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The Alcona boys varsity basketball team celebrates its North Star League Big Dipper championship after topping Mio last Friday. (Front row, from left) Sawyer Seminoff, Jordan Benac, David Sharboneau, Cayden Hebert, Collin Walker, Vinny Mahalak, (back row) Colton Whitten (video manager), Sam Johnston, assistant coach Hayden Johnston, assistant coach Perry Budreau, head coach, Alex Cole, Jacob Renschenski, William Liebler, Carter Upper, Garrett Somers, Evan Borsvold, and Ricky Schott. *Photo by Ben Murphy.* For the story, see page 7.

## Local author receives prestigious award

**By Mary Weber**  
*Staff Writer*  
"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."  
~ Benjamin Franklin

A former Alcona County teacher, children's book author, illustrator, western short story author, publisher, and more recently, received a Will Rogers Silver Medallion Award (WRMA).

Gail Heath, a resident of Harrisville who is currently teaching inner-city middle school children in Las Vegas, Nev., explained she was very surprised to get a letter nominating her for the award. The nomination was for a short story she wrote for the book "Over Western Trails," an Anthology by Western Fictioneers.

"When I called (about the nomination) they urged me to attend the award ceremony held in Fort Worth, Texas last October. I wasn't sure if I would receive an award but was suspicious because of how much they wanted me there. I was happy just being nominated. I'm so glad I attended. I was extremely honored to receive the silver medallion," Heath said.

The Will Rogers Medallion Awards recognize excellence in Western literature and media representing an accurate reflection of Western Americana, cowboy and or ranch life, in historical or contemporary settings.

All nominated work must remain consistent with the values and language embodied in the works of the award namesake, Will Rogers, one of America's most beloved humorists and writers.

The 2023 WRMA ceremony honored outstanding work in 22 literary and film categories. The honorees were selected from entries from 21 states and four countries.

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## Trout receives 55-90 year sentence for murder

**By Cheryl Peterson**  
*Editor*

Sentencing for Aaron Joseph Trout, 33, who was convicted of killing Jayde McDonnell, 2, on July 22, 2022, was held in 23rd Circuit Court in Harrisville on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Many family members and friends of the McDonnell family were in attendance. There were also family members for the defendant in the courtroom.

Following discussion over the state sentencing guidelines, both Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney Thomas J. Weichel and defense attorney William Pfeiffer agreed that their concerns and corrections had been heard on the record.

Judge Laura A. Frawley presided over the sentencing. Once the sentencing report was finalized, Frawley heard from four individuals who gave victim impact statements.

Gannon McDonnell, father of Jayde McDonnell, testified first. He faced Trout and spoke directly to him. "Over the course of the past year I've thought about this quite a bit. I didn't prepare anything because I was hoping the words would come to me when I was here..."

"You are lucky... lucky you are going to (prison); lucky these fine people have saved

your life... You've been in my life a very long time. Since we were kids. Today isn't just justice for Jayde, who was pure, gorgeous and phenomenally smart, this is justice for Mia, Renee... and for every other kid you've abused. You go after women and children, that's your M.O.

"I have something you will never have. I have my children. Your kids will forever

know you as a monster... your children look up to me. I love your son and your daughter, regardless of what you've done. I love them because they are children... You have soiled your family's good name.

"I'm a Christian and taught to forgive, but this is something only God can forgive. No one should ever have to go through this... Jayde lost her

life in the most horrible way... There are so many things that Jayde will never get to do—go to school, go to dances, her prom, graduation, learning to drive... she was forever altered by Aaron Trout. It will be something we, as a family, will carry through generations," McDonnell said.

Patricia Brown, Jayde's paternal aunt, also spoke fac-

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As the Honorable Laura A. Frawley gives final instructions (her image is on the screen in back), Alcona County Sheriff deputy Josh Geiersbach, (left) Sgt. George Schrader (middle), and deputy Brian Allen (right) wait to take Aaron Trout (in orange) back to the Iosco County Jail where he will be turned over to the Michigan Department of Corrections. His defense attorney William Pfeifer (seated center) and Alcona County Probation Officer Cary Walker (in back) look on. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



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The Curtis Township Board Meeting has been moved to February 15th at 6:30 p.m at the Glennie United Methodist Church.  
2/7 & 2/14

**The Garden Bug** The lotus flower

The lotus plant can grow as tall as 6 feet in lakes and large ponds, while miniature varieties grow happily in a free-standing bowl on your patio. It needs 6 hours of direct sunlight each day in order to flower. Do not place it in flowing water or in a fountain; if it is grown in a pot or bowl, do not allow it to freeze. The lotus has been used for millenia as a symbol of beauty, resilience, and transformation in architectural motifs, artwork, textiles and religious settings.  
- Brenda Weaver

Sources: bloomnation.com, bluelotusfarm.com



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# Americanisms



“We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching.”  
— Roy L. Smith

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# Correspondence



To the Editor,  
All right, I've got to get some items off my chest.

First of all, drivers turn on your headlights, not just your parking lights. They are illegal for the road.

Fix your headlights. I know that today's cars are so much harder and more expensive to replace, but it is still illegal to have only a "padiddle," (that's what I have always called them.)

When there is rain, snow or fog, turn your headlights on. They are not only to see, but to be seen.

Some other states have laws which say if you have your windshield wipers on, you must also turn on your headlights. It's a pretty good law.

Finally, I drive the speed limit, 55 mph on US-23. It increases my mileage by 20 percent or more. If you want to speed, go right ahead, but don't follow up my tail pipe. It is dangerous for both of us.

Roger Baumgardner  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
Even though it's a month after Christmas I am still being asked about the birth of Jesus, the shepherds and the wise men. I believe Jesus was conceived at Christmas eve/Christmas day. I heartily recommend one reads "A Voice Crying in the Heavens," by Robert Scott Wadsworth; "Bible Chronology and the Scientific Method," by Eugene Faulstich; and Noah Hutching's article, "Christ was Conceived on Christmas Day," in the Prophetic Observer, December 1995 issue and reprinted in 2021 and 2023. Also read "Unmasking the Chaldean Spirit," part VI for scholarly insight, by Rabbi Zev Porat, plus the holy Bible.

Jesus was not born in an animal shelter/stable or laid in a feeding trough. No mother, especially an observant Jew like Mary, would have had her baby in a fecal-infested environment. She and Joseph would have pitched a tent first like nomadic peoples still do today

and given birth. It was the feast of Sukkot (as determined by NASA super computers and the Jewish sacred and civil calendars), so temporary shelters called sukkahs were built to house the adult male for a week. By law, Joseph was required to live in one, but not Mary. The relative's guest rooms were full, the "inn was booked solid, so Mary joined Joseph in the sukkah and gave birth to Jesus.

A sukkah has been known as a "manager" for centuries. The shepherds, also priests, did not go to Migdal Eder to look for the new born king. They went to Bethlehem and found them in a sukkah, not in the tower of the flock's birthing room sanctified for the maintenance of the Tamid Passover sacrificial lambs. The room was probably kept relatively clean and sterile, but Jesus was royalty, not a woolly animal, so most likely Mary and Joseph passed it by.

Mike Doran  
Caledonia Township

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Heath's silver award was given for her short story "Minuet," a heartfelt tale of how the charm and innocence of a heroic six-year-old who, after her mother is murdered in a fire set by a ruthless ranch foreman, is sent away by stagecoach while her father is unjustly incarcerated.

Along the stagecoach journey, the tiny girl named Minuet befriends and then later saves the life of the wealthy ambitious landowner who, because he wanted the girl's parent's land, hired the foreman to scare her parents into losing it.

In the process, she melts the cold landowner's heart who makes sure the child is reunited with her father, the land is returned to them with a new home on it and Minuet is set up financially for life.

Heath explained she is the daughter of an U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel and, as a military dependent, she traveled the world living in Japan, Germany, France, and throughout the United States. "I didn't

stay in one place long enough to make close associations; books were my friends.

"I lived in Texas the most and I read a lot of westerns. I just always liked the stories," she said.

Heath is a trainer for equity and diversity. She has written five children's books including "Our Daughter is Getting Married," which demonstrates the love of a supportive family during the joining of two female partners beginning a voyage of togetherness.

Finding a suitable publisher was a frustrating task for Heath who was determined to make the process easier and, in 2004 opened her own publishing company, Condor Publishing, in Lincoln. The company firmly believes in writing uplifting/entertaining family-appropriate Westerns and children's books.

She has had numerous articles, poems and stories published in national and regional magazines and newspapers and was the recipient



Gail Heath

of a Santa Barbara Writer's Conference Award.

Heath has also been a featured speaker at the 2004 Sundance Children's Festival reading her book, "No Time for Fishing."

Heath began her teaching career in 1969 and worked for Alcona Community Schools until 2001 when she began to focus more on her writing, publishing and author programs. While traveling, she was asked to work with teachers in Las Vegas as a writing strategist. She accepted and in addition to writing strategy became the equity and diversity teacher training for the Las Vegas Clark County School District.

When strategist funding was cut, she transferred back into the classroom.

Last May at the Clark County School, Heath endured one of the worst days of her teaching career when she protected 22 middle school students in a closet while an active shooter was in the school. No children were injured. One school employee was struck by gunfire and the suspect was apprehended. "It was pretty scary," Heath said, "but this is my 50<sup>th</sup> year teaching and I still love it."

"Over Western Trails," an anthology by Western Fictioneers Kindle edition is available on Amazon.com as well as many of Gail Heath's children's books.

## Publicize an Event in the Review & Online Calendar

The Review's Calendar of Events is a *free service* and is published in chronological order as space allows. This forum is for events and programs open to the general public.

- Calendar items are short, concise announcements of an event happening in or around Alcona County. **Please submit entries at least 2 weeks before the event.**
- Entries must have the day and date, time, location, brief description and cost if any. An entry may also include a telephone number for more information.
- Entries are automatically added to the Review's online Calendar of Events at no charge. (www.alconareview.com)
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# Calendar of Events

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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.

Learn how simple movement can change an individual's life. Liz McNichol leads the class from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call Liz for details, (989) 335-1777.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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. 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 Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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.

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

The Knitting Klub & Cro-

chet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome to share stories, tips and tricks while working on projects or starting a new one. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building by AAA Credit Union in Lincoln until the food is gone.

"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.

Homeschoolers, seasoned 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.

Enjoy "Soup and a Sermon" during Lent at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Soup is served at 5:45 p.m. and the sermon is at 6:30 p.m. This is a "come as you are," free event. For details, contact Pastor Putz at (989) 736-6701. The church is at 301 Church Street, Lincoln.

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Dive into the history of documented vessels with Cassandra Sadler from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library in Glennie. This is part of the Alcona Historical Society's "Cabin Fever" series. Learn about the advanced technology used to locate and assess historical shipwrecks off the coast of Alcona County. For more information, visit [alconahistoricalsociety.com](http://alconahistoricalsociety.com). The library is at 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie.

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**Chapter One**  
*It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents,  
except at occasional intervals when it was checked by*

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**Local Notes**

**Senior Menu**

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

- Monday, Feb. 19: Pork chop with apple sauce, potato lyonnaise, green beans, peaches.
  - Tuesday, Feb. 20: Garden chicken, rice pilaf, corn, pears.
  - Wednesday, Feb. 21: Sausage gravy, biscuit, Spudsters, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit.
  - Thursday, Feb. 22: Salisbury steak, potato medley, broccoli, mandarin oranges.
- 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 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

**Forum on Water Safety**

This event will address water safety challenges affecting the local communities of northeast Michigan, focusing on sources of the health risks associated with contamination of the region's lakes, rivers, streams, and public drinking water and

what individuals can do to help. It will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Alpena Community College, VanLare Building, Room 121, Fitzpatrick Hall (riverside). Everyone is welcome.

Environmental experts, led by moderator Mary Alice Comar, will delve into the dichotomy of nonpoint vs. point source pollution, the sources of groundwater and surface water contamination, and the vital roles of officials and citizens in protecting our precious aquatic resources. With water pollution as one of the most pressing environmental issues of the time, it's imperative that communities come together to learn about and confront the risks. Whether a frequent swimmer, an angler, a local business owner, or simply dedicated to the longevity of Northeast Michigan's natural ecosystem, this forum is an instrumental event to understand how residents can help combat water pollution.

**Historical Shipwrecks**

In 2017, researchers from NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA Ocean Exploration completed a five-phase project to use advanced technology to locate and rapidly assess a number of historical shipwrecks off the coast of Alcona County. Join Cassandra Sadler, NOAA researcher, at the Curtis Township Library on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m., as she shares the out-

comes of this collaborative project and dives into the history of the documented vessels.

This is the first in the series of "Cabin Fever" programs brought to you by the Alcona Historical Society and the Alcona County Library. The Curtis Township Library is located at 4884 Bamfield Road in Glennie. For more information, visit [alconahistorical-society.com](http://alconahistorical-society.com).

**Love Your Library**

Join library staff in celebrating "Love Your Library" month throughout February at all branches of the Alcona County Library. Patrons and interested individuals may show their love by participating in various activities and events:

- Decorate the library with paper hearts and enter for a chance to win a gift bag.
- Guess the number of candies in the jar and get a chance to win the entire jar.
- From February 12-16, indulge in "Coffee Lovers' Week" at the Harrisville branch, featuring coffee from Alcona Coffee and treats baked by library staff and friends.
- Don't miss "Free Popcorn Thursdays" at the Harrisville branch from 2 to 4 p.m., where visitors can grab a bag of freshly popped popcorn.
- On February 26 at 1 p.m., enjoy a presentation by Teresa McCurdy on the wonders of Madagascar.
- On February 29 at 6 p.m., KiAnn Kruttlin will lead a Tai-Chi session at the library. Everyone is welcome, just remember to wear comfortable clothing.

For more information on these events and all the "Love Your Library" month activities, contact the Harrisville branch at (989) 724-6796 or visit [www.alconalibrary.com](http://www.alconalibrary.com).

**Family Research Class**

Attention family historians and genealogists: The Alpena FamilySearch Center is starting a free eight-week class held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alpena FamilySearch Center, 411 Long Rapids Plaza, Alpena. It will include the following classes taught by Ella Purkiss, professional genealogist and family history consultant. Any questions, feel free to contact Ella Purkiss at (989) 306-8090 or [ella.mae.purkiss@gmail.com](mailto:ella.mae.purkiss@gmail.com).

- February 21: Using libraries, large and small.
- February 28: Copyrights, research questions.
- March 6: Using maps and land records.
- March 13: Oral histories.
- March 20: What's in a name?
- March 27: Using photographs, Cyndi's list and more.
- April 3 and 10: Female maiden names.

**NOTICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

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

Notice is hereby given that the presidential primary election will be held on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following polling locations.

Alcona Township Caledonia Township Curtis Township Greenbush Township Gustin Township Harrisville Township Hawes Township Haynes Township Mikado Township Millen Township Mitchell Township City of Harrisville	Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce Fire Hall, 5019 Bamfield Road, Glennie Township Hall, 5039 E. Campbell Street, Greenbush Township Hall, 113 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Lincoln Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road, Lincoln Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran City Hall, 200 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville
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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Alcona County residents will be nominating or electing candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following proposal:

**Presidential:** President of the United States  
**School Proposals:** C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Area Career and Technical Education 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](http://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

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**Answers**

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**Most Common Causes of HOUSE FIRES**

1. Equipment and Appliances
2. Electrical Devices and Systems
3. Candles
4. Smoking
5. Chemicals and Gas
6. Holiday Decorations
7. Lightning
8. BBQ Grill
9. Children
10. Ordinary Fires That Go Wrong

Source: National Fire Protection Association

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Members of Alcona FFA took home awards following competition at the Regional FFA Leadership contest in Whittemore, Mich. on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team and the Parliamentary Procedure team competed in Whittemore at the Regional FFA Leadership contest. Both teams are advancing to the state and will be traveling to Lansing, Mich. on February 27. The Parliamentary Procedure team placed second and received gold. The team consists of Haley Glick, Colin Mckenna, Ella Gehring, Daniel June, Emma Schroeder, and Jacob June. *Courtesy photo.*



The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team received gold and placed first. The team consists of Bailey Dellar, Sierra Wright, Jaxon Whitaker, Harrison Gehring, Kimberly Johnson, Wyatt Alderman, and Edward Hechlik. *Courtesy photo.*

**CEDAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Cedar Lake Improvement Board (CLIB) will hold Regular Public Meetings for the remainder of 2024 according to the following schedule:

- Friday, April 12, 2024
- Friday, July 12, 2024
- Friday, October 11, 2024
- Friday, December 6, 2024.

These meetings be held at 10:00 AM at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Street, Greenbush, MI 48738. If the date, location, or time of the meeting must be changed or the meeting cancelled, notice will be given according to the Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to ADA, individuals with disabilities may request aids/services within a reasonable time to participate in a meeting by contacting the CLIB Chairman at (810) 516-6686.

For further information, please contact the Cedar Lake Improvement Board Chairman at (810) 516-6686.

**Village of Lincoln**

**Public Hearing Notice**

**Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan**

On **March 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM**, the Lincoln Village Council shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The full text of the plan is available on line at <https://villageoflincoln.com>, the Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Library located at 330 E, Traverse Bay State Rd, Lincoln, MI or by appointment at the Village of Lincoln Hall at 117 Fiske Street, Lincoln, MI, call 989-335-0012 for an appointment. The plan covers the area generally described as an area bounded by Traverse Bay State Road, Lake Street, Main Street, First Street, and most of the southern village limits. Maps, plats, and a description of the development plan, including the method of relocating families and individuals who may be displaced from the area, are available for public inspection at the Villages of Lincoln Offices at 117 Fiske Street, Lincoln MI 48742. All aspects of the development plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to PO Box 337, Lincoln, MI 48742 prior to the hearing. The public may appear in person or by counsel.

**Alcona County Sheriff's Report**

**For the Week of February 5-11, 2024**

**60 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrest; 1 Arrest Warrant; 14 Citations Issued.**

**Complaint Statistics**

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	34
Warrant Arrest	1	Property Damage Accident	2
Assist	1	Fraud/Scam	4
Animal/Dog	5	Well Being Check	3
911 Hang Up	2	Suicidal Subject	2
Suspicious Event	4	Fingerprints	2
PBT/Drug Testing	3	Mental	3
Alarm	1	Civil	3
Threats	2	Unwanted Subject	1
Larceny	1	Domestic	2

**Complaints taken by City, Township or Village**

Alcona	6	Caledonia	9	Curtis	8
Greenbush	7	Gustin	4	Harrisville	6
Hawes	3	Haynes	2	Mikado	5
Millen	4	Mitchell	7		
Harrisville City	12	Village of Lincoln	7		

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW  
FOR MIKADO TOWNSHIP  
MIKADO CIVIC CENTER  
2291 S. F-41 MIKADO, MI. 48745**

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Public Protests will be heard at the Mikado Civic Center Tuesday, March 12 ~ 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 ~ 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Protests may be filed in writing and must be received at the physical or electronic address by March 12th: 2836 E McNeil Rd. Lincoln, MI 48742 [mikadotwpassessor@gmail.com](mailto:mikadotwpassessor@gmail.com)

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INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	40.20	1.24378
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

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Nancy Schwickert  
Mikado Township Assessor

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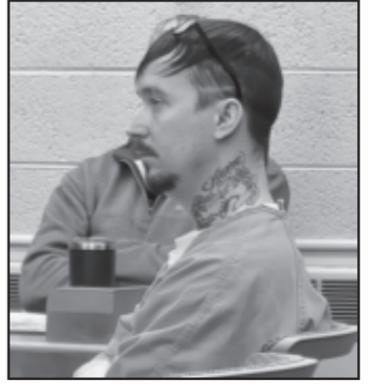
ing Trout, as she has also known him for a long time. "This is crazy... You've hurt so many people. You've manipulated, molested, abused the women and children that are in your life... This is crazy. I potty trained your kids. Your kids are amazing. Jayde loved her daddy. Your kids are calling a better man 'daddy.' Not a monster - that's who you are... When the verdict came down, no one was sitting behind you - not your parents, not any family members or friends. You are alone. There is a reason for that," Brown said. "We don't have Jayde, but we have each other. As long as you are behind bars - that is justice for Jayde."

Two aunts from Jayde's maternal family, Chelsea Fultz and Victoria Pavao, also gave victim impact statements that highlighted the sadness, grief, shock and loss of their niece. They read their comments to the judge.

asked the judge to stay with the guidelines. "What happened was/is horrific. Any attempt to explain it away is ridiculous. I am not going to do that. I don't think anything in this case makes it appropriate to go above the guidelines. We ask that you impose a reasonable sentence and follow the guidelines," he said.

Once the attorneys finished, Trout gave a statement. He turned to Jayde's family sitting in the gallery first. "I am sorry for what happened, and I have been good to you folks. I know my kids love me. I am a good man. I didn't do anything that I am charged with," he said. "She (Adrienne Pavelka) is a pathological liar... I guess bad things happen to good people."

He turned to people sitting behind him. "I love you... I love you... and I am sorry with my whole heart."



Aaron Trout

"It's clear that she endured weeks of torture. I've been doing this for 38 years, and this has to be the most horrific things done to this child... She was a beautiful girl who was brutally and repeatedly tortured... all the while, her mother did nothing to help her. I cannot imagine what the last two weeks of her life was like. She needed someone to save her, and no one did."

"Aaron Trout is not a man; he is a monster. He has an inflated perception of himself. He has to have everything his way - it was his house, his car, his phone, his way. Today was the first time he said he was sorry - dispassionately though. I'm sure the only thing he is sorry for is being sentenced," Frawley said. "He accused Adrienne Pavelka of being a liar, that is very much calling the kettle black. You are pure evil, and you don't have a scintilla of compassion except for yourself."

Frawley explained the sentencing guidelines are advisory. "If I could, I would sentence you one day for every day of the life you took... I do not feel the sentencing guidelines are sufficient in this case... The torture and abuse inflicted on her - she clearly suffered horrifically in those two weeks leading up to her death. They don't take into consideration the cold, calculated depravity in the actions of the defendant... He is a person who should never navigate in society."

She sentenced Trout to 55 to 90 years for second degree homicide and 30 to 60 years for first degree child abuse. The prison sentences will be served concurrently (at the same time).

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Judge Laura A. Frawley

Weichel spoke to Judge Frawley asking for consideration of exceeding the advisory sentencing guidelines. "The theft of an innocent child, the theft of a soul of child is unspeakable," he said. "We heard during the trial all the horrific details of what was done to this child - 86 injuries over two weeks... the trauma inflicted on her tiny body is unimaginable."

"It's the position of the people that 37 years (sentencing guideline) is not enough. The guidelines do not reflect that happened to this child. His cold, calculated thought process was about protecting Aaron Trout - not anyone else. They also don't reflect the complete and utter lack of remorse from the defendant. We ask for a sentence of 50 to 80 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC)," Weichel said.

Defense attorney Pfeiffer

Then, to the judge, "I didn't commit this crime. I am sorry this happened, but I didn't do this. If I could change it, I would. I hope you can find it in your heart to at least give me a chance to make it out of that place... She (Pavelka) sat up there and lied. She even made up things (when testifying) ...

"I don't even know Chelsea (Fultz). I don't know Victoria (Pavao) either... Nothing I say will even matter to these people. I'm sorry. I'm asking that you have mercy your honor," Trout said.

"Like everyone else, I have spent a lot of time thinking about this... But today is about Jayde. She was a vital two-year-old whose life was taken in a cruel, malicious way. Her image, in my mind, is from a picture shown during trial. I'm sure everyone (who was involved - court staff, jury members, police detectives...) is never going to forget this..."

### Request for Sealed Bids Cedar Lake Improvement Board

The Cedar Lake Improvement Board (CLIB) is requesting sealed qualified bids for the 2024 recreational season for the following service at Cedar Lake in Alcona & Iosco Counties in northeast Michigan:

#### AQUATIC PLANT HERBICIDE TREATMENTS ON CEDAR LAKE

Proposal instructions, bidder qualifications, scope of work, specifications, and bid submittal forms available only by email. Use email address [rvaughn@tir.com](mailto:rvaughn@tir.com) to request the bid documents, Subject Line: CLIB Request for Bid - HERBICIDE TREATMENTS.

Bids to be received by US Mail only no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 8, 2024.

Please submit all technical and scope of work questions by email to the CLIB at the email address noted above, or by phone at 810-516-6686.

The CLIB reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid believed to be the most advantageous to the CLIB and the public.



## ART FOR ADULTS

**12:30 p.m. Saturdays  
Alcona County Library  
312 W. Main, Harrisville**

Aspiring artists are invited to join this ongoing group. No experience required.

Led by artist Gary McKinney.  
\$25 for six sessions. Sign up at the library.



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### ALCONA COUNTY 2024 EQUALIZATION

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SEC.211.34A OF THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOLLOWING ARE THE TENTATIVE RATIO AND TENTATIVE MULTIPLIERS TO BE APPLIED TO THE ASSESSED VALUES OF EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY IN EACH UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ALCONA COUNTY TO ACHIEVE COUNTY EQUALIZED VALUES FOR 2024.

Township or City	Agricultural		Commercial		Industrial		Residential		Timber-Cutover		Developmental		Personal	
	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor
ALCONA TOWNSHIP	42.61	1.17343	44.30	1.12867	45.78	1.09218	41.47	1.20569	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CALEDONIA TOWNS	45.65	1.09529	42.40	1.17925	44.15	1.13260	40.30	1.24069	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CURTIS TOWNSHIP	44.22	1.13071	48.27	1.03584	44.25	1.12994	36.73	1.29099	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
GREENBUSH TOWNS	42.08	1.18821	45.47	1.09963	44.63	1.12032	41.88	1.19389	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
GUSTIN TOWNSHIP	46.55	1.07181	43.62	1.14626	45.01	1.11086	40.76	1.22689	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HARRISVILLE TOWN	53.14	0.94091	41.23	1.21271	49.58	1.00847	41.01	1.21921	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HAWES TOWNSHIP	53.81	0.92920	47.34	1.05619	49.38	1.01256	42.76	1.18932	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HAYNES TOWNSHIP	52.78	0.94733	37.86	1.32066	N/C	N/A	42.11	1.18737	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MIKADO TOWNSHIP	47.29	1.05731	38.49	1.29904	N/C	N/A	40.20	1.24378	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MILLEN TOWNSHIP	44.69	1.11882	37.79	1.32310	N/C	N/A	40.49	1.23487	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MITCHELL TOWNSHIP	54.86	0.91141	46.09	1.08483	43.44	1.15101	43.61	1.14653	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF HARRISVILL	N/C	N/A	37.56	1.33120	41.40	1.20773	44.72	1.11807	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000

# Tigers overcome slow start, defeat Mio to clinch league title

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The start of last Friday's game at Mio couldn't have gone much worse for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team. The ending though, that couldn't have been much sweeter, as the Tigers rallied from an early double digit hole to claim a 44-38 victory; a win that gave them the outright North Star League Big Dipper Championship.

"Winning the NSL Big Dipper was a huge accomplishment for this group of guys and a huge step for our program in general," head coach Alex Cole said. "It has been 11 years since Alcona boys basketball has won a trophy. I have been preaching for the last three years that if we all buy in, we will see success. It hasn't always been easy, but the hard work is starting to pay off and I could not be more proud."

Standing in their way of the feat on Friday was Mio, the defending champions of the league. The Thunderbolts got off to a good start by hitting three treys in the opening quarter to take a 16-6 lead.

They carried an 18-8 lead through the opening minutes of the second, though a steal and fast-break hoop by Evan Borsvold and a bucket by Cayden Hebert brought them within 18-12 at the half.

A rebound and put-back by Garrett Somers brought Alcona within 21-17, and back-to-back baskets in the paint by Borsvold tied the game up at 21-all.

Collin Walker kept the momentum going with a lay-up for a 23-21 lead, and they finished the third quarter with a 27-22 advantage.

With 5:30 to play, Hebert got a short attempt to roll in for a 33-25 Tiger lead. They

knocked down seven free throws in the closing minutes to help stave off the Mio rally.

"Mio is always a tough matchup," Cole said. "They are so disciplined and always bring intensity to the game. Our goal was to build a lead early to force them to play at our faster pace. Unfortunately, we did the exact opposite. Once Mio had built a 10 point first quarter lead, I knew it was going to be a grind-it-out type of game. Mio likes to slow it down and patiently

had three points. Jordan Benac made two and Jacob Renchenski and David Sharboneau each got one.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6 the Tigers pulled off some late game heroics to claim a pivotal NSL Big Dipper win, 42-40 over second place Oscoda.

Down 30-38, Alcona had perhaps its biggest play of the season to help them claim the thrilling victory. "During the last minute and a half or so, Oscoda began to stall so I knew we were going to have to foul soon, but I know how

on the other end forced them to take a tough, contested shot at the buzzer."

The Tigers held a 12-7 lead after the first quarter and led 26-20 at the half. Entering the fourth quarter, it was a 34-33 Alcona lead. The Tigers fell behind there and had to pull off the dramatic win to keep them ahead of Oscoda in the league standings.

"This was the definition of a team win," Cole said. "Everyone stayed focused in a back-and-forth game and did

their job when called upon."

The Tigers got 11 points from Brosvold. Sharboneau netted 10. Hebert put in seven. Somers netted five points. Walker chipped in with four, Schott had three and Jacob Renchenski added two.

Blake Mallak led Oscoda with 14 points.

Alcona (16-4 overall, 9-0 NSL Big Dipper) heads to the Charlton Heston Academy on Friday and wraps up the regular season on Friday, Feb. 23 at home against Atlanta.



Alcona's Collin Walker attacks the rim for a basket during Friday's key road win at Mio. Photo by Ben Murphy.

wait for an easy shot. But the boys' focus and attitude never wavered. They stayed locked in and slowly chipped away until we took a lead in the second half."

Somers lead in scoring with 16 points. Walker scored nine. Borsvold finished with eight. Hebert had four. Ricky Schott

difficult it can be to run that much time off the clock, so I was hoping we could force a mistake," Cole said. "After Schott and Sharboneau forced a lob pass, Somers put his all-state football skills to use and picked off the pass, taking it all the way for the and-one layup. Stout defense

## Tiger wrestlers compete in districts, Keegan Ritchie qualifies for regionals

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity wrestling team traveled to Manton last Saturday to take part in a Division 4 individual district tournament.

The Tigers had one wrestler punch his ticket to the regional tournament; Keegan Ritchie took fourth place in the 144 weight class.

Ritchie began his day with a first period pin over Nelson Bellanceau of Mancelona. He lost in the semi-finals to Owen Cruden of Benzie Central on a second period pin. He bounced back with a 6-1 decision win over Oscoda's Brett Travis. His day wrapped up with a loss in the third place bout to Gavin Knepp of Mio, on a pin in the third period.

Aiden Reno (190) and Zean Monnier (150) both had one win, but were unable to place. Kelvin Travis (157) and Mason Norling (165) also competed.

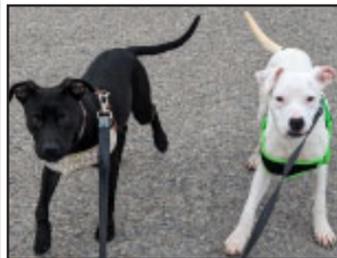
The individual regionals are

scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17 in Charlevoix, Mich.

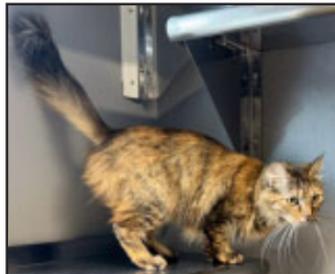
Alcona was also at a Division 4 team district at Tawas on Thursday, Feb. 8. They lost their semi-final match to Oscoda, 60-12.

### PETS OF THE WEEK

At the Alcona Humane Society  
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Riley (black) and Rowan are 11 month old sisters! They will be spayed this month and can go home after surgery! They are also microchipped, have their Distemper and Parvo vaccines, and have been dewormed! They are so fun and beautiful!



Margaret is a 2 year old beautiful girl with medium to long hair! She is spayed, microchipped, feline leukemia negative, has her Distemper vaccine, and has been dewormed. She would be a great addition to any home getting along with other cats, dogs, and children.

**Check out the Alcona Review Website**  
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Harrisville, MI 48740  
Phone: (989) 724-5655

**Lincoln Services -**  
177 N. Barlow Road  
Harrisville, MI 48740  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**  
**FOR TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH**

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL  
5037 CAMPBELL RD. GREENBUSH, MI. 48738

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Nancy Schwickert  
Township of Greenbush Assessor

2/14 thru 2/28

# Siblings compete for hometown perfection as varsity coaches

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Wanting nothing less than excellence for the varsity teams they coach, two Alcona High School alumni siblings are bringing their passion for basketball to hometown youth.

The familial synergy, love of where they grew up and competitive nature bring their coaching styles to a new level in Alcona County. Both Alex Cole and his sister Karina (Cole) Sharboneau greet each practice and game with the same excitement and competitive nature they had when they attended the school.

Alex graduated from Alcona High School in 2011. Karina, four years younger than her brother, graduated in 2014. Alex is the coach for the boys varsity basketball team and Karina coaches the girls varsity basketball team.

They also have a sister, Kendra Cole, one year younger than Karina, who lives in Lansing, Mich.

Both Alex and Karina played three varsity sports at Alcona High School, but their true passion was always basketball. "There are so many aspects of the game that you never fully perfect it. There is always room for improvement," Karina said. She became a Sharboneau last summer when she married her husband, John.

Karina admitted she has always been highly competitive and said having siblings to compete with and a mother and father that loves sports, drove her to do her best. Even now when they are coaching, she still wants her team to play better than her brother's team.

"I've always had a strong competitive drive. That drive



Karina (Cole) Sharboneau and Alex Cole are both varsity coaches for Alcona High School basketball. They are both valedictorian graduates of Alcona High School, and work together in Lincoln. Photo by Mary Weber.

kicks in when I'm coaching and I have to remind myself not everyone feels the need to win all the time," Karina said.

Alex enjoys watching his team win, but even more he loves seeing the players grow, on and off the court. "Nothing is better than when you can see a difference in a troubled athlete's behavior from the start of their career to the end. I would never take all the credit, but I believe my consistent message as a coach and mentor can help develop young men," Alex said.

As competitive as Karina is she is also very focused on family and has never felt the need to move away from the area where she was raised.

Both Alex and Karina work at the family-owned business, Coles Appliance with their dad and mom, Brad and Lucy Cole of Lincoln. They said both their parents were into sports when they attended school, Lucy's main sport was softball, Brad's was baseball, but he played basketball too and coached.

Alex and his wife, Emily, wanted to raise their three children, two sons aged four and two and a daughter who was born last year at the beginning of the basketball season. "We wanted our kids to grow up close to family. We love the area and the schools here. It feels safe and comfortable. My kids go to the same daycare I went to, we know it is a good place for them to be and have no second thoughts about leaving them," Alex said.

He explained while he was living in Lansing after college, he still played a lot of sports. "There were a lot of opportunities to play on men's leagues in Lansing, but not so much up here. The high school varsity coach at that time reached out to me to coach junior varsity (JV).

"I was hesitant, I had so many big life changes happening at that time, buying a house, getting married, starting full-time at the store. I was afraid by coaching I would be taking too much on. I decided to coach anyway and I'm glad I did because I enjoy it," Alex said.

Karina never stopped playing basketball. Her high school passion turned into a full scholarship, first at Alpena Community College where she broke athletic

records while earning an associate degree, then onto another basketball scholarship to earn a bachelor's degree at Algoma University in Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

Once she graduated, she moved back home to Alcona County and began coaching girls volleyball because there were no coaching positions open in basketball.

She also began helping Alex with his JV basketball team and did that for two years until a girls basketball JV coach position opened.

This is Karina's first year as the girls varsity basketball coach, which she said is much different than being a JV coach. "I knew the competition level and effort would be higher, but I didn't realize all the other things I'd have to do besides coaching like fundraising, dealing with issues, leading the younger age group coaches so they can teach the skills I want the girls to know. That part was way different for me. It was difficult because all I wanted to do was coach," Karina said.

Alex agreed there is a lot more responsibility being a varsity coach compared to JV. "I took over from Ryan Bilby. Once he knew I was taking the job he did a nice job of transitioning and preparing me. It was a lot of information in a few days, but it made it easier," he said.

With a vision in mind, Alex has since tweaked things to make it easier for himself and his team.

"I want to build a certain culture in the program. I want my team to be accountable to each other, respect coaches, each other and the game of basketball. I want them to give effort all the time but know how to win and lose. I want them to be good people on and off the court.

"It's not perfect coaching 14 through 18-year-olds. We've all been at that age and made some of the same mistakes they do. I try to help them realize that as it is happening so they can make better choices.

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"I have a good group of kids that have put a lot of time in. I've coached most of them for two to four years, some have been on varsity that long. They put the work in during the summer off-season. They do that for all the sports they are in, which is impressive and why Alcona sports has seen a lot of success.

"We have a good chance, if we take care of business, to win our first Northstar League title ever. We should be competitive in the district tournament, but one thing I've learned from being a coach is never look past any game.

You have to take it game by game and don't look too far ahead or bad things will happen."

Karina said her team has had its challenges. "The girls varsity team has seven seniors, so their skills are developed. Figuring out how to work with them, but not change who I am as a coach has been difficult.

"They call me an 'old-school' coach. I demand the best all the time. I can't help it, that's how I was raised and how I coach. A lot of kids don't appreciate that. I've had to tone it back a bit.

"We are still trying to figure out our game, which is not where we should be in the middle of the season. Our season started out 6 and 0, so I thought we were going to smoke the boy's team, but then we lost the next three in a row," Karina said.

She explained some of the girls decided not to play this year leaving her team a little lopsided in age and skill. While she is happy there is a lot of variety at the school to interest students, new sports, new clubs and classes, she did feel it was one of the reasons girls basketball was not as strong.

"Basketball takes more time from your life than other sports. The season runs from November to March with practices every day and games on the weekends. It runs through all the big holidays and is a huge commitment," Karina said.

Karina and Alex don't mind working at the store together or having common interests. Both said they prefer it. "I like knowing who I'm working with and who I can trust. We uphold our family name and work to make sure issues are resolved. We want to do the best we can because our name is on the line. I even struggled with changing my name when I got married because of that.

"I still go by Coach Cole though because I still compete with Alex," she said. Alex laughed at her competitive drive and explained they were both 4.0 valedictorians in high school.

"Unfortunately, I couldn't beat him because we both had the same ACT (American College Testing) score. I even tried testing again to see if I could beat him, but I still tied and got the same score of 28," Karina said.

Alcona High School Athletic Director Joy Bullis said the sibling duo brings a lot to Alcona sports. "Alex and Karina bring a passion for the school, the sport and the community. I feel very blessed as an athletic director to have two varsity coaches with their tenacity and commitment. Coaches like them are difficult to come by."

Basketball schedules are posted on [www.alconaschools.net/athletics](http://www.alconaschools.net/athletics) listed in date order starting on page 10.

# Lady Tigers drop league games to Mio, Oscoda

**By Ben Murphy**  
*Sports Writer*

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team did what it could to slow down Mio standout freshman Mia McGregor last Friday.

The visiting Lady Tigers still couldn't hang with the Lady Thunderbolts however, and they dropped the North Star League Big Dipper match-up, 48-20.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 15-5 after the first quarter. They struggled offensively in the second, only getting two field-goals, and they fell further behind, 23-9 at the half.

They found themselves down 37-14 entering the fourth.

Jena Wambold hit a three pointer and had five points in the final quarter. She finished with a team-high of 10 points. Jenna West and Liberty Kimball had four points each, and Sage Gauthier added two.

McGregor finished with 17 points for the Thunderbolts

and Caitlyn Goodman poured in 13 points.

On Monday, Feb. 5, Alcona lost a NSL Big Dipper foe Oscoda, 49-25.

In the opening frame, Wambold hit a three, but the Lady Tigers mostly struggled, trailing 20-5 after one. An Emma Travis three was all they could get in the second, as the Lady Owl's lead grew to 30-8 at the half. They also led 41-19 entering the fourth.

Lady Tigers were led by Claire Somers with eight points. Gauthier scored six. Travis and Gracynn Tracy had four points apiece and Wambold added three.

The Owls had Kingsley Backstrom score 26 points and Luella Whipkey put in 13.

Alcona (9-6 overall, 4-5 NSL Big Dipper), travels to the Charlton Heston Academy to wrap up league play on Friday, Feb. 16 and will host Hillman on February 19.



Alcona's Sage Gauthier looks to make a play during last Friday's loss at Mio. Photo by Ben Murphy.



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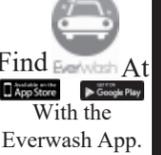
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# Risks of developing glaucoma, overview of Medicare spouse coverage

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What can you tell me about the eye disease glaucoma? My older brother was recently diagnosed with it and lost some of his vision, but never had a clue anything was wrong. Could I be at risk too?  
 Stressed Sibling

Dear Stressed,  
 Yes! Having an immediate family member with glaucoma significantly increases your risks of developing it, but there are other risk factors you need to be aware of too. Here's what you should know.

### What is Glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can damage the optic nerve and cause vision loss and blindness if it's not treated. This typically happens because the fluids in the eye don't drain properly, causing increased pressure in the eyeball.

But the scary thing about glaucoma is that with no early warning signs or pain, most people that have it don't realize it until their vision begins to deteriorate.

While there are two main types of glaucoma, the most common form that typically affects older adults is called open-angle glaucoma. This disease develops very slowly when the eye's drainage canals become clogged over time, leading to blind spots in the peripheral or side vision. By the time you notice it, the permanent damage is already done.

### Are You at Risk?

It's estimated that more than three million Americans have glaucoma today, but that number is expected to surge to more than 6.3 million by 2050. If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, you're at increased risk of developing it.

- Are you African American, Hispanic/Latino American or Asian American?
- Are you over age 60?
- Do you have an immediate family member with glaucoma?
- Do you have diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, migraines or have extreme nearsightedness or farsightedness?
- Have you had a past eye injury?
- Have you used corticosteroids (for example, eye drops, pills, inhalers, and creams) for long periods of time?

### What to Do

Early detection is the key to guarding against glaucoma. So, if you're age 40 or older and have any of the previously mentioned risk factors, especially if you're African American, you need to get a comprehensive eye examination every 18 to 24 months. Or, if you notice some loss of peripheral vision, get to the eye doctor right away.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, annual eye examinations are covered for those at high risk for glaucoma. Or if you don't have vision coverage, contact EyeCare America, a national public service program that provides

free glaucoma eye exams through a pool of more than 4,600 volunteer ophthalmologists. Visit [AAO.org/eyecare-america](http://AAO.org/eyecare-america) or call (877) 887-6327 to learn more.

While there's currently no cure for glaucoma, most cases can be treated with prescription eye drops, which reduce eye pressure and can prevent further vision loss. It cannot, however, restore vision already lost from glaucoma. If eye drops don't work, your doctor may recommend oral medication, laser treatments, incisional surgery or a combination of these methods.

For more information on glaucoma, visit the National Eye Institute at [NEI.nih.gov](http://NEI.nih.gov), and the Glaucoma Research Foundation at [Glaucoma.org](http://Glaucoma.org).

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are spouses who have not worked outside the home eligible for Medicare benefits? I have worked most of my adult life, but my wife has been a mother and homemaker since we got married and hasn't held an income-producing job since she was in college. Will

she be eligible for Medicare? Searching Spouse

Dear Searching,

There are many couples in your situation when it comes to applying for Medicare. The answer generally is yes, your spouse can qualify for Medicare on your work record. Here's how it works.

Medicare, the government health insurance program for older adults, covers around 60 million Americans age 65 and older, as well as those younger that have a qualifying disability or have end-stage renal disease.

To be eligible, you must have worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years to qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A hospital coverage when you turn 65. If you qualify, then your non-working spouse will qualify too, based on your work record when she turns 65.

Divorced spouses are also eligible if they were married at least 10 years and are single, as are surviving spouses who are single and who were married for at least nine months before their



Savvy Senior

spouse died.

In addition to Part A, both you and your spouse would also qualify for Medicare Part B, which covers doctor's visits and other outpatient services, but requires a monthly premium. The premium for Part B beneficiaries in 2024 is \$174.70 per month per person. Couples filing jointly with incomes over \$206,000 per year pay even more.

There are also a number of other caveats you should know about depending on your wife's age.

If your wife is older than you, she can qualify for Medicare on your work record at age 65, even if you're not getting Medicare yourself, but you must be at least 62 years old. You also must have been

married for at least one year for your wife to apply for Medicare on your work record.

If you are still working and your wife is covered by your employer's health insurance, she may want to enroll only in the premium-free Medicare Part A until you retire, or your employer coverage ends. Part B – along with its premium – can be added later without penalty as long as your employer's group health plan is your "primary coverage."

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If your wife is younger than you, she will need health insurance until she turns 65 and becomes eligible for Medicare. This may be through the Health Insurance Marketplace (see healthcare.gov), or if you're still working, through COBRA (see dol.gov/general/topic/health-plans/cobra).

In addition to Medicare Part A and B, when you and your wife become Medicare eligible, each of you will also need to enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan if you don't have credible drug coverage from your employer or union. And, you may want to purchase a Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policy too, to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. Or, you may want to consider an all-in-one Medicare Advantage plan.

For more information on Medicare choices and enrollment rules visit Medicare.gov or call (800) 633-4227. You can also get help through your State Health Insurance As-

sistance Program (see shiphelp.org), which provides free Medicare counseling.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some simplified universal television remotes for seniors? My 88-year-old dad, who lives in a retirement community, has some dementia and gets confused with all the buttons on his remote. As a result, he keeps accidentally reprogramming his TV set.

Searching Son

Dear Searching,

Most modern TV remotes – that come with dozens of unnecessary buttons – can be confusing for anyone to operate but can be especially challenging for elderly seniors. Fortunately, there are several universal TV remotes available that are specifically designed for older adults with vision, memory, or confusion issues, as well as those that are technologically challenged. These remotes have bigger buttons and paired down options that make them much easier to see and use. Here are three top choices to consider.

The two most popular simplified TV remotes on the market today are the "Flipper" and the "EasyMote." Both of these are infrared (IR) only remotes intended for those who use traditional cable/satellite boxes or their TV's internal tuner. They are not designed for people who use streaming media devices and will not work with devices that are controlled via Bluetooth or radio frequency (RF).

If you're not sure how your dad's TV is controlled, point his remote at the ground in the opposite direction from the device, and then press a button. If the remote still executes the command, then it's using Bluetooth or Radio Frequency (RF) signals.

The Flipper, which is a top-rated remote, works with all major TVs including cable, satellite and digital TV receiver boxes. Available for \$40 at FlipperRemote.com, this lightweight, remote has a tapered design that makes it easy to hold, and for simplicity it has only six large color-coded tactile buttons that are exposed to control the power, mute, volume up/down, and channel up/down.

Flipper also offers an optional "favorite channel" feature that will let you program up to 30 of your dad's favorite channels and eliminate the useless channels he never watches. And it has a built-in keypad hidden behind a slide-down panel. This will give your dad the ability to directly punch in a desired channel, while keeping the remote simple and uncluttered. The Flipper remote can also be locked to prevent accidental reprogramming.

The other popular senior-friendly remote that's worth a look is the EasyMote (see EasyMote.us), which is available on Amazon.com for \$18. This lightweight remote, which controls most TV and cable boxes, also comes with six large easy-to-see buttons (on/off, mute, channel up and down, and volume up and down buttons) that light up when pressed, which is nice feature if your dad watches TV in the dark. It also comes with a handy wrist strap to prevent misplacing the remote but can be removed anytime.

If the Flipper or EasyMote is too basic for your dad's entertainment system, another simplified remote that offers the ability to control multiple devices is the "GE Big Button 2-Device Universal Remote" – also available at Amazon.com for \$9.

This IR remote has an ergonomic design with large buttons that will let him control up to 2 audio/video components such as TV, cable/satellite receiver, Blu-ray/DVD player, Roku box, Apple TV and other streaming media players and sound bars.

In addition to power, volume, channel, mute buttons and number pad, this remote also offers a previous channel, sleep timer and input buttons for convenience.

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



## Buggy Rides



### Feeding robins

**February 10, 1999** ~ There were several calls to the Review office from residents who had advice as to what to feed the robins who didn't fly south for the winter.

Elaine Shaw of Harrisville feeds dried fruit, hamburger, ground sunflower seeds and even leftover spaghetti. She recently saw 30-50 robins in a yard on Clark Road in Harrisville.

"We just stopped the car to look," Shaw said. "I've never seen that many robins in one place."

Eunice Matthews of Curran feeds raisins or currents to robins in the spring. Connie Coburn of Harrisville said she looked in the National Audubon Bird Book, and it said to feed raw hamburger.

Sue Milks who works at the WilderNest Shoppe in Harrisville said chopped fruit, nut meats, sunflower hearts, cooked hamburger and raisins are good to feed robins.

Al Kersten of the WilderNest Shoppe reminded people to put something out - on the ground, deck or back stoop as robins are ground feeders. "Take the meal to them," he said.

### Lady Tigers took a loss, but bounce back with a win

**February 10, 1999** ~ By Michael G. Popkey

After suffering another loss to the Whittemore -Prescott Cardinals Feb. 1, the Alcona volleyball team bounced back and beat Burton Genesee Feb. 4, in Burton 15-6, 15-5.

The two matches, which lasted 30 minutes, were an easy win for the Lady Tigers.

Crystal Hendricks went 8 for 8 in service receptions; Melinda Kilbourn had 10 assists; Sarah Kruttlin had five kills, five blocks and Teagon Perkins had five digs.

In facing the much tougher Whittemore -Prescott Cardinals both the JV and Varsity Tigers won their first matches before being defeated in the second two.

The Lady Tigers won 15-12 before losing 15-11 and 17-15.

The JV team won 15-11 before losing their second two 15-6 and 16-14. Final games went to the very end before being decided by the necessary two point win margin.

The Lady Tigers and Whittemore -Prescott Cardinals

fought up from a 9-9 tie in the final match with Alcona having a 13-12 and a 15-14 lead. The Cardinals tied it at 15 and won it by scoring three consecutive winning points.

Teagon Perkins had 4 aces; Melinda Kilbourn had 19 assists and 12 digs; Lauren James had 10 kills and Sarah Kruttlin had 10 blocks.

The Lady Tigers next home game will be Thursday, Feb. 11 against AuGres. Junior Varsity play starts at 6 p.m.

### Triple overtime nets Tigers a win

**February 10, 1999** ~ By Michael G. Popkey

Relying on three-point shooting early in the game and a do-or-die defense late in the game, the Alcona boys basketball team defeated Arenac Eastern 53-50 in triple overtime.

The game, played at home on Feb. 2, saw the Tigers down by six, 40-34, with just under three minutes to play. Steals by Paul Somers and Joshua Werda, with some quick passing up court, gave the Tigers a 40-40 tie.

Twice into the overtime periods, the Eagles tried controlling the ball and running

down the clock from the two minute mark to the 20 second mark before attempting what could have been the game's winning shots.

Twice the Tigers did not allow the shots to be made, ending the first and second overtime periods, tied at 44 apiece.

Paul Somers would be Alcona's needed spark in the third overtime period. Hitting a three-pointer in the opening seconds and hitting four of six free throws in the closing seconds Somers lead the Tigers to a victory.

"I'm really proud of the kids," said Coach Wayne VanDyke, "They did what had

to be done."

The Tigers got off to an early 14-11 first quarter lead. Jeff Munro, David Zawada, Paul Somers and Sheldon Kranendonk all shot three-pointers for 12 of the first 14 points.

The Eagles controlled most of the game from that point, ending the half ahead 23-19 and controlling most of the third quarter, although the Tigers did manage to tie at the end of the game 28-28.

Paul Somers led Alcona's scoring with 15 points and Jeff Munro scored 11 points.

The JV Tigers easily won their contest against Arenac Eastern 61-27.

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# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Insightful labels

Brass inlaid inkstands were not a rarity in Victorian times. This one recently sold for \$188 at New Orleans Auction Galleries. It features a brass handle, two compartments for ink pots and a stamp box in the center. If you turn it upside down, you can see a nearly intact paper label on the base. The original paper label adds value to an antique. It also provides useful information, often more than just a mark.



This brass inlaid instand was made in Victorian London. A label on its base provides insight into its history. Photo courtesy of Kovels.com

A label can tell you the name and possibly the address of the maker or retailer. This inkstand was made by "L. Leuchars, Writing & Dressing Case Maker," located at "38 Picadilly, London." The label mentions the maker also made "Ink Stands, Chess Men, Tea Chests" and "Work Boxes," and it includes a crest with a crown showing a royal warrant "To Her Majesty and the Royal Family." An online search for "L. Leuchars" brought up Lucy Leuchars, the widow of James Leuchars, who took over his business. Later, when their son joined the business, it was called "Leuchars & Son." The royal warrant was issued in 1837, the first year of Queen Victoria's reign.

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Q: I have many Barbie dolls and collectibles, Ertl metal tractors that were my husband's and airplane banks that I'd like to sell. TITLE: None of my great-grandchildren seem to be interested. Do you have a price

list that tells what I might be able to sell them for?

A: Old toys sell at house sales, estate sales and garage sales. The price you can get depends on rarity and condition. Parents buy them for their children to play with and may even buy the toy if it's in worn "used" condition if the price is right. Adult collectors look for vintage Barbie dolls, banks and farm toys in good condition. Prices for toys are listed in our latest price book, Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price List 2023. You can also check eBay and other online sources to see what toys like yours have sold for. Be sure to check "Sold" prices, not asking prices. Barbie dolls sell for \$12 or less to a few hundred dollars or more. Barbie's clothing and accessories sell for a variety

of prices. Ertl tractors in used condition sell for \$25 or less. Some in good condition sell for \$60 to a few hundred dollars. A 1920's aluminum "Spirit of Saving" airplane bank commemorating Lindbergh's flight sold for \$480 recently. It was in near mint condition.

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TIP: The longer the cylinder on an old music box, the higher the price.

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### CURRENT PRICES

Porcelain-Asian, bowl, blue underglaze garden scene, peony flowers, ivory ground, soft paste, short foot, six-character Chenghua mark, Vietnam, 4 3/4 inches, \$360.  
 Blanket, Navajo, double saddle, cream field, light brown, pink, 16 Valero stars, eight feathers, early 20th century, 30 x 53 1/2 inches, \$750.

Chair, Fritz Hansen, beechwood frame, blue woolblend upholstery, butterfly back, pillow, open sculptural arms, c. 1950, 40 x 27 x 35 inches, \$1,600.

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## MAGIC MAZE ● START WITH AN "ST" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Falling Condensed Moisture**

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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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## Veterans Post

By Greddy Groves

### The records center has caught up

The National Personnel Records Center, part of the National Archives and Records Administration, has finally cleared up a huge, four-year backlog of work. Caused by the Covid pandemic, at one time they had a list of 600,000 requests for records.

From what we hear, it was a crazy time, with only a certain number of emergency personnel allowed to work in the building at once to take care of must-have requests for things like documents for funerals and medical emergencies.

Now allowed back to work, they've dealt with longer hours for staff, working weekends, additional staff and shifts, new technology and much more. At this point they've caught up, and ide-

ally any normal requests for separation records should be handled within a week or so, with other types of records taking approximately 20 days. Meanwhile, they receive over 4,000 new requests each day. That's over a million per year.

The vast majority of the records at the record center are paper copies that must be found by hand. They've been busy digitizing all the files they can find, including asking the VA to digitize all the military service records they hold. In addition, the eVetRecs portal has been upgraded to handle requests for files online, and there is now a phone line to check the status of orders.

The fire of 1973 continues to impact efforts to produce records. With 16-18 million

files reduced to ash, it's been necessary over the years to reconstruct information from various sources and locations to produce the requested files, such as DD Form 214. Some of the alternate records they can search are final pay vouchers and medical/hospital records.

Staff at the records center should be applauded for their work under less than ideal conditions. I personally wondered if they would ever catch up, even with their plan of action and status report one year ago, but they have.

If you need to request service records, go to [vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html](http://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html) and file your order online.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
2. **HISTORY:** When did Facebook launch?
3. **MUSIC:** Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
5. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of peacocks called?
6. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
7. **LANGUAGE:** What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
8. **MYTHOLOGY:** What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
9. **MOVIES:** Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
10. **LITERATURE:** Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

Answers: 1. "Outer Banks."; 2. 2004.; 3. David Bowie.; 4. England.; 5. An ostentation or a pride.; 6. BMW.; 7. Id est (that is).; 8. The Labyrinth.; 9. "Fight Club."; 10. 37. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Feb. 26, 1917, the Original Dixieland Jass (later Jazz) Band recorded "Livery Stable Blues," the world's first jazz record, for the Victor Talking Machine Company in New York. That same year, the group also made the first appearance of a jazz band in a motion picture, a silent film titled "The Good for Nothing."
  - On Feb. 27, 1938, a new mascot design was created by Chris Klein and C. Karnstadt for use by the Pontiac car brand, in the form of an Indian maiden. The theme was inspired by connections with the General Motors war chief who was employed in the GM manufacturing division.
  - On Feb. 28, 1983, the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H," a series about the staff of an Army hospital during the Korean War, titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," became the most-watched television episode in U.S. history, with an estimated 106 million American viewers.
  - On Feb. 29, 2012, Davy Jones, a former teen idol and singer for The Monkees, died of a heart attack at the age of 66. Jones starred with his bandmates in a popular TV series and a few other shows during his career, later returning to his first passion of horses and becoming a jockey.
  - On March 1, 2008, Britain's Prince Harry, who had been sent secretly to Afghanistan with his regiment in December at his request, was forced to return to Britain after the American website the Drudge Report made his deployment public.
  - On March 2, 1969, the supersonic airliner and joint British/French project Concorde set off on its maiden flight, reaching 10,000 feet and 300 mph. It would be another seven years before the plane began commercial flights, which continued until 2003, when it was retired from service.
  - On March 3, 2005, Steve Fossett became the first person to fly a plane solo and nonstop around the globe without refueling, landing his Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer in Salina, Kansas, after a 67-hour journey. Two years later, he would disappear while flying over the Great Basin Desert, with his wrecked aircraft discovered in 2008.
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## Super Crossword

### FOURTH-ESTATE FANTASY

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Not quite first-rate</p> <p>7 "Patience — virtue"</p> <p>10 Car tankful</p> <p>13 Collie of TV</p> <p>19 Cattle farm of the West</p> <p>20 Trumpet blast</p> <p>22 Singer and actor Frankie</p> <p>23 When it's 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>24 Element #3</p> <p>25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics</p> <p>26 Start of a riddle</p> <p>29 Japanese buckwheat noodle</p> <p>30 Dr. Seuss' Sam- —</p> <p>31 Amo, amas, —</p> <p>32 "Addams Family" cousin</p> <p>35 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>43 Faint smell</p> <p>45 Foldout bed</p> <p>46 Co-workers of MDs</p> <p>47 Stalactite site</p> <p>48 Florence's river</p> <p>49 Total amount</p> <p>51 "Scram!"</p> | <p>52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.</p> <p>55 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>60 Brief promos</p> <p>61 Triceps' place</p> <p>62 Pop's Celine</p> <p>63 See 58-Down</p> <p>66 Bullfighter</p> <p>67 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>70 Put a new front on, as a building</p> <p>72 Unbroken</p> <p>73 Recognized</p> <p>75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes</p> <p>76 Famously feisty fish</p> <p>77 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>81 Oval shape</p> <p>84 Dejected</p> <p>85 "Who am — judge?"</p> <p>86 Secret writing</p> <p>87 Postal pieces</p> <p>88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short</p> <p>89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.</p> <p>91 Very long time periods</p> <p>92 End of the riddle</p> <p>99 Disloyal type</p> | <p>100 Impulsive desire</p> <p>101 Illusionist</p> <p>102 Like planted seeds</p> <p>104 Riddle's answer</p> <p>113 Enter very quickly</p> <p>114 Novelist Caldwell</p> <p>115 Common gauge for toy trains</p> <p>116 "Despite that ..."</p> <p>117 Gets smaller</p> <p>118 "Happy Days" actress Ross</p> <p>119 Bunks on ships</p> <p>120 Mil. ranker</p> <p>121 Gym pad</p> <p>122 Hole to receive a lace</p> | <p>9 Lure for insect extermination</p> <p>10 The earth as a goddess</p> <p>11 Cut — (dance)</p> <p>12 Pago Pago people</p> <p>13 "Meteor" actor Martin</p> <p>14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film</p> <p>15 Long, involved story</p> <p>16 Shut loudly</p> <p>17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"</p> <p>18 Grammy winner Brian</p> <p>21 "— the breaks!"</p> <p>27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance</p> <p>28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"</p> <p>32 "Let me!"</p> <p>33 Bases-loaded situation</p> <p>34 Lightweight kitchen utensils</p> <p>36 Peak</p> <p>37 Chicago daily, in brief</p> <p>38 Global: Abbr.</p> <p>39 Mark for life</p> <p>40 Easter meat</p> <p>41 Adam's mate</p> | <p>42 — Moines choreography</p> <p>49 Tahitian skirts</p> <p>50 Package delivery co.</p> <p>51 Carpentry material for some cabinets</p> <p>52 Chi follower</p> <p>53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage</p> <p>54 Taxonomic subdivisions</p> <p>56 Become lively</p> <p>57 Cheer yell</p> <p>58 With 63-Across, for the time being</p> <p>59 See 75-Across</p> <p>63 Oven used to bake naan</p> <p>64 Spiny anteater</p> <p>65 Most unkind</p> <p>67 Conservation org. with a panda logo</p> <p>68 Pooch's yap</p> <p>69 Big blue body</p> <p>71 Genre of many sitcoms</p> <p>74 Wide shoe spec</p> <p>76 Mining shaft</p> | <p>77 Higher ground?</p> <p>78 "You wish!"</p> <p>79 Condé —</p> <p>80 User-edited website</p> <p>81 Rescue squad VIP</p> <p>82 "— di-dah!"</p> <p>83 False story</p> <p>88 Projecting curves on saddles</p> <p>89 By the day</p> <p>90 Huffington of HuffPost</p> <p>91 So to speak</p> <p>93 Wise-acting</p> <p>94 Thick-skinned critters</p> <p>95 Day, in Chile</p> <p>96 Studly guys</p> <p>97 Abbr. on a bad check</p> <p>98 End a vacation</p> <p>103 Mother-of-pearl</p> <p>104 Surfing need</p> <p>105 Cake finisher</p> <p>106 Holy Week's time</p> <p>107 Eldest of the Brady boys</p> <p>108 Helper: Abbr.</p> <p>109 For fear that</p> <p>110 Half a train track</p> <p>111 — gin fizz</p> <p>112 Camp shelter</p> <p>113 Yank's rival</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Researchers have developed an algorithm that transforms complex data into musical sounds.
- In 2003, Marvel successfully argued in a U.S. court that mutants were "nonhuman creatures" and, therefore, toys, in order to save on taxes, since X-Men action figures were being imported as dolls but toys have a lower tariff.
- An ostrich can run faster than a horse.
- Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won't have to touch anything.
- Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun's position.
- Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run," he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.
- Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his "invulnerability" by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.
- A 2018 study found that wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by up to 7.5%.

Thought for the Day: "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein." -- H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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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: Y equals O

HIQ MYYU WMYSV VNLUT WHX  
ZFIWT QCY LYSFXH'V ZNHX  
BKYBIK CYTVT:  
"BWKWTNVIT FYTV."

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## Couch Theater

By Demi Taveras

"The Marvels" (PG-13) -- After an underwhelming run at the box office, "The Marvels" starring Brie Larson, Teyonah Parris and Iman Vellani is out now on streaming! Larson reprises her role as Captain Marvel, who finds herself facing a new enemy from a different world called Kree. This enemy, Dar-Benn, discovers a Quantum Band that makes traveling through space quick and easy. In creating a new jump point with the Quantum Band, Dar-Benn links Captain Marvel's powers to none other than Kamala Khan, Ms. Marvel herself (Vellani), and an astronaut named Monica Rambeau (Parris). The trio, who now get inconveniently transported to different locations any time they use their powers, must band together to stop Dar-Benn from exacting revenge on their home worlds. (Disney+)



Donald Glover, left, and Maya Erskine star in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith." Review photo courtesy of Amazon Prime Video

"Past Lives" (PG-13) -- This semi-autobiographical romantic-drama directed by Celine Song was recently nominated for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay at the Oscars -- an incredible feat for Song's directorial debut. Starring "The Morning Show's" Greta Lee and "Leto's" Teo Yoo, the film follows Na Young and Hae Sung, two South Korean 12-year-olds who have crushes on each other but are forced apart after Na Young's family moves to Canada. They virtually reunite 12 years later, seemingly drawn together due to their inexplicable connection, but the different lives they lead continue to take precedence over their budding re-

lationship. "Past Lives" perfectly encompasses the joy and sorrow that comes with knowing you found the right person, just not at the right time. Out now. (Paramount+)

"Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (TV-MA) -- This spy comedy series is based on the iconic 2005 film of the same name starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie but puts a quirkier spin on the original story. Donald Glover ("Atlanta") portrays John Smith, opposite Maya Erskine's Jane Smith. The two strangers are spies who adapt their respective identities in order to impersonate a married couple while they complete a high-risk mission every week. And aren't real feelings bound to get involved when two lonely people are put in an enticing arranged marriage? The series features a handful of actors we know and love, including Sarah Paulson, Paul Dano, Alexander Skarsgard, Eiza Gonzalez and Ron Perlman.

All episodes are available now. (Amazon Prime Video)

"The Pod Generation" (PG-13) -- In this sci-fi romantic-comedy, Alvy and Rachel Novy are a married couple in a futuristic version of New York who wish to grow their family, but with Rachel's bustling career and a promotion on the way, the timing isn't right for her to have the child herself. However, her company gives her another option: a stipend to conceive a child through the sleek, high-tech Pegazus Womb Center. There, babies are conceived, grown and even birthed through an artificial womb called a pod. If Rachel can convince Alvy to put aside his beliefs to try the technology, the couple can finally begin a life of parenthood. Emilia Clarke ("Game of Thrones") and Chiwetel Ejiofor ("Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness") lead the film, out on Feb. 16. (Hulu)

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## Diva's On A Dime

By Patti Diamond

### Indulge in decadence without the fuss: The easiest chocolate fondue

Whether you're planning a romantic Valentine's Day dinner, date night, fun party or just craving a chocolaty escape from the ordinary, I've got the perfect treat for you. With this surprisingly easy chocolate fondue, the decadence is unbelievable and the effort is minimal. And here's the best part -- no fancy fondue pot required!

For the richest chocolate fondue, opt for the highest quality chocolate that you can comfortably afford. Choose a variety that you'd happily snack on. Chocolate chips offer a convenient choice, and I recommend semisweet or dark chocolate chips, or a mix of both, for an optimal flavor profile. Don't hesitate to use chopped chocolate bars if that's what's available. Many of them make scrumptious fondue; just give them a quick chop before melting.

When it comes to the velvety base, strike a balance by combining heavy cream and milk, ensuring a luscious fondue that maintains a rich chocolate essence without overwhelming heaviness.

No fondue pot? No worries! Whip up this perfect chocolate fondue in the microwave or a double boiler on the stovetop. This chocolate fondue stays smooth and dipdable long enough that it doesn't need a fondue pot. Just using a warmed ceramic dish works great. Reheat in the microwave if needed. Bamboo skewers stand in nicely for fondue forks.

#### THE EASIEST CHOCOLATE FONDUE

Total Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

10 ounces semisweet, dark or milk chocolate chips (about 1 3/4 cups) or a mixture

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup whole or 2% milk,

plus more as needed

Pinch kosher salt

Place the chocolate chips, 1/2 cup of heavy cream and 1/2 cup milk into a microwave safe bowl, or in a double boiler over barely simmering water. Melt the chocolate, stirring often. Add additional milk if needed to thin chocolate to desired consistency. When chocolate is melted, smooth and glossy, pour into a serving bowl and serve with dippers.

With our velvety chocolate fondue prepared, let's choose dippers. Aim for diverse textures and flavors, organizing them into categories for a delightful variety.

Cookies and other sweets:

rolled wafers, biscotti, meringues, sandwich cookies, shortbread, marshmallows, brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, pound cake, graham crackers, doughnut holes.

Fresh and dried fruit: strawberries, bananas, apples, pineapple, orange segments, apricots, citrus peel, banana chips, apple chips, figs.

Savory suggestions: thick-cut salted potato chips, pretzels, peanut-butter pretzels, buttery crackers, cooked thick-cut bacon.

Garnishes: flaky salt, shredded coconut, chopped toasted nuts, sprinkles, crushed freeze-dried fruit, Pop Rocks!

Here are some chocolate fondue variations that won't break the bank! Explore extracts like vanilla, orange or peppermint for a unique twist. Elevate the experience by adding 1 to 2 tablespoons of liqueur -- choose chocolate, hazelnut, amaretto, orange or coffee liqueurs. Spice it up by adding ground cinnamon, a pinch of chili powder and a drop of almond extract for a nod to Mexican chocolate.

Embarking on your first fondue adventure? Here are some etiquette tips to guide your chocolate-covered journey. Encourage a no-double-dip policy to ensure everyone enjoys a clean and germ-free chocolate experience. Drop the dipped delight onto your plate and switch to a separate utensil for eating. Opt for practicality if there are more than four people at the table by setting up two platters of dippers on either side of the pot, ensuring easy access without the need for acrobatics.

So, whether it's a romantic rendezvous or a solo indulgence, join me in chocolate fondue that's as easy as it is luxurious. Oh, and leftover fondue chocolate makes a fabulous hot chocolate base. Let the fondue festivities begin!

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Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at [www.divasonadime.com](http://www.divasonadime.com) and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at [divapatti@divasonadime.com](mailto:divapatti@divasonadime.com) (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazotta

### Is pet sitting a profitable career?

EAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm a high school student and I'm thinking about what kind of career I'd like to have after I graduate three years from now. I'm not sure college is for me, and I like being around pets -- my family has two dogs and a cat, and I have a flop-eared rabbit. I've heard that pet sitting is a good business to be in. Is this true? Can I do that instead of college? -- Caryn H., Fort Walton Beach, Florida

DEAR CARYN: Pet sitting is a huge and growing market, because almost every owner is going to need someone to watch their pet at some

point. So, it's certainly worth considering as a career. You can start your own pet-sitting business or go to work for someone else.

This is a job that requires responsibility and self-discipline, because people are entrusting you with their pets. You have to show up at the agreed-upon time, follow the owners' instructions to the letter, and make sure their pets remain happy and healthy. If dog-walking is part of the job, you've got to keep them under control and away from conflicts with other dogs. You've got to stay healthy, because a sick day is not an

option unless you have someone to cover for you.

Start by visiting the websites of two major pet-sitting organizations: Pet Sitters International ([petsit.com](http://petsit.com)) and the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters ([petsitters.org](http://petsitters.org)). They offer resources, certifications and more. Talk to your parents and your school guidance counselor about your interest. They'll support you and help you explore this career option.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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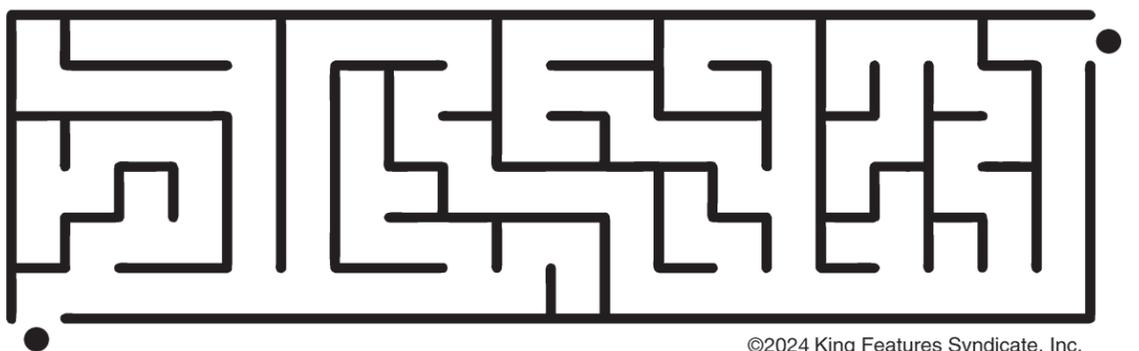
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on February 28, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name of the mortgagor : Natasha Dettmer, a single woman. Original

mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Foreclosing assignee: Amerisave Mortgage Corporation. Date of mortgage: July 15, 2022. Date of mortgage recording: July 21, 2022. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$112,600.79. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The southwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 26 North, Range 7 East Common street address: 1135 S. Bean Hill Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9779. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure

sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 31, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 145 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515 1520692 1-31, 2-7, 2-14, 2-21

**State of Michigan Judicial District 23rd Judicial Circuit Alcona County Order Regarding Alternate Service Case No. 23-3963-CH**  
**Plaintiff's name**  
 Michael Myles  
 3962 Power Drive  
 Mikado, Mich. 48745  
**Plaintiff's attorney**  
 David H. Cook, P40560  
 5466 M-72  
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
**Defendant's name**  
 Edith Lee  
 Patricia Borman  
 Shayna N. Engelhard and all other of their unknown heirs, legatees and assigns.  
**The court finds: Service of process upon the defendant, Edith Lee, Patricia Borman, Shayna N. Engelhard and all other of their unknown heirs, legatees and assigns, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.**  
**It is ordered: Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following methods – publication of this order in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks. Honorable Laura A. Frawley 1-31, 2-7, 2-14**

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Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated January 24, 2007 and recorded January 30, 2007 in Liber 438, page 1329 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-two and 46/100 dollars (\$61,882.46). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 27, 2024. Said premises are located in the Township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, T26N, R9E, described as: commencing at a point 769 rods 22 feet east and 2 rods south of the northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, said point being marked with a cement stake 5x5 determining right of way of the quarter line road and US-

23 highway; thence south parallel with US-23, 504 feet to an iron stake, thence west at right angles to US-23, 200 feet; thence south parallel with said US-23 highway 66 feet; thence east at right angles to said US-23 highway 200 feet; thence north parallel with said US-23 highway 66 feet to the place of beginning, except US-23 highway right of way. 298 South US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 7, 2024 File No. 23-011007 Firm name: Orlans PC Firm address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Mich. 48084 Firm phone number: (248) 502-1400 2-7, 2-14, 2-21, 2-28

**State of Michigan Alcona County Probate Court Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File NO. 24-6419-DE**  
 Estate of Edward Jerome Petrusch Jr., deceased  
 Date of birth: December 30, 1939  
 Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Edward Jerome Petrusch Jr., died December 11, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Petrusch, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.  
 Date: February 14, 2024  
 David Petrusch  
 Personal representative  
 10650 Pine Bluff  
 Whitmore Lake, Mich. 48189 (313) 910-7524  
 Emilee M. Manning (P84940)  
 The Wallace Firm, P.C.  
 312 W. Chisholm St.  
 Alpena, Mich. 49707 (989) 262-0062

## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Village of Lincoln Council met on Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer/zoning administrator, Mahalak; and council members, Durham; Gauthier; Lucas; Schick. Absent: clerk Somers and Brett Wambold. We had a letter of interest from Christine Skuse for the empty seat on the council. A motion made by Schick, with support from Gauthier, to approve Christine as trustee was approved. Christine was sworn in. Another letter of interest to join the planning commission was received by Alicia Glick. On a motion made by Gauthier with support from Schick, Alicia was appointed to the planning commission. The minutes of the January 3 meeting were approved on a motion from Durham and support by Lucas. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Skuse. A motion to pay the bills was made by Schick with support from Gauthier. We had guest Doug Baum from NEMCOG. He explained they have made many changes and it should benefit us. He passed out booklets with who to contact for different subjects. The DDA previously had a

public hearing and we were missing some verbiage so it needs to be redone. A public hearing will be held on March 4 at 6:30 p. m. The council will have a regular meeting the same night at 7 p. m. Motion made by Durham, with support from Gauthier, to put new verbiage in public hearing notice. Doug also said there are grants out there for various things, and also for the fire department. He will let us know more on that shortly. We have been having an issue with people parking on the side of the roadways and it is bad for snowplowing and other vehicles trying to get by. We have spoken with our attorney to see what we need to do on that. Sheriff Stephenson was also at our meeting tonight to advise of the fraud cases in our county. He said someone at the county level didn't put the humane society in for payment, they have received \$8,000. In the past they are requesting \$12,000. He said they use the humane society a lot for strays. I asked if there wasn't something that could be done about non neutered pets running loose. The only thing they get taken to the humane society and have to pay to get them out.

Sheriff Scott Stephenson said they also launched a new program called the LEAP program you can see more on their website. LEAP stands for law enforcement autism awareness program. Fire chief Walker was at the meeting and said some of their reports are not completed and they are working with Chad Kaminski and Roger Klukowski on getting these back in order. Walker stated instead of assistant chief, he would like Roger to have the position of chief medical officer at the pay rate of assistant chief until our new budget, then it needs to be increased. Motion by Gauthier with support by Schick to change name of position. Maintenance - Gary and Lornie said all equipment is working good. A few minor things during the last snowstorm, but everything was cleaned up as soon as possible. Gary spoke about repairing the blacktop and has been working with Jesse at road commission. Our beach area repairs we are still waiting on Brad Wassman for his plan to get this done. Motion by Schick with support from Durham to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Marsha Mahalak Village of Lincoln Treasurer

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## BOARD OF REVIEW

Caledonia Township, Alcona County  
 2024 March Board of Review Times and Dates

Place: Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd Spruce, MI 48762  
 Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11:30 am  
 Appeals Meeting: Monday, March 14th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 Appeals Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Supervisor – Cyndy Aspey  
 Non-Residents are able to protest by letter, provided the letter is received prior to March 7, 2024, \* Postmark not excepted\* Petitions by phone, fax or electronic device will not be heard. Mail Letters to:

Caledonia Township Assessor  
 P.O. Box 517  
 Hillman, MI 49746

In compliance with sec 211.34A of the general property tax law of the State of Michigan the following are the Tentative Ratio and Tentative Multipliers to be applied to the Assessed Values of each Class of Property in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, to achieve equalized values for 2024 Caledonia Township.

	2024 Ratio	Factor
AGRICULTURAL	45.65	1.09529
COMMERCIAL	42.40	1.17925
INDUSTRIAL	44.15	1.13250
RESIDENTIAL	40.30	1.24069
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
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