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ACCOA board approves ending food pantry and transportation programs

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Two difficult decisions were made regarding the food pantry and non-emergency transportation program at the May 23 board meeting of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA).

A full board attended the meeting. Board members are Leroy Perin, president; Delores Schlicker, vice president; Rolland Lynch, treasurer; Robert Turek, secretary; Gary Wnuk, new board member; Wendy Bain, new board member; Rick Kacel, new board member; Phil Potter, new board member; and Stan Wojnar, board member.

Executive Director Denise Trelfa, who officially started on March 20, and county commissioner, Carolyn Brummond, board liaison, were also in attendance.

In her report to the board, Trelfa recommended to "indefinitely suspend the monthly pop-up pantry and food bank programs due to a compliance discrepancy with its funding. The millage that was voted on by the citizens of Alcona County states that funds will be used specifically for services to residents who are 60 years and older (seniors)."

She explained that while funds raised by donations to the food pantry and food bank programs, staff members were involved in many aspects of the duties regarding the programs. They were being paid out of the general fund of the ACCOA – which is a violation of the organization's charter.

Trelfa recommended splitting the remaining \$2,500 in donated funds between two churches that were operating monthly food pantries – Lott Baptist Church in Glenie and the United Methodist Church in Harrisville.

"It is extremely unfortunate that these much-needed programs for Alcona County citizens will end. For ACCOA, it is not a matter of need, but a matter of being compliant with what we are tasked and funded to do by the county and tax payers. The board and I are responsible for en-

suring current and future funding are protected so that we can continue to provide services to seniors. Any time we are not in compliance, we risk losing our funding," Trelfa said.

She explained that the cost for pantry staff and overhead is currently estimated at \$41,215 per year. The majority of funding for food for the Appointment Pantry and the Pop-Up Pantry was donated by citizens, and Meijer matched funds through its Meijer Bucks Program. Citizens raised \$15,276 through a GoFundMe effort in December.

During discussion Schlicker asked to use those funds to put on one more PopUp Pantry in June using only volunteers and no cost to the ACCOA. The board approved a PopUp Pantry for June.

Several food program volunteers were in attendance. They were concerned about losing the food program because, despite other food sources available in the county, there was still a need

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Veterans from Burger-Wiedbrauk VFW Post No. 8135 and the Mikado American Legion Post No. 254 spend the morning of Memorial Day honoring veterans who lost their lives serving their country. They came together at the Alcona County Courthouse for an annual service. Guest speaker (left) Pastor Wayne Whitten of Greenbush Community Baptist Church. Photo by Mary Weber.

District health department has new program to assist residents

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) has a new program available to all residents -- Community Connections -- which utilizes a proven, evidence-based model to help communities come together to support their under-

resourced residents and to improve population-wide health and wellbeing.

This is achieved by offering connections to community resources for adults, children and families.

There are no eligibility re-

quirements – everyone is invited to take advantage of Community Connections when they need help. Assistance and services may be provided through phone calls, home visits, office visits, or community interaction and can be delivered by registered nurses, social workers, and/or community health workers (CHWs).

A CHW is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted community member and has a close understanding of the community they serve. This relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison between health and social services to facilitate linkage to community resources.

Here are a few examples of the kinds of community resources that Community Connections can help residents connect with:

- Finding a doctor or dentists.
- Finding transportation.
- Enrolling individuals in health insurance.
- Answering questions about wellness or being sick.
- Getting food or a place to live.
- Buying, preparing, and eating healthy food.

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The 2023 Alcona High School Class of 2023 officers (from left) Kelsey Hansen, president; Carmen Dellar, vice president, Savannah Wright, secretary; Logan Bates, treasurer; and Ryken Wallenmaier, member at large. For more on the Class of 2023, see pages 8 and 9. Photo by Mary Weber.



God Bless America



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 5 at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Michigan at 6:30 p.m. A request for a re-zone from Stacey Wieschowski Reynolds has been made. The 40 acre parcel is zoned R1 and she is requesting it be rezoned to Forest/Recreational. The property is located at 5930 Bennett Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. Written comments will be accepted by Caledonia Planning Commission secretary, Susie Morrell, PO Box 7, Spruce MI 48762

To the Alcona County Road Commission, I would like to thank the road crew for the excellent job they did on North Somers Road
Rose Kazmierczak

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The family of Donald J. Nuffer would like to extend a sincere thank you to Gillies Funeral Home for their compassionate and professional services they provided during our time of loss.

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Correspondence

To the Editor,

I am very grateful for the May 10 well-written article by Mary Weber about the recent ceramic arts program at Alcona High School, sponsored by Huron Artist Residency Collaboration (HARC).

Our pilot project was a success! Students' verbal evaluations expressed gratitude for the opportunity, hope for additional clay classes that last longer, and a desire for pottery wheels at school.

We are now raising funds for those ideas to become reality. In northeast Michigan we live in a world of forests, rivers and lakes where nature's powerful education is constant. To expand students' exposure to cultural education, we took a field trip to the Flint Institute of Arts Museum. The visit focused our teachings of the clay arts with a tour of pre-Columbian and contemporary ceramics, with the surprise of individual instruction in making clay vessels on the pottery wheels and time in the glass blowing studio.

Experiencing 2-D and 3-D art in person is a visceral, multidimensional learning is more impactful than seeing art on a hand-held device. It was impressive how engaged the students became with the creativity they saw. They had opportunity to grasp that making art is not only a form of self-expression, it has supported people throughout centuries with viable careers.

Creativity, essential for progress, influences the future. Erich Carlson, a well-known local art teacher, understands this and combines creativity with analytical thinking, encouraging students to recognize their own potential and enlarge the borders of their mind.

Mr. Carlson envisions that next year's HARC ceramic arts program, which includes clay classes for veterans, can build community by bringing his students together with the veterans for cross-generational education. Please email helenhiertaceramics@gmail.com or get in touch with the school or the Alcona VA office for more information. Thank you for your donations!

Helen Hierta Greenbush

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Memorial Service

 **Ronald Skiba**

A celebration of life event will be held on Friday, June 2 at the Mikado American Legion Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Mr. Skiba died on November 21, 2022.

Obituaries

Norma J. Frechette



Norma Jean Frechette, 98, of Hubbard Lake, died on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on May 3, 1925, to Earl and Matilda (Marchand) Cox.

Until 1983, she lived in Southfield, Mich. where all of her children were raised. She and her husband, Louis, built a home on Hubbard Lake, where she lived until 2019.

Mrs. Frechette was an exceptional homemaker, and loved gardening, birding, crafting, and nature of all kinds.

She volunteered in Girl Scouts for many years; she and Lou also volunteered with Hubbard Lake Sportsmen & Improvement Association for several years.

Mrs. Frechette is survived by three daughters, Diane Petterson, Cathie Rose and Terry (Mark) Wendzinski; two sons, Ray (Carolyn) Frechette and Michael (Marita) Frechette; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren;

and one brother, Charles Cox. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Louis Frechette; one son, Paul Frechette; and one son-in-law, Greg Rose.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, Mich. on Friday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hubbard Lake Sportsmen & Improvement Association.

Patrick M. McDermott Jr.



Patrick M. McDermott Jr., 47, of Farmerville, La., formerly of Lincoln, died on Friday, April 21, 2023, at the University Medical Center of New Orleans, La.

He was born June 14, 1975, in Pontiac, Mich. to Patrick M. and Joanne (Betts) McDermott Sr.

Mr. McDermott was involved in the logging business for most of his life.

He loved fishing and hunting and being outdoors. He was very generous and helped anyone in need. He was an organ donor.

Mr. McDermott is survived by one daughter, Sage McDermott; his mother, Joanne McDermott of Grand Blanc, Mich.; his father, Patrick M. McDermott Sr. of Grand Blanc, Mich.; one sister, Margaret (Stephan) Deller of Lewis Center, Ohio; two nieces, Grace Deller and Gwendolyn Deller; three nephews, Griffin Deller, Grady Deller and Gavin Deller; three aunts, Mary (Tom) Bell of Oscoda, Margaret (Kurt) Forshee-Perleberg of Lansing, Mich. and Ronda (Terry) Wilcox of Tawas City; three uncles, Thomas (Jordan) Betts of Oscoda,

Ronald Betts Jr. of Grand Blanc, Mich. and Brian McDermott; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ronald E. and Beverly A. (Vallad) Betts Sr. and Andrew and Dorothy (McGee) McDermott; and five uncles, Charles Coak, James Coak, John Coak, Bobby Coak, and Andrew McDermott.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, June 10 at 11 a.m. at the Oscoda Baptist Church, 5589 N. US-23, Oscoda. A luncheon will follow the service.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Veterans are invited to join fellow 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.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. The first visit is free. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Story time and a craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addition program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Cornhole competition will be held at the Alcona County on Aging Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln, starting at 11 a.m. with warm up and registration. Both backyard and competition divisions will be eligible for prizes. The competition will be followed by a dance party with a DJ and karaoke. Cost is \$25 per player. Proceeds will support future activities of the ACCOA. Food truck on site for the day. For pre-registration, contact Kyle at (989) 293-0558 or Lawrence at (989) 295-0990.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Practice ukulele with other confident beginners at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Confident beginners know several chords and are eager to become familiar with playing in a group. The ability to read music is not required. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to participate in this free activity.

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

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-

based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

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Youth in grades nine through 12 are invited to choose their own book to read, meet with friends, eat snacks, discuss a book, and play games. Meet in "the lounge" at 3 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Teenagers (age 13 and up) are welcome to join the Movie & Munchies Night at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library to see a movie and movie-style buttered popcorn. The movie begins at 5 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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.

An all you can eat spaghetti dinner will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Second Street, Harrisville. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages

6-10 and children five and under are free. Take out orders are available.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Teenagers and adults are welcome to learn hand lettering at the June Craftomania at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a free program. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

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Adults and teenagers are welcome to ukulele lessons from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The ukulele is easy to learn and does not require the ability to read music. Check out a ukulele from the library or bring one. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.



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NOTICE

The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Variances have been requested by Craig Duckwitz, Bernd Doetzkie, and Amit Patel to install or replace septic systems on parcels: 060-001-400-030-00 at address 758 N Lake Huron Shore Dr, 060-023-400-075-03 at address 933 S Crescent Rd, and 061-140-000-011-00 at address 1951 Sunrise Dr. An amendment to the Harrisville Township Ordinance will also be discussed. The proposed amendment is to remove Paragraph 3 of Article, 6 Section 6.03 of said ordinance and replace with, "All on-site sewage disposal systems shall be installed in accordance with the Environmental Health Regulations for District Health Department No. 2 along with any/all pertinent state regulations and/or legislation." These documents can be reviewed on the Alcona County Web site. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator, Tony Atkinson, 4120 E. Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740.

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Local Notes

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

- Monday, June 5: Chicken and dumplings, broccoli, flavored apple sauce.
- Tuesday, June 6: Rueben sandwich, sauerkraut, potato triangles, cottage cheese, peaches.
- Wednesday, June 7: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple.
- Thursday, June 8: Taco salad, tortilla chips, mandarin oranges.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability.

Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for

those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Away at School

- Quinten Goldberg of Harrisville was named to the spring semester dean's list at Alpena Community College. To be eligible for this distinction, students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 and must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- Cecelia Spears of Harrisville was named to the spring semester dean's list at Alpena Community College. To be eligible for this distinction, students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 and must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- Ava Brege of Lincoln was named to the spring semester dean's list at Alpena Community College. To be eligible for this distinction, students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99

and must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.

- Thomas Raab of Lincoln was named to the spring semester dean's list at Alpena Community College. To be eligible for this distinction, students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 and must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.
- Kristina Teeples of Lincoln was named to the spring semester dean's list at Alpena Community College. To be eligible for this distinction, students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 and must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.

Summer Grants Available

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the summer 2023 grant cycles of its Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC) Grant and Community Impact Grant. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply.

Women's Giving Circle Grants are for projects and programs that address issues important to women in northeast Michigan with a maximum grant request amount of \$5,000. The deadline to apply for WGC grants is July 1. Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs, also with a maximum grant request amount of \$5,000. The deadline to apply is July 15. Applications and guidelines for both grant opportunities are available at cfnem.org.

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Sunday worship 11 a.m.
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Monday Ladies Bible Study 1 p.m. • Wednesday In Word 7 p.m.

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top ten

MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS*

1. French bulldog
2. Labrador retriever
3. Golden retriever
4. German Shepard
5. Poodles
6. Bulldog
7. Rottweiler
8. Beagles
9. Dachshund
10. German shorthaired pointer

*2022
Source: American Kennel Club



Earth moving equipment has been working at the mouth of Black River at Lake Huron for annual maintenance dredging of sand, silt, etc. so boats can use the waterway. According to Alcona Township Supervisor Marlena MacNeill, the material that is being removed and placed nearby to dry out, will be taken away within the next week (per DNR spokesperson Eric Ostrander from Harrisville State Park). She explained there is no news on the long-range plan for that location. It is an ongoing process. Alcona Township continues to make improvements to Alcona Township Park, both on its own (see the ad for a public hearing to be held regarding a new pavilion) and also in cooperation with the DNR. *Photo courtesy of Stanley T. Dobry of Black River.*

Alcona Tigers claim NSL Big Dipper track championships

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity track and field teams continues to dominate in the North Star League. On Wednesday, May 24 at Whittemore-Prescott both the boys and girls teams won the meet, clinching another conference championship.

"We had a great night at the NSL Big Dipper championship," coach Jason Somers said. "They each came home with a conference title, making it a three peat, as well as many all-conference and second and team all conference medals. The male athletes were all conference in nine events and second team in 10 events. The female athletes were all conference in 11 events and second team in four events. Overall, this was a great team performance on both sides."

In the 100-meter dash, Brandon Fogle was second and Jack Goldstrom was third. The 200 had Jeremiah Bullis take first (23.46) and Goldstrom place seventh. Bullis won the 400 (53.61) and Sawyer Seminoff and William Liebler were second

and third. The 800 had Liebler in third and Dawson Rigby place sixth. Carter Upper won the 1600 (5:15) and 3200 (12:06). Zygmund Villalobos was second in the 3200 and fourth in the 1600.

Cole Upper was second in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles, with Daniel June taking third in the 300 hurdles.

The Tigers also won two relay events, They won the 4x100 (48.12) on runs by June, Goldstrom, Mason Norling and Fogle and they won the 4x200 (1:36) with the efforts of Seminoff, Liebler, Cole Upper and Bullis. The 4x400 team of Seminoff, June, Norling and Dawson Rigby came in second, as did the 4x800 squad of Matt Abee, Rigby, Villalobos and Carter Upper.

Jacob June was second in the shot put and the discus. Logan Zuchowski won the discus (130'4) and took sixth in the shot put. Seminoff won the high jump at 5'9. Bullis won the pole vault (11'6), and Cole Upper placed second in the same event. Fogle and Norling had third and sixth place in the long jump.

For the Lady Tigers, Addi Beatty won the 100 (13.25) and 200 (27.39). Mayson Morgan was fifth in the 100 and Piper Whitefield placed third in the 200. Emma Travis won the 400 (1:08) and was fourth in the 800. L. Travis was also second in both the 800 and 1600. Nevaeh Dowalter was sixth in the 1600.

Piper Whitefield won the 100 hurdles (19.21) and Jenna West was second in the 100 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles. Haley Glick was fourth in the 300 and fifth in the 100 hurdles.

They also won three relay events. The winning 4x100 team (56.28) was Kelsey Hansen, Angelina Howe, Beatty and Whitefield. The winning 4x200 squad (2:00) was Beatty, E. Travis, Whitefield and West. The winning 4x400 (4:59) runners were Morgan, E. Travis, L. Travis and West.

Hansen won the shot put (34'8.5) and the discus (110'7). Howe won the high jump (4'8) and Haley Glick was second in the same event. In the long jump, Hansen took first (15.2.5), Howe was fourth and Glick was fifth.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 5 at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Mich. at 6:30 p.m. A request for a re-zone from Stacey Wieschowski Reynolds has been made. The 40 acre parcel is zoned R1 and she is requesting it be rezoned to Forest/Recreational. The property is located at 5930 Bennett Road, Hubbard Lake, Michigan. Written comments will be accepted by Caledonia Planning Commission secretary, Susie Morrell, P.O. Box 7, Spruce, Mich. 48762

PETS OF THE WEEK

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Chief is a 5 year old Bluetick Coonhound. He has never been a hunter, but could possibly be trained with the right person. Chief is neutered, microchipped, heart worm negative, up to date on vaccines, and has been dewormed. Chief enjoys to serenade the ones he loves. One of his best qualities is his singing voice. Some activities he would love to enjoy with you are: gardening, hiking, and spring cleaning. As long as it involves his humans, he's in! Chief is good with kids. A meet and greet with your dog(s) would be required.



Raiden is 2 years old. He is neutered, microchipped, has his distemper vaccine, is feline leukemia negative, and has been dewormed. This fella is a snuggle bug! He likes to be held and is very affectionate! He would do great in any home! He loves any activity involving treats and chin scratches.

Alcona Community Schools Notice of a Public Hearing On Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Please Take Notice that on June 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Alcona Community Schools' Middle School Lobby, Harrisville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Alcona Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's Proposed 2023-2024 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2023-2024 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2023-2024 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools District Office at 51 North Barlow Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Please contact Nicholas Cordes, Business Manager at 989-736-6212 or cordesn@alconaschools.net to set up an appointment to obtain an electronic or hard copy.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

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By Gregg Schefferly
Outdoor Writer

One thing that has always irked me is turning on an outdoor show, fishing or hunting it matters not and in a half hour program there are 20 minutes of commercials selling all the stuff that assisted them in being successful. Then in 10 minutes time they hike up into the mountains and shoot a moose, billy goat or a big horn sheep.

Hunters and fishermen know better.

My concern is for those who don't hunt or fish, because they don't understand it, the illusion created isn't the best. I've spent many days over the years coming home unsuccessful. I know reality.

The same holds true for fishing programs. My gosh, how hard can it be? Again, between 20 minutes of commercials selling the latest and greatest, the anglers catch their limit in 10 minutes.

Heck, a guy should be able to get up early, hit the water as the sun comes up, catch his limit, and get home in time to have coffee with his wife.

Every now and again there is an authentic outdoor program where someone hunts or fishes the entire program and in the end they go home empty handed. There's one problem, if a TV personality doesn't produce, they will probably be looking for a new job.



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

and give a visual of how to do things. It can definitely reduce the learning curve.

Let's face it, many of the hosts of the programs are set up with the best outfitters and guides in the best places to hunt or fish, so at least initially the odds are in their favor to provide quality entertainment that we'd want to watch. If we had the choice of two hunting programs in pursuit of trophy whitetails, one being in Iowa and the other filmed in Alcona County, which would you watch?

From a curiosity standpoint we'd want to see where or with whom they're hunting in Alcona and what they end up shooting. Otherwise, if you want to see big bucks on film being hunted, we'd all be watching the Iowa hunt.

While outdoorsmen want to shoot a big buck, a trophy bear, a limit of ducks, partridge, or fish. We all realize we'll have our share of tough days in pursuit of happiness. However, for those of us out there for the right reasons;

tens were in hot pursuit. A short while later the rabbit reappeared and my uncle chuckled at how the rabbit out smarted the young bobcats. Then, suddenly, right before his eyes, momma bobcat sprang from the bushes and grabbed that rabbit. Within a couple minutes the kittens joined mom.

He watched the kittens play with the dead rabbit before wandering off. Experiences like that aren't seen sitting in a recliner, they are only enjoyed by those of us outside enjoying the great outdoors.

A several nights ago, on Hubbard Lake, I had my own "Reality Outdoors."

I've heard mixed reports about the walleye fishing on Hubbard, more bad than good. Nevertheless, I went out. The evening was perfect, at least for me, warm, calm, and without many boats. Fishing alone, I started trolling with three rods setup with inline planer boards. I had the electric trolling motor set to troll a straight line, which allowed me to relax, watch the rods, and take in the beautiful evening.

Unlike the TV shows, I didn't catch a single fish. Of course, it's always a bonus to be successful and it's those nights where you manage to get those limit catches that keep you going back. However, for most of us, after a long week working, it's just what the doctor ordered; a quiet evening on the water taking it all in, enjoying the great outdoors.

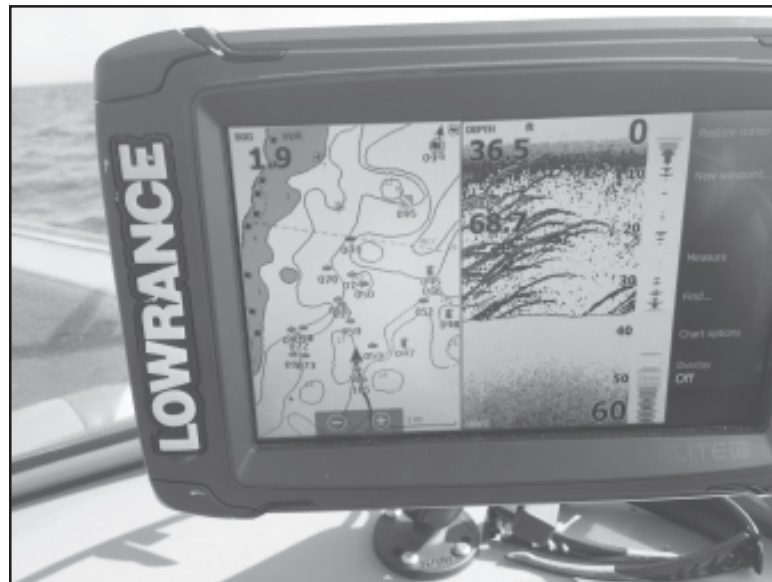
Over the years when taking someone new hunting or fishing, I always hope we'll have one of those banner days. The days when the fish are practically jumping in the boat; or when the tip-up flags are flying; the turkeys are gobbling; or the rut is going full steam. Why you may ask?

It's because outdoorsmen have to endure a lot of cold, rainy, miserable days before they have one of those memorable days. They spend countless hours of no fish biting, ducks not flying, deer aren't moving... If someone new to the outdoors doesn't have a good experience early on they won't understand and have the desire to hang tough.

As spring turns to summer, get out and enjoy the great outdoors we're blessed with in Alcona County.

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.)



It isn't often that a fishfinder is filled with fish like this. And they were biting. *Photo by Gregg Schefferly.*

"Reality Outdoors," that's what happens when the majority of outdoorsmen head out fishing and hunting.

Additionally, no one would watch an episode if it was hours long truly putting into perspective the number of hours and days the outdoorsman really spent in pursuit of their targeted species.

Don't get me wrong, I truly enjoy watching them. In the fall when it gets dark earlier and I am fired up for hunting season or, during the winter, longing to be out fishing in my boat. Some of the programs are also truly good to demonstrate new techniques


just being out there has its own rewards. Maybe it's something as simple as enjoying the beauty of the sunrise or sunset. Perhaps it's brook trout fishing and getting to watch a mink hunting along the stream you are fishing.

Sometimes it's the little things. Occasionally, it's getting to see something truly unique or rare; something few have ever seen.

I recall one deer season sitting with my back to the marsh, when I heard breaking ice behind me. Hoping it was a buck following a doe, I slowly turned to be surprised to see a family of otters. They swam up to within a few feet of where I was.

I remember a story my Uncle Jack told me about hunting on his property back when bait baiting was allowed. He had a rabbit in front of him when, all of a sudden, it took off. To his amazement two bobcat kit-

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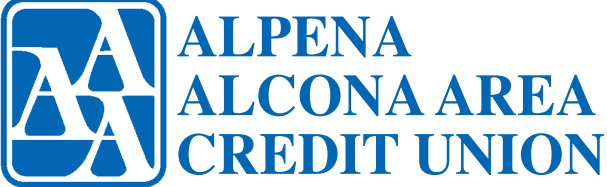
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by local seniors. With Schlicker's encouragement, there was discussion about using an all-volunteer effort to continue the food program at no cost to the ACCOA.

Following the meeting, Trelfa said, "volunteers will conduct a final Pop-Up Pantry event on June 21. Additional information will be shared at a later time. Volunteers will be needed."

"It is extremely unfortunate that these programs could not exist under the existing circumstances. We are grateful for the volunteers and the monetary donations that supported the pantry programs. All funds raised will be donated to pantry options that provide food to Alcona County citizens," Trelfa said.

"It is extremely unfortunate that these much-needed programs for Alcona County citizens will end. For ACCOA, it is not a matter of need, but a matter of being compliant with what we are tasked and funded to do by the county and tax payers. The board and I are responsible for ensuring current and future funding are protected so that we can continue to provide services to seniors. Any time we are not in compliance, we risk losing our funding."

~ Denise Trelfa,
ACCOA Executive Director

The second item in Trelfa's report involved the non-emergency medical transportation program. Because of the cost of the program and the number of people using it, she recommended ending the program. "This program has proven to be unsustainable due to its cost. It is currently budgeted at \$129,000 per year, minus donations, and serves approximately 22 transportation appointments per month," Trelfa reported to the board.

In further an interview with the Review, she explained the program initially served all citizens regardless of age and it was used by out of county residents. Once that was changed to serving only residents who are 60 and older and only for Alcona County residents, the number of transportation appointments dropped.

She explained that a 30-year small business loan (COVID-19 program) for \$150,000 was used to purchase two handicapped accessible vans. The payment amount is \$640 a month. "That is not sustainable since the loan will outlive the vehicles," Trelfa said.

In addition to the loan payment, the transportation budget includes the following for the 2023 fiscal year: staff wages and benefits for four drivers, \$85,500; maintenance, \$28,000; supplies, \$3,500; communications (tablets with GPS, cameras,

etc.), \$8,000; and contracts and miscellaneous expenses, \$3,000.

Trelfa explained that insurance was not included in the budget for the program. Vehicle insurance is an additional \$4,200. "We took a hit on this," she said. The expense total, including insurance, comes to \$133,000.

Income for the program was budgeted for \$57,500 from donations and paid services; \$71,000 from millage funds, funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs, which was anticipated at \$129,000.

"We cut down on expenses as much as possible, but with reduced number of riders, income decreased as well,"

Trelfa said.

After quite a bit of discussion, the board voted unanimously to end the program.

"We do have people who are on dialysis, and we need to give them time to find alternative transportation. We should continue the program for 30 days," she said. The last day of services for the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program will be June 23. Alcona citizens are encouraged to contact Thunder Bay Transportation Authority for their transportation needs.

• In other discussion – the board approved the wage for the new accounting clerk at \$20 per hour.

• Turek asked for committees to be formed for finance, procedure, fundraising, etc. No action was taken.

• Perin said there was no report on the new building. "The director is going over the plans with staff members to determine space needs to operate," he said.

• Potter reported that a representative from DTE Energy looked at the heating system and hot water heaters in order to provide recommendations for replacement. He said the fundraising event – Cornhole Competition on Saturday, June 3 – was coming together nicely. He reminded folks to get involved with it.

• The board moved into closed session to discuss an employee issue.

Where can Alcona County citizens, seniors go for food?

The ACCOA has arranged with the following food pantries to receive all citizens, regardless of age, who have food insecurities and need help:

• Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 N. State Street, Harrisville. Pantry is open the second Saturday of each month, at 1 p.m. for residents of Alcona County only. Driver's license will be checked.

• Lott Baptist Church, 4475 Kings Corner Road, Glennie. Pantry is open the first Tuesday of each month, at 1 p.m. for residents of the following cities only -- South Branch, Long Lake, Mikado, Harrisville, Lincoln, Glennie and Curran (driver's license will be checked).

• ACCOA's Senior Center will continue to host Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency's (NEMCSA) Golden Groceries Program, which provides food boxes to seniors on the second Tuesday of each month in the parking lot behind the senior center, at 1 p.m. Go to <https://www.nemcsa.org/services/need-food/food-boost-program/> for additional information, such as eligibility requirements, and to sign up. There is an income requirement.

• ACCOA's senior center will provide emergency hunger meals for Alcona County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Seniors can call (989) 334-3466 to arrange for pick-up Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• ACCOA will host the "Senior Project Fresh," which provides \$25 in coupons to be used at participating farmer's markets for qualified seniors 60 years and older. Attendance at a nutrition class is required, which will be held at the Senior Center on June 8. There is an income requirement. Call (989) 334-3466 for information.

• ACCOA provides meals Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m. at the senior center. Donations are requested; \$3 for those 60 and older, and \$6 for those under 60. Call (989) 334-3466 by 11 a.m. each day to R.S.V.P. Meals on wheels is available to those who cannot drive. Call (989) 334-3470 for eligible seniors.

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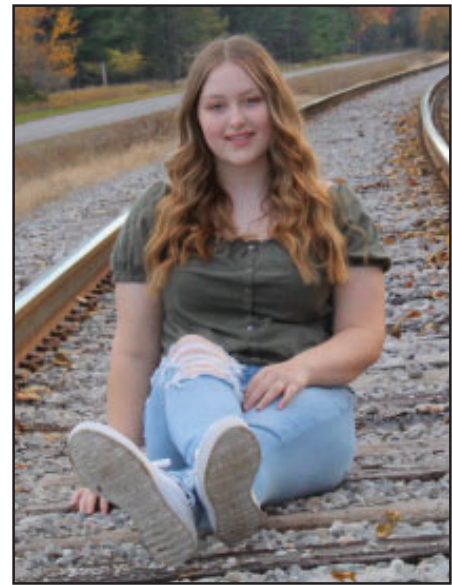
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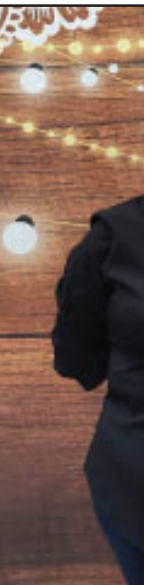
Timothy Talmon Jamieson is the son of Andrew and Rachel Jamieson of Harrisville. He is a homeschooled student who has graduated from Dan Martin School of Discovery with a 3.87 GPA. He is planning to attend Appalachian Bible College in Mount Hope, WV this fall.



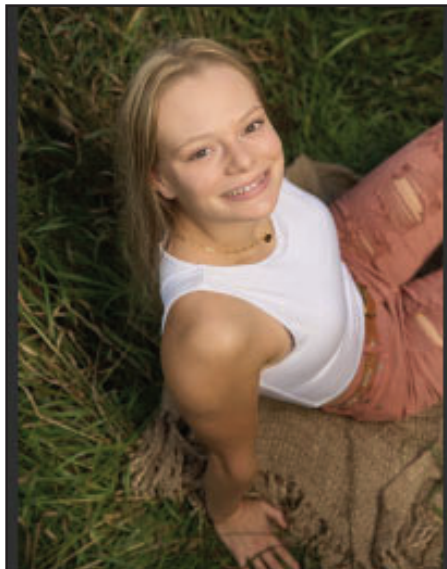
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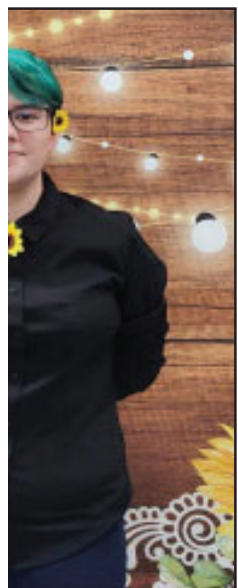


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Alcona Community School's 2023 Early College Program graduates. (From left) Leah Brown, Brooke Whitford, Jenna Dahn, Sarah Decker, and Ava Brege. Not in photograph Natalie O'Dea. Early College is a five-year high school program designed to allow students to earn a high school diploma and substantial college credit through a fifth year program of study. Students can earn up to an associates degree while still in high school. The goal of Early college is to help bridge the gap between high school and college through a partnership with our school and Alpena Community College. During their fifth year, students are enrolled in college full-time and take classes directly at ACC. They will receive a certificate of recognition and next year they will receive their high school diploma when they complete the Early College Program. Photo by Mary Weber.



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By Eric Paul Roorda
Author & Artist

In case you haven't heard, the national pastime has picked up the pace. The masters of the Major Leagues have hit the fast-forward button. Baseball now has a "pitch clock."

The "pitch clock" gives hurlers and batters 15 seconds to get their respective acts together, and get back to hurling and batting. They get 20 seconds if there is a man on base. But they no longer have unlimited latitude for scratching and jostling their parts; gazing intently at the catcher, or the third base coach, or the clouds; fondling the resin bag; holding up a hand and calling time; stepping off the rubber...

The batter has to get in his box and look at the pitcher by the time the clock strikes eight seconds, or he is called for a strike. The pitcher has to throw the ball before the clock strikes zero, or a ball is called on him.

Other big changes are that the bases are bigger now, the size of pizza boxes, and the pitcher can only throw twice to first base to hold a runner there. As a result, stolen bases are back.

The pitch clock and the base-running rules are attempts to push the game into the high-speed future, in order to compete with the more popular faster-paced sports, football and basketball, which

ALCONA ROADS

By Eric P. Roorda

have greater appeal for 21st century audiences.

But the efforts to accelerate baseball miss the point of the national pastime, which is to pass time. Baseball is supposed to go slow. Being boring is its relaxed reason for being.

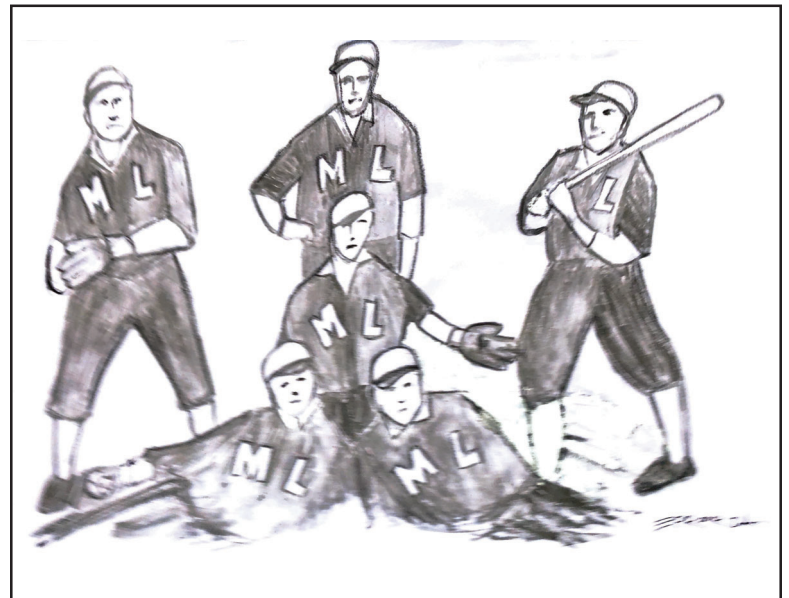
Alconiacs used to pass a LOT of time playing baseball, which was a big deal here for a hundred years.

Now, not so much.

Aside from last year's burst of Kikiphilia, that is. Will Cuylerfest become an endur-

My favorite baseball photo in the collection features six players from the Mud Lake nine. In case you didn't know, Barton City was founded with the name of Mud Lake Junction, because it was a railroad station on the shores of Mud Lake. There's a tale to be told about how Mud Lake became Jewell Lake and Mud Lake Junction became Barton City, but that must wait...

In the picture, the poses and demeanor of the half-dozen Mud Lakers reflect the spirit of a game that knew no



ing event, or was it a one-off? Does anyone want to make it an annual thing? A chorus of crickets greeted my previous appeal in this space... But I digress.

All three volumes of Alcona County: A Pictorial History are filled with photos of groups of boys and men playing baseball, spanning decades, going back to the 1800s. Every little burg in the county fielded teams in those years. You name a crossroads; it had a team. Even Haynes Township outfitted a squad in matching uniforms!

clock. There is a certain languor, a lassitude, to the pastoral scene. Two of the guys are lying down!

I wonder, what would those young men think of the new "pitch clock?"

You can pick up copies of all three volumes of Alcona County: A Pictorial History at the office of this venerable press, each of them filled with pictures from the past that reward the viewers' scrutiny, along with a crime-blotter anthology that documents the dark side of Alcona County history.



John Heath Sr. of Harrisville captures this rascal in the middle of a raid. "I took this photo from a window in my home in the evening of May 17. Despite six feet of stove pipe with pointed feeder post spikes at the top, it was no deterrent for a hungry raccoon," he said. Looks like he has to go back to the drawing board to design something else to keep this talented raccoon from raiding his bird feeders. *Courtesy photo.*

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Students appreciate former Alcona art teacher 40 years later

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

"Most of us end up with no more than five or six people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives."

~ Andy Rooney

Many teachers don't just instruct students, they leave a lifetime of lasting memories that nurture and guide long past graduation day. Alcona Community Schools has no shortage of impactful educators.

One such teacher, Gary Etzler, has been retired from Alcona Community Schools for nearly a quarter of a century, yet his students recall his teaching processes as if they received the lesson yesterday.

Some have even formed a Facebook page praising his technique with a certain stone he used while teaching students to carve. Facebook followers have given the stone a new nickname -- the "Etzlerlite" and it is fast becoming known to rock-hounds looking for collectible stones.

Etzler laughed at the thought of having a chunk of

black rock immortalized on Facebook with his name. According to Etzler's research, the rock used was probably Perypholite, a black-to-grey stone most likely imported from Canada that was used by Harrisville Tool and Die.

Etzler wasn't quite sure if Perypholite is the correct geological name for it or what the now-defunct Harrisville Tool and Die used it for, but said it was probably used as an insulator of some kind. He encouraged anyone who knew more about it to write to the Alcona Review.

"They would get large pieces of this rock and cut it with a band saw. The rock is soft and produces a lot of dust when cut or sanded. Some thought the rock came from Africa, but that just doesn't seem feasible due to what it would cost to ship it. The tool and die referred to it as lava rock, but it is not like typical porous lava stones," Etzler said.

The rock is smooth, has no veining and can be scraped, sanded, filed, waxed or buffed easily similar to alabaster.

"A student brought in a piece from the tool and die to

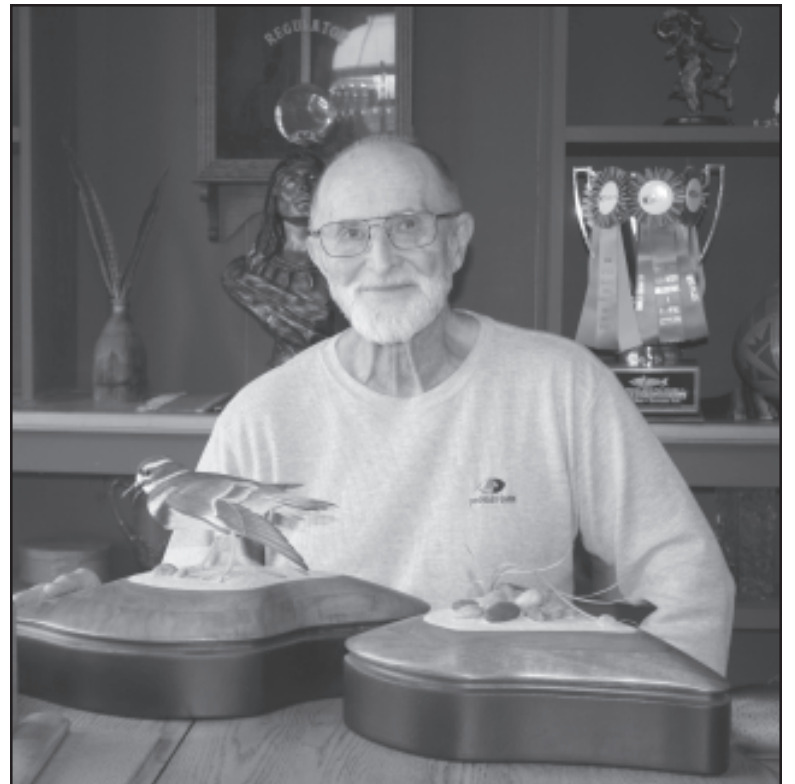
show me something he was carving out of it. I saw it was a great medium, so I asked where he got it and he said it was scrap found in the parking lot," Etzler said.

Etzler knew the plant manager at the company and asked him if the school could have some scrap pieces for students to work on. He was permitted to take anything that had fallen outside of the wooden crates in the parking lot. Etzler said they had crates and crates of the rock and there was probably still a lot buried there near the state park.

Marjorie Tait, a student of Etzler's from 1973 to 1976, still cherishes a small seal she made with the black stone in class. Nearly 50 years later she is still thankful to Etzler for the artistic skills and interests she has.

"Mr. Etzler made succeeding with new art mediums possible. He encouraged independent creativity while providing supervision when needed for safety. He built confidence humorously. He was quite funny," she said.

Etzler said he didn't always want to be a teacher but didn't want to be a starving



Gary Etzler with some of his award-winning carvings. Not only was Etzler a beloved teacher at Alcona Community Schools, he is also a world and national carver of nature creating anatomical detail and posturing of birds and fish. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

artist either and tried a few different directions in college before getting his teaching degree.

He began teaching in

Lorraine, Ohio in 1965 as an art itinerant, a rotating instructor, at four elementary

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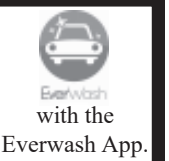
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schools. He also taught art to special education for deaf and sight-saving students. "That was an experience and was very rewarding. I had to learn to draw with my left hand so students could see the chalkboard past my head," Etzler said.

He then developed an elementary art program and taught high school art in the town where he grew up in Van Wert, Ohio, and finished obtaining his master's degree from St. Frances College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1967 he interviewed to teach as the head of the art department for schools in Fort Myers, Florida. He was given the job except they couldn't officially sign him because of a teacher strike. That strike was Alcona County's gain because a friend coaxed him to come north to Alcona Community Schools instead of waiting for the job in Florida.

"I interviewed in a bathing suit. I was staying with my friend and we had been out waterskiing when the superintendent stopped by catching us off-guard just after we got off the boat. I showed him my credentials and I had articles about my students who had participated in a scholastic art competition in New York. He liked me and I was hired," Etzler said.

Etzler taught high school art and exploratory art at the junior high and elementary

school. He took pride in covering every media possible including painting, life drawing where the students would model, leather crafting (knife hilts, sheaths for the knives, etc.), jewelry working with lost wax casting, sterling silver, and copper, fishing lures, duck decoys, homemade kites that had to fly, script brush lettering and much more.

"I would tell my students that there were probably kids in the class a lot smarter than I was, but that I had more experience making mistakes and that's why they should listen to me but it was okay to learn from each other.

"One of the projects I had in my advanced class was they had to design either a starter home or a retirement home between 1,200 and 1,400 square feet. I didn't care what the outside looked like or what was inside, but they had to have a functional design.

"We talked about four-foot hallways to allow mattresses to be moved into bedrooms, entranceways, bathrooms and how much closet space they needed," Etzler said.

Over 40 years ago, one of his students, Amy Bowerman (now married to classmate Marshall Stevens) was facing challenging issues with muscular dystrophy and Etzler asked her to design a home that would give her livable space to meet her future needs

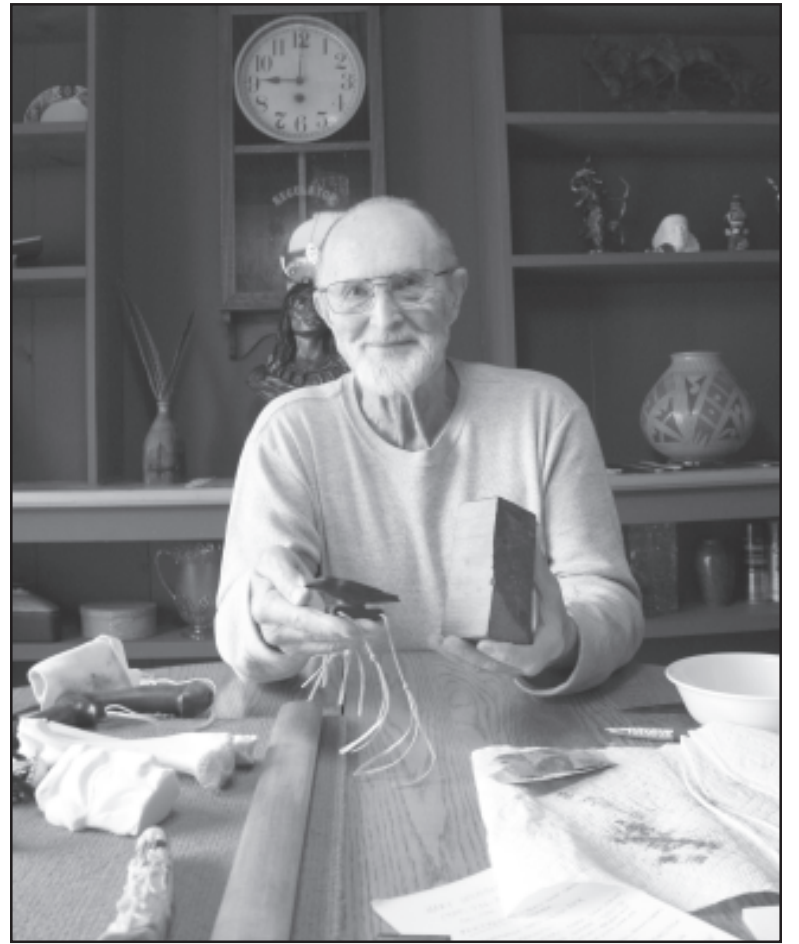
as her disease progressed, such as room for a wheelchair, accessible counters, sink space, even an accessible closet to reach clothing without standing.

Stevens said she loved art and still does thanks to Gary Etzler, one of her favorite teachers. "I had to miss classes due to corrective surgeries for my muscular dystrophy. The teachers had to come up with projects for me to do at home.

"Mr. Etzler asked me to design a house, so I did. I later had that home built based on my design, subcontracting and ordering everything from the joists to the trusses. After we built it, I asked Mr. Etzler to stop by to give me a final grade and he gave me an A. That was 40 years ago. (Marshall and I) still live here," Stevens said.

Etzler said he loved teaching and never wanted to retire. "Art to me has never been work. It's always been fun and a challenge. Someone would ask if we could do something and I would answer, 'I don't know, let's give it a try.

"Teaching art is the reverse of teaching math. In teaching math, you have to do step A, step B and step C until you get the answer. In art, you visualize the final product before you start. You've already solved the problem; you just need to get there."



Gary Etzler holds a piece of what he believes is Perypholite, a soft stone he used to teach students carving and etching techniques. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Etzler is a national and world award-winning nature carver and still enjoys his artistic endeavors while watching nature from the lakeside home he designed in Hubbard Lake. Over his career, his works have been

seen in private collections and contributions to Ducks Unlimited.

For more information and photos of the stone used in Etzler's classroom visit the Etzlerlite (Harrisville Lava Stone) Facebook page.

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Toenail trimming tips and traveling with grandchildren

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good toenail clipping solutions for seniors? My toenails have gotten increasingly thick since I've gotten older and have become very difficult for me to reach down and cut.
Almost 80

that can snag and potentially tear the nail as it grows.

Top Toenail Clippers
There are a number of medical-grade or specialty toenail clippers recommended by professionals for older adults.

24, 28 and 32 inches long. It also has a heavy-duty clipper with a 1/8-inch-wide jaw opening designed to cut thick toenails.
All of these clippers are available online at sites like Amazon.com or Walmart.com at prices ranging between \$10 and \$40.



Dear Almost,
Trimming your toenails is a task that most people don't think much about, but as we get older it can become very challenging. For many older adults, like yourself, toenails can become thicker and harder to cut, and reduced flexibility can make it more difficult to even get into the right position to cut them. Fortunately, there are solutions available that can make this job a little easier.

For thick nails the "New Huing Podiatrist Toenail Clippers" is a top option. This clipper has a sharp, curved blade that easily cuts through any toenail, no matter how hard or thick it has gotten, and a nonslip, cushion grip that allows for comfortable clipping.

Toenail Trimming Services

If you get to the point that you can't, or would rather not cut your own toenails, a podiatrist can provide both foot and toenail care. But be aware that routine foot care is not covered by Medicare unless you have an underlying condition or injury that requires a professional to tend to your feet.

If you are generally in good health, regular pedicures at a nail salon is good option for getting your toenails cut and is much cheaper than visiting a podiatrist.

and grandkids?
Doting Grandmother

Dear Doting,
Grandparents traveling with just their grandchildren has become a growing segment of the multigenerational travel industry. Not only is this type of travel fun, it's also a terrific way to strengthen generational bonds and create some lasting memories.

Available in various trip lengths and price ranges, these tours are designed for children, typically between the ages of six or seven up to 18, and are usually scheduled in the summer, or sometimes during winter breaks when the kids are out of school. Here are some top tour companies to check into that will take you and your grandkids on a fun, well-planned vacation.

One of the simplest tricks for cutting thick toenails is to simply take a bath or shower, or soak your feet in warm water, prior to cutting them. The water helps soften them for easier cutting.

For those with limited mobility, check out the "Clipper-pro Omega Select Toenail Clipper," which has a long plastic grip that's much larger than that of a standard set of nail clippers and a blade head that swivels 180 degrees. Both of those features make this clipper much easier to use for anyone with arthritis or mobility issues, since they have more control and an added range they can reach.

Dear Savvy Senior,
My husband and I are interested in taking our two grandkids on a big trip this summer and are looking for some good ideas. Can you recommend some travel companies that offer special travel packages for grandparents

To help you with your traveling aspirations, there are a number of travel companies today that offer specialized grandparent/grandchildren and multigenerational trip packages. This is a nice way to go because they plan everything for you with most activities together, but some just for adults so you can get an occasional breather.

• Road Scholar (RoadScholar.org): This well-established not-for-profit organization has offered educational travel to older adults since 1975. They currently offer 83 different programs geared to grandparent and grandchildren. About 75 percent of the grandparent trips are domestic; 25 percent are international.

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Buggy Rides

People gather to honor the country's dead

Lone '61 veteran attends exercises

May 31, 1923 ~ Memorial Day was duly observed in Harrisville, and the people turned out in large numbers to honor the nation's dead.

those who made the supreme sacrifice, but during the remainder of the year we should not forget the things for which they fought.

young last last March 12, being born in Dover, Maine, 1842.

There were only 41 of old Co. A left when they started this charge and of the 4,122 were either killed or wounded. Owen and three of his comrades went down in one heap when a shell exploded over their heads. These four, all old friends from Dover, were separated right there when picked up from the field and the next time they met was at a re-union held in Dover in 1912—45 years later—when three of them got back to the old home town. The wound which put Owen out was in the forearm, which was badly* injure 1 and left him a cripple for life. While he was in hospital Owen's enlistment expired and he immediately re-enlisted for another three years and was in service until he received his honorable discharge in 1865—term of service four years and three months.

The American Legion had charge of the program, which opened at the Auditorium with an address given by Rev. G. W. Hawley in which he paid all honor to the service men—to those who fell in battle and to those who survived and lived to fight the country's battles in time of peace.

After decorating the crosses with wreaths and flags, taps sounded and three volleys were fired. This was repeated at the graves in the three cemeteries. The exercises came to a close at the water's edge, where a floral boat was released in honor of the dead at sea.

His war record began with President Lincoln's first call for troops to enlist for three months. Owen joined Co. A Sixth Maine Volunteers in May.

1801 and at the end of that period reenlisted for three years. He fought under McClelland, Hooker, Burnside and Sedgewick and participated in the first and second battles of Bull Run, Williamsburg, Seven Days. Retreat from Richmond, Lookout Mountain, Battle of Antietam, and the charge on St. Mary's Heights at Fredericksburg.

Twas at the latter engagement that Owen received he wound which put him out of active field service during the remainder of the war. This occurred on May 13, 1863.

Rev. Fr. Ryan, chaplain of Armstrong Post, had charge of the service at the crosses erected in memory of Alcona's dead in the World War. His remarks were especially appropriate.

But one veteran of the war of '61, Owen Fox, participated in the exercises of the day. Indeed, it is said that there are but two Civil War veterans now living in the county, the other being John R. Briggs of Caledonia.

Mr. Briggs was a member of Company I, 27th Mich. Vol. Inf. Lone Veteran's Service Record.

Owen Fox was 81 years

Following his discharge from the army Owen followed the lumber woods as a camp cook for many years, first in Maine, then in the districts around Saginaw and the AuGres.

He came to Harrisville in 1871 and this has been his home ever since. He is remarkably well preserved and looks a score of years under the 81 which the almanac gives him. He looks good for 20 years more and here's hoping that the limit of his span may be even longer than that.

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The new building addition is 20 by 30 feet and will afford facilities to display the firm's line of lawn and garden equipment started a few years ago

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** In which body of water is Bermuda located?
3. **TELEVISION:** Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?
4. **ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?
5. **LITERATURE:** Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?
6. **ANCIENT WORLD:** Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.?
7. **U.S. CITIES:** What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** What does "en croute" mean?
9. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?
10. **AD SLOGANS:** Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat Fresh"?

1. 1977.; 2. North Atlantic Ocean.; 3. Art Fleming.; 4. Cerebellum.; 5. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allen Poe.; 6. Pompeii and Herculaneum.; 7. The Albuquerque Isotopes.; 8. Food baked in a pastry crust.; 9. Peanut.; 10. Subway (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Publisher Adolph</p> <p>5 Pile up</p> <p>10 Hit with an open hand</p> <p>14 Mafia heads</p> <p>19 Defrost</p> <p>20 Fireside drink</p> <p>21 Lead-in to byte</p> <p>22 O. Henry literary device</p> <p>23 Yore</p> <p>25 Finks</p> <p>26 City in France</p> <p>27 Trickled out</p> <p>28 Graduation cap dangler</p> <p>30 Tickled Muppet</p> <p>31 Entrees with pastry crusts</p> <p>33 Wood-cleaning product</p> <p>36 Forest array</p> <p>37 Rich wall tapestry</p> <p>38 Cholesterol-lowering drugs</p> <p>39 Predecessor of Andrew Johnson</p> <p>44 Naval vessel inits.</p> <p>45 — Sea (Asian lake)</p> <p>46 Gravy-train job</p> | <p>48 Take on moguls</p> <p>51 Week's seven</p> <p>55 Grouchy type</p> <p>57 Zingy flavor</p> <p>58 Hockey great Mikita</p> <p>59 Japanese city</p> <p>61 Australian territory in the Indian Ocean</p> <p>66 Greek deity of wisdom</p> <p>68 "Kate & —" (old sitcom)</p> <p>69 Uncultured</p> <p>70 Ivy League school in Providence</p> <p>75 Backless sofa</p> <p>76 Lavs, to Brits</p> <p>77 Prefix with drama</p> <p>78 Scots' refusals</p> <p>80 Bird-built home</p> <p>81 Kin of -ette</p> <p>82 Left-leaners</p> <p>86 "Tomb raider" Croft</p> <p>88 Sister, say</p> <p>89 2016 Best Director winner for "La La Land"</p> <p>95 Zoo collection</p> <p>99 Letters after alphas</p> <p>100 Localities</p> | <p>101 Certain letter-shaped pattern, to Brits</p> <p>104 Set free</p> <p>106 Touch down</p> <p>107 "Yes —!" ("You bet!")</p> <p>108 Shortcoming</p> <p>109 Compadre</p> <p>111 Arctic bird</p> <p>112 Ancestor ... or what the first word of seven answers in this puzzle can have?</p> <p>116 Cab ticker</p> <p>117 — -Z ('80s Camaro)</p> <p>118 Fountain of Rome</p> <p>119 Architect Saarinen</p> <p>120 People staring</p> <p>121 Parched, old-style</p> <p>122 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"</p> <p>123 Drearily dull</p> | <p>5 Compass</p> <p>6 Color variations</p> <p>7 Did superbly on</p> <p>8 Corn core</p> <p>9 Ell preceder</p> <p>10 Attaches, as a seat belt</p> <p>11 Dog tether</p> <p>12 Chichi</p> <p>13 Sporty 1990s Toyotas</p> <p>14 U.S. snoop gp.</p> <p>15 Nabs</p> <p>16 Hoi — (the masses)</p> <p>17 Like single-person bands</p> <p>18 B-board overseers</p> <p>24 Kimono-clad hostess</p> <p>28 "Baywatch" actress</p> <p>29 Of formal public worship</p> <p>31 School org.</p> <p>32 Space sphere</p> <p>33 Med. scan</p> <p>34 Big tea holders</p> <p>35 Use a surgical beam on</p> <p>37 God of Islam</p> <p>40 Circle section</p> <p>41 "I Need to Know" singer — Anthony</p> | <p>42 "Open this door!"</p> <p>43 March Madness gp.</p> <p>47 Little — (tykes)</p> <p>48 Diet drastically</p> <p>49 Oklahoma neighbor</p> <p>50 Use the tab key, perhaps</p> <p>51 Not too hard to carry out</p> <p>52 Houston baseballers</p> <p>53 Loutish types</p> <p>54 Distorts</p> <p>56 Display of great daring</p> <p>58 Killed, as a dragon</p> <p>60 Shaker Lee</p> <p>62 Ending for project</p> <p>63 35mm camera type</p> <p>64 Seventh scale notes</p> <p>65 Lawn turf</p> <p>67 Quarterbacks' called changes</p> <p>71 — Hill, San Francisco</p> <p>72 Like cold tea</p> <p>73 Powder room powders</p> <p>74 "Awright!"</p> <p>79 Mexican Mrs.</p> | <p>82 Fact falsifier</p> <p>83 Aura</p> <p>84 Manorial lord</p> <p>85 Meyers of late night</p> <p>87 Funnel-shaped flower</p> <p>88 One leaving a smear</p> <p>90 — "King" Cole</p> <p>91 Built</p> <p>92 Suede, e.g.</p> <p>93 — Vegas</p> <p>94 Ending for Siam</p> <p>95 On fire</p> <p>96 Capital of Niger</p> <p>97 Set on fire</p> <p>98 "You are right about that"</p> <p>102 — Jacques" (kids' song)</p> <p>103 Misstep</p> <p>104 Christopher who played Superman</p> <p>105 Chaperone in "The Hunger Games"</p> <p>108 Historical plaintiff — Scott</p> <p>110 Surgery ctrs.</p> <p>112 Bouquet-bringing gp.</p> <p>113 Tram cargo</p> <p>114 Period</p> <p>115 Rip off</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution, which determined that the U.S. flag would consist of 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 white, five-pointed stars on a blue background.
- On June 12, 1817, the earliest form of bicycle -- known as the Laufmaschine in German and in English by the derogatory term "dandy horse" -- was demonstrated by its inventor, Karl Drais.
- On June 16, 1903, Pepsi-Cola became an official trademark. The Pepsi Cola Company had launched just the year before, to immediate success, and by 1910, boasted more than 200 franchises in 24 states.
- On June 18, 1978, American serial killer and sex offender Jeffrey Dahmer murdered his first victim just three weeks after his high school graduation. Dahmer had lured 18-year-old hitchhiker Steven Mark Hicks to his house with the promise of a few beers.
- On June 13, 1981, Queen Elizabeth II was shot at with six blank rounds by Marcus Sarjeant while she was riding a horse. The queen managed to keep her horse under control and was not injured. When police questioned Sarjeant about his motives, he said: "I wanted to be famous. I wanted to be a somebody."
- On June 17, 1985, fighter pilot and Saudi prince Sultan bin Salman Al Saud became the first Arab, the first Muslim and the first member of a royal family to fly into space, on NASA's Discovery Space Shuttle, as a payload specialist. He chose not to fast for Ramadan while he was training and in space, but brought a small Koran along for the trip, with a prayer from his mother asking God to protect travelers, and tied his feet to the shuttle floor to prostrate himself in prayer as best he could.
- On June 15, 2019, Babe Ruth's baseball jersey became the most expensive sports memorabilia in history when it sold for a staggering \$5.6 million. According to Hunt Auctions, the jersey dated to between 1928 and 1930 and broke the previous record of \$4.4 million set by a 1920 Ruth jersey. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers polled 250 kids about their opinions on clowns. The verdict was unanimous: Every single one reported disliking or fearing them. Well, so do some adults.
- A Texas woman named Verda Byrd, adopted by a Black family in the 1940s, only discovered she was white after finding her adoption papers in 2013.
- In 1987, a barge left New York for North Carolina with a whopping 3,168 tons of trash on board. North Carolina didn't want it either, so the barge traveled for seven long months trying (and failing) to find someone to take it, launching a national conversation on the subject of landfills and recycling.
- The town of Dull in Scotland has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon, since 2012.
- Because goats can eat poison ivy with no ill effects, some farmers rent out the animals to clear parks, golf courses and historical sites without having to use chemicals or herbicides.
- A nuclear bomb is stuck somewhere in the ice on the coast of Greenland.
- Retired NFL wide receiver Steve Smith left his cleats on the field after every game to raise awareness of homeless people who don't have shoes.
- In 1993, a Missouri man purposely damaged a levee on the Mississippi River to delay his wife coming home from work so he could party. The plan spectacularly backfired when the river flooded 14,000 acres, leading to his arrest and conviction for causing a catastrophe and a life sentence in prison.
- There are cases of identical twins in which only one is born with Down syndrome.

Thought for the Day: "Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic." - Jean Sibelius

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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: **B** equals **L**

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB NGZYZ
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 "HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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• Smithsonian Journeys (SmithsonianJourneys.org): They offer 10 different family journey trips to Iceland, New Zealand, Italy, Greece, Japan, Ireland, Costa Rica, South Africa, Yellowstone and a Rhine River cruise.

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Grandkids Travel Documents

Depending on where you go and your mode of transportation, you'll need to gather some documents for your grandchildren to make sure everything goes smoothly. In general, most travel experts recommend you bring a notarized travel consent form (letter of permission from the parents), and a medical consent form in case any emergencies or problems arise. Also bring copies of insurance cards.

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