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Commissioners say little about ACCOA

After a few tumultuous weeks with the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) suspending its executive director and having four of its board members resign, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners seemed to barely notice the upset in the county.

Without an evaluation of his job performance, the ACCOA board suspended executive director Lenny Avery without pay on January 24. The discord among the board is over spending a \$12.5 million grant Avery acquired for ACCOA. Avery's possible suspension, along with board members' health and well-being are the reasons given for the resignation of board members, Mike Maturen, Pamela Ashford, Will St. John and Jaqueline Schwanz.

The resignations brought a nine-member board down to five remaining members: Delores Schlicker, Leroy Perrin, Stan Wojnar, Robert

Turek and Rolland Lynch, all of whom were in favor of the suspension.

The events of the ACCOA suspension meeting seemingly divided the community in half with much media attention drawn to the county. Some expressed concern for the ethics and integrity of the new ACCOA board, which was installed at a special meeting on January 26, while others applauded the new board's decision.

Avery read a statement at the January 26 meeting calling on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners for an independent review of his job performance.

During the February 1 county commission meeting, public comments were made by concerned citizens who spoke about the events at ACCOA and some had questions. However, as a rule, the board of commissioners does not answer questions during the public comment period.

The only mention of ACCOA during the meeting was by the commissioner Carolyn Brummund, commission liaison to the ACCOA, who spoke during committee meeting notes. Brummund said, "ACCOA has new officers. They are putting things in motion to elect the four remaining board members and a notice is in the paper. They are welcoming any and all to apply."

"Our relationship with ACCOA is through a contract for services and we will confirm those services are taking place as time moves forward," Brummund said.

In a separate interview after the commission meeting, Avery said he has had no additional word or determination from the ACCOA board on his suspension. He has been to the ACCOA building to remove his personal belongings from his office and

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Alcona's Jena Wambold dribbles the ball against a Rogers City defender. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Veterans group makes strides toward new location

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

While in the past there has been some tense moments between the Alcona County Commissioners and the Alcona County Veteran Affairs (ACVA) Department, things just might be moving forward in the planning stages of a veterans affairs building in Lincoln.

In the last two months, with a change in county commission liaisons, the ACVA seems to be on track. However, some points of concern are still unanswered, according to the veterans group.

According to members of the ACVA board, the ride has been a rough one. Several years ago, after the ACVA obtained a full-time VA director, the county began shifting the director's office from one location to another. None of the locations were ideal, including the last few years where ACVA Director Tony Atkinson has had to work from a storage closet located in the county building.

To change that situation, without using grant funds which were dwindling, and seeing no way out of the storage closet location without

funding, the veterans struggled to get a millage on the ballot, which was passed by voters in August of 2020.

Since then, the veteran's board has been making plans to offer Atkinson more space to hold confidential discussions with veterans and their families, storage space for the multitude of necessary governmental paperwork and enough room to offer desk space for an assistant for the director.

They sought land to build

and found the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Association willing to donate a parcel of land. Unfortunately, Alcona County Commissioners deemed the site was not feasible because of past contamination and the steps it would have to go through to put a well on the property, even though the brownfield had been properly cleaned years ago.

The veterans found another piece of land, higher up on the same street which has no

known contamination. The Lincoln DDA once again offered the land free of charge.

The ACVA decided it was an ideal location, had a building plan in mind and an approved budget from the county commissioners for \$155,000 (which included millage funds). It also had acquired a state grant of \$55,093 that could be used for the new office building.

Everything seemed to be moving forward until just after the new year when the

veterans had a few informal meetings with some of the commissioners and county attorney Tom Weichel, whom the veterans understood to say that it may not be possible to use the millage funds for the building because of the wording on the ballot. Verbiage the county wrote and put on the ballot which did not include the word "building" in it.

The revelation of not being able to use the millage funds to build caused the ACVA to regroup and adjust plans. There was still the \$55,093 state grant and that would make a nice start to the new building, even if they couldn't use millage funds. "It would take years to finish the building, working on just what we could afford, one step at a time," said Patrick Smylie, ACVA Chairman.

However, veterans in the community objected loudly.

The veterans were assigned a new liaison commissioner, Craig Johnston, a new plan is unfolding.

At the January 18 meeting, Johnston told Alcona County Board of Commissioners that he felt the building

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Alcona County Commissioners (from left) Carolyn Brummund, Craig Johnston, Adam Brege, Dave Jagst and Terry Small during the February 1 commission meeting. Photo by Mary Weber.



God Bless America



Local Notes

Away at School

- Taylor Clark was recently named to the Albion College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Dean's List honors are given to students who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in four graded courses. She is the daughter of Heather Barkley of Mikado and is majoring in biology with a minor in religious studies.
- Nelson French of Harrisville has been named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alpena Community College. The Dean's List recognizes students of great distinction whose grade point averages are between 3.50 and 3.99. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- Quinten Goldberg of Harrisville has been named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alpena Community College. The Dean's List recognizes students of great distinction whose grade point averages are between 3.50

- and 3.99. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- Samantha Scott of Harrisville has been named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alpena Community College. The Dean's List recognizes students of great distinction whose grade point averages are between 3.50 and 3.99. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- Cecelia Spears of Harrisville has been named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alpena Community College. The Dean's List recognizes students of great distinction whose grade point averages are between 3.50 and 3.99. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- William Spillar of Harrisville has been named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alpena Community College. The Dean's List re-

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Correspondence

To the Editor,
I have been attending township, city, county, and recently, Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) meetings for over 10 years. Never in all this time have I experienced the degrading level of combatant behavior of a subgroup as I have with ACCOA in the last five months.
This subgroup has always been around submitting its versions of resolutions to local boards in order to subvert democracy and forward thinking. Thankfully, common sense and a call to duty for all citizens has prevailed until now, especially as witnessed with the *overtake*, yes, I said it, *of the ACCOA Board of Directors*.

Commissioners

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did so with the protection of the undersheriff at Avery's request. Avery believes Susan Krey, a former ACCOA executive director, will begin working as the executive director this week.

Avery began his employment with ACCOA in January 2020. In that short time, he played an instrumental role in bringing Michigan Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, for a visit to see Alcona County and subsequently receiving a \$12.5 million state grant to ACCOA to build a senior center/community hub, housing and outdoor amenities project.
Avery has also brought nearly \$2 million in grants for food for the needy community during Covid closures. The additional food began a monthly pop-up food pantry and the Lincoln Food Bank which is still in operation.
In addition, Avery introduced a multi-vehicle non-emergency transportation system for the community needing to see medical specialists nearly statewide. The transportation system also brings in additional funding to ACCOA.

He also oversaw an increased care management program with trained professionals and an onsite daycare respite program for adults needing supervision while family ran errands or had to be away from their caregiving roles along with numerous other programs and grants such as a technology \$50,000 matching grant.

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I have seen and heard these new board members, who are supported by the above mentioned subgroup, display childish behavior by over-talking each other during public meetings, shouting discourse to the citizens and whining over simple management issues that should have been discussed between the employees and committee members at the time of discovery.

ACCOA by laws; Article V, section 5, state "Robert's Rules of Order Shall be used to conduct all meetings and businesses..." and citizens have reminded them of such, including myself, and yet they persisted to look and conduct themselves in the worst caustic and inept manner.

This is irrefutably a cause for setting a completely new ACCOA Board of Directors by

citizen vote, not cherry picked by the very people who don't know what they are doing, who have been violating employment law and basic rules of order.

Having an oversight committee formed either by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners or Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) is paramount and responsible governance, especially when our county's gift of \$12.5 million is in the balance.

I urge calls to these agencies for transparency and corrections immediately:

Alcona County Board of Commissioners: (989) 724-9419.

NEMCSA: (989) 358-4600.

Margaret Kutzera
Harrisville

Obituary

Joseph F. Wojewodzic Jr.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that our father, Mr. Joseph (Joe, Ski) Frank Wojewodzic Jr., son of the late Anna and Joseph Wojewodzic Sr., passed away this month, January of 2023.

Dad was born and raised in Mt. Clemens, Mich. In high school he played football and he was a wrestling champ. As soon as Dad graduated from high school in 1973, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Ski was a plankowner on the Aegis class cruiser, USS Arleigh Burke DDG 51.

During his time at sea he went to many different countries and always brought back gifts for his family. Dad loved playing racquetball when he was younger and he loved watching football while rooting for the Detroit Lions. Dad retired from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service.

After Dad retired he remained in New Jersey, working for Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems until we all graduated high school. A few years later, Dad got to live his dream of retirement in Northern Michigan.

Dad loved to hunt and fish so he retired to his house on Hunter's Lake in Glennie Mich., the heart of the Huron National Forest.

Dad's six grandchildren knew him as "Gramps" and loved visiting him in Michigan. Dad loved his grandchildren very much. Dad really valued the summer visits we took to spend time with him and the weekly facetime calls to catch up and just say "I love you."

His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his children, Lauryn



Wojewodzic of Roebing, N.J., Alexandra (William Purcell) Wojewodzic of Proctor, VT, and Maxwell (Caitlin) Bassett of Red Hook, NY.

"Gramps" will also be remembered by his grandchildren: Regan Neal, David Crespo Jr., Vivian Crespo, Anya Crespo, Karmello Crespo, and Bear Bassett.

Joe was predeceased by his sister, Carol Pullis. His memory will live on in his sister, Antoinette (James) Schweitzer of Oscoda, Mich. Uncle Joe's memory will be cherished by his nephew, Charles Pullis of Richmond, Mich. Joe's memory will remain in the heart of his ex-wife, Susan Bassett of Sandyston, N.J., who is the mother of his children and who he remained very close with.

Our father was such a wonderful man and we will miss him immensely. Dad could be a grouch but in such a loveable way that we will remember that about him with a smile. Dad loved his children, grandchildren and family with everything he had. He would do anything he could to help us.

Daddy, you were taken from us so suddenly that there were many things left unsaid. We hope you know how grateful and proud we are to call you our father. We love you and miss you.

Paid Obituary



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Children of all ages are invited to "Homeschoolers at the Library" for an educational activity at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for info.

The 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 pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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 will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado at 9:15 a.m. Weigh-in is at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

Free accessible yoga classes provide gentle movement for joint freeing, muscle strengthening and stress reduction. Classes are at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center in Lincoln. For more information, call Liz at (989) 335-1777 or the Senior Center at (989) 736-8879.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

There is story-time and a craft activity for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Celebrate "Love Your Library Month" with the Alcona County Library. From 9:30 a.m. to noon patrons are invited to the Harrisville branch to read the newspaper, eat a treat and enjoy coffee. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Learn about coffee with local coffee enthusiast Teresa McCurdy from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Celebrate "Love Your Li-

brary Month" with the Alcona County Library. From 9:30 a.m. to noon patrons are invited to the Harrisville branch to read the newspaper, eat a treat and enjoy coffee. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 1 p.m. at the Oscoda Baptist Church, 5589 N. US-23, Oscoda. Sam Burckhardt, will be the presenter. The topic is sparrows, little brown jobs (LBJs). These and many other backyard birds will be discussed for the upcoming Great Backyard Bird Count (February 17-20). The public is welcome. For more info., call (989) 387-5980.

Teenage students at Alcona High School are welcome to make a "Creepy Eyeball Flower" from 3 to 5 p.m. during the craft activity sponsored by the Alcona County Library in the cafeteria. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Celebrate "Love Your Library Month" with the Alcona County Library. From 9:30 a.m. to noon patrons are invited to the Harrisville branch to read the newspaper, eat a treat and enjoy coffee. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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.

Veterans are invited to join follow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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(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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• Kayla Schultz of Hubbard Lake has been named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alpena Community College. The Dean's List recognizes students of great distinction whose grade point averages are between 3.50 and 3.99. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.

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Coffee Talk

Everyone is welcome to join in on a coffee-filled afternoon as food connoisseur and coffee expert, Teresa McCurdy, presents a coffee talk at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. This informative and interactive presentation will delve into the world of coffee, the second most consumed beverage globally. McCurdy will share different types of coffee for tasting, and participants are encouraged to bring their favorite cup to enhance the experience. The presentation is open to all and requires no registration. For more infor-

mation, call (989) 724-6796.

Lunch Film Discussion

The Northeast Michigan League of Women Voters will hold this month's "Lunch Bunch," on Friday, Feb. 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hunan restaurant, US-32, Alpena. This is an opportunity to meet friends, enjoy lunch (on own) and join the conversations. In honor of Black History month, the post-lunch discussion will focus on the 1970 documentary, "King: A Filmed Record...Montgomery to Memphis."

The 1970 documentary presents a biography of Martin Luther King Jr. and his creation and leadership of the nonviolent campaign for civil rights and social and economic justice. Using only original newsreel and primary material, the film covers the period from the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955 and 1956 through King's assassination in 1968.

The film is available free of charge on Kanopy through the George N. Fletcher Alpena County Library. See the library website for how to access Kanopy. View the film prior to the event, or simply come to lunch and enjoy the discussion.

Kids Fishing Tournament

The Barton City Kids Free Ice Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Youth 15 and under are welcome to participate. Fishing poles, bait and fishing holes are provided. Other activities will be held on the ice including awarding of medals, trophies and door prizes. This event will be held as long as the ice is safe. Check the Barton City Improvement Association's Facebook page for event status.

Professional Appointment

Kurtis Purtee, alderman



Kurtis Purtee

of Savannah, Ga., and former resident of Alcona County, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2023 Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) federal advocacy committee. He was elected to a one-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy agenda and policy priorities on public safety issues, including law enforcement, municipal fire prevention, natural disaster preparedness, and homeland security.

"I am honored to, once again, serve on this committee. I am excited to bring my 22 years of experience in public safety to the federal level to be able to recommend policy that will impact cities across the nation," Purtee said.

As a member of NLC's PSCP committee, Purtee will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities, towns and villages before Congress, with the administration, and at home.

"NLC's federal advocacy committees are a key tool for gathering insights directly from the communities that our members serve," said NLC President Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington. "I am excited to have Alderman Purtee serve on the NLC PSCP committee and look forward to working with him to ensure every city, town and village in this nation has the resources they need to thrive."

Alderman Purtee has served in public safety positions with Garden City Police Department in Georgia, Tawas Police Authority in Tawas and the Alcona County Sheriff's Office in Harrisville. He currently serves as a police captain for the Georgia Southern Police Department. Purtee is an elected official in Savannah, Ga. where he sets policy for over 530 police officers.

For more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/advocacy/federal-advocacy-committees/>.

Wildlife Habitat Grant

Now through March 16, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Habitat Grant Program will be accepting applications.

"We are excited to support those who want to increase

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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
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 Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

Hope Lutheran Church NALC
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 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
 Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen
 989-727-3206

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 217 N. State St.
 Worship at 10 a.m.
 Rev. Reeve Segrest - Pastor - 989-724-5450

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would be an appropriate use of the millage which was essentially already voted on when the commissioners approved the veteran's budget with the building project being part of it.

Johnston and commissioner Dave Jagst, who is on the county's building committee, were trying to see what they could do to help the ACVA in the interim and found an office that was adequate in size next to the building department which is located alongside the sheriff/911 offices.

They felt the space could be easily renovated using general funds and some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and house Atkinson there until the new office was built in Lincoln, but it would mean Diane Rasch, the Alcona County Housing Commission director would have to be moved to another location.

At the February 1 commission meeting Johnston and Jagst said the renovations for the temporary office space were almost complete and that it looked like Atkinson would be able to move in around mid February.

Johnston said after the meeting the budget for the temporary office renovations was about \$6,000, but the upgrade for that office needed to be done for future use anyway. "With the build start at least two months away and three to four months for building, at best, that would be at least six months (for the veterans to be) in a much larger, private environment," Johnston said.

To date the ACVA still has not received final approval or a complete understanding if the millage funds can be used. They are also unsure about some of the requirements the commissioners are asking of them.

In a statement written and read by Johnston at the February 1 commission meeting, Johnston identified the need for increased space for the VA and the lack of privacy it currently has. He also noted the increase in foot traffic as evidenced by the increased benefits obtained by veterans in the community.

He said the ACVA had been directed to get prints and a site plan for their proposed building. "Through an advertised bid process, they (VA) identified Tom Jacobs (Jacobs Builders) as the contractor for the building. The veteran's board then applied for a state grant, which the board of commissioners signed naming Jacobs Builders as the builder and received the grant (\$55,093). Jacobs has worked with the veteran's board over the last several months, advising them on steps needed to complete the project (such as) site plan and prints, excavating proposals, well and zoning laws," Johnston said.

He explained the Lincoln DDA agreed to deed the property to the county for the construction of the building and the board of commissioners agreed to receive the property contingent upon zoning approval, well availability, and no contamina-

tion of the property located at 222 2nd Street in Lincoln.

Johnston said he conducted his own investigation and through conversations with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) they confirmed there is no contamination at the site. "However," Johnston said, "given the commercial nature of the area, the board of commissioners may require a proposal for a phase one assessment which could be completed in two to three weeks if the board of commission deemed necessary at a price around \$1,500 to \$1,900 as a final step before the transition."

According to Johnston's statement, the state department of health has indicated a well can be located on the site with recent nearby wells at a depth of 125 to 135 feet. He said several verbal proposals have been obtained but they can go into more detail and get written quotes when it is closer to that time.

"A certified blueprint of the commercial building is nearing completion at Russo and Associates. Once the project print is received an approved material list can be compiled. The veteran's board has indicated that several suppliers, including (The) Home Depot, have expressed a willingness to reduce cost or donate services or goods to complete the project," Johnston reported.

He also stated that Alcona County information technologist (IT), John Hartley, is compiling a list of technology requirements, needs and wants. "As a county building, security will be at the same standard as the current courthouse building in Harrisville and supervised by John Hartley.

"By law, the board of commissioners is responsible and creates the VA budget. The approved budget line item for this project is \$155,000 and the veterans believe they will



Craig Johnston

stay within that budget," Johnston said.

It all sounded like a fairly done deal to the many citizens attending the meeting, but the veterans are questioning things.

Patrick Smylie, ACVA Chairman said, "Truthfully, nothing has been signed yet. We take the plans to the Village of Lincoln zoning board on February 20, we don't foresee any problems with getting that approval. Then we see what's next. We are not sure if (the board) will want the phase one contamination assessment or not.

"We have no idea what will be needed for their technology requirements and feel placing cameras inside the building will be an infringement on veterans' privacy where delicate information is discussed. Veterans need their files and meetings with Tony to be secure and confidential.

"The truth is we just don't know yet and have nothing confirmed. We don't know if for sure we will be able to use the millage money for the building. Craig thinks it's a good use of the millage funds, but that doesn't mean all the commissioners do.

"There seems to always be something the board of commissioners can throw at us to stop us in our tracks. We've been tossed this way and that and been told so many things over the last two years, we don't know what to think anymore," Smiley said.

Alcona wrestling hosts NSL championship meet

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity wrestling team hosted the North Star League individual tournament on Friday, Feb. 3. The seven teams in the league battled it out in each weight class for personal honors.

Jesse Sheldon (190) was awarded first place in his weight class, though there were no others to go up against in the league.

Keegan Ritchie took third place in the 138 weight class. Ritchie opened the day with a pinfall win over Corbin Christner of the Charlton Heston Academy but lost to Eli Murphy of Whittemore-Prescott in the next round. Ritchie defeated Atlanta's Andrew Brinker on a first period pin in the third round, then lost to Ashton Burden of Mio in the final bout.

Zean Monnier was also third in the 157 weight class. Monnier started with losses in the first two matches, but

rebounded with pinfall wins over Ryan Hackney of the Charlton Heston Academy and Michael Vega of Oscoda.

Zygmund Villalobos (150) also competed during the evening.

Alcona was at the Division 4 team district on Wednesday, Feb. 8 and takes part in individual districts on Saturday in Manton, Mich.

Bowling scores

The Alcona varsity bowling team competed with Bay City All Saints last Saturday and, according to coach Tina Stern, "both teams did a great job." High scores for the boys were Daniel June, 164; Sam Prince, 153; Logan Bates, 130; Vincent Nardi, 128; Jacob June, 120; and Robert Napier, 72. High scores for the girls were Morgan Munsey, 146; Rylee Manning, 132; Makayla Prince, 107; Danica Manning, 108; and Nyhia Jackson, 88.

NOTICE OF POST-ELECTION AUDIT

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Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

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Alcona County Library is requesting sealed bids for the repair of damage done to the Lincoln Branch (330 Traverse Bay Rd; Lincoln, MI 48742).

The scope of the work includes brick, window and wall repair to the east side of the building, along with prep work and clean up.

The work needs to be completed before April 15, 2023. Please include in the bid how the number of days needed to complete this job and the amount of time the library will need to be closed.

Successful bidders will be required to provide proof of \$1 million dollars of liability insurance.

Sealed bids must be received by Friday February 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm; either by Mail or email. Bids must clearly be marked "2023 Lincoln Repair Bid" (on the front of the envelope or in the subject line). And addressed to

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Alcona Tigers return to form with 59-46 win at Rogers City

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Last Friday night's 59-46 victory did two huge things for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team. It erased the bad feelings from a disappointing loss to Whittemore-Prescott earlier in the week. It also kept the Tigers in the thick of the conference championship race, just one game behind Mio.

"After losing a tough one against Whittemore-Prescott, it was nice to get a bounce back win in Rogers City," head coach Alex Cole said. "DJ Howe was unstoppable. We fed him early and often and Rogers City just couldn't slow him down. But I was most proud of the guys on the defensive end. We had held Rogers City to 23 points through three quarters with much improved team defense. That has been a big focus as of late and it's nice to

see the hard work pay off."

Howe started off his career high 34-point game with a three-pointer and seven total points in the opening quarter. Garrett Somers and David Sharboneau had a three each as well, leading to a 13-5 score after one quarter in the North Star League Big Dipper game.

The second quarter saw Howe hit a three to get things going, and he poured in all 18 of the Tigers points in the frame. Alcona led 31-13 at the half.

Howe kept it going in the third, connecting on nine points; including one more three-pointer. Somers also connected from deep in the quarter and the Tigers led 47-23 entering the fourth.

To go along with Howe's 34 points, Somers and Jacob Renchenski had six points apiece. Sam Johnston netted four. Sharboneau had three.

and Nathan Nardi, Evan Borsvold and Ricky Schott had two points apiece.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 the Tigers played a NSL Big Dipper game at Whittemore-Prescott. They were playing without Howe during the game, and didn't get their offense untracked, falling 53-44.

Seven first quarter points by Somers helped Alcona take a 14-11 lead after the first quarter, but W-P surged ahead 26-21 by the half and 36-28 after three.

Somers hit a pair of threes in the fourth and Sharboneau knocked one down from deep as well, but Alcona couldn't get back in front.

Somers tallied 21 points. Hayden Johnston put in nine points. Sharboneau netted eight.

Alcona (7-6 overall, 4-1 NSL Big Dipper) hosts Mio in a key conference matchup on Friday.

Lady Tigers back in NSL Big Dipper race

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

After Oscoda forfeited a game to Rogers City last week due to violation of the fifth quarter rule on January 26, the Alcona girls varsity basketball team was suddenly thrown right into the mix in the North Star League Big Dipper.

After last Thursday's 51-21 thrashing of visiting Rogers City, their league title hopes are officially alive and well.

"This was a really nice win for us, as Rogers City got us when we went up there earlier this season," head coach Mark Feldhiser said. "I can't say enough about how our girls stepped up in this one. They knew that we had to have this one and came out and played great."

The Lady Tigers wasted little time in taking control of the game. Kelsey Hansen scored two quick baskets to give Alcona a 4-0 lead less than 40 seconds in. Another hoop by Hansen made the lead 7-2 and a three-pointer by Sage Gauthier made it 10-4.

Hansen swished home a shot from about 12-feet out late in the frame to make it 14-8, and Emma Travis closed



Alcona's Sage Gauthier knocks down a corner three during last Thursday's blowout win over Rogers City. Photo by Ben Murphy.

out the quarter with a three from straight-on to make it 17-8 after one.

Alcona's defense allowed the Lady Hurons to score just two points in the second quarter. Alcona stayed hot in the frame, as Hansen made eight more points. Carmen Dellar canned a three-pointer, making it 35-10 at the half.

"This was senior night and our girls were locked in from the very beginning," Feldhiser said. "We played well offensively, showing good patience and executing the game plan. Obviously, Kelsey had a great night. Not only did she score 23 on a great shooting night, she also found open players on several occasions."

"Carmen also played a great game on both ends of the floor. Although we had a good night on offense, again showing some nice balance - it was our defense that was really

impressive in this one. Our defense was absolutely stifling in the first half holding them 10 points. It was a fantastic team effort on defense, all five players involved on every play."

The Lady Tigers led 41-17 entering the final frame as they played out the win.

To go along with Hansen's 23 points, Dellar put in eight. Gauthier scored seven. Travis finished with six. Jena Wambold put in four. Sierra West added two and Kaylee Wambold chipped in with one.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 the Lady Tigers played a NSL Big Dipper game at Whittemore-Prescott. They won handily, 52-17.

"We got off to a really good start on both ends of the floor in this one," Feldhiser said. "Our defense and rebounding really set the tone for a lot

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Outdoor pursuits, what's a guy to do?

By Gregg Schefferly
Outdoor Writer

Having spent most of my life in northeast Michigan and enjoying the many outdoor winter pursuits; I have build up quite a collection of equipment to allow me to stay busy throughout the winter.

Early on I remember using snowshoes and cross country skis to hunt rabbits because the snow was well past my knees. I needed an extension for my ice auger because the ice was so thick. Having a snowmobile was a luxury that negotiated the deep snow and allowed to venture further out on the ice or into the woods accessing the best locations.

As the years passed, the snow levels aren't nearly as deep and we are able to use our ATVs. And, as winter progressed, take our pickups onto the ice without much difficulty. I recall back in 2003, Hubbard Lake looked like a city as a result of the crowds, shanties, and pickups all about. As recent as the winters of 2014 and 2015 we had the extreme cold with much of the winter dipping to temperatures well below zero. I recall hearing about a lot of people that year who had frozen pipes -- even those that were seven feet down -- due to the frost being so deep as a result of the extreme cold.

Here we are eight years later and what snow we've get melts in short order. The ice conditions go from safe to unsafe overnight, and practically everything we are normally accustomed to doing this time of year we are hard pressed to do.

So considering the weather this winter, what's an outdoorsman to do to avoid losing their mind as a result of cabin fever?

Just after Christmas for about a week anglers were venturing out and doing well on first ice. Then the weather warmed up and squashed that. If you are considering fishing, anglers need to proceed with extreme caution. It doesn't matter if you fished it previously, conditions change so quick, you need to treat each trip as if it's your first trip.

I talked to someone who fished north of Alpena just after Christmas. He went to the same spot on six trips; each time walking in his tracks from the previous time and put a foot through the ice as a result of rapidly deteriorating conditions.

As it stands the outdoorsmen must be ready and get out as conditions allow, because in short order it can go



from good to go to don't even think about it.

Outside of taking advantage of the opportunity when the conditions allow; under the circumstances, when life gives you lemons you make lemon-ade. So perhaps you can't get out on Hubbard Lake fishing for those walleye or perch as you'd like. Or you can't get out chasing the bunnies as you'd prefer.

There's always something we can do to get outdoors. As a result of the ticks we've had to endure recent years, this might be the perfect time to focus on clearing shooting lanes and roads at camp.

Because of those pests, normally I waited until August to do this to avoid them when they are at their worst. Since the weekend before last year's opener, we've endured a few windstorms that brought down a number of trees. As a result of this mild winter, why not grab the chainsaw and head out and get it out of the way now?

The lack of snow provides yet another opportunity for someone who enjoys shed hunting. It matters not if you are training a dog to find them or wandering the woods looking for them oneself. Traditionally, the antlers are hidden in snow and by spring the rodents have usually consumed them. Spending some time in the woods right now might allow you to find some before they disappear.

Making the most of spare time, keeping your mind occupied is what's important. Perhaps it's getting everything in order so once winter finally sets in to allow you to get out your ready. Maybe it's cleaning and greasing your fishing reels so when spring arrives you are good to go.

Taking a trip to one of the sportsmen's clubs to shoot a couple rounds of sporting clays honing one's skills is always a very exciting way to spend some time outdoors. With the weather being so mild, enjoying a little time target shooting is very rewarding way to hone your skills at shooting while making sure your rifle is sighted in or an opportunity to work to improve your pistol shoot-

ing skills.

So, in closing, while we don't have any control over the weather, we can certainly make the most of the hand dealt us. We need to make the most of every day we have. Keeping ourselves occupied throughout the winter by getting out and enjoying the great opportunities northern Michigan has to offer. If you choose to go ice fishing, by all means do so using extreme caution. This winter the conditions haven't been at all favorable for the formation of safe ice. Good luck!

(Gregg Schefferly grew up and spent the majority of his life in northeastern Michigan. With the lakes and forests as his playground, he has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

Lady Tigers

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of easy buckets in transition. Everyone got to play a lot, and we had a good, balanced scoring attack. We have a couple of important conference games coming up, so I am glad we were able to stay focused and do what were supposed to do."

Alcona had control right away, leading 19-3 after one quarter. That lead swelled to 33-5 at the half and 46-10 entering the fourth.

Hansen led the way with 13 points. Travis put in 10. Gauthier put in eight. Dellar chipped in with seven. K. Wambold and Liberty Kimball had three apiece. Adding two each was J. Wambold, West and Graycn Tracy.

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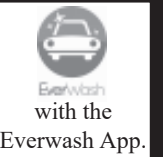
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When can someone change their Medicare coverage?

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is it possible to make changes to my Medicare coverage now? I know we've passed the fall open enrollment period, but I've heard that there are other times of the year beneficiaries can make changes. What can you tell me?

Changed My Mind

Dear Changed,
Yes! The annual Medicare open enrollment period isn't your only opportunity to swap out Medicare coverage. There are other opportunities, but the timing of when you can make those changes depends on your specific circumstances and the kind of Medicare coverage you have. Here's what you should know.

Medicare Advantage Change

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you may be able to use the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, which occurs each year from January 1 through March 31.

During this period, you can switch from your current Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan or to original Medicare with or without a prescription drug plan. You can only make one change during this period, and it will be effective the first of the next month after you make the change.

Local Notes

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habitat and enhance existing habitat through the Wildlife Habitat Grant Program," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Jared Duquette. "Healthy and abundant habitats not only benefit wildlife, but also benefit Michigan residents."

Funding is available for local, state, federal and tribal governments, profit and non-profit groups, and individuals through an open, competitive process. The minimum grant amount is \$15,000, and the maximum is the total amount of funds available for the grant cycle, which is approximately \$1 million for 2023.

The Wildlife Habitat Grant Program, which began in October 2013, is funded from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. The program's main objective is to enhance and improve the quality and quantity of wildlife species habitat in support of the DNR Wildlife Division's strategic plan.

Applications must be submitted through the MiGrants system no later than March 16 to be considered for funding. Successful grant applications will be announced in May. The detailed program handbook and more information are available at Michigan.gov/DNRGrants.

Special Enrollment

Depending on your circumstances, you may also qualify for a Special Enrollment Period to change your Medicare health and drug coverage.

There are a number of circumstances in which you may have a Special Enrollment Period, such as if you moved outside of your plan's service area, your Medicare Advantage Plan terminated a significant amount of its network providers, or you are enrolled in a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

Those with Extra Help – the federal program that helps pay for drug costs – also have a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a Part D plan, or switch between plans once per quarter in the first three quarters of the year.

If you need to make changes to your coverage but aren't sure whether you

qualify for a Special Enrollment Period, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling. To find a SHIP counselor in your area visit ShipHelp.org or call (877) 839-2675.

Also, be aware that if you're enrolled in a Medicare plan by mistake or because of misleading information, you may be able to disenroll and change plans.

Typically, you have the right to change plans if you joined unintentionally, joined based on incorrect or misleading information, or, through no fault of your own, were kept in a plan you did not want.

To get help, call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and explain to a customer service representative how you joined the plan by mistake and to re-



Savvy Senior

quest retroactive disenrollment or a Special Enrollment Period.

Fall Open Enrollment

As you noted in your question, there's also the Fall Open Enrollment Period that allows all Medicare beneficiaries – those with original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans – to make changes.

The Fall Open Enrollment Period occurs each year from October 15 through December 7. During this period, you

can join a new Medicare Advantage Plan or stand-alone prescription drug plan (Part D) plan. You can also switch between Original Medicare with or without a Part D plan and Medicare Advantage.

You can make as many changes as you need during this period, and your last coverage choice will take effect January 1.

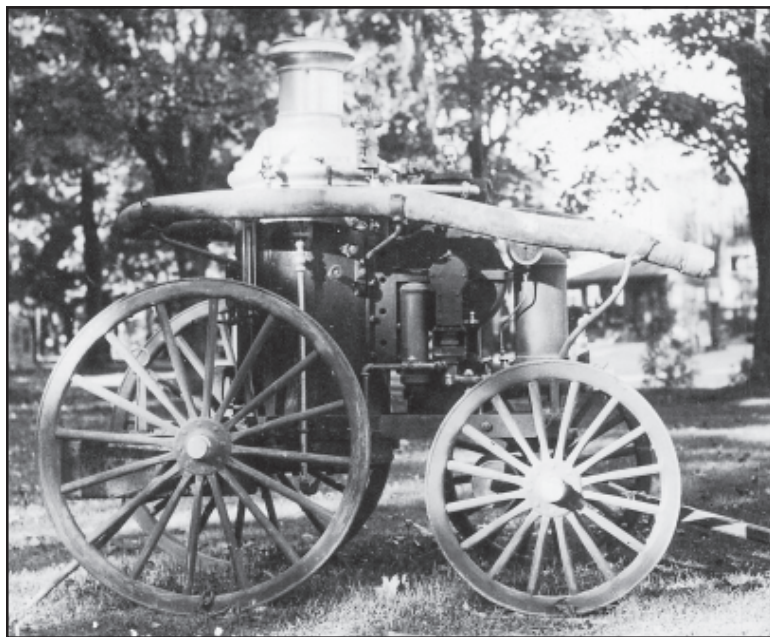
(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)



Buggy Rides



Meet Alcona County's little red fire engine



February 12, 1948 ~ She's pensioned now but she's not retired, she is the little red fire engine. In fact, she's very much on duty as the official symbol of Alcona County.

Honorably discharged as a fire fighter, she's become hostess to an army of visitors who have made her "the most photographed landmark in Northern Michigan."

She will welcome you on US-23, at Harrisville, where she served nearly a quarter of a century battling blazes in business places, hotels, the city hall, and innumerable homes under at least four chiefs and their volunteer fire departments.

She, an American - LaFrance Cosmopolitan model, was purchased in 1907.

Now "out to pasture" in grounds adjoining the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce information bureau at the intersection of US-23 and M-72, she invites you 'to come up and see her sometime' in the heart of the hunting, fishing, and winter sports country.

George Bartle dies in accident at Bamfield

Hit By Flying Timber
First Fatality To Occur At Big Works

February 8, 1923 ~ A very unfortunate accident occurred here Saturday, the first fatal injury received by anyone since commencing work at the big dam.

Mr. George Bartle, while working on the big driver was accidentally struck on the head by a flying piece of timber and received a fracture at the base of the brain from which he died some hours later. The injured man was rushed to the hospital, and everything done that human skill could employ, but he never regained consciousness.

The deceased leaves a widow and six children. The

eldest child is Mrs. John Healy Jr. and the other five ranging from two to nineteen years live at home. The stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The remains were taken to Calumet, Michigan, where the Calumet Lodge No. 134 I. O. O. F. officiated at the burial.

Mr. Bartle's death is one of those regrettable occurrences which no human effort seems to be able to avoid.

From the highest official of the company down to the humblest of its employees, efforts have been making to forestall just such accidents as this.

Several B & Es reported in county

February 8, 1973 ~ Several businesses in Lincoln and one in Harrisville were entered by thieves during the night Monday. Entry was gained to all the buildings by breaking in the rear door.

In Harrisville, the Alcona Seed Growers Association was robbed of \$6.00 in change. The intruders also tried to get into the safe but to no avail.

Four businesses in Lincoln were entered. Rollie Somers Mobil Station -- 10 cartons of cigarettes, candy, and \$36.00 in cash; LeCuyer Bros. -- 10 Timex watches, 7 cartons of cigarettes and candy; Ray's Garage -- \$40.00 in cash; REM Furniture, nothing was missing.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

Also on Monday night, Schleh's Drug Store, south of Greenbush, was entered by knocking down the front door. A quantity of cigarettes and candy were taken. The Tawas State Police Post is investigating.

On Tuesday night Kerby Lanes was entered and approximately \$156.00 was taken. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department it is believed that someone had been in the building during open hours and had opened a window in the restroom then returned later and made entry.

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ART:** Where is the Prado Museum located?
 2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?
 3. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?
 4. **MATH:** What is another name for the division sign?
 5. **MUSIC:** How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the Wind"?
 6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one second?
 7. **MOVIES:** Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?
 8. **LITERATURE:** Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?
 9. **TELEVISION:** What is Joey's famous line in the sitcom "Friends"?
 10. **ANATOMY:** What is a common name for the pinna in human anatomy?
- Answers: 1. Madrid, Spain.; 2. Brazil.; 3. Time flies.; 4. Obelus.; 5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.; 6. About 30 times.; 7. "Home Alone."; 8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."; 9. "How you doin'?"; 10. Outer ear. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Feb. 25, 1570, Pope Pius V declared England's Queen Elizabeth I a heretic and excommunicated her from the Roman Catholic Church by way of a papal bull releasing Catholics from any loyalty to her and calling upon them to remove her from the throne.
 - On Feb. 22, 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened the Great 5 Cents Store (later Woolworth's) in Utica, New York. Originally promising that nothing would cost more than a nickel, the chain expanded over the next 50 years to 1,000 stores, but retail market changes eventually forced the last U.S. shop to permanently close in 1997.
 - On Feb. 21, 1933, Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, who made history by becoming the first woman governor of Texas, announced that Feb. 26 through March 4 would be officially known as "Texas Week." The state's Independence Day, March 2, falls in this period.
 - On Feb. 26, 1951, American novelist James Jones published "From Here to Eternity," about the U.S. Army in Hawaii before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. It was later memorably adapted into an Academy Award-winning movie featuring such Hollywood luminaries as Deborah Kerr, Burt Lancaster, Donna Reed and Montgomery Clift.
 - On Feb. 20, 1962, the NASA spaceship Friendship 7, named and piloted by Marine Lieutenant John Glenn, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, in the first complete orbit around Earth made by an American astronaut.
 - On Feb. 23, 1997, the three-and-a-half hour Holocaust drama "Schindler's List" aired commercial-free on the NBC television network. Seen by 60 million people, it was the first film to display TV Guide's rating of TV-MA (unsuitable for children under 17), due to scenes of violence and brief nudity, which also sparked some political controversy.
 - On Feb. 24, 2020, American film producer Harvey Weinstein's career came to a disgraceful end amid multiple allegations of sexual harassment and assault when he was convicted of rape and a criminal sex act. Many people, especially women, viewed the verdict as a victory for the burgeoning #MeToo movement, which sought to assist survivors of sexual assault.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Sch." for "school," e.g.</p> <p>5 "My stars!"</p> <p>11 Source of poi</p> <p>15 Baseballer Ty</p> <p>19 "Don't stop!"</p> <p>20 Foray</p> <p>21 State firmly</p> <p>22 Voiced</p> <p>23 Put on some wrist jewelry?</p> <p>26 Actress Foch</p> <p>27 Connect for use, to Brits</p> <p>28 With</p> <p>86-Across, China's place</p> <p>29 Haunting</p> <p>30 Mike Brady's three kids, e.g.</p> <p>31 Greek fabulist</p> <p>32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?</p> <p>35 — Valley, San Francisco</p> <p>36 Disney frame</p> <p>37 FedEx rival</p> <p>38 Layers</p> <p>39 Healed a fictional prince of Denmark?</p> <p>44 Striped feline</p> <p>47 "And others," in footnotes</p> <p>48 Mineo of "Dino"</p> <p>49 Steer snarer</p> <p>51 Re</p> | <p>55 Home of Taj Mahal</p> <p>57 Extra wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?</p> <p>60 Heifer's home</p> <p>63 "Hulk" director Lee</p> <p>65 Blind as —</p> <p>66 Earp of the O.K. Corral</p> <p>67 Sound of wonderment</p> <p>68 Bright red Kleenex?</p> <p>73 Foot part</p> <p>74 Cause, as havoc</p> <p>76 City in Kansas</p> <p>77 Time on end</p> <p>78 Bison group</p> <p>79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?</p> <p>84 — gin fizz</p> <p>86 See 28-Across</p> <p>87 Gamma follower</p> <p>88 Just so-so</p> <p>90 Warship fleet</p> <p>94 Test, as ore</p> <p>96 Coated pill produced in Antarctica?</p> <p>98 Oak nut</p> <p>101 Letter before dee</p> | <p>103 "— got it!"</p> <p>104 Partner of 67-Across</p> <p>105 Parents-to-be expecting three babies at once?</p> <p>111 "The — come out tomorrow" (start of an "Annie" song)</p> <p>113 "Mystic Pizza" actress Taylor</p> <p>114 Turkish coins</p> <p>115 Out-of-date</p> <p>116 How cats ask for Meow Mix, per a slogan</p> <p>117 Lady friend, in France</p> <p>118 Pleasing answer when actress Kate asks her agent "Who wants me next?"</p> <p>121 Job detail</p> <p>122 "Huh-uh!"</p> <p>123 Cyclops' odd feature</p> <p>124 Actress Falco</p> <p>125 Car roller, to Brits</p> <p>126 Secy., e.g.</p> <p>127 Less wordy</p> <p>128 Also — (race losers)</p> | <p>2 Validated, as a claim</p> <p>3 Period of Model T's</p> <p>4 Right-hand book page</p> <p>5 Pickle choice</p> <p>6 Ending with ethyl</p> <p>7 Many indie movies</p> <p>8 Like queens</p> <p>9 New Zealand native</p> <p>10 Univ. URL ending</p> <p>11 Gunlike stunners</p> <p>12 Animator Tex</p> <p>13 Saintry article</p> <p>14 "— ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)</p> <p>15 Nefarious group plot</p> <p>16 Bobolink's kin</p> <p>17 Big headline</p> <p>18 Explosions</p> <p>24 "The Raven" poet's inits.</p> <p>25 Gather in</p> <p>32 "— culpa!"</p> <p>33 Boy pharaoh</p> <p>34 4x4, in brief</p> <p>36 Jacques of France</p> <p>40 Panache</p> <p>41 Use a shovel</p> <p>42 Vegas lead-in</p> <p>43 Wallach of "Firepower"</p> <p>44 African fly</p> | <p>45 Suffix with organ</p> <p>46 Mass of mayo, say</p> <p>49 Pride parade letters</p> <p>50 Jai —</p> <p>52 Glide on ice</p> <p>53 Teach privately</p> <p>54 Decided (to)</p> <p>56 Actress Ortiz</p> <p>58 Of birth</p> <p>59 Astonishment</p> <p>60 "Fame" vocalist David</p> <p>61 Major artery</p> <p>62 Ostrichlike birds</p> <p>64 Horrific</p> <p>68 Glide on snow</p> <p>69 Uncouth guy</p> <p>70 Napoleon's exile isle</p> <p>71 "He-e-elp!"</p> <p>72 Loosen, as a shoe</p> <p>75 Decorative church screen</p> <p>78 Cannabis fiber</p> <p>80 Paid promos</p> <p>81 Tch'r.'s org.</p> <p>82 Comic Philips</p> <p>83 Phone no.</p> <p>85 "... man — mouse?"</p> <p>89 Clairol products</p> | <p>91 "M*A*S*H" co-star</p> <p>92 Request for a poker hand</p> <p>93 Olympics participants</p> <p>95 NBC show since '75</p> <p>96 Writer's tool</p> <p>97 Trailer park campers, for short</p> <p>98 "Finally!"</p> <p>99 Like pie crusts with pressed-in ridges</p> <p>100 Greasier</p> <p>101 Dry red wine</p> <p>102 Simple</p> <p>106 Kagan of the court</p> <p>107 Some DVR systems</p> <p>108 Sets up, informally</p> <p>109 Herman's Hermits frontman Peter</p> <p>110 Senior</p> <p>111 Wd. of similar meaning</p> <p>112 Auto racer Al</p> <p>116 Funeral platform</p> <p>119 Net automaton</p> <p>120 Letter before zee</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A Calvin and Hobbes comic from 1992 referred to the start of the universe as the "Horrendous Space Kablooie" because they thought "The Big Bang" was too boring.
 - When a man noticed that his food supply was mysteriously diminishing he set up a webcam, only to discover that a woman had been living in one of his closets -- for a year!
 - The cable car is the only moving National Historic Monument in the world.
 - During Spain's colonial period, the builders of Filipino churches used millions of egg whites in the mortar to make the structures more durable. This also accounts for why Filipino desserts often use lots of eggs: Many of the recipes were developed to use up all those leftover yolks.
 - In 2013, Belgium created five limited edition stamps that smelled and tasted like chocolate.
 - A service operated in several Chinese cities that we'd like to see replicated in America is that of "jam busting." Drivers stuck in traffic snarls who urgently need to be somewhere make a phone call and two people show up on a motorbike. While one stays with the driver's car, the other transports the frustrated driver to their destination.
 - According to the American Kennel Club, dogs will fake a sneeze for play and communication purposes.
 - Iceland has the largest population of green-eyed people in the world.
 - Modern negligence law resulted from a 1932 Scottish court case, Donoghue v. Stevenson, aka the "Snail in the Bottle" case, in which Mrs. May Donoghue sued beer manufacturer Mr. David Stevenson after she drank a bottle of ginger beer with a dead snail in it and became ill.
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Thought for the Day: "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." -- Maya Angelou
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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: F equals K

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AQG KRRL GZEYQIBARG, Z XNMOG
YDNKQKOW BDW "IAR KDMIZEA
QDR BNHZLU!"

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Trompe l'oeil

The term "trompe l'oeil," meaning "fool the eye," is an art style that was popular in the 19th century. By then, artists and audiences had enjoyed optical illusions for thousands of years. The original trompe l'oeil style dates back much further.

An ancient Greek story tells of the legendary painter Zeuxis, whose still-life paintings were so realistic that birds would fly down to peck the grapes. Another painter, Parrhasius, challenged him to a contest and showed him a painting covered by curtains. When Zeuxis tried to pull the curtains back, he realized that they were, in fact, part of the painting! This made Parrhasius the winner of the contest.

The set of shelves shown here looks like it is filled with books and figures, but it's a trompe l'oeil screen! The shelves and their contents are printed on wood panels. It's a creation by Piero Fornasetti, an Italian designer who worked from 1935 to the 1980s. He brought his skill and sense of humor to furniture, ceramics and more. His work often included optical illusions or realistically detailed images in surreal compositions. The screen sold for \$9,100 at Palm Beach Modern Auctions in Florida.

Q: We found a painted bench at an antique shop that was in excellent condition except for a piece of chewing gum stuck under the seat. What is a good way to remove gum without damaging the furniture?

A: Place an ice cube in a plastic bag and hold it against the gum. After the gum freezes solid, use a plastic credit card or spatula to scrape it off. You can hit large pieces with a hammer to break them off. Remove any sticky traces with lemon juice. Avoid using commercial solvents. They can damage antique furniture.

TIP: Be very careful when using glue or other sticky products. If old glue, paste, scotch tape or even stick-on notes are left on paper items, stains will eventually appear. Most cannot be removed.

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It's no trick: Fornasetti's trompe l'oeil screen, estimated at \$7,000 to \$10,000 at Palm Beach Modern Auctions in Florida, brought \$9,100.

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bottles, Buddy L, box, 1976, \$50.

Purse, art nouveau style, silver mesh, ring shape, silver frame, curving shape, hammered finish, three keshi pearls, chatelaine style belt hook, chain strap, c. 1900, 10 x 4 1/2 inches, \$300.

Copper vase, Glasgow School, square base, hammered ground, large stylized repousse flower on each side, closed handles at corners, ruffled rim, Arts & Crafts, 6 1/2 x 2 3/4 inches, \$500.

Fire screen, pine board, cutout, urn with flowers, painted, multicolor, molded rectangular base, Continental, 19th century, 43 x 30 x 9 inches, \$720.

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Veteran's Post

By Freddy Graves

Fast help for suicidal veterans

It has a very long title, but a short, concise purpose. The Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020, or the Veterans COMPACT Act of 2020, section 201, allows eligible suicidal veterans to go to an emergency room for help. This opens the door for 9 million veterans to get the care they need.

But the scope is much wider. An acutely suicidal veteran can go to not only a Department of Veterans Affairs emergency room, but any emergency room.

The VA will pick up the tab, at no cost to the veteran, for inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and then outpatient care for up to 90 days, as well as any necessary transportation. The veteran doesn't need to be enrolled in VA health care.

After getting that care, they'll determine eligibility for any other VA services and benefits and refer the veteran to appropriate programs.

Even though the VA believes that there are 9 million veterans who can take advantage of this, if necessary, there are a few eligibility requirements.

Veterans must have been discharged or released from active duty after serving more than 24 months, and leave under conditions other than dishonorable.

Eligible individuals are former members of the armed forces (including reserves) who served more than 100 days "under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location" and again, be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

And thirdly, former members of the armed forces who were the victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment are eligible.

If you or someone you know needs help, there are a number of ways to get it. Go online to www.veteranscrisisline.net and view the choices. You can call them by dialing 988 and then pressing 1. You can chat online at that website. Or you can

text a message to 838255. Help is available 24/7 from qualified, trained people.

Or, per this Act, help is as close as the nearest emergency room.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Lost Lake Woods home to largest tree in Alcona County

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The largest tree in Alcona County entered in the ReLeaf Michigan biennial Big Tree Hunt for 2020-2022 has been named with the submission coming from a property owner in the Village of Lincoln.

The winning tree awarded was submitted by Lois Harter and it is a red oak located on the northwest corner of N. Elder Trail and Fox Road in the subdivision of Lost Lake Woods. The tree has a circumference of 195 inches.

Past entries from the county included two eastern cottonwood trees located in Harrisville with an entry submitted by Dale Dellar in 2016 for a 311-inch tree located on Clemens Road and a 2012 entry submitted by Carl Buchner for a 256-inch tree on Springport Road.

Harter said the large red oak is visible from the street. "Quite often in the summer people will stop by and ask to take pictures of it with their kids. You can't hug it -- it's like 16 feet around. It is quite a tree," she said.

Lois remembered coming up to Lost Lake Woods when she was little every summer with her parents and how the tree was big then. "When I was about 11 years old, I climbed the tree all the way to the top. I had the idea to carve my initials at the top, but when I reached it, I found my uncle, Steve Sandboth, had already carved his initials there. I was so disappointed, the next time he visited I gave him heck for beating me to the top," Harter said.

At 88, she no longer climbs trees, but she still golfs.

The Michigan Big Tree Hunt ReLeaf Michigan is a biennial event that starts in the spring and ends a year later in late summer. Participation is free and anyone can join. According to the releafmichigan.org website, participation can be a great activity for families, groups, a fun date or solo adventurers. A celebration is held biennially in the fall to acknowledge the winners in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"By identifying big trees, you can take part in a statewide effort to track these living landmarks. You could find the largest tree in your county or even the state," the website stated.

"The contest also helps discover eligible trees for the National Register of Big Trees, updated every spring and fall by American Forests. As recently as 2012, Michigan had

23 registered champion trees, but today only five are registered. The Big Tree Hunt is an excellent opportunity to add to this list and get Michigan trees noticed nationwide," said chair of the Michigan Big Tree Hunt, Lindsay Lights Forintos.

ReLeaf Michigan created the Michigan Big Tree Hunt in 1993 to celebrate Michigan's beauty and create a fun way to gather information about Michigan's biggest trees.

Prizes and/or awards are given for the largest tree submitted by someone 16 years or older, the largest tree submitted by someone 15 years or younger, the largest white pine, which is Michigan's state tree, the largest tree submitted for each county and even trees that may have potential as a state champion are recognized.

In 2022 more than 650 entries were sent in from people across the state, including 79 of Michigan's 83 counties. The winning entry for each county was verified on-site by professional arborists and foresters from throughout the state.

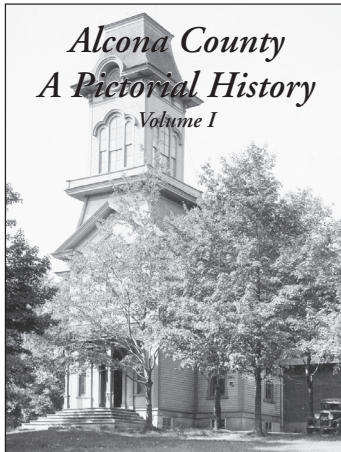
The largest tree in the state for 2020 - 2022 was an eastern cottonwood located in Washtenaw County measuring 308 inches and there was a two-way tie for the largest eastern white pine with each tree measuring 181 inches, one in Clinton County and one in Marquette County. A complete list of winners is available on www.BigTreeHunt.com.

The next Big Tree Hunt with ReLeaf Michigan will begin this spring. Visit www.releafmichigan.org or call (800) 642-7353 for more information.

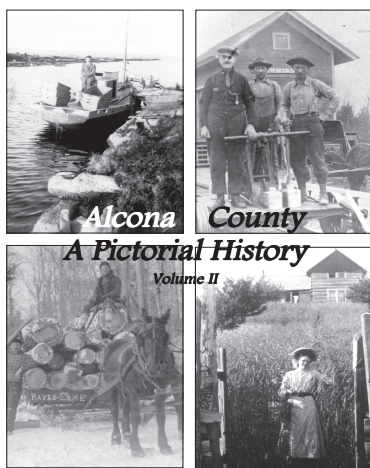
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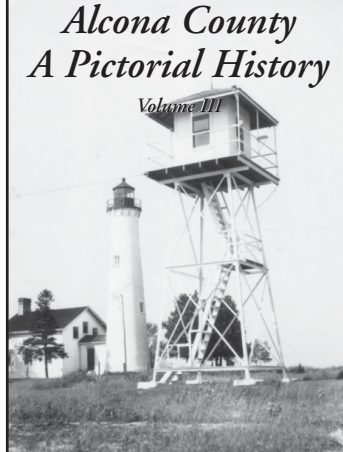
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Lois Harter stands next to the large red oak she submitted to the 2020-2022 Big Tree Hunt ReLeaf Michigan contest. The tree's circumference measures 195 inches. *Courtesy photo.*

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