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## Local dogs to compete at Westminster Dog Show

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

The participants come in all sizes with personalities as big as all outdoors. Some have long bushy tails while others are cropped close to the body. Each breed has distinctive characteristics and all have been time-tested in the competition ring to know just how to shine their brightest.

They are the super dogs of the canine world; they are the dogs of the Westminster Dog Show.

This year, two Alcona County pooches will be showing their finest moves to judges during 147th Westminster show running Saturday, May 6 through Tuesday, May 9 in New York.

Both dogs will be shown by resident veterinarian, Dr. Karen Potter.

Their pedigree names and North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) titles are long: GCH Scout 'em Out Ya Gotta Keep Her NAVHDA NA III UT II is known simply as "Dezi" and CH Bajnok-Menti Sisy NAVHDA NA III UT II, is called

"Sasha."

While the dogs are different breeds, both are classified as sporting dogs and both are co-owned by Karen and her mother, Valerie Potter.

Dezi is a six-year-old Vizsla who takes her work on and off the competition circuit seriously. "Vizsla's are very loving and willing to please. As a rule, they are a breed that

wants to always be with their owners. Dezi loves to work. She is very much all business and gives us 110 percent in the ring," Karen said.

Karen explained Dezi is an

American Kennel Club (AKC) grand champion accumulating over and above the 15 points with two major wins that all champion dogs must acquire to qualify for Westminster.

Sasha is a three-year-old German wire hair pointer imported from Hungary. "I picked her out of a photo I saw when she was seven and a half weeks old and knew I had to have her. Sasha thinks the whole world revolves around her," Karen said.

Sasha was intensely fixated on a ball someone at the clinic was holding. Karen laughed at the dog's focus as she reached over to give Sasha a gentle pat.

According to Karen, Sasha is a bit more of a goof. "She does everything at 100 miles per hour. Sasha has a terrible habit of stealing cut wood from the wood pile. She will sort through and find a specific piece that she must have. Everyone who has met and spent time with her falls in love with her. People smile at her antics. She has a presence about her that draws attention," she said.

Karen, who started showing dogs through 4-H when she was 10 years old and competed with dogs at AKC competitions when she was 14, has always believed many of her dogs could have competed at Westminster. Still, she was quite surprised when these two dogs made the cut to fill the 2,500 available slots in the show.

In years past she never bothered applying because the timing of the show wasn't agreeable. It was previously held in February and driving to New York in ice and snowstorms didn't appeal to her. Since COVID, Westminster has changed things and now the show is in May, a much more agreeable time to travel.

"Dogs at this level must have a sparkle, a special drive to be the best. Dezi and Sasha both have that and are very nice dogs, so I thought I'd give it a try, but just because you fill out the entry form, doesn't guarantee your dogs will be placed on the show list. When I got the letter that both were accepted, I was quite shocked.

"Our dogs are family pets first, they are not just show



Karen Potter, DVM, with Sasha (left) and Dezi (right) who will be showing at the Westminster Dog Show in New York next Tuesday. Potter co-owns the dogs with her mother, Valerie. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Eligible Alcona County veterans can get monthly VA disability compensation

Although the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs distributes more than \$6 million a year in disability compensation and pension payments to Alcona County veterans, many more veterans and their families are eligible for this benefit.

A disability applies to mental health conditions such as PTSD and physical conditions ranging from arthritis to cancer to chronic respiratory illnesses from exposure to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances. Eligibility is based on type and severity of the disability. Disability compensation is not based on income level or net worth and is available to eligible veterans who served on active duty during wartime and peacetime.

Disability compensation payments are tax free and range from \$165 per month for veterans whose disability rating is set by the VA at 10

percent, to more than \$4,000 per month for veterans who have a 100 percent disability rating and multiple dependents.

Eligible veterans who are diagnosed with a disease or injury connected to their time in service can receive this monthly benefit.

In Alcona County, home to 1,307 veterans, the VA distributed \$6.5 million in disability compensation and pension benefits to veterans and their families in fiscal year 2021, the latest year data is available. Veterans should remember that disability compensation and other VA benefits are not a "handout" or even a "hand up." Rather, these are benefits veterans earned for their service.

Statewide, the VA distributed nearly \$2.6 billion in disability compensation and pension benefits to Michigan veterans in fiscal year 2021. But the latest VA data shows

that only about 22 percent of Michigan veterans receive disability compensation. (In Alcona County, that percentage is slightly higher, at about 24 percent.)

To receive disability compensation, at least one of the following must be true:

- The veteran got sick or injured while serving and can link this condition to a current illness or injury.
- The veteran had an illness or injury before joining the military and serving made it worse.
- The veteran has a disability related to their active-duty service that didn't appear until after their service.
- An eligible spouse, child or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty or from a service-related injury or illness may be eligible for a monthly payment through the VA Dependency and Indemnity (DIC) Compensation program.

When filing a claim with the VA, required documentation should include the veteran's DD214 separation documents, service treatment records and any medical evidence of their illness or injury (like doctor's reports, X-rays and medical test results).

VA pension benefits, which are separate from disability compensation, are available to eligible wartime veterans who meet certain age, disability, income and net-worth requirements. Veterans cannot receive both disability compensation and pension benefits.

The most effective way for veterans or survivors to file a claim for any benefits through the VA is to work through an accredited Veteran Service Officer. This is a free service.

Alcona County's veterans counselor is Tony Atkinson. His office can be contacted by calling (989) 724-9510.



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# Americanisms



“The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous.”  
— Frederick Douglass

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The City of Harrisville is accepting applications for summer help. This position is a 30-hour per week temporary position that involves mowing, trimming, painting, etc. A valid driver's license is required. Must be 18 years of age. Applications are available at the city office from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, please call the City Office at 989-724-6666. Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 5, 2023 at 12 noon.

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# Obituary



## Phillip S. Jordan

Phillip S. Jordan, 71, of Lincoln died on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at home.

He was born April 28, 1951, to William and Laura (Shannon) Jordan in Flint, Mich.

He was a longtime resident of Davison, Mich. Mr. Jordan worked for General Motors in metal fabrication and retired after 32 years.

He moved to Lincoln in 2001, where he was a member of the Downtown Development Authority for five years, the Brownlee Lake Association, and the Lincoln Lions Club.

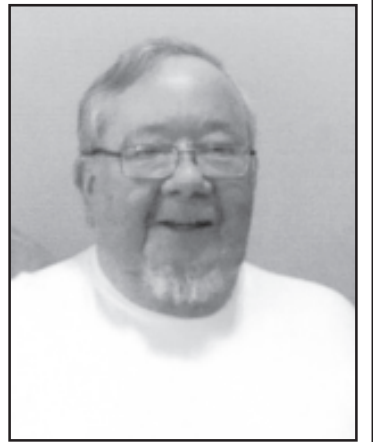
Mr. Jordan served as the president of the Village of Lincoln for 12 years. He was active in the downtown streetscape project, securing the funding for the sewer, as well as numerous other projects. His ability to mediate allowed the village to accomplish many things

under his leadership.

He enjoyed his family, fishing, hunting, boating, and wood carving. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Oscoda.

In the last five years, he had rededicated his life to the Lord. It gives us peace to know he is now in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mr. Jordan is survived by three sons, Phillip W. (Charla) Jordan, Scott A. (Stacie Ward) Jordan, and Jon R. (Monica Tenhave) Jordan; seven grandchildren, Wayne (Alyssa) Hudson Jordan, Hunter Jordan, Chase Jordan, Colt Jordan, Cassi Jordan, Kinsley Jordan and Brantley Vanochten; two great-grandchildren, Sophie and Zayne Hudson; his mother, Laura Sayers; one sister, Debbie (Tom) Harvey; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.



He was preceded in death by his stepfather, James Sayers, on November 16, 2022.

The funeral was held Monday, May 1 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Pastor Jim Young officiated. Burial was in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorial may be made to the Church of the Nazarene, Oscoda.

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# Local Notes



## Class of 1963 Reunion

Members of the Alcona High School Class of '63 will gather to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion on Saturday, Aug. 5 at Harold and Carlene Carriveau's home on Cedar Lake. For more details, contact Carolyn at (810) 348-0653 or Harold at (810) 624-0752.

## Tree Planting Project

Volunteers are needed to help plant trees along Van Etten Creek, Barlow Road, three miles southeast of Mikado on Saturday, May 13. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with a sign-in at the safety table. Planting will occur all day until 4:30 p.m. A lunch break will be at noon. Lunch is provided (sandwiches and drinks). Three hundred trees will be planted to establish a

riparian buffer strip. Planting holes will be prepared beforehand and ready for volunteers to plant trees. Call or text Russell Williams, president of the Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed Coalition and Alcona County Conservation District forester, at (989) 310-6408 or email Russell.williams@macd.org.

## Bushcraft Spring Gathering

Join Michigan Bushcraft at Lumberman's Monument on May 6 for a chance to meet up with fellow bushcrafters, campers, and outdoor enthusiasts. Presentations will be made by the MI Bushcraft volunteer team and will occur throughout the day. Everything is free to attend. Keep an eye out for a presentation from Brooke Whipple of History Channel's "Alone," seasons four and five.

The schedule of presentations:

- 9 a.m. - Roycraft Pack Frames—Barry Grantham Jr.
- 10 a.m. - Fire Starting - Melissa Hardwick
- 11 a.m. - Making a Story Belt - Brooke Whipple
- 1 p.m. - Shelter Tours - The Hammock Crew
- 2 p.m. - Knot Crazy Basics - Greg Folitz
- 3 p.m. - DIY Leather Belts - Tim Parsell

For more information, call Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center at (989) 362-8961. Lumberman's Monument is located in Iosco County, at the junction of Monument Road and River Road. All programs are free of charge. Donations accepted at Visitor's Center to help cover expenses. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Members of the AuSable Valley Audubon pick up trash along M-55 Highway on April 25. A total of 28 bags, plus vehicle car parts and tires were collected. (From left) Maggie Berch, Madonna Bernard, Alan Bernard, Larry VanWagoner, Sue Duncan, Robert Wells, Nancy Meyers, Christine Dyke, Dee Morand, Tim Morand, and Bob Kemnitz. Not pictured: Bill Roth and Madel Ernemann. *Courtesy photo.*





# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. This is the summer schedule. Alcona County residents with newborns through age five 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.

The personal item pantry at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville is open from noon to 3 p.m. for those in need.

The Craftmakers' Cabin spring meeting will be held at noon at the Harrisville Harbor meeting room, 1 E. Harbor Drive, Harrisville. Any artist or crafter wishing to sell their work is welcome. Call Nancy at (734) 904-0108 for more information.

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

Kindergarten round-up at Alcona Elementary will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents and guardians of children age five by September 1, 2023 may reserve one of the time slots by calling, (989) 736-8146 or emailing leet@alcona schools.net or achtabowskik@alconaschools.net. More details can be obtained by calling or emailing the provided contact 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.

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 info.

Teenagers and adults can create a minimalistic textured wall art piece in the May Craftomania! At the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a two-day project that will be finished on May 11. There is a \$5 charge for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

Youth ages seven and up are welcome to join the Movie & Muchies Night at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5 p.m. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

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.

Terry Lowel, a local artist, will have wood carvings on display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library until May 30. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction 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, MAY 6

An ATV/ORV Fun Run will start at the baseball fields in Harrisville (north end of Lake Street) with registration from 10 to 11:45 a.m. First stop is by noon. This is a fundraising event for the fireworks in Barton City and Harrisville. For more information, or to register call (989) 335-0137.

Ceramics with Ricky Blanding will be at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

Alcona Authors will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

Art for Adults will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

Comic Book Day - Visit the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library of the Glennie branch (Curtis Township Library) to receive a free comic book during branch hours. Call (989) 735-2601 or (989) 724-6796 for more information.

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

All veterans and spouses are welcome to attend a coffee get-together at Alcona High School auditorium lobby from 2 to 4 p.m. The Alcona National Honor Society will provide coffee, tea, sweets and games.

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

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.

May's teenage craft is Dungeons and Dragons-related and youth in ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in the Alcona High School cafeteria from 3 to 5 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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, MAY 11

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 info.

Local historian, Jeff Thomas, will present: The Ship That Tim Forgot: The sinking of the Henry Stein-brenner, at 7 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena. Thomas will talk about the rescue of the ship's crew and remembering a veteran lake boat that has been forgotten by history.

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# Community engagement program assesses county's childcare needs

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

To better understand childcare needs in Alcona County and how to resolve gaps in the future, an in-depth study has begun under the Rural Child Care Innovation Program (RCCIP).

The program is a community engagement process designed to address the challenges of childcare needs. It is funded through the Department of Education through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 which is funneled through First Children's Finance.

First Children's Finance business development manager, Melissa Newkirk explained the program addresses the challenges of rural childcare through the lens of economic development.

"If workers cannot find adequate affordable childcare, jobs will not come to an area, nor will they remain in the area. Childcare shortages have a broad impact beyond the family. There is no thriving community without qual-

ity affordable childcare.

"This program is designed to identify right-sized solutions to increase the supply of high-quality affordable childcare in Alcona County," she said.

According to Newkirk, there is a shortage across Michigan in rural communities, but not all locations have the same issues. "Some may have provider shortages; others may have a housing crisis. We help guide a core team of individuals which could be teachers, supervisors, district entities such as the Alpena, Montmorency, Alcona Great Start Collaborative, county-minded individuals, business leaders and parents to make some realizations in their community.

"If a community has a transportation crisis, they need to figure that out first before they can figure out the childcare crisis.

"Every community is different and the plan will be suited to provide childcare to working families in that area," Newkirk said.

Working with the core team they will identify resources to increase the supply of high-quality, affordable child care. A thorough analysis of the community's childcare needs and gaps will be made while using First Children's Finance's expertise, resources and tools including research and financial modeling.

In addition, the core team will hold events to provide education on the links between quality childcare and rural economic development. It will also develop a community solution action plan that includes solutions to increase the supply of high-quality, affordable childcare and support business improvement services to existing childcare providers with one-on-one consulting grant eligibility.

Alcona County's core RCCIP team is already calling on the community for insight, first by reaching out to all childcare providers in the county with a Childcare Provider Appreciation Event on Saturday, May 13 where they will offer a free breakfast at The Mountain Bar & Grille to discuss childcare needs and gaps and give childcare providers a chance to meet the team.

On Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the RCCIP team will hold a free, open to public Town Hall at the Alcona Elementary School where they will be discussing challenges and opportunities.

The core RCCIP team is also reaching out to those impacted by childcare issues by asking parents to fill out a survey online by following the <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7VVN6HY> link or go to the Alcona Community School Facebook page and scan the QR code for the survey.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor said there were a dozen members on the core team for the county. "The goal is to have the data and collaboration to be better positioned to apply for future grant opportunities," he said.

First Children's Finance received \$600,000 in federal ARPA funding awarded by the Michigan Department of Education as part of the Caring for MI Future initiative, a \$100 million investment that will help more Michigan families find childcare in their communities by opening 1,000 new or expanded child care programs by the end of 2024.

The RCCIP program, which is in its second round of funding, is also being offered in Baraga, Chippewa, Iosco, Ogemaw and Osceola counties.

**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**  
Township of Greenbush Planning Commission  
PO Box 9, Greenbush, MI 48738  
989-569-3519

Meeting Date: May 4, 2023  
Meeting Time: 7:15 p.m. EST  
Meeting Location: Greenbush Township Hall, 5037 Campbell St, Greenbush, MI.  
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss a Special Land Use Permit

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3)).

Posted on: April 10, 2023

Posted Locations: Greenbush Township Hall  
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Greenbush, MI

Office of the Township Clerk  
5070 Woodland Drive  
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# Lady Tigers earn wins over AuGres, Hale

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team had little trouble picking up wins at AuGres last Thursday. The Lady Tigers won both games of the North Star League crossover doubleheader convincingly, 13-2 and 15-0.

In game one, Jena Wambold and Sage Gauthier had three hits apiece. Addison Beatty, Carmen Dellar and Olivia Borchardt each had

two hits. Riley Tracy, Gracyn Tracy and Baylee Goddard got one hit each.

In game two, Gauthier, Borchardt and Goddard had three hits each. Beatty, Dellar, Wambold and R. Tracy had two hits and Miah Schopfer had one hit.

On Monday, April 24, Alcona won two NSL crossover games in Hale, 19-1 and 16-1. In the opener, Wambold and Gauthier had four hits each. Schopfer had three hits,

Beatty and R. Tracy had two hits each and Borchardt had one hit.

In game two, Gauthier got four hits, including two home runs. Borchardt had three hits. Schopfer and Goddard had two hits each. Beatty, Wambold, R. Tracy and G. Tracy had one hit apiece.

Alcona hosted Hillman on Wednesday, May 3, heads to Mio on Thursday, May 4 and hosts Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, May 8.

# Alcona baseball takes split with AuGres

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Tigers dropped the opener 5-2 at AuGres, but rallied for a lopsided win in game two, 17-4 which salvaged a split in the North Star League crossover doubleheader last Thursday.

Evan Borsvold took the loss in the opener, going five innings and giving up five runs on two hits while striking out 10.

Garrett Somers led the offense with a double and a single.

"(We) had a few base running mistakes that (caused) a couple runs early in the game," said head coach Dru Carson.

In game two, Owen Borsvold got the win, as he went five innings and gave up four runs on three hits and 11 strikeouts.

O. Borsvold helped his own

cause with a grand slam, a single and five RBI. Jordan Benac had two hits and three RBI. Karsen Gonyea had one hit and two RBI.

On Wednesday, April 26 the Alcona varsity baseball team split a doubleheader at Roscommon. They lost game one 6-0 but won game two 7-5.

Jesse Sheldon and Gavin Dellar saw time on the mound in the opener. Dellar also got the team's lone hit; a double.

"We struggled finding ways on base," Carson said.

In game two, Collin Walker had the win, going four innings and giving up five runs on four hits. O. Borsvold came in to get the save.

Offensively, Dellar hit a double and two singles. Sheldon hit two doubles.

On Monday, April 24 the Tigers won both games in a NSL crossover doubleheader,

taming host Hale 20-0 and 16-1. In the opener, O. Borsvold got the win by tossing three perfect innings and striking out seven batters.

The offense had E. Borsvold hit two doubles and four RBI. Benac had a double and two singles.

In game two, E. Borsvold tossed a no-hitter, going three innings and striking out seven batters.

Dellar had a double and two singles. O. Borsvold had two hits and four RBI.

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## The Alcona Historical Society ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. at Alcona Township Hall - 5576 US 23, Black River, MI. The township hall is just north of Black River Rd.

If coming from the north take the US-23 detour to Black River Rd.



There will be a short review of what has been accomplished by the Historical Society in the last year. Refreshments will be served.

**The Public is Welcome.**

At 7:00 Ric Mixter will present a lecture on the November Gales of the Great Lakes.

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dogs. They live with us and are the dogs we go hunting with every single fall. Being a show dog is not these dogs' life, it's just an itty-bitty part of it. It's just a few minutes in the ring, which they love. If it wasn't fun for them and us, we wouldn't do it," Karen said.

Karen has been to Westminster before, but as a spectator, not a handler; she won a scholarship to go see the show when she was in veterinary school.


Karen explained the show is set up like most AKC canine competitions. Judging will narrow the field first by breed judging, junior showmanship finals, group judging and then the final event resulting in the grand winner, best in show.

While Karen's mother, Valerie, will not be able to attend the event, she will be live-streaming the competi-

tion to see Dezi and Sasha compete. Karen explained the event will take place May 6 through May 9 and will be broadcasted live on the USA Network and the Fox Sports 1 channel each night; however, the broadcast will probably not include footage of Sasha or Dezi competing.

For live-streaming information visit westminsterkennelclub.org. Sporting dogs will show on Tuesday, May 9 with Sasha's group competing at 8 a.m.

The Westminster Dog Show is the second continuous sporting event in the United States second only to the Kentucky Derby. It was formed by the Westminster Kennel Club in the 1870s by a group of dog fans who met at the Westminster Hotel. In 1876, they decided to launch an annual dog show, and in 1877 they presented their first show in New York City.



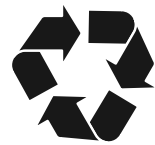
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The Greenbush Fire Department will be available to help you unload.

Drivers must be prepared to help unload particularly large, loose, or wet loads.

Please approach the location from the east and follow direction of Township representative on north side of Kings Corner Rd.

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**By Ben Murphy**  
 Sports Writer  
 Alcona's track and field teams competed at the Whittemore-Prescott Invitational last Friday. The Tigers had many great showings, and in all it stacked up to a winning effort for the boys team and a second place finish for the girls.

"The teams performed amazingly again," said coach Rachel Somers. "There were many, many new personal records set and many great performances. Too many outstanding athletes to name them all individually, but this boys team is a fun group to watch and always compete hard in all events.

"The girls team also had a super night coming in second place and setting all kinds of PR's as well. A few ladies moved out of their normal spots to help fill some gaps and helped the team tremendously. This team of only 11 young ladies battled all night and have hearts way bigger than their numbers should allow. Both teams should be very proud of their performances."

The boys won with 192 points, finishing ahead of second place AuGres, who had 137.5 points.

They saw Garrett Somers win the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.45. Brandon Fogle and Jack Goldstrom came in fourth and sixth in the event. Jeremiah Bullis was the winner in the 200 with a 24.4 and Sawyer Seminoff was second in the 400. William Liebler was second in the 800 and Carter Upper won the 1600-meter run on a time of 5:18. Zygmund Villalobos was eighth and Kelvin Travis was ninth in the same event. Villalobos finished second in the 3200 and Travis was fifth in the 3200.

Cole Upper took second place in both hurdle events, while Ashton Rigby was third in the 110 hurdles and fifth in the 300 hurdles.

Alcona also won three relay events.

Winning the 4x100 with a time of 46.33 was Somers, Fogle, Liebler and Bullis. The 4x200 winning time of 1:36.41 was done by Bullis, Fogle, Somers and Goldstrom, and the 4x400 team of Daniel June, Sawyer Seminoff, Liebler and Cole Upper won with a 3:56.

Logan Zuchowski won the discus at 109'4 and he was second in the shot put. Jacob June was second in the dis-



Alcona's Sawyer Seminoff attempts the high jump during last Friday's Whittemore-Prescott Invitational. Photo by Ben Murphy.

cus and seventh in the shot put. Seminoff was fourth in the high jump. Bullis won the pole vault at 11'0 and Cole Upper was third. Fogle added a fourth place finish in the long jump.

On the girls' side, Tawas won with 176 points and Alcona had 156 to take second.

Addi Beatty won the 100-meter dash with a 13.79 and she was second in the 200. Kelsey Hansen was fifth in the 100. Emma Travis was fourth in the 400 and she was second in the 800. Lauren Travis came in fourth in the 800.

In the 1600, L. Travis come in fourth and Nevaeh Dowalter was eighth. Jenna

West won the 100 hurdles at 20.25. Piper Whitefield was second and Haley Glick was fifth. The 300 hurdles had West place third and Glick come in second.

The Lady Tigers had a winning 4x100 relay team, with Mayson Morgan, Angelina Howe, Piper Whitefield and Addi Beatty timing out at 57.00.

Hansen won both throwing events, claiming the shot put with a 34'3 and the discus at 111'2. Howe won the high jump at 4'10, with Glick coming in fourth. Hansen also had a win in the long jump at 14'8. Howe and Glick were fourth and fifth in the long jump.



A special dedication of a handcrafted, wooden bench for the track at Alcona Community Schools was held last week for former coach and mentor Larry Spare, who passed away last August. Celebrating this dedication were many friends and family of Spare, including his wife, Linda (front, middle); grandchildren, Samantha Spare, 14, Susanna Spare, 3, Kaden Spare, 12; brother-in-law, Fred Johnson; and daughter-in-law, Kimberly (Jason) Spare. The bench was crafted by local artist and musician Eric Dunkel. Former Alcona athlete and alumni, Nicole (Cook) Rice, organized the dedication for Spare to recognize and remember the 40 plus years Spare coached basketball and track at Alcona High School and middle school. His outgoing personality, positive outlook, enthusiasm, caring nature and support for students, not just athletes he coached, are a legacy for his family and the school district. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.



# Local centenarian loves to laugh

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

*"We are all here for a spell. Get all the good laughs you can." ~ Will Rogers*

A Barton City woman recently celebrated her 100th birthday with family, friends and a good deal of laughter.

Florence Geary lived through the great depression, World War II and many other conflicts. She has been divorced and was a single mom. She has outlived her parents, four siblings, her second husband and many friends. Yet, she doesn't let any heartache show and has a great outlook on life.

"Flo," as her friends call her, has a special gift -- people feel good when they are around her.

Karen Sutton, a good friend of Flo's explained how the centenarian just draws people in. "She's a very good person. She has a lot of stories and a great memory. She's not afraid to start a conversation and makes friends wherever she goes. We laugh all the time. She's just a very fun and captivating lady."

Flo sat back in her power chair like a queen with her court as those around the room hung on her every word. "I woke up this morning around 2 a.m. which is about the time I was born and couldn't believe I made it, 100 years.

"At 100 I can do anything I want now. I like all kinds of food and can eat whatever I want, whenever I want, even chocolate. Today is my birthday so I'm going to have a toddy. I don't drink very much anymore. I've been good a long time so maybe it's time I started being a little bad," she said.

Flo was born in April of 1923 to Robert and Kate Shuttleworth in Middleton, Mich., a small farm village not unlike townships found in Alcona County. Florence was the middle child of five born to the family.

"My dad had a meat market and my mother was a schoolteacher. I just worshiped my dad. Every day after school I'd go and visit him at the market and beg him for a weenie (hot dog). I think he liked my visits. He'd give me one weenie and I'd eat it cold. I still like cold weenies," Flo said.

She explained their home in Middleton was always where neighborhood kids



Florence Geary of Barton City celebrates a milestone birthday last month with family and friends. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

gravitated. "There was no television then. We'd go sledding out in front of our house and in the summer, we played 'Annie I Over' tossing the ball over the house and 'Run My Sheepy Run.' We had a lot of fun, there were always kids in our yard. We played every night after supper."

At school, Florence kept active playing basketball, softball and was a cheerleader in high school before graduating in 1941.

The following year, her parents moved to Detroit, Mich. where they all got jobs working at a war factory. "I worked at Lyon Inc. We made 40-millimeter shell casings for the Navy. After the war, they converted to making wheel covers for the auto industry. I was a press operator and worked there for 20 years," she said.

After a lay-off, Florence moved to Mississippi and ran a press at a small Sterling Stamping plant that made clamps. Before retirement, she worked for over 40 years in factories.

Flo has always liked to have fun and believes in equal amounts of work and play. She joined a bowling league in 1946 and was an avid bowler until just 10 years ago at the age of 90 when she gave up the sport.

Spewing dates and numbers with easy recollection, Florence explained in 1953 she joined the Eagles Club No. 2265 in Redford, Mich., and after she and her husband moved to Barton City in 1980, she joined the Barton City Eagles Club No. 4141.

"I've been an Eagle member for 70 years. I began going to Eagles just for some-

thing to do. I was single and I had five girlfriends who all joined at the same time. We went there to dance and have fun," she said.

After being single for a long time, Florence felt ready to settle down and possibly get married again, so she mentioned it to a co-worker.

"She knew just the man for me, Russell Geary. We met after he got back from deer camp and we just clicked. Our first real date was on New Year's Eve and we got married a year and a half later in 1960," Florence said.

She and Russell never regretted moving to Barton City. "We liked it up here and had this property and built a house for our retirement. We both liked the small town. We liked our friends here and we used to have a lot of parties in the basement," she said.

Friends and family from all over the state and the country came to help her celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> the weekend prior and Flo said they all had a great time.

In addition to her son, Flo has a granddaughter and two great-granddaughters, a stepson, a step-granddaughter and a step-great-granddaughter.

She is extremely grateful for the wonderful friends who spend so much time with her daily and said she wouldn't be doing so well if it wasn't for them. "They bring me good food and we have fun listening to old songs and laughing. I really am very lucky to have them," she said.

Flo doesn't have many hobbies these days except word

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# How to prepare a will

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Don't Have Much

Dear Don't,

Very good question! Almost everyone needs a will, but only around one-third of Americans have actually prepared one. Having a last will and testament is important because it ensures your money and property will be distributed to the people you want to receive it after your death.

If you die without a will (a.k.a. dying "intestate"), your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but assets typically are distributed using a hierarchy of survivors i.e., first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on.

You also need to be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. If you jointly own a home or a bank account, for example, the house, and the funds in the account, will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise. Similarly,

retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep them up to date too.

### Do You Need a Lawyer?

Not necessarily. Creating a will with a do-it-yourself software program may be acceptable in some cases, particularly if you have a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation. Otherwise, it's best to seek professional advice. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

If you need help finding someone the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org), the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC.org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC.org) websites are good resources that have online directories to help you search.

Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 or more to get your

will made. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. And before you meet with an attorney, make a detailed list of your assets and accounts to help make your visit more efficient.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar association (see FindLegalHelp.org) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116 for a referral.

If you are interested in a do-it-yourself will, some top options to consider are Nolo's Quicken WillMaker & Trust (Nolo.com, \$99) and Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com, \$159). Or, if that's more than you're willing to pay, you can make your will for free at FreeWill.com or DoYourOwnWill.com.

It's also recommended that if you do create your own will, have a lawyer review it to make sure it covers all the important bases.

### Where to Store it?

Once your will is written, the best place to keep it is either in a fireproof safe or file cabinet at home, in a safe deposit box in your bank or online at sites like



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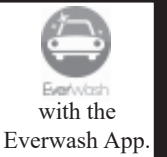
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# More on John Glennie and Chris Grover - Part II

**By Eric Paul Roorda**  
Author & Artist

There is more to the story of the stormy day of April 16, 1880, when the three-masted schooner Chris Grover went aground off the mouth of the AuSable with a load of limestone onboard.

The group of residents who attempted a rescue, which included John Glennie and other prominent citizens of the twin towns of Oscoda and AuSable, were convinced the crew of six was in mortal peril. They tried to fire an iron rod with a line out to the ship, employing what must have been a signal cannon (the 1880 article said it weighed only 100 pounds, and was in the possession of a man with the title of captain). Not built for such a purpose, the miniature artillery piece blew up, mangling John Glennie's leg so badly he died a few hours later.

What were they thinking?

They were trying to fashion a "breeches buoy," an ingenious method for plucking people from the deck of a ship stranded in raging inshore waters, when a lifeboat is useless for the task. A small custom-made cannon fires a custom-made weight with a line to the deck of the vessel, where a sailor rigs it up on a mast. The other end is rigged up at the top of a custom-made tripod. When the line is secured with block and tackle, a custom-made life ring with

a pair of pants inside is hauled out to the ship, and the first candidate for rescue climbs into the pants-ring, and is hauled to shore, dangling over the deadly surf.

At some point, someone thought to send for the professionals, the men of the U.S. Lifesaving Service, who had the special equipment and the skills to deploy it, stationed at Tawas Point Lighthouse, 12 miles south. When news reached the crew there, they mustered like firemen hearing a bell, and urged the team of horses to haul the breeches buoy cannon and accoutrements to the scene

of the shipwreck at top speed.

They were too late to prevent the mishap that killed Glennie. But they hit the target with the breeches buoy, and managed to bring the six sailors safely to the beach.

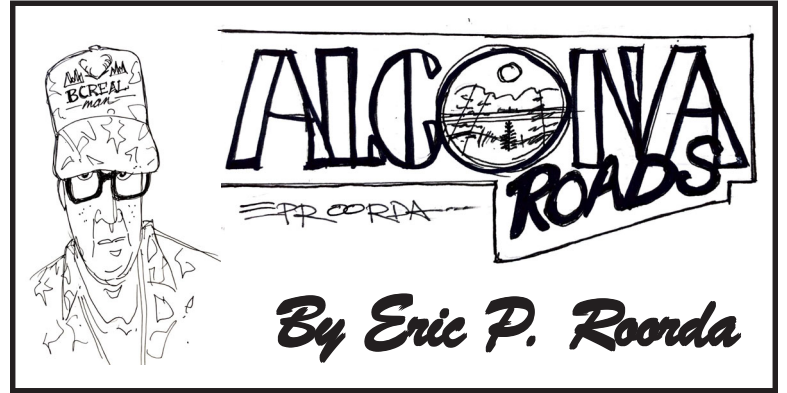
Everyone, including the reporter for the Alcona County Review, thought Grover was a goner.

What they could not have known when the newspaper went to press was that Chris Grover would survive to sail again!

And go aground again.

And again.

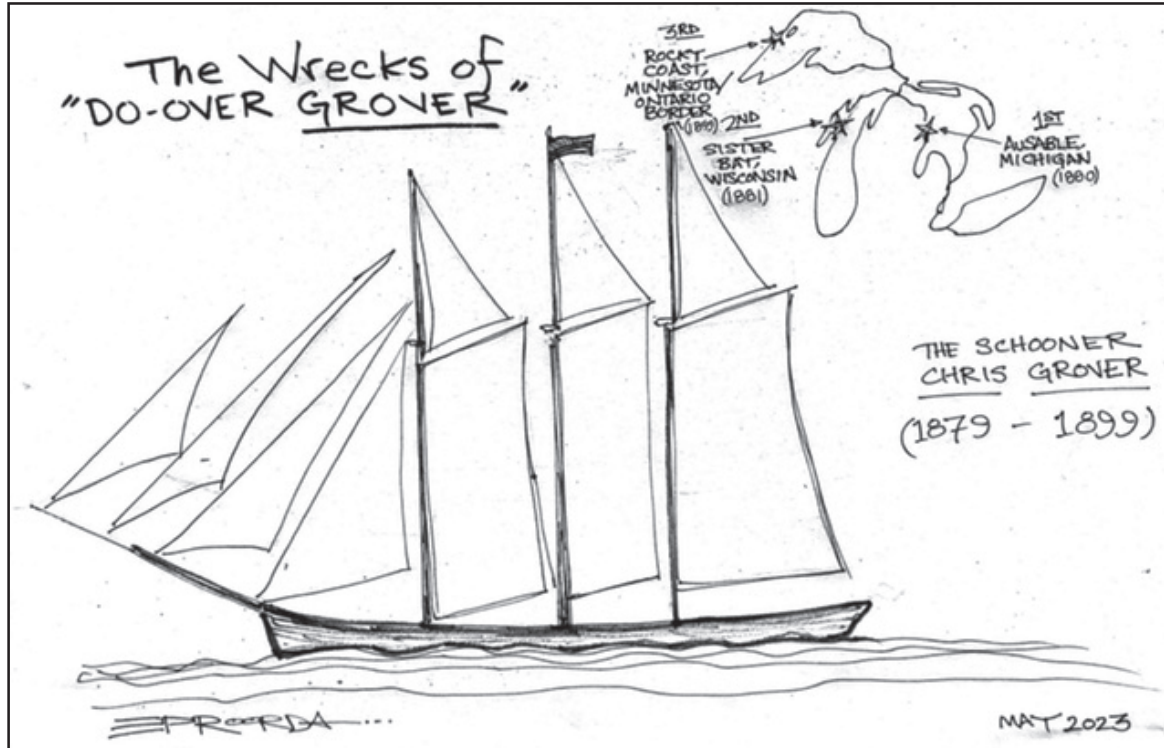
This is how Gorman Heavyhand summed up its



career in his immortal ballad, "The Wrecks of the Schooner Chris Grover."

"There once was a schooner a real blue-mooner

called Chris Grover, launched onto Lake Erie. Sailing Huron, Michigan, Superior, too, Chris Grover grounded on all three!"



The schooner was built in 1878 in Lorain, Ohio (not Black River. No vessel of that size ever emerged from that micro-port). Scarcely two years old, the vessel was worth the effort to salvage after scraping the bottom of Lake Huron, despite extensive damage to the hull.

Repaired and re-sold, Chris Grover went back into service from its new home port of Milwaukee. But in September 1881, a sudden storm caught the schooner in Sister Bay, Wisc., and drove it aground a second time.

Again, the locals worried that the crew of six would drown. Again, Chris Grover was prematurely judged a total loss. Again, the men were rescued and the schooner was

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## Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of April 24-30, 2023

**129 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Warrant; 1 Criminal Sexual Conduct; 46 Citations Issued.**

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	72
Warrant Arrest	1	Prop. Damage Accident	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Alarm	2
Assist	3	Well Being Check	1
Animal/Dog	7	Fraud/Scam	1
Miscellaneous	5	Suspicious Event	7
Patrol Check	1	Civil	8
Threats/Harassment	2	Drive While License Susp.	2
Personal Prot. Order Vio.	2	PBT/Drug Testing	4
Trespass	1	Domestic	2
Child Neglect	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	12	Curtis	5
Greenbush	22	Gustin	6	Harrisville	14
Hawes	12	Haynes	10	Mikado	19
Millen	5	Mitchell	3		
Harrisville City	13	Village of Lincoln	2		

## Laugh

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puzzles, watching television and enjoying life from her chair. She used to watch baseball games but can't get that channel anymore, so now she watches a lot of cowboy shows and knows all the old movie stars.

Just before going into a rousing rendition of "Hooray for Flo," she explained her best accomplishment yet is making it to 100. "I never thought I'd get here. I'm happy and pretty healthy. I don't take much medicine. My legs aren't as good as they should be, but I think that's from being a press operator. My brain still works just fine."

## Schooner

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patched up. It kept sailing for another 18 years.

Its nickname was probably "Do-Over Grover."

Chris Grover ended its career in Lake Superior under the command of one Captain Gibon, who had a reputation in the schooner's homeport of Marquette for agreeing to haul dynamite to the iron mining camps in Minnesota, when no one else dared.

It was on one of those trips in 1899 when he steered the schooner onto the rocks in a dense fog. For a final time, the crew lucked out and lived, rowing to safety on calm seas in a lifeboat, but Chris Grover went down to stay.

Now a protected site, the schooner lies in 22 feet of icy water, along the remote coast where Minnesota borders Ontario, instead of on the sandbar off AuSable.

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.)



## Buggy Rides



### HCB to buy First of America branches

**May 6, 1998** ~ Huron Community Bank has signed a definitive agreement for the acquisition of two First of America branch offices.

According to Huron Community Bank President Robert M. Beneson, Huron Community Bank will acquire the First of America branches in Lincoln and Harrisville. The two branches have a combined \$31 million in deposits.

Consummation of the transaction is subject to Huron Community Bank obtaining all appropriate regulatory approvals and is expected in the third quarter.

"The proposed acquisitions are a perfect fit within our community bank structure," Beneson said. "We already enjoy significant benefits and relationships within both communities - they are our kind of people - we want to be their kind of bank."

### Jacques has long, successful teaching career

**May 6, 1998 ~ By Aldean Wiltse**

Thelma Jacques is a pleasant, soft-spoken lady, who has a long history of outstanding achievements in teaching.

Although she is now retired, she speaks fondly of her love of children, and her dedication to quality education is evident as she speaks of teaching as "the love of my life."

Thelma was a pioneer in teaching the Head Start program. She was selected as teacher for one of the original 13 pilot programs started by President Johnson in 1965 as full-year programs.

At first, Thelma worked with disadvantaged preschool children. She was successful in obtaining enthusiastic parent participation, which she said really helps to motivate the children. The children had hot lunches, medical and dental help, all of which contributed to healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Later Thelma followed through with teaching the same children in kindergarten through second grade.

Thelma was one of five teachers in America selected in 1974 as Outstanding Elementary Teachers of

America, published in an awards volume of the same title. Dr. V. Gilbert Beers, director of the award program, stated, "The men and women chosen for their high honor have explored new paths, developed new insights, and effectively communicated their knowledge to their students and colleagues."

Prior to Thelma's teaching career, she had already proven herself to be an outstanding student. She graduated from Harrisville High School as valedictorian of her class. She went on to become valedictorian of her college class at Central Michigan University, graduating summa cum laude in 1956. She received the outstanding alumni award at CMU.

Thelma met her husband, John, at a dance in Tawas. John was a barber there, and after they married, the couple lived in Alcona County where John continued his barbering career and Thelma, her teaching.

John was in the service during World War II, and Thelma relates she once joined her husband, along with her then 10-year-old son, Paul, in Aberdeen, Maryland. Thelma was expecting a

much-needed vacation, but said, "I ended up teaching summer school there in exchange for a room."

Thelma's son, Paul, died in 1972, and her husband died the same year.

A second son, Patrick, is now a teacher at Alpena High School and Alpena Community College. Thelma's daughter-in-law, Raleigh, works for child and family services. Her granddaughter, Elizabeth, is a teacher at Hillman High School, and a great-granddaughter, Katherine, is in the sixth grade at Besser School in Alpena.

Thelma was born to William and Philomena Boucher in 1912, a family that included four daughters and five sons.

While all but one of her siblings have passed on, Thelma has a 100-year-old sister still living.

Thelma remains very active with volunteer work. Included in her hobbies and interests, she participates in St. Anne's Altar Society, the Retired Teachers' Association, and Habitat for Humanity. She does quilting for the Habitat raffle quilt. She remains an avid reader, and she enjoys politics, since her major in school was political science.



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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** How many U.S. states border Canada?
2. **THEATER:** The musical "My Fair Lady" is based on which play?
3. **SCIENCE:** Who was the first person to win Nobel prizes in two different sciences?
4. **MOVIES:** Which 1997 movie featured a character named Jack Dawson?
5. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of Ross's pet monkey in "Friends"?
6. **LANGUAGE:** How many languages exist worldwide?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** Which country produces Manchego cheese?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many track and field events are in a decathlon?
9. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had the most children?
10. **MUSIC:** What is the title of Britney Spears' first album?

**Answers:** 1. 13.; 2. "Pygmalion," by George Bernard Shaw.; 3. Marie Curie, physics and chemistry.; 4. "Titanic."; 5. Marcel.; 6. More than 7,000.; 7. Spain.; 8. 10.; 9. John Tyler, who fathered 15 children.; 10. "... Baby One More Time." (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword "OH GEEZ!"

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Gets married again</p> <p>7 Playmate for Spot</p> <p>11 Fed. loan agency</p> <p>14 The — &amp; the Papas</p> <p>19 Greek Muse of astronomy</p> <p>20 Take way too much of, for short</p> <p>21 That lady</p> <p>22 Scarlett of Tara</p> <p>23 Equipping a ranch with light, horse-drawn vehicles?</p> <p>26 Anatomical sacs</p> <p>27 Playa — Rey</p> <p>28 Qatari capital</p> <p>29 Brie exposed to heat?</p> <p>31 Cooing bird wearing fancy duds?</p> <p>34 Port in Iraq</p> <p>35 "I'm — loss"</p> <p>36 Dark film style</p> <p>37 Forest cats</p> <p>41 Bar brew</p> <p>43 Months before Oct.</p> <p>45 Pre-Q queue</p> <p>47 Prez Lincoln</p> <p>48 Furrier John Jacob —</p> | <p>50 Safe sword</p> <p>52 Question about one's relentless following skills?</p> <p>56 Thinks alike</p> <p>59 Sch. in the Nutmeg State</p> <p>60 Saturated</p> <p>61 Royal daughter who always moves with short, quick motions?</p> <p>66 Berlin article</p> <p>69 Effortless</p> <p>70 Prefix with chic or tourist</p> <p>71 Love-letter "hugs"</p> <p>72 Cab</p> <p>73 Indigo, e.g.</p> <p>74 Goose flocks making people chuckle?</p> <p>81 Suffix with event or context</p> <p>82 Wove rattan into</p> <p>83 Tire marks</p> <p>84 Big brown beast seeking handouts of salmon?</p> <p>90 Steak or ham</p> <p>91 — Claire (magazine)</p> <p>92 Berlin article</p> | <p>93 Cellar, in ads</p> <p>95 Makes accused</p> <p>99 Tooth doctor's org.</p> <p>100 Expectant father</p> <p>103 Latin I verb</p> <p>105 Fore and —</p> <p>106 Way to pack fresh fish</p> <p>109 Heroic American spy's petty bargaining?</p> <p>112 Whopper dropped in water?</p> <p>116 — about (around)</p> <p>117 British islet</p> <p>118 City in central Florida</p> <p>119 Dancing woman's moves?</p> <p>123 Suppressed</p> <p>124 Lyric poem</p> <p>125 Discontinues</p> <p>126 Money, informally</p> <p>127 Filled cookies</p> <p>128 Abel, to Eve</p> <p>129 Sing like Ella</p> <p>130 Neighbor of Colombia</p> | <p>4 Children's author Madeleine L'—</p> <p>5 Abbr. for a handyperson</p> <p>6 Refused the request</p> <p>7 Blast from a lighthouse</p> <p>8 Pet collar attachment</p> <p>9 Homer Simpson cry</p> <p>10 "Be right there"</p> <p>11 Carpet style</p> <p>12 Big icy chunk</p> <p>13 Gls' force</p> <p>14 Coffee flavor</p> <p>15 "Now I remember"</p> <p>16 Italian sports car</p> <p>17 Cultural exhibition hall</p> <p>18 Encl. with a manuscript</p> <p>24 "Can't, I'm already late"</p> <p>25 Diminish intently</p> <p>30 "MacGyver" network</p> <p>31 Faux — (slip)</p> <p>32 Without assurance of payment</p> <p>33 Disappear as if by magic</p> <p>38 On the — (hiding out)</p> <p>39 Kobe sash</p> | <p>40 Rock singer Nugent</p> <p>42 Bit of work</p> <p>44 Itty-bitty</p> <p>46 "Wow, neat!"</p> <p>48 Gets mature</p> <p>49 Cpl.'s boss</p> <p>51 Austin-to-Houston dir.</p> <p>53 Dir. opposite</p> <p>51-Down</p> <p>54 Santa — winds</p> <p>55 Be a debtor</p> <p>56 Impersonated</p> <p>57 Silver-haired</p> <p>58 Increase</p> <p>59 Gp. patrolling shores</p> <p>62 Division: Abbr.</p> <p>63 Errand runners</p> <p>64 Top Olympic medal</p> <p>65 Mauna — hall</p> <p>66 Info to input</p> <p>67 Chopped down</p> <p>68 Knights, e.g.</p> <p>72 Eta-iota link</p> <p>74 Look</p> <p>75 Wholly</p> <p>76 Heart chart, in brief</p> <p>77 — -AFTRA (showbiz union)</p> <p>78 Due to wagering</p> <p>79 Sport- (off-roader)</p> | <p>80 Good egg rating</p> <p>81 Israeli weapon</p> <p>84 ABC a.m. show, for short</p> <p>85 Police vehicle</p> <p>86 Reagan-era scandal</p> <p>87 Positive vote</p> <p>88 Auction offer</p> <p>89 Doc treating sinusitis</p> <p>90 Ski resort in S. Vermont</p> <p>94 Most ogreish</p> <p>96 Cartoon gorilla of 1960s TV</p> <p>97 Lions, 49ers or Steelers</p> <p>98 Canonized Fr. woman</p> <p>100 Cotillion gal</p> <p>101 "That's — haven't heard!"</p> <p>102 — &amp; Noble</p> <p>104 Scampi food</p> <p>107 Inuit dwelling</p> <p>108 Greenish-blue colors</p> <p>110 Accord maker</p> <p>111 Be choked by</p> <p>112 Merely OK</p> <p>113 Sci-fi vehicles</p> <p>114 Overhaul</p> <p>115 Fed. agents</p> <p>120 U.S. "Ltd."</p> <p>121 — long way</p> <p>122 — Na Na</p> |
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# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 20, 1609, Shakespeare's sonnets were first printed in London by "procurer of manuscripts" and publisher Thomas Thorpe. While it is unclear how he acquired the manuscript, it may have been an illegal copy, and was apparently issued without the Bard's permission, causing some damage to Thorpe's reputation.
  - On May 17, 1861, the first color photo, of a tartan ribbon, was taken by Thomas Sutton and Scottish mathematical physicist James Clerk Maxwell, by photographing it three times through red, blue and yellow filters before combining the images into a single color composite.
  - On May 21, 1881, former schoolteacher, patent clerk and later pioneering nurse Clarissa Harlowe Barton, better known as Clara Barton, founded the American Red Cross. She served as its president for 23 years before retiring in 1904 at the age of 83. She was posthumously inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973.
  - On May 16, 1947, singer Billie Holiday was arrested at her New York apartment on the charge of narcotics possession. When it came time to appear in court, her attorney advised her to plead guilty, thinking she'd likely be placed on probation and taken to a hospital for addiction treatment. She was instead sentenced to a year and a day in prison.
  - On May 19, 1996, the Space Shuttle Endeavour launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on its 11th mission. In 10 days and 40 minutes, the shuttle completed 161 revolutions and covered a total distance of more than 4 million miles before landing.
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Competitive swimmer Tim Duncan grew up in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he trained for the 1992 Olympics, until Hurricane Hugo destroyed his island's only Olympic-size pool. Since the only alternative was to swim in the ocean, and he was afraid of sharks, he decided to play basketball instead.
  - Red Bull was developed in Thailand as an energy drink for truck drivers.
  - Georg Gartner, a German POW, escaped his American prison camp near the end of World War II and lived in America for 40 years under a fake name before finally confessing his true identity on "The Today Show."
  - History's longest prison sentence, a whopping 384,912 years, was given to a mailman -- for not delivering the mail.
  - Johnny Depp dropped out of high school to become a rock musician. When he attempted to return two weeks later, the principal told him to follow his dream of being a musician.
  - A shopping center in Zimbabwe uses an air conditioning system inspired by African termite hills. Ventilated and cooled by natural means, it uses less than 10% of the energy of a conventional building its size.
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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Mortgage: Mortgagor(s): Marybelle Kirby. Original mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Date of mortgage: October 20,

2010. Recorded on October 27, 2010, Liber 474, on page 331. Foreclosing assignee (if any): Mortgage Assets Management, LLC. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof seventy-three thousand eight hundred thirty-five and 63/100 dollars (\$73,835.63).

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Alcona County, and described as: Parcel 1- west half (W-1/2) of the west half (W-1/2) of the west half (W-1/2) of southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 9 East, excepting therefrom the south 1995.0 feet. According to survey recorded in Liber 164 of deeds, pages 735-6, Alcona County records. Commonly known as 3762 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745.

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Pursuant to Michigan law, the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the friend of the court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2023. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to Hon. Richard E. Vollbach Jr., 230 North Grove Street, Standish, Mich. 48658. 5-3 & 6-7

#### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 2023-6356-DE

Judge Laura A. Frawley  
Court address  
106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Carol Ann Franklin  
Date of birth:

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Carol Ann Franklin, died February 14, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Victorie Kersten, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 3, 2023

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Attorney

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was made by Durham with support from Gauthier. Carried. Durham stated that the car charging station can be put in the parking lot at the post office if permission is given by three property owners. Two of the property owners have already agreed to give permission. Council member Gauthier offered to talk to the remaining property owner to seek her permission. A motion to adjourn was made by Durham with support from Schick. Carried.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

#### Lincoln Village Council Special Meeting

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. for a special meeting for a variance request for Brad Cole. The meeting opened with "The Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer/zoning administrator Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Werth. Wambold was absent.

Marilyn Wissmiller, planning chairperson, presented the variance request from Brad. Mr. Cole has requested a variance to erect storage units that do not meet the 20-foot requirement. Instead they would be within 10 feet of the property line.

By allowing the variance, it would keep the current driveway open for both sets of units. If the building was turned the opposite way it would mean that the doors would face the driveway would need to be installed. Audience member Rosie Perrin stated that she feels it would be a good thing to grant the variance. The issue will be voted on at the regular meeting. A motion was made by Durham to adjourn the special meeting. Gauthier offered support. Carried.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

may call Marsha Mahalak at (989) 619-1089.

Schick has been in contact with Tim Campbell at Alcona High School about making a sign for the pavilion. The planning commission will be holding two public hearings on April 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. a change has been requested by Dave Snyder to change the old barber shop from multi use to commercial business district. The second hearing at 5:45 p.m. is for the Blight Ordinance hearing.

The RRC plan is getting close to being completed. The DDA is working on some ideas to possibly bring in some housing for veterans and families. They are looking into possible grant funds that may be available. Mahalak stated that there is someone interested in purchasing and renovating the old elevator building. He asked for up to five years to continue cleanup. The planning commission stated that they would rather allow him three years to finish the project. He wants to fill in the basement area and will take down the tower and another portion of the old building. Schick made a motion to allow Mr. Morton to have up to three years to finish the entire project, including having the basement filled in with gravel and the upper portion and tower taken down within six months. Gauthier offered support. Carried.

We have been having problems with someone parking on the curbs. The sheriff's office is taking care of it. The planning commission looked over the plans for the new addition to Northern Precision and agreed that it looks fine. A letter has been sent out to a homeowner to request that he get rid of trees that are dead on his property that may pose a hazard for motorists.

Maintenance man Gary Graves stated that things are going along nicely. He has been working on routing signs for the veteran's memorial. A culvert needs to be replaced on Lake Street. Gary will be working with the road commission to see what can be done. A motion to allow the variance for Brad Cole to build storage units

### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer/zoning administrator Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Werth. Member Wambold was absent. The minutes of the budget hearing held on March 6 were approved on a motion by Durham with support from Gauthier.

The minutes of the regular March meeting were approved on a motion from Schick with support from Lucas. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Durham. The bills were approved for payment as presented on a motion from Durham with support from Gauthier. The final budget amendments for the fiscal year 2022/2023 were approved on a motion from Schick with support from Gauthier.

Tim Slezak, owner of the Mill Creek Café, appeared before the board to let it know of a fund raiser involving ATVs and games at various stops. The event is planned to help raise funds for the fire- works for both Harrisville and Barton City. The event will be held on May 6. It will start in Harrisville and participants will travel to Lincoln, Barton City, Mikado and then back to Harrisville. Anyone interested in the event can call (989) 335-0137 for more information or to register.

Eric Bates appeared to see what is going to be done about the storm drain and when it will be taken care of. Council members held a discussion regarding the usage of the pavilion and whether or not to charge fees. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Schick, to approve the wording on the rental agreement. Carried. Rental for the pavilion for the day is \$25. If use of the kitchen is wanted the fee will be \$50. A \$50 deposit is required to hold the reservation and will be returned if it's kept clean and trash is removed. Reservations are not considered to be made until the fees are paid. Anyone wanting to reserve the pavilion

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