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## Agri-science students taught new industry standards

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Alcona High School agri-science has evolved tremendously thanks to an instructor who continually thinks outside the box to make sure students get the best education possible.

The school's agri-science program has always had innovative teachers bringing students plenty of hands-on experience for a well-rounded agricultural science education, but Connor Hubbard has taken the classes he teaches far above raising chickens and maple syrup production.

Aquaponics, engine mechanics, computer numerical control (CNC), plasma cutting, and tractor safety are just a few of the subjects Hubbard instructs along with time-tested standards like tapping maple trees and farm and animal husbandry.

While a rooster crowed in a nearby courtyard of the high school, Hubbard explained some of the courses he teaches are to prepare young minds for today's farming/technical careers or college. "We have an agriculture mechanics class with a small engine lab to teach teardowns and rebuilds. The school now has \$30,000 worth of precision calipers and measurement instruments in metric and standard American equipment (SAE) to teach with. I had to get certified with Snap-on and Sterritt Tools to instruct using the tools.

"We've had the ag-mechanics and sustainability class available for a few years and are slowly building on the capacity of projects taught. We are exploring possibly adding an advanced ag-mechanics class next year which will dive even further using the equipment," Hubbard said.

"In aquaponics, we put up a hoop house last fall and will be raising fish and plants together. We just about have that completed. I'm having the students help with every step so they have ownership of the program and understand the different components and parts, so it is taking a little longer to develop.

"The Sugar Shack, where the maple syrup is made (on school property), is also li-

censed for the butchering of fish and rabbits. Who knows, maybe someday we will have a community fish fry with school-raised fish. Of course, that would be way off in the future," Hubbard said.

The CNC plasma cutter allows students who have an interest in learning computer-aided design (CAD) to create intricate designs or useful parts in metal. The machine could also assist with woodshop class projects as it is a bit bigger than what those students currently use.

"We are excited to possibly bring back a welding class. We've upgraded a few welders. That was Russ Champagne's realm and since his retirement a few years ago, we haven't been able to do much with it. The timing is right though for it to come back," Hubbard said.

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Alcona High School Agri-science Instructor Connor Hubbard (left) and student Jacob June admire the new Kubota tractor and skid steer acquired for agri-education by grant funding. The tractor is equipped with an instructors seat so Hubbard can sit close to students while they learn to operate it. Photo by Mary Weber.

## County dispatch director brings experience

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Hiring a director with over two decades of hard-core inner-city dispatch experience has helped Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch continue to run efficiently.

Kathleen Bell was named the new director last August and has been quietly and effectively filling the seat left by former director, Jeff Brackett, upon his retirement.

Bell has a lot of experience when it comes to working dispatch — she was a dispatch operator for the Chicago, Ill. Police Department for 24 years before deciding she wanted a little less stressful excitement and a more peaceful existence.

"I worked four years at a sheriff's department in Illinois before working in Chicago. I just got tired of hectic city life. I had a house on Drummond Island in the Upper Peninsula and decided to move there. I got a job with the Chippewa County Sheriff dispatching and stayed for six years," Bell said.

After dispatching for 35 years, Bell was ready for a new challenge and took a position with a company providing scheduling software for



Kathleen Bell has been the director for Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch since last August. Photo by Mary Weber.

law enforcement, first responders and firefighters. "I worked as a trainer and traveled to different agencies in the country. That's when I met my fiancé, Chris Realy," Bell said.

Upon their engagement, Bell decided to relocate to Alcona County where her fiancé lives. Since Bell worked remotely, she was able to maintain her job with the software company.

Brackett's decision to retire last summer, however, caught Bell's attention because she had always

dreamed of directing a dispatch center.

"I understand what dispatchers do and how demanding their job is. I'm also tech-savvy and know about the software involved to run the dispatch efficiently. I felt I had a lot to offer the position.

"I've worked for some brilliant dispatch directors who were a true inspiration to me and felt it would be great to offer my experience and pass inspiration to the next generation of dispatchers, so I applied," Bell said.

She explained Brackett stayed a few weeks to offer some guidance after she started and he is available to call if questions arise, something she deeply appreciates.

According to Bell, it was a bit of a challenge to adapt to the role of administration immediately but having an experienced staff at the Alcona County Dispatch helped immensely.

One difficulty she hopes to remedy is hiring more dispatchers and said the county has six full-time dispatchers but needs eight.

Other challenges include funding for 911. "We are not funded through the county's general fund. We operate solely through millage funding and the 911 surcharge," Bell said. She explained the 911 surcharge income is based on the number of county residents. While that number remains relatively low, the number of calls into the dispatch always increases in the summer due to the swell of tourists and summer citizens.

The 911 surcharge does not take any of that into consideration and no additional funding is offered due to the

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 **Death Notice** 

**Patricia A. Kramer**

Patricia A. Kramer, 82, of Lincoln, died on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at home. Visitation will be held Friday, April 5 from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Ossineke.

 **Correspondence**

To the Editor,  
In response to the letter published February 14, concerning the birth of Jesus.

Jesus birth from Luke 2:1-18: And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.

The three Wise Men, Matthew 2:1-2: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying "where is he who has been born the king of the Jews?"

Matthew 2:10-11: When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:16: Then Herod,

when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time he had ascertained from the wise men.

Letter from Paul to Galatians 1:6-10: I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accused. As we have said before, so now I say again, anyone who is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accused.

Richard J. Powe  
Lincoln

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 **Obituaries** 

**Marlene J. Conklin**

Marlene J. Conklin, 91, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Maple Grove Adult Foster Care in Barton City.

She was born August 27, 1932, to Wilson and A. Laura (McNeil) Teeple in Black River. She has been a lifelong resident of the area.

On December 15, 1951, she married Everett John "Jack" Conklin in Lincoln.

Mrs. Conklin was a real estate broker, and owned Conklin Real Estate.

She was a very active member of the community. She served on the Alcona Health Center Board, the Alcona County Economic Development Corporation, and the Harrisville Downtown Development Association.

Mrs. Conklin was the president of the Harrisville Arts

Council for many years and was one of the organizers of the first Labor Day weekend arts and craft show and the first antique and collectable festival in Harrisville.

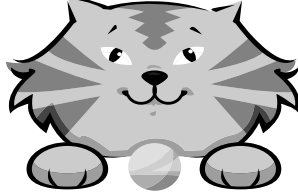
She was the first president of the Harrisville Lady Lions, organized the first women's golf league in Greenbush, and the first ladies softball team in Harrisville, "The Harrisville Honeys."

Mrs. Conklin is survived by three daughters, Jaqueline L. Conklin, Barbara E. Wiggle and Patricia J. (George M.) Drewett; seven grandchildren, Kyle Potvin, Chad Harvey, Joshua Anuszkiewicz, Melissa Wiggle, Kathleen Hathaway, Kimberly Palmero, and Michael Drewett; five great-grandchildren, Kirra Hathaway, Kaia Hathaway, Brendan, Antonin Palmero, and Quentin Palmero; one sister, Linda Treece; and numerous nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, on May 12, 1982; four sisters, Harriet Schrade, Wanda Lovelace, Louise Indish, and Betty Freer; and one brother, Willis Teeple.

The funeral was held Monday, March 25 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Friends Together, 105 Prentiss Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.



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- Entries must have the day and date, time, location, brief description and cost if any. An entry may also include a telephone number for more information.
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**Virgil L. Fox**

Virgil Lee Fox, 68, of Proctor, Minn., was called home to sit by his Lord's side on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023. He was born October 21, 1955, to Aubrey and Kathleen (Johnson) Fox in Alpena.

Virgil was raised in many towns due to following his family with his dad's many jobs. It made for an interesting childhood, so many adventures.

On January 18, 1992, he married the love of his life, Kathy Kolden in Duluth, Minn., where they bought and lived on a small farm, raising animals, roses, and trees until his passing.

His passion was horticulture, being outside, his family, but most of all, his wife. He loved well and was well loved.

Virgil had several jobs but worked at Holcim Cement Terminal until he retired.

Virgil is survived by his wife, Kathy; his mother, Kathleen Fox; one brother, Steven Fox; one sister, Cora Fox-Dellar; two nephews, Zachary (Lisa)Dellar and Kyle (Suzette) Dellar; one great niece, Zoey; and one great nephew, Alexander.

He is preceded in death by his father, Aubrey, and brother-in-law, James L. Dellar.

Kathy is planning a memorial at a later date.

**Paid Obituary**

**Nancy A. Lamb**

Nancy Ann Lamb, 84, of Clinton Township, Mich., formerly of Lincoln and Fair Haven, Mich., passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Nancy was born in Connecticut to Norbert and Elizabeth (Rahbine) Holt. The family moved to Anchorville, Mich. when Nancy was nine years old.

Nancy was raised with four sisters and a brother, Robert Holt; Mary Kaminski; Janet Palin; Kathryn Harnish; and Theresa Heiman.

She graduated from St. Mary High School in New Baltimore, Mich. in 1957. She worked various jobs, finally settling on accounting and tax preparation.

Nancy married Thomas (Tom) Lamb, August 29, 1964. They raised two children, Cindy and Thomas (Tom) in Fair Haven, Mich. Nancy and Tom moved to Lincoln after Tom's retirement with the intent to live the rest of their life in God's country. Nancy tended a garden, fed the birds and watched the deer and turkeys from her dining room window.

Her greatest joy came from hosting family and friends "up north." Providing good food and a place to relax was her super power.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Cindy, and her son, Thomas (Tom).

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Samaritan's Purse, the American Cancer Society and Henry Ford Hospital Hospice in lieu of flowers

**Paid Obituary**





# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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 pick-up. 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.

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 "Activities for Persons with Dementia. All seniors are welcome. Call Megan at, (989) 334-3466 for details.

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

Join the newly organized Quilt Club at the Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in the dining room. Seniors are welcome to bring in completed quilting squares and/or quilts. Participants will discuss quilting and make plans for projects. For more information, call Megan at (989) 334-3466.

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.

Whether a seasoned artist or just looking to do something new, everyone is welcome to participate in rock painting with Judy Sullivan at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The cost is \$10 for supplies and is open to teenagers and adults. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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.

A Good Friday worship service will be held at 6 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 201 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Harrisville.

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

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

The Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Fire Hall and conclude at 1 p.m. Due to time allotment, participants may not start after 11:30 a.m. Every child will receive a bag and list of the participating businesses. When they are finished, participants return to the fire hall for hot dogs, chips and punch for children and their families. Bike giveaways will be held at 12:30 p.m. Must be present to win. For details, contact Teresa Hart at (989) 736-8936.

The Lincoln Train Depot will be participating in the Easter Egg Hunt in Lincoln from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Young and young-at-heart visitors are welcome.

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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 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.

The Alzheimer's caregiver support group will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. at the Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Oscoda. A dietitian from Alcona Health Center will discuss the best at home nutrition plans for both the patient and caregiver. The church is located at 6012 N. Skeel, next to the Robert J. Parks Public Library. For information, call (989) 739-3424.

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

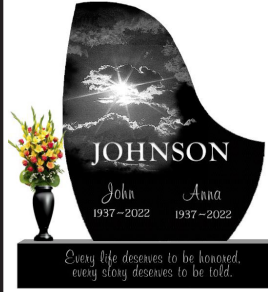
## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

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

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**NOTICE**

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Village of Lincoln  
 P.O. Box 337  
 Lincoln, MI 48742

Attn: Planning Commission

Applications will be opened at the regular Village Council Meeting on April 1st, 2024 at 7 p.m.

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**NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

This is to notify residents that Owen Tree Service H.D., Inc. will be applying herbicides to designated areas of Consumers Energy Transmission Power Line Right-of-Way located in Alcona County. The applications are scheduled to begin on, March 25, 2024 weather permitting and run until December 31, 2024 – depending on the weather. The applications will use a low volume spray of Vastlan (triclopyr) made by Corteva Agriscience, Garlon 3A (triclopyr) made by Corteva Agriscience, Garlon 4Ultra (triclopyr) made by Corteva Agriscience, Milestone (aminopyralid) made by Corteva Agriscience and Freelexx (2,4-D) made Corteva Agriscience. Methods of spray are; backpack, ORV mounted spray unit, or truck mounted spray unit, Re-entry after dry. The specific herbicide used will be determined by the site conditions. Anyone wishing more information can contact Ray Owen or Mrs. Hope Parker, at the offices of Owen Tree Service HD, Inc., located at 225 N Lake George Rd, Attica MI 48412 or call 810-724-6651.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Local Notes**



**Senior Menu**

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

- Monday, April 1: Stuffed cabbage, green beans, butter noodles, pineapple.
- Tuesday, April 2: Copycat KFC bowl; popcorn chicken with gravy, corn, mashed potatoes, Jell-O.
- Wednesday, April 3: Barbecue pork spare ribs, cole slaw, baked beans, grapes.
- Thursday, April 4: Salisbury steak, cauliflower, red potatoes, cinnamon 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.

**Library Seed Exchange**

Community members are encouraged to join Alcona County Library staff members in seed saving and sharing. Anyone who saved seeds from last year's harvest, have extras from recent purchases, or won't use certain varieties, are welcome to give contributions for an upcoming seed giveaway. Anyone may bring their seeds to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library anytime during open hours.

On Monday, April 8, the library will launch its Seed Exchange for the 2024 growing season. The library offers a diverse collection of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds, free of charge (with a limit of five packets per household), for patrons to cultivate in their gardens. Gardeners are encouraged to save seeds from thriving plants and return them to the library's collection. Anyone donating seeds, is asked to clearly label with relevant details. For more info., call (989) 724-6796.

**top ten**  
**BEST-SELLING BOARD GAMES OF ALL TIME**

1. Chess
2. Checkers
3. Monopoly
4. Scrabble
5. Clue
6. Battleship
7. Trivial Pursuit
8. Backgammon
9. Candy Land
10. Rummikub

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**White Hurricane**

In November of 1913, the worst storm in Great Lakes history hit the region with a fury that remains legendary today. With 12 ships lost with all hands and over 20 more wrecked, this "White Hurricane" caused more damage and claimed more lives than any other single storm on the Great Lakes. Jeff Thomas, local history teacher and part-time Great Lakes sailor, presents the dramatic tale of shipwreck and destruction that was wrought by this "King of Storms" that has never been seen since on the Great Lakes on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. This is the third and final "Cabin Fever" presentation by the Alcona Historical Society. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, call 989-724-6796.

**Audubon Birding Class**

The AuSable Valley Audubon will offer a free refresher class in birding for adults interested in improving their bird knowledge and observation skills. The two-part class will be held on April 11 and 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville, 312 W. Main Street.

Class is limited to 20 participants. Preregistration is required by calling the library at (989) 724-6796 before April 8. Both sessions will be led by

Peggy Ridgway, past president of Michigan Audubon, AuSable Valley Audubon, and retired Oscoda Area School teacher.

**Away at School**

- Brooklynn Pagels of Spruce received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in December 2023 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. To be eligible for Academic Honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 Ferris credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

- Zachary Richardson of Spruce received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in December 2023 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. To be eligible for Academic Honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 Ferris credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

- Sierra West of Mikado received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in December 2023 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. To be eligible for Academic Honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 Ferris credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

**Harts celebrate 63rd anniversary**



Jim and Virginia Hart of Lincoln celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Friday, March 15. They were married on March 15, 1961, at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. They raised four children, Ed (Jamie) Hart, Jim Jr. (Robyn) Hart, Barb (Rick) Hart, and Joe (Janet) Hart. They have 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. *Courtesy photo.*





# Calendar of Events

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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, sponsored by Michigan Financial Wellness Network and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Music Trivia will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 6 p.m. Host Brad Corpus will host this brain-teasing event. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

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

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

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, APRIL 6**

Maple Syrup Celebration Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona FFA Sugar Shack, located behind Alcona Elementary on Barlow Road, Lincoln. Everyone is welcome to attend this free, family event. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be available. Maple syrup will be available for sale.

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

The Seed Exchange hosted by Alcona County Library begins. Gardeners of all levels are welcome to stop in at the Harrisville branch during library hours to collect a wide selection of flower, vegetable and herb seeds at no charge. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Witness the celestial spectacle of the year – a solar eclipse – at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from approximately 2 to 4:30 p.m. Free solar eclipse glasses will be available to the community. For folks who would like to see the event via television coverage, they can watch inside the library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

*(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)*

## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of March 18-24, 2024

**129 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 2 Arrest Warrants; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 31 Citations Issued.**

**Complaint Statistics**

|                           |   |                          |    |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|----|
| Car/Deer Accidents        | 3 | Traffic/Traffic Stop     | 75 |
| Warrant Arrest            | 2 | Property Damage Accident | 2  |
| Assist                    | 3 | Animal/Dog               | 6  |
| Fraud/Scam                | 4 | Well Being Check         | 4  |
| Suspicious Event          | 6 | Animal Neglect           | 2  |
| Operate While Intoxicated | 1 | No Insurance             | 1  |
| 911 Hang-up               | 1 | Truancy                  | 1  |
| PBT/Drug Test             | 5 | Fingerprints             | 3  |
| Vehicle ID Inspection     | 2 | Domestic                 | 1  |
| Civil                     | 3 | Personal Injury Accident | 1  |
| Assault                   | 1 | Suicidal Subject         | 2  |

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

|                  |    |                    |    |             |    |
|------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------------|----|
| Alcona           | 6  | Caledonia          | 24 | Curtis      | 9  |
| Greenbush        | 7  | Gustin             | 12 | Harrisville | 13 |
| Hawes            | 5  | Haynes             | 3  | Mikado      | 11 |
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To allow students to utilize the newest techniques and equipment, Hubbard, an Alcona alumnus, has been able to secure nearly \$800,000 worth of grant funding over the last eight years.

"It's important the community understands this is extra funding. It has been phenomenal receiving these grants, but it is money that can only be used for very specific things. I don't con-

sider the dollar number received in grants. I'm just thinking about what's the next best thing I can get or do for the kids. It's not just for my students, I try to be mindful of other ways we can build on (education) for other parts of our school too.

"It's about educating the kids and bringing them the best equipment available in the industry which is important," Hubbard said.

He was extremely happy about the recent acquisitions obtained through grant funding; a new large Kabota tractor with an instructor's seat so he is able to sit next to the students while they learn to operate it and a new Kabota skid steer.

Hubbard explained that soon a few of the courses he teaches will change names; biology agri-science will change to zoology and the sustainable farming practice class will be changed to botany. "For students to play any level of college sports, the NCAA (National College Athletic Association) has certain requirements they must meet," Hubbard said. Since the courses Hubbard teaches cover science and agricultural standards, he felt it was important to give the courses scholarly names to better identify course content.

He further explained the content of the courses will be reworked a little as the standards for agri-science have changed. Other classes he teaches are ag-leadership and advanced agri-science.

The school district has a partnership with Alpena Community College (ACC) and Hubbard is an ACC adjunct professor who only teaches at Alcona High School. "Every year my students have the chance to earn one free ACC college credit by taking my courses. If they are involved in FFA and work towards receiving their state FFA degree they can receive six free credits to Michigan State University," Hubbard said.

To better understand the agri-science courses in action, visit the Sugar Shack for the annual Maple Syrup Day celebration to be held on Saturday, April 6.



Students Gavin Dellar (left) and Daniel June (right) assemble the hoop house for the agri-science aquaponics program. *Courtesy photo.*

## PETS OF THE WEEK

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## Maple syrup celebration to be held on April 6

**By Mary Weber**  
*Staff Writer*

The annual Alcona High School agri-science/FFA Maple Syrup Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 6, a few weeks later than normal.

Agri-science instructor Connor Hubbard said this year looks to be a banner year for the sweet treat. "The maple syrup season came early this year and has continued to be strong for a much longer period than normal. This is the first time our FFA chapter has made syrup in February.

"We will have plenty available to sell. As of the second week in March, we have made over 150 gallons of syrup and it looks like the season will last a while longer. If we can make over 200 gallons that's a good spot to be in, but anything over 150 is a comfortable level," he said.

This year the students are using a new high vacuum tube-line system for collecting sap from the trees located on school property in the woodlands. "That high vacuum tube helps yield more sap from the trees and teaches students the latest technology in collecting sap. Most commercial producers are on a high vacuum tube-line system," he said.

School staff and community members assist in the celebration and some have again offered their trees for school sap collection. A point that Hubbard feels sets the school's syrup apart from others since it is an all-Alcona County community project.

A hog, donated by Kevin Rifembark, is scheduled to be butchered and made into sausage by the students to accompany the free pancake breakfast offered during the celebration.

The celebration is normally held in March, but was moved back because in the past, the students didn't have enough syrup made by the event date. Hubbard felt April would be a better time to have the event and scheduled it for April 6, two weeks past the school's spring break.

All are invited to attend the event which will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona High School Sugar Shack located behind the elementary school.

In addition to a delicious breakfast, students will offer demonstration tours of the Sugar Shack operation process. A small animal exhibit will also be available. The school is located at 51 N. Barlow Road in Lincoln.

Beagle puppies are almost all born black and white. They continue to change color their whole lives.



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# Developing a cost-effective technique to estimate wolf abundance in the U.P.

**By John Pepin**  
Michigan DNR

On a desolate two-track road, a man approaches on a snowmobile.

Watching the road ahead, he notices a line of tracks in the snow that lead from a dense stand of trees along a creek. The man stops the sled and as it idles, he leans over for a better view.

He's found what he's looking for – gray wolf tracks.

The man is a wildlife technician, part of this winter's Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) survey of wolves in the Upper Peninsula.

Researchers from the DNR use snowmobiles and trucks to search about 60 percent of the region for tracks and other signs of wolf activity and occupancy of specified study areas.

"We are continuing the 2024 winter estimate as long as we can despite the very low snowfall this winter," said Brian Roell, a DNR wildlife biologist and the department's wolf specialist. "We are approximately 75-80 percent completed."

The lower snowfall amounts this winter have made it harder to find wolf tracks.

The DNR alternates wolf surveys every other winter with efforts to produce moose population estimates.

## Methods and Measures

The previous most recent wolf track survey, conducted during early 2022, resulted in a wolf minimum population estimate of 631, and an estimated 136 wolf packs.

In the western U.P., researchers have found the highest densities of wolves in primarily the counties bordering Wisconsin and the southernmost counties in the eastern U.P.

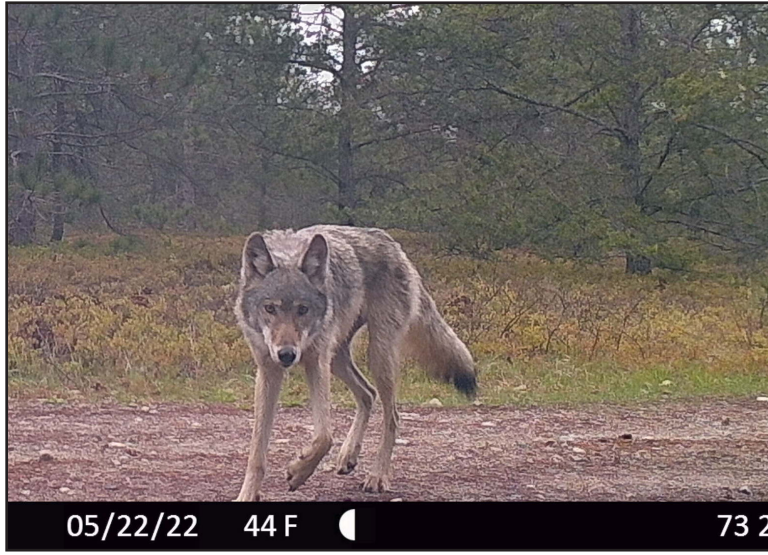
Over recent years, as wolves have become more widely established in the region and their numbers have risen, wolf surveys have become more challenging for researchers. "The current minimum count requires significant effort to provide an index of abundance," said Tyler Petroelje, a DNR wildlife researcher. "As wolf density has increased, more time is needed to discern adjacent packs."

Petroelje said the track survey method does not account for imperfect detection (places deemed unoccupied that are occupied) of wolves nor does it provide a confidence interval, indicating how statistically accurate the minimum population estimate is.

Efforts begun in 2022 to research alternative methods to estimate wolf abundance are still underway in the U.P. and are expected to continue through 2027.

"We are looking to increase precision and decrease costs," Petroelje said.

The team involved in the ongoing joint DNR-Michigan State University project includes veterans of a predator-prey study conducted



One of the wolf images gathered during the 2022 camera survey pilot project. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

from 2009 to 2019 in low, medium and high snowfall zones in the U.P.

The wildlife biologists and researchers on the new wolf abundance project include Brian Roell and Petroelje at the DNR and Jerrold Belant, J. Matt Nelson and Dean Beyer at Michigan State.

## Alternatives

In the project's early stages, researchers dismissed some potential means to survey wolves because of inherent problems.

- Aerial surveys are not used because of the significant area to study and extensive forest cover that makes finding wolves difficult.

- Wolf howling surveys have a low response rate, and detection requires significant time investment to estimate wolf abundance.

However, researchers championed a couple of other ideas, including modifying the current track survey to account for imperfect detection and using game cameras and artificial intelligence to acquire and sort wolf images, respectively.

"Breakthroughs in machine learning allow for rapid classification of remote camera images," Petroelje said. "It also provides potential to monitor other wildlife species in addition to wolves."

Researchers sought to evaluate the effectiveness of the occupancy-based track surveys and the efficacy of camera-based surveys, and compare the cost effectiveness of the techniques, considering the potential for monitoring other wildlife species like bobcats, black bears and moose.

## Pilot Surveys

In 2022, a pilot project using a camera survey was conducted over portions of Marquette, Alger, Delta and Schoolcraft counties.

Researchers put up 200 trail cameras over 40 contiguous, hexagon-shaped cells each covering an area of 62 square miles. The distribution produced a density of one camera for every 12.5 square miles.

Over a period of three months, the cameras captured 1.7 million images.

An artificial intelligence program called RECONN.AI was able to positively identify

and sort various animal images from the photographs. This software also blurs images of people and vehicles to protect personally identifiable information.

The analysis showed the cameras had captured 40,323 photos of white-tailed deer; 7,534 black bear; 4,221 wolf; 2,936 coyote; 2,823 sandhill crane; 2,315 red fox; and 764 bobcat.

For comparison, a 2022-2023 pilot snow track survey was conducted over the same geographic area. Trucks and snowmobiles traveled over 756 miles of roads in the area looking for wolf tracks, with an average of 19 miles of roads in each of the survey area cells. In all, 2,268 miles were driven with 119 observations of wolf tracks made.

Researchers said this second method was more time-consuming, weather-dependent and difficult to scale upward to cover the entire U.P.

## Scaling Up

A preliminary analysis of the results of the camera pilot project demonstrated the need for some changes, including increasing the size of the cells to match the annual

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# How to get extra help paying for prescriptions

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Does Medicare offer any financial assistance programs to help seniors with their medication costs? I recently enrolled in a Medicare drug plan, but I take some expensive medications that have high out-of-pocket costs and need some help.

Living on a Shoestring

Dear Living,  
Yes, there's a low-income subsidy program called Extra Help that assists Medicare beneficiaries on a tight budget by paying for their monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments

related to their Medicare (Part D) prescription drug coverage. And, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law in late 2022, this program has expanded and gotten easier to qualify for in 2024. Even if you've applied and didn't qualify before, you may be eligible now.

The Extra Help benefit is estimated to be worth about \$5,300 per year. Currently, over 13 million people are receiving this subsidy, but there's around 3 million more who may qualify for it but don't realize it.

The amount of financial as-

sistance you would receive depends on your income and assets. If you qualify, you'll pay no premium or deductible (unless receiving a partial subsidy), and no more than \$4.50 for each generic drug or \$11.20 for each brand-name drug your plan covers in 2024.

To get the subsidy, your resources must be limited to \$17,220 or \$34,360 for married couples living together. Bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and IRAs count as assets, but your home, vehicle, personal belongings, life insurance and burial plots do not.



Savvy Senior

Also, your annual income must be limited to \$22,590 for an individual or \$30,660 for married couples. If you support a family member who lives with you, or you live in Alaska or Hawaii, your income can be higher. In addition,

the government won't count any money if you receive help for household expenses like food, rent, mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes.

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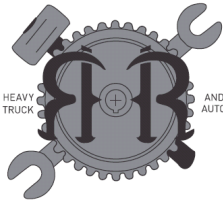
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The application form is easy to complete, but you will need your Social Security number and information about your bank balances, pensions and investments. Social Security will review your application and send you a letter within a few weeks letting you know whether you qualify.

If you don't qualify for Extra Help, you may still be able to get help from a state pharmacy assistance program or a patient assistance program. Visit NeedyMeds.org to search for these programs.

Other Medicare Assistance If you're eligible for Extra Help, you may also qualify for help with your other Medicare expenses through your state's Medicare Savings Program.

State Medicaid programs partner with the federal government, so income and asset qualifications vary depending on where you live. Medicare Savings Programs will pay your entire Medicare Part B premium each month. And in some cases, they may also pay your Medicare deductibles, coinsurance and copayments, depending on your income level. To find out if you qualify, contact your state Medicaid office.

You can also get help through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. Visit ShipHelp.org or call (877) 839-2675 to locate a counselor in your area.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Do you have any suggestions on divvying up my personal possessions to my kids after I'm gone without causing hard feelings or conflict? I have a lot of jewelry, art, family heirlooms and antique furniture, and four grown kids that don't always see eye-to-eye on things.

Conflicted Parent

Dear Conflicted,

Divvying up personal possessions among adult children or other loved ones can often be a tricky task. Deciding who should get what without showing favoritism, hurting someone's feelings or causing a feud can be difficult, even for close-knit fami-

lies who enter the process with the best of intentions. Here are a few tips to consider that can help you divide your stuff with minimal conflict.

**Sweating the Small Stuff**

For starters, you need to be aware that it's usually the small, simple items of little monetary value that aren't mentioned in your will that cause the most conflicts. This is because the value we attach to the small personal possessions is usually sentimental or emotional, and because the simple items are the things that most families fail to talk about.

Family battles can also escalate over whether things are being divided fairly by monetary value. So, for items of higher value like your jewelry, antiques and art, consider getting an appraisal to assure fair distribution. To locate an appraiser in your area, try ISA-appraisers.org, Appraisers.org or Appraisers-Association.org.

**Dividing Fairly**

The best solution for passing along your personal possessions is for you to go through your house with your kids or other heirs either separately or all at once to find out which items they would like to inherit and why. They may have some emotional attachment to something you're not

aware of. If more than one child wants the same thing, you'll have to make the ultimate decision.

Then you need to sit down and make a list of who gets what on paper, signed, dated and referenced in your will. You can revise it anytime you want. You may also want to consider writing an additional letter or create an audio or video recording that further explains your intentions.

You can also specify a strategy for divvying up the rest of your property. Here are some popular methods that are fair and reasonable:

- Take turns choosing: Use a round-robin process where your kids take turns choosing the items they would like to have. If who goes first becomes an issue, they can always flip a coin or draw straws. Also, to help simplify things, break down the dividing process room-by-room, versus tackling the entire house. To keep track of who gets what, either make a list or use adhesive dots with a color assigned to each person to tag the item.

- Have a family auction: Give each person involved the same amount of play money or use virtual points or poker chips to bid on the items they want.

- Use online resources: For families who want help or live far apart, there are web-based resources like FairSplit.com

that can assist with the dividing process.

For more tips, see "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" at YellowPiePlate.um.edu. This is a resource created by the University of Minnesota Extension Service that offers a free video and detailed workbook for \$12.50 that gives pointers to help families discuss property distribution issues and lists important factors to keep in

mind that can help you avoid or manage conflict.

It's also very important that you discuss your plans in advance with your kids so they can know ahead what to expect. Or you may even want to start distributing some of your items now, while you are still alive.

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

**Americanisms**



"Easter is a time for dressing up, looking your best, and hunting for candy. It's Halloween in reverse."

— Melanie White

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**Buggy Rides**

**Glennie student wins Chinese art award**

**March 31, 1999 ~ By John Ristow**

*Special to the Review*

Glennie Elementary's spaghetti dinner last week served up more than a little Italian cuisine. In fact, it might have been better had they provided a Chinese menu.

Third grade student Charlotte Ayres was presented with a bronze medal that was awarded at the Seventh Sichuan International Children's Painting Exhibition in Sichuan Province, The People's Republic of China.

Ayres is one of only seven students in the world to have received the award this year.

For the last few years, Glennie Elementary has been participating in the art exchange program that is coordinated by Michigan State University's 4-H Program.

The rural elementary school is not alone in its participation in this program. Schools throughout Michigan, including Alcona Elementary, and those in the state of Washington have been participating since 1993. Twelve to 14 other countries

are also invited to submit student artwork.

Ayres' painting is titled "A Pretty Day." The young artist completed the artwork while she was in second grade. The watercolor depicts a landscape with an Easter Egg and the sun with smiley faces. Many of the background paints blend to create an impressionist effect.

Ayres said she was surprised and happy to have received the award. Of the 723 pieces of artwork received by MSU from students throughout the state, 75 pieces were selected to be sent to China. In addition to Ayres' painting, Vanessa Curnow's picture titled "Butterfly Pals" was also chosen to be part of the China Exhibit.

Curnow is a student at Alcona Elementary. According to Joanne Hanson of Alcona's MSU Cooperative Extension Service, youth through the school art program use resource materials from the university. The resource teaching kits include artwork by Chinese children. The program also sponsors special

guest speakers from China.

Last year, when Ayres completed her artwork, Juxia Su, a visiting scholar at MSU, visited Glennie and Alcona elementary schools. She provided students with her personal viewpoints of Chinese art and life in the republic.

Christine Perkins was Ayres' teacher last year, and is Glennie Elementary's coordinator for the project. She said the program is valuable because it introduces students to the role of artwork in another culture. Students learn how Chinese students are taught at an early age to communicate through their drawings. Four to five-year-old Chinese students are able to create intricate works of art not normally created by American children until later years.

Ayres' artwork was first exhibited in Beijing, the capital of China, and has since been moved to the Sichuan Province. Her painting is expected to remain on display in Sichuan as a gift to the children there.

"Charlotte's art is like a

letter with pictures instead of words to the children of China," said Hanson. "Because of her art, she has said 'hello' to hundreds of children in China."

If the puzzle-off is available today, he gave finished digging up that After the paleontologist answer

**Cryptogram**

**King Crossword**  
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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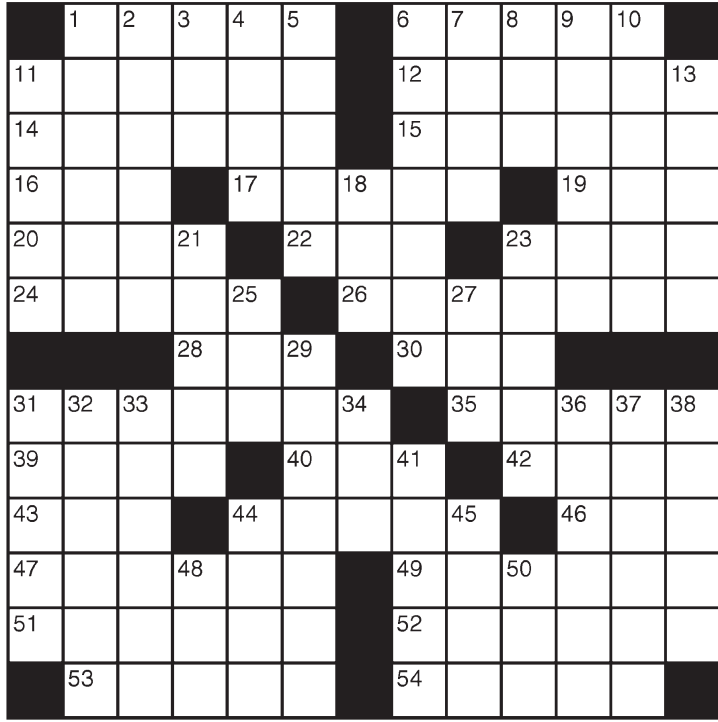
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- 44 Prom duds
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- 47 E-business
- 49 Boring type
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- 52 Is anxious about
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- DOWN**
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- 2 Life's work
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- 5 '50s Ford
- 6 Peter the Great, e.g.
- 7 Shortly
- 8 Day- — paint
- 9 Car safety feature
- 10 Allergy season sound
- 11 Hourglass fillers
- 13 "Melrose Place" actor
- 18 "Lion" star
- 21 Yank at
- 23 Misanthrope
- 25 — choy
- 27 " — outta here!"
- 29 Library array
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- 32 Wise sayings
- 33 "Scram!"
- 34 Preventive shot, in slang
- 36 40 winks
- 37 Sidesteps
- 38 Lipstick shades
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- 45 Foolproof
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- 50 Ruby or Sandra

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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: EARTH'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

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- Cho Oyu
- Gangotri
- Kamet
- Kanchenjunga
- Kangto
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- Mana Peak
- Manaslu
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- Nuptse
- Yangra

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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel



- On April 8, 1930, baseball legend Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract for a then enormous sum of \$160,000 with the New York Yankees, prompting the team's general manager, Ed Barrow, to predict (with, of course, now laughable inaccuracy) that "No one will ever be paid more than Ruth."
- On April 9, 1860, French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonograph, the earliest known sound recording device, to capture himself singing the French folk song "Au Clair de la Lune."
- On April 10, 2001, mercy killings became legal in the Netherlands following the Dutch senate's controversial approval of a bill legalizing euthanasia for patients with unbearable terminal illness.
- On April 11, 1951, President Harry Truman fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the United Nations and U.S. forces in the Far East after he made public statements calling for an attack on mainland China if Communist forces failed to lay down their arms in Korea.
- On April 12, 1877, with a well-justified fear of ricocheting foul balls (not to mention being hit by a bat), Harvard's Alexander Tyng wore a converted fencer's mask for a baseball game in Lynn, MA, becoming the first-known player to don a catcher's mask. While the new gear initially drew taunts from fans, designer Fred Thayer's patent for the device was approved the following January.
- On April 13, 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black actor to win the coveted Best Actor Oscar for his role as laborer Homer Smith, who assists a group of poor East German nuns with building a church, in "Lilies of the Field." Three years later, he was Hollywood's top box office draw.
- On April 14, 2010, Neil Armstrong criticized the Barack Obama administration's stripped-down space plans in an open letter co-signed by Apollo commanders James Lovell and Eugene Cernan, describing the president's proposals as "devastating." Supporters, however, insisted that the accelerated rocket program would set new goals for American efforts in outer space.

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Residents of the Galapagos island of Floreana use a barrel of disorganized mail in place of a formal postal system. Tourists are responsible for sorting through the mail and grabbing any parcels they can deliver on the way to their destination.
- In curling, good sportsmanship and politeness are essential. Congratulating opponents on plays and abstaining from trash talk are part of what's known as the "Spirit of Curling."
- Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt was allergic to moon dust.
- According to the record-holder for tallest waffle stack, Guinness World Records has a 40-page document defining what a waffle is. (Frankly, we think we could have managed it in just 30.)
- Alaska is simultaneously the westernmost and easternmost state.
- High schools and universities in New Zealand are allowed to keep up to a pound of uranium on the premises for educational purposes.
- Marie Curie's notebooks are still radioactive.
- In 2010, rock band Nickelback approached Dark Horse Brewery about having their beer featured in a video, which would have provided great exposure for the small Michigan company. They declined, however, as "none of us at the brewery really care for the band."
- The German version of the term "Average Joe" is Otto Normalverbraucher, which translates to "Otto normal consumer."
- An ordinance in Gainesville, GA, states that everyone must eat fried chicken, "a culinary delicacy sacred to this municipality, this county, this state, the Southland and this republic," with their hands. The tongue-in-cheek law began as a publicity stunt aimed at getting folks to think of Gainesville as the fried chicken capital of the world.
- Polar bears gain more than 400 pounds during pregnancy.

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Thought for the Day: "If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late." -- Henny Youngman  
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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 F

WQRGM RNG HWVGXZR XVXSJKR  
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## CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 11 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said.  
 Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce, Kaiser, Schwanz, Vanderheuel, Mason, Bauermeister, and guests. Absent: Bean.  
 Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to approve February 12, 2024 minutes. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to approve agenda. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser to pay the bills for March 11 in the amount of \$46,738.87. Motion carried 5-0.  
 Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel, to untangle discussion of disc golf allocation amount. Motion carried: 5-0. Discussion. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz, to untangle discussion of Inspiration Alcona's request to use the harbor pavilion for the Friday night concerts and the Tuesday night Open Mike Night sponsored by Inspiration Alcona. Motion carried: 5-0. Discussion. Mayor will continue discussions with the harbor and Inspiration Alcona to qualify information needed to make a final decision on bathroom usage at the harbor building for their concert season. Mayor Gehring opened the General Fund Budget, 2024-2025 Truth and

Taxation Hearing at 6:05 p.m. The treasurer and finance committee members reviewed the general fund budget, fire, liquor, DPW revolving fund, marijuana licensing, major, minor streets with council for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Mayor Gehring announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage allowed as required by law.  
 The meeting was opened to the public and guest Spears suggested that copies of the budget be available to the public while council is reviewing it. The meeting was closed at 6:35 p.m.  
 Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel to approve the new general fund, fire, DPW revolving fund, liquor, marijuana licensing, major and minor budgets, with adjustments, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2024-2025. Motion carried: 5-0.  
 S. Bowman from Rowe Engineering introduced himself. He told council that his company is available for consideration for engineering bids. Craftmakers Cabin asked council approval for the use of city property for the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Craft and Vendor Fair from Friday, July 5 at noon to Sunday, July 7 at 4 p.m. Trunk Sales will be held on Saturday, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 12. A Flea Market will be held on the last

Saturday of the month beginning in June-October.  
 Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser, to approve Craftmakers Cabin request for use of city property on specified dates. Motion carried: 5-0.  
 Fire department request for a per diem raise per run was discussed. The current request of \$35 per run has been included in the budget for the fiscal year, 2024-2025 as approved above.  
 Mayor Gehring reported a representative of the Alpena News suggested the city post the monthly agenda for city council, online. Mayor Gehring has been in contact with a representative from the AuSable Audubon Society and has had a very encouraging and informative discussion, and is encouraged in the process of making the City of Harrisville a destination spot for birders across the area.  
 Clerk Pierce reported there were 122 voters that took advantage of the nine days of early voting prior to the presidential primary on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from throughout the county. Five of the early voters were city residents. On election day, the city recorded 117 tabulated ballots which included 52 returned absent voter ballots.  
 Treasurer Luenberger presented the quarterly budget adjustments. Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve the budget

adjustments as presented. Motion carried: 5-0.  
 Harbor commission report by Mayor Gehring stated to council that an electrical compressor needed to be replaced and replacement was covered under warranty.  
 Planning commissioner liaison Schwanz reported that the next planning commission meeting will be Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. Up for discussion: implementation of development of a parks and recreation committee, blight, short term rentals, and trout kickoff.  
 Comment cards: Guest Monica Spears reported that her research into the cost of banners for the city were approximately \$150 per banner. Ms. Spears also requested approval by council to close Second Street from Main Street to Jefferson Street on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 11 a.m. to host a celebration party to commemorate five years of her business, The Hollyhook Emporium. Alderman Bauermeister stated no motion was necessary.  
 Alderman Mason and Bauermeister congratulated Ms. Spears on her business anniversary. Alderman Vanderheuel inquired about a new sound system for Main Street.  
 Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz for meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting, Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

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## ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's March 12 board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, and Bouchard. Excused Bolanowski. Motions to approve February minutes; to accept treasurer's report and bills as presented; to approve fire department expenditure for upgrades to grass rig; to close regular meeting and open budget hearing; to accept the 2024-25 budget as presented and to include the Truth in Taxation; to approve 2024-25 General Appropriations Act; to close budget hearing and resume regular meeting; to approve Russo Engineering for an engineering study for a pavilion; to adopt road millage resolution; and to adopt fire department millage resolution. This synopsis printed prior to board approval.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Case No. 22-3710-CH - Circuit court sale in pursuance and by virtue of an order granting motion for default judgment and for judicial foreclosure as to all defendants in the circuit court for the County of Alcona, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 6th day of June, A.D., 2023, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein the Huntington National Bank, was the plaintiff and Tait J. Mahlmeister and Kelly Ann Lester were the defendants.  
 Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Alcona County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county), on the 1st day of May, A.D., 2024, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Caldonia, County of Alcona, State of

Michigan: The northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 6 East. EXCEPT the coal, gas, oil, and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals. Parcel ID: 02002620001000 c/k/a: 3777 Red Run Trail, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747.  
 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale. /s/ Steven A. Jacobs  
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## Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

### Advertising icons

At first glance, this silver standing rabbit chewing on a silver carrot has a few things in common with Easter collectibles. It's metal, like the tin or iron Easter bunnies made as toys or doorstops. Like a candy container, it is hollow with a removable lid so it can hold a consumable treat. But unlike most Easter collectibles, which tend to be made for children, this rabbit has a decidedly adult purpose: It's a cocktail shaker.



The word "cocktail" appeared in print to refer to a mixed drink about 1806. Today's cocktails have their roots in the Prohibition era of the 1920s to the 1930s. Speakeasies created mixed drinks to disguise the unpleasant taste of bootleg liquor.

Cocktails became more popular as people started making them at home. Silver manufacturers quickly realized they could make cocktail shakers as luxury items. Figural shakers were especially stylish and continue to please collectors. Animal figures are always popular in decorative arts, and cocktail shakers are no exception. The animal's neck is a convenient

point for the lid to detach, and a beak or snout provides a spot for a spout.  
 A buyer paid \$6,150 for this rabbit cocktail shaker at Morphy Auctions. The carrot in its mouth is a removable cap for its spout.  
 Q: I have several salt and pepper shakers I would like to get appraised. Do you know

someone who can do that? I live in Canada.

A: There are several major appraisal associations that list appraisers by specialty and area. We've listed them before, and you can find them in the Business Directory on Kovels.com. First, decide what kind of appraisal you need. The value for insurance purposes may require a written appraisal by an expert. If you want to know what the salt and pepper shakers are selling for today, check online prices, including sold prices on websites like eBay. If the salt and pepper shakers are silver, they are worth at least the meltdown value of silver. Don't forget, the value for insurance purposes is a retail price and can be different from the price you will get if you want to sell them.  
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TIP: It is said that you can clean silver with a banana peel mashed in a blender.  
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# Wolf Continued from page 7

home territory of wolves tracked with GPS collars and decreasing the density of cameras.

A camera grid was created to cover the entire U.P. with 202 hexagonal cells measuring 130.5 square miles each. Eight cameras were to be deployed for each cell, resulting in one camera for every 16 square miles.

Twenty-two cells were excluded from camera placement because land parcels represented only partial cells, while another 21 cells were also excluded because the land was made up mostly of city or private ownership.

A total of 1,230 trail cameras were set out over 159 cells.

The cameras were placed on tree trunks at a height of 4.5 feet from the ground, along the nearest accessible road or trail near predetermined points, with wolves habitually traveling trails and roads with low use. Cameras were placed facing generally north, with a notice posted to passersby about the wildlife research purpose of the cameras.

Full camera deployment is planned for the next two years. Those deployed in 2023

will be revisited in 2024 and 2025.

### The Future

Photo analysis using RECONN.AI will continue this year and next to generate a wolf abundance estimate for the U.P.

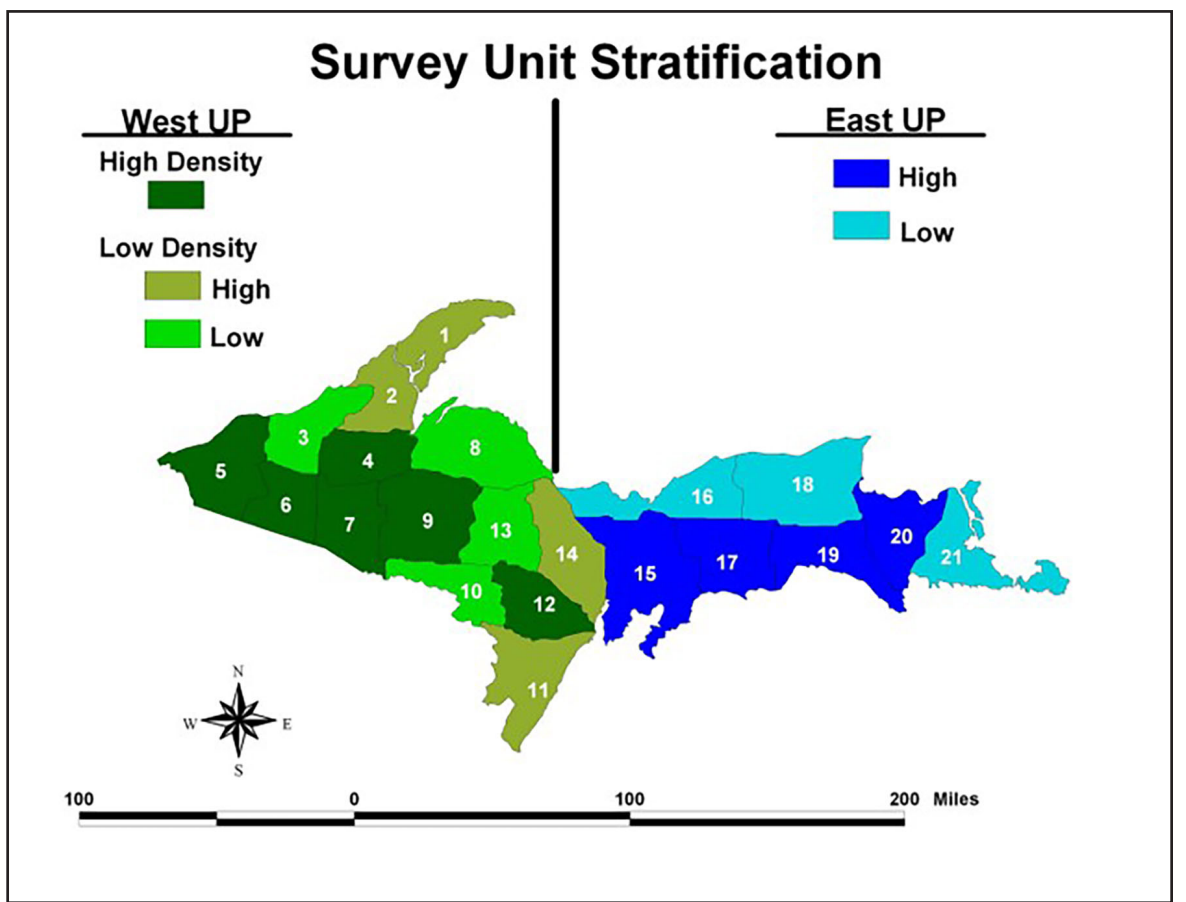
“Annual reports will be made available to the public,” Petroelje said. “A public-facing website will also be created with interactive capabilities to view results.”

After 2025, full camera deployment will continue to create abundance estimates for not only wolves, but other wildlife species as well.

“The trail camera system will be less expensive because it will cut down on the amount of field time tracking labor,” Roell said. “It can estimate the wolf population at other times of the year, allowing us to move away from a midwinter count.”

Roell said Wisconsin has been using the camera survey method over the past few years, determining that the wolf track survey method produces results within the 95 percent confidence limits.

“In other words, both methods work and produce very similar results,” Roell said.



This wolf survey unit stratification map shows varying degrees of wolf density across the Upper Peninsula. Courtesy of Michigan DNR.

### Concerns

The ability to generate accurate information on wolf status and abundance in Michigan is important to on-

going hopes of removing gray wolves in Michigan from the federal List of Endangered and Threatened Species as a recovered species.

Delisting gray wolves now considered threatened or endangered species would allow wolf management decisions to be controlled by states and tribal governments, including the DNR in Michigan.

The DNR supports efforts to delist wolves as a recovered species in Michigan. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in a response to court decisions, is working to create a national wolf recovery plan.

Though the camera survey method will produce statistically accurate results at reduced human effort and financial costs, cooperation from the public is needed it is to ultimately be effective.

“This new method is expected to provide many benefits, but this is all reliant on if it works for Michigan,” Roell said. “We have already heard about and witnessed a fair amount of camera sabotage damage.”

*(John Pepin is the deputy public information officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.)*

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increase in population.

The greatest challenge Bell faces is the dispatch needs a new phone system. “The one in place is over six years old and is past its lifespan. We need a new system. My history in dispatch has helped because I know what is needed. As an administrator, however, I’m learning just how expensive phone systems are,” she said.

Bell estimated the new system will cost upward of \$200,000 coupled with a five-year maintenance plan costing between \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year. “It’s crazy how expensive this is but we have no choice. Thankfully there are funds in the budget for it,” Bell said.

Bell explained that Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch will be seeking a three-year millage renewal this August, but it will be just a renewal of what residents currently pay with no increase. She said that charging the public more in a millage would be detri-

mental to the citizens of the county. “I’m part of the community too and no one wants to pay more. For many it would be extremely difficult,” Bell said.

She is happy she moved to Alcona County and was surprised by how rural it truly is. “I didn’t think anything could be more rural than the Upper Peninsula until coming here. This area is beautiful, and I like how everyone takes great pride in living here,” Bell said.

Bell plans to have an information table at the Alcona County Fair this summer and hopes to meet many Alcona County citizens in the coming months. To do this, she is asking if any organizations or groups would like her to come and talk about 911 to explain what they do, she would be glad to visit with them, if possible.

For more information, call Bell at (989) 724-0911 or use messenger on the Alcona 911 Central Dispatch Facebook page.

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201 N. Second St, Harrisville

**Spruce Presbyterian**  
6230 Gillard Rd., Spruce

**Happy Easter**

**Maudy Thursday Service**  
March 28 Joint service & Potluck Dinner at Spruce 6 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**  
March 29 Joint Service at Westminster 6 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Services**  
March 31 Spruce 9 a.m. Westminster 11 a.m.

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