43 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 60 55 57 61 62 65 70 71 67 72 68 73 78 81 83 82 186 88 89 93 100 101 102 103 97 | 98 96 99 104 105 106 107 108 | 109 | 110 113 114 115 116 117 119 120 121 ©2021 122 123 124 125





• On Nov. 7, 1774, Richard Bache succeeds his father-inlaw, Benjamin Franklin, as postmaster general. Benjamin Franklin was fired for opening and sending to a publisher Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Hutchinson's correspondence.

• On Nov. 6, 1854, John Philip Sousa, "The March King," is born in Washington, D.C. Sousa composed 136 marches, including "The Washington Post" (1889) and "Stars and Stripes Forever" (1896).

• On Nov. 4, 1922, British archaeologists discover the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. The tomb contained a stone sarcophagus with three nested coffins. Inside the final solid gold coffin was the mummy of the boy-king Tutankhamen, preserved for more than 3,000 years.

• On Nov. 2, 1947, the Hughes Flying Boat -- the largest aircraft ever built -- is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight. The massive wooden aircraft had a wingspan longer than a football field and was designed to carry more than 700 men to battle.

• On Nov. 1, 1959, Montreal Canadien Jacques Plante becomes the first NHL goaltender to wear a full facemask. Despite the coach's objection, Plante put his foot down as he'd "already had four broken noses, a broken jaw, two broken cheekbones and almost 200 stitches" in his head.

• On Nov. 3, 1976, "Carrie," a horror film starring Sissy Spacek and based on Stephen King's 1974 best-selling first novel, opens in theaters. It tells the story of a high-school outcast who uses her telekinetic powers to exact a violent revenge on prom night.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- Those having received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine were eligible for a free marijuana joint in New York City and Washington, D.C., thanks to "Joints for Jabs." The organization behind the 4/20 event hoped to help counter vaccine hesitancy.
- The first lawnmower was an adapted carpet-cutting machine.
- Theodore Seuss Geisel dropped out of Oxford before getting his Ph.D. and called himself Dr. Seuss as a nod to his father.
- The four-penny coffin was one of the first homeless shelters created for the people of central London by the Salvation Army during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For that amount, they received food and shelter, and could sleep in a coffin-shaped wooden box with a tarp.
- When you snap a whip, that sound you hear is the whip breaking the sound barrier.
- In 2015, a fan of the Australian band Peking Duk got backstage at their concert by adding himself as a family member on their Wiki page and showing it to security. The duo wasn't upset, however, noting that they "ended up having a bunch of beers with him and he was an absolute legend."
- Swedish wasn't the official language of Sweden until 2009.
- The phrase "take something with a grain of salt" refers to an ancient Roman recipe for an antidote that protects against poisons.
 - Phobophobia is the fear of phobias, or the fear of fear.
- Lee Hadwin "sleepdraws" gorgeous works of art, of which he has no recollection afterward. He has been drawing in his sleep since he was 4 years old.
- The ancient Aztecs believed that Techichis, forerunners of today's Chihuahua, would absorb their owners' sins while escorting them to the afterlife.

Thought for the Day: "Quality is not an act. It is a habit." -- Aristotle

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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: **G** equals **V**

HB Z YMHQGHUC GHRRZHU UQQVD
ZU ZVMQDHGQ AZYQXHZR, H
HAZCHUQ MHD BHXDY IMPHIQ HD
XPSSQX IQAQUY.

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Rovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Nested tables

A table has three or four or more legs and a flat top. But some modern designers can make furniture that is almost unrecognizable but still serve the same purpose. Cottone Auctions had a recent sale featuring a collection of modern furniture, including pieces by Gianfranco Frattini (1926-2004). He is best known as an Italian architect, but he designed unusual furniture for Cassina and modern lamps for many companies. He is considered an important member of the Italian design movement of the late 1950s and '60s. The strange table pictured here is really a nest of four tables designed by Frattini in the 1960s. The group is fitted together like a jigsaw puzzle. The four tables vary in height up to 15 inches. The hammer price for the set was \$1,416. The tables were first made by Cassina in 1966, and early examples have sold for almost \$4,000.

Q: I have a bisque or porcelain bride and groom wedding cake topper that was used on my grand-parents' wedding cake. The bride is wearing a white dress with green sprigs on it. She has a wreath of pink roses on her head and is carrying a bouquet of pink roses. The groom is carrying his top hat in one hand and has his other arm linked through the bride's arm. The bride figurine is hollow. The back of her skirt is embossed with the number "8942" above "Germany." We'd like to know more about



Photo Caption: No, this is not a table. It is four tables made to fit together until they are needed. The clever set sold for about \$1,400 at a recent Cottone auction.

these figures.

A: Wedding cakes were topped with bells, doves, cupid, flowers and sometimes by glass domes in the

1890s. Bride and groom wedding cake toppers weren't used until the 1900s. They became popular in the 1920s. It's possible to date many of them from the style of the bride's dress. You know how old your topper is because you know the date of your grandparents' marriage, and cake toppers are almost always new. It's not possible to determine the maker since there is no maker's mark, just the model number and country of origin. We've seen bride and groom cake toppers with these marks selling for \$40 or more.

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Advertising trade sign, Fresh Butter, cow shape, wood, painted, white with black spots, metal hanging loops, 21 x 30 inches, \$385.

TIP: Never put hot glass in cold water or cold glass in hot water. The temperature change can crack the glass.

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Chad Smith as mortgagor, to Eric Gottleber as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated March 12, 2015, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on March 19, 2015, in Liber 513 at pages 960-964; and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this

notice the sum of \$11,667.41, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said mortgage, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County starting promptly at 10 a.m., on December 8, 2021.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Mikado, County of

Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, T25 N, R7E, described as commencing 60 rods south and 32 rods east of the W 1/4 corner; thence south 10 rods; thence east 16 rods; thence north 10 rods; thence west 16 rods to the point of beginning.

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Dated: October 8, 2021 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 10-20, 10-27, 11-3, 11-10

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Life skills lead Alcona students to independence as adults

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

While most young adults can adjust easily to a more independent life after high school, some students need a lot more direction when it comes to functioning on their own.

Often, life skills, the basic skills of day-to-day living, can



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Garden

be elusive or frustrating to students who need a little more educational direction.

That's exactly why Alcona Community Schools has brought back a life skills class for individual education plan (IEP) students.

Interim Principal Christie Thomas explained the program was discontinued years ago due to staffing and funding shortages. "It's something we have been trying to get into place for a few years. We found the needs of some of our students were not being met through our general cur-

Keck

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tenant as the MSP Seventh District Headquarters Task Force Section Commander. He later transferred to MSP headquarters in Lansing, Mich. as the narcotics section commander. His most recent assignment was as the post commander of the MSP Cadillac, Mich. post.

Keck is also a graduate of the 266th FBI National Academy.

In his new role Keck will be based at MSP Seventh District Headquarters in Gaylord, Mich. and will oversee posts in Cadillac, Houghton Lake, Gaylord, and Alpena. iculum.

"We needed a program to meet academic goals, engage students and help them make connections for after high school

"Students are involved (in the program) at varying degrees depending on individual needs while continuing to engage in some academic and elective classes with their peers," Thomas said

The four-hour class, which has nine middle and high school students in it, is taught by Jennie Hoshal, a new full-time teacher. Hoshal has over 30 years of experience working closely with IEP and special needs students.

"Students gain valuable life skill experiences through community volunteerism, work-study programs, and jobs," Hoshal said.

She emphasized the experiences do not just involve physical work for the students but focuses on a variety of particular skills in a related environment which students individually learn to manage.

According to Hoshal, the students are taught basic skills such as cooking, cleaning, and washing laundry. They will also be taught how to balance budgets, prepare for getting a driver's license,

shop for a first car, how to make appointments, and how to find an apartment.

So far, Hoshal's students have partnered with the Alcona Humane Society, Harrisville State Park, St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store and the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

"We help with all kinds of activities. At the humane society, we help with laundry and general cleaning, then students socialize the animals by walking, grooming or cuddling them.

"At the park, we have helped with Halloween activities and ground clean up. At St. Vincent DePaul we are arranging merchandise, cleaning items, learning to price, and general store routines and at the library the students are organizing inventory, helping with art activities and some general cleaning," Hoshal said.

A day trip to Alpena had students partnering with Habitat for Humanity at its ReStore which recently moved and reopened.

Other activities include planning a meal and grocery shopping with the students while staying within a budget.

"We have visited the Oscoda Farmers Market,

planning what to buy beforehand. The vendors also spoke to us about products and the process involved," Hoshal said.

She is seeking additional community partners to enhance opportunities for her students and said getting the life skills program up and running has been a challenge.

"I'm starting from the bones up. We didn't have a lot of cooking supplies or supplies in general, we needed math supplies too. To lay a good foundation for the future of the program, I'm hoping to make some connections with the community. This is a winwin situation, good experiences for the kids and hopefully wonderful experiences for those out in the community

"I want to find out where my students' head and heart connect. These experiences will, hopefully, open doors to better assure a future, not only for the students who are participating but for the community as a whole," Hoshal said

Business owners and individuals wishing to partner with or help the program can reach out to Hoshal through email at hoshalj@alconaschools.net or call the high school at (989) 736-8534.

"Christ's Thorn" plant

The Ziziphus spina-christi is an evergreen tree found in the valleys and lowlands of countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea along its southern coasts. Wood from this plant appears to have been in use during the times of the pharoahs, as well as parts of the plant used for medicine, and its fruits were used to make a type of bread which is still made in these lands today. Traditions say that these trees are sacred, and no harm from the spirit world will befall any who sleep beneath them.

– Brenda Weaver

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changes that have combined to reduce inmate numbers include:

- Elimination of mandatory jail sentences for certain offenses including operating while intoxicated (OWI).
- Elimination of jail time and probation for all misdemeanors except series ones like domestic violence, assault and battery, stalking, child abuse, and some firearm offenses.
- Requirement for police officers to issue appearance tickets for misdemeanors

rather than arrest offenders.
• Requirement for courts

- to issue a summons rather than an arrest warrant for defendants who fail to appear to court.
- Requirement for courts to follow probation amendments that limit probation time and time in jail for probation violations.
- Requirement for courts to release defendants on bond

for nonviolent offenses rather than require them to post a cash bond.

The changes at the sheriff's department will not result in any reduction in road patrol or law enforcement services. Calls for police service will continue to be handled by sheriff's deputies who will continue to arrest offenders for law violations and for warrants

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This tool also provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer service records and suggests generics or older brand name drugs that can reduce your costs.

When you're comparing drug plans, look at the estimated drug costs plus premium costs that shows how much you can expect to pay over a year in total out-of-pocket costs.

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ance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling. They also conduct seminars during the open enrollment period at various locations throughout each state. To find a local SHIP counselor see ShiptaCenter.org or call (877)

Financial Assistance

If you're lower-income and are having a hard time paying your medication costs, you may be eligible for Medicare's "Extra Help" program. This is a federal low-income subsidy that helps pay Part D premiums, deductibles and copayments.

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