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Students receive help coping

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Stress, anxiety and depression are hard battles to fight alone no matter what a person's age, but when these afflictions manifest in young citizens, it can critically damage their academic and social growth.

That is the reason Alcona Community Schools has been focusing on the mental health of students and getting them the help to succeed, whether they are in kindergarten or a few months away from graduation.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor explained Alcona school district has come a long way in adding mental health support for students compared to six years ago when only a principal and a part-time therapist were all the school had.

"Our students now have access to mental health resources that were unthinkable seven years ago. It is no surprise the district has seen a decrease in behavioral challenges from students.

"We have been aggressive as a district applying for multiple grants and options to add support for students to remove barriers to education which, in hand, helps students become successful in the classroom," O'Connor said.

Three behavioral therapists work with Alcona students. Kathryn Fouchey works with elementary students and Trudi Marsh and Katherine Erwin work with middle/high school students.

Trudi Marsh has been with the district since 2019 and is the only therapist hired through the school district. Katherine Erwin and Kathryn

Fouchey were hired through the Alcona Health Center (AHC) to work with students in school.

Marsh graduated with a bachelor's degree in family studies from Central Michigan University in 1999. She obtained a master's degree in clinical social work in 2009 from Eastern Michigan University with a focus on mental health and chemical dependency.

She worked for a crisis service as an at-risk outreach counselor for runaway and homeless youth before taking a position with AuSable Valley Community Mental Health as a family program supervisor and oversaw all family and child services and provided therapy for nine years.



Katherine Erwin

During that time, Marsh worked closely with Oscoda and Tawas school districts and felt students were missing direct access to mental health services in the school.

Marsh is happy the program has grown over the past three years and that it has a great support team in place. "If a student has an issue, we all come together to help them become successful and confident," she said.

Katherine Erwin was hired by Alcona Health Center in 2019 and began working with students last fall. She explained becoming a therapist was her second career choice after working a busy non-medical professional life in Chicago, Ill. for 30 years.

According to Erwin, when her husband began to seriously consider retiring and moving to Harrisville, where his grandparents once retired in the 1940s, she started thinking about what she really wanted to do.

She wasn't ready for retirement yet and went back to school. "I always wanted to get my social work degree. I

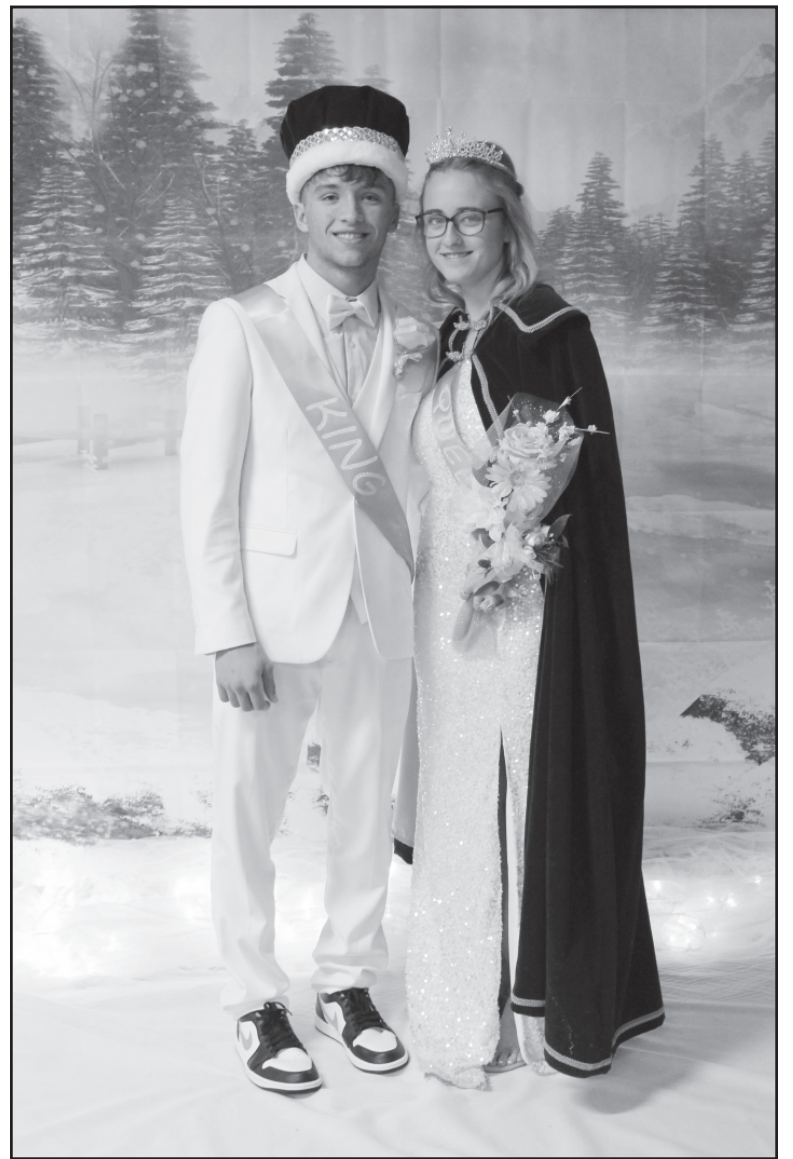
knew I wanted to work at this job for this school," Erwin said. Erwin received a master's degree in social work from Loyola University of Chicago.

"It took a bit for this position to open up and when it did, I jumped at the chance. I've always enjoyed working with teenagers and knew this was what I wanted to do. Teenage years can be a difficult time in life, but they have so many possibilities ahead of them. To watch a child make the transition from teenager to adult is magical," Erwin said.

All three have heavy caseloads. Erwin said last year the caseload was about 60 students, some having several sessions, some who had continuous sessions throughout the year. She anticipated the numbers will be even higher for this year because anxiety and depression are high on the list for many middle/high school students.

"Far and above, we see a lot of students with anxiety. Between COVID-19 and the school violence (incident downstate), anxiety has intensified for students, par-

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Alcona High School students select Katelynn Bravata as queen and Gavin Walker as king for WinterFest 2022 last Friday. *Courtesy photo.*

County hires new medical examiner

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners appointed a new medical examiner working with the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM).

Dr. Roshan Mahabir, the former deputy medical examiner with MIFSM, has been named the chief medical examiner and forensic pathologist succeeding Dr. Russell Bush who is no longer associated with the institution.

Alcona County first contracted with MIFSM in 2020 because of rising costs concerns and time issues it was experiencing with the individual medical examiner. At the time, Alcona County was one of the first northeast Michigan counties to contract with MIFSM.

Hart said other counties were experiencing similar difficulties until they contracted with MIFSM. The Saginaw-based institute now contracts

with Ogema, Gladwin, Huron, Lapeer, and Saginaw counties and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Both Mahabir and the chief executive officer of MIFSM, Brian Hart, attended the last meeting of 2021 via Zoom to introduce themselves and answer any questions before commissioners approved Mahabir to the position.

"It's important to us to make sure our counties are serviced and feel comfortable in contacting us about any concerns. Few people understand what we do and how we facilitate our partnerships with law enforcement, fire and emergency (crews)," Hart said.

According to Hart, Mahabir has had extensive experience working as a medical examiner in the Bronx, a borough of New York City, N.Y. and Los Angeles, Calif. "He is also triple board certified in forensic, clinical and pediatric pathology," Hart said during an

interview after the board meeting.

Hart explained there are only about 500 pathologists in the entire country and Michigan has only three in the state who are pediatric pathologists. "Holding the pediatric certification makes him one of the most qualified pathologists in the state. We are very proud of that.

"Many medical examiners are not board-certified and not pathologists, more often they are primary care physicians. That's not to say that is bad, but a board-certified pathologist can perform an autopsy, our previous medical examiner could not. With the number of suicides and child abuse rising in northern Michigan, having a pediatric pathologist is critical for counties. It is vital for a prosecutor to have an expert on these cases," Hart said.

During the commission meeting, county clerk

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Trudi Marsh



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Tigers play to blowout wins over AuGres, Fairview

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Last Friday served as a nice North Star League crossover 73-52 win for the Alcona varsity boys basketball team over AuGres. The fact that it came on the night of Winterfest, made it even better.

"It was a great environment with bleachers full of Alcona fans for homecoming," said head coach Alex Cole. "I'm proud of our guys for full effort from start to finish against a well-coached AuGres team. David Sharboneau had his best game of his young career with 28 points in only three quarters."

Sharboneau hit a pair of threes and had 12 points in the opening quarter, as the Tigers led 20-8 after one. Two more threes and eight points total in the second quarter by Sharboneau helped spark the team to a 39-17 edge at the half and he scored seven more points in the third quarter. Collin Walker netted six third quarter points, as Alcona's lead grew to 65-34 entering the fourth.

To go with Sharboneau's 28 points, C. Walker scored 12 points, Gavin Walker put in eight, Garrett Somers scored seven, Hayden Johnston netted six, DJ Howe and Owen Borsvald had four points apiece. Michael Basner and Ryken Wallenmaier scored two points apiece.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25 the Tigers won another home North Star League crossover contest, this time taking down Fairview, 60-35.

Alcona led 21-6 after the first quarter and took control of things early on. It led 32-12 at the half and 49-27 entering the fourth quarter.

Leading the way in this one was C. Walker with 11 points. Somers scored nine. Shorboneau had eight points. Gavin Walker had seven points. Hunter Rigby netted six and Wallenmaier added five points. Basner, Howe and Johnston had four points apiece and Borsvald finished with two.

Alcona (5-4 overall, 1-2 NSL Big Dipper) hosts Whittemore-Prescott on Friday, Feb. 4 and hosts Mio on Tuesday.

Lady Tigers cruise to wins over AuGres, Fairview

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team took on North Star League crossover foes AuGres and Fairview last week, and had lopsided victories in each one.

On Friday, Jan. 28, hosting AuGres the Lady Tigers had a convincing 51-4 win. On Monday, Jan. 24 it was a 56-7 win at Fairview.

"Both games were great opportunities for everyone to get plenty of playing time and for us to work on certain things," said head coach Mark Feldhiser.

Against AuGres, Carmen Dellar led the team with 12 points. Hannah Tanner netted nine points. Kelsey Hansen scored eight. Emma Travis put in seven. Jenna Wambold added six. Sage

Martha A. Michaud

Martha Ann Michaud, 69, of Harrisville, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born October 15, 1952 to Edwin and Mabel (Darling) Lobaugh in Mount Clemens, Mich. She was raised in Lincoln.

On October 18, 1970, she married Arthur Michaud in Harrisville. They were residents of Belleville, Mich. for a few years before moving to Harrisville.

Mrs. Michaud was a wonderful cook and enjoyed a long career at Lost Lake Woods Club. She was a talented baker and made numerous wedding cakes. She liked genealogy and working on her family history.

Mrs. Michaud is survived by her husband, Art; one daughter, Raydene (Duane Monville) Michaud; two sons, Corey (Shannon) Michaud and A. J. (Becky) Michaud; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister; and two brothers.

She was preceded in death by one brother.

Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Obituaries

Donald R. "Rob" Wright

Donald Robert "Rob" Wright, 52, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 at home.

He was born November 12, 1969 to Jimmy and Ivy (Thrasher) Wright in Royal Oak, Mich. and was raised in Hazel Park, Mich.

On January 5, 1990, he married Tarrie Dunn in Warren, Mich.

He moved to Curran in 2003. He served on the Curran Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Wright enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Wright is survived by his wife, Tarrie; six children, Joseph (Monique) Wright, Jimmy (Ashley) Wright, Kyle (Kait) Oates, Andrew (Megan) Wright, Blake Huntley, and Kris (Amber) Lance; three grandchildren, Paisley Wright, Huxlee Wright and Lexi Lance; his parents, Jimmy Wright and Ivy Thrasher; his step father, Nick Skrelja; four sisters, Kelly (Shane) Rhoades, Melissa (Roy) Hodges, Nikki Skrelja, and Stephanie Skrelja; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 2 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Steven Thrasher will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department.

Betty M. Maclam

On May 6, 1940, in a quaint little house in Black River, God blessed Dolph and Florence (Craner) LeClair with one of his finest works of art, their first-born child, Betty May LeClair.



She was a lady filled with zest and passion for life, love and devotion for her family including her friends, fur babies and all of God's other little creations no matter how big or small, or whether they flew, walked or crawled.

Cooking and canning were her works of art and her many flavorful creations were enjoyed by all that came to visit. We all have our favorite dishes she made, but canned pickles, chili and cheesecake will always remind us of the beautiful, heartwarming lady that once prepared them for us.

We were all so blessed to have her as a daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, and best friend.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, she returned to God, her original creator.



To say she will be deeply missed is an understatement. She has left everyone that knew and loved her with beautiful memories and life lessons that will last a lifetime.

Betty is survived by two sons, Fred (Karen) Hering of Hubbard Lake and Nicholas

(Vanessa) Hering of Ohio; two daughters, Tammy (Eric) North of Colorado and Missy (Dan) McCallum of Ossineke; several grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two stepchildren, Gary Maclam Jr. and Mark Maclam; two sisters, Eva (Doug) Allyn of Montrose, Mich. and Marinda Martinez of Black River; one stepbrother, Angel (Eva) Martinez of Bay City, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews, including David Martinez, Cindy Peake, Amanda Rodriguez, and Tarra LeClair.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Maclam; her father, Dolph LeClair; her mother Florence Martinez; stepfather Urbano P. Martinez; one son, Anthony Hering; one daughter, Sandra Hering; one brother, Dolph Joseph LeClair; four stepbrothers, Urbano Martinez Jr., Dimas Martinez, Joseph "Jesse" Martinez, and Alejandro Martinez; two stepsisters, Reymunda Narvaiz and Margarita Hiltz; one grandson, Nicholas Hering Jr.; and one great-nephew, Logan Lyonce Martinez.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of life party will be announced at a later date.

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Gautheir added five, Lily Pappas put in three and Kaylee Wambold chipped in with one.

Against Fairview, Tanner, Dellar and K. Wambold scored nine points apiece. Hansen put in seven. Travis added six. Gautheir netted five points. J. Wambold put in four, Pappas added three and Sierra West scored two.

Alcona (7-4 overall, 2-0 NSL Big Dipper) heads to Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, Feb. 3 and hosts Rogers City on Saturday.

Bowling scores...

Alcona girls varsity bowling team members earned the following high game scores: Samantha Nordstrom, 143; Rylee Manning, 136; Ellyanna Keyser, 122; Morgan Munsey, 112.

The Alcona boys varsity bowling team members earned the following game scores: William Brozowski, 142; Sam Prince, 138; Logan Bates, 127; Jacob June, 121.

Super Crossword

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Local Notes

Harrisville Depot Meeting

The Alcona Historical Society is hosting a meeting regarding the Harrisville Depot on Friday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville Harbor building in Harrisville. This gathering is to discuss the possibility of the depot transfer from Lake State Railway to a local nonprofit entity that is interested in restoring and maintaining the depot.

Interested individuals who have a background and/or interest in project planning (short and long term) and management; hands-on work in the building trades (electrical, plumbing, construction, etc.); grant research, writing and management; fund raising and promotion; volunteer recruitment and coordination; and project management are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact, Alcona Historical Society President Kristin Benghauser by email: k_benghauser@yahoo.com or call (989) 471-2088 or (989) 335-0302.

Kid's Fishing Tourney

The annual Barton City Kid's Ice Fishing Tournament is being held on Saturday, Feb. 19 (free fishing weekend) on Jewell Lake in Barton City. Youth ages up to 15 are welcome to participate in this free tournament. Registration is on the ice. Fishing is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. when trophies are awarded. Poles, bait and holes are provided. Adult fishermen will be available for assistance. Hot dogs and hot chocolate are provided with a port-a-john and warming area available.

Medals go to the first 60 anglers who sign in. Trophies are awarded for fisherman of the year, largest sunfish, largest bluegill, largest perch, smallest fish and most unusual fish.

This event is sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association with contribu-

tions from many local businesses and groups. There will be a special donation in memory of Tim Byce.

Away at School

Rose Schopfer of Mikado was named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich. for the fall 2021 semester. She earned this honor by achieving a grade point average of between 3.50-3.99.

Scholarship Opportunities

- The application period is open for **Northland Area Federal Credit Union's** 2022 Jerry Erickson Educational Scholarships. This year, Northland has allocated \$10,000 in funding, and qualified member applicants can earn \$1,000 awards for college expenses.

Applications will be evaluated with equal emphasis placed on academic achievement, community service/involvement, and essay content. Scholarship applications are available for download at northlandcu.com. Completed applications must be submitted by postal mail. The application deadline is March 1, 2022.

- **The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM)** is accepting applications for its 2022 competitive scholarship season. Current and former graduates of high schools in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle are invited to apply.

Scholarship opportunities through CFNEM are based on a wide variety of criteria including the student's high school, year of graduation, college they plan to attend, or their planned field of study. Many scholarships are for students who have already graduated from high school, and for those planning to attend a certificate program or trade school. To be eligible, students must complete the

application by the March 1, 2022, deadline.

Most of the scholarships must be applied for directly through the Community Foundation's online platform. Students applying for awards will complete one online application and will be considered for any scholarship for which they are eligible.

The Community Foundation also holds scholarships that are available for students through CFNEM's affiliate foundations: the Iosco County Community Foundation (iccf-online.org), the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (ncmcf.org), and the Straits Area Community Foundation (sacf.net). These counties include Cheboygan, Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Iosco. Affiliate scholarship applications are accessed through a separate online platform, available through each Affiliate Foundation website.

Scholarship applicants should visit the "Scholarships" section of the Community Foundation's website at cfnem.org, as well as the affiliate websites.

Scholarships awarded during the 2022 competitive scholarship program are for the 2022-23 academic year and are paid directly to the educational institution the student has chosen. The application deadline for all CFNEM and its affiliate foundations' scholarships is March 1, 2022.

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The 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, and new and gently used shoes and clothing are available for Alcona County residents with children from newborn through age four. Layettes are available in the eighth month. This is not an income-based program. COVID-19 regulations will be in place.

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is closed all day in preparation for "Thinking Money for Kids" national exhibition. The Caledonia, Lincoln and Mikado branches are open for regular hours.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For additional details, call (989) 724-9581.

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

The national traveling exhibition "Thinking Money for Kids" will begin its time at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville with an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be several drawings and giveaways. This exhibition is designed to teach kids and their

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Stephany Eller spoke about an issue she was having with a recent death certificate which the state rejected. Hart said it could be a paperwork hiccup because of the transition from the former medical examiner to Dr. Mahabir and assured Eller the error would be quickly resolved.

Hart explained one of the ways MIFSM offers faster service is by having medical examining investigators (MEI) on staff. "These are very qualified and trained individuals who are usually current or retired police, fire or medical professionals, such as nurses. "The faster our MEI arrive on the scene the faster local law enforcement can answer other calls or patrol the area," Hart said.

According to Hart, MIFSM recently hired a former fire firefighter and a retired nurse as MEIs who live in Alcona County and can get to scenes quickly.

Mahabir explained to county commissioners that an autopsy is performed on any unusual deaths, such as the death of a young person or any death the MEI/law enforcement feel is of questionable nature.

Hart said all autopsies are performed in Saginaw, Mich. at their facility and MIFSM is responsible for transporting the body to Saginaw and back to a funeral home per the family's direction.

Commissioners and county staff also discussed with the doctor and Hart the delay in getting death certificates due to toxicology reports. "There are very few toxicology labs in the United States and it sometimes takes months to get these reports back. Our turnaround time is to have the



Dr. Roshan Mahabir

report within one to three months, which is good for the national average," Mahabir said.

Hart announced after the meeting the institute was very close to opening a toxicology lab at its facility and it should be operational within a month or two. "We will have the first toxicology lab in the State of Michigan which will reduce report time frames considerably," Hart said. Currently, MIFSM requests toxicology reports from a lab in Philadelphia, Pa.

"To run a service like ours is very expensive. Our institute provides great service and saves counties money by providing faster service to the scene of death along with providing outstanding communication with local law enforcement/prosecutors and funeral homes," Hart said.

MIFSM provides a helpful website with answers to frequently asked questions about a loved one's death such as how to obtain a death certificate, what it means when a case is pending, how to obtain a copy of the medical examiner's report and more. To access, visit www.mifsm.com or call the institute at (989) 341-5077.



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families about money and will be in the community until March 17. Various events are planned for this exhibit, for more details, see library.alcona.lib.mi.us or call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

TOPS 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville will begin at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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.

TOPS 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Site is handicap assessable. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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A special story time and craft activity featuring "Click, Clack, Moo!" for children at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville will begin at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Celebrate "Love Your Library Month" with the Alcona County Library at the Harrisville branch every morning through February 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon where patrons can read the newspaper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee.

Budgeting for Adults will be presented at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1:30 p.m. by the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. Call (989) 724-6796

for more information.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for February is "The Lions of Fifth Avenue," by Fiona Davis. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

The Knitting Klub & Crochet meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:25 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Youth ages 12 and up are invited to play a "Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse" budgeting game (candy included) at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. Attendees will learn to prioritize their money and have a good time doing so.

(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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Getting Old

Dear Getting,
Many older adults, like you and your wife, want to stay living in their own home for as long as possible. But being able to do so will depend on how easy it is to maneuver your living space as you get older. Here are some helpful resources you can turn to, to get an idea of the different types of features and improvements that will make your house safer and more convenient as you grow older.

Home Evaluation

A good first step in making your home more age-friendly is to do an assessment. Go through your house, room-by-room, looking for problem areas like potential tripping or slipping hazards, as well as areas that are hard to access and difficult to maintain. To help with this, there are several organizations that have aging-in-place checklists that point out potential problems in each area of the home, along with modification and solutions.

For example, Rebuild Together has a two-page "Safe at Home Checklist" that's created in partnership with the Administration on Aging and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Go to AOTA.org and search for "Rebuilding Together Safe at Home Checklist."

You also need to get a copy of AARP's "HomeFit Guide." This excellent 36-page guide has more than 100 aging-in-

place tips and suggestions that can be made to an existing house or apartment or incorporated into designs for a new residence.

It explains how a smartly designed or modified home can meet the varied and changing needs of its older residents. It also features easy-to-do, low-cost and no-cost fixes that lessen the risk of trip hazards and increase the safety of high-use areas like the bathroom, kitchen and stairway.

In addition, they also offer videos and a HomeFit AR app (available for iPhone and iPad) that can scan a room and suggest improvements to help turn your house into a "life-long home," free from safety and mobility risks.

Visit AARP.org/HomeFit to order or download a free copy of this guide, or to watch their videos.

In-Home Assessments

If you want some personalized help, you can get a professional in-home assessment with an occupational therapist.

An occupational therapist,

or OT, can evaluate the challenges and shortcomings of your home for aging in place, recommend design and modification solutions, and introduce you to products and services to help you make improvements.

To find an OT in your area, check with your physician, health insurance provider or local hospital, or seek recommendations from family and friends. Many health insurance providers, including Medicare, will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by your doctor. However, they will not cover the physical upgrades to the home.

Another option is to contact a builder who's a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS). CAPS are home remodelers and design-build professionals that are knowledgeable about aging in place home modifications and can suggest ways to modify or remodel your home that will fit your needs and budget. CAPS are generally paid by the hour or receive a flat fee per visit or project.

To find a CAPS in your area



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- Brenda Weaver


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A Snowfall with Angels
 By Janice Sutherland
 Quiet beauty fall
 Softly on our earthly mess
 Like forgiven sin
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 We swirl with new hope
 Making angels in the snow
 (Editor's Note: Snow inspired this Haiku poem of hope by Harrisville resident, Janice Southland. She explained, "Harrisville is cold, but at the same time, beautiful this winter. My Angels in the snow are virtual of course, as I would need help getting up."
 Most of us do as well, Janice.)

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ents and teachers. Everyone is feeling more on edge this year," Erwin said.

Kathryn Fouchey grew up in Oscoda and graduated from Oscoda High School in 2008. She obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in counseling from Adler University in Chicago, specializing in forensic psychology which focused on incarcerated criminals and their reentry into society.

"I thought I wanted to work with adults in the prison system but when I did my internship in Chicago, I worked with children in crisis from age three to 21 for Screening Assessment Support Services (SASS).

"The first position I obtained after graduation was with the family program at AuSable Valley Mental Health working with the same age children. I then got a job as a school success liaison for Oscoda Schools and worked there for a year and a half.

"Over the last seven years all my experience has been with children and now that's my passion. I love working with younger students. Being at the elementary school is exactly where I was meant to be," Fouchey said.

She said elementary students are feeling stressed and having a hard time adjusting. "Even with very young children in kindergarten. They are having a hard time adjusting to full days at school with a lot more children and more rules," she said.

Fouchey sees between six to eight students daily and has group sessions with 10 to 15 students. She assists students in working through and validating their feelings by using play therapy or other cognitive-based therapies such as giving a child a small stone to rub in their pocket to reduce anxiety.

Fouchey is also certified in drumming therapy where students use drumsticks, arms and hands to beat rhythms on a large cardio exercise ball and a plastic bucket. According to Fouchey drumming helps the brain by building connections, promotes social/emotional learning, improves coordination, teaches fine motor skills and spatial awareness while increasing focus and attention.

It is also a good exercise for the body, can build confidence

and self-expression and decreases behavior issues. It's non-competitive and inclusive in groups and is adaptable for all physical ability levels.

Fouchey explained group sessions were a great way to help students understand they are not alone in their feelings. "If any peer conflicts come up, we can address them right away in group. Their peers help to come up with solutions, sometimes they listen to their peers more. They may all take deep breaths together or run around in a circle. It's very hands-on work," Fouchey said.

Marsh, Erwin and Fouchey use a combination of therapeutic strategies to help students including cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) which looks at triggers in the student's life and how those triggers affect their thoughts, what they feel and how they respond to the situation.

Marsh gave a simplified example of how CBT helps, "If a child has been out of school for a week and the teacher tells them they missed a test they must makeup, that child may be flooded with negative, anxious or nervous thoughts. They may refuse to take the test; pretend they are sick and want to go home or fail the test because in their head they already feel they are not going to pass it.

"While we can't change the fact there is a test they need to take, we can try to flip their thinking to go ahead and give it their best shot. In some cases, we can advocate for an extension. The therapy is solution-focused to produce less anxiety and better response.

"We can assist them to feel more in control. We remind students of the strengths they are adapting through the pandemic situation. Down the line, they will have incredible resilience. When you think about it, they are doing an amazing job," Marsh said.

Erwin felt CBT helped students gain coping skills they can use the rest of their lives. "We can talk to them and see if we can make a plan, working with the head (brain), or we do what some professionals call working from the bottom up which is helping them regulate their reaction to triggers. That includes mindfulness, breathing or tapping exercises," Erwin said.

Erwin said many students do not understand the connection between healthy sleep, diet and exercise patterns and sometimes it is just a matter of getting them to commit to a small change such as going to bed at a reasonable time, especially helpful after a school break like Christmas or spring vacation which tends to disrupt normal sleep schedules.

Marsh explained typically parents are informed before any sessions therapists have with students and parents sign a consent form, however, if a child is age 14 or older, the student can sign a minor in consent form, if they do not want their parent to know they are seeking assistance. Marsh explained that sometimes a child can feel they are a burden to their



Kathryn Fouchey

parents and don't want them to know.

"That situation is rare. We can have 12 sessions without the parent's knowledge. Parent's struggle with that, but the hope is by working with the child we get the child to be open to the idea of bringing the parents in. Parents need to know what is going on so they can help reinforce changes at home such as routine and structure. We need to all be on the same page," Marsh said.

She was grateful the district has a system in place with a student support team that meets every week. The team includes high/middle school interim principal Christie Thomas, dean of students Jason Somers, Marsh, Erwin and the school success coordinator Shannon Oliver. Oliver helps provide resources for families and works with truancy issues.

Ashley Peterson, a school psychologist and special education teacher from Alpena, Montmorency, Alcona Education School District (AMAESD) and Alcona Schools college and career navigator Helen-Ann Cordes, also participate in the meetings.

"It's a beautiful system. Every school seems to have this type of structure, but none I've worked with ever took it as seriously as Alcona. We meet every week and know what is going on with these kids. We know who is struggling emotionally, academically and who have had a death in the family.

"Our biggest challenge is like that of every therapist, not being able to fix something. We can't fix everything, and we do have a limited amount of time. We are all booked solid every day. Sometimes we must let go. COVID has had a profound impact on all of us. I read weeks ago that 150,000 children nationwide have lost a caregiver just from COVID," Erwin said.

Marsh said overall, the Alcona School students were doing well. "We don't have a lot of significant, extreme behavior situations here. Occasionally there might be a yelling disagreement, but nothing extreme, which is great.

"There is a lot of support here. Everyone here is very student-centered, they are trying to look at each student with their individual needs and how to help them, not just generalized policies. Each student needs something different and they are open to that here. Everyone here has a big heart." Marsh said.

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Although the turnout was light for the Alcona High School National Honor Society's (NHS) first Veterans Coffee Social, due to weather and other factors last Sunday, veterans who did show enjoyed sweet treats, coffee and hot cocoa, provided by the students. (From left) Army National Guard and Army Veteran Edna Taylor, NHS sophomore Sage Gauthier, Nancy Milwrick and her husband Army Veteran Don Milwrick, encouraged the students to hold another coffee social next month and possibly every month until the end of the school year. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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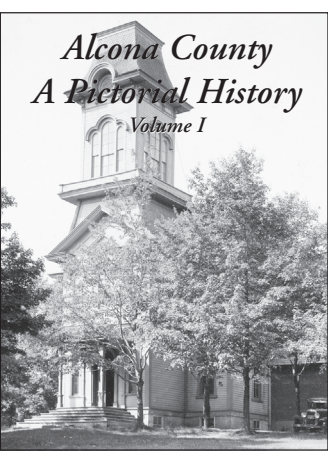


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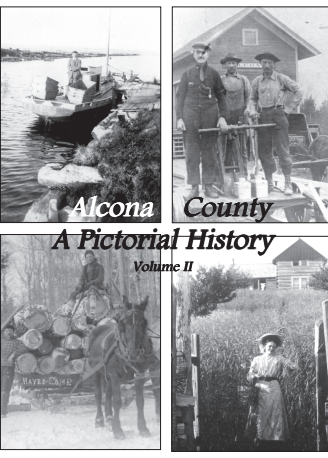
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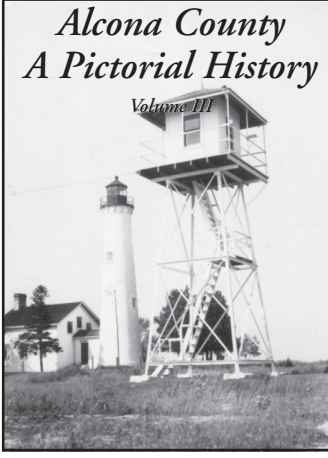
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Jan. 23	18	6	0.00	2.1	22	E
Jan. 24	21	6	0.00	2.3	15	SSW
Jan. 25	18	3	0.01	1.7	15	WSW
Jan. 26	19	2	0.00	4.5	30	SW
Jan. 27	27	11	0.00	5.6	23	SW
Jan. 28	14	-2	0.00	3.0	16	N
Jan. 29	21	-2	0.00	3.1	16	SSW

2021-2022 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.01	0.4	0.35
January to Date	0.13	4.8	1.66
Year/Season to Date	0.13	13.2	1.66

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** What was the title of Stephen King's first published novel?
2. **ADVERTISING SLOGANS:** Which restaurant chain has the advertising slogan, "Have it your way"?
3. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president whose likeness appeared on a U.S. coin?
4. **TELEVISION:** What is the family's last name in the "Family Ties" sitcom?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "lupus in fabula" mean?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** What did the city of Mumbai, India, used to be called?
7. **MOVIES:** Which movie features a character called Rooster Cogburn?
8. **LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century novel features a type of language called "newspeak"?
9. **SCIENCE:** What temperature is the same on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** Where was Coca-Cola first sold?

Answers: 1. "Carrie"; 2. Burger King; 3. Abraham Lincoln; 4. Keaton; 5. The wolf in the story; 6. Bombay; 7. "True Grit"; 8. "Nineteen Eighty-Four," by George Orwell; 9. -40 degrees C and -40 degrees F; 10. Atlanta (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Cries noisily</p> <p>5 Stuff in steel</p> <p>9 Horse cousin</p> <p>12 Often-smoked food</p> <p>15 U.K. neighbor</p> <p>18 "As above," in citations</p> <p>19 Extremely deep sleep</p> <p>20 Pavarotti of opera</p> <p>22 U.S. neighbor</p> <p>23 Make every effort to be obliging</p> <p>26 Vivacity</p> <p>27 Mosaic work</p> <p>28 — -TURN (road sign)</p> <p>29 — Mason (asset management firm)</p> <p>30 BLT offerer</p> <p>31 To any extent</p> <p>32 Revolution of Triton with respect to Neptune</p> <p>36 Author Anaïs</p> <p>37 Twosome</p> <p>39 Not tidy</p> <p>40 Two-pip card</p> <p>41 Pressing it moves a cursor to the previous character</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Bro's kin</p> <p>2 Strange things</p> <p>3 Former Fed head Ben</p> <p>4 Little</p> <p>5 "Ugh"-worthy</p> <p>6 Bird of myth</p> <p>7 Muscat resident</p> <p>8 Honcho</p> <p>9 Lager cousin</p> <p>10 Nissan</p> <p>11 Bawls out</p> <p>12 Irritable from being ravenous, slangily</p> <p>13 Lay — (really fail)</p> <p>14 Wild crowd</p> <p>15 Stimulus</p> <p>16 Vote in for a another term</p> <p>17 Lapses</p> <p>21 Notions</p> <p>24 Ralph — Emerson</p> <p>25 1921 Karel Capek play</p> <p>30 Feared a lot</p> <p>31 Author Seton</p> <p>32 Bull in a ring</p> <p>33 Cockney's residence</p> <p>34 Often-smoked food</p> <p>35 Stenches</p> <p>38 Actress</p> <p>Address</p> | <p>TURNABOUT</p> <p>42 Do laundry</p> <p>43 Jillian of TV</p> <p>44 Spanish aunt</p> <p>45 Relatives, informally</p> <p>46 Light bed</p> <p>49 Mixed breed</p> <p>50 Zest or Ivory</p> <p>51 "Ben-Hur" director William</p> <p>53 The woman</p> <p>55 "Understood"</p> <p>56 S.Sgt., e.g.</p> <p>57 Yearn (for)</p> <p>58 Female cell</p> <p>59 Talks idly</p> <p>60 Yrly. gift-giving time</p> <p>61 Greek "I"</p> <p>62 Heightened</p> <p>63 — dish (bio lab item)</p> <p>68 T. — Price</p> <p>69 The "E" of EMT: Abbr.</p> <p>70 Snide snicker</p> <p>71 Sixths doubled</p> <p>72 Method: Abbr.</p> <p>75 "Liberté, —, fraternité" (France's motto)</p> <p>78 Bangkok citizen</p> <p>80 "Bye Bye Bye" band</p> <p>81 Exclamations of surprise</p> <p>82 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)</p> <p>83 Assembly line labor org.</p> <p>84 Tpk., e.g.</p> <p>88 Actor Idle</p> <p>90 Parachute user</p> <p>91 Unmindful</p> <p>92 Online bidding site</p> <p>93 Roving robbers</p> <p>94 "Gotta go"</p> <p>95 — faire</p> <p>96 '50s prez</p> <p>97 Not pos.</p> <p>98 "Raider" Ralph</p> <p>100 Previous convictions</p> <p>101 Little brooks</p> <p>102 Tough-to-translate phrases</p> <p>106 Composer Edward</p> <p>107 Opposite of 104-Across</p> <p>108 Tea-growing Indian state</p> <p>109 River giant, for short</p> <p>111 Dunne of film</p> <p>115 Covert "Hey!"</p> <p>117 — Kippur War</p> <p>118 Half of a bray</p> <p>119 Wolf Blitzer's channel</p> <p>120 Clean air gp.</p> <p>121 Q-U linkup</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 26, 1788, Capt. Arthur Phillip guides a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively founding Australia. The date eventually became commemorated as Australia Day.
- On Jan. 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered. Weighing 1.33 pounds and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.
- On Jan. 24, 1935, canned beer makes its debut. In partnership with the American Can Company, the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of beer to faithful Krueger drinkers in Richmond, Virginia. Some 91% of the drinkers approved of the canned beer.
- On Jan. 30, 1943, the British Royal Air Force begins a bombing campaign in Berlin that coincides with the 10th anniversary of Hitler's accession to power. Two days later, a massive surrender of German troops occurred at Stalingrad.
- On Jan. 27, 1967, a fire on the launch pad during Apollo 1 program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White II and Roger B. Chaffee. An investigation implicated a faulty electrical wire inside the command module as the probable cause.
- On Jan. 29, 1979, Brenda Spencer, 16, kills two men and wounds nine children as they enter an elementary school in San Diego, blasting away with a rifle from her home across the street. Despite drug abuse and anger issues, her father had given her a .22 rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition as a Christmas gift.
- On Jan. 28, 1985, dozens of pop stars gather to lay down tracks for "We Are the World," under the direction of Quincy Jones. The song would go on to sell more than 7 million copies and raise more than \$60 million for African famine relief. Participants were told: "Check your egos at the door."

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Pinball was banned in most major cities from the early 1940s to the mid-1970s because it was considered a game of chance and, therefore, gambling.
- Oysters can change genders back and forth.
- The Zildjian Company was founded in 1623 by Avedis Zildjian, an Armenian alchemist who ended up making a cymbal instead.
- Tobacco companies spend the most money on advertising in January, when many people make a New Year's resolution to quit smoking, but the largest increase in new smokers actually occurs in the summer.
- There's a national pillow-fighting tournament in Japan.
- A 43,000-square-foot room beneath the Lincoln Memorial that was forgotten about until 1974 is filled with concrete columns and has its own plant life and ecosystem, as well as graffiti from the original workers.
- Humans are comprised of about 30 of the 118 elements on the periodic table. Their iPhones, however, are made up of about 75 elements.
- Intelligent people have more traces of copper and zinc in their hair.
- The manchineel tree is one of the most toxic trees in the world. Its sap causes blisters, eating its apples can be potentially fatal, and the smoke from a burning manchineel can cause blindness.
- Pythagoras, of Pythagorean Theorem fame, ran a commune that was forbidden to wear wool, forced to put their right sandal on before their left, and believed that beans could contain the souls of the dead, so even crushing a bean was considered murder.
- Every day, around 18 acres of pizza are eaten in America.
- At the U.S. Open and other U.S.-based tennis tournaments, the men play with the slower, heavy-duty felt balls while the women play with the faster, regular-duty felt version.

Thought for the Day: "Everyone knows something I do not; therefore, everyone is my teacher." -- Unknown
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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: R equals M

XNOJ RZSNJ AWQ MZIDMORK JNK
FROEEKFJ XWGDKG OJ O FJKKE -
RODZMS UOIZEZJA?
"GQMJ WU JNK RZEE."

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Melvin L. Kidney, a single man. Original mortgagee: James B. Nutter & Company. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC. Date of mortgage: March 28, 2007. Date of mort-

gage recording: August 13, 2007. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$142,547.20. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 6 East, Curtis Township, Alcona County, Michigan, thence south 00 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds west along the north-south 1/4 line of said section, 366.00 feet; thence north 89 degrees 51 minutes 46 seconds west, 161.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 00 degrees 34 seconds 55 seconds east, 500.00 feet; thence north 89 degrees 51 minutes 46 seconds west, 250.00 feet; thence north 00 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds east, 500.00 feet; thence south 89 degrees 51 minutes 46 seconds east, 250.00 feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel being a part of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said section 33, and contains 2.87 acres of land, more or less. Common street address (if any): 4787 Alvin Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737-9334. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale,

unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 26, 2022 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515 1452615 1-26, 2-2, 2-9, 2-16

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Judge Laura A. Frawley
 Court Address
 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 385
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 (989) 724-9490
 Estate of Elizabeth M. Andree
 Date of birth: November 7, 1938
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Elizabeth M. Andree, died October 9, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Julie Langdon, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 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: February 2, 2022 Julie Langdon Personal representative 1330 Hartsough Street Plymouth, Mich. 48170 (734) 787-9031

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 22-6247-DE

Court Address
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 Estate of Robert H. Davidson
 Date of birth: February 7, 1954
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert H. Davidson, died November 30, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard T. Davidson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 2, 2022 David H. Cook, P40560 Attorney 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Richard T. Davidson Personal representative 2805 N. US-23 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (920) 362-5522

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 22-6242-DE

Estate of Robert J. Brumwell, deceased
 Date of birth: January 11, 1944
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert J. Brumwell, who lived at 5121 Deerland Road, Curtis Township, Mich. Died December 21, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert R. Scott III, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 2, 2022 Freel Law, by Timothy R. Freel P51300 Attorney 211 Newman Street, Suite B27 P.O. Box 232 East Tawas, Mich. 48730 (989) 362-4031 Robert R. Scott III Personal representative 173 Emerald Chase Lake Orion, Mich. 48362

State of Michigan Judicial District 23rd Judicial Circuit County Probate Order Regarding Alternative Service Case No. 21-3633-CH

Court Address
 106 5th Street
 P.O. Box 308
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 (989) 724-9410
 Plaintiff
 John DeWyse and Patricia DeWyse, husband and wife
 605 Elm Street
 Bay City, Mich. 48706
 Plaintiff's attorney
 David H. Cook, P40560
 5466 M-72
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 (989) 724-5155
 Defendant
 Lloyd Steward and all his unknown heirs, legatees and assigns
 The court finds: Service of process upon the defendant, Lloyd Steward and all his unknown heirs, legatees and assigns cannot reasonably be made and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceeding and an opportunity to be heard. It is ordered a copy of this order shall be made by the following method: Publication in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks. Date: January 25, 2022 Judge: Laura A. Frawley, P39644 2-2, 2-9, 2-16

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 22-6248-DE

Court Address
 106 N. 5th Street, P.O. Box 385
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 (989) 724-9490
 Estate of Thomas Douglas Morgan
 Date of birth: October 23, 1946
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Thomas Douglas Morgan, died May 10, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sharon L. Morgan, personal representative, to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 2, 2022 David H. Cook, P40560 Attorney 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Sharon L. Morgan Personal representative 4264 E. M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (269) 207-3187

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top ten

Rock Guitarist Stage Names


1. Yngwie Malmsteen
2. Joe Strummer
3. Buckethead
4. Mick Mars
5. Zakk Wylde
6. C.C. DeVille
7. Alex Lifeson
8. John Denver
9. The Edge
10. Slash

Source:
Guitar World




The 2022 Alcona High School Winterfest Senior Court (from left) Brooke Whitford, Quinten Goldberg, Makenzie Gresham, Hunter Rigby, Ava Brege, Joseph Rizzotto, Hannah Tanner, Kaden Goldberg, Katelynn Bravata and Gavin Walker. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

Americanisms

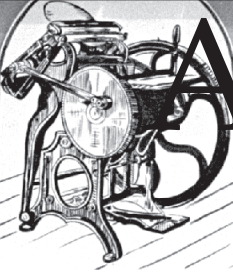


“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.”
— *Audre Lorde*

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The 2022 Alcona High School Winterfest underclassmen court (from left) freshmen, Isabella Bravata and William Lieber; sophomores, Sage Gauthier and Jeremiah Bullis; and juniors, Emalee Dorr and Owen Borsvold.



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