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Alcona students get involved in food choices



Alcona Elementary fifth graders make pizza supreme bagels under the instruction of Crystal Schober, a food educator for America Farm Corps. (Left side, front to back) Jayden Raley, Joseph Ranger, Charles Woodbury, Nevaeh Liebler, Madeline Long, (right side) Damien Colosky, Haley Tessmer, Izzy Franklin and Tesla Greenwald. *Courtesy photo.*

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

To promote healthy eating habits and produce less food waste, Alcona Community School students have been allowed to make choices on what they like to eat and also grow the food they are being offered.

The farm-to-school approach is the result of Healthy Meals Initiative grants totaling nearly \$80,000 the school district received due to elementary science teacher Jenny Schroeder, who applied for the grants. These grants allowed the building of hoop houses, one, built a few years ago, next to the elementary school and a new one located near the high school.

The grants also covered the cost of a new salad bar for the high school and offered food director Kasey Cordes and high school lead cook, Lindsay Nardi, the opportunity to attend a national school nutrition conference held in St. Louis, Mo. last week.

"It was exciting and informative. We were able to network with others who are working on farm-to-school programs. I talked with a director from Alaska and he was able to secure 4,000 pounds of salmon from local fisherman for his school," Cordes said.

According to Cordes, schools across the country are utilizing what is grown and harvested in their regions. It got her thinking that perhaps, someday, the school district could harvest enough venison from local hunters for a school meal.

"Of course, that's off in the future, we'd have to do some work before that could happen. We did receive sweet corn the past two years from local farmers. We got enough for all 700 students. The kids

loved it," Cordes said.

She explained how the hoop houses incorporate educational components, such as garden-based learning, environmental awareness and even elementary cooking classes, giving students a better understanding of what goes into growing foods and ownership in food choices made in the schools.

To entice younger students to eat healthy the district acquired food educator Crystal Schober from the American Food Corps, a nonprofit organization. Schober has been working with elementary students since September and has re-signed to return to the school again next year.

"I teach 30-minute class sessions and try to include things they are working on in the classroom. If we have time, we work on a math lesson about how much the food costs per pound or serving or discuss fractions.

She also involves students in taste testing, encouraging them to try foods they may never have had before. "I ask them to try it and then tell me why they didn't like it. Not everyone likes the same food, but some, after trying it, decide they like it.

"We made pico de gallo and stuffed cabbage with vegetables students grew in the hoop house. The students got to take samples home with the recipe. Most of the kids try the food we cook.

"With the stuffed cabbage, some didn't like the cabbage but liked the inside of it. We tried radishes too. The first graders tried green peppers. Kids are very honest about what they don't like," Schober said.

Schober taught fifth-grade students a lesson on consumers, producers and decomposers. "I used a Pizza Supreme Recipe in class and they had to identify what the producers and decomposers were out of the recipe then we made pizza bagels. Each student had to put one item on their bagel that they had not tried before," she said.

At the beginning of the year, Schober surveyed elementary students on what healthy foods they liked. They then changed what they of-



Crystal Schober has been working with students since September and will return next year. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Sheriff's office picks up child safety ID project

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

To ensure that parents of Alcona County children have accurate and up-to-date child identification kits, the Alcona County Sheriff's Office and Alcona Community Schools will be holding an "Every Second Counts" event.

The event, to be held on Friday, May 17, will collect information for the kits containing the child's fingerprints with full details for parents to fill in about the child including contact information, physical attributes, medical information, dental charts, a place for the photo of the child and more.

Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson explained this kit is different from the old kits because it asks for a complete set of 10 fingerprints,

the old kits only asked for four fingerprints. It also has an easy DNA aspect to it.

At the event, they will have professionals collect fingerprints of each child. "People may not know there is a right way and a wrong way of collecting fingerprints and it takes time to learn how to fingerprint properly. We will be using actual ink and doing a full roll of the fingertip, not just a dab with an ink strip as with most kits," Stephenson said.

He explained once the fingerprints are collected the kit will go home with the student and no data will be collected from the kit for any other purpose. "The important thing for people to know is that we don't collect this information. It all goes home with the child for the parents

to keep. Nothing gets submitted to law enforcement, nothing will be collected for a database or anything like that. It goes home with the child for parents to pull out if there is ever an emergency," Stephenson said.

Students will only be offered the kits and be fingerprinted after a parent requests the kit through a form distributed by the school. The form must be turned in by Monday, May 13.

"One of the cool features of this kit is in the corner where the child places it in their mouth, closes their lips and the DNA is easily collected," Stephenson said. He said old kits using DNA swabs had to be placed in the freezer. This kit can be kept in a file or drawer wherever the parent can access it easily.

The plan is to first fingerprint the elementary students and then move to the middle and high school. "Our first concern is to make sure we are looking out for the very young kids that could be targeted for abduction or could easily get lost, but we also know there is a very real threat of human trafficking for teenagers and young adults, not just girls, but boys too. So, we want to make sure those parents who want the kits for them get fingerprinted too," Stephenson said.

According to Stephenson, a missing or abducted child is something no parent ever wants to think about, however, having accurate up-to-date information may give a parent some peace of mind.

He said having invaluable

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God Bless America



Obituaries

Ilene V. Hammel

Ilene V. Hammel, 91, of Harrisville died on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at home.

She was born May 21, 1932, to Louis J. and Ellen (Hartley) Kehr and was raised in Flint, Mich.

She was a devoted wife and loving mother. Her passions were as vibrant as her personality. Whether hand-quilting, knitting, or crocheting, her essence was as rich as the threads she wove. She found serenity tending to her garden and nurturing her beloved daffodils.

Mrs. Hammel is survived by her husband, James (Jim) Hammel; two daughters, Deborah Boccock and Denise (Lyn) Bell; one son, Dennis Foust; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one brother, Gerald Kehr.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Simmons; one sister, Marga-



ret Scott; and two brothers, Donald Kehr and Frederick Kehr.

Memorials may be sent to Friends of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Services were held privately.

Judith C. Urban

Judith C. Urban, 82, of Barton City, died on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born March 3, 1942, to Kenneth and Helen (Leasum) Anschutz in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., where she was raised.

On December 2, 1961, she married Louis Urban Jr. in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. They were longtime residents of Rogers City, Mich.

Mrs. Urban moved to Barton City in 1984. She was a devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City, where she was active in the ladies aid and Bible study. She taught Sunday school

and sang in the choir.

She enjoyed crochet and made countless hats and mittens for area children.

Mrs. Urban is survived by two daughters, Tracy (Dan) LeSage and Diana (Mark) Flerchinger; two sons, James Urban and Louis (Carol) Urban III; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two brothers, Ken (Mary) Anschutz, and Mike (Beth) Anschutz; several cousins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis, on April 13, 2012, and one great grandchild.

Cremation arrangements



were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced in the near future.

Anne M. Smith

Anne M. Smith, 79, of Spruce, died on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center, Alpena surrounded by her family.

She was born on November 7, 1944, to D.W. and Olive (Spoors) Richmond in Northville, Mich. They moved to Spruce shortly after, where she spent her life.

Mrs. Smith was a teaching assistant at Barton City and Harrisville elementary schools. She worked for Community Mental Health for several years, as well as at the Anchor Market. She was a notary public and a donation coordinator for the American Red Cross for over 20 years.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a founding member of

the South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She was the secretary for the Alcona County FireFighters Association for several years.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Carl; one daughter, Faith (Duane) LaFave of Spruce; one son, Rick (Paula) Smith of Spruce; two granddaughters, Cheryl LaFave and Brandy LaFave; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one son, Robert Smith.

A celebration of life event will be held Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. at the South Shore Fire Department Community Center. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona



Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, or the South Shore Fire Department, 367 W. Mt. Maria Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Barbara J. Martuch

Barbara J. Martuch, 84, of Mikado, died on Monday, April 8, 2024, at home.

She was born September 21, 1939, to Irwin Eugene and Bernita Rose (London) Sweet in Mikado, and has been a life-long resident of the area.

On June 3, 1988, she married Harold Martuch. She was a devoted homemaker and an excellent baker. She enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren for many years.

Mrs. Martuch worked at St. Vincent DePaul in Mikado, was a longtime member of the Mikado Goodfellows, and a member of the Alcona County Fair Board.

Mrs. Martuch is survived by one daughter, Denise (Mike) Lee, of Mikado; two sons, Douglas Travis and Richard Travis both of Mikado;

six grandchildren, Joanna (TJ) Griffin, Johnny (Aubrey) Smith, Brooke (Mike) Sommer, Melody Travis, Harmony (Alex Bump), and Brilee Travis; eight great-grandchildren; seven siblings, Charlie Sweet, Irene Hartman, Cathy (Clifford) Travis, Jeannie (Tom) D'Angelo, Jim (Jenny) Sweet, Debbie Thum, and Sandy (Russ) Scannavino; and numerous nieces, nephews.


She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold, on June 27, 1996; the father of her children, Delbert Travis; and two brothers-in-law, Jim Hartman and Karl Thum.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial gathering will be held in July. Memorial donations



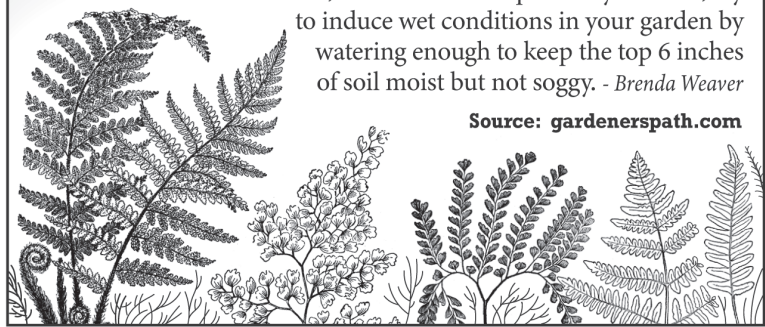
are suggested to the Mikado Goodfellows. The correct mailing address is: c/o 4366 Tait Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

(The Review apologizes for the previous incorrect address.)



Ferns generally prefer soil that is more acidic than alkaline, with lots of decaying organic matter and filtered light. Ferns prefer a highly moist environment, such as in a wetlands or along a water source, so if rain is infrequent in your area, try to induce wet conditions in your garden by watering enough to keep the top 6 inches of soil moist but not soggy. - Brenda Weaver

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Homeschoolers, seasoned and/or curious, are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. to offer inspiration and camaraderie for school-aged children. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come one time per month and must be present to receive food. Distribution is by curbside pickup. Recipients stay in their vehicle. Identification is required. Clients are accepted regardless of where they live. Bring a box or bag. Call (989) 727-3443 for details.

The Alcona County Library Board and the Curtis Township Library Board of Trustees will meet in the conference room of the Curtis Township Library in Glennie at 2 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 or (989) 735-2601 for information.

Celebrate "Western Night" from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Alcona Senior Center. Attendees are encouraged to wear county/western outfits. The meal will be served at 5 p.m. and includes chili, cornbread, pickled beets and peaches. A \$3 donation is suggested for folks 60 and over and for anyone under age 59, the cost is \$6. For more information, call (989) 334-3466.

Individuals are invited to join the newly formed Glennie Book Club, which meets the last Wednesday of every month for a journey through the pages of thought-provoking stories at the Curtis Township Library branch in Glennie at 3 p.m. Meet at the side entrance. Call (989) 735-2601 for more information.

Join local high school teacher, Andrew Wolfgang, as he shares many opportunities to find unique birds in Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. He will explain where and when to find unique birds and the ecology of Great Lakes birds will be discussed including why 2024 is going to be a great year to view birds along Lake Huron. There is no charge for admission. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena. For more information, call (989) 884-6200 or view thunderbay.noaa.gov and thunderbayfriends.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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

The first book sale of the year will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There is a treasure

trove of books spanning every genre imaginable. Call (989) 724-6796, for details.

Join the newly organized Quilt Club at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, at 2 p.m. in the dining room. Seniors are welcome to bring in completed quilting squares and/or quilts. For more information, call Megan at (989) 334-3466.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

The first book sale of the year will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There is a treasure trove of books spanning every genre imaginable. Call (989) 724-6796, for details.

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it's about unleashing the joy of discovery. Learning about financial literacy is featured with a special book and activities from "Owl + Otter" For information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Northeast MI Genealogical Society will present "Exploring Your Roots" at the Alpena Public Library at 12:30 p.m. A tour of the special collections and archives will be included in this presentation. Admission is free.

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.

Helping Addicts' Loved Ones (HALO) will meet at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush at 7 p.m. For details contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

The ninth annual celebrity basketball game with the Alpena DARE All Stars and the Lions Superstars will begin at 7 p.m. at the Alpena Thunder Bay Junior High School gymnasium, 3500 South Third Ave, Alpena. Proceeds go to the Alpena DARE Foundation and will benefit drug awareness and law enforcement scholarship in local schools. Tickets are \$25 or two tickets for \$40, and family ticket for \$50. Order tickets online at aplenadare.publicsafety.com. For more details, or to get tickets via phone, call (800) 810-7410.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

The first book sale of the year will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There is a treasure trove of books spanning every genre imaginable. Call (989) 724-6796, for details.

Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to

3 p.m., which meets upstairs at the Hollyhock Emporium in Harrisville. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

Everyone is invited to the annual Alcona GospelFest sponsored by Inspiration Alcona. Ecumenical choir rehearsal begins at 10 a.m. and goes on until the free community concert at 4 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche in the Woods, Spruce. For more information and choir registration, call Lynn at (989) 657-4773, or go to InspirationAlcona.org. The church is located six miles north of M-72 off of Hubbard Lake Road.

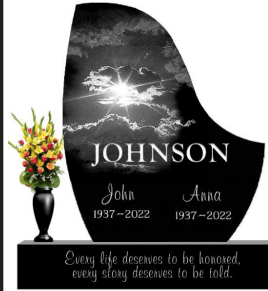
The annual spring meeting for the Craftmakers' Cabin will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street, Harrisville. Any interested crafters are welcome to attend. Call Nancy at (734) 904-0108 for details about joining the co-op.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

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Haynes Township will reimburse residents 50% of the cost, with a maximum reimbursement of \$150.00 for dust control of their roads for the 2024 summer season. Submit receipt by 1 Nov. Suppliers in the area are: C & S Dust Control of Alpena 989-356-4264

BIDS WANTED

Curtis Township is currently seeking bids on repainting the "Glennie" signs that are located both North and South on M 65. Bids can be mailed to Curtis Township Clerk, Attn: Bid P.O. Box 90 Glennie, MI 48737 or emailed to curtistownshipclerk@gmail.com Bids must be received by May 8th.

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NOTICE

The City of Hanisville is accepting applications for Summer Help. The position is a 30-hour per week temporary position, that involves mowing, trimming, painting and other city maintenance projects. A valid driver's license is required. Applicant must be 18 "years of age. Applications are available at the City Office-200 5th St. 9:30 AM-12 Noon daily, 989-724-6666. Deadline for applying is noon Friday, May 10, 2024.

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL NOTICE

Gustin Township agrees to reimburse 50% of the cost of **C & S Dust Control**, *up to 300' – maximum of \$174.00* for any owner/resident of a parcel of property bordering a county gravel road of Gustin Township. Private Roads and driveways are EXEMPT. Receipts must be submitted by August 31, 2024 to
Gustin Township Clerk,
Renee LaVergne
P.O. Box 25
Lincoln, MI 48742.

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL OSCODA AREA SCHOOLS ELECTION
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that the SPECIAL OSCODA AREA SCHOOLS election will be held on **Tuesday, MAY 7, 2024**. the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling locations.

Curtis Township	Fire Hall, 5019 Bamfield Road, Glennie
Greenbush Township	Township Hall, 5039 E. Campbell Street, Greenbush
Gustin Township	Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41 Mikado
Mikado Township	Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Alcona County residents will be voting on the following proposal:

Oscoda Area Schools Bond Proposal

Full text of the ballot proposals and sample ballots may be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk. Sample ballots may also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Registered electors may apply for an absentee ballot with the City or Township clerk where they are registered.

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille. Arrangements for obtaining instructions for these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City or Township clerk in advance of the election.

Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

Library Book Sale

Get a head start on summer reading material... peruse the huge selection of books at the book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on April 25, 26 and 27. There are special sets of Nancy Drew, Stuart Woods, World War II, all varieties of Harlequin, and a Time-Life historical set. There is also a selection of large-print books, plus Westerns, mysteries, fiction, history, gardening, sci-fi, military, health, self-help, religion/spiritual, action-adventure, romance, art, nonfiction, children's books, and more. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

- Monday, April 29: Lasagna, California vegetable blend, apple sauce.
- Tuesday, April 30: Chicken stew, biscuit, banana.
- Wednesday, May 1: Corn dogs, three-bean salad, French fries, tropical fruit.
- Thursday, May 2: Chicken enchiladas, grilled peppers and onions, borracho beans, Spanish rice, Jell-O. * Cinco de Mayo celebration.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by



Twenty-one participants from northeast Michigan attend the Alcona and Iosco Conservation Districts' fruit tree grafting workshop in Harrisville last Saturday. Russel Williams (left), conservation district forester, and grafting experts Eric Brandon (right) and Joe Lukasiewicz (not pictured) were the instructors for the workshop. The three-hour program focused primarily on apple tree characteristics and growth, grafting (cloning) varieties onto dwarfing rootstocks, and after planting care of the three apple trees participants grafted on their own. *Courtesy photo.*

8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

• A Mother's Day dinner will be held May 9 from 4-5 p.m. See next week's menu for more details.

• **Mother's Day Breakfast** will be served at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln starting at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required by May 7. Tickets are sold at the front desk, cost \$5. Menu is egg scramble with meat and potatoes, coffee, milk and orange juice will be available. Call (989) 334-3466 for more information.

AHS Needs Volunteers

National Volunteer Week is celebrated this week, and the Alcona Historical Society would appreciate all of the volunteers who have helped the group in the last year. The historical society couldn't do it without volunteers. At this time of national volunteerism celebration, the Alcona Historical Society is also asking community members to help at one of the museums this season.

• The historical society is gearing up for the 2024 opening of the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, gift shop, and Bailey School at Sturgeon Point State Park and at the train depot in Lincoln. The season at Sturgeon Point begins May 24, ends September 2; and then it will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• The Lincoln Depot will be open Saturdays in July and August from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special events planned for the summer include Family Fun Day at the Lighthouse on Saturday, Aug. 3 and the Bay to Beacon Half Marathon on August 17.

The society depends on volunteers to staff and sup-

port operations at these popular tourist destinations. Its board members encourage anyone interested in having fun while learning about local history, meeting visitors from all over the world, helping with a special event, or pitching in to help with whatever needs to be done, to consider volunteering some of their time this summer. Volunteers are welcome whether it is just for a few hours or several days and training is provided.

Visit the website for more information: www.alconahistoricalociety.com. Email the society at: ahs.alconahistoricalociety.com, or text or call Kristin at (989) 471-2088.

Ascension Open House

Chronic wounds affect an estimated 6.7 million people in the U.S., and that number is rising due to an aging population and increased prevalence of diabetes, obesity and the late effects of radiation therapy. In August, Ascension St. Joseph Hospital opened a wound care center to improve access to care for people living in northern Michigan communities who have difficult-to-heal or non-healing wounds.

An open house will be held on Monday, May 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Ascension St. Joseph Hospital Wound Care Center, 200 Hemlock Road, Tawas City, for individuals to learn more about the comprehensive care available for wounds that are hard to heal such as diabetic foot ulcers, pressure injuries/ulcers, surgical wounds, compromised tissue flaps/grafts and bony or soft tissue wounds resulting from radiation treatment.

A meet and greet with Ascension St. Joseph Hospital's

Alcona baseball splits at Hillman

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team traveled to Hillman last Thursday for a battle between two quality North Star League teams. The Tigers won the first game of the crossover meeting 10-2, but dropped game two, 13-5.

"Was a good win, everything we did was working," head coach Dru Carson said of game one.

Vinny Mahalak got the win in relief, going four innings and giving up two runs and one hit. Evan Borsvold started the game, tossed two innings and gave up one hit and struck out seven.

On offense, Garrett Somers, Collin Walker and Cayden Hebert had two hits and two RBI each.

In game two, Somers took the loss, as he went three innings and gave up eight runs on four hits, and he also struck out five. Mahalak threw the final three innings and gave up five runs on four hits to go along with five strikeouts.

Gavin Dellar had one hit and two RBI to highlight the offense.

"Overall, not a bad outing for us," Carson said. "This is my first win against Hillman in the three years I've been here. Still some things we need to work on."

On Monday, April 15 Alcona played two non-league games with visiting Roscommon and won both, 8-7 and 13-12.

"Great team win by the boys, stayed in the game the entire time," Carson said of game one.

Mahalak got the win in relief, going two innings and striking out four batters in the first game. Borsvold threw the first three innings, gave up one earned run on three hits and he struck out seven.

Dellar had two doubles. Walker had two hits, two RBI and two steals. Mahalak added two hits and one RBI.

In the second game Somers got the victory. He threw the final two innings and gave up five runs on zero hits and four strikeouts. Ricky Schott started the game and struck out five batters.

Dellar had a walk-off two-run double that finished off what was a wild contest. Borsvold had one hit and two RBI.

"This game was crazy," Carson said. "At the end we were down 12-2 going into the bottom of the fourth, which was the last inning due to darkness and we managed to score 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth to win the game. Overall good outing against Roscommon."

The Tigers played at home against Hale on Monday, April 22, will host AuGres on Thursday, April 25, and travel to Atlanta on Monday, April 29.

Lady Tigers drop games on the road

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Defensive miscues cost the Alcona varsity softball team any chance of getting a win at Hillman last Thursday.

The Lady Tigers were unable to field the ball as well as head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt would have liked, and as a result, lost both ends of the North Star League crossover softball games on scores of, 18-4 and 21-6.

"Overall, it was a rough night defensively for us as a team as a whole," Neuenfeldt said. "We made many errors that caused multiple runs to score and base runners to advance. We've talked about where to go from this game. We are leaving it behind us and ready to tackle this week as we play Hale and AuGres."

Miah Schopfer took the loss pitching in game one. She went five innings and gave up 12 runs on seven hits, three strikeouts and six walks.

Riley Tracy had a big offensive highlight by hitting a home run over the centerfield fence. Jena Wambold and Claire Somers also singled.

In game two, Addison

Beatty took the loss pitching; she went five innings and struck out three batters.

Beatty also had a good game on offense, getting three singles. Olivia Borchardt and Wambold both doubled. Schopfer and Tracy had one single each.

On Monday, April 15 the Lady Tigers hosted non-league foe Roscommon and picked up a pair of 15-0 three inning mercy victories.

In game one, Schopfer got the win, going three innings and giving up one hit while striking out five.

Sage Gauthier, Schopfer, Beatty, Borchardt and Somers all had multiple hits. Ellyana Grimshaw had an inside-the-park home run.

Game two featured Beatty with the win as she went three innings, gave up two hits and fanned three batters.

The offense featured Schopfer hitting two doubles and a triple. Beatty and Somers had two hits. Wambold also had two hits, one of which was an inside-the-park home run. Gauthier doubled and Borchardt added a single.

The Lady Tigers host AuGres on Thursday, April 25 and travel to Atlanta for a road contest on Monday, April 29.

Alcona golfers take eighth at Maple Leaf

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity golf team took part in an 18-hole event at Maple Leaf Golf Course in Linwood, Mich. last Friday. The Tigers shot a team score of 359 and finished in eighth place out of 14 teams at the event.

They were led by Giovanni Paluch who was 17th with a round of 83.

Nathanael Henderson was 28th by carding an 89. Collin Walker came in at 36th with a 91. Edward Hechlik was 50th with a 98. Cuyler Smith shot a 96 to come in 46th and Ben Myers was 68th thanks to a 117.

Alcona will be at Lakewood Shores in Oscoda on Wednesday, April 25, and also hosts a meet at Lost Lake Woods Club on Wednesday, May 1.

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ferred certain age groups for breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria, which has helped cut down on food waste.

Elementary lead cook Bobbie Fall has also instituted a "Try Day Friday" program where she picks out a new healthy recipe for students to try such as mighty mac burgers, chicken ramen, grilled chicken pretzel melt and beef and cheddar pockets.

Students are rewarded with stickers or small toys for trying the food. While some recipes don't go over well, others, like the chicken ramen and the beef and cheddar pockets, that received raves from students are put on the rotational menu.

"We picked up one of those recipes, a hash brown casse-

role and serve it at the high school/middle school level now. I even made it for my husband and he thought it was very good," Cordes said.

She said one of the favorite lunches for high school students is the chef salad where the students can pick what meats, cheeses and other offerings they want on their salads.

Due to the high amount of poverty levels in the county, breakfast and lunch are still offered to all students of the school district free of charge. "There is a barrier between people struggling financially and the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables they eat, so we try to provide as much as we can to students at school," Cordes said.

Fresh eggs are also on Cordes' mind and she is looking into having elementary and high school students raise chickens for eggs. She did meet with some opposition from the USDA but has since found out the Sugar Shack at the high school is certified to raise chickens, so she may be able to work around that.

Cordes, who has been in the food service position just over two years, is excited about being at the helm of some positive nutritional changes for the future.

She hopes any farmers with a large surplus of fresh food will contact the school by calling (989) 736-8534, ext. 4508. or email her at Cordesk@alconaschools.net.



The Alcona High School food staff members show off some of the high school student's favorite salads. (From left) Lindsay Nardi, lead cook; Cindy Sharboneau, food service director; Kasey Cordes; and Grace Griggs. Photo by Mary Weber.

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tools such as a child identification kit assists law enforcement in swiftly initiating a search and rescue operation. "Years ago, the Masons did child identification kits in the county and they were done extremely well. When COVID hit, they discontinued the practice.

"We wanted to bring it back. A new kit should be done for each child at least every four years. We don't have many child abductions in our

county, but God forbid if we ever did, this would be vital information to have," Stephenson said.

He said anyone can purchase the Every Second Counts kit for about \$10, but law enforcement is only charged \$2 per kit. He said they were able to secure 200 kits with the help of the Dana Marie Suicide Awareness Fund which paid for them.

Dana Marie Cole was an Alcona Community School

student who tragically took her life at the age of 12 in 2002. Since then, family and local friends have raised funds at an annual auction and corn hole tournament to benefit suicide awareness, adolescent mental health and other causes such as the child identification kits.

Americanisms



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— Ayn Rand

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NFL Teams With Most Super Bowl Wins

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- 3/4 San Francisco 49ers, 5
Dallas Cowboys, 5
- 5/6/7 Kansas City Chiefs, 4
Green Bay Packers, 4
New York Giants, 4
- 8/9/10 Denver Broncos, 3
L.A./Oakland Raiders, 3
Washington Commanders, 3

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On behalf of the family of Barbara Martuch we would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Alcona 911 dispatch, Mikado First Responders (Wayne Odell, Tim MacDonald, John Parsons), Alcona County Sheriff Deputies and Alcona EMS for their efforts to try and save our mothers life. A special thank you to Gillies Funeral Home for helping us through this difficult time. We appreciate the support we have received from the community.
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Savvy Senior

Dear Just,
Even if you haven't touched a cigarette in decades, you could still be due for an annual lung cancer screening, based on new recommendations from the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The new guidelines state that adults ages 50 to 80 who

currently smoke or used to smoke the equivalent of one pack a day for 20 years should get an annual low dose computed tomography scan (also called a CT scan), no matter how long ago you quit.

ACS guidelines previously

said that those who quit 15 or more years ago were in the clear. But new studies have shown that expanding screening eligibility saves lives, even among people who quit smok-

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Local Notes



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newest orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine physician, Dr. David Lemos, will also take place at the open house. Dr. Lemos is board-certified and experienced in providing a continuum of services including total joint care for knee, hip and shoulder, foot and ankle reconstruction and deformity correction. He also performs arthroscopy of the shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle, with procedures to include rotator cuff repairs, ACL reconstruction and meniscus repair. As a sports medicine physician, he offers

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Event parking is available in Ascension St. Joseph Hospital's surgery center lot. The open house, and physician meet and greet, will be held in the surgery center lobby. Tours of the wound care center will be available and physicians, nurses and clinical staff will be available to talk about the services and treatment offered. Light refreshments will be served.

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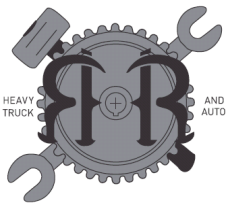
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Calendar of Events



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

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4:30 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.

A Spring Concert will be presented by the Sunrise Side Ringers at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 N. State Street, Harrisville. Everyone is welcome.

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

NE Michigan UAW Retirees RWC No. 31474 will meet at 11 a.m. at JJ's Steak and Pizza House, 411 2nd Ave., Alpena. There will be representatives from the UAW Trust and BCBS at the meeting. Attendees can have lunch for \$8. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact David Fletcher, chairman, at (248) 444-1193.

Homeschoolers, seasoned and/or curious, are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. to offer inspiration and camaraderie for school-aged children. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Veterans and spouses and widow(er)s are invited to join other retired military members for a drop-in coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 3

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is not just about learning; it's about unleashing the joy of discovery. Learning about financial

literacy is featured with a special book and activities from "Owl + Otter" For information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4

A Gun and Knife Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 2205 Alger Street, Mikado. The event, sponsored by the Glennie Sportsman Club, will include buying, selling and trading of guns and knives and more. All local, state and federal laws apply. For more information, call (937) 416-5504 or email: mailbox@glenniesportsmansclub.com.

Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., which meets upstairs at the Hollyhock Emporium in Harrisville. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

A Kentucky Derby Fundraiser will begin at 4 p.m. at the Cedar Grove Bar & Grill, 1405 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hubbard Lake Community Association's building fund.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

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

"Golden Grocery Giveaway" (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 205 Church Street, Lincoln.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come one time per month and must be present to receive food. Distribution is by curbside pickup. Recipients stay in their vehicle. Identification is required. Clients are accepted regardless of where they live. Bring a box or bag. Call (989) 727-3443 for details.

(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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Burglars secure but little loot

Break into Post Office And Attempt Pizer's Store

April 24, 1924 ~ Burglars forced their way into the post office last (Wednesday) night, entering through the south window which they raised after first breaking the glass and opening the catches.

The burglars first attempted a window in the east end of the building by trying to turn the catch with a knife blade pushed through between the sashes. Blood on the window indicates that they abandoned this attempt only after cutting themselves.

Postmaster Ethel Colwell discovered the robbery on finding the rear door bolted on the inside when she went to enter the building next morning. She has as yet discovered nothing missing except some pennies and nickels—not to exceed seventy cents. A small quantity of stamps in a drawer was undisturbed and the safe was not molested.

The robbers also tried to break into S. B. Pizer's store in the Odd Fellow building across a narrow alley from the post office. They broke a window pane and forced the top sash down a little before abandoning their efforts.

The burglars evidently left in a hurry, for they left some of their implements behind.

Disastrous fires blaze at Mikado

Two Dwellings, Store, Farm House And Barn Go Up In Smoke

April 24, 1924 ~Disastrous fires visited the village of Mikado and vicinity during the week, wiping out two dwellings, a store in the town and the farm home and barn of Geo. Loyer.

The two dwelling houses were located on the south side of the main street of the village between Odd Fellow Hall and the residence of W. C. Shepard and were owned, one by Mrs. Argyle and Geo. McGitire, and the other by Jos. J. Kahn. The Argyle house caught first and the fire was communicated to the Kahn dwelling which was dynamited as a measure of safety for the rest of the town.

Both houses were vacant, and it is said the fire originated from burning rubbish. These fires occurred Thursday afternoon.

Many people from the surrounding country and Harrisville and Lincoln rushed in to help. The large chemical engine from Harrisville made the 12 mile run, but the flames

were under check when it arrived.

Saturday afternoon sparks from a chimney set fire to the roof of Geo. Loyer's farm home south of Mikado and from this, flying brands started a blaze at the barn about 20 rods away. Both were destroyed, together with a large part of the contents of the house and about six tons of hay in the barn.

The Loyer buildings and the Kahn house were partially covered by insurance carried on the T. B. Cook agency. Mrs. Argyle carried a small amount of insurance with another agency.

Monday morning about 2:00 o'clock fire was discovered in J. H. Frayer's store and the building and entire stock of general merchandise became a total loss. The flames spread so rapidly that members of the family, who occupied the second story as living quarters, had narrow escapes, some of them getting out in their night clothes

and barefooted. Their clothing, money, and other personal effects all were destroyed.

C. A. Johnson & Son's grocery store which stands four feet to the east of the burned building was considerably damaged but by a miracle escaped total destruction. The stock was hurriedly removed, and the flames were fought from inside the building. Possibly a hundred dollars will cover the damage.

To the west of the Frayer building the Odd Fellow Hall came in for its second scorching during the week, having had a narrow escape in the fire of Thursday afternoon. This time the paper siding was burned through over a large area and the boards underneath scorched almost to the blazing point.

Negotiations were under way for sale of the Frayer business but had not been wholly consummated when the fire occurred.

Detroit man murdered near Curran

April 25, 1974 ~ A 32-year-old Detroit man was shot and killed, Friday, April 19, about 3 p.m., at the home of his uncle, John Killen, located north of M-72, on Peake Rd., between Barton City and Curran, in Millen Township. A woodsman working nearby called the Sheriff's Office after someone came running from the house calling for help.

The dead man was identi-

fied by Sheriff **Martin Gehres** as Alfred Killen. He and a friend had reportedly arrived at the home of his uncle from Detroit Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Two investigators from the Michigan State Police crime lab in Lansing, were summoned to investigate the killing. They escaped injury when their propeller driven, seven-passenger plane belly-landed Saturday morning on a grass

air strip near M-65, about a mile north of Curran.

According to officials, the pilot "neglected to lower the landing gear."

As a result of the investigation John Killen, a 56-year-old retired farmer, faces arraignment in District Court on an open charge of murder, and will appear before Judge Edwin Bartlett (today) Wednesday, April 24.

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By Fifi Rodriguez

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2. **U.S. STATES:** Which northeastern state has a desert?
3. **MOVIES:** Which long-running movie series features the character Legolas?
4. **ANATOMY:** What does the lacrimal gland produce?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** Ellesmere Island belongs to which nation?
6. **SCIENCE:** Which of the human senses is most closely related to memory?
7. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
8. **TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features a mom named Rainbow Johnson?
9. **THEATER:** Who wrote the play "A Little Night Music"?
10. **MUSIC:** Which alternative rock band went by the name of The Warlocks before becoming famous?

Answers: 1. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.; 2. The 40-acre Desert of Maine.; 3. "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" trilogies.; 4. Tears.; 5. Canada.; 6. Smell.; 7. "Toward better things."; 8. "Black-ish."; 9. Stephen Sondheim.; 10. The Grateful Dead. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 6, 1979, more than 65,000 anti-nuclear power demonstrators marched on the U.S. Capitol in protest against more nuclear power plants. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader had described nuclear power as "our country's technological Vietnam." The group was formed after the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant.
 - On May 7, 1934, the Pearl of Lao Tzu, almost 10 inches around and weighing about 14 pounds, was found by a diver in a giant clam in the Palawan Sea. Gemologists did not consider it to be a true pearl, however, as it did not have the iridescence of true pearls.
 - On May 8, 1988, Stella Nickell, who put cyanide in Excedrin capsules, including her husband's, as well as five additional bottles she placed on store shelves in the Seattle area, was convicted of her husband's murder and that of Susan Snow, who had ingested one of the capsules and died instantly.
 - On May 9, 2005, the Thorp processing plant in Sellafield, U.K., experienced a leakage of about 20 tons of nuclear material via a cracked pipe. While the leak was contained and didn't impose a risk to the public, the estimated cost to repair the damage was expected to fall heavily on taxpayers.
 - On May 10, 1899, singer/actor/dancer Fred Astaire was born in Omaha, NE. Widely considered the most influential dancer in the history of film, his stage and subsequent movie and television careers spanned a total of 76 years.
 - On May 11, 2006, a Chinese website called Baidupedia was launched in China. The American website Wikipedia had been growing in popularity in China until the government banned it in 2005. Baidupedia was set to feature a similar format of a user-created encyclopedia, though it would be subjected to far heavier self-censorship in order to remain in good standing with the country's government.
 - On May 12, 1981, following the death of IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands on May 5, a second striker, 25-year-old Francis Hughes, died of starvation in Northern Ireland's Maze Prison.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Theater district</p> <p>7 Butcher's cleaver</p> <p>14 Winter melon variety</p> <p>20 Replacing, with "of"</p> <p>21 Privy person</p> <p>22 Ill-willed sorts</p> <p>23 Arranged cheddar brands in order of sharpness?</p> <p>25 Arctic jacket</p> <p>26 Capitol fig.</p> <p>27 Collectible toon frame</p> <p>28 Per each unit</p> <p>29 Set to move forward, as a car</p> <p>30 Boldly courageous after January 1?</p> <p>34 Second shoot of a scene</p> <p>37 Nevertheless</p> <p>38 "— -daisy!"</p> <p>39 Paleolithic period</p> <p>41 Letter-shaped track in metalworking</p> <p>43 Attach, as to a lapel</p> | <p>48 Pre-TiVo machine</p> <p>49 — Lanka</p> <p>50 Comparable in humility to one particular sorority member?</p> <p>53 Quick glance</p> <p>55 Not durable</p> <p>57 Groups of four</p> <p>58 Underscore</p> <p>61 Law school beginner</p> <p>62 Think up</p> <p>64 Big Steinway played by your father's father?</p> <p>69 Condo policy about animals</p> <p>70 Dime, e.g.</p> <p>71 Passover feasts</p> <p>73 Canonized seventh-cen. pope</p> <p>76 Hotel bar</p> <p>78 Tug sharply</p> <p>79 Wrapping a wound on the noggin?</p> <p>82 Sit-up targets</p> <p>85 Chou En- —</p> <p>86 2003 #1 hit for OutKast</p> <p>87 Artist's stand</p> | <p>88 Raconteur's offering</p> <p>90 "... and — it all over again!"</p> <p>91 Young boy</p> <p>93 Complained petulantly</p> <p>94 Lion's hunting recollections?</p> <p>102 River in central Jersey</p> <p>103 Certain shade provider</p> <p>104 Certain shade provider</p> <p>105 Chinese chairman</p> <p>108 More asinine</p> <p>109 Reversible fabric used during operations?</p> <p>113 Rich, filled pastry</p> <p>114 Daughter on "Bewitched"</p> <p>115 And others, to Caesar</p> <p>116 Rages</p> <p>117 — & Gamble</p> <p>118 Confirm officially</p> | <p>SOLVING DA PUZZLE</p> <p>3 Ladd or Alda</p> <p>4 Pot cover</p> <p>5 Petit four and Sally Lunn</p> <p>6 Piercing spot, often</p> <p>7 Prefix with air</p> <p>8 Coop up</p> <p>9 Fireplace receptacle</p> <p>10 Secure with string, say</p> <p>11 Skilled</p> <p>12 Ballot marks</p> <p>13 Afore</p> <p>14 Lon of old horror films</p> <p>15 Classic root beer brand</p> <p>16 Raconteur's offering</p> <p>17 Eagle's nest</p> <p>18 Cry to a prima donna</p> <p>19 Interrogator</p> <p>24 Part of REO</p> <p>29 Put into office</p> <p>30 Ex-veep Quayle</p> <p>31 "Science Guy" Bill</p> <p>32 Island dance</p> <p>33 Heroic poetry</p> <p>34 Answers an evite, e.g.</p> <p>35 "And so on and so on": Abbr.</p> <p>36 Bullfight hero</p> <p>40 PC image file</p> <p>41 High-voltage transformer</p> <p>42 Cloudland</p> <p>43 Peppermint — (York treat)</p> <p>44 "Bring it on!"</p> <p>45 Nuggets' org.</p> <p>46 Unusual</p> <p>47 "Stillmatic" rapper</p> <p>50 Prized Chinese vases</p> <p>51 The "E" of FEMA: Abbr.</p> <p>52 Big jumps</p> <p>54 Eisenhower's successor</p> <p>56 Politico Trent</p> <p>59 Floor-scrubbing robot brand</p> <p>60 Old photo tint</p> <p>62 Carding at a club, e.g.</p> <p>63 "Well, shoot!"</p> <p>65 Held back</p> <p>66 Adjective follower, often</p> <p>67 Comedian Kevin</p> <p>68 Very fancy</p> <p>72 Did the slopes</p> <p>73 "Quit talking!"</p> <p>74 No-frills shirt</p> <p>75 Set (down)</p> <p>76 Bigger than med.</p> <p>77 Suffix with Ecuador</p> <p>80 Groove for receiving the end of a board</p> <p>81 Not worth — (valueless)</p> <p>83 Perplex</p> <p>84 Structured frameworks</p> <p>88 Big fuss</p> <p>89 Belittle, informally</p> <p>90 Ill-fated flier of myth</p> <p>91 Actor Joseph Gordon- —</p> <p>92 "Cocoon" co-star Don</p> <p>94 Bluenoses</p> <p>95 Charged toward</p> <p>96 Poet's Muse</p> <p>97 Casual eatery</p> <p>98 Best players</p> <p>99 — -Croatian</p> <p>100 Sorcery</p> <p>101 Family mem.</p> <p>105 African nation</p> <p>106 "Not likely!"</p> <p>107 Thumbs-up</p> <p>109 Motor oil additive brand</p> <p>110 Nasser's fed.</p> <p>111 River of Bern</p> <p>112 Yoga surface</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The Aztec death whistle produces a horrifying sound sometimes described as "the scream of a thousand corpses."
 - "Miracle" berries stop human taste buds from discerning sourness for about 30 minutes.
 - Beginning in June of 1979, as Skylab's re-entry approached, many American newspapers jokingly proposed "Skylab insurance," which would pay their subscribers for death or injury caused by flying orbiter fragments.
 - There's a territory in Costa Rica called Territorio de Zaguates, or Land of the Strays, which is basically a huge, no-kill dog shelter where one can hike for free with the canines.
 - And while we're on the subject of dogs: "Dogfooding" is the term for using a company's product to gain the trust of customers. It's said a dog food company president ate a can of the firm's food in a shareholders meeting to demonstrate that "if it's good for me, it's good for your dog." We'll take his word for it, thank you.
 - The fertilizer used by the tobacco industry is radioactive.
 - In 1970, actor Bill Murray joked to a fellow airline passenger that he had two bombs in his bag. The jst backfired when U.S. marshals searched his luggage, discovered \$20,000 worth of marijuana, and arrested him.
 - The Black Diamond is a rare (and expensive) apple, with its jet-black hue, sweeter-than-honey taste, and crispness unmatched by any other apple. But don't look for it in your local grocery store; you'll only find this gem in Tibet.
 - De-scented skunks make great pets, similar to ferrets. They're extremely docile and can even learn tricks and be called by name.
 - Louis Chevrolet died bankrupt and poor working as a mechanic for the company he started.
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- Thought for the Day: "Don't spend time beating on a wall, hoping to turn it into a door." -- Coco Chanel
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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: P equals W

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 VMNDL LTX PNCOF'W SVCYNDW
 XSYOW: PYKZXF-QXFYV.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on April 8 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said.
 Roll call was taken: Kaiser, Bauermeister, Mason, Schwanz, Vanderheuel, Bean. 6-0. Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce, and guests.
 Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser, to approve agenda. Motion carried: 6-0. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean, to approve the minutes of March 11. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister, to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,488.61. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Mayor Gehring shared Kathy Asheton's request to use Main Street and Lake Street for the 4th of July Kid's Parade on Saturday, July 6 from noon to 2 p.m. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to approve closure of Main Street on Saturday, July 6 from noon to 2 p.m. for the annual 4th of July Kid's Parade. Discussion included placement of no parking signs one hour prior to the parade start. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to approve use of the harbor pavilion for post-parade festivities up to 3:30 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Mayor Gehring discussed options for the approval of Inspiration Alcona rental of the harbor pavilion from Friday, June 14 to Friday, Sept. 6 with consideration of use of the public bathrooms at the harbor building.
 Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, to table further discussion about Inspiration Alcona harbor pavilion rental request to the May 13 city council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.
 As a member of the Wine and Food Festival committee, Alderman Vanderhuel is asking city permission to use the upper parking lot at the harbor and surrounding area for the annual Wine and Food Festival, scheduled for Saturday, July 13. Discussion. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean to approve use of the upper parking lot for the annual Wine and Food Festival on Saturday, July 13, subject to all liabilities being fulfilled by the committee and submitted to the city. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Request by Tim Slezack to use Mill Pond property for fishing on opening day of trout season, Saturday, April 27. Mayor Gehring provided information to council in the absence of Mr. Slezack. Discussion. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz, to approve request of Mill Pond usage pending proof of liability and accompanying paperwork. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Mayor Gehring brought to council a proposal for placement of fish display hooks at the DNR site in conjunction with the fishing site sign already in place at a cost of \$750. Discussion. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to approve expenditure of \$750 for the fish display

hooks at the DNR site. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Hydrant flushing will be May 6 through May 17.
 Clerk Pierce reminded anyone interested in running for the offices of city mayor, treasurer, clerk and a seat on each of the three wards, to contact the city office for the necessary paperwork needed to file as a candidate to qualify for the August, 2024 primary election. The deadline for the clerk to receive all paperwork is Tuesday, April 23 at 4 p.m. at the city office. For more information, call the city office at (989) 724-6666.
 Clerk Pierce requested permission to place a summer help ad in the local newspaper. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister to approve placement of summer help ad. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Tree Advisory Council member Becky Bean addressed the need for the City of Harrisville Tree Ordinance to be completed and sent to council for approval. She would like the tree advisory council to meet soon and do a walk-about determining any work needed to the city trees on Main Street. Becky is also pursuing grant funding for city trees through the forestry service.
 Comment cards: Rob Clink, representing children's softball leagues, discussed the upkeep of the two baseball fields to be in use from April 10 through June 20 and the use and care of the bathrooms at the ball fields. Mr. Clink also requested \$1,000 per ball field for the replacement of the bases. Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser, for approval of the children's softball leagues to use the ball fields and bathrooms from April 10 through June 20 pending proof of liability insurance. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to approve \$1,000 per field (two) for replacement of the bases at each field. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Mike Stone, planning commission member, addressed the idea to approach businesses on Main Street to participate in a "Main Street Cleanup." He would like to see the project completed by May 25 and also asked for money from the city to purchase yard signs indicating the businesses which participated in the project to place in their respective yards.
 Motion by Mason, support by Bean, to approve up to \$400 for the purchase of yard signs for the Main Street cleanup. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Alderman Bauermeister informed council that he and an engineer have looked at the stairs at the harbor and will bring to council a sketch for ADA accessible ramp. He also inquired about dust control at the end of Lake Street and was told that the city has contracted with a dust control company.
 Alderman Bean asked about a blight ordinance which is being investigated by the planning commission. Motion to adjourn by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel. Motion carried: 6-0.
 Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
 Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is May 13 at 6 p.m. at city hall. Published prior to council approval.

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WORK WANTED

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LEGAL NOTICE

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 24-6443-DE

Hon. Laura Frawley
 Court address
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 P.O. Box 385
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 Court telephone No.
 (989) 724-9490
 Estate of James Edward McCormick
 Date of birth: April 11, 1947
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, James Edward McCormick, died March 30, 2024.
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Megan M. McCormick, 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: April 24, 2024
 Megan M. McCormick
 Personal representative
 5236 Olde Shawboro
 Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439
 (574) 323-4294

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 24-6432-DE

Hon. Laura Frawley
 Court address
 106 N. 5th Street,
 P.O. Box 385
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 Court telephone No.
 (989) 724-9490
 Estate of Charles Douglas Perry
 Date of birth: February 11, 1949
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Charles Douglas Perry, died October 14, 2023.
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to S. Renee Drabik, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, P.O. Box 385 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: April 24, 2024
 Lane T. Plamondon, P78276
 Attorney
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 Traverse City, Mich. 49684
 (231) 947-6800
 S. Renee Drabik
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 7913 Quarter Road
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ing years earlier.

Early Detection Saves Lives

Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 234,580 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2024, and about 125,070 Americans will die from the disease.

While lung cancer can occur in anyone at any age, cigarette smoking is the top risk factor and is linked to about 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer deaths, and most people diagnosed with the

disease are age 65 or older.

What makes lung cancer especially tricky is that it's often symptomless until it's at an advanced stage, when it's harder to treat. Early detection can lead to a 20 to 25 percent improvement in survival rates, resulting in fewer deaths from lung cancer.

But a 2022 report from the American Lung Association found that only 5.8 percent of people eligible for lung cancer screening in the U.S. get screened, and the screening rate is as low as 1 percent in some states.

Screening & Coverage

If you fall into the population eligible for a lung cancer screening, start by speaking with your doctor, even if it's been a long time since you smoked.

Medicare Part B will cover lung cancer screenings with a low-dose CT scan once a year for people ages 50 to 77 who are current smokers or quit in the last 15 years and have a 20-pack-year history. Patients must have an order from their doctor or health care provider and should not have symptoms of lung cancer.

A low-dose CT scan is a noninvasive test where you lie down and hold your breath while being moved through a doughnut-shaped X-ray machine. The scan takes several X-ray images of the lungs and can help to identify possible abnormalities in the lung tissue.

There are some potential risks with this screening, including the possibility of false positives, which can lead to more scans or invasive procedures. According to the American Lung Association about 12 to 14 percent of lung cancer screening scans will have a false positive, which is about the same rate as with mammograms.

Dear Savvy Senior,
I have arthritis and hand tremors that affect my grip strength and makes brushing my teeth difficult. I've read that electric toothbrushes can help make the job easier. Can you make any recommendations for seniors?

Arthritic Alice

Dear Alice,
For seniors who suffer from arthritis or have other hand weaknesses or tremors, an electric toothbrush is an often turned to solution for keeping your teeth clean. At the push of a button, an elec-

tric toothbrush will do everything but shake, rattle and roll to do the cleaning for you, and most come with a wide, slightly weighted handle and rubberized grip that make them easier and more comfortable to hold on to.

How to Choose

With dozens of different electric toothbrushes on the market today, here are several points to consider to help choose:

- **Cost:** The cost of electric toothbrushes will range from \$10 for a model with replaceable AA batteries to more than \$200 for some models with rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, multiple brushing modes, smartphone integrations, and other features. How much are you willing to spend?

- **Brushing action:** Brush heads tend to be either "spinning" (they rotate very fast in one direction, then the other, and bristles may pulsate in and out) or "sonic" (they vibrate side to side). Both methods are effective and a matter of personal preference.

- **Electric versus battery:** Choose a brush with a built-in rechargeable battery and an electric charging station. They're much more convenient and cost effective than toothbrushes that use replaceable batteries.

- **Brushing timer:** Since most dentists recommend brushing for two minutes (most adults average about 45 seconds), get an electric toothbrush with a built-in brushing timer – most have them. Some brushes will even split the two minutes into four 30-second intervals and will notify you when it's time to switch to a different quadrant of your mouth.

- **Extra features:** Most higher-priced electric brushes come with extra features like cleaning modes, pressure sensors, a charge-level display and more. There are even "smart" toothbrushes that connect to a smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth to track brushing habits. What extra features do you want?

Best Electric Toothbrushes

According to Consumer

Reports – an independent, nonprofit product testing and research organization – the top electric toothbrushes for 2024 are the Oral-B iO 7 Series (\$150); Oral B Genius X 10000 (\$200); Bruush Electric Toothbrushes (\$95); and the Philips Sonicare Protective-Clean 6100 (\$120). And the top rated low-cost electric toothbrush is the Bright-line 86700 (\$30).

The New York Times Wirecutter, another popular product reviewing service, rates the Oral-B Pro 1000 (\$40) as the best electric toothbrush followed by the Philips Sonicare 4100 (\$40).

Easier Flossing Tools

If flossing has become challenging too, a good alternative to traditional string floss are floss picks. These are disposable plastic-handle tools that have floss threaded onto them, which makes them easier to hold and use. DenTek, Oral-B and others sell packages for a few dollars or check out the Listerine UltraClean Access Flosser, which comes with a toothbrush-like handle for a better reach.

Some other flossing products to consider that are easy on the hands are the WaterPik Power Flosser (\$15), which gently vibrates to dislodge embedded food particles between your teeth. Or consider a water flosser, which uses high-pressured pulsating water to remove food particles and plaque and will stimulate your gums in the process. WaterPik offers a variety of water flossing products at prices ranging between \$40 and \$140, as does Oral Breeze, which offers the Shower Breeze and Quick Breeze water flossers (around \$40) that connect directly to your faucet or shower head.

All of these dental care products can also be found at your local pharmacy or retailer that sells personal care items or online.

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

ALCONA GOSPELFEST 2024



4 p.m. Saturday, April 27
New Life Lutheran Church
25 Kirche in the Woods, Spruce

SINGERS SCHEDULE	Singers must sign up in advance and send in \$15 for music, lunch, etc.
10 a.m.: Register	
10:15: Practice with the ecumenical choir	
12:30: Lunch	Singers age 18 or younger must sign up but participate for free.
1:30 - 3:30: Practice resumes	

4 p.m. COMMUNITY CONCERT!
Hear the ecumenical choir and other local talent.

Director Jean Wilson of Saline's One Voice Gospel Choir will be accompanied by Susan Armstrong of Harrisville and others.

Donations to Inspiration Alcona are welcome.

How to register and more information for singers are available on the web at InspirationAlcona.org or call 989-657-4773.

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