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# DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS November 5 at 2 a,m.

# Lincoln Pop Up Pantry keeps serving residents

**By Cheryl Peterson** *Editor* 

Despite having to reorganize the affiliation of the Lincoln Pop Up Pantry, the all-volunteer group didn't miss a month in distributing food to residents in need.

The pop up pantry began in 2019 during the Covid-19 pandemic at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) in Lincoln. The senior center was home to the monthly distribution of food for several years until May when the ACCOA Board of Directors ceased affiliation citing "non compliance of its mission" by not serving senior citizens only.

Volunteers pulled together, found another partner, raised money through grants, and continued distributing food.

According to co-chairperson Kay Lovelace, the group partnered with Harrisville United Methodist Church, which has a bricks and mortar pantry and distributes food on a regular basis. It also has the required nonprofit tax status that is needed to receive grants and other funding

As with any volunteer organization – it's all about "boots on the ground" help.

"We have a great group," Lovelace said. "We have at least 20 people that volunteer monthly."

And, that many people are needed to distribute food to approximately 600 families each month. "It's an all day process," said co-chairperson Jamie Riechert. Volunteers begin at 8 a.m. setting up tables and preparing for the 9 a.m. semi-truck delivery from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

"We organize everything, box food items for households and then form an assembly line for distribution," Lovelace said. "It's a process! We usually take a break around 2:30 p.m., if we can, then cars start coming through at 3 p.m. "We give out everything we have. When we run out of food, it's done. If anything is left over, I have to take it to the Harrisville United Methodist Church for its pantry."

She explained as volunteers greet each vehicle and ask how many households are represented and distribute food accordingly. Some folks will car pool and others may pick up food for folks who cannot get out themselves.

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# Local equine therapy offers recovery support

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer
Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAT) will be used to help troubled youth and addiction recovery participants in four northeast Michigan counties beginning next

According to Judge Laura Frawley, K'Lorne Acres of Barton City has been named as the equine therapy destination for juvenile probation and sobriety court participants of the 81st District Court and 23rd Circuit Court which encompasses Alcona, Iosco, Arenac and Oscoda counties.

While it may seem a new and somewhat unconventional form of therapy, equine therapy originated more than 2,000 years ago in ancient Greece when Greek physician Hippocrates wrote about horse-assisted therapy as a therapeutic form of exercise.

According to othertherapy.net, in the 17th century, there were records of equine therapy being prescribed for conditions such as gout, neurological disorders and depression. In the 1960s, EAT was applied to physical health problems in its modern form but it wasn't until the 1990s that horses were used for mental health treatment.

Today, EAT is widely used to treat a variety of physical and mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and addiction.

Equine therapy is effective in helping people to develop self-confidence, self-awareness, communication skills, problem-solving skills, and emotional regulation. It can also help people to develop trust in themselves and others.

Peggy Briggs, a certified counselor who will be assisting participants in equine therapy at K'Lorne Acres, explained that equine therapy helps people recover from various things including trauma. "Veteran Affairs is using equine therapy to treat post-traumatic stress disorder for recovering soldiers.

"Horses are extremely honest, open, non-judgmental



Jayden Siebert rides Sweet Pea at K'Lorne Acres where equine therapy is taught. *Courtesy photo.* 

and nonthreatening. People sometimes open up to horses better than sitting in a counseling office. It's good adjunct therapy," she said.

K'Lorne owner Kelly Webbsweet explained she has seen the difference a relationship with a horse can offer and said what the therapy horses provide is multifaceted. She has one young participant who, through illness, lost some of his mobility and is getting it back through the rhythmic gate of riding a horse.

"The spectrum of therapy horses can provide is amazing. People with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) or children who can't focus do well with equine therapy. It can slow them down. It slows down their thinking just having a conversation with a horse. They are now using equine therapy for people who have anger management issues.

"If you put a child who can't sit still next to a horse, magic will happen," Webb-sweet said.

Jayden Siebert, a local 18year-old who faces life every day with ADHD and dyslexia, visits K'Lorne Acres as often as he can to voluntarily assist with the care of the horses or to go on trail rides. Despite his many challenges, Jayden told his mom he enjoyed riding because, on the back of a horse, he feels free from limitations.

His mother, Kimberly Siebert, said the transformation she sees in her son's abilities working with the horses has been monumental. "The connections, selfesteem, awareness of the world and woods is what you see from a parent's perspective. His compassion for the horses is never-ending," she said.

She said the horses also demonstrate the same care, concern and compassion towards their charges and relayed a story of when Jayden first began volunteering. "His favorite horse is Sweet Pea and one day he was out riding her and for some unknown reason he could not get his foot in the stirrup on the saddle.

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## Death Potice



#### Frank Dimercurio

Frank Dimercurio, 70, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at home.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, from 2 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.



# **O**bituary





### Allen Silverthorn Jr.

Allen Silverthorn Jr., 97, died on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at Lincoln Haven in Lincoln.

He was born July 16, 1926, to Allen and Bernice (Baker) Silverthorn. He was raised in Harrisville.

Mr. Silverthorn served in the US Navy during World War II. He returned to Alcona County and worked for Alcona County Road Commission for 42 Years.

On June 12, 1954, he married Bertha Waldeck. They were married for 69 years.

He loved horses and was a member of the Iosco County Sheriff's Posse for a few years. He was a member of Mikado Calvary Baptist Church for many years.

After retirement he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandsons.

Mr. Silverthorn is survived by his wife, Bertha; one daughter, Ellen (Allen) Van-DenBoom; two grandsons, Allen (Courtney) VanDen-Boom and Dalton VanDen-Boom; one brother-in-law, Jack Brittain; two sisters-inlaw, Yvonne Waldeck and Ann

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Silverthorn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Douglas Silverthorn; two brothers, George Silverthorn and Glynn Silverthorn; two sisters-in-law, Eunice (Goddard) Silverthorn and Pauline (Waldeck) Brittain; and one brother-in-law, Donald Waldeck.

The funeral service will be at Calvary Baptist Church, Mikado, on Friday, Nov. 3. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. Arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home.

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# Correspondence



To the Editor,

I usually am a big supporter of monies for schools. It is important that our children get the best education possible to become good citizens and to succeed in life. But this boondoggle of superintendent O'Connor for \$20 million does not address any of the academic problems students at the Alcona schools are facing.

Our student proficiency scores are some of the lowest in the state. Math scores grades 3-8 are on average only 22 percent proficient,

grade 11 only 15 percent! Social studies grade 5 is seven percent proficient, grade 11 is 27 percent. English language understanding grades 3-8 average 26 percent.

Terrible. All these results can be found at mischooldata.org. We need to help our students reach higher proficiency in all areas of learning. Being at the bottom is unacceptable.

Alcona schools have a student population of kindergarten to 12 of 670 students. Twenty million dollars for 670 students equals \$29,850 per

student. Or another way is that each student for the next 20 years will be receiving an additional \$1,492 a year.

Shouldn't we be investing money in our students' academic future? Does an agriculture barn and a new play building improve proficiencies in math, science, English, or reading skills? Let's put money into programs that count, that help our students achieve academic success.

I say no to this proposal. Come back with something that really helps our students. Richard Kacel

Lincoln

To the Editor,

In previous correspondence I articulated the need for the federal, state and local governments to adhere to the U.S. Constitution and the State of Michigan Constitu-

The township in which I reside was found guilty of violating a landowner's fourth amendment constitutional rights. Certain government officials trespassed and then illegally entered the cabins of the land owner/property owner.

The land owner sued in federal court and won. Now it is in the trial phase of award amount determination which

is on hold while an appeal is being adjudicated in the Sixth District Court.

The "just us" tribe acts like they are above the law.

To date, the township and the county owe \$150,000 to the plaintiff's attorney(s) while monetary damages owed are still pending. We taxpayers are paying the defendant's attorney fees/salary, time and mileage to government officials as they report to the federal court in Saginaw and other related venues.

The "just us" tribe members in our local governments are discovering that some citizens treasure and defend the Constitution(s) against all

enemies both foreign and domestic. They are the domestic enemies and probably will further discover more citizens will resist their unconstitutional behavior(s) when they more than likely will raise our taxes to pay for their unilateral usurpations of our rights.

The Native American tribes have a 2,000-4,000 year history in this area. The "just us" tribe is a subset of the larger "sunrise side" tribe which are "Johnny-come-latelies" in this area.

Some argue that the "just us" tribe be put on the Lockdown Reservation.

Mike Doran Caledonia Township



## Calendar of Events



#### WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 1**

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.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 incomebased program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

#### THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 2**

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.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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, **NOVEMBER 4**

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The choir will perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in (989) 724-5450.

A "Holiday Jump Start Craft and Bake Sale" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Alpena. There will be concessions and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call (989) 573-0513.

A soup and dessert dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles Arie No. 4141, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City. The public is invited. Cost is \$6.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration in December. Rehearsals are from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

#### TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 7**

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

#### WEDNESDAY. **NOVEMBER 8**

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

December. For details, call 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.

> The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry for Alcona County residents will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building in Lincoln (near the AAA Credit Union) until the food is gone.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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. **NOVEMBER 11**

Children ages five and up are invited to participate in the Community Children's Choir. Participants do not have to be a member of any church to participate. Rehearsals begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The choir will perform at the Community Christmas Celebration in December. For details, call (989) 724-5450.

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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.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration in December. Rehearsals are from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5625 US-23, Oscoda. Guest speakers are Amber Hubbard and Nick Theisen, from the non-profit Huron Pines Conservation organization. They will talk about how Huron Pines restores habitat for birds in northeast Michigan. The public is invited to attend. For more details, call (989) 387-5980.

The Emmy award-winning documentary, "November Requiem," will be shown at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. On November 18, 1958, a small northern Michigan community was rocked by tragedy when the freighter Carl D. Bradley was lost along with 33 crew members. The public is invited to attend the showing, which begins at 7 p.m. The heritage center is located at 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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, NOVEMBER 18

A Deer Widow's Craft Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hubbard Lake Community Center. There will be a variety of vendors with home/handmade or home grown items for sale at this free event. There will be a food truck on-site featuring the Smoking Trolls. The center is located at 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake. Sponsored by the Hubbard Lake Community Association and hosted by Jeffifer's Craft Creations.

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A meatball pasta dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles Arie No. 4141, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City. The public is welcome. Cost is \$10.

Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Christmas Choir and participate in the Christmas Cantata that will be performed during the Community Christmas Celebration in December. Rehearsals are from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. All skill levels are welcome, and participants do not need to be a member of any church. For more information, call (989) 724-5450.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

# Americanisms



"Every day is Halloween, isn't it? For some of us."

— Tim Burton

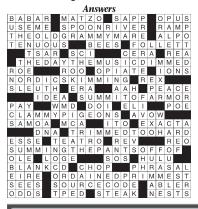
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(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored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

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday November 9, 2023 at the CaledoniaTownship Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Michigan at 6:30 p.m. Please note: the regular Planning Commission Meeting will also be changed from Monday November 6, 2023 to Thursday November 9, 2023 following the Public Hearing due to election day. The purpose of the hearing is for all interested parties to be present and to be heard regarding comments on the newly revised Zoning Ordinance for Caledonia Township, Alcona County Michigan. The entire Zoning Ordinance can be found on the website of Caledonia Township at www.caledoniatwp.net under the tab of Planning & Zoning/Documents. Comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance may be sent to Dan LeClair, Chair of the Planning Commission, PO Box 7, Spruce MI 48762 or email to pcchair@caledoniatwp.net. 10/25 & 11/1

#### **GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP** SNOW REMOVAL BIDS WANTED

The Township of Greenbush Board of Trustees is accepting bids for snow removal at:

- Greenbush Fire Department Hall (5039 Campbell)
- Greenbush Township Hall (5037 Campbell)
- Greenbush Township Old Fire Hall (5087 E F30) Snow will be removed from parking lots, driveway, vehicle approaches, and walkways. Walkways will be treated to prevent/remove ice. For more information contact Trustee Steve Franks at 989.984.7472.

Interested parties must provide proof of insurance with bid to remove snow at all three locations. Sealed bids must be marked "SNOW REMOVAL BID" on outside of envelope. Bids will be received until 7:00 PM November 14, 2023 prior to the regular Township Board meeting at which they will be opened. Mail bids to Clerk Shannon Story, PO Box 9, Greenbush, MI 48738. The Township of Greenbush Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

## Local Notes

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### Local Notes

#### Veterans Day Observance

Veterans of Foreign Wars Burger-Wiedbrauk Post 8135 will be holding a Veterans Day observance on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post in Barton City. The public is welcome to attend.

#### View "November Requiem"

The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center will hold a special showing of the Emmy award-winning documentary, "November Requiem," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

It is November 18, 1958, and a small northern Michigan community is rocked by tragedy. Vigils begin, and finally the word comes; the freighter Carl D. Bradley is lost with 33 of her crew during a brutal Lake Michigan storm. "November Requiem" is a documentary revealing the accounts of families who endured immeasurable grief for nearly 50 years. The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center is located at 500 W. Fletcher Street Alpena.

#### **Pediatric Care Center**

Alcona Health Center is constructing a new 6,400 square foot healthcare building in Alpena located adjacent to the existing campus on US-23 North. The new building will be home to Alcona Health Center - Alpena Pediatrics.

Medical and behavioral health services will be provided at the new building with pediatrician Leah Conboy, DO, Mari Anderson, family nurse family nurse practitioner, and child/adolescent psychiatrist Adrienne Westphal, DO. They will move to the new space upon its completion.

"We are thrilled to announce that construction of the new building that will serve as the new home for



Pediatrician Leah Conboy, child and adolescent psychiatrist, Adrienne Westphal and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Mari Anderson, gather to check progress on the construction of the new Alcona Health Center -Alpena Pediatrics building located on US-23 North. Courtesy photo.

Alcona Health Center- Alpena Pediatrics is on schedule for completion in early 2024," said Nancy Spencer, CEO of Alcona Health Center. "The facility will support the growing demand for pediatric healthcare services in the area and provide ample space to accommodate new patients."

With both medical and behavioral health services available under one roof, the building is being constructed with the goals of making access to pediatric care easier and to enhance coordination of care for children using both services. The building will also allow for a better patient experience, with the interior being created as a child-friendly, comfortable space.

#### Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan (CACNEMI) has been awarded reaccreditation by National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and site review process. As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the country, National Children's Alliance awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient and put the needs of child victims of abuse first. Accreditation is the highest level of membership with National Children's Alliance and denotes excellence in service provision.

Accredited CACs must undergo a reaccreditation process every five years to ensure that best practices are continually being applied. The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan focuses on child abuse prevention, intervention, and healing. Its service area includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties and has served 1,481 children and their families since 2013. There were 177 forensic interviews conducted by their expertly trained staff in 2022. So far in 2023 (January-September), the CACNEMI has served 134 children and their families with forensic interviews, ongoing support services and victim advocacy.

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"Sweet Pea must have sensed Jay's worries and she literally turned her head, bent her nose down and pushed his foot into the strap. We watched it happen and it was the most amazing thing to see," Kimberly said.

Webbsweet and her husband, John, moved from Illinois to Barton City to assist her aging father with his 40acre hobby farm just three years ago. They arrived at the farm with one horse and one colt. Today the ranch has 20 horses, and all but a few, have been rescued.

"We opened the ranch and started getting calls from people asking us to take a horse. We get them healthy and work with them to condition and retrain them for use as therapy and/or trail horses.

"Many of them come to us traumatized. We work with the horse to regain its confidence. Equine therapy participants will be assisting in training those horses. The therapy goes two ways, it gives the horse a sense of purpose while also lifting the confidence and self-esteem of the people caring for it." Webb-sweet said.

Briggs explained that horses who have recovered through trauma often make the best therapy horses because people can relate to what the horse has been through. Empathy strengthens their bond and trust with the horse while it strengthens their drive to overcome addiction and other adversi-

Frawley said youth on juvenile probation will be working individually with the horses while the sobriety court participants will be having monthly group therapy sessions. Funds to provide youth therapy will come from the juvenile court childcare fund, of which the state is absorbing 75 percent of the

"We had been researching equine therapy to assist our participants before K'Lorne Acres brought in Peggy Briggs to make a presentation. They provided a lot of resources and we dug into that. There is a lot of research supporting the efficacy of equine therapy.

"When I explained to our sobriety court participants that we were planning on utilizing the horses for therapy they were very receptive to it, even though sobriety court puts a big demand on their time. One participant raised his hand and thanked us for thinking outside the box and bringing new ideas into play to assist in their recovery," Frawley said.

According to Frawley, Ryan Parrot, the court's new juvenile probation officer since the retirement of Tamrya Ranger, was a probation officer for Crawford County where equine therapy was utilized. Frawley said he felt strongly about its merits having seen it work for numer-

ous youths. K'Lorne Acres offers equine therapy on Wednesdays. Trail



Kelly Webbsweet (left), owner of K'Lorne Acres and Peggy Briggs, a certified counselor, take a moment to spend time with Moose, (left) a six-month colt born at the ranch, and Raven, a five-month-old filly, who are both in training to become equine therapy horses. Photo by Mary Weber.

riding for the public is offered Thursday through Sunday. Horseback riding lessons are offered on Tuesdays. For more information, visit K'Lorne Acres on Facebook or call (224) 605 - 8257.

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In North Carolina, there are areas where some local honeybees have been known to

produce honey that has a purple or bluish hue. No one is sure what makes this happen exactly or how many conditions affect this process. Purple Honey Some researchers theorize that some hives collecting nectar from sourwood tree blossoms in summer are the reason; others say hydrangea flowers, titi plants, kudzu blossoms or elderberry flowers cause the unusual coloration. Beekeepers who find their hives producing

- Brenda Weaver

this rare honey say it tastes fruity.

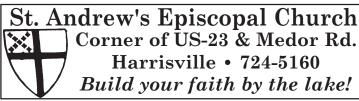
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Volunteers of the Lincoln Pop Up Pantry take a break before distributing food to families. (From left) Dave Rainey, Linda DeZeeuw, Jamie Riechert, Delores Schlicker, Ken VonFintel, Barbara Golder, Vicki Rigford, Liz McNichols, Amy McAllister, Delynn Lovelace, Rita MacPhail, Kay Lovelace, Al Griesnick, and Marlena MacNeill. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.* 

### Pantry Continued from page 1

"This is very close to my heart," Lovelace said. "I've lived in Alcona County all of my life and there is a big need for food. I love to volunteer to help people... A lot of people are so thankful."

As with just about every local organization, volunteers are needed. "We need strong folks," Lovelace said. "Meat comes in big boxes, the food boxes are heavy and some food comes on pallets that are wrapped—it's hard work."

"We could not do this without the help of Brad Cole and Cole's Appliance in Lincoln," Lovelace said. "He lets us use a big building so we can sort inside, and we can store our tables and other items as well. His generosity and help are very appreciated."

Funding for the rest of 2023 and to June 2024 has been secured with funds from United Way, the Women's Giving Circle through the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and private donations.

"It's hard enough doing what we do, then have to

worry about fundraising," Lovelace said. "I am so thankful we don't have to fundraise on top of everything else."

This month the Lincoln Pop Up Pantry will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, a week earlier than usual due to the beginning of riffle deer season on November 15. The December pantry will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20. The location is between the senior center and AAA Credit Union. Food distribution begins at 3 p.m. and ends when the food



After hours of preparation, volunteers distribute food to vehicles in a drive-thru set up once a month in Lincoln, near the Lincoln Senior Center.





# Tigers suffer rain-soaked loss in football playoff opener

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

Last Friday was a rainy, miserable night for a football

Regardless, 11th ranked Alcona played at fifth ranked Inland Lakes in the opening round of the Division 1 eightplayer playoffs and ended its season with a 22-6 setback.

"It was a good group of kids. To see the season end is always tough and this year we had 10 seniors, so seeing them play their last game is a tough thing to do," said head coach Jason Somers. "They brought a lot of good things to this club, so we are pleased to have them and gracious of everything that they left for the kids that are coming into the program now."

The Bulldogs seemed more comfortable in the playing conditions. They ran a tight formation. They ran the ball

for 275 yards and scored all three touchdowns on the ground as well. The Tigers were able to grind out 128 yards on the ground but could never get their usual potent passing game going.

"With the slick conditions, they are the same for both teams, but their style lends itself a little better for that weather than our style," Somers said. "I'm taking nothing away from their kids, they played a great football game. I thought our guys played good too. When you get down to it, our kids put on a good showing, and we had the ball with several opportunities to score and we just didn't make it happen. As coaches, we will be working in the off-season to see what we can do to make sure we have a team that can play in all conditions."

The Bulldogs scored the first touchdown of the game,

as they got their quarterback Aidan Fenstermaker to break free for an 85-yard scoring run and 6-0 lead. Alcona answered with the

lone touchdown of the game, cashing in on a drive with a one-yard scoring run by Garrett Somers, tying things at 6-6.

The Tigers had an opportunity to claim the lead late in the half. They drove the ball deep into Bulldog territory, where they faced a third-andfive at the 12-yard line. The Bulldogs made an interception at the five-yard line though and ended the Alcona scoring threat. Inland Lakes cashed in on the turnover, turning it into a 31-yard touchdown run and 14-6 lead at the half.

"We were inside the 15yard line, and I think we are going to take the lead into the half, and we get the ball back (to start the third), I'm loving the position that we are in," Somers said. "Then we turn the ball over, they score right before half, that was a big momentum shift there. I would have liked to have punched that in there and we didn't, and it is what it is from there.'

A lightening delay lengthened halftime. Once play resumed Alcona did threaten to find the end zone at times, but they were turned back each time. Inland Lakes eventually scored the game clinching touchdown on a 29-yard run with about three minutes left to play.

Somers finished five-of-18 passing for 62 yards and two interceptions and he also ran 15 times for 58 yards and one touchdown. Collin Walker ran 18 times for 58 yards. Jeremiah Bullis had two receptions for 36 yards, and he

also had 11 yards rushing.

On defense, Walker and Jacob June had 13 tackles each, with June also getting a sack. Evan Borsvold added nine tackles.

Alcona finished the season 8-2 overall and won the North Star League Big Dipper championship.

"Just really super proud of that group," Somers said. "They did some pretty unique

things and brought a unique style to Alcona football. Hopefully, we can continue to build from here. Our squad next year will be pretty interesting, we have at least 11 juniors if they all come back to play and some young men coming up from the JV program that had a successful season, so I feel good about the position we will be in for next year as well."



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Warlock is 2 years old, neutered, microchipped, has his Distemper and Parvo vaccines, and has been dewormed. We believe he is a hound mix. This guy is so well behaved and would make a great fit for any family! He has a wonderful personality and is potty/ house/kennel trained.



Collin Walker breaks out of a would-be tackle in the first round of play-offs against Inland Lakes. Photo by Ben Murphy.

# Lady Tigers split games at Joburg

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team wrapped up the regular season in a tri-meet at Johannesburg-Lewiston on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The Lady Tigers lost to host Joburg in the first match, 24-26, 25-15 and 15-11.

"It was a very competitive game for us," head coach Kristi Miller said. "We really needed to step up defensively, and I feel we did well adjusting to Johannesburg's hitters in the first and third sets. We need to continue working on making aggressive plays at the net.'

# Uppers qualify for state finals

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

It was an impressive showing for the Alcona cross country team at a Division 4 regional race in East Jordan on Saturday. The Tigers finished in fourth place as a team and brothers Cole Upper and Carter Upper qualified for the state finals.

Petoskev St. Michael won the regional with 55 points; Johannesburg-Lewiston was second with 56; Harbor Springs was third with 66; and Alcona had 108 points.

Cole Upper finished in eighth place with a time of 17:18 to make the state finals. Carter Upper's qualifying run resulted in a 14th place finish and time of 17:33.

Zygmund Villalobos had a finish of 26th with an 18:37, Darren Boyat was 28th at 18:39 and Colin Mckenna came in 47th at 20:34.

"All five boys achieved personal records and as their coach, I am incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication this season," said head coach Tammy Nelson. "Additionally, Zygmund Villalobos achieved an impressive accomplishment by improving his time from 29:31.7 as a freshman to 18:37.21 in his final race of his senior year. These boys were amazing and so fun to coach."

The Division 4 state finals will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Michigan International Speedway, in Brookyln, Mich.

The Lady Tigers were led by Angelina Howe with eight kills. Addison Beatty got nine digs and Emma Travis had four aces.

In the next match, Alcona defeated Inland Lakes, 25-22 and 25-18.

"It was a solid win for us," Miller said. "We hustled to keep the ball in play and finished strong. We definitely need to continue these ef forts going into districts."

Leading the way in this one was Howe and Sage Gauthier with six kills each. Kaylee Wambold had four aces. Travis got 17 assists and six digs.

Alcona hosts a Division 3 district tournament this week. The Lady Tigers began the post-season on Monday, Oct. 30 against the Charlton Heston Academy, with the winner of that game playing Tawas on Wednesday. Oscoda, Roscommon and Whittemore-Prescott are also in the district, with the finals set for Thursday. The district winner moves on to play in a regional semifinal match in Johannesburg-Lewiston on Tuesday, Nov 6.



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# NRC approves changes to fishing regulations

Several changes to statewide and local fishing regulations were approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission during its meeting in Escanaba, Mich. The updated regulations, outlined below, took effect Friday, Oct.

• Statewide: The phrase "attempting to take" has been removed in reference to fishing for Arctic grayling in Michigan since grayling are currently being raised in preparation for a limited, future stocking program. This change will allow anglers to catch and immediately release Arctic grayling. It will not allow anglers to possess Alverno Dam upstream (Chethe species.

• Statewide: A northern pike regulation wording change now states where northern pike, 24 inches or greater, are allowed on waters where up to five northern pike of any size may be taken, with only one 24 inches or greater allowed in the daily possession limit.

The following waters were added to the list of waters where up to five northern pike may be kept, with only one 24 inches or greater allowed in the daily possession limit:

Black Lake tributaries and Black Lake River from boygan County).

- \* Norway and Rock lakes (Dickinson County).
- Chain Lakes (Iosco County).
- Dawson Lake (Iron County).
- Lake Ann (Menominee County).

Additional approved regulations include:

• Dowagiac River (Berrien County): The upstream boundary for Type 4 trout regulations have been changed from "Niles Dam site" to "from source downstream" since the dam has been removed.

\* Reid Lake (Alcona County) was removed from Type B trout regulations.

\* Youngs Lake (Luce County) was removed from Type A trout regulations.

Half Moon Lake (Muskegon County) was removed from Type C trout regulations.

The online Michigan Fishing Guide (available at Michigan.gov/DNRDigests) and regulations hotline 888-367-7060 will be updated to reflect these changes.

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# Shoreline Players open sci-fi musical "Little Shop of Horrors"

The Shoreline Players are in rehearsals and readying to open the sci-fi smash musical "Little Shop of Horrors" this weekend.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is a deviously delicious story of the meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn, played by Patrick Boje, who stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker and crush Audrey, played by Carley Powroznik.

But this foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore, played by Tim Curtis, promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it. Soon Audrey II draws so much attention that business is booming at Mushnik's Flower Shop and Mr. Mushnik, played by David Carmona, couldn't be happier. But over time, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and dark

Matt Cleary is cast as Orin Scrivello, DDS also Audrey's abusive boyfriend, who Seymour decides may solve his problem. Crystal played by Cher Nentwig, Ronnette played by Sam Lupo and Chiffon played by Victoria Neiser, are the girls of Skid Row, and the only ones who have a grip on reality.

Also cast in the show are Mike Pearce as Bernstein; Leni Weisl as Mrs. Luce; Andrew Young as Skip Snip; Robert Oakes as Patrick Martin; Richard Nentwig as Customer and Audrey II operator; and J.D. Hock as the radio announcer.

The Shoreline Players production is directed by Rebecca Collier working with assistant director Brian Boje and produced by Sue Miller working with assistant producer Chelsea Miller.

Eric Joseph is the technical director, the lighting designer and the sound designer. Kathy Carmona is the stage manager. The stage crew includes April Boje, Brian Boje, Shannon Bondie, Nicole Markey, and Sue Miller. The tech crew includes Paul Grabstanowicz, Coral Miller DeGraff and Collier. Brian Boje and Collier designed the set and constructed it with Patrick Boje, David Carmona, Kathy Carmona. April Boje, matt Cleary, Josh Bowles, Eric Joseph, Rich Nentwig and Robert Oakes. Set painting included the whole construction crew along with Carly and Mackenzie Powroz-

The Audrey II creative team was lead by Cher Nentwig working with Rich Nentwig, David Carmona, and Rhonda Budnik. The cast board, poster, and program were created by Lisa Mandeville. The concession stand is staffed by Tammie Miller, Rose Wilson and Eric Koppen.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is provided by Music Theatre International with book and lyrics by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken and is based on the film by Roger Corman, and screenplay by Charles Griffith.

Performance dates are No-

vember 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and are available online at shorelineplayers.org or at the box office before each show.

All performances are at the Shoreline Players Theater located at 6000 N. Skeel Ave. in the Wurtsmith District of Oscoda, next to the Robert Parks Library.

For more information on the Shoreline season or upcoming events go to the website or call (989) 739-3586.



"Little Shop of Horrors" cast members are (front, from left) Patrick Boje, Sam Lupo, (middle) Mike Pearce, David Carmona, Cher Nentwig, Victoria Neiser (back) Andrew Young, Rich Nentwig and Robert Oakes. Courtesy photo.



# Buggy Rides



# Brooks and Ashford pledge vows in Greenbush

**November 4, 1948** ~ The Greenbush Community Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday evening, October 13, when a double ring ceremony united Mary Jean Brooks and Jack Douglas Ashford in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McRae, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ashford of Owosso.

The little church was elaborately decorated in greenery. Back of the altar stood two tall seven branch candelabra with white tapers burning and below them were two large urns of while chrysanthemums. The church was lighted throughout with candle light.

the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march the bride proceeded to the altar on the arm of her father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. R. McNally. The bride wore a floor-length gown of deep eggshell taffeta fashioned with a full skirt, a basque and long sleeves. She wore a headdress of heirloom lace from her mother's wedding dress and carried an arm bouquet of white mums, Johanna Hill roses and pale blue daisies.

Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Gordon J. McMullen, who wore a gown of rose-rust taffeta with a matching headdress of feathers and carried an arm bouquet of mums in shades of rose rust and yellow tied with turquoise ribbon.

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his brother as best man and Duncan McRae Jr. and Donald Harrison of Mt. Pleasant seated the wedding guests.

Preceding the ceremony Mr. Russell Sterling sang, "Promise Me" and "Because," and Cadman's "At Dawning" was sung by George Scott. Mrs. Cecil Scott played the wedding march and accompanied the soloists.

For the wedding the bride's mother wore a floor-length gown of coral crepe and with it a corsage of Fugi chrysanthemums in chartreuse. The bridegroom's mother was dressed in brown and wore a corsage of yellow roses.

After the ceremony a reception for 150 guests was held at the home of the bride.

For going away the new Mrs. Ashford wore a dark brown gaberdine suit and brown accessories and a long dove grey coat. Guests from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J. McMullen, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hogg. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay J. McMullen all of Birmingham: Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McRae Jr., Ypsilanti: Mr. and Mrs. P.J. McMullen, Miami, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Quickstad, Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harrison, Pontiac; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harrison Jr., Mt. Pleasant; the Misses Jane and Frances Ashford and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Ashford, Jr. all of Owosso; Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Bell and daughter Mary Janet. Mr. George Nairn, Miss Margaret Nairn. Mrs. Jean Kunow and daughter Sharon, all of Detroit. Mrs. Robert Jefferson Sandusky. Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldin and Mrs. Fred Beede of Flint, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yockey of Alpena.

# Former city hall building

November 1, 1973 ~ The until 9:30 a.m. old Harrisville City Hall Del 1115 he hall had recently been US-23, just north of the junction corner, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night, October 24.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, someone called and reported they smelled smoke and heavy black smoke could be seen over the area, at about 11:15 p.m. The Harrisville Fire Department was called, but the fire had too much of a start to save the building. The Greenbush Fire Department was also summoned to aid in protecting other buildings, the former Steadman Garage to the north, the Harrisville Standard Service to the south, and others.

About 3 a.m. firemen, after thoroughly exploring the remains of the building, could find no signs of any live fire, so all returned to their homes. Again at 6 a.m., a passing motorist reported they could see flames through the windows, and both fire departments were again called to the scene, and they stayed purchased by Norman Berry of Royal Oak, who had done extensive remodeling to the building in preparation for the opening of a tool and die shop. They had also completed an apartment in the north end of the building.

Nothing from inside was saved, but a small trailer home parked adjacent to the east side of the building was pulled to safety.

In May 1914 construction of this hall was started and on October 16, 1914, it was completed at the cost of \$5,000, and a grand ball was held in it. Over the years the building had been used as a theatre and, until the new Alcona Jr. and Sr. High School was built, all school sports and school plays, as well as many civic activities, were held here.

Bentley Steadman purchased the building in later years from the city and he repaired and painted it before the recent sale of it to Mr. Berry.

## Gillies purchase property

**November 1, 1973** ~ In a recent business transaction Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gillies of Lincoln became owners of the Horace G. Laderach property on Main Street in Harris-

present owners and operators of Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln, stated that there will be extensive remodeling done to enable them to use the building as a funeral home to serve the Harrisville and Greenbush areas. They plan on opening the business in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Laderach purchased this home and property from the Lillian Cowley estate approximately eleven years ago.

Mr. Laderach used the

small building on the northwest corner of the lot for a radio and TV shop.

This home was built by the late James McClelland when he came to Harrisville shortly after the AuSable fire in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Gillies, He built the smaller building for a shoe store and since then, at different times it has housed several businesses. At one time it was an ice cream parlor and another time a home bakery, among

> Mrs. Lillian Cowley acquired the property following her mother's death, and she lived there until her death in 1959.

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# Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



1. SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science?

**2. HISTORY:** Which pro football team won the very first Super Bowl?

**3. MUSIC:** What is the title of the Rolling Stones' 2023 album?

**4. MOVIES:** Who played the monster in Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein"?

**5. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?

**6. GEOGRAPHY:** In which country is the ancient city of Petra located?

**7. AD SLOGANS:** What product was advertised by a man who kept saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?

**8. FOOD & DRINK:** What is often called the national dish of Canada?

9. LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study?

41 — v. Wade

43 Soporific drug

**44** Electrolysis

particles

**42** Aussie critter **101** Intensify,

**10. TELEVISION:** What does SVU stand for in "Law & Order: SVU"?

99 — alla Scala

with "up"

102 Antique auto

**103** Trouncing in

Answers: 1. Antiseptic surgery.; 2. Green Bay Packers.; 3. "Hackney Diamonds."; 4. Peter Boyle.; 5. Less than 40%.; 6. Jordan.; 7. Alka-Seltzer.; 8. Poutine: potato fries, cheese curds and gravy.; 9. Eggs.; 10. Special Victims Unit. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

# **Super** Crossword

5 Add ammo to

6 Emails or

7 Wet mo.

texts: Abbr.

8 Come — halt

#### "MM, GOOD!"

87 Merry-go-

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# Moments In Time By The History Channel



- On Nov. 13, 1985, the Nevado del Ruiz volcano in Colombia erupted in the late evening and caused volcanic mudflows that flooded the city of Armero, killing 25,000 residents. The tragedy is considered to be one of the deadliest volcano-related disasters in the 20th century.
- On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman Melville's epic novel "Moby-Dick," about peg-legged Captain Ahab's obsessive search for vengeance on the white whale that maimed him, made its debut in the U.S. Published to mixed reviews, it was a commercial failure and achieved its present standing as a Great American Novel only after the centennial of Melville's birth.
- On Nov. 15, 1956, the movie "Love Me Tender," a black-and-white musical Western starring the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, was released. Named after Presley's hit single, it was his only film that did not place him in top billing, as it was also his debut. The singer later regretted making the film, though he'd expressed a serious interest in acting,

• On Nov. 16, 2004, President George W. Bush nominated National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice for Secretary of State, saying that for the previous four years he had "relied on her counsel, benefited from her great experience and appreciated her sound and steady judgment."

• On Nov. 17, 1558, Elizabeth I, daughter of King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, ascended to the throne of England, the third of Henry's offspring to assume that position. A carpet was laid down for her to walk on to Westminster Abbey, and people cut out pieces as mementos of the day. Her reign, which lasted 45 years until her death at age 69 from what was likely pneumonia, is remembered as a "Golden Age" in British history.

• On Nov. 18, 2015, New Zealand rugby union football player Jonah Lomu, who was perhaps rugby's first global icon, died of a heart attack at age 40 after a long battle with kidney disease.

• On Nov. 19, 1703, Eustache Dauger, aka "The Man in the Iron Mask," a political prisoner famous in French history and legend, died in the Bastille. Contrary to fictional representations in literature and cinema, there is no historical evidence that his mysterious facial covering was made of anything but black velvet.

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# Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.
- A world championship for throwing mobile phones has been held annually in Finland since 2010. Contestants are judged on their technique as well as the length of their throw.
- The Sky Beam that shoots out of Las Vegas's Luxor Hotel attracts so many insects that it's established a new ecosystem of moths, bats and owls.
  - Sponges hold more cold water than hot.
- You've undoubtedly heard of wishing upon a star, but how about an eyelash? An old superstition held that if one lost an eyelash, they should place it on the back of their hand, then throw it over their shoulder while picturing their desire. Or they could place it on the tip of their nose, then blow it off. But if the lash got stuck, they were out of luck!
  - The term "grumble" is used to refer to a group of pug dogs.
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- According to Greek historian Herodotus, a solar eclipse ended a six-year war in 583 B.C. when the act of "day turning into night" resulted in a draw that led to a peace treaty.
- A statue of Nikola Tesla in Silicon Valley provides free Wi-Fi.
- Not that we expect them to attempt it anytime soon, but cows cannot descend stairs. First, they can't easily see the ground after their feet, but their knees and hips also make it difficult for them to move at a downward angle (like some humans!). Plus, their weight would leave them off-balance and at risk of toppling.

Thought for the Day: "Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

# 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: **H** equals **W** 

HFPE HKLIX ZWZQOSKXO GPII

EFZ EKR KJJNGNPI IZPXZQ KJ

XZPQ PSSO'C JPT GILS?

PXWNGZ RQZCNXZTE.

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# Heterans Host By Freddy Groves

# Educational benefits scam

You wouldn't think that a barber school would be a hotbed of scams and schemes, but apparently it can be. A barber school in a southern state was caught defrauding the Department of Veterans Affairs by stealing money from veterans' education benefits.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program pays schools directly to cover the tuition and fees for veterans attending those schools. To be paid, the schools need to submit a thick stack of documents, including an initial application. Once approved, they then need to provide information about the courses, the number of hours per week, the dates of enrollment, the costs and so on. Part of this is an agreement to charge veterans the same tuition and fees that civilian students pay.

That is where this particular barber school went over to the dark side. Where civilian students were charged \$2,400, veterans were charged \$22,400 for the course. Not only did the owner charge more for veterans, but accurate records weren't kept, and worse, the students weren't given their certificates of completion when they finished. The total scammed was in excess of \$235,000. The government is seeking treble damages, three times that amount, as penalty.

Thankfully, not all schools engage in scams and theft like the barber school. Most are probably legit. If you want to go to school, the VA might pay for it if you qualify. Take a look at www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11 for the

dates and number of days of service required. On this page you'll also find information on benefits such as payment for tuition and fees, textbooks, housing ... and even moving expenses. (If you're in a very rural area with fewer than six people per square mile, you could qualify.)

To compare the various VA educational benefits at different schools, see www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool. Or call the GI Bill Hotline for more information: 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551).

Remember: If you see something wrong, some type of fraud or a scam or scheme, report it. It's veterans' benefits that you'll be protecting.

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# Alcona County Review Classifieds

All Classified Ads MUST be Paid in Advance

Ads may be brought in to our office at 111 Lake St., Harrisville Cost per ad is \$5 for the first 10 words and 20¢ for each word thereafter. Boxed ads are \$5 per column inch. Ads and payment must be received by 4 p.m. Monday.

Call 989-724-6384

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on November 15, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dakota Jackson, a single man. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing assignee (if any): M&T Bank. Date of mortgage: October 25, 2021. Date of mortgage recording: October 25, 2021.

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$207,286.98

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The south 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 6 East.

Common street address (if any): 3489 W. Hubbard Lake Trail, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747-9665

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: October 11, 2023 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy,

Suite 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515 1511184

If the property is sold at foreclosure 10-11, 10-18, 10-25, 11-1

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Court address 106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 Court telephone No. (989) 724-9490 Estate of Deborah L. Becker Date of birth: August 9, 1951 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Deborah L. Becker, died July 13, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Edwin L. Becker, 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: November 1, 2023 David H. Cook, P40560 Attorney 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Edwin L. Becker Personal representative 3939 N. Barlow Road Lincoln, Mich. 48742 (989) 657-1742

#### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-006374-DE

Court address 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 Court telephone No. (989) 724-9490 Estate of Michael S. Callentine Date of birth: January 5, 1955 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Michael S. Callentine, died May 3, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christine M. Good, 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: November 1, 2023 David H. Cook, P40560 Attorney 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Christine M. Good Personal representative 3414 Park Island Drive Oxford, Mich. 48371 (248) 568-1180

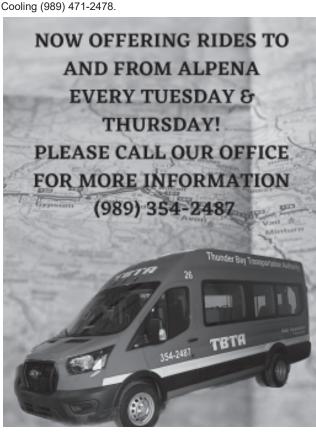
#### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-6407-DE

Court address 106 N. 5th Street, PO Box 385 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 Court telephone No. (989) 724-9490 Estate of David Lewis Fortier Date of birth: April 21, 1964 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, David Lewis Fortier, died November 4, 2021.
Creditors of the decedent are

notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laurie A. Cothran, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, PO Box 388, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: November 1, 2023 Laurie A. Cothran

Laurie A. Cothran Personal representative 483 Jeni Lane Milford, Mich. 48380 (248) 308-6307





# Hazardous fuels project sparks interest from residents

Staff on the Huron-Manistee National Forests are proactively creating fuel breaks along East River and Mead Roads in AuSable Township, Iosco County to reduce hazardous fuels loading that can directly impact community infrastructure and residents.

This summer, hand crews manually removed Jack pine and brush to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to the Oscoda School Complex and wildland urban interface of Oscoda. The land management agency plans to burn the fuels over the winter when air quality and fire spread is more easily managed due to snow and colder temperatures.

"In 1985, the River Road fire threatened the town of Oscoda, especially the school buildings. Since then, there have been other fires that had the potential to impact the town but were suppressed by emergency responders. Prescribed burning and fuels reduction projects are designed to help reduce the possibility of a wildfire impacting the town and the school. In addition to helping to mitigate wildfire impacts to the community there are several ecological benefits for a variety of threatened species in these fire dependent ecosystems," said Huron Zone Fuels Specialist Matt Malesic.

Malesic stated that the fuels activities include, removing all Jack pine eight inches or less in diameter; limbing and cutting all downed large woody hardwood debris into firewood sized chunks; cutting all downed large woody pine debris into appropriate lengths while limbing all standing live pine to prevent wildfire from torching into the tree canopy; and cutting stumps flush to the ground.

"In an effort to have some resilience of hardwoods in this fuel break, oak regeneration clumps are being thinned by selecting for the largest, healthiest oak and thinning all others around it within an area up to a 20-foot radius," Malesic said.

However, this location has been the focal point of prescribed fire treatment for almost 30 years. According to Brian Stearns, Forest Fuels Officer, "Since 1996, the For est Service has been conducting prescribed fires in this area at intervals of every three to five years with a successful return of fuels management." Stearns explained that visible changes have been made over the course of three decades that have helped firefighters alter the fire behavior of the units.

"The fuels treated in these projects are typically surface vegetation like grasses, sedges, and forbs, as well as shrub layers such as blueberry and overstory vegetation such as coniferous trees," Stearns said. These fuels are notorious for moving fire quickly through an area, sustaining a wildfire long enough for embers to potentially drift on the wind, and carry wildfire ahead of the main fire.

According to Stearns, they have raised the canopy base height of the coniferous trees, thereby reducing the "ladder fuels," fuels that can transition the fire from a surface fire to a crown fire. Frequent consumption of coarse woody material which accumulate on the forest floor that contribute to fire intensities are removed through controlled burning.

He explained that by constructing the cut vegetation into teepees placing lighter fuels near the bottom of the pile and the larger material on top, the same way to build a campfire, piles can burn readily in the winter when there is snow on the ground.

While these efforts are helping to mitigate the spread of wildfire to such community infrastructure as the Oscoda School Complex and the DTE gas line corridor, it also creates a 50-foot wide holding line if the community needs a defensive barrier.

Malesic explained that due to having a lengthy spring season with elevated fire danger, more firefighting resources were on forest. "The effort we are putting into creating these valuable fuel breaks also helps us to set a plan in motion for future fuels reductions that will help us to manage this vegetation that continues to grow back."

He explained residents should always be sure that their home ignition zone is addressed before anything else. An ember can travel up to two miles under the right conditions landing onto a roof, a gutter, or even a wood pile and igniting a house fire. Addressing the flammable fuels in proximity of a structure's foundation, roof or decking is the first place to examine and mitigate any potential for an ember to start a structure fire, Stearns said.



Small hut-looking fuel piles cover the National Forests' floor along Mead and East River Roads in AuSable Township, Iosco County. Hazardous fuels in proximity to the East Tawas have been treated for almost 30 years altering the landscape to reduce the risk of the spread of unwanted wildfires west of the Oscoda School Complex. *Photo by J. Hoffman, USDA Forest Service.* 



Autumn's colorful pallet Rolling green hills highlight autumn colors. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.* 



Alcona High School Class of 1963

The Class of '63 and guests celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion on August 8 at Cedar Lake in Greenbush. They were joined by one of their teachers, Fred Miller. The class was the first 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the "new" Alcona Junior-Senior High School when it opened in 1957, becoming the first class to have spent all six years at AHS prior to graduation. In attendance (front row, from left) Anne Richmond Smith, Ruth Somers Travis, Janet Phillips Rodriguez, Diane Caton Burgoyne, Joyce Leonard Allred, Shirley Ritchie Gerard, Eva LeClair Allyn, Joanne Ranger Fournier, Carolyn Brooks Malaski, (back) Karl Benghauser, Dick Champagne, Harold Carriveau, Lanny Caverly, Fred Miller (teacher), Mark Malaski, Leo Somers and Paul Forsythe. Not pictured: Richard Bouchard and Art Good. *Courtesy photo.*