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### **Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Sponsors Optimist Oratorical Contest**

*Alpena, Michigan, March 7, 2018* – Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) sponsored Alpena's Optimist Club's Annual Oratorical Contest held at Alpena County Library.

AAACU partnered with local area businesses to sponsor the annual oratorical contest open to area youth 18 and younger. Contestants had to write and deliver a 4-5 minute speech on the topic, "Can Society Function Without Respect," in front of a panel of judges comprised of community members. Contestants were judged on speech content, poise, delivery, presentation, and overall effectiveness.

Contestants competed for cash prizes with first place receiving \$200, second place receiving \$100, and third place receiving \$50. Along with a cash prize, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will go on to compete at the Zone Level. The winner at that level will then go on to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship at the state competition.

*AAACU serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with 8 locations: the main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Atlanta, Oscoda, Tawas, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of January 31, 2018, AAACU provides service to 28,465 members with total assets equal to \$324,031,274.*