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## Toddler's mother receives 15 to 40 years in prison

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

The mother of the two-year-old toddler who was killed in Curtis Township in July 2022 was sentenced in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court on February 13.

Adrienne Pavelka, 23, appeared in court for her sentencing and gave an emotional statement to Judge Laura A. Frawley before she was taken into custody to be remanded to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Pavelka was arrested on July 23, 2022, one day after she took her daughter, Jayde McConnell, to the emergency room at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena. The child was deceased.

She was charged with one count of homicide-felony murder and two counts of child abuse-first degree. Her boyfriend at the time, Aaron J. Trout, was also charged in the child's murder. A jury found him guilty of second degree homicide and child

abuse. He was sentenced to 55 to 90 years for homicide and 30 to 60 years for child abuse

Pursuant to a plea agreement that was signed on June 6, 2023, the homicide charge and one count of child abuse – first degree were dismissed. The terms of the agreement are, "The defendant will enter a conditional plea of guilty as charged to count two (child abuse – first degree). The defendant has the right to appeal the factual basis of the plea relating to a failure to protect her child from a known danger.

"Prosecutor agrees to a sentence of: A term of years sentence with a 15 year cap on the maximum-minimum sentence. Further this sentencing agreement is contingent upon her truthful testimony at trial, and she shall not be sentenced until after co-defendant Aaron Trout's prosecution is resolved."

Pavelka's attorney, Matthew J. Wojda, called Dr. Jef-



Adrienne Pavelka waits in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court last Tuesday for sentencing. Alcona County Sheriff's deputy Josh Geiersbach and Alcona County Probation officer Carey Walker look on. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

frey Kieliszewski, an expert witness, to explain to the court Pavelka's mental status. He testified that she is diagnosed with "clinical post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and major depressive issues." He explained that she also exhibited "learned helplessness" that is commonly seen in domestic violence situations, where people feel

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## Claw Academy provides students nontraditional approach to high school

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Students of Alcona High School's Claw Academy have finished their first semester, but have already begun to see great success.

Claw is an alternative high school education model that combines a small classroom atmosphere offering online learning. It is housed in a two-room building across the street from the high school which used to be called the "blue house."

With two staff support mentors, Shelly Hoffmeyer and Joy Bullis, guiding students, the academy offers a personalized approach to learning.

Hoffmeyer explained when they first began signing students up last year they thought about six students would give it a try. She was delighted when 21 juniors and seniors jumped on board in September.

According to Alcona High School Principal Christie Thomas, of the 21 students, 12 are on track and have been successful in passing all their classes. "All the seniors are on track to graduate this year.

An additional six students are ahead and have started their second semester early.

"We anticipate two or three may have their whole year complete by the end of February," Thomas said.

Just three students of the 21 have not had success with the program and will be either going back to face-to-face education at the traditional high school or will be attending some other form of education/school.

Thomas said the students accepted into the program were very credit-deficient and probably would not be able to graduate with their class.

"They just were not thriving at traditional high school. For many, there were social issues. Here there is very little drama, it's a small class and they get along like a family," Thomas said.

Hoffmeyer said the biggest draw for the students to attend Claw Academy was because students can set their own outcome. "They start out coming in four full days per week, but once they are on track and successful at pass-

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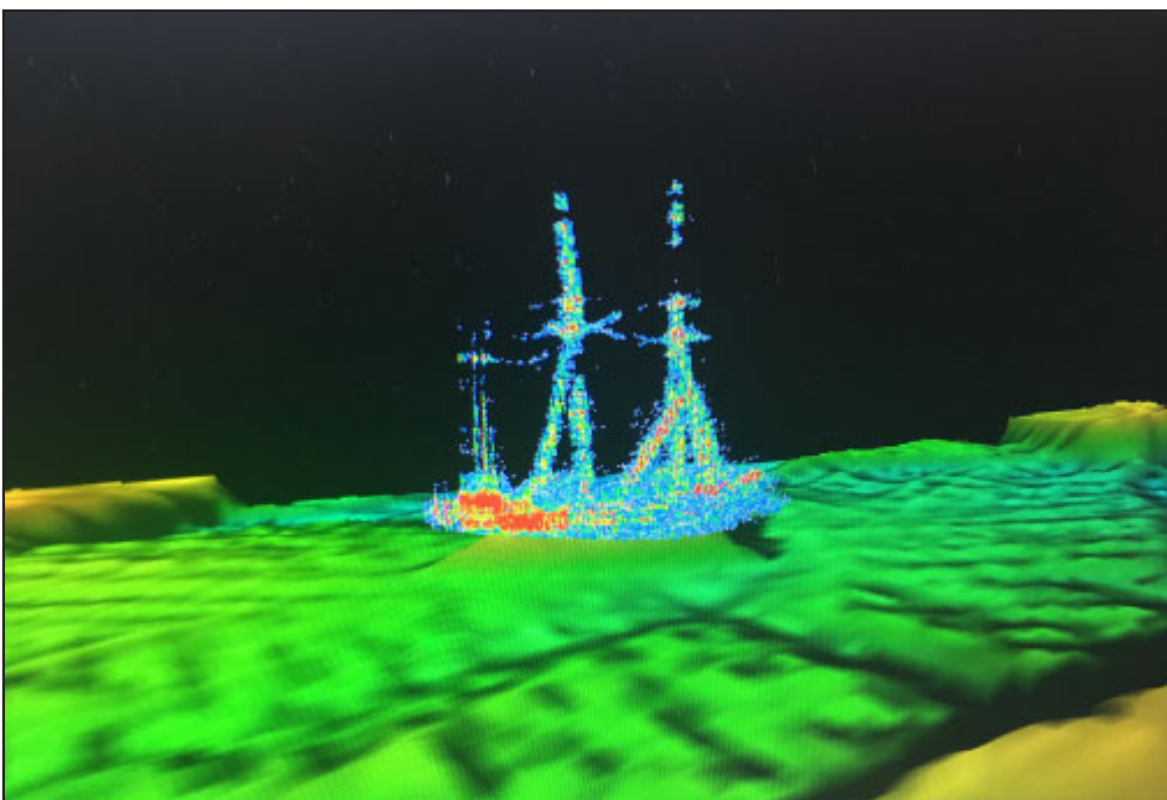


Image of the schooner-barge Ironton as it sits on the lake floor today. This image is a point cloud extracted from water column returns from multibeam sonar. Photo courtesy of Ocean Exploration Trust/NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. For details, see page 4.



# God Bless America



# Obituary

## Evelyn M. Askwig

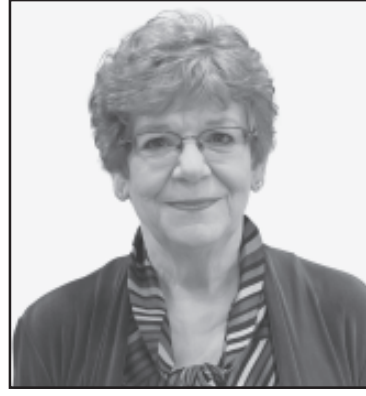
Evelyn Mae Askwig, 69, of Hubbard Lake died on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at home. She was born in Detroit, Mich. on September 13, 1954, to Donald and Goldie (Hanson) Heidenberger.

On August 20, 1982, she married Bruce Askwig.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hubbard Lake. She enjoyed quilting and knitting, and had a passion for cooking and baking.

Mrs. Askwig is survived by her husband, Bruce; one daughter, Adena (Ted) Tullar; two sons, Jonathan (Kara) Askwig and Michael (Devin) Askwig; four grandchildren, Richelle LaBarge, Trenton Tullar, Troy Tullar, and Trista Tullar; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Mary Lou (Gary) Hopkins; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church,



Hubbard Lake on Friday, Feb. 23 from 4-8 p.m. and continue Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Joseph Llewellyn will officiate.

Interment is in Mt. Joy Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children. Arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home.

# Correspondence

To the Editor,  
Thank you for your coverage and reports on the Trout trial. Your "Over the Dune" column opened peoples' eyes to the evil operating among us but also the good that occurs as well, especially the sacrifice involved in a democratically represented constitutional republic by individual citizens of the sovereign states of the union. Family members of the victim, jurors and those involved in the prosecution of the case all made sacrifices during the trial.

I'm thankful Mr. Trout was not wealthy so he could not pay "experts" to obfuscate the evidence as in the O.J. Simpson fiasco. Judge Lance Ito was intimidated by the defense team and, in my opinion, was unqualified to be seated on the bench.

Judge Laura Frawley, who was a prosecutor in Howell/Brighton at the beginning of her court career, understands the undisclosed activities that constitute a successful and fair prosecution. This knowledge is vital to obtain justice and put a reasonable doubt defense strategy as well as a beyond a reasonable doubt strategy in its place. Counselors artfully dodge the truth and obfuscate the facts to get one juror to buy into the bs to win the case.

If we, the citizens of Alcona County, could not get this one right, then we may have needed to be dissolved and absorbed by surrounding counties. (February 13) was Ms. Pavelka's sentencing day. I believe the judge will be fair, i.e. real justice tempered by mercy.

Mike Doran  
Caledonia Township

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#### 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.

# Americanisms



"A sense of freedom is something that, happily, comes with age and life experience."  
— Diane Keaton

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**Please, include a contact name & telephone number in case there are follow up questions.**

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The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to local, regional or statewide issues.

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# Calendar of Events



## 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.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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.

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.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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 Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

Helping Addicts' Loved Ones (HALO) will meet at the Greenbush Community Bap-

tist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush at 7 p.m. For details contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Delve into the culture and natural bounty of Madagascar at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 3 p.m. The cultivation of coffee and vanilla is not just a tradition, but a journey into the soul of Madagascar. For details call, (989) 724-6796.

It's a potluck of palates and a feast of friendship at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library with the Cookbook Club, which meets at 5 p.m. Select a recipe from February's cookbook, "Rose Water & Orange Blossoms," by Maureen Abood. Select a recipe, make it and share with fellow club members. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

The Alcona County Library Board of Trustees will meet in the conference room of the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. The public is welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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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.

A Tai Chi class, led by an instructor, will focus on gentle movements and relaxation. It's open to all skill levels and aims to promote wellness and mindfulness. There is no charge, and no equipment is necessary. Attendees should dress comfortably. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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.

## ALCONA TOWNSHIP BIDS WANTED

The Alcona Township Board is accepting bids for the following lawn mowing.

- East Bay Fire Station and Larson Beach Public Access (East Bay Hubbard Lake)
- Black River Ball Park and Black River Harbor/Beach area
- Alcona Township Hall

A person can bid on one or all three jobs, but each job should be priced separately. For more information, contact Supervisor Marlena MacNiell at 727-3788. Must provide proof of insurance. Sealed bids must be marked "BID" on the outside envelope. Bids will be received until March 11, 2024. Mail bids to Clerk Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721. The Alcona Township Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.



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**BUDGET HEARING NOTICE**

The Lincoln Village Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2024-2025 at 6:45 p.m. On Monday March 4th, 2024. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available for viewing during the meeting. Any questions may be directed to Sheila Phillips, Village President at 989-335-0012.  
Sheila Phillips  
Village President

2/21 & 2/28

**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

Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	47.29	1.05731
COMMERCIAL	38.49	1.29904
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

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice  
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 days notice. Contact Mary Harmon @ 989-335-8569

Nancy Schwickert  
Mikado Township Assessor

2/14 THRU 2/28

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW  
FOR TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH**

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

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Monday, March 11 ~ 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 14 ~ 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 11th: 2836 E McNeil Rd. Lincoln, MI 48742 greenbushtwpassessor@gmail.com

Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	42.08	1.18821
COMMERCIAL	45.47	1.09963
INDUSTRIAL	44.63	1.12032
RESIDENTIAL	41.88	1.19389
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

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Nancy Schwickert  
Township of Greenbush Assessor

2/14 thru 2/28

**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. 26: Stuffed pepper, buttered noodles, mixed vegetable, pineapple.
- Tuesday, Feb. 27: Beef stew, biscuit, three bean salad, mixed fruit.
- Wednesday, Feb. 28: Pop-corn chicken, garden rise, broccoli, peaches.
- Thursday, Feb. 29: Ham Au gratin potatoes, corn, apple sauce.

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.

**Away at School**

- Taylor Clark of Mikado was named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall

2023 semester. She Clark is majoring in biology with a minor in religious studies. She is the daughter of Heather Barkley of Mikado. Students named to the Albion College Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

- Brock Franklin of Lincoln earned an associate degree in applied science - welding, with high honor, in December 2023, from Northern Michigan University.
- Alex Harmon of Barton City earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in December 2023, from Northern Michigan University.

- Justin Smigelski of Harrisville earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in December 2023, from Northern Michigan University.

**Underwater Discoveries**

Join Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary for the latest free event in the lecture series. Learn about shipwreck

discoveries and the sanctuary's ongoing exploration of Lake Huron.

Since its designation as the first freshwater national marine sanctuary in 2000, NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary has worked to preserve a historically significant collection of shipwrecks through research and education, encouraging access to the rich maritime history of the Great Lakes. Collaborating with partners, this work has led to the discovery of shipwreck sites, such as the schooner barge Ironton, sunk in a collision in 1894.

Maritime archaeologist Stephanie Gandulla will make this presentation on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. She will share the Ironton's tragic story of loss, its exciting story of discovery, and learn more about the sanctuary's ongoing exploration of Lake Huron.

This event will be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena. For more information, call (989) 884-6200 or online at [thunderbay.noaa.gov](http://thunderbay.noaa.gov) or [thunderbayfriends.org](http://thunderbayfriends.org).



An anchor rests still attached on the bow of the sunken schooner barge Ironton, lost in a collision in 1894. Today the vessel sits upright and intact, all three masts still standing. Photo courtesy of NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Undersea Vehicles Program UNCW, Ocean Exploration Trust.

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like they don't have any control in a situation and don't act like one would normally. Learned helplessness is a state that occurs after a person has experienced a stressful or traumatic situation repeatedly. They believe that they are unable to control or change the situation, so they do not try, even when opportunities for change are available.

He also described Pavelka's "flat demeanor" when she testified without emotion as dissociative affect. Dissociative disorders are mental health conditions that involve experiencing a loss of connection between thoughts, memories, feelings, surroundings, behavior and identity.

"She has underlying significant mental illness. She was intoxicated with marijuana quite a bit. She was in

constant fear for her life and her child's life - that's where learned helplessness kicked in. It's hard to understand this," Kieliszewski said.

"Today is about Jayde. She didn't deserve the pain that she endured. She didn't deserve to die. She did deserve to have a mother who would protect her," Wojda said. "She didn't have a rational mind when this was going on... she will regret her inaction every day of her life.

"None of us know what it was like to walk in her shoes in July 2022... She's a different person now than she was then. She's been in counseling. She earned her GED, with honors. She is working on herself..." Wojda said. He asked Frawley to consider a minimum of seven years and a maximum of 20 years for Pavelka.

Following the brief testi-

mony by Kieliszewski and statements from the Wojda, Judge Frawley called for victim impact statements.

Gannon McConnell, father of Jayde, spoke to Pavelka during his victim impact statement. "There is so much I want to say, but I know I'll never be able to have the time... My daughter changed every single soul she encountered - and her siblings are the same way... they really miss her, especially Renee. She will never be the same. She knows everything - she was abused too (by Trout) ...

"There (were) 80 plus injuries - she was tied up, starved, beaten... and where were you? She was looking for you to help her... you took my children from me, and you blamed me for what he did! I didn't do any of these things.

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You took them and... went to him? You said you were looking for love... that's crazy. I gave you stability, warmth and love... The only good decision you've ever made was choosing me as their father.

"This is unspeakable. It still doesn't make sense. You robbed me of saying goodbye. Renee lost everyone - her best friend, her mother, her family... Because of you, Violet will never know what it is like to have parents... I could talk about what I've lost for an eternity," McConnell said.

"My daughter was potty trained by March 21 (2022) when you took them from me... I think she was trauma regressed... What was it for? Revenge? Love? I bet Jayde loved you until the day she died.

"You knew who he was... you put them in hell. Why? I appreciate that I have Renee and Violet to fight for. I will never give up. I will always love you for the rest of my life. But, not as much as my children. I would die to protect them," McConnell said.

Chelsea Fultz and Victoria Pavao, sisters of Pavelka, made impact statements to Judge Frawley. "As a mother, I could never understand why you let this happen," Fultz said. "Jayde's life should have been more important than yours... Renee... She's the strongest person I know and she's only five years old."

"So many people failed Adrienne... But, as a mother, I fail to understand how you didn't save her..." Pavao said.

Paternal aunt Patricia Brown spoke to Pavelka. "You brought her into my life for an entire year... I know you were scared... but what do we do, as moms when we are scared? We protect our children... you ran from the only person who could protect them - by brother (Gannon). I wish you had protected her when it was needed. You did it when it wasn't needed, with my brother. You knew how to do it. You did it then when it wasn't needed. Why didn't you do it when it was? You let monsters around her... I am so proud of my brother, there is no one better to take care of your children."

Pavelka also gave a statement. While reading from papers she held while standing before the court, her hands shook, and tears rolled freely down her face.

"I am sorry. Although, it feels pointless. I am sorry to Jayde. She paid the highest price. I will never be able to forgive myself. I'm sorry for Renee who lost her sister and best friend. I'm sorry for Violet who will never know Jayde.

"I am sorry for Gannon. I am sorry to Barb Cassidy (paternal grandmother). I am sorry to my own mother and father. I am sorry to my sisters. I'm sorry to Nicole and Patricia (paternal aunts)..." Pavelka said. She named many others as well.

"A week ago, we all sat here in this courtroom for the sentencing of Mr. Trout. I called him a monster," Judge

Frawley said. "I don't consider that we have the same situation today."

Prior to the sentencing date, Frawley said she listened to and watched audio and video recordings of Pavelka in the hospital, at the Michigan State Police post and in the police vehicle while she was taken to family members. "I heard your repeatedly and hysterically saying you wanted to die... that you didn't deserve to live," Frawley said.

"I do believe that you are genuinely remorseful because of the loss of Jayde and not your situation... But it doesn't mean anything does it? Jayde is still gone... Since this case began, the only image in my mind that I have of Jayde is from the autopsy photo with angry bruises, ligature marks, open wounds..."

"Then after the sentencing, I saw a photo of her in life... that photo captured all the life and joy and hope that a two-year-old should enjoy... It broke my heart... I can't imagine the emotional and

physical pain she suffered all while her mother was watching it happen.

"I understand learned helplessness, PTSD... However, a parent has a duty to protect their child. I have to balance all of this - Miss Pavelka's remorsefulness, her intelligence, youth, and consider the situation she was in at the time. You are bettering yourself. It is also clear that you can be manipulated," Frawley said.

"It's too late for Jayde. This is a life that was taken - that's as serious as it gets. I don't think you inflicted the abuse, but you didn't do anything to help her. It's a tragedy of epic proportions," Frawley said.

She sentenced Pavelka to 15 to 40 years in prison. "You are an intelligent person. I hope you take this opportunity to better yourself," Frawley said.



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The Alcona Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 at the Alcona Township Hall at 5576 US-23 on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 during the regular monthly meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection on-line at [alconatownship.com](http://alconatownship.com) or you can contact Clerk LaLonde at 471-2948 for a copy.

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# Tigers drop low scoring game

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team already had the North Star League Big Dipper championship locked up ahead of last Friday's road game at the Charlton Heston Academy (CHA).

The Tigers were hoping to finish off the league schedule undefeated, however the Patriots had other ideas, handing them a 45-38 setback.

"Very unfortunate loss to a tough CHA team," said head coach Alex Cole. "They played stellar defense and got a small lead at the end that we couldn't overcome."

In the first quarter, Garrett Somers hit a three-pointer as part of his five points that frame. Cayden Hebert put in four points and the Tigers led 14-11 after one. In the second, Hebert sent in another four points and Somers had a three, and they maintained that same lead at the half, 24-21.

In the third quarter, Evan Borsvold scored four points and David Sharboneau hit a three. That was about all the

offense they could get though, and CHA inched ahead 33-32 after three.

Somers scored six of his team high 14 points in the fourth, but that accounted for all of Alcona's offense in the final frame as they were unable to get back in front.

"In a game where scoring was limited, Somers was able to get us some tough buckets to give us a chance at the end," Cole said. "The district bracket came out Sunday and there is a very real possibility that we will play them again in the second round. We will

be ready for them."

Hebert also had 10 points for the Tigers. Borsvold added eight. Sharboneau netted five. Collin Walker scored one point.

Alcona (16-5 overall, 9-1 NSL Big Dipper) wraps up the regular season on Friday, Feb. 23 at home against Atlanta. The Tigers also open the Division 3 district tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in Roscommon against the winner of Monday's game between Whitemore-Prescott and Charlton Heston.

# Lady Tigers cap busy week with win over

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

Three players scored in double figures and the Alcona girls varsity basketball team had little trouble with host Charlton Heston Academy last Friday, as the Lady Tigers closed out their North Star League Big Dipper slate of games with a resounding 57-14 victory.

In the opening quarter, Emma Travis poured in 10 points and Jena Wambold was right there with nine points. They held a commanding 22-0 lead after only one frame.

In the second quarter, Kaylee Wambold led the way with six points and J. Wambold buried a three, helping make it 43-5 at the half.

J. Wambold added two more threes in the third as things rolled along to a score of 55-12 after three quarters.

J. Wambold lead all scorers with 18 points. Travis finished with 14 points. K. Wambold chipped in with 11 points. Sage Gauthier netted four. Jenna West and Hannah Renchenski were able to net three points each and adding two each was Gracyn Tracy and Olivia Borchardt.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, Alcona had a home non-league contest with visiting Pinconning. They managed a well-played win, 45-32.

"We had a great time for senior night and they all got a lot of playing time," head coach Karina Sharboneau said. "We worked together as a team and came together for

the win."

A pair of first quarter threes by J. Wambold and another by Gauthier sparked Alcona to a 13-4 lead after one. Things tightened some at the half, though Alcona still led 18-12. K. Wambold netted six more points in the third quarter and the Lady Tigers continued to lead 32-24 with just the fourth quarter left to play.

Leading scorer J. Wambold hit three treys and finished with 19 points. Gauthier drained 14 points and K. Wambold added 12.

On Monday, Feb. 12, Alcona had a home non-conference battle with Johannesburg-Lewiston. The Lady Tigers came up short in this one, 42-36.

Joburg led 12-11 after the first and 25-19 at the half. Alcona's best frame came in the third quarter, with Travis hitting a three for part of her seven points. West also hit a three in that quarter and Alcona surged ahead 32-29 entering the fourth.

Alcona made one field-goal by Gauthier in the final stanza though, as J-L rallied for the win.

Travis scored 13 points. J. Wambold netted seven. K. Wambold scored six. Gauthier and West scored five points each.

Alcona (11-7 overall, 5-4 NSL Big Dipper) hosted Hillman on Monday, Feb. 19, was at home with Roscommon on Wednesday, Feb. 21 and will close out the regular season on Thursday, Feb. 29 at Standish-Sterling.

# Wrestler wraps season at regionals

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity wrestling team had one member compete in a Division 4 individual regional on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Charlevoix. Needing top-four finish to qualify for the state finals, unfortunately Keegan Ritchie came up one win short in that quest.

Competing in the 144 weight class, Ritchie defeated eventual state qualifier Hayden O'Neil of Newberry in the first round. He had a pin with about 28 seconds remaining in the second period.

In the next round, he was pinned in the third period by Owen Cruden of Benzie Central. Then, in the blood round, he was pinned early in the second period by Korbyn Smith of Munising; ending his run in the tournament.

# Tiger bowling stats

"Our (varsity bowling) teams have done a great job this year and are looking to do a great job at Regionals this Friday and Saturday," said bowling coach Tina Stern.

High scores for the boys from competition on Saturday, Feb. 17 were against Tawas and Ogemaw: Jacob June 137, 110; Ceanna Stern 125, 93; Jaxon Whittaker 113, 129; Daniel June 110, 80; Ryan Windsor 109, 149.

High scores for the girls from last weekend were against Ogemaw and Oscoda, Nyhia Jackson 182, 111; Rylee Manning 165, 144; Addison Birk 112, 123; Makayla Prince 102, 147.

The standings from the double header on Saturday, Feb. 10 with high scores, average, total pin count:

Jacob June 129, 129, (116) (2554); Ryan Windsor 127, 136, (106), (2134); Jaxon Whittaker 119, 122, (90), (1990); Ceanna Stern 133, 115, (103), (2174); Daniel June (141), (1133).

Rylee Manning 157, 157, (126), (2780); Makayla Prince 130, 115, (112), (2465); Danica Manning 147, 123, (123), (2723); Nyhia Jackson 105, 107, (98), (2173); Addison Birk 121, 114, (97), (2144).

The regionals will be held in Traverse City on February 23 and 24.

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ing their classes and doing the work, they can adjust their schedule to a once-a-week check-in, once a week to work, two mornings or two afternoons to work. Whatever works for them. They set their own parameters which has made a huge difference in motivation," Hoffmeyer said.

There are five students who attend Claw Academy in the morning and then go to career technical education classes in the afternoon. Some

check in with Hoffmeyer and Bullis after. One student does art at the high school after her morning classes at Claw and one attends Claw in the morning and then attends traditional high school classes in the afternoon.

Bullis and Hoffmeyer explained the academy is very laid back. "If a student wants to wear their slippers and pajamas to attend class they can. We don't get stressed out about things like that."

Hoffmeyer said Graduation Alliance courses push the students to do more research on their own. "If they get to a knowledge base they don't understand, they must do the research. It's not all video watching like the other online program the school utilizes called Edgenuity.

"Since this is our first year here, we are still getting set up. We need some lounge chairs and other seating still for the break room, but even



Students from Alcona High School Claw Academy have filled their classroom to take final exams. (Left side of room, front to back) Kioni Peoples, Trinnity Shelley, Jaden Weichel, Brooklyn Storey, (right side of the room front to back) Joy Bullis, Allieanna Biskner, Alyssa Lara, Lily Lavere, Nathan Basner, Shelly Hoffmeyer and Emma Koplan. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

students attend Claw in the morning and then work in the afternoon. A handful are even working full-time jobs to support themselves.

There are five students at Claw who are McKenny Vento eligible. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act authorizes the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program.

"That could mean they don't have a home at all, are doubled up (sofa surfing) at other homes, living on their own supporting themselves at 17, which we do have, or they could be underhoused with no water or power.

"It makes it very hard to attend traditional high school and learn under those conditions," Hoffmeyer said.

Thomas said Hoffmeyer and Bullis make a dynamic mentoring team for the students offering guiding support. "The students have access to everything they would have at the high school building, counselors and therapists come to assist students. Special education, Michigan Works, and Michigan Rehabilitation come in. Whatever services or events the high school offers, students can receive at the Claw including breakfast and lunch.

"Since they are still students of Alcona High School, they may participate in prom/dances, go to sporting events and join clubs, whatever the high school offers," Thomas said.

Hoffmeyer explained Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union sends an employee over to work with students teaching them life skills such as banking, credit card borrowing and more. The students have also taken two field trips this school year to Kalitta Air and Moran Iron Works.

A few of the students go to the high school in the morning to weight-lift and then

During breaks, the students are welcome to the small coffee bar and snack area set up in the hallway which was purchased by community donations through an Amazon wish list.

The online courses Claw students take are through Graduation Alliance which offers courses for students off-track to graduate or have dropped out of school and are coming back to earn their diploma. "The courses are hitting the same standards as a traditional classroom, but are much more condensed," Thomas said.

without that, the kids are doing well. We have a good dynamic going. They get along, squabble like family and keep each other accountable. It's nice to see them relaxed and enjoying school," Hoffmeyer said.

Donations for additional school supplies and furnishings for the academy are welcome. Checks can be mailed designating the funds to go to Claw and sent to Alcona High School, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

## Students and families endorse Claw Academy

**By Mary Weber**  
*Staff Writer*

Families of students, and even the students themselves, are seeing remarkable transformations this year as they embrace alternative education through Alcona High School's Claw Academy.

The students once disengaged and struggling with traditional school classes, are now thriving in an environment of prioritized individual learning approaches catering to the unique needs and learning pace of each student.

Alyssa Lara, a junior who just turned 17, is clad in her favorite colorful Cheetos pajamas. Just having finished final exams at the Claw Academy, she looks happy and relaxed.

Alyssa is an example of how the academy has changed her work ethic, time management skills and self-motivation. She is proud of her accomplishment of just completing her 12<sup>th</sup> class since September, a feat she would have never been able

to do at the traditional high school.

"I like that I can go at my own pace, it's difficult, but in a lot of ways easier for me. When I came to school in the fall, I had 4.5 credit hours. Now I have 10.5 credits. It's exciting. If I had stayed at the high school, I wouldn't be able to graduate next year. Now I'm on track. I want to keep going and start next year's classes this year," Alyssa said.

As she bopped down a short hallway to peer at the Keurig coffee coral to see if any of her favorite hot chocolate was left, she explained when she finishes her class work, she has time to sip a comforting cup while she colors. "Coloring relaxes me. It's my reward for getting my work done.

"I enjoy seeing everyone and coming to school, the class size is much smaller and we have our own little community here. If we do need some one-on-one assistance

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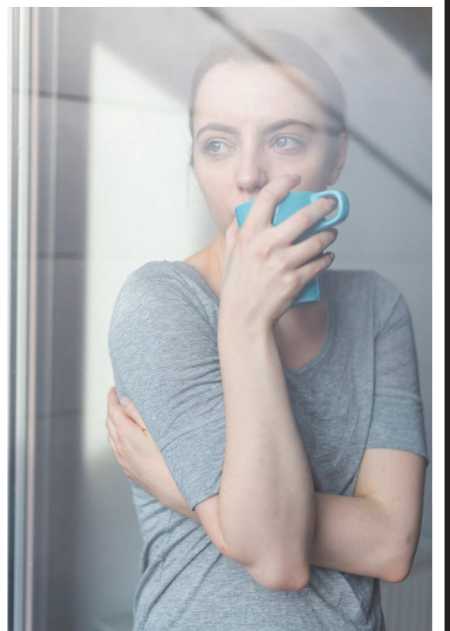
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# Endorse

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while learning online, Ms. Hoffmeyer or Ms. Bullis are very understanding and offer help," Alyssa said.

For the first time in her younger brother's three-year-old life, Alyssa feels like she is setting a good example.

Alyssa has always dreamt of having a career in the culinary field and will be looking for a job this summer she hopes will carry into her senior year because Claw Academy allows for both school and work schedules.

Tammy Graham, a single mother of junior Josie Graham, said her daughter was not doing at all well at the traditional high school and her grades were deeply affected. "Josie has social anxiety something fierce and was not able to do the work. She'd get distracted by things going on in the larger classrooms, all the high school peer pressure and drama. She was failing half her classes.

Tammy explained because Josie's anxiety would manifest into physical ailments, stomach pain, etc., she would have to pick her up from school at least once or twice a week. "Every week was like that. It was overwhelming for both of us.

"Now she's happy. She likes the small class size and is bringing home As and Bs," Tammy said. She explained Josie attends Claw Academy just twice a week and already has most of this year's classes finished.

Tammy felt a lot of the accolades go to the academy support staff of Hoffmeyer and Bullis. "They make her feel comfortable there and assist when she needs help. They are just fantastic. This program has truly been heaven-sent," Tammy said.

Stephanie Martin is the older sister of senior Paige Rupright, who took her little sister in to raise in 2020. She explained by taking her sister in, for the first time in a long time, Paige finally had a stable home life. Still, because she was bounced around so much, not staying in one school for longer than a year, academics didn't come easy.

"The small class size, the support Ms. Hoffmeyer and Mrs. Bullis offer and the on-line version of school have made a tremendous change. I think online education is revolutionary for the school. Kids can work at their own pace and not feel pressure because the student next to them has already completed the assignment. They can proceed as they understand the assignment.

"Before Claw Academy every morning was a fight to get her to school. Now, she wakes herself up, she's ready to go and looks forward to it. This has helped her a ton. She's confident and positive. It's heartwarming and makes me very proud. Without the Claw Academy, Paige would not be graduating this year. I hope this program continues for other students," Stephanie said.

## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of February 12-18, 2024

97 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Arrest Warrant; 1 Operate Under Influence of Drugs; 19 Citations Issued.

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	3	Traffic/Traffic Stop	42
Warrant Arrest	1	Property Damage Accident	5
Assist	1	Animal/Dog	5
Fraud	2	Miscellaneous	1
Well Being Check	4	Truancy	1
Suspicious Event	3	Assault	2
Unwanted Subject	1	Trespass	1
Alarm	5	Fingerprints	5
Civil	3	Neighbor Dispute	1
PBT/Drug Testing	3	Child Neglect	2
Sex Offender Reg. Violation	1	Fire	1
Operate Under Infl. of Drugs	1	Threats	1
Domestic	1	Vehicle Identification Insp.	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	5	Caledonia	5	Curtis	8
Greenbush	6	Gustin	7	Harrisville	12
Hawes	4	Haynes	3	Mikado	13
Millen	4	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	18	Village of Lincoln	8		

**top ten**  
Most Common Physical Symptoms of ANXIETY

1. Fatigue
2. Heart Palpitations
3. Dizziness
4. Increased Heart Rate
5. Muscle Aches
6. Muscle Weakness
7. Headaches
8. Shortness of Breath
9. Digestive Discomfort
10. Tingling Sensations

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## Buggy Rides



### State hatchery property given to Harrisville city

**February 17, 1949** ~ The Michigan State Conservation Commission voted this week to turn over the property of the Harrisville Fish Hatchery to the city. It was ordered that all the property east of the D. & M. Railroad property, including all the buildings and equipment, be included in the grant. Milo N. Johnson attended the session in Lansing as the representative of the City. It was stated by the City Council that the request was made for the property in view of making a recreational park.

It is planned that the two ponds east of the main building will be filled in, and tennis courts will be constructed. Also that ice rinks will be made on this sight in the winter months. It was requested of the State Department that the two ponds west of the main building be maintained as trout fishing ponds for public use. This was withheld until the commission is assured that no charge will be made for fishing.

The Harrisville Hatchery was dosed last month, after protests from every sportsmen's group in Northeastern Michigan. The Commission, upon advice from the head of their Fish Division that the local hatchery had outlived its usefulness, ordered the hatchery closed.

### Board recognizes national award winner

**February 17, 1999** ~ By Cheryl Peterson

An Alcona Elementary School student was given special recognition at the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education for the national award she recently won.

Kate MacMaster, a third grader, was presented with an artist portfolio, art supplies and a standing ovation from the school board Monday evening.

She is the state and national winner in the Wyland Foundation's Ocean Challenge of America.

MacMaster was one of many Alcona Elementary students who participated in several aspects of the contest's categories.

Elementary Art Teacher Kathleen Hubbard worked with all of the students to produce a mural and with individuals to create artwork for the contest. Other students also produced research projects.

The Wyland Ocean Challenge of America categories included poetry, songs, research projects, video documentaries, ocean art and ocean murals. It was open to schools from kindergarten to twelfth grades all across the country.

MacMaster's piece is called "Angel Fish and Friends" and took about two days to complete, according to the artist. She was the state winner in her category and also the national winner.

"Katie is the type of student (who) is a teacher's and art teacher's dream,"

Kathleen Hubbard told board members. "When working on a project, she sticks to it and works it over and over again until it is right."

MacMaster is the daughter of Dr. John MacMaster and Dr. Jaci Fitzgerald. Both her parents, brother, Will and sister, Maire were on hand Monday night for the presentation.

The Wyland Foundation was formed by nationally-known artist Robert Wyland who is originally from Michigan and lives in California. He is probably most known for the whaling walls or whale murals he has painted all over the country.

The Wyland Foundation's vision is to promote, respect and protect precious ocean resources through life-size public art, education and awareness.

With this in mind, the foundation has developed a program involving arts and sciences which celebrates the International Year of the Ocean.

The foundation's board of directors and supporters include Kofi Annan, Dr. Sylvia Earle, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Sen. Carl Levin and Vice President Al Gore.

National winners are being invited to attend the Wyland Foundation Awards on Earth Day, April 22 in Los Angeles, Calif, to receive a Lucite sculpture presented by a group of celebrities and dignitaries from the underwater world of art and science.

Anyone interested in seeing MacMaster's and other winners' artwork can access the Wyland Web Site at [www.wylandfoundation.org/](http://www.wylandfoundation.org/)

In other business the school board adopted a resolution calling for the annual school election to be held Monday, June 14. Two four-year terms on the school board will be up for election.

Richard Hartz and Kathleen Himick hold those two positions. Petitions to run for the position are available at the school board office. The filing deadline is April 12.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Modern chairs

Think of an iconic modern chair and there's a good chance it was manufactured by Knoll. The company is known for making furniture by notable designers. Many of these were innovative mid-century chairs, like Eero Saarinen's Grasshopper and Womb chairs, Harry Bertoin's Diamond chair and Jens Risom's lounge chair. The company continues to manufacture these chairs, along with more recent styles by contemporary designers.

Knoll's textile division started in 1947. The company collaborated with textile and fashion designers as well as architects and inte-

rior designers. In 2003, fashion designer Stephen Sprouse, who started his career in the 1970s, created a textile collection for Knoll. Sprouse was known for bringing punk and graffiti influences to high fashion and he did the same for his Knoll textiles, using features like neon colors and graffiti-style lettering.

This pod chair, which sold at Barton's Auction in Pennsylvania for \$4,375, has a faceted body made of pressed steel and is upholstered in fabric by Stephen Sprouse for Knoll. The colorful upholstery with bright blue lettering over a camouflage-pat-

terned background in hot pink, orange and yellow fits in with the unusual shape and design of the chair.

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Q: I read your article about a "Calvin and Hobbs" comic strip selling for a large amount. There seems to be somewhat of a rebirth for this cartoon. I have an original booklet with about 30 to 35 pages of those strips through the years. My copy is a little over 49 or 50 years old. Can you direct me to the best source to connect with for selling this booklet?

A: Very few pieces of original art for "Calvin and Hobbes" have been offered for

sale. Bill Watterson, the creator of the strip, gave his original art to only a few people and it sells for high prices. Collections of the comic strip have been published in book form since 1987, so your booklet is not more than 35 years old. Some booklets sell for \$5 or less. A boxed set of "The Complete Calvin and Hobbes," which includes four paperback books containing all the strips, sold online for \$50. It was in "good" condition. New boxed sets with paperback books sell for about \$90 and for about \$165 with hardcover books.

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TIP: To set an old clock,

hold the minute hand in the center, turn it clockwise and wait for each strike.

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### CURRENT PRICES

Judaica, Purim plate, silver plate, engraved, Hebrew text, three interlocking fish in center, 19th century, 12 1/2 inches, \$605.

Sign, Orange Squeeze, "Drink Orange Squeeze," "It Has The Real Fruit Juice," bottle, clusters of oranges, yellow ground, metal, 20 1/4 x 28 1/4 inches, \$650.

Porcelain umbrella stand, Famille Rose, square, pink ground, peony flowers, dragons, footed, 23 inches, \$1,440.

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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

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy M. Krisan, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration

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: Orleans 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 Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 24-6420-DE

Hon. Laura A. Frawley  
Court address  
106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Mickie Calvin Lee  
Date of birth: September 10, 1953  
To all creditors:  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Mickie Calvin Lee, died September 24, 2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sherry R. Lee, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 21, 2024  
Ann Victoria Hopcroft, P34150  
Attorney  
P.O. Box 372  
Oscoda, Mich. 48750  
(989) 630-3792  
Sherry R. Lee  
Personal representative  
4795 Birch Acres  
Oscoda, Mich. 48750  
(989) 820-8258

### Notice to Creditors

Francis J. Jasso and Linda L. Jasso Revocable Trust  
Agreement dated 8-24-1992 and restated May 6, 2005  
Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Francis J. Jasso died January 21, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karla J. Trosen, successor trustee, at 13726 Hillsdale, Sterling Heights, Mich. 48313, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 21, 2024  
Attorney:  
David H. Cook  
Attorney at Law  
5466 M-72,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Successor Trustee:  
Karla J. Trosen  
13726 Hillsdale  
Sterling Heights, Mich. 48313  
(810) 252-5586

### State of Michigan 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Division Alcona County Publication of Hearing (Notice to Putative Father) Case No. 22-002747-NA Petition No. 22000011

Judge Laura A. Frawley  
106 5<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 385  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
(989) 724-9490  
In Matter of: Renee Pavelka, minor child  
Take Notice: A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor: Renee Pavelka, who was born on July 21, 2018 in Monroe, Michigan.

The mother of the minor is Adrienne Pavelka. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court, Family Division, for Alcona County on March 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor. Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor, waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing could result in permanent termination of parental rights.

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### State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 24-6424-D

Court address  
106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
Court telephone No.  
(989) 724-9490  
Estate of Edgar Leroy Ashley  
Date of birth: July 7, 1939

To all creditors:  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Edgar Leroy Ashley, died February 7, 2023.

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

Date: February 21, 2024  
David H. Cook, P40560  
Attorney  
5466 M-72  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
(989) 724-5155  
Ellen Leann Trojan  
Personal representative  
7232 Driftwood Drive  
Fenton, Mich. 48430  
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## BOARD OF REVIEW

### Curtis Township Board of Review Notice

The Curtis Township March Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 11, 2024 from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the purpose of hearing protests of assessments, taxable value, property classification, or qualified agricultural exemptions. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 2 p.m.

No protests are allowed at the organizational meeting. The appeal meetings for: Curtis Township will be held at: Curtis Twp Fire Hall at 5019 Bamfield Rd., Glennie, MI. Written appeals must be received by March 7, 2024. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 989-734-3555 to schedule an appointment.

The tentative equalization ratios and multiplier for Curtis Township are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier:
Agricultural	0.4422	1.13071
Commercial	0.4827	1.03584
Industrial	0.4425	1.12994
Residential	0.3873	1.29099
Timber Cut Over	NA	NA
Developmental	NA	NA
Personal Property	0.5000	1.00000

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW HAYNES TOWNSHIP

3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742

An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 5th at 1pm to allow the Board of Review members to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be heard at this time.

Public Protests will be heard at the Haynes Township Hall  
Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm.

And Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 9pm

Protests may be filed in writing by letter or electronic address. They must be received by March 11th, 2024. Protests must include a signed Form #618 L-4035 Petition to the Board of Review. Forms can be requested or downloaded from Michigan.gov

Mail to: 4478 M 32 W Alpena MI 49707  
Email to: haynes.twp.assessor@gmail.com

Appearing below are the recommended Tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	52.78	0.94733
COMMERCIAL	37.86	1.32066
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	42.11	1.18737
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

#### American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7-day notice. Contact the assessor at (989)464-5557

Sarah Gohl  
Haynes Township Assessor

### 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Harrisville Township

114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville, MI 48740

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road on the following dates:

March 12, 2024 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
March 14, 2024 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2024.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	49.99	1.00000
Commercial	49.89	1.00000
Industrial	49.93	1.00000
Residential	49.86	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

#### Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Chad Spitznagel at 989-335-1960.

### 2024 Board of Review Notice

Mitchell Township

6849 W Tower Road, Curran, MI 48728

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following dates:

March 11, 2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
March 13, 2024 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2024.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	49.93	1.00000
Commercial	49.98	1.00000
Industrial	49.90	1.00000
Residential	49.94	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

#### Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Carla Brimm at 989-848-2401.

### MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GUSTIN TOWNSHIP

Gustin Township Hall, 113 S Second St, Lincoln MI 48742

Monday, March 11 at 1:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Written protests should be mailed to PO Box 25, Lincoln MI 48742 no later than 3/5/24.

An organizational meeting will be held on March 5, 2024 @5:30 p.m. at the hall to examine the Assessment Roll. **NO APPEALS WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.** Appearing below are the tentative Equalization Ratios as provided by the Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	46.65	1.07181
Commercial	43.62	1.14626
Industrial	45.01	1.11086
Residential	40.76	1.22669
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Prepared and published in accordance with Act No. 165 of 1981, being section 211.34A of Michigan General Property Tax Law.

Consult our WEBSITE for any forms regarding issues you may need for the meeting. The Township will provide any necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the BOR meeting upon seven day notice per the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Contact Pamela Ashford, township supervisor, at 989 736-8312 or 989 335-3056 with questions or concerns.

### 2024 Board of Review Notice

Alcona Township

5576 N. US-23 Black River, Mich. 48721

The Alcona Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River, on the following dates: Monday, March 11, 2024– 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2024

An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 provided by the Alcona Equalization Department are as follows.

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	42.61	1.17343
Commercial	44.30	1.12867
Industrial	45.78	1.09218
Residential	41.47	1.20569
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days' notice. Contact Sarah Gohl, Assessor (989) 464-5557 or alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com

### 2024 Board of Review Notice

Hawes Township

VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road, Barton City, MI 48705

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:

March 11, 2024 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
March 15, 2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	49.96	1.00000
Industrial	49.99	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

#### Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460.

### 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
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

### 2024 Board of Review Notice

City of Harrisville

City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street, Harrisville, MI 48740

The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:

March 12, 2024 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
March 14, 2024 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2024.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	49.97	1.00000
Industrial	49.85	1.00000
Residential	49.99	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

#### Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Barbara Pierce at City Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mon - Friday at 989-724-6666.

### ATTEN: NEW LOCATION

#### 2024 Board of Review Notice

Millen Township

VFW POST 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road, Barton City, MI 48705

The Millen Township Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the VFW POST 8135, 2021 Trask Lake Rd on the following dates:

March 11, 2024 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
March 15, 2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	49.86	1.00000
Commercial	49.50	1.00000
Residential	49.72	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Russell Smith at 231-357-2426.

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