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## Old timers play for large crowd

# Cubs beat Pirates 10-8 in tribute game Saturday

**By Ross Fleckenstein**  
*Baseball Enthusiast*

There were plenty of heroes to go around at the second annual Friends of Cuyler Park Old Timers Game last Saturday, as the Cubs beat the Pirates 10-8 in a game that featured three dozen players 50 years old and up from around Alcona County.

The players and participants in attendance shared a love of the game, relived old memories, commemorated Harrisville's Baseball Hall-of-Famer Kiki Cuyler and raised money for charity in the process.

The players put on an entertaining show in front of a large, enthusiastic and appreciative crowd at Cuyler Park while also helping raise over \$2,000 for the Alcona Backpack Program which provides weekend food for Alcona Elementary students on weekends.

The game itself was a throwback – complete with wooden bats – to the days of great municipal baseball played throughout the area and the players may have been a bit rusty, but they rose to the occasion.

The contest had a bit of everything. Timely hitting? Check. There was a stellar performance from the oldest player on the field. Great defense? Check, including an infield that turned four double plays for the victorious Cubs. Solid starting pitching and great relief out of the bullpen. Check, though with a bit of a twist.

In the end, Roger Lemons of Harrisville provided that twist, pitching his Cubs to victory by saving his own win thanks to a rule for this old-timers' contest allowing a player to re-enter a game at his old position. Lemons started and went the first five innings, scattering 11 hits while managing to hold the Pirates to just three runs as his teammates staked him to a 9-3 lead. Paul Marwede came on in relief to start the sixth inning, struggled with his control and left with two outs in the seventh.

He gave way to none other than Lemons who retook the mound, pitched out of a bases loaded jam to end the threat in the seventh and then re-

tired six of the next eight hitters he faced to close out the game.

The Pirates didn't go down without a fight, though. Terry Ferguson opened the ninth with a hopper up the middle for a single, then Lemons put up back-to-back strikeouts before Brendon Jaskolski singled to right, bringing Phil Potter to the plate representing the go-ahead run. Potter battled Lemons gamely, putting up a six-pitch at-bat before going down swinging to end the game. That gave Lemons four strikeouts for the game – with three in that final inning.

Lemon's pitching prowess was matched by some solid glovework, as the Cubs turned four double plays on the day including one in each of the first three innings. Third baseman Shawn O'Callaghan

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Roger Lemons pitches the Cubs to victory last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Ross Fleckenstein.

## Blessing of animals resumes annual celebration

**By Mary Weber**  
*Staff Writer*

*"All things bright and beautiful; All creatures great and small; All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all." Isaiah 11:6-9*

The Blessing of the Animals, an annual event that was halted for the last few years due to COVID restric-

tions, will once again be held.

This year the blessing will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.

Families may bring all leashed, tethered, or caged animals. Church Lay Leader, Meg Nisbet, will hold a short service before individually blessing each animal. "It's a

very nice service and the animals usually have a lot to talk about. It can get a little noisy, but always fun.

"We've heard Pat Perkins from Glenview Clydesdales will be bringing one of her horses. It would be so great to have all kinds of animals join in. We will be holding it outside so we are hoping it won't

rain, but it will still be held whether it does or not," Nisbet said.

Nisbet explained the event is free, but they will be accepting donations for the Alcona Humane Society.

The event is a joint cooperative venture between St. Andrews Episcopal Church, St. Raphael Catholic Church and the Harrisville United Methodist Church and since there are animals present, it has a special appeal to all age groups.

Susan Wander, a member of the ministry team at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, said in many congregations, the Blessing of Animals is a witness to God's love, care and concern for creation. "As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened," she said.

The event is celebrated near the feast day of St. Francis the patron saint of animals.

The Harrisville United Methodist Church is located at 217 N. State Street, on the corner of Church Street and US-23, one block north of the light.



Zoey Brewer, 10, and Gunner Davis, 5, of Harrisville along with Mitchell, a Great Pyrenees from Mikado, and their chickens are looking forward to attending the Blessing of the Animals at the Harrisville United Methodist Church on October 7. Photo by Mary Weber.



# God Bless America





# Obituaries



## Mary L. Soper

Mary L. Soper, 90, of Twinsburg, Ohio, formerly of Mikado, died on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at Sprenger Health Care Grande Village.

She was born February 22, 1933, to Ernest and Margie (Milliron) Lyle in Monroe, Mich., where she was raised.

On June 27, 1958, she married Frank Soper in Melvindale, Mich. They moved to Mikado in 1970.

Mrs. Soper worked as an administrative clerk in the commissary at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda.

She enjoyed going for walks and knitting.

Mrs. Soper is survived by one daughter, Sally Soper of Posen, Mich.; one sister, Ruthie Palmer; one brother, Bill Lyle; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, on February 10, 2009, and one brother, Don Lyle.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Interment will follow in the Mikado Cemetery.

## Virginia "Jinny" Dimercurio

Virginia Gillette Dimercurio, the beloved wife of Frank Dimercurio, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, joining her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She was the daughter of Edward and Mary Gillette; sister to Thomas Gillette of Atlanta, Ga.; and the late Dick and Dave Gillette.

She was born and raised in Bellevue, Mich. and over the years she has lived in Macomb Township, St. Clair Shores and Troy, Mich., where with her husband, they established their successful business, JR's for Hair and More. For nearly three decades they dedicated their efforts to running the business until hearing a call from God, they sold the business and relocated to Harrisville. With the support of

like-minded individuals, they founded the Chosen Ranch.

The Chosen Ranch serves as a haven and home for children in need of a second chance. Over the years, this ministry has grown, and to date, has touched hundreds of individuals, offering them hope and a fresh start. Jinny played an integral role nurturing the family, being the caring mother, doting grandmother, and the heart and soul of the Chosen Ranch.

Known for her unwavering optimism, Jinny saw no strangers, only friends she had not yet met. Her genuine warmth and compassion endeared her to everyone she encountered. Her legacy will continue to inspire and bring joy to those who were fortunate enough to know her.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

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tions in honor of Virginia can be made to The Chosen Ranch, P.O. Box 190, Lincoln, Mich. 48742

A visitation was held Saturday, Sept. 23 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, Clair Shores, Mich.

### CITY OF HARRISVILLE

#### Notice of Budget Hearing

The City of Harrisville will hold a Budget Hearing on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the city office, 200 N. Fifth St., Harrisville, MI 48740. For further inquires, call the office at 989-724-6666.

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## Susan Carpenter

Susan Carpenter, 68, of Lincoln and Tawas City, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023. She was at the family farm on M-72, the same place she was lovingly raised and nurtured throughout her life.

Susan was born on June 12, 1955, the first child of Doc and Eva Carpenter. From an early age, she was taught the values of faith, family, hard work, loyalty, education, and caring for others. These values she carried with her throughout her life.

As a child growing up, she developed a passion for knitting and sewing. She was a long-time member of the 4-H, primarily involved in knitting, and earned a steady stream of blue ribbons for her beautiful, flawless work. She carried this passion throughout her life, especially around quilting. When travelling she was always aware of where the nearest quilt shop was and the distinct style differences in quilts made in that area.

She was a lifetime member of the Lincoln United Methodist Church, attending services, Sunday school, and church events. As a member she learned the importance of faith and the power of prayer in her life. We are sure she moves into eternity to a better place.

As a child, Susan developed an interest in music. She learned piano and played clarinet in the concert and marching bands throughout her years at Alcona High School. Her passion for doing things right led her to earning the First Chair Clarinet. Another love of Susan's was sailing and racing on the waters of Lake Huron, a passion shared with her father. She became an accomplished and tena-

cious helmsman, driving the boat to numerous victories all over Lake Huron. She developed a strong sense of independence as she sailed the boat, both day and night from one race site to another with only her younger brothers as crew.

Upon graduation from high school, Susan followed in her parents' footsteps and attended Michigan State University. She was passionate about her education, earning a degree in Medical Technology in 1977. She was equally passionate about all things Green and White, cheering the Spartans to victory in all sporting events, especially football. Throughout her life there was not a more loyal Spartan than Susan, she was FOR all things Green and White, and down on all things Blue. We are sure that as she passed, the first words from her were "Go Green!"

Upon graduation from MSU, Susan started work in the lab at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital. She worked there for 44 years, always focused on being a part of a team that offered exceptional patient care. Her passion for doing things accurately and perfectly served her well in her responsibilities in the lab, making sure the doctors and patients received accurate reliable lab information. She took pride in her work and was very dedicated and loyal to her coworkers, patients, and early on to the hospital and the role it played in the Tawas community. Many of her closest friends in life were people she met through work.

Susan was happiest when she was gathering with family and friends. She loved to be creative and detailed in the kitchen, making something special for others to eat, or giving a gift to another that was special and wrapped



and packaged with care and love.

She was a devoted daughter, providing care and love to her parents, Doc and Eva, as they struggled with health issues in their later lives.

She is survived by two brothers, Martin of Lincoln, and Ralph of Falmouth, Maine. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Susan; a niece, Catherine; and a nephew, John, both of whom she was very proud.

One of Susan's last great joys was attending Catherine's college graduation and family celebration in Winston Salem, North Carolina this past summer. Susan was especially close to her brother, Martin, and they were a great team, caring for and accompanying each other on many adventures and tasks.

Susan's focus in life was always on others, family, friends, patients, and pets. She constantly sacrificed activities that brought attention to herself, and always prioritized caring for others. Her presence will be missed, but her spirit will long be remembered by those who loved her.

A visitation took place on Friday, Sept. 29 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Historical Society, P.O. Box 174, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

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# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The program, "A Matter of Balance" for those seniors with balance or falling issues will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Space is limited. This free program is sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging and Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Instructor is Liz McNichols. Call (989) 335-1777 to register and for details.

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.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Mikado branch at 2 p.m. The public is welcome.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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. 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, SEPTEMBER 30

The Curran Black Bear Festival will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall and grounds starting at 9 a.m. Car show registrants may register until 11:30 a.m. The parade begins at 1 p.m., followed by kids games, cake walk, door prizes, cars on display, a craft show, food and music. Mitchell Township Hall is located near the corner of M-65 and Tower Road. For details, see [www.curran-blackbearfestival.com](http://www.curran-blackbearfestival.com).

Discover a world of imagination, where heroes are born, and legends unfold in the lounge of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. for the new Dungeons and Dragons Club. For info. call, (989) 724-6796.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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.

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

A Blessing of the Animals will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church beginning at 10 a.m. This is a family friendly and joyous event, Everyone - humans and animals - are welcome.

The annual dinner and auction for the Alcona Humane Society will be held at Mariah Hall in Harrisville beginning at 5 p.m. with a social hour (cash bar available). Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the silent auction, with many items to bid on. Tickets are available to purchase prior to the dinner at Precious Paws Resale Shoppe in Harrisville or the Alcona Humane Society (animal shelter), in Lincoln.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that a hearing, as required by M.C.L.A. 41724, shall be held on the Petition for Improvement and Maintenance of the roads in Scott Sub., Scott Park Sub., and adjacent properties filed with the Alcona Township Board for the purpose of hearing any objection to be said petition and the special assessment to be formed.

A legal description of the Special Assessment District is on file with the Township Clerk at 5576 US-23, Black River, MI 48721.

Said hearing shall be held at the Alcona Township Hall located 5576 US-23, Black River, MI on October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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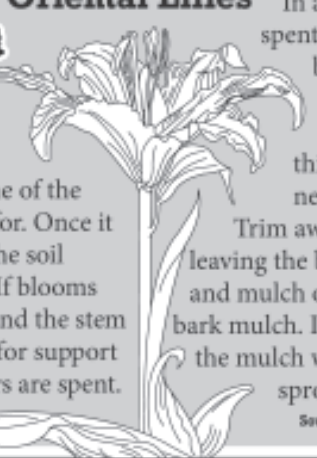
Alcona Humane Society Garage Sale will be Open

Questions contact: Doug (989)335-0996,  
Jessica (989)464-7457 or Katrina (989)916-7035



### Oriental Lilies

In autumn, cut off any spent flowers and stalks, but allow the leaves to stay until they yellow and die; this fuels the bulb for next year's blooming. Trim away any growth left, leaving the bulb in the ground, and mulch over it with organic bark mulch. In spring, pull away the mulch when you see green sprouts. - Brenda Weaver  
Source: gardeningknowhow.com



This plant is one of the easiest to care for. Once it blooms, keep the soil slightly moist. If blooms are very large and the stem bends, stake it for support until the flowers are spent.

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Local Notes

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### Fall Arts and Craft Show

The Oscoda Lions Club will be holding its 22nd annual Fall Festival Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Oscoda High School.

Mallak "We are hoping for a fantastic turnout again this year as we celebrate the fall season and the upcoming holidays," craft show chairperson Yvonne Mallak stated. "People are always anxious to get started on their holiday shopping and this is a perfect event to do just that. We have a great variety of vendors including those with baked goods, photography, paintings, wood working, chain saw carvings, knitting, crocheting, clothing, jewelry, holiday indoor and outdoor decor, maple syrup, jams, candies, and so much more. There is truly something for everyone at this event."

The club is partnering with the Iosco Humane Society. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations to drop off to the shelter's tent as they en-

ter the event. Needs for the shelter include items such as: collars, leashes, bleach, laundry soap, Lysol spray, canned and bagged food (Pedigree, Purina, Fancy Feast for both dogs and cats), treats, paper towels, and pets toys. The humane society will be holding an adoption event during the day of the show. In addition, the Lions Club will be donating all door proceeds to the animal shelter at the end of the day.

For more information or questions, reach out to lionscraftshw@gmail.com.

### New Grants Awarded

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) recently awarded a new round of Community Impact grants and Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC) grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle. The board of trustees recently approved 61 new grants totaling \$134,343.

The following Alcona County organizations were included:

- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$4,800 for the Expanding Safety & Technology in Industrial Arts project.
- Harrisville United Methodist Church was awarded \$4,800 for the Feeding Alcona County Families project.
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$3,500 for the Backpack Program.
- Alpena Montmorency Alcona Educational Service District was awarded \$3,500 for the AMA Classroom Library Makeover series.
- Alcona County Baby Pantry was awarded \$2,500 for the "Safety for Alcona County Children" project.
- Alcona Historical Society was awarded \$2,000 for the Historic Harrisville Train Depot Fencing project.
- Mikado Township was awarded \$1,130 for the LED Sign for Community Events/Local Information project.
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$990 for Alcona Community School Weight Room Equipment updates.
- The Alcona Music Project, Inc. was awarded \$750 for Station Exterior Improvements Project: Phase one.


The Community Foundation also approved \$37,570 through the annual round of Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle grants. These grants are reviewed and recommended annually by a committee of ten WGC members who serve two-year terms. WGC grants are awarded for issues important to the women of northeast Michigan from the WGC Endowment Fund. These grant allocations include:

- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$2,500 for the Continue the Music project.
- Harrisville United Methodist Church was awarded \$2,400 for the Feeding Alcona County Families project.
- Alcona Historical Society was awarded \$750 for the Historic Harrisville Train Depot Fencing project.

The next opportunity for submitting grant applications is through the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council for youth programs in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and/or Presque Isle counties. Apply online through the Community Foundation Grant Portal at cfnem.org. Applications are due by October 15, 2023.

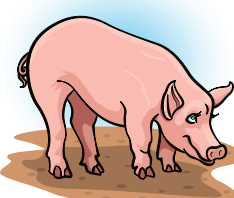
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• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

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# Consumers Energy hosts community meeting to discuss future of Alcona Dam

Consumers Energy is hosting another series of public community meetings to share progress from the last year and answer questions from the community.

The meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 2 at Eagle Ridge Golf Course, 3501 State Road, Glennie. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the public meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Last year, Consumers Energy held public meetings

with community members and local leaders about the future of its 13 dams. The energy provider is exploring the possibility of selling these hydroelectric facilities as it continues to consider all options to safely maintain the dam reservoirs and reduce costs for customers.

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Consumers Energy hired Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing-based nonpartisan research and consulting firm that specializes in public engagement, to help host the public meetings.

At the meeting, Consumers Energy will be presenting feedback gathered in the last year as well as the economic contribution study.

For all meeting details, to provide comments, and more information about the process, visit: [ConsumersEnergy.com/HydroFuture](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/HydroFuture).

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## Honoring Vietnam Veterans



A 50th Vietnam Commemoration Ceremony was held in Caledonia Township last Saturday with 10 Vietnam Veterans awarded presidential certificates of honor and lapel pins. Also during the ceremony, non-veteran, Harry Harvey, was awarded a plaque from the Alcona County Veterans Board for his personal donation to cover the building permit costs for a house built for wounded veteran, Bobby Body. (Front row from left) Harry Harvey, Lawrence Brozowski, (second row) Steve Hendricks, Ray Covey, Doyle Pettit, Andy Decker, Ed Anderson, Jeremy Rogers, Veteran Service Officer Tony Atkinson, Cindy McGowen, Melvin Sands and Lloyd Daggett. *Courtesy photo.*



Edward Anderson of Mikado and Jeremy Rogers of Millington, Mich., receive hand-carved eagle head canes last Saturday from Isa Hastings and Robert Joe Hastings, the cousin of the late Bill Hastings, who made many canes with his wife, Isa, for veterans over the last decade and will be continuing to make the canes with Isa. *Courtesy photo.*

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that a hearing, as required by M.C.L.A. 41724, shall be held on the Petition for Maintenance and Improvements of N. Ridge Road filed with the Alcona Township Board for the purpose of hearing any objection to be said petition and the special assessment to be formed.

A legal description of the Special Assessment District is on file with the Township Clerk at 5576 US-23, Black River, MI 48721.

Said hearing shall be held at the Alcona Township Hall located 5576 US-23, Black River, MI on October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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was a stalwart, flashing the leather early by corraling a grounder and stepping on third before firing home to the catcher for a rare 5-2 twin killing to snuff a bases loaded rally in the first. O’Callaghan

also went one-for-three and chipped in an RBI at the plate. Charlie Fowler of Lincoln, pitcher for the Pirates, breezed through the first couple innings, retiring six of the first seven hitters he faced

while fanning three.

Things picked up offensively in the third inning, though. The Pirates strung together four straight singles to start the inning, culminating with Tom Weichel chas-

ing Winston Reeves home for the game’s first run. Then O’Callaghan worked his defensive magic again, starting an around-the-horn double play to stifle what could have been a big inning before end-

ing the frame with a routine play to first.

The Cubs struck back in the bottom of the inning, as Kevin Rasche of Hubbard Lake banged a hard-hit double to open the frame,

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE**

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Pirate pitcher Charlie Fowler prepares a wind up to strike out a Cubs player. *Photo courtesy of Ross Fleckenstein.*

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then moved around the bases on a wild throw to second following a wild pitch before scoring on an error. Walt McCurdy of Harrisville brought Jimmy Hart in to score before the inning ended and the Cubs led 2-1 after three Hart played for the Spruce team in his youth, and still resides there today. They struck for three more in the fourth and another four runs in the fifth highlighted by McCurdy’s two-run single.

McCurdy, a 1970 graduate of Harrisville High School and the oldest player in the game, ended the day 2-for-3 at the plate with a run and three RBI. That two-inning outburst gave the Cubs a 9-3 advantage after five innings.

Another potential big inning was negated by a Cubs’ double play in the top of the sixth though the Pirates did plate a run. Then, in the seventh, the Pirates’ offense finally clicked as they pushed across four runs with two outs. Jimmy Otsby from Mikado smacked a two-run double in the gap to left with the bases full that was followed by a Troy Sommers two-run single to center to tally the four-spot.

After Marwede hit back-to-back batters to load the bases, Lemons reappeared on the mound and induced a short-stop-to-second base fielder’s choice to end the inning. But the Pirates had closed the gap to 9-8, setting up Lemons’ late inning heroics.

The Cubs tacked on another run in the bottom of the seventh to make it 10-8 after Rasche laced the ball down the right field line for his second double of the day and then came around to score on an error. Rasche ended the day two-for-three with that pair of two-baggers all accomplished with a bat dating to 1977.

“Back in 1977, I had my favorite bat break,” Rasche said. “And there was this old-timer in Black River who told me to bring it to him and he told me he’d make me the

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Honoring Hometown Heros  
Michigan State Police Sgt. Jamie Bullis stands with a flag at the Hometown Heroes event at Alcona High School last Friday. The event is held annually as a way for the Alcona Tigers varsity football team along with many students and staff members to honor not only veterans, but also law enforcement, emergency medical personnel and firefighters. *Photo by Willy Weber.*

## Tigers take down Charlton Heston

**By Ben Murphy**  
*Sports Writer*

Back in week one, the Alcona varsity football team won a North Star League Big Dipper game over Mio, 60-0. Last Friday, week five in a home NSL Big Digger game with the Charlton Heston Academy, they won with an identical 60-0 score.

"This was a good win for us to help build momentum going into this week versus Onaway," said head coach Jason Somers. "I do think Heston is playing better, I think we were able to exploit

a couple match ups we liked. Hats off to their team they fought all night."

The Tigers jumped to a 34-0 lead and led 50-0 at the half. Alcona scored 10 more points in the fourth quarter to finish the scoring.

Garrett Somers was five-of-seven passing for 142 yards and two touchdowns and he also ran twice for 89 yards and two scores. Somers also had a 75-yard punt return for a touchdown. Collin Walker had four carries for 104 yards and two touchdowns. Jeremiah Bullis had two

catches for 52 yards and William Liebler had one catch for a 75-yard touchdown.

On defense, Walker had eight tackles and William O'Neill had six tackles.

"(It was) a good win on Hometown Hero night," Somers said. "(We) got off to a fast start and never looked back. The offense had six different players score and the defense was very balanced with 16 different players contributing while posting a shut-out."

Alcona (4-1 overall, 2-0 NSL Big Dipper) stays at home to take on Onaway (3-2) on Friday, Sept. 29 for a non-league game. Onaway lost its contest with Gaylord St. Mary last week, 46-6.

"This will be a good match up for us," Somers said. "They have some pretty good size, so that will be a test. They are always gritty so we will have to be able to take care of the ball and take advantage of mistakes."

## Cross country team wins opening league meet

**By Ben Murphy**  
*Sports Writer*

It was close, but the Alcona cross country team was able to get the job done at the first North Star League jamboree on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The meet was held at Fairview's Boney Park, and the Tigers were able to win with 27 points; narrowly ahead of second place Fairview, who had 33 points.

"The boys ran well, and I am confident they will continue to do better as the season progresses," head coach Tammy Nelson said.

Sophomore Cole Upper was able to win the race, timing out at 18:27. The second place runner was Rogers City's Cole Brege, who had a time of 18:40.

Also, for the Tigers, Carter Upper was third with a solid sub-20 time of 19:05, Darren Boyat placed sixth by crossing in a time of 20:09, Zygmund Villalobos placed ninth on a run of 20:31, Cayden Hebert, in his first race with the team, placed 17<sup>th</sup> at 22:11 and Colin Mckenna had an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish and time out at 22:40.

Alcona was at the second NSL jamboree at the Charlton Heston Academy on Tuesday and heads to Oscoda for the third NSL meet on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

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Thanks again, Daniel Hale



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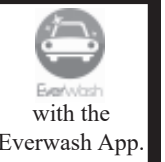


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# Soccer team claims first win

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

After many close games resulting in losses or ties, the Alcona varsity soccer team was finally on the winning side of the scoreboard on Monday, Sept. 18.

The Tigers hosted Fairview and claimed a resounding 8-0 victory.

Eight different Tigers scored in the contest -- Cole Upper, Colin McKenna, Carter Upper, Dawson Rigby, Anthony Perez, Vinny Mahalak and Vincent Nardi.

Alcona (1-3-2 overall) played at Oscoda on Monday, Sept. 25, and competed at Mackinac Island on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and heads to Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Thursday.

# Lady Tigers take Hale in straight sets

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team welcomed Hale for a North Star League crossover match on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The Lady Tigers controlled play for much of the night, taking down the Lady Eagles in straight sets, 25-18, 25-10 and 25-20.

"Initially, we struggled controlling the ball so our offense's ability to execute was off," head coach Kristi Miller said. "Once we got into a rhythm we played much more consistently. Sage Gauthier had a big night with 11 digs and 9 kills. It is important we continue focusing on our defense. Overall, it was a solid team effort."

Gauthier also had two aces to round out her big night. Kaylee Wambold had 11 digs and Emma Travis served up two aces.

Alcona was at Atlanta on Tuesday, Sept. 26, played at Mackinac Island on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and heads to Posen on Thursday. They host AuGres on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and opens with NSL Big Dipper play on Thursday, Oct. 5 at home against Whittemore-Prescott.

"We've had to make adjustments, which has a tendency to impact court chemistry," Miller said. "Heading into NSL Big Dipper play, I definitely think we will compete but must continue to work to be stronger in all areas."

# Americanisms



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# Tribute

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same bat and guaranteed it will never break. Thank you, Frank Brusso – who has passed away – who made that in his garage with his lathe off ash he harvested off his property."

In addition to McCurdy and Rasche, John Katona (three-for-four with a run and two RBI helped pace a balanced Cubs' attack.

For the Pirates, Jaskolski went three-for-four and scored a run and Jimmy Otsby was two-for-three with a run and two RBI while Sommers chipped in a hit with a couple runs batted in.

"Well, it was a good game, but they did hit me," said Fowler, who took the loss for the Pirates. "It's a fun ride with a bunch of guys who haven't played together in at least 20 years. We all want to do it again next year and the fans seemed to want us back, too."

Writer's Notes: The Cubs and Pirates were selected because while Cuyler played for four Major League teams, he spent the bulk of his time with those two clubs.

There are only 342 members of the Baseball Hall of Fame, including 270 players and Cuyler is one of only six from Michigan.

He was an outfielder who played on one World Series Champion (Pittsburgh in 1925) team and posted a .321 career average in 18 Big League seasons.



# Buggy Rides



## Jimmy Basselman benefit game Sunday

September 30, 1948 ~ Sunday, October 3, on the Lincoln diamond, friends and teammates of Jimmy Basselman will play a benefit ball game.

Jimmy was seriously injured by a pitched ball in the last game of the season, between his home team and Spruce on the Harrisville diamond. He has since been confined to the Mercy Hospital, Bay City, with a fractured skull. Jimmy is coming home and getting along fine, for which his many friends in the county are grateful.

So, on Sunday everyone will gather at the Lincoln diamond to witness a game of baseball between the East and West sides of the county, for Jimmy's benefit.

Kiki Cuyler, manager of the Atlanta Crackers, and his son, Harold, business manager and player with the Gainesville League of Florida, will manage the two selected teams for this outstanding game.

Following is a list of the players chosen from the different teams of the Alcona County League: Barton City - Crofoot, Searls, Kuhn, Cordes and Sanborn; Spruce - Olson, Hanson, Mahalak and Dahl; Glennie - Garrett and Hohman; Curran - Mast and Wiedbrauk; Mikado - Lane, Collins, Sands, Collins and Broadwood; Lincoln - Medor, Bushey, Schroeder, Schram and Thompson; Harrisville - Holmes, Somers, Stone and Bejesky; Black River - McCoy, F. Gauthier, D. Gauthier and LeClair.

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tures which are being prepared in semi-secrecy and which will have to be seen to be properly appreciated.

One number that is sure to be a winner is the Style Show in which the merchants of Lincoln, Mikado and Harrisville will display from living models the very latest styles in clothing, gowns and fabrics. This exhibit will be put on at 4:00 p.m. Friday and again at 9:00 in the evening.

The Festival starts at 1:00 o'clock Friday afternoon with a field meet in which the whole school will participate.

Everything—booths, stands, etc. will be open all afternoon and evening. On Saturday the festivities con-

tinue until 6:00 o'clock p.m. Drawing cards of the exhibit will be the poultry exhibition by the Boy's Club, and a large and varied showing of fruits and vegetables brought in by the students.

Another feature which promises to be popular is the fifty cent dinner to be served Saturday noon at the school house.

To round out the day, and the week, the young people's Community Club has decided to hold a dance in the hall Saturday evening after the Festival has closed. Hockey's Alpena Orchestra has been secured and dancing will be indulged until midnight. The usual price will be charged for the dance.

## Dr. Constantine injured in accident Monday

September 30, 1998 ~ A Harrisville resident is in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich, after a one car accident Monday.

Dr. Aeneas Constantine, 85, was injured at the intersection of M-72 and US-23 at 7 p.m.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Constantine's vehicle was northbound on US-23 and he failed to negotiate a turn at the intersection and ran into a business sign on the northeast corner of the intersection.

He was treated at the scene and transported to Tawas St. Joseph Hospital and subsequently transferred to St. Mary's.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, and it remains under investigation.

## News of servicemen

September 27, 1973 ~ Mr. and Mrs. John J. Tyson of Glennie received the following letter from the Department of the Army, U. S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tyson: I am happy to advise you that your son, Pvt. John J. Tyson, has been honored as Distinguished Graduate of the Communication-Electronics Repair Parts Specialist Class 74-1, graduating 2 August 1973 at the U. S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

This particular course curriculum is designed for training supply specialists, a skill which is extremely important

to the defense of our Nation. Your son like many other students, worked diligently in order to achieve success in the course, and his grades are indicative of his ambition and determination. This significant academic achievement is worthy of particular praise and his efforts have rendered him an outstanding student.

A picture of your son receiving his award and a copy of the graduation program reflecting your son's achievement, are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,  
Bruce E. Blair,  
Colonel, QMC  
Director, Enlisted  
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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?
2. **ASTRONOMY:** How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?
3. **U.S. STATES:** Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?
4. **MOVIES:** In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?
5. **ART:** Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?
6. **AD SLOGANS:** Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
7. **TELEVISION:** Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the main ingredient in falafel?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the world's shortest river?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What are a crab's pincers called?

**Answers:** 1. Pennywise.; 2. On average, every 76 years.; 3. California (54).; 4. A canister that looks like a Barbasol Shaving Cream can.; 5. Surrealism.; 6. Ford Motor Company.; 7. "All in the Family."; 8. Chickpeas.; 9. Roe River, Montana.; 10. Chelae. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Vermicelli, e.g.</p> <p>6 Commercial spots</p> <p>9 16th-century pope</p> <p>14 Olympic length unit</p> <p>19 Had a dull, steady pain</p> <p>20 Chart topper, often</p> <p>22 Cockeyed</p> <p>23 Hidden stockpiles of certain infield bags?</p> <p>25 Low-pH liquids</p> <p>26 Certain Southern sib</p> <p>27 Tax doc. whiz</p> <p>28 Lead-in to Pen</p> <p>30 Ranch unit</p> <p>31 Grassy tract</p> <p>34 Instructions for securing a bottle with a screw cap?</p> <p>39 Gods, in Italy</p> <p>40 Some thin batteries</p> <p>43 Owner of Zipcar</p> <p>44 Promotional links</p> <p>45 Dad providing the finances?</p> <p>49 Cottage cheese piece</p> | <p>50 Reject, as a lover</p> <p>51 Turner of "Betrayed"</p> <p>52 Sashimi fish</p> <p>53 Jestng type</p> <p>56 Bane of not knowing which college major to choose?</p> <p>62 Vigoda of old TV and film</p> <p>65 Hirer of many 27-Acrosses, for short</p> <p>66 Skyrocket</p> <p>67 Toll highway</p> <p>68 Chemistry class cost</p> <p>70 Like the letter O in this puzzle's entire solution</p> <p>73 Applies drippings to</p> <p>75 Brain flash</p> <p>76 Hajj city</p> <p>77 "Palooka" actor Erwin</p> <p>78 She's shearable</p> <p>79 Design of a three-masted ship?</p> <p>86 "The Addams Family" cousin</p> <p>87 Swivel on an axis</p> <p>88 Ribald</p> <p>89 Org. against pet abuse</p> | <p>93 "Will you let me?"</p> <p>94 Reiner or Sagan wearing a Santa suit?</p> <p>98 Hawaiian porches</p> <p>101 Diminish</p> <p>102 Malevolent</p> <p>103 Eat dinner</p> <p>104 British apartment doubling as a malt shop?</p> <p>107 Ticks by</p> <p>110 Sister of Meg, Jo and Amy</p> <p>111 Diminish</p> <p>112 Comedic actress Issa</p> <p>115 Fit for the job</p> <p>116 Lauder of makeup</p> <p>118 Famous German taleteller who lived in a farm building?</p> <p>125 Rhythmic swings</p> <p>126 Rhythmic way to march</p> <p>127 Strike hard, biblical-style</p> <p>128 Very inclined</p> <p>129 Dutch cheeses</p> <p>130 Stitch clothes</p> <p>131 Consequently</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Butter square</p> <p>2 Frau's "Alas!"</p> <p>3 Small, agile Japanese dog breed</p> <p>4 Irwin of "Crikey! It's the Irwins"</p> <p>5 "Puff" snake</p> <p>6 "I have it!"</p> <p>7 Part of DVD</p> <p>8 Stride</p> <p>9 Actress Zadora</p> <p>10 Business mag</p> <p>11 "I hate it!"</p> <p>12 Precipitates cold pellets</p> <p>13 Italian motor scooter brand</p> <p>14 Hamm of soccer</p> <p>15 Boxed up</p> <p>16 Slow-paced martial art</p> <p>17 Footballer's sweep</p> <p>18 "Start over" buttons</p> <p>21 "Begone!"</p> <p>24 Queen guitarist May</p> <p>29 Not off-key</p> <p>31 Alternatives to JPEGs</p> <p>32 Sign on for another tour of duty</p> <p>33 Hawk cousins</p> <p>35 Toddler's cry</p> <p>36 "— got a feeling ..."</p> <p>37 Geraint's title</p> <p>38 Theoretical physicist Paul</p> <p>41 Way yonder</p> <p>42 Did karaoke</p> <p>46 Joanne of "Red River"</p> <p>47 Bellybutton type</p> <p>48 Driveway goo</p> <p>49 Adorable</p> <p>52 Eldest son of Mitt Romney</p> <p>53 Be the author of</p> <p>54 Cockeyed</p> <p>55 Duck cousins</p> <p>57 Rapping "Dr."</p> <p>58 Very, in music scores</p> <p>59 Hwy. crime</p> <p>60 Banquet liquid holder</p> <p>61 Rival of DHL and FedEx</p> <p>62 Perp's story</p> <p>63 Having no knack for</p> <p>64 Roger of "At the Movies"</p> <p>69 E-help page</p> <p>70 No more than</p> <p>71 Former U.S. RR regulator</p> <p>72 Educ. facility</p> <p>73 A/C meas.</p> <p>74 Subtle glows</p> <p>76 Kihei's island</p> <p>77 Perplex</p> <p>80 Pan Am rival</p> <p>81 Paris palace</p> <p>82 Bi- plus one</p> <p>83 Make lighter</p> <p>84 Video surveillance syst.</p> <p>85 PC key abbr.</p> <p>90 Submits, as a test paper</p> <p>91 Mötley —</p> <p>92 High peaks</p> <p>93 Jungle knife</p> <p>94 Half- (java option)</p> <p>95 "Good" cholesterol, for short</p> <p>96 Lulu Hogg player Peggy</p> <p>97 Imam's God</p> <p>98 Vilifies in print</p> <p>99 Scores 100 on the test</p> <p>100 Stinging plant</p> <p>101 Certain radio frequency range</p> <p>105 Yippie Hoffman</p> <p>106 Not false</p> <p>108 Discomfit</p> <p>109 Large feather</p> <p>113 Raggedy — (some dolls)</p> <p>114 Livy's "Lo!"</p> <p>117 Seer's "gift"</p> <p>119 Sanyo rival</p> <p>120 '60s war site</p> <p>121 ENTs, e.g.</p> <p>122 Hack down</p> <p>123 &amp; so forth</p> <p>124 Once called</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Oct. 9, 2004, Afghan voters went to the polls for the first time in their nation's history to vote for a president and elected Hamid Karzai, who had served as their interim president after the collapse of the Taliban regime three years earlier.
  - On Oct. 10, 1845, George Bancroft -- historian, educator and secretary of the Navy -- founded the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to improve the then-unsatisfactory methods of instructing the service's midshipmen.
  - On Oct. 11, 2000, at a ceremony in London, the International Women of the Year Association awarded the title "Greatest Woman Achiever of the Century" to Russian engineer and cosmonaut Valentina V. Tereshkova, who became the first woman in space when she flew a solo mission on the Vostok 6 on June 16, 1963.
  - On Oct. 12, 1810, the first Oktoberfest was celebrated in Munich, Germany, in honor of the marriage of Ludwig, the crown prince of Bavaria (who later became King Louis I), to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. The festivities lasted nearly a week and ended in a horse race. Today, the festival is the largest in the world, with more than 6 million participants around the globe.
  - On Oct. 13, 1950, the movie "All About Eve," starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter, premiered in both Paris and New York City. Known for its acid wit, it won six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, but was roundly criticized for depicting a character smoking in bed by an Indiana man who was part of his local fire prevention committee.
  - On Oct. 14, 1926, English humorist, poet and playwright A.A. Milne published "Winnie-the-Pooh," a children's book set in the fictional Hundred Acre Wood featuring the adventures of the eponymous honey-loving bear and his good friends, including Eeyore, Christopher Robin and Piglet.
  - On Oct. 15, 1966, Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale founded the Black Panther Party, with a mission of protecting African Americans from police brutality. The organization developed into a Marxist revolutionary group, calling for, among other things, the arming of all African Americans and the release of African Americans from jail.
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The small dots on strawberries are known as "drupelets" and are not seeds, as often thought, but do contain seeds.
  - A dog named Chickie seemed like anything but man's best friend when she chewed up her owner's passport just days before his wedding in Italy. Fortunately, with a little help from local lawmakers as well as the community, a new one was issued in time for the nuptials to take place. As for Chickie, she was later given a mock "pupster passport!"
  - Culinary icon Ina Garten, aka the "Barefoot Contessa," was a nuclear policy analyst for the White House before embarking on a career in cookery.
  - A roll-on deodorant ball was the inspiration for Apple's first mouse prototype.
  - Despite their widely different climates, Alaska and Hawaii share a highest recorded temperature of 100 F.
  - Popular video game character Super Mario's original name was Jumpman. He was rechristened in honor of Mario Segale, Nintendo of America's landlord.
  - A 2016 study by Yale University found that people over the age of 50 who read books for more than three and a half hours per week had a 20% lower mortality risk over a 12-year period than nonbook readers.
  - Lachanophobia refers to the irrational fear of vegetables.
  - All the nearly 6,000 residents of Suloszowa village in Poland live along one 9-kilometer street.
  - While it's difficult to imagine anyone but Bruce Willis in the role of "Die Hard" hero John McClane, the part was originally offered to crooner Frank Sinatra, due to the film's technically being a sequel to "The Detective," in which Sinatra had played the lead.
  - To own a rabbit in Queensland, Australia, you must first prove you'll display it for an acceptable purpose.
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- Thought for the Day: "Don't go through life, grow through life." -- Eric Butterworth
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### CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **O** equals **M**

IFJM KDW BEDTJ KDWT ODMJK  
PTDO IDTU CMBGRJ V PDDEJR  
YVBJ, C TJXUDM KDW'R FVYJ  
WTMJR CMXDOJ.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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 Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023.

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.

The foreclosure sale is pursuant to the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Wissmiller and Marilyn K. Wissmiller, mort-

gators, to First National Bank of America, mortgagee, dated July 23, 2004, and recorded July 27, 2004, in Liber 404, page 125, of Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$35,143.27, including interest at 14.5 percent per annum. Said premises are described as: Parcel 1: Situated in Gustin Township, Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, Lot 4 of Lincoln Industrial Park, a subdivision recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 60, Alcona County records, c/k/a 620 S. Lake Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, and Parcel 2: Situated in Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 36, T27N, R8E, less the west 50 feet of the south 250 feet thereof, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes, c/k/a 2588 Apsey Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one

month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. The redemption period further may be shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3238(10) if the property is not adequately maintained, or if the purchaser is denied the opportunity to inspect the property. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, 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. Dated: September 13, 2023  
Randall T. LeVasseur, P41712  
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
3233 Coolidge Hwy  
Berkley, Mich. 48072  
(248) 236-1765  
9-13, 9-20, 9-27, 10-4

#### Notice to Creditors Richard E. Weichel Trust Dated September 20, 1999

To all creditors: The Settlor, Richard E. Weichel, born May 14, 1937, who resided at 5599 N. Hubbard Lake Road, Spruce, Mich. 38762, died on August 14, 2023. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letter of administration has been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Richard E. Weichel, personally and/or The Richard E. Weichel revocable living trust dated September 20, 1999, as amended, will forever be barred unless presented to: Thomas Jay Weichel or Amber E. Redlinger now serving as co-trustees at P.O. Box 189 Harrisville, Mich. 48740, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.  
Date: September 20, 2023  
Thomas Jay Weichel  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 189  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
9-20, 9-27, 10-4

#### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-6397-DE

Court address  
106 N. 5th Street,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Edward A. Zatyrcz  
Date of birth: January 12, 1953  
To all creditors:  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Edward A. Zatyrcz, died August 15, 2023.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bridget Woldt, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: September 27, 2023  
Dominic N. Hamden, P67745  
Attorney  
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Milan, Mich. 48160  
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Bridget Woldt  
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### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 11 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Roll call was taken. Present: Council members, Kaiser, Bean, and Vanderheuel; mayor pro tem Schwanz; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; and guests. Absent: Bauermeister and Mason.

Mayor pro tem Schwanz asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the 9-11 attack. Motion by Bean, support by Vanderheuel to approve agenda as amended to remove public finance meeting. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to approve amended minutes of August 14. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$86,208.90. Motion carried: 4-0.

In Correspondence, Schwanz shared mayor Gehring's acknowledgment of a thank you from the Harrisville Fireworks Fund; a thank you to the Harrisville Arts Council for its donation of 200 to the Harrisville Fire Department for helping erect the tent for the Wine and Food Festival; and a letter from summer boaters, to the harbor, thanking the staff for the wonderful job they do helping boating visitors to the harbor and the excellent upkeep of the buildings and area.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor shared with council the milage proposal for funding improvements and new structures to the school's campus. The special election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

Schwanz shared that a solar light has been installed at the base of the flag pole at Cuyler field. FOIA update: Schwanz reported that mayor Gehring is working on updating the current language of the city's FOIA guidelines.

Stairs at harbor update: Schwanz reported that mayor Gehring is in contact with Huron Engineering and is asking council approval for

him to pursue discussion with Huron Engineering. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser for mayor Gehring to continue negotiations with Huron Engineering for work to be done at the harbor stairway. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mary Peterson sent a letter of interest to be considered as a member of the tree board. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser to approve Mary Peterson as a member of the tree board. Motion carried: 4-0.

RRC update: Schwanz shared with council the ongoing opportunity for the city to contract with a NEMCOG representative to work with the city on its RRC development project. The cost for 15 months of consultation work would be \$10,000. A NEMCOG representative would be available to inform council at the October 9 city council meeting of the services provided by NEMCOG and guidelines and actions of the MEDC.

Hydrant flushing will be conducted between October 2 through October 20.

Schwanz shared the State Department of Treasury report of the assessment of roll and practices of which the city did very well in all venues.

Treasurer Luenberger indicated that Thursday, Sept. 14 is the last day to pay Summer 2023 taxes. The city office will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 for in-person payment of taxes. She asked to set a special budget meeting date. Discussion. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bean to set Thursday, Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m. for a special budget meeting. To be posted two weeks prior to meeting date. Motion carried: 4-0.

Planning Commissioner Liaison Schwanz reported there will be a public hearing by the planning commission to discuss changes to zoning ordinances to the city concerning provisioning center services and permitted and special land uses on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the city offices at 200 N. Fifth Street,

Harrisville. For more information, contact Planning Commission Chairperson Lane Schwanz at: plchairschwanz@harrisvillemi.org or the city offices at: harrisville@harrisvillemi.org.

Tree Board member Becky Bean announced a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 to discuss grant opportunities, future maintenance and upkeep.

County commissioner Johnston shared that the county commissioners are in negotiations with the sheriff's department. The county is interviewing for open positions in the equalization department. The county commissioners are investigating broadband access for the county.

Comment cards: Tim Slezsak talked of stocking the Mill Pond in April of 2024 with trout for a family fun day event. Tim also shared that State Representative Cam Cavitt will be available on Friday, Sept. 22 to discuss the future of fishing in Harrisville. Harry Harvey suggested that the city needs representation on a Fishing Advisory Board. Becky Bean and Sue Keller discussed the importance of mitigating light pollution in the city and the possibility of the city becoming a "Dark Sky" city. Monica Spears complained about the annual parade parking closures and that the website needs to be kept updated. Alderman Vanderheuel discussed if the businesses on Main Street could decorate their businesses for the upcoming seasonal holidays. Council members agreed that it would be a great idea. Vanderheuel also shared the interest of some members of council to investigate the possibility of live streaming the council meetings via a Zoom account and streaming them through YouTube.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to approve Main Street decorations pending approval by mayor. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion to adjourn by Vanderheuel, support by Bean. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next city council meeting: Monday, Oct. 19 at city hall at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board regular meeting held September 13 at 7:05 p.m. During regular meeting, motion passed to pay bills with changes. Motion passed to approve minutes August 9 for regular meeting and August 23 special meeting. Motion passed to approve supplies at Pleasant View Cemetery. Motion passed to purchase a new sign at cemetery. Motion passed to have hall deep cleaned since construction. The election committee will meet prior to the October regular meeting on October 11 at 6:30 p.m. Adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Synopsis is printed prior to

board approval.  
Cindy Smith  
Township Clerk

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# Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Wait times for community care

Despite the amount of attention paid to it over the years, the Department of Veterans Affairs still struggles with wait times for medical appointments. Wait time eligibility becomes crucial when a veteran seeks medical care through Community Care. With the wrong wait time, the veteran can be denied treatment out in the community. The calculation of wait times has to be exact, either 20 or 28 days depending on the type of care.

If you are a VA staffer in charge of making Community Care medical appointments for a veteran patient, which of the following options do you choose in setting the appointment for a patient and starting the wait time clock? The date the provider wants the patient to be seen ... the date the patient wants to be seen ... the date the care provider or the veteran makes a request for an appointment?

Only one of those is correct. The correct answer is that the starting date for calculating wait time is that moment when a care provider or veteran asks for an appointment.

Unfortunately, in one location, staff was using a combination of methods for calculating wait times using their own unauthorized wait time calculator they created from an online app. It threw off the numbers by 12 days, making it look like veterans were not eligible for Community Care.

The ongoing mistake only came to light when a trainer used that same calculator in another facility. At the same time, a veteran had been denied Community Care because the inaccurate calculations indicated that he was not wait-time eligible and he was given a VA facility appointment in-

stead. As a result, there was a congressional inquiry.

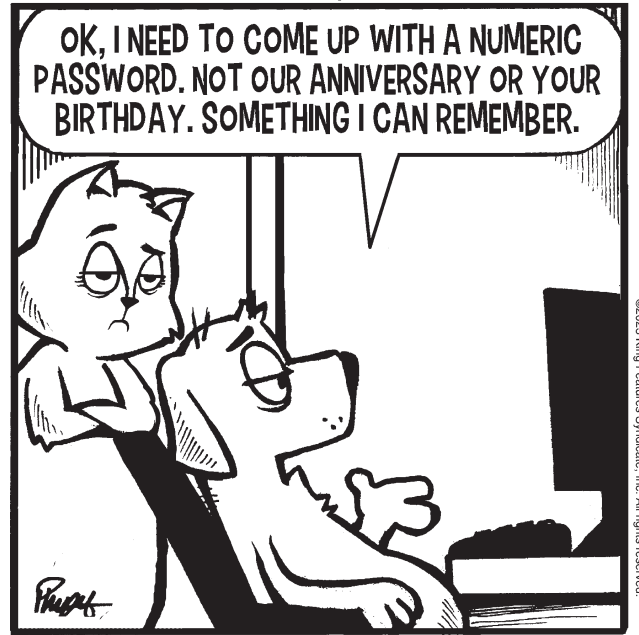
The Office of Inspector General for the VA stepped in and discovered a great big mess of confusion and inconsistency at both facilities due to staffers using a calculator that a member of staff had made.

If you want Community Care, you need VA approval first. To see if you qualify, read the fine print at [www.va.gov/CommunityCare](http://www.va.gov/CommunityCare).

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58.42 ACRES BEATON ROAD, HARRISVILLE MI. Have you been searching for up north recreational and hunting property for the whole family? This property will satisfy that, as this is definitely where the big bucks roam. Would you also love water that flows through the property so that you can also fish. This property has that too! Black River comes in, from the south property line and flows, year-round, throughout the property. Would you also love to bird hunt? Well, you're in luck on that too, this even has its own large pond for duck, goose and partridge hunting. Something that is not too far off the main road, just one mile off of US 23 (just north of Harrisville and south of Black River). This could be that rare property you never thought you would find. You will love and appreciate the trails already in place that will make it easy to get to and from all ends of the property. Or put on your rubber boots and walk up the river. There are two blinds that will stay, and a rye food plot that was recently planted. This property was recently split and recently surveyed with survey stakes still in place. \$174,000

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