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Low salaries and staff shortages contribute to delays, backlogs in prosecuting criminal cases across Michigan

By Anish Topiwala

Capital News Service

Thomas Weichel is the only lawyer working in the Alcona County prosecutor's office, having to balance backlogs of criminal cases while handling the agency's workload alone.

Weichel said his office has always experienced staff shortages and backlogs. Such a staff shortage can lead to cases being put on hold until a prosecutor can address them.

"What I do is put out fires," said Weichel, the immediate past president of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, which wants more state funding for prosecutors. "I have to deal with the hottest fire first, sometimes never getting to what's smoldering out there. I have to handle everything from dogs running at large to murder."

Since Weichel is the only prosecutor in the county, he said his office can focus on only one case at a time. "Everything else lays dormant," Weichel said.

These shortages also force overloaded prosecutors to work specialized crimes which they may not have been trained to handle, such as child abuse or drunken driving. That's especially true in smaller counties that may not have specialists on staff, according to Weichel.

"I have to re-educate myself every time I have some of those trials because I might not have had one in two, three years," he said.

Why are some county prosecutor's offices like his so understaffed? "I think it literally just goes all to money," said Tristen Chamberlain, the chief assistant

prosecutor of Leelanau County.

The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission received a large increase in funding last year for lawyers who represent defendants unable to afford a private lawyer. "I think their funding quadrupled in our county," Chamberlain said. "A prosecutor would work the same amount as a defense attorney, and the defense attorney would make two and a half to three times as much."

These gaps in salary make prosecution jobs less appealing to recently graduated law students, according to Chamberlain. "If a prosecutor's office is only going to pay you \$50,000, \$60,000, maybe \$70,000; that's just not going to cut it," Chamberlain said.

Currently Leelanau County's office is fully staffed, but

one of its lawyers retired last year. When seeking a replacement, it received only three applications, according to Chamberlain – one from a person the office had previously convicted.

"And that was the best one," Chamberlain said. "We had no one who could essentially afford to take the job at what it was at," Chamberlain said.

After requesting more money for salaries from the county board, his office received a 15 percent increase that attracted another applicant who was hired last October. The new assistant came from the Kalkaska County prosecutor's office.

Ryan Ziegler, the sole prosecutor in Kalkaska County, said he should have two assistant prosecutors but has had little success in finding replacements since both slots



Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel. Courtesy photo.

became empty last year. "I've gotten very few, if any, replies to both of these positions," Ziegler said.

He is doing everything he can to keep all his cases moving. Even so, his office has a significant backlog of reports that have been left unread. "Eventually, if I can't get someone in here soon enough, there will be a breaking point," Ziegler said.

Even in Houghton County's prosecutor's office, which is fully staffed, backlogs exist due to vacancies that existed before Prosecutor Dan Helmer took office last November. After Helmer started, he found hundreds of reports waiting to be reviewed for charges.

They "just sat on a desk until I arrived," Helmer said. "It took me almost two months to get through those."

He said a trial hadn't occurred in almost two years, with cases being set for trial numerous times, only to be adjourned due to lack of prosecution staff.

The court-appointed defense attorney system is state-funded, unlike prosecutors who are funded at the county level. That contributes to a disproportionate number of defenders and prosecutors, he said.

"Prosecutors now have a higher caseload, prosecutors have a higher stress level, prosecutors are doing more for less money and it's very hard to encourage people to take these jobs," Helmer said.

Adam Gershowitz, a professor of criminal law at William & Mary Law School in

Afterschool programs keep kids engaged and active

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Allowing youth imaginations to soar, gain self-confidence, increase friendships, utilize team-building skills and much more are all being accomplished by some unique afterschool programming in Alcona County.

The program, which first started in the 2022-2023 school year, offers kindergarten through 12th-grade students two sessions of afterschool courses and six weeks of summer programs catering to a variety of interests such as cooking, art, gardening, robotics, gaming, science, crocheting and healthy living.

Alcona Elementary Principal Tim Lee said they even have a forest school program where kids can utilize the acres of wooded trails on school property. "It's an immersive-based nature experience. They work with different tools and get muddy. They have a great time while learning new skills to ensure future success," Lee said.

He explained the afterschool program is a partnership between Alcona Community Schools, the Michi-



Garden Club instructor Autumn Bowers (right) plants seeds with afterschool students Jamie Payne and Andrew Cordes. Courtesy photo.

gan Department of Education (MDE) and Inspiration Alcona, a local organization the the mission to build culture opportunities making the county a destination home for creativity, which assisted in acquiring the grant from the MDE.

"The MDE wanted to engage connectivity between afterschool children and local groups to provide extracurricular afterschool experiences for youth. We had a lot

of success with it last year, so we applied again and received another grant.

"There were some parameters around it, the big one was ensuring there would be around 30 students taking advantage of the opportunity each day. By opening the program to all grade levels, we've more than met that requirement," Lee said.

Thanks to the MDE funding, youth are instructed by teachers from the school dis-

trict or vetted community members Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5:15 to flex their creativity by building a personal forest shelter, growing food to share with the school, taking science to another level, learning healthy habits for increased self-confidence, making robots from Legos, increase gaming strategies, indulging in art crafts or learning how to crochet.

Lee explained some courses are geared for high/middle school level and some are geared for kindergarten through second grade or third through fifth grade and not all courses are available each day, which offers families a choice of whether the child stays after school just one day a week or more.

"Between that and having the program sessions run from January through the beginning of spring break on March 18 and another session from March 25 through the end of the school year, allows more students to engage in afterschool activities, even those involved in sports," Lee said.

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Death Notice



Garry Gunderson

Garry Gunderson, 82, of Hubbard Lake died on Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at home. Cremation arrangements have been made through Gillies Funeral Home. A funeral Mass, led by Father Tyler, at All Saints Parish in Alpena, will take place on Thursday, April 4 at 11 a.m.

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 Light refreshments will be served at this **FREE** program. For more info, visit AlconaHistoricalSociety.com.

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Correspondence



To the Editor,
 When I was a young girl, my mom and I watched movies together with a wide range of those showing women as support to the heroes; you know them, Tarzan and Jane, Roy Rogers and Dale Evens and so on...

Then came “Xena, Warrior Princess,” “Wonder Woman,” Princess Leia. But, even then, there were real life women heroes for girls, young women and old to look up to, to emulate and to follow in their chosen fields of work.

Contributions by women to history are numerous, Cleopatra, Pharaoh of Egypt; Joan of Arc, martyr and military leader; Sacagawea, a Lemhi Shoshone indigenous woman who led and helped

Lewis and Clark explore America; Amelia Earhart, first female aviator to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean; Rosa Parks, Civil Rights activist and international icon of resistance; Marie Curie, physicist and first female winner of the Nobel Prize for work in radioactivity (X-Rays); Ada Lovelace, first person on record to acknowledge the capability of what computers could do; Florence Nightingale, established the first nursing school in London that led to better health care; Mother Teresa, the greatest humanitarian of the twentieth century who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; Fanny Mendelssohn, pianist and composer; Elinor Ostrom, political economist; Sophie

Blanchard, aeronaut; Katherine G. Johnson, a mathematician who helped us fly into space sending the first human to the moon.

In 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. In 1987, being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 designating the month of March as Women’s History Month. Countries all over the world have established a time to celebrate women’s roles in history. Women no longer live a supporting role; we have proved to be the heroes!

Margaret Kutzera
 Harrisville



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Kristin Denig is hosting Dining with Docs from noon to 1 p.m. for a lunchtime gathering at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Participants will learn secrets to wellness while discovering the power of food. Seating is limited to 20. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

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.

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, MARCH 14

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, MARCH 15

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

The Curtis Township Library Board of Trustees will meet in the conference room of the Curtis Township Library in Glennie at 10 a.m. Call (989) 735-2601 for details.

Forge new friendships, learn to strategize and be creative in the teen-exclusive Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Enjoy activities with a “spring fling” theme at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cookie decorating, crafts, a chance to win a bike and a spring-themed photo zone are included in the free event. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library to discuss March’s book “The Sanatorium,” by Sarah Pearse. Coffee and light refreshments are available during the discussion. 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 & Crochet 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.

Michigan’s airfields have launched the Tuskegee Airmen, biplane aces and one of the longest bombing missions in history. Ric Mixter, an award-winning producer, author, pilot and Great Lakes historian, will share rare footage and interviews with the men and women who made history at local air bases and profiles of Selfridge, Kincheloe, Sawyer and Wurtsmith bases at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This Cabin Fever lecture series is sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society and the Alcona County Library. Visit AlconaHistoricalSociety.com or call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

“Golden Grocery Giveaway” (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Plainfield Township Community Center, 415 E. Main Street, Hale.

“Golden Grocery Giveaway” (Formally known as CSFP/Commodity Supplemental Food Program) will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5300 N. US-23, Oscoda.

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. A special aspect will be a presentation on financial literacy with Smart Money MI Kids Read, spon-



Local Notes



Shotguns Found

On Thursday, Feb. 29 a citizen brought two shotguns he found in a case near the roadway on US-23 near Birch Acre Apartments in Ossineke to the Michigan State Police, Alpena Post. The owner is asked to contact the MSP Alpena Post at (989)354-4101 to identify and claim them.

Bombs Away

On Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m., the Alcona Historical Society presents "Bombs Away," at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Ric Mixter, an award-winning producer, author, pilot, scuba diver and historian, will share rare footage and interviews with the men (and women) who made history at local airbases, including Selfridge, Kincheloe, Sawyer and Wurtsmith. These airfields have launched the Tuskegee Airmen, biplane aces, and one of the longest bombing missions in history. Light refreshments will be served at this free "Cabin Fever" program. For more information, visit AlconaHistoricalSociety.com.

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, March 18: Cabbage rolls, buttered noodles, peas and carrots, pears.

- Tuesday, March 19: Spaghetti and Meatballs, peas and onions, tossed salad, pineapple.

- Wednesday, March 20: Barbeque pork on a bun, Spudsters, corn, apple sauce.

- Thursday, March 21: Beef roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, berry blend.

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.

License Date Clarification

"It came to my attention in my article published on February 29, that I mistakenly stated that fishing licenses and ORV stickers would expire on March 15. This is the

date that walleye season closes on inland waters. The actual date they expire is March 31," said Gregg Schefferly, outdoor writer for the Alcona County Review. "The good news is you have a couple more weeks before you are required to have a new fishing license or an ORV sticker. Sorry for the confusion."

According to Schefferly, as a result of the unusually mild weather, fishermen are taking advantage of the opportunity to get out in their boats. "I've been hearing that anglers are fishing around the river mouths of the Thunder Bay and AuSable rivers. I saw a bass boat on the Thunder Bay River by the duck park. The same holds true for the boat harbors, with the unseasonably warm weather, there are some great opportunities to catch a mixed bag of fish. Trout, salmon, and walleye are being caught along the shoreline of Lake Huron. I talked to Wellman's in Oscoda and was told anglers have been catching a mixed bag at the mouth of the AuSable River.

"Saginaw Bay and the river have been attracting large numbers of fishermen after the pre-spawn lunker walleye. Reports I've heard is that hundreds of boats are out on the bay and in the river.

Anglers fishing on the river are jigging, and most in the bay are trolling for the big pre-spawn walleye. Who knows if the Spring weather is here to stay. What is certain currently, is the weather is mild enough to allow anglers to get out on the water fishing; if you are able to get out there! Good luck," Schefferly said.

Upcoming Legislation

Cam Cavitt, state representative for the 106th District, recently highlighted two upcoming opportunities for people to weigh in on a new state law that strips away local control over large-scale wind and solar projects.

Cavitt voted against the controversial plan, which gives the Michigan Public Service Commission the ability to force wind and solar farms on local communities with little regard for residents' concerns or long-established zoning ordinances.

"These meetings are some of the last steps before they start clear cutting our forests and replacing the trees with large windmills and acres of solar panels," said Cavitt, R-Cheboygan. "The

public rang my phone off the hook when we voted on this last fall. It's clear they care about preserving local zoning authority. No one wants to see three governor appointees on the MPSC make decisions for our rural communities. That's why it's critical citizens makes their voices heard at these upcoming meetings."

While House Bill 5120 – now Public Act 233 of 2023 – was approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor along partisan lines, the MPSC is now holding "engagement sessions" to take public comment regarding the details of how the new law will be implemented.

The first two sessions will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and Tuesday, March 19. The virtual meetings will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Details on how to join the meetings are available here or at michigan.gov/mpsc under the calendar of events.

According to the MPSC, topics of discussion will include application filing guidelines, application fees, use of consultants, pre-application consultations, the development of compatible renewable energy ordinances, and other issues that arise during the process.

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PT Circulation Clerk job opening at Alcona County Library for 10 -15 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of Alcona County Library or on our website at <http://alconalibrary.com>. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license for this position. Applications accepted until 5:00 pm Friday March 15, 2024. Please apply to: Library Director, 312 W. Main St.; Harrisville, MI 48740, at any Alcona County Library branch, or via email at director@alcona.lib.mi.us (please write in subject line "Clerk Application").

2/28 thru 3/13

Public Notice REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Alcona County Road Commission (ACRC) is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Contractor to furnish and construct a 24'x40' building addition to the existing administrative office at the Alcona County Road Commission site in Lincoln, MI. A new replacement septic system (field and tank) shall also be furnished and installed on site by the Contractor as part of this project. The plans and specifications cover all of the requirements. Engineered drawings and specifications have been prepared by Russo Engineering, Inc. There will be no organized site visit. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, Wednesday April 3, 2024 at the ACRC office located at 301 N. Lake St., Lincoln, MI 48742, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Award can only occur after review and deliberation by the Alcona County Road Commission. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as, "ACRC OFFICE ADDITION". Bid Bonds and Payment & Performance Bonds will be required. Bid documents will be available for a non-refundable \$45 per project set with an additional non-refundable \$10 if the documents are mailed, beginning March 13, 2024, from Russo Engineering, 225 6th Ave./PO Box 187, Tawas City, MI 48764, phone (989) 362-7735. Bidding documents may be examined at the office of Russo Engineering or at the administrative office of the Alcona County Road Commission after that date.

The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and make the award of a firm, fixed-price contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in any manner deemed in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Construction shall be completed within a 120-day window that may start anytime on/after May 1, 2024. Regardless, the project must be complete by October 31, 2024. If requested, the apparent low bidders may be asked to provide references. There will be no liquidated damages.

3/13 thru 3/27



Alcona Students Host Regional Leadership Forum

The members of Alcona High School's Students Leading Students (SLS) hosted a youth leadership forum at Alcona High School, facilitated by Dawn Flood, executive director of student leadership services. The day featured interactive, on the go activities, designed to get students excited about spring projects and engage them in sharing with their peers around the area. Lastly, students took time in the afternoon to take a temperature check of their own chapters - what's working and what needs work. Almost 50 youth were in attendance from Alcona, Hillman, Tawas, Atlanta and Posen schools - each representing SLS chapters. (From left) Lee Kozlow, Kaidance Barnes, Aubrie Klein, Gretchen Weiland and Jenna Bahrke work together to discuss how mainstream media perceives youth and adults. The event was a partnership between Up North Preventions and partially sponsored by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative (OAYI), a grant partnership with the Michigan State Police. *Courtesy photo.*

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Virginia published a study last year about a national prosecutor vacancy crisis. Michigan was included in the study.

Alongside salary reasons, he found other contributing factors. The first resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic, which added to a backlog of cases. It also led to many people working from home, which is hard for prosecutors who are expected to be in court regularly, said Gershowitz.

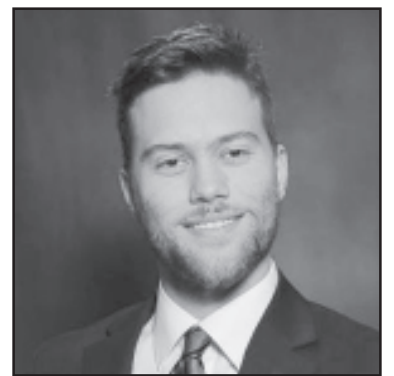
That made prosecutor positions less appealing to potential applicants. Gershowitz also cited a change in public

perception of prosecutors.

"Prosecutors used to be the 'white hat' of the criminal justice system," Gershowitz said. "What I heard from a lot of prosecutors' offices is that in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, there's been a sort of shift in the belief that prosecutors are not the 'moral conscience' of the criminal justice system."

In 2020, Floyd, who was Black, was murdered by white Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin while three other officers held bystanders back and helped restrain Floyd. The event furthered an already increasing negative stigma on law enforcement.

Gershowitz said public defenders are now more often viewed as that moral con-



Kalkaska County Prosecutor Ryan Ziegler. *Courtesy photo.*

science, rather than prosecutors. If you teach in a law school, you can sense that that's particularly true generationally with younger folks," said Gershowitz.

The prosecutor shortage can harm public safety, said Gershowitz. "The criminal justice system is filled with defendants," Gershowitz said. "Some of them are guilty, some of them are very dangerous and we want prosecutors to have time to work on those cases, right?"

According to Gershowitz, prosecutors' offices have become more aggressive in recruitment. They've been appearing at job fairs more often and advertising more aggressively at law schools. Some offices even attend high schools "to plant the seeds of creating a pipeline to attract students in the future," Gershowitz said.

Ziegler emphasized the importance of the job. "We need people to stay in prosecuting positions long-term, and we need people who are experienced so we can enforce the laws appropriately and properly, and handle the caseloads coming in," he said.

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Alcona athletes to play for ACC after graduation

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

While they will be wearing Tiger colors this spring on the softball field, two female athletes from Alcona High School will be Lumberjacks next year.

Seniors Miah Schopfer and Jena Wambold have signed to play for Alpena Community College (ACC) next year.

Schopfer, who has been playing softball since she was in kindergarten, is excited to take her pitching to the next level as a freshman Lumberjack. "Playing softball is my way of life," Schopfer said. "It makes me happy and is the only thing that is getting me through school at this point."

Schopfer struggled through last season with an injury. The battle to recover gave her focus and something to look forward to. She has been in contact with several Lumberjack softball players since she has signed on to play, which is a bonus so early on. "I'm so excited to make new connections with other players," Schopfer said.

"As a softball coach, the two hardest positions to recruit are pitchers and catchers. Many colleges look all over the place for them and hope they haven't signed with anyone," said Andrew



Miah Schopfer



Jena Wambold

Ornelas, ACC head softball coach. "So, as luck would have it Miah was already taking courses through ACC, and I had heard from local coaches that she was a very good softball player and person. One of my biggest elements for looking for players is their leadership abilities and their character/personality."

Ornelas explained that last season as a junior, Miah was an All Conference, All District and All Region athlete. She also received an academic athlete award. "So, she is exactly the kind of player that I

look for. Good character, team player, smart and, of course, really good softball talent," Ornelas said. "One of the hardest things for student athletes is balancing school work with athletics. But with what she has shown in high school, Miah should be one of those to transition really easy."

"I invited her over to show us her pitching skills and also batting skills. She has a great arm and great velocity and has quick hands with the bat. So, she will help our pitching rotation well next year. Usu-

ally in college, I keep three to four pitchers. But normally it's more like two to three.

"So, with my talented freshman pitcher from Rogers City returning, she will be a great mentor and teammate for Miah to learn from. But I will need her to start many games for us next year. I am excited to have her on the team and it's always great to have local talent nearby to recruit from."

Schopfer is the daughter of Richard and Bonnie Schopfer of Mikado. She plans on majoring in criminal justice.

Not only will Jena Wambold play softball for ACC, she will also play basketball as a Lumberjack.

Wambold began playing basketball and softball in the eighth grade. As a senior she just finished her fourth season on the varsity basketball team as a shooting guard, and is playing centerfield in softball this spring. "I am grateful for the support of my family and friends," Wambold said.

"Jena is a very athletic player and will provide great speed around the bases and

in the outfield," Ornelas said. "he is a dual sport athlete as she will also play basketball for ACC. (The) good news is I will have her for fall ball before she starts her basketball season. I expect great things from this very hard working and talented student athlete."

"We watched Jena for most of the season this year. The one thing that stood out to us was her athleticism and unselfishness," said Brandon Humphrey, ACC head women's basketball coach. "She's a great teammate and someone who will fit our culture well. At this level, everyone can play the game and stats really become irrelevant, so we are looking at body language, teammate skills, sportsmanship, and how they grind through a game/practice. Jena will be a great addition to our roster and will help us take our athleticism up a notch to help us play at a faster pace. We are excited for the addition of Jena."

Wambold is the daughter of Michele and Ron Wambold of Harrisville. She plans to pursue a fine arts degree.

Creating "meadows in the sky" for pollinators

The Michigan Beekeepers Association wants everyone to plant trees for bees.

This group is the oldest continuously operating agricultural organization in the state and one of the oldest beekeeping clubs in the country. Its Trees for Pollinators program helps plant trees for the environment and provide resources for essential pollinators such as honeybees.

"Honeybees are the most important pollinating insects in the world," said Mike Connor, Michigan Beekeepers Association beekeeper, arborist and founder of the Grand Rapids Bee Club.

Trees for Pollinators took root three years ago when Connor and Michigan Beekeepers Association president Rich Wieske started to encourage people to plant pollen- and nectar-producing trees. Together, the two solidified a plan to make pollinator-friendly trees available through local bee clubs.


"Trees are meadows in the sky," said Connor. "Some trees have millions of flowers that provide large quantities of quality nectar and pollen."

As the Trees for Pollinators program continues, Wieske aims to get more pollinator-friendly trees in the ground by starting a tradition of planting a tree for every child born.

"Given the essential role honeybees play in crop pollination, it's only sensible that the Michigan Beekeepers As-


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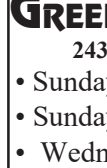
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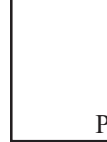
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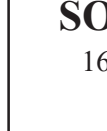
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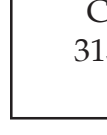



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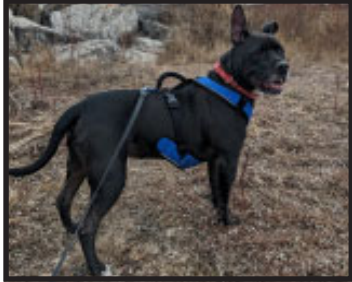
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Lady Tigers fall to Mio in district finals

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team had its sights set on winning a Division 4 district championship last Friday.

Mio had other ideas however, as freshman star Mia McGregor buried 44 points, which led to the end of the season for the Lady Tigers with a 70-49 loss at Hillman.

“We played a tough Mio team and weren’t able to stop them from scoring,” said head coach Karina Sharboneau.

The Lady Tigers had two first quarter three-pointers from Emma Travis and a bucket from Kaylee Wambold. McGregor netted 11 points for the Thunderbolts though, and they led 21-8 after one. In the second quarter, Sage Gauthier and Gracyn Tracy each hit threes, but McGregor and the Thunderbolts continued to roll, claiming a 37-20 lead at the half.

Travis had a nice third quarter for Alcona. She hit a three and netted eight points in the frame. Jenna West hit a trey as well, but the Bolts led things 62-36 entering the fourth.

Travis hit four threes in the game and finished with 20 points. West hit a pair of threes as part of her eight points. K. Wambold had eight points as well. Gauthier added five points. Tracy and Olivia Borchardt added three points each and Jena Wambold netted two.

Alcona reached the district championship, thanks to a 39-34 win over Hillman in the semifinals on Wednesday, March 6.

“This was a very well fought game by both teams,” Sharboneau said. “We all knew going in this game would be a close one. (I am) proud of my girls for pushing through and finding a way to pull out the win.”

Alcona had a hot-shooting first quarter from behind the arc with four three-pointers. Travis hit two of those and, adding one each was Gauthier and J. Wambold. Alcona used those buckets to send them to a 13-8 lead after one. Gauthier and J. Wambold hit threes in the second, and while those were the team’s lone points in that quarter, they still held a 19-16 lead at the half.

Travis hit another three in the third, but their offense



Alcona’s Emma Travis knocks down a free throw during last week’s district action in Hillman. Photo courtesy of Dave Baragrey.

was cold otherwise, and Hillman pulled ahead 27-23 entering the fourth quarter.

Alcona managed to pull ahead in the final frame, and hit 10-of-16 from the free throw line to seal the win.

Travis led Alcona with 16 points, including three treys and five-of-eight from the line. Gauthier added 10 points and was four-of-six from the line. K. Wambold netted seven points and J. Wambold scored six.

Hillman was led by Sage Flaughter with 13 points and Nicole Barbeau was able to chip in with seven.

On Monday, March 4 Alcona opened the post-season with a district quarterfinal victory over Fairview, 51-15.

“I am proud of the team’s

effort,” Sharboneau said. “We worked hard and stayed together.”

The Lady Tigers led throughout it in this contest, including quarter break scores of 16-2, 38-6 and 51-15.

Travis hit four threes in the game and hit for 18 points. Gauthier added 12 points. J. Wambold and K. Wambold had eight points apiece. Lily Pappas scored three points. Borchardt added two points.

Alcona finished the season 13-11 overall, under the first year head coach.

“With losing seven out of 11 players, next season we will be young, but I look forward to the challenge and getting to know the next group of athletes,” Sharboneau said.

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sociation might commemorate new life by planting a tree to give back to the bees that work to sustain us,” said Wieske.

Trees for Pollinators trees are available to purchase through the Michigan Beekeepers Association website through March 17. This year,

flower.

- American basswoods create high-quality nectar in great quantities for honeybees.

- Winged sumac produces large quantities of nectar in August, supporting bees and butterflies.

The Michigan Beekeepers



A honey bee collects nectar from tree blossoms. Courtesy photo.

several trees have been selected to fill pollinator needs:

- Pussy willows, blooming in April, help bee colonies with pollen and nectar as they emerge in the spring.

- Flowering crabapples provide nectar and pollen in early May. They also provide winter food for robins and cedar waxwings.

- Tulip poplars are large trees and produce an exceptionally high nectar yield per

Association website shares growing information for each of the trees offered.

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High/middle afterschool program grant coordinator, Megan VanKoningsveld explained that upper-grade students can attend afterschool tutoring of any class subject which is offered through the program Monday through Thursday.

“Quite a few students enjoy the tutoring program. It gives them some quiet time to get their work done and additional help is available, so they can better understand assignments. A lot of athletes take advantage of tutoring time to get their work done before practice starts,” VanKoningsveld said.

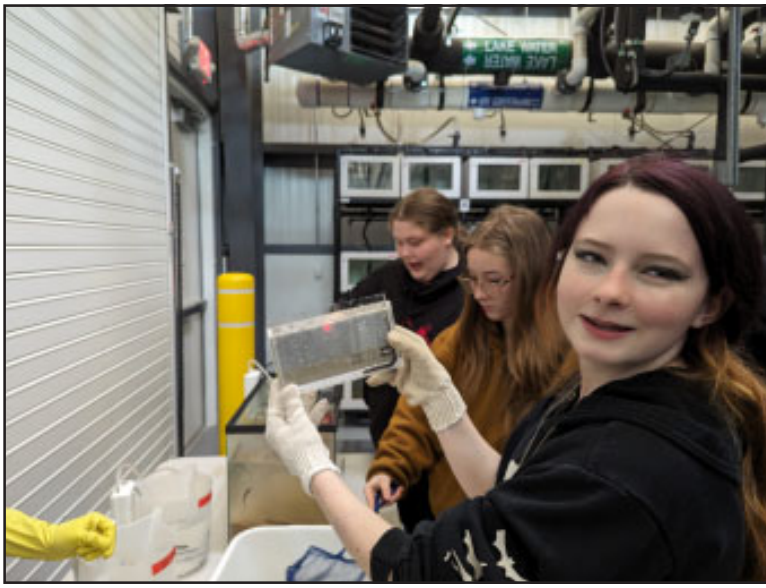
She explained in addition to tutoring, on Mondays the Dungeons and Dragons club meets which has grown from playing with game-written storylines to students developing and writing their own stories for it.

Tuesday is E-Sports drop-in which is different than the E-Sports Club. The E-Sports drop-in allows students to learn more about it and have fun without the pressure of attending competitions.

“On Wednesday, students can take part in the Crochet Club where beginner to advanced upper-grade students can gather. A group in the community generously donated hooks and yarn for the students to use and they are making some great things like sweaters and blankets,” VanKoningsveld said.

Lee said grant funding also covers six weeks of additional programming in the summer. “This past summer (under the 2022-2023 grant) we had three weeks of additional programs in June a week after school ended and then another three weeks of programs in August before the start of school. We plan to do that again this year.”

During the summer program, it might be possible to bus students to and from the school, but during the school year busing is not feasible and parents pick up the students, according to Lee.



Alcona High School biology students along with their teacher Kathryn Luce explored the Hammond Bay Biological Station last week where they learned about Great Lakes science and the different professions such as computer scientists, chemists, research biologists, database managers, engineers, scuba divers, communication professionals and more that come together to operate the research station. (From left) students Jade Shurmur, Adrian Burnet and Jaylia Bowers participate in the feeding study by measuring lamprey at the Hammond Bay Biological Station. *Courtesy photo.*



Biology students Sierra Wright, (left) and Elliyan Grimshaw holding sea lamprey. *Courtesy photo.*

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A free Dementia Caregiver Webinar series will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. The topic is "Information for Everyone." All seniors are welcome. Call Megan at (989) 334-3466 for details.

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.

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, MARCH 21

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, MARCH 22

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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, MARCH 25

Join the "3D Easter Bunny" craft session at the Alcona Senior Center from noon to 3:30 p.m. Space is limited, reservations are required. Call Megan at, (989) 334-3466 for more information and to register for this free event.

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 March's cookbook available at the circulation desk. Select a recipe, make it and share with fellow club members. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) will meet at 10 a.m. at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. The public is welcome to attend.

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, MARCH 27

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Reburial services for T-5 G. C. Noyes Sunday

March 10, 1949 ~ The body of T-5 Grover C. Noyes will arrive in Harrisville by train Saturday morning for reburial in the family plot in Springport Cemetery. News of its arrival in this country from Okinawa was received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Noyes of Harrisville about two weeks ago.

Military funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian Church at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. H. James officiating.

The body will be at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Lincoln until shortly before the hour of services Sunday, when it will be brought to the Harrisville church. The funeral will be in charge of the V. F. W. and American Legion Posts.

T-5 Noyes lost his life on April 6, 1945, while taking part in the invasion of Okinawa, a Japanese held island in the Pacific War Zone.

Grover entered the army at Fort Custer, Michigan, from Detroit where he was employed, on October 22, 1942. During his training he was stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon; Fort Lewis, Washington; Camp White, Oregon; Camp Beale, California; Bend Desert, Oregon; Fort Benning, Georgia; and Camp Luis Obispo, California. He sailed from San Diego, California in July 1944, and took part in the Leyte invasion prior to sailing for Okinawa. He was a member of the 96th. Infantry Regiment, his division being known as the "Dead Eye Division." He had been awarded the Merit Badge and the Purple Heart.

Obituary

Grover C. Noyes was born March 12, 1921, in Harrisville. He attended the local school and graduated in 1939.

Mourning his loss are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Noyes; one brother, Thos. A. Noyes, Detroit; and four sisters, Mrs. (Margaret) Carl McGuire of Saginaw; Mrs. (Clara) Wm. McPherson of Petoskey; Mrs. (Marion) Orris Presley of Clare and Mrs. (Ruth) Robert Forshey of Sunfield.

CryptoQuip
answer

Those amenities that make a pastor's life more pleasant, I like to call them preacher comforts.

Tigers take out Thunderbolts

March 10, 1999 ~ By Michael G. Popkey

The boys varsity basketball team ended its regular season on an extremely high note.

The Tigers not only won their last two games, but in the process defeated the seventh ranked Class D Mio Thunderbolts (17-2) 65-64 in overtime.

Sean Stewart's two free throws with just over a second left in overtime gave the Tigers their victory.

The game played at home on March 2, saw both teams battling back from deficits to tie until the final quarter. During the fourth quarter neither team could get ahead by more than three points.

The Tigers took the first quarter leading 20-12, but the Thunderbolts came back to tie by the end of the half, 31-31.

The Thunderbolts managed a three-point lead at the end of the third quarter, 43-41, but the Tigers managed to deadlock it at 55 by the end of regular time.

Stewart led the Tigers with 18 points. Both Paul Somers and Mike Somers scored 13 points apiece.

The Tigers' final regular season game was played in Hale on March 5. The Tigers defeated Hale 51-43.

Sheldon Krandonk led the Tigers with 12 points. Paul Somers scored 11, Stewart and Mike Somers had 10 points apiece.

"They were good team wins," said Varsity Coach Wayne Van Dyke. "The team progressed real well...we were young and new going into the season, but we've developed into a good solid team."

The Tigers end their season 12-7 and move on to District Play March 10 at 6 p.m. in Whittemore. The Tigers play the 6 p.m. game against Onaway and, if they are victorious, will move into the final at Whittemore on March 12 at 7 p.m.

The JV Tigers defeated Mio 54-51 and Hale 47-41 to end their season with a 12 game winning streak. The JV Tigers finished 17-3.

"I'm really pleased," said JV Coach John Katona. "We had a huge week when we won all three games in one week. We came right back the next week and won two more despite missing two starters. The team needed to pick up the slack and they did! They needed to learn what it's like to play on the next level and they succeeded."

Chad Stewart led the Tigers against Mio with 18 points. Ryan Phinney had 14 and John Atchison had 12. Chris Somers recently moved up from the freshman team and had eight points against Mio and eight points against Hale. Chad Stewart, who led the Tigers against Hale, scored 17 of his game high 27 in the fourth quarter.

————— **Super** Crossword —————

Answers

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom featured a father figure named Philip Banks?
2. **LANGUAGE:** How many letters are in the Greek alphabet?
3. **MOVIES:** Which movie features the line, "To be honest, when I found out the patriarchy wasn't just about horses, I lost interest"?
4. **SCIENCE:** How long is an eon?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** In which country is most of the Kalahari Desert located?
6. **MUSIC:** Which singer once was called the Material Girl?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is injera?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of cockroaches called?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Emerald City?
10. **GAMES:** How many blocks are in a Jenga tower?

Answers: 1. "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."; 2. 24.; 3. "Barbie."; 4. 1 billion years.; 5. Botswana, Africa.; 6. Madonna.; 7. Fermented flatbread.; 8. An intrusion.; 9. Seattle, Washington.; 10. 54. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword WELL-DEFINED

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Ran after</p> <p>8 — oil (trendy marijuana extract, for short)</p> <p>11 Old TV ET</p> <p>14 Feudal peons</p> <p>19 More ill-bred</p> <p>20 Loaf in a deli</p> <p>21 Palme — (Cannes award)</p> <p>22 "La Traviata," e.g.</p> <p>23 120-Across #1</p> <p>25 "Over here!"</p> <p>26 Sieved, as potatoes</p> <p>27 Folk rocker DiFranco</p> <p>28 Drink holders</p> <p>29 120-Across #2</p> <p>31 120-Across #3</p> <p>36 Suffix of enzymes</p> <p>37 Don effortlessly, as shoes</p> <p>38 Toxin-fighting fluids</p> <p>39 Functional unit of a kidney</p> <p>42 Wield a saber or foil</p> <p>45 Sky twinkler</p> | <p>48 Stray calf</p> <p>49 120-Across #4</p> <p>55 Plead</p> <p>56 Cabinet chief: Abbr.</p> <p>57 Muse of poetry</p> <p>58 Mimosa tree, e.g.</p> <p>62 "Put — Happy Face"</p> <p>64 DiCaprio of "Titanic"</p> <p>70 120-Across #5</p> <p>75 More furtive</p> <p>76 Possess</p> <p>77 Gets the impression</p> <p>78 Core belief</p> <p>81 Light tan</p> <p>84 Groom's vow</p> <p>85 120-Across #6</p> <p>94 "Take —" ("Jot this note")</p> <p>95 Water spigots</p> <p>96 Extort money from</p> <p>97 Fit to reside in</p> <p>100 Architect Saarinen</p> <p>103 Island near Bora Bora</p> <p>107 Rage</p> <p>108 120-Across #7</p> | <p>113 120-Across #8</p> <p>116 Male sweetie</p> <p>117 Day, to Juanita</p> <p>118 Totally lost</p> <p>119 Bruins' Bobby</p> <p>120 What this puzzle literally provides eight times</p> <p>124 Wee</p> <p>125 Hitter's stat</p> <p>126 Single-named R&B singer</p> <p>127 Erase</p> <p>128 Some Canadian gas stations</p> <p>129 Tot's "piggy"</p> <p>130 Bible translation, e.g.: Abbr.</p> <p>131 Lobby sofas</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 The Sims or Minecraft, say</p> <p>2 Muse of astronomy</p> <p>3 Fast part of a river ride</p> <p>4 Govt. stipend</p> <p>5 Adm.'s org.</p> <p>6 Brain wave test: Abbr.</p> <p>7 Harry Potter bully Malfoy</p> | <p>8 Burial vaults</p> <p>9 Poet Percy — Shelley</p> <p>10 — Moines, Iowa</p> <p>11 One-off, as a committee</p> <p>12 Lerner's songwriting partner</p> <p>13 Skillet</p> <p>14 Ilk</p> <p>15 Grand-scale</p> <p>16 Give new energy to</p> <p>17 Region prohibiting slavery prior to the Civil War</p> <p>18 Made unhappy</p> <p>24 — -Puf (facial sponge)</p> <p>29 Really hate</p> <p>30 Suffix with serpent</p> <p>32 Resist boldly</p> <p>33 Singer Lisa</p> <p>34 City in Sicily</p> <p>35 Once, once</p> <p>40 Word file alternative</p> <p>41 — polloi</p> <p>43 Syringe amts.</p> <p>44 Stretch (out)</p> <p>46 — Lingus (Irish carrier)</p> <p>47 Writer Dahl</p> | <p>49 The Beatles' "— Work It Out"</p> <p>50 Tequila plant</p> <p>51 Sacred image</p> <p>52 Big Apple address abbr.</p> <p>53 Sch. near the Rio Grande</p> <p>54 Axes, e.g.</p> <p>55 Scrooge's outbursts</p> <p>59 U.S. spy org.</p> <p>60 Fluid in a pen</p> <p>61 Anxiousness</p> <p>63 In times past</p> <p>65 Scot's denial</p> <p>66 Novelist Rand</p> <p>67 Varnish stuff</p> <p>68 "Judge —" (Stallone film)</p> <p>69 — buco</p> <p>71 Artist Jan van der —</p> <p>72 "Nola" composer Felix</p> <p>73 Actor Wilson</p> <p>74 How much '90s music was recorded</p> <p>79 LAX info</p> <p>80 High-quality</p> <p>82 CSA soldier</p> <p>83 Web address</p> <p>85 Certify</p> | <p>86 The "E" of UAE</p> <p>87 Overturns</p> <p>88 Singer Sumac</p> <p>89 Word before goblin</p> <p>90 Employed</p> <p>91 — bad example</p> <p>92 Split</p> <p>93 Ritalin treats it, for short</p> <p>98 Science writer Willy or ESPN anchor Bob</p> <p>99 Urge strongly</p> <p>101 Kind of steak</p> <p>102 Like some headsets</p> <p>104 Chemist's "I"</p> <p>105 Brief pang</p> <p>106 For a really long time</p> <p>109 Muscle car booster</p> <p>110 Macabre</p> <p>111 Interval</p> <p>112 Is really angry</p> <p>114 Lotto variant</p> <p>115 Deposits, as eggs</p> <p>120 License-issuing agcy.</p> <p>121 Palindromic file suffix</p> <p>122 Fitting</p> <p>123 Cashew, e.g.</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 25, 2017, the world's largest banana split made its debut in Innisfail, Australia. Concocted with 40,000 bananas, it stretched for an astounding 5 miles long. No word on the number of calories it contained.
- On March 26, 1971, East Pakistan declared its independence from Pakistan, forming Bangladesh, which started an eight-month-long war between Pakistan and the newly-formed state. As many as 3 million people lost their lives in the conflict.
- On March 27, 1989, the groundbreaking soap opera "Generations" aired on NBC-TV, making it the first U.S. African-American show of its kind. Focusing on the relationship between two Chicago families, one white and one Black, the series tackled difficult subjects, including sickle cell anemia, racial bias and hate crimes, but failed to find a wide audience and was canceled in 1991.
- On March 28, 1949, English astronomer Fred Hoyle coined the term "Big Bang" during a BBC radio interview, though he also refuted the scientific theory, remarking in a later interview with the network that "the reason why scientists like the 'big bang' is because they are overshadowed by the Book of Genesis. It is deep within the psyche of most scientists to believe in the first page of Genesis."
- On March 29, 1984, the city of Baltimore refused to replace its antiquated stadium, so the owner of the Baltimore Colts decided to up and leave the state. The team loaded up all their equipment into 15 trucks, moved to Indiana, and renamed themselves the Indianapolis Colts.
- On March 30, 1842, inhaled sulfuric ether was used as an anesthetic for the first time, by American surgeon Crawford Williamson Long, the first obstetric anesthetist, in Athens, Georgia. Long was also a cousin of Western legend Doc Holliday, and may have operated on Doc's cleft lip.
- On March 31, 1923, the first dance marathon took place in New York City, with dance instructor Alma Cummings setting a new record at the Audubon Ballroom by hoofing it for 27 hours with six different partners. In just three weeks, her feat would be surpassed at least nine times across the U.S.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In a process called rice-fish culture, Indonesian farmers introduce fish into their rice fields so the fish droppings will act as fertilizer. In turn, the fish also eat harmful insects and improve oxygen circulation, increasing crop yields by up to 10%.
- Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single forever.
- The people who falsely claimed the copyright to the "Happy Birthday to You" song made \$2 million a year for decades, until the song was ruled to be in the public domain.
- A man who had received the transplanted heart of a suicide victim married the donor's widow and took his own life in the exact same way as the donor did.
- After two thieves in England broke into a man's house and made off with his laptop, they found child abuse material on the device and took it to the police. The pedophile received a sentence of three years in prison, while the thieves were given 12 months of community service in light of their "good deed."
- During his presidency, John F. Kennedy refused to take his salary of \$150,000 per year, instead donating the entire amount to charity.
- Hundreds of people die each year from shoveling snow.
- Who says cats don't care? After one feline owner survived a series of strokes, he tried to train the animal to dial 911. While he wasn't sure at first that the attempt would pay off, after he fell from his wheelchair following a seizure, police received a silent emergency call from his home and arrived to find him incapacitated and his cat next to the phone.
- Loneliness poses a greater risk to one's health than obesity.

Thought for the Day: "He who has a why to live can bear almost any how." -- Friedrich Nietzsche
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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: **Q** equals **P**

CFNJG RYGZTCTGJ CFRC
 YRSG R QRJCN'D'J BTIG YNDG
 QBGRJRZC, T BTSG CN ERBB
 CFGY QDGREFGD ENYINDCJ.

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Mocha mugs

To a pottery collector, a "mocha mug" isn't meant for a coffee drink. "Mocha" is a type of decorated earthenware pottery made in England and sold in America in the early 1800s. Mocha pottery, or mocha ware, is usually utilitarian; pieces were originally used in the kitchen or during meals. It has colorful decorations painted in a slip glaze made from clay thinned with water to a liquid consistency. The decorations are usually painted over white glaze.

Traditional patterns have descriptive names, like "banded," "checked" and "marbled," or repeated "tulip," "fan," "seaweed," "dendrite" or "leaf" motifs. Others have less obvious names, like "cat's-eye," which consists of clusters of dots, and "earthworm," or thick, mottled lines in waves or loops.

This mug, which was made about 1800 and sold for \$375 at Link Auction Galleries, has earthworm and cat's-eye patterns in its center section, with a green and brown banded top border and brown banded lower border.

The name "mocha" may come from some patterns' resemblance to mocha stone, another name for moss agate, an opaque multicolor semiprecious stone. Mocha pottery may also be named for the coffee-colored glaze that appears in many designs.

Q: When my father was ill in 1939, he received a letter from Jack Dempsey wishing him "a speedy recovery." The letter was typed on his restaurant's stationery and signed in ink. What is it worth?

A: Jack Dempsey (1895-1983) was an American boxer who was the world heavyweight champion



Antique mocha ware caught collectors' attention in the mid-20th century. Like many mocha pieces, this colorful mug is decorated with several patterns.

Photo Courtesy of kovels.com

from 1919 to 1926. He opened his restaurant near Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1938. It closed in

1974. The value of an autograph is determined by the importance of the signer, rarity, condition and proof of authenticity. Signatures on letters are worth more than an autograph by itself. A handwritten letter is worth more than a typed letter with a handwritten signature. The content of the letter also affects the value. The letter must be seen by an expert to authenticate it. Contact an auction house or gallery that holds sales of autographs to see what it is worth.

TIP: Never display bottles with labels in a sunny window. The labels will fade.

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Display, toy, Klik-Klak Blox, red, yellow and blue, toy sample attached to front, "For Girls For Boys For Fun" on sides, electric, 18 inches, \$540.

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Expanded PACT Act

Expanded benefits for the PACT Act have kicked in years sooner than expected. As of recently, March 5, 2024, veterans who were exposed to toxins can get VA health care without applying for VA disability benefits first.

The PACT Act covers over 20 presumptive illnesses for exposure to Agent Orange and other toxins, as well as the burn pits, radiation, oil well fires, depleted uranium and more. The covered illnesses include emphysema, chronic bronchitis, a dozen types of cancer and interstitial lung disease.

Deployment wasn't necessary; veterans were exposed to asbestos, firefighting foam, paints, chemicals, pesticides, Camp Lejeune water and more here in the U.S.

If you filed before and were turned down, file again or call. The VA is supposed to go through the files and contact you, but don't wait on that.

If you're already enrolled in VA health care, call your local VA health facility and ask for your initial screening for toxin exposure. Don't wait on this; get a baseline test.

To get more information, call 800-698-2411 (800-MYVA411).

Or go online to VA.gov/PACT and scroll through the information. You'll find links to file for VA disability, a supplemental claim and

more. Read about military exposures at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures.

For all the millions the VA has spent to inform veterans about PACT, there are some they're leaving out: members of the Maine National Guard who trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. In 1966 and 1967, the place was saturated with Agents Orange and Purple as a means of testing effectiveness in killing foliage.

In 2005, the Canadian

government did site testing of the ground, water and air. They ended up handing out money to Canadians who'd been there.

Gagetown is still used for National Guard training, not only for units from Maine but other states as well. People became ill, of course, from exposure, but they're not eligible for VA health care for exposure to Agent Orange or any of the other "rainbow" of toxin colors at Gagetown.

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B Z X W P L O U O S C R T W M

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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: A SHIP FOR CARRYING OIL.

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| Briefcase | Free lunch | Mop-up | Run over |
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Run Trail, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale. / s/

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 4 at 7:27 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting. Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer/zoning administrator Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members, Durham, Lucas, Schick, Skuse and Wambold. Member Gauthier was absent.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Schick. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Lucas. The budget amendments were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Skuse. Carried. No public comments were heard. We are getting closer to RRC designation following the adoption of the Tax Increment Plan for the DDA. Mahalak gave the zoning report. Another case is heading to court in April. The property at Lincoln Outdoor Center has been cleaned up. Council members are pleased with the hard work that has been done by Eric Bates. Fire Chief Nathan Walker stated that there were 12 fire runs this past month Lots of training is upcoming including ice rescue training. Wildfire training in Barton City is also coming this month. Saturday is drivers training for the fire trucks.

Gary Graves, maintenance man, gave an update of some of the upcoming projects for the new budget year. Gary expressed concern about find-

ing a spot for outdoor clean up materials that may be necessary if we lose our current disposal spot. Sewer report was given by Gary Graves. The system is running well. A motion was made by Schick, with support from Durham, to appoint Brett Wambold as the new sewer commissioner. Motion carried.

President Phillips gave the road report. We will be remarking the village roads this coming season. There are some repairs needed for Traverse Bay Road.

A letter was received stating that we need to take care of names that appear on our website. It currently looks like our president, clerk and treasurer are members on the planning commission and the DDA. After a discussion with our legal counsel we are prepared to take care of this misconception. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Skuse, that we remove the improper designations to those names. The treasurer also serves as the zoning administrator so her name will be on the website with the planning commission. The president and clerk may continue to attend the meetings and act as liaisons for the village council. They may also continue to attend DDA meetings in an unofficial capacity as well. Although we appreciate the information that was provided in the letter, our attorney will send a follow up letter to address the derogatory allegations that were made by the individual.

Marilyn Wissmiller gave a presentation on behalf of the planning com-

mission. She would like the council to consider allowing a marijuana facility to be brought into the community. She stated that it could be beneficial to allow both recreational and medicinal marijuana products to be sold. Wambold made a motion to table the discussion to a later meeting. Durham offered support. Carried. In order to consider such a facility, we need to go through a lengthy process including several meetings and hearings. Our attorney will help with this process if and when it is decided upon.

President Phillips talked with a person who owns property in the village but lives downstate. He asked if we could start holding our special meetings on Friday evenings so that he could attend. Council members stated that it would like not be well attended by council members let alone the general public. He also expressed his displeasure with several things within the community. Council members discussed damage that has been caused to the tables and chairs in the council meeting room. A motion was made by Durham, with support from Wambold, to not allow the chairs and tables to be moved from the council meeting room and the hallway. Carried. Additionally, there are new locks on the village hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Schick. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan
 March 4, 2024

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing regarding the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The meeting was called to order by President Sheila Phillips. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer/Zoning Administrator Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Durham, Lucas, Schick, Skuse and Wambold. Member Gauthier was absent. Several guests were also present. President Phillips gave an overview on the document that is under consideration for preparing the Village to become a RRC designated village in the state of MI. The public notices contain verbiage that has to be included according to the State guidelines. This pertains only to the DDA district. Attorney Matt Wojda spoke about the DDA specifications. We can't raise taxes and have no desire to displace anyone from their homes. This ordinance is necessary in order to move forward by both the DDA and the Village of Lincoln Council to put us in compliance of the requirements for RRC designation.

Village of Lincoln
 County of Alcona
 State of Michigan
 Ordinance NO. 24-1

Ordinance for adoption of the 2024 Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan in the Village of Lincoln, Michigan. An ordinance to adopt an amended Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 for Downtown Development Authorities of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, 2018 Public Act 57, as amended ("Act 57"). The Village of Lincoln Ordains: Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Village of Lincoln 2024 Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan Ordinance."

Section 2. Adoption. The Lincoln Village Council, having held a public hearing on March 4th, 2024 on the amended Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") prepared by the Downtown Development Authority, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference, hereby make the determination that the Plan constitutes a public purpose and adopts the plan. This determination and adoption is based on the following considerations:

A. The Village Council has considered the findings and recommendations of the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority.

B. The Plan meets the requirements set forth in Section 217(2) in Act 57.

C. The plan includes the proposed method of financing the development which is feasible and the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.

D. The development described in the Plan is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 57.

E. The land included within the development area to be acquired is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the plan and of this part in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.

F. The development plan is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the Village of Lincoln.

G. Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the project area.

H. Any changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities are reasonably necessary for the project and the Village.

Section 3. Conflict and Severability. All other ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be null and void.

ance are to the extent of such conflict hereby replaced. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance shall for any reason be finally adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment is rendered. Section 4. Publication and Effective Date.

A synopsis of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, and this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon such publication.

Ordinance No. 24-1 was adopted on the 4th day of March 2024, by the Lincoln Village Council as follows: Motion by: Dorene Schick

Seconded by: Christine Skuse
 Yeas: 5 Durham, Lucas, Schick, Skuse & Wambold
 Nays: 0
 Absent: Gauthier

I certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 24-1 that was adopted by the Lincoln Village Council on March 4th, 2024 and published in the Alcona Review on March 12th, 2024.

Dated: March 4, 2021

Linda K Somers
 Linda K. Somers, Clerk
 Village of Lincoln

A motion was made by Wambold to close public comment, Durham offered support. Carried. Motion by Schick with support from Skuse to adopt Ordinance 24-1. Roll Call Vote: Durham, Lucas, Schick, Skuse, Wambold all Ayes. No Nays, Gauthier was absent. Motion carried. Motion to close Public Hearing was made by Wambold with support from Schick. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN BUDGET HEARING

The Village of Lincoln Council met on Monday March 4 at 7:07 p.m. for the annual budget hearing. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comment regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick, Skuse and Wambold. There was no public discussion. Treasurer Mahalak stated that the proposed revenues should be adequate to support the proposed budgets. A motion was made by Schick, with support from Wambold, to increase the pay for the maintenance man and his helper by \$2 per hour and to raise the pay for Medical First Responders and firefighters by \$5 per run. Motion carried. A motion was made Wambold, with support from Durham, to adopt the budgets for 2024-2025. Budget hearing was closed at 7.

Following are the budgets: A motion to close the budget hearing was made by Schick with support from Wambold. Carried.

Following are the budgets for 2024-2025.

General Fund Budget	
Income	
Property Taxes	
\$65,000.00	State Constitutional Tax \$34,000.00
Administrative income	\$60,000.00
Payroll Reimbursement	\$14,000.00
Grant Income	\$ 0.00
Fire Dept. Other Revenue	\$4,200.00
Fire Contracts	\$61,901.02
Village Contribution to FD	\$10,000.00
	Total \$249,101.02
Expense	
Zoning Board	\$ 7,200.00
Salary Council	\$ 6,720.00
Legal & Accounting	\$10,000.00
DDA Payment	\$42,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00
Printing	\$ 1,600.00
Insurance/General	\$ 6,500.00
Web Site	\$ 1,000.00

Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,200.00
Salary President	\$ 8,400.00
Salary Clerk	\$ 8,400.00
Salary Treasurer	\$ 8,400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Utilities gas/electric	\$ 8,600.00
Maintenance/general	\$ 5,250.00
FD Salaries	\$13,000.00
FD Maintenance/Supp.	\$5,000.00
FD Gasoline	\$ 1,000.00
FD Utilities	\$ 2,500.00
FD Insurance	\$12,000.00
FD Other Expense	\$ 5,601.02
FD Excess to Savings	\$ 4,000.00
FD Equip. Fund Sav	\$26,000.00
Med. First Resp. salary	\$ 5,000.00
Med. First Resp Other	\$ 2,000.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$14,000.00
Public Works Equip Rent	\$ 6,500.00
Public Works Salaries	\$ 7,000.00
Parks & Rec Equip Rent	\$7,000.00
Parks & Rec Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
Street Lights	\$ 9,000.00
Recreational Improv	\$ 2,500.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 7,000.00
Railroad Park	\$ 596.16
Beautification Project	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expense	\$259,627.18

Equipment Rental Budget	
Income	
Equip. Rental Income	\$31,000.00
	Total \$31,000.00

Expense	
Salaries	\$ 4,500.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 400.00
Repair/Maintenance	\$15,700.00
Gasoline	\$ 4,000.00
Utilities	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,400.00
	Total \$31,000.00

Sewer Budget	
Income	
Charges for Services	\$14,284.40
	Total \$14,284.40

Expense	
Utilities	\$ 400.00
Salaries	\$ 840.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 300.00
Maintenance	\$6,844.40
Insurance	\$1,200.00
Administrative Fee	\$2,700.00

Equipment Rental	\$2,000.00
Total	\$14,284.40

Local Streets	
Income	
State Revenue	\$ 24,000.00
VR Street Funds	\$ 20,000.00
	Total \$44,00.00
Expense	
Salaries RM	\$6,000.00
Equip. Rental RM	\$8,000.00
Administration	\$ 300.00
Salaries WM	\$1,500.00
Equip. Rental WM	\$4,350.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$5,000.00
Construction	\$17,350.00
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 1,000.00
	Total \$44,000.00

Major Streets	
Income	
State Revenue	\$72,000.00
VR Street Funds	\$30,000.00
	Total \$102,000.00
Expense	
Salaries RM	\$3,000.00
Equip. Rental RM	\$6,000.00
Administration	\$ 900.00
Salaries WM	\$4,000.00
Equip. Rental WM	\$9,000.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$12,000.00
Construction	\$ 65,000.00
Insurance	\$1,500.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$600.00
	Total \$102,000.00

Village Raised Street Fund	
Income	
Village Raised Taxes	\$44,000.00
	Total \$44,000.00
Expense	
DDA Payment	\$22,000.00
VR To Local Streets	\$20,000.00
VR To Major Streets	\$30,000.00
	Total \$72,000.00

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

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 Deadline is
 Monday
 at 4 p.m.**

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Village of Lincoln Notice of Adoption

On March 4, 2024, the Lincoln Village Council adopted Ordinance No. 24-1, an ordinance to adopt an amended Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 for Downtown Development Authorities of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, 2018 Public Act 57, as amended (Act 57). This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the publication of this Notice of Adoption.

The text of the entire ordinance is available at the Lincoln Village Offices at 117 Fiske Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. This determination and adoption are based on the following considerations:

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