



A record number of people participate in the annual Trick or Trunk and Chili and Soup Cook-off in Lincoln last Saturday. Photo by Mary Weber.

Lincoln "Trick or Trunk" treats community

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Puppy dogs, dragons, brides, witches and ghouls intermingled with princesses and action heroes as they sought treats from residents with Halloween theme decorated cars parked along Second Street. The Village of Lincoln's "Trick or Trunk" and "Chili and Soup Cook-off" on Saturday, October 27 saw a record number of children and adults enjoying ghostly tunes rocking the crowd as well as some delicious chili and soup.

With caldrons set up along the sidewalks, local business owners enticed crowds to their table or inside their stores for the winning title vote. "We had more people this year than we've ever had before," said Theresa Hart, a volunteer for the Downtown Development Authority. She said last year only a few hundred chili cups were sold and this year's sales topped 400 cups. "We ran out of ceramic cups and had to improvise," Hart said.

Snyder's Lincoln Phar-

macy was the winner of the chili contest taking the first place title for the third year in a row. Lincoln Lock and Storage's, Curt Sherwood, took the title for best soup with his potato soup. Jerry and Diane Burt won first place for best decorated car and Yesterday's Village Restaurant won for best decorated business.

In the cutest pet contest first place went to Phoebe, the tiny Chihuahua owned by Connie Coburn, who also owns Connie's Paw Spa in Lincoln.

HUNT millage renewal on next Tuesday's ballot

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Alcona County voters will make a decision in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6 regarding a county-wide millage request that has generated quite a bit of discussion throughout the community in the last several months.

The millage proposal for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is asking voters to renew "0.1458 mills (\$0.1458 per thousand dollars) for three years, 2012-2014 inclusive, for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement efforts and preserving and protecting the safety of the citizens of Alcona County, specifically for funding the drug interdiction program known as the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, raising an estimated \$111,000 in the first year the millage is levied."

If this seems familiar to those who voted in the primary election held August 7, it's because a HUNT millage renewal request was on that

ballot also. The previous request was for 0.1453 mills (\$0.1453 per thousand dollars) for six years 2012-2017. It was turned down by 130 votes.

Citizens for Alcona First, a group, which, according to its literature, is made up of "concerned residents and tax payers of Alcona County working together for efficient and accountable government," has spoken out against the millage renewal request prior to both elections.

The HUNT millage request was placed on the November ballot by a 3-2 vote of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners. According to Alcona County Clerk Patricia Truman this is in compliance with MCL 211.24F - a Michigan statute which allows for a millage request placed on a ballot no more than two times in a calendar year.

After the millage request was defeated in August, Citizens for Alcona First asked the county commission to put a millage request for "up to

.0914 mills (\$.0914 per thousand dollars) of taxable value and levied for four years 2013-2016 inclusive, for the purpose of funding a youth outreach officer position for Alcona County to provide drug and alcohol abuse education and other services for the children and young adults of Alcona County, and to help fund drug and alcohol enforcement by the Alcona County Sheriff, raising an estimated \$75,000 in the first year the millage is levied."

This request was denied by the board, and it approved the HUNT millage renewal request to be placed on the ballot.

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, an undercover multijurisdictional drug interdiction team, came into existence in 1990, according to Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel, when an interlocal government agreement was signed between the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle, the City of Alpena, Rogers City and Onaway and the

Several township seats are contested

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Ballots cast in next Tuesday's general election will determine who will be president for the next four years, what candidates will take office in national and state positions and if six state-wide proposals will become part of the state constitution.

Local voters will also decide the fate of two county-wide millages, a school millage and a millage for an intermediate school district in addition to selecting candidates in several contested township races (see related stories in this edition).

With the exception of one county office - county commissioner district 3 - all county offices (prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, one road commissioner, probate judge and four county commission seats) have candidates running unopposed.

In county commissioner district 3 incumbent Carolyn Brummund (R) has opposition from write-in candidate Tom Venney of Greenbush.

The two county-wide millage requests are for the renewal of the telephone surcharge for the county 911 dispatch system (October 24 issue) and a three-year millage request to fund the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (see related story on page 1).

The Oscoda Area Schools has an operating millage renewal request (see story on page 6B) and three candidates running for two seats



on the school board (see story on page 5B).

Alcona Community School District has one candidate on the ballot for two seats on the school board. However, four candidates met the October 26 deadline for eligibility as write-in candidates for the positions - Alan D. Fraser of Black River, Charles J. Spitznagle of Harrisville, Terri Goldstrom of Harrisville and incumbent Gary Sims of Harrisville.

The only contested race in Greenbush Township is that of constable and that is between two write-in candidates - incumbent Drew Milwrick and Mark Parent.

Additionally, four townships have contested races - Caledonia Township has three people running for two trustee positions (see story on page 3B); Curtis Township has two people running for supervisor (see story on page 11A) and three people running for two trustee positions (see story on page 12A); Hawes Township has two candidates for the clerk position (see story on page 16A) and four candidates vying for two trustee seats (see story on page 2B); and Haynes Township has three candidates for two trustee positions (see story on page 4B).

Mitchell Township is asking voters to approve an additional operational millage of 0.1763 mills.

The Village of Lincoln has one candidate each running for the positions of president, clerk and treasurer and two people running to fill three trustee seats.



Michigan State Police.

The formation of this team was, according to the interlocal agreement, to "establish a cooperative task force by combining their investigative services, manpower and/or resources for the purpose of enforcing narcotics and/or controlled substance laws and deterring related criminal activity."

The interlocal agreement requires "All participating entities shall maintain at least one full time police officer assigned to exclusively work in drug enforcement with the

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Carolyn Brummund is a hard working commissioner. During her years as a commissioner, projects she has been involved in not only benefited the people of District No. 3, but are projects that improved services for the entire county.

We need dedicated commissioners on our team like Carolyn. Please show your support by voting for her on November 6.

William Thompson
Kevin Boyat
Sheila Phillips
Kathleen Vichunas

To the Editor,

I wanted to share my pride in our community, my staff - especially Lynn VanderLinde and John Heath -- Michigan State University (MSU) Extension's Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia, the six local facilitators and the MSU "experts" for their work putting together the 2012 Ballot Proposal Forum on the evening of October 22.

The community came out and totally filled our meeting room looking for answers and information on this very important decision time. We heard an overall summary of four of the six proposals and then worked in groups to construct two or three questions that the "experts" would answer via the Internet.

Most people stayed through the whole process and were able to hear their questions answered. I am told that Alcona had the best participation of all the sites that were connected to the forum. Alcona was again number one and not just alphabetically.

Carol Luck
Director
Alcona County Library

To the Editor,

All of your county elected officials encourage the voters in District No. 3 to re-elect Carolyn Brummund on November 6 as Alcona County Commissioner. She has served Alcona County for 30 years and has done an excellent job and we know that she will continue to do so. With her knowledge and experience in so many fields, she knows what is required to operate the county and keep it heading in the right direction.

Anna McCoy
Patricia Truman
Karen Healy
Thomas Weichel
Douglas Atchison

To the Editor,

Unfortunately, Proposal 6 doesn't consider Michigan's future. It preserves the lucrative monopoly enjoyed by the Ambassador Bridge owners, who are bankrolling the proposal and spending millions on deceptive advertising to stall Michigan's progress.

Proposal 6 supporters say there's no such thing as a "free bridge." Of course, the bridge will be paid for — but not by Michigan taxpayers. It will be designed, built and operated by the private sector. Canada is graciously agreeing to foot the bill for Michigan's share of the project and will be repaid by tolls on its side of the border. Our legally binding agreement makes this clear — Michigan taxpayers will not pay for this project.

Don't let Proposal 6 stand in the way of a more prosperous Michigan.

Brian Calley
Lt. Governor

To the Editor,

Justice Stephen Markman and Justice Brian Zahra are without doubt the two most qualified candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court.

Both Justices Markman and Zahra are rule of law judges, and law enforcement officials can count on them to uphold the laws of our state. They protect citizens from violent criminals and keep our communities safe.

The men and women who wear the badge in this state sincerely endorse Justice Stephen Markman and Justice Brian Zahra for the Supreme Court.

We encourage everyone to vote for justice on the ballot and vote for Markman and Zahra.

John Buzcek
Executive Director
Michigan Fraternal
Order of Police

To the Editor,

Collective bargaining -- more than any other factor -- created America's once great middle class. Only through unions' collective bargaining were fair wages, health care benefits, pensions, the weekend and most work place safety regulations created. Not just unionists benefited, nonunion employers will offer decent wages and benefits to attract workers in areas where collective bargaining is prevalent. Indeed "a rising tide lifts all ships."

It is no secret that the middle class is crumbling in large part due to the union busting agendas of some businesses and, these days, state governments. In the 1950s, 35 percent of U.S. jobs were union. Today 11 percent are. There goes the middle class.

Have unions abused their power? Yes, some have. But Jimmy Hoffa is dead and we have not seen the likes of him since. Once common news stories of union problems are rare today. But unfair employer stories abound.

Wal-Mart is regularly in

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Obituaries

L. Russell Sanford Jr.

L. Russell Sanford Jr., 69, of Harrisville died on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 at Home.

He was born September 26, 1943 to Lyle Russell and Thelma (Laycock) Sanford Sr. in Lansing, Mich., where he was raised.

On October 2, 1964, he married Mary Peterson in New York.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After the war he resided in Nebraska and in Warren, Mich. where he worked as a machinist.

In 1995 he moved to Alcona County. Mr. Sanford was an active member of the Family Heritage Baptist Church in Harrisville where he performed maintenance, supervised the audio library and led youth groups. He was a Challenge Group Leader for Reformers Unanimous, an outreach ministry. He was a member of the Alcona VFW Post No. 6466 of Harrisville and was a former 4-H volunteer. He enjoyed fishing and baseball.

Mr. Sanford is survived by his wife, Mary; one son, Brian (Anna) Sanford of Harrisville; one daughter, Joy (Neil) Lantto of Harrisville; two grandchildren, Cora Beverlin and Terrence Wolfe; one brother, Milton (Betty Hodges) Sanford of Stanton, Mich.; and one nephew, David Laycock.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Charm Holder, and one brother, Waldo Laycock.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 1 from 1 p.m. until the funeral at 3 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Ernest Ruemenapp will officiate. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville.

Claude T. Noe

Claude Thomas Noe, 84, of Glennie, formerly of Lincoln Park, Mich., died at home.

He was born in Mt. Vernon, Ky. on March 10, 1928 to Grant and Laura (Payne) Noe.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed primarily in Washington.

He married Joanne Yodder on July 14, 1951 in Wyandotte, Mich.

Mr. Noe worked for Great Lakes Steel as a carpenter for over 30 years, retiring in 1983.

He enjoyed reading, puttering around in his garage and wood working. In his younger years he was an avid and competitive bowler in various leagues and participated in numerous tournaments. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and was a supporter of the Curtis Township Library in Glennie where he helped construct the building and was a board member for 10 years.

Mr. Noe is survived by his wife, Joanne; two sons, Larry (Marcia) Noe of Lincoln Park, Mich. and Gary (Kirsten) Noe of Howell, Mich.; two daughters, Karen (Frank) Maniaci of Lincoln Park, Mich. and Denise (Robert) Miotto of Canton, Mich.; six grandchildren; two sisters, Martha Taylor of St. Pete, Fla. and Lillian (Lowell) Halcom of Orlando, Fla.; one brother, Charles Noe of Florida; and one brother-in-law, Norman (Lois) Yoder of Glennie; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one brother; one sister; and one grandson, Ryan Richter.

The funeral was held Monday, Oct. 29 at the Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. The Reverend Rob Nordin officiated. Memorials may be made to the Curtis Township Library.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Oct. 21	62		42	0.00	2.0
Oct. 22	56	41	0.01	2.0	12	SSW
Oct. 23	53	52	0.08	8.4	19	E
Oct. 24	61	48	0.07	2.8	12	ESE
Oct. 25	64	52	0.00	9.9	26	SSW
Oct. 26	67	39	0.03	2.4	28	N
Oct. 27	48	35	0.00	5.0	19	N
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	2012		2011		Normal	
Weekly Total	0.19		1.46		0.49	
October to Date	3.69		4.26		2.05	
Year/Season to Date	23.41		30.58		24.26	
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From the Editor's Desk

There has been quite a bit of public discussion lately regarding the county-wide millage renewal request for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT). It's been a very long time since a local issue has generated this much discussion – and emotion – in the community. In a county where elected positions are rarely challenged and millage proposals frequently go without much public discussion, this is a welcome change.

The controversy that has resulted from this open discussion seems to settle on two major areas – whether the HUNT is doing its job and whether it is needed in the community. A group of citizens that has come together to look at a variety of topics – national, state-wide and local – have collectively decided that the HUNT is not needed and isn't doing its job, therefore, the millage shouldn't be approved. The county prosecutor, sheriff and Michigan State Police commander in Alpena disagree. They say the opposite.

Members of Citizens for Alcona First, the group that is opposing passage of the millage, have spent a tremendous amount of time researching HUNT specifically through annual reports and budgets and illegal drug interdiction at a state and national level. They are encouraging drug education as a preventive measure and substance abuse rehabilitation over the use of undercover investigations and incarceration of anyone found guilty of breaking drug laws. They say the war on drugs is not working and that HUNT is an arm of that effort and it is targeting individuals who use marijuana, which, in their view is not a serious drug like cocaine, heroin, prescription drugs or methamphetamine.

Law enforcement officials are touting the effectiveness of this multijurisdictional undercover team – that surveillance, intelligence gathering, cross-county communication, teamwork and vigilance is what makes this team successful and effective.

During the last several weeks we've talked with representatives from both sides of this issue – five members of the citizens group, the sheriff, prosecutor and state police commander. We've read items placed in our editions and listened to discussion at one of the forums hosted by the citizens group.

Then we talked to some more members of our community – representatives on both sides of the legal system, a county commissioner and the school superintendent. It is what these individuals had to say that spoke the loudest to us – that, from their perspective, HUNT is necessary and, it is effective.

Understandably, some folks want proof that tax payers are getting what they pay for, proof that this effort is effective. They want it in black and white, in dollar amounts and other statistics that will enable them to figure and compare against other statistics and information. This is logical, and not incorrect. We should know what we are paying for.

However, the problem with statistics and comparisons is not always the figures being reviewed. It is not uncommon for people to bring their own bias into the equation and focus on the statistics that back up their viewpoint and prove their argument. Additionally, when dealing with a complex subject like an undercover multi-jurisdictional drug interdiction team that encompasses four counties, six or seven

law enforcement agencies and multiple local legal systems effectiveness cannot be summed up in statistics. We don't feel that is realistic.

Yes, there should be an annual report, an annual audit and accountability in many areas. We agree this is necessary. However, there is much more to this type of work and expecting to be able to fully measure the effectiveness of an undercover team that uses covert surveillance, informants, encrypted communications and a host of other tactics to investigate individuals that do not want to get caught is unrealistic.

We don't see the investigative work conducted by HUNT officers. They are working covertly. But, we do see results of their work. "Any time you read in a newspaper that someone was convicted of delivering/manufacturing a drug – 99.9 percent of the time, that was a HUNT case," the Alcona County Prosecutor told us recently. "There is so much of law enforcement that a common citizen doesn't realize is happening and that is covert narcotics investigation. That is just the nature of the beast."

For anyone who wants to look at a black and white figure, consider this: A property owner with a taxable property value of \$50,000 will pay \$7.29 per year if the HUNT millage renewal is approved. Despite the economic difficulties everyone is feeling today, we feel this is a reasonable request for what it pays for – continued diligence in keeping drugs out of our community.

This does not mean that our community doesn't need drug awareness education and substance abuse rehabilitation. It should not be an either-or argument. Substance abuse is a plague on our society and should be addressed from every angle possible – by the community as a whole. Law enforcement officers should not be expected to carry this burden. They can lead by example and lend their knowledge to train educators, parents and family members and community leaders in order to mentor and guide young people toward healthy choices and avoiding drug and alcohol abuse.

Lastly, the argument that marijuana should not be placed in the same category as cocaine, heroin or prescription drugs is not, in our view, relevant to the HUNT millage renewal request debate. This is an issue that needs to be worked out on a much broader scale, as is the case in several states across the country including Michigan.

Law enforcement officers do not have the luxury to pick and choose which laws they should or should not enforce. Their job is to arrest people who are breaking the law – all laws. Whether HUNT is targeting people using/manufacturing marijuana is not a measurable aspect. If there are more investigations and arrests in the marijuana category, that could be in direct correlation to a statement made by a member of the citizens group – "one hundred million Americans have identified, at some time in their life, having used marijuana – about a third of the population." This might lead some to infer that there are more investigations and arrests because there are more people using marijuana than other drugs.

There is much that has been debated about this issue because of the multiple layers involved. However, we feel strongly that approval of the renewal for the HUNT millage is not debatable – it is necessary.

~ Cheryl Peterson

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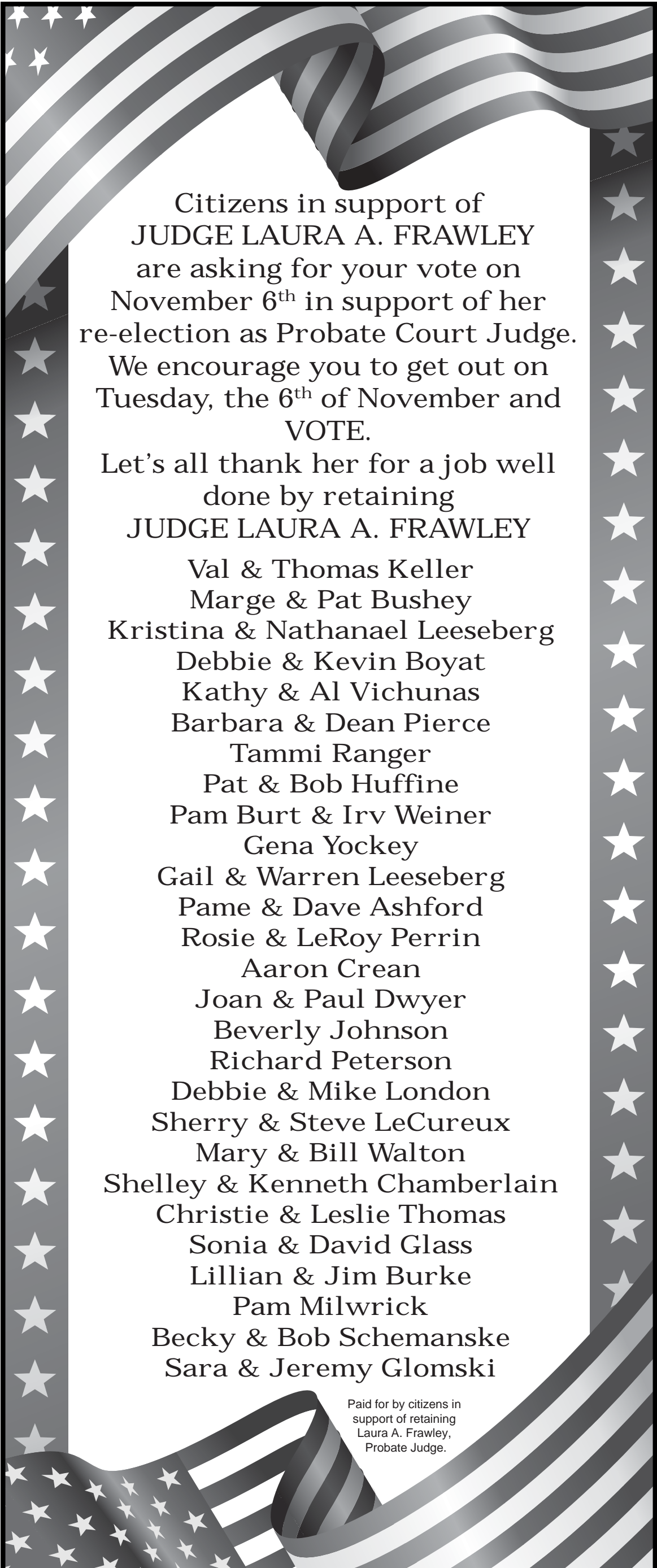
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Without this help, the two-day event wouldn't have been such a huge success to reach out to our community for some Halloween fun. Camping and outdoor fun are great family activities and thanks to all who came out in the inclement weather to help make the event happen. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's event which will be October 11th and 12th, 2013.

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Letters to the Editor



Citizens in support of
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the news for overworking and underpaying employees, while the six Wal-Mart heirs have accumulated more wealth than the poorest one-third of Americans (over 100,000,000 people). Full time Wal-Mart employees are often eligible for food stamps and Medicaid.

Caterpillar equipment employees in Illinois are on strike because the only contract Caterpillar offered freezes their wages for six years. Caterpillar shut a factory in Ontario when workers refused a 50 percent wage decrease. While last year Cater-

pillar set a record in revenue and a \$7,400,000,000 profit.

But, you say, "Michigan has collective bargaining." That's what citizens of Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin said two years ago. Then their governments gutted their collective bargaining laws. The same is certain to happen in Michigan unless Michigan voters take collective bargaining out of the hands of politicians and guarantee it in our constitution. And we can do just that by voting yes on Proposal 2.

Mike Johnson
Harrisville

To the Editor,

Recently, I was asked why I support HUNT. There are many reasons. Foremost in my opinion is that selling illegal drugs is a blight on our society. It is as bad as rape, child abuse and murder and in a lot of cases, it is the direct cause of them.

We all know it is a major problem and by supporting HUNT we can be part of the solution. It has been my privilege, while serving with the Greenbush and Oscoda fire departments, to get to know and work with a few officers, deputies, and troopers that have been or are in HUNT or similar operations. They have told me that the experience and training has been invaluable not only while they were in but after their tours were over. They learned how to spot potential criminals, how

to prepare and get search warrants, how to insure that searches and seizures will be upheld in court, how to work safely together in multijurisdictional situations and how to help in educating our youth in the dangers of illegal drug use.

Last week you read about an incident where there was a drug related shooting in our community. I was there treating the victim and saw first hand everyone working together to resolve this dangerous situation. I know that at least one of the officers involved had had this type of assignment in his career. I hope you will support our officers, youth and law abiding citizens by casting your vote for HUNT.

Dave Dailey
Greenbush

To the Editor,

Why would our community consider eliminating funding for its gatekeepers? This is a proverbial, wolf in sheep's clothing attack on our community.

In an essay Lt. Col. David Grossman describes a civilization as sheep, wolves and sheep dogs. The flock of sheep represents the community. Wolves represent predators that attempt to feed on the flock. Sheep dogs are the protectors of the flock. For predators to be successful, they must defeat the community's defenses — divide the flock and strike the weaker members.

A predator can dress in sheep's clothing pretending to be one of them. The common tactic of this predator is to convince the flock that the sheep dog is bad, or is a wolf. They will say, "Look at his eyes, he looks like a wolf;" "look at his fangs, he looks like a wolf." They will ask if the sheep dog has ever

growled or snapped at their heels when they got outside the flock perimeter. The wolf in sheep's clothing will attempt to convince the flock that the sheep dog must be the wolf that they fear. The sheep dog will then be kicked out and the wolf will have freedom to prey on the flock from within.

We know that drugs are bad. We know there is an attack to bring drugs into our community. We know our gatekeepers' focus is to keep the drugs out of our community. We know there is an attack to get rid of our gatekeepers. Knowing these facts, it is very easy to draw the conclusion there are wolves in sheep's clothing in our community ready to feed on our children. It's not our children who have the fear of incarceration. I will continue to support HUNT. I am confident our community will make the educated decision.

Warren MacNeill
Harrisville

To the Editor,

There have been many letters to the editor on both sides of the HUNT millage issue. My name has appeared in literature on both sides of the issue. I want to make it clear that I am prohibited by judicial ethics from taking any stand on any partisan candidate or any millage issue and I have not done so regarding HUNT.

I have not expressed, nor would I, any opinion either way. Any assumption that the use of my name is an

endorsement of either position would be erroneous. Reasonable people can differ and it is for the people to decide. I am glad to see that so many people are actively involved in the issue and are making the effort to be fully and accurately informed before casting their vote.

My name has come up on both sides of the issue because of my involvement in Drug Court. The quotes that have been used have been in regard to Drug Court and

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nothing else. I am gratified to know that both sides on the HUNT issue acknowledge that Drug Court is a very valuable asset to our community and has saved both money and lives.

To the Editor,

I wish this letter to be short, objective, non-biased and to the point based upon information I've received, understand and therefore assume to be common knowledge concerning one short but very important word. It takes little identity, other than defined meaning, usage and application by design to receive intended results. The word is No.

The questions pondered and now posed are: How am I, you the reader and our younger adults supposed to interpret and understand the meaning of the widely portrayed slogan, "Say No to Drugs" as emphasized

I am clearly a proponent of Drug Court and deeply appreciate the acknowledgement of its success. I have not expressed or taken any stand on the HUNT millage as I am prohibited from doing so. All I can say is inform

yourself with as accurate information as you can and then vote your conscience.

Laura Frawley
Judge,
Alcona County Probate
and Alcona County
Drug Sobriety Court

throughout our educational system by the DARE program? What consequences might come about regarding two or more meanings for the word no? What example does this set for our youth to consider when making choices?

In cutting to the chase, I wish for no one to risk or endure the loss of their job security and financial livelihood, including those qualified in law enforcement. Although their diet may mostly consist of coffee and doughnuts, they place their lives on the line daily and I feel entitled to recognition and support.

An acceleration of state, national and world social eco-

nomie decline is apparent. Martial Law may be instituted, stripping Congress of power with the president becoming a dictator, directly in charge of all military, reserves and law enforcement. Homeland Security, NSA, NDAA, FEMA, H.R. 1955 and Presidential Directive ECP51 may also come to full fruition and bare their teeth. What the message will be I can only imagine, but please take my word for it on this one, as it won't be "Merry Christmas."

Although legally not probable, HUNT could certainly be utilized for far better reasons.

David Green
Harrisville

To the Editor,

If you really care about people, please read letters to the editor about HUNT open mindedly. Certainly our law enforcers prophesize out-of-control drug use in Alcona County if HUNT is defeated - they're defending their jobs. And when they say "marijuana is a gateway drug" they don't give strong evidence because there is none. But statistics do prove that alcohol kills far more people than marijuana but our HUNT dollars do nothing to stop those deaths.

A Time magazine article entitled, "Incarceration Nation-The War on Drugs has succeeded only in putting

millions of Americans in jail," reports 40 years of "war" has cost taxpayers \$1 trillion. The results? More than half of Americans in federal prisons are there on drug convictions, four out of five simply possession. The money spent on prisons has risen six times the rate of spending on higher education in the past 20 years. In California a college student costs the state \$8,677 a year while a prisoner costs \$45,006.

Televangelist Pat Robertson admitted the war on drugs has failed. "We here in America make up five percent of the world's population but we make up 25 percent of the world's jailed pris-

oners." George Bush said, "We are losing the war on drugs." Adam Gopnik in the New Yorker says, "There are more people under correctional supervision in America, more than six million, than in Stalin's Gulag Archipelago at its height.

Is this what we want? To keep hunting down people and putting them behind bars? These are human lives. Or do we want to invest our precious dollars in working with children and helping them to make better choices, and working to rehabilitate drug users, expanding on the efforts of Judge Laura Frawley's drug court? Think about it.

Karen Briggs
Harrisville

To the Editor,

At the August 17 meeting of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners at which commissioners voted three to two to put the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) millage back on the ballot, Lt. Mike Hahn, commander of the Michigan State Police in Alpena, who then commanded HUNT, was asked by a commissioner if HUNT had the names of all the people in Alcona County who have medical marijuana certificates.

Lt. Hahn said that no, they don't. With obvious regret, he explained the Medical Marijuana Act prohibits the Michigan Department of Public Health, which issues the certificates, from releasing that information. Prosecutor Tom Weichel expressed the same regret.

I'll leave it up to you to decide why they, and apparently a commissioner, would want that information.

Given that the illegal use of prescription drugs such as vicodin and percodan and a whole host of other medications are a much greater threat to public safety and health than marijuana, I'm left to think our prosecutor and the HUNT former commander would like to have the names of all citizens who have a prescription for any of

these medicines as well.

At the Harrisville Township Town Hall Forum, Lt. Hahn declared the hidden agenda of Citizens for Alcona First is the legalization marijuana. Falsely and without a shred of evidence, Hahn was trying to smear Citizens for Alcona First before an audience of 50 Alcona residents.

Fortunately, our supreme court has a different view of Americans' right to privacy, and the fact we are presumed innocent until proven otherwise. That our elected prosecutor and the former commander of HUNT don't share the view of the highest legal body in our nation is troubling.

You may wish to give this some thought when considering how to vote on the HUNT millage on November 6.

John Peterson
Harrisville

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HUNT or contribute funding to pay for operational costs of the HUNT. Each law enforcement officer assigned to the HUNT by his/her participating entity's police agency shall remain an agent of that participating entity's police agency."

The agreement also requires a command board, consisting of prosecuting attorneys from participating counties and the administrative heads of the police agencies of the participating entities contributing law enforcement personnel and/or funds to the HUNT, to meet on matters concerning the day-to-day operations of the team. The command board adopted bylaws for operational policies and procedures to be implemented and followed by HUNT.

The group, Citizens for Alcona First is opposing the millage for several reasons. "Part of it is that the war on drugs has been going on for

some 40 years now and this is obviously a segment of that," said Mike Johnson, a member of the group. "The war on drugs is not succeeding. Forty years in and basically we are no better off ... millions of people have been arrested, incarcerated - many of them young people. It's not taming what it's supposed to tame... Cost to society is immense. Michigan now spends more on corrections than it does on higher education by a significant degree.

"Another issue I have is the major focus (of) the HUNT has been marijuana," Johnson said. "Some 56 percent of the investigations carried out the last four years have been on marijuana. Had it been heroin, cocaine and illegal use of prescription drugs I would have much less of an objection... One hundred million Americans have identified having at some time in their life having used marijuana - about a third of the population. I don't understand why we are spending so much money to arrest people for (marijuana)."

"Year after year it's like 93-94 percent of the street value of the drugs seized is cannabis," said Paul Peterson, a member of Citizens for Alcona First. "As an interdiction unit they are interdicting the drugs - they need to stop the drugs from getting there - what they are doing is busting a few pot plants here - three over there... That's a lot of money spent going after the wrong thing," Peterson said.

"We are asking HUNT to direct their resources of their \$900,000 a year (budget) on hard drug issues," Johnson said.

Peterson and Johnson explained an issue they have with the HUNT millage renewal request is that Alcona County has increased the amount it has paid from \$19,000 a year for several years, then over \$50,000 for several more years and for the last five years has paid from \$64,000 to \$97,000. With these increases, the annual reports of drug investigations did not increase as significantly as the amount of money the county paid, nor for the amount that the HUNT budget increased.

They also don't agree with what they feel is an inequity in the amount of money each participating county/city pays, especially since most of the investigations and arrests are made in Alpena County.

"I guess what caught my attention originally is the amount of money the Alcona County citizens pay per capita compared to Alpena County. I think it was I don't have the figures... it was several times more per arrest for an Alcona County resident than for someone in Alpena County," said Bob Kennedy, a member of Citizens for Alcona First.

The group feels a more constructive approach is to put a youth outreach officer in the schools and in the community for substance abuse education and dealing with other social issues. It would support a millage for a youth

resource officer and another deputy added to the sheriff's department.

"It's not that we are against a millage per say, just that particular millage we opposed," Peterson said. "We've seen drugs as a problem but, not the only problem. It's substance abuse. Alcohol is really more damaging for this county. But HUNT does nothing on that. And we really need more on that... In terms of education, it would be really allowing children to (learn how to) make the right choices pertaining to cigarettes, alcohol, to illegal drugs, to the pills they may find in their parent's medicine cabinet. That's the other thing too - a youth outreach officer would deal with far more issues than just substance abuse ... (the officer would be) somebody kids could buddy up to and feel comfortable discussing youth problems whether it be ... sexual matters..."

Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison and prosecutor Weichel sit on the command board for the HUNT and each see it as an important law enforcement tool that benefits Alcona County residents.

Atchison said the HUNT millage renewal request funds the salary of two full time county deputies - one that works with the team on a full-time basis, the other works with the team on a part-time basis and spends the rest of his time on road patrol in the county.

According to Atchison and Alcona County Commissioner Kathleen Vichunas, chairperson of the finance committee, funds from the millage go directly into a county fund - not in the sheriff's budget and not in the county's general fund - which is only used to pay the salaries and benefits of those two deputies. Their paychecks are distributed with all of the other county employees' paychecks. "These deputies live right here in Alcona County and that's where the money stays... they are raising their families here, they are buying their groceries here." Atchison said.

Atchison said the renewal of the HUNT millage is very important for law enforcement in Alcona County primarily for two reasons - to keep ongoing interdiction and enforcement of drug laws and to maintain the current law enforcement coverage of the sheriff's department. "The HUNT is absolutely necessary," Atchison said. "We don't have the resources to effectively (address) the illegal drug activity. Illegal drug activity doesn't recognize boundaries. Roads don't stop at the county border; neither does the trafficking of illegal drugs. To be effective there is no choice but to have a multijurisdictional team to do this."

Additionally, if the HUNT millage renewal is turned down there will be less road patrol coverage throughout the county. Even though the two deputies assigned to the HUNT will be working out of the sheriff's department,

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Some good options to check out include:

- **Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013:** This is a comprehensive estate planning software product that's very user-friendly. It lets you create customized wills for an unlimited number of people, along with other important documents like financial powers of attorney, health care directives, executor documents, final arrangements and more.

And once you're finished, you can store your documents on your computer and update them as needed, and you can print them out on paper. Available in downloadable or CD format at nolo.com for \$43 or \$52, this software works only with Windows operating systems and is valid in every state except Louisiana.

- **Rocket Lawyer:** This is an online resource – avail-

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- **LegalZoom:** Available online at legalzoom.com, this site makes wills, trusts, powers of attorney, pet-protection agreements and many other documents. After you create your will, or other documents, they double-check them for spelling and grammar mistakes (but not for legal issues) and mail you

a printed copy in about a week to 10 days. Wills run \$69, other documents range between \$35 and \$249.

If you don't have a home computer or Internet access, a good resource to turn to is the "Quick & Legal Will Book" sold by Nolo for \$21. This guide provides forms and step-by-step instructions that can help you make a basic will that meets your needs. To order a copy, call (800) 728-3555.

It's also important to know that if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or if you have considerable assets, you need to hire a lawyer to write your will. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

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sites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

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Alcona County Library Board has an opening for a five-year term as a Library Board Trustee. The board is seeking a person with an interest in continuing to provide good library service and educational opportunities. Please send letter of interest and resume to Alcona County Library Board, P.O. Box 348, Harrisville, MI 48740 or e-mail to director@alcona.lib.mi.us prior to 5 p.m. Thursday, November 1. The board is most interested in persons with prior community involvement. Interviews will be conducted at a Special Meeting on Nov. 7, 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch. For more information, call Carol at 724-6796.

10/17 & 10/24

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. 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" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

All are welcome at the Lincoln First Baptist Church, 202 Main St., for their annual Halloween Festival from 5 to 9:30 p.m. There will be snacks, hot food, warm drinks, games, candy, music and karaoke.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Paint a holiday sweatshirt with Marilynn at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. from 1 to 3 p.m. Call, (989) 724-6796 for a supply list and to register.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Deadline is today to reserve a place for Alcona Elementary's Thanksgiving dinner on November 19 for parents and their children attending kindergarten through sixth grade at Alcona Elementary School. For more information, call (989) 736-8146.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

Popcorn and a movie at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., from

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Music and sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Rd., Glennie will be showing a Halloween themed movie at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (989) 735-2601. The library will be handing out candy from 6 to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

"Piecing Memories Together" a unique grief support group will meet at 2078 M-32 West, Alpena. Participants will have the opportunity to share and learn with others experiencing grief and make a huggable remembrance bear from an article of their loved one's clothing. Space is limited. To register, call (800) 664-8587. There is no fee and sewing experience is not required.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona retirees meet for potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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other employees will be laid off.

"I have a labor agreement in place that states part-time employees are to be laid off before full-time employees. Most of the part-time positions are mandated to be filled by sheriff employees - corrections positions, a bailiff. To fill these mandated positions I would have to take deputies off of road patrol to back fill the vacancies - that means less coverage on the road...As far as how deep that will go...I haven't done the math," Atchison said.

In order to comply with the interlocal agreement by providing an officer or contribute funding for operations, Atchison said he did not have the money in his budget to

comply with that stipulation in order to keep the HUNT coverage in Alcona County.

When asked if the Alcona County Board of Commissioners could come up with funding to comply with the agreement, Vichunas said, "there is no money in the 2012 general fund to fund those two officers... We haven't started the 2013 budget ... we don't know how much revenue we will receive... something will have to go in order to fund that expense. I don't know where we would come up with this money."

Vichunas explained the county was still feeling the fallout from the 2007 embezzlement of \$1.2 million by former county treasurer Tom Katona. Following that investigation, the economy fell into a decline, which affected property values and revenue dropped. "We are trying to maintain the services we have. If we have a little extra (money) we have to keep in the fund balance to have a comfortable margin to keep operating for the first three quarters of the year - tax money doesn't come in until September... And revenue from taxes will be lower again this year. If it wasn't for the departments living on lean budgets we wouldn't be able to do what we've done (to date)," Vichunas said.

In regard to having an of-

ficer in the schools again, Atchison said he has the ability to put the deputy working with the HUNT part-time in the school one or two days a week - depending on what the school wanted. As to why there isn't a deputy assigned there now, Atchison said, grant funding specifically for that position had dried up and, "I felt it would be more advantageous to have a part-time officer (on the road) to use what he's learned from the specialty training he's received regarding drug interdiction.

"His success and effectiveness has shown it's worthiness on a number of occasions," Atchison said. "He knows the signs. He's very, very effective... Since we work with two-man patrols when he's doing this work, other officers are learning from him."

Atchison said he's spoken with school administrators regarding the availability of a deputy for narcotics education. "If the school wants a resource officer for narcotics education - whether for students and/or staff regarding drug recognition, signs and symptoms... I'm more than willing to sit down with the school to discuss their needs. However, narcotics have to be the primary focus - I can't use HUNT funds to have an officer investigate truancy or anything else other than narcotics."



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Support Group Forming

A support group for medical marijuana in northeast Michigan is forming. The first meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 3 at 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. These meetings will be for support and education. The public is invited. For more information, contact Marty Starliper at (989) 724-9333 or by e-mail at outdoorone@hotmail.com.

Appreciation Award

Alcona High School teacher and FFA advisor Brian Matchett, a participant with the Michigan State University Extension-sponsored Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative recently received an appreciation award. Matchett brings real-world stewardship learning to students through partnerships with conservation organizations, resource agencies and businesses. He is a 4-H alumnus of the Michigan 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp for teenage leadership and he has served as a staff member.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Nov. 5—Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, peas, apple sauce, fruit and garlic bread.

- Tuesday, Nov. 6—Smoked sausage with sauerkraut, red parsley potatoes, Brussels sprouts, tossed salad and fruit.

- Wednesday, Nov. 7—Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie with cool whip.

- Thursday, Nov. 8—Beef chop suey over rice, Prince Charles blend vegetables, tropical fruit salad and mixed fruit.

- Friday, Nov. 9—Fish mandarine, potato Lyonnais, broccoli, fruited Jell-O and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Thanksgiving Dinner

Alcona Elementary is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for students — kindergarten through sixth grade — and their parents on Monday,

Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Arrival and check-in begins at 5:15 p.m., dinner is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, followed by a story time and crafts after dinner. Every child will go home with a new free book. To ensure enough time to plan for food and materials, call (989) 736-8146 no later than Friday, Nov. 2. to reserve seating for the dinner.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Campbell Building at the ARA site in Lincoln. Available this week: Tomatoes, radishes, spinach, lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, eggs, bread, cinnamon rolls, muffins, all cuts of fresh pork, grass-fed and grain-fed beef, assorted regular, sugar-free and all-fruit jams and jellies, soup mixes, salsa mixes, whole wheat brownie, muffin, cookie, bread and pancake mixes, dried herbs, salt-free dip and dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, canna tubers, fragrant handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, rag rugs, chain mail and beaded jewelry, tatted jewelry, lace, doilies and bookmarks, handmade bags and greeting cards, decorated candles and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Shipwrecks, Soup and Pie

On Thursday, Nov. 8 the Harrisville United Methodist Church will serve a soup and pie supper followed by a presentation of shallow water shipwrecks by Wayne Lusardi, state maritime archaeologist. Lusardi will be talking about the shallow water shipwrecks located off Alcona County from Black River to Greenbush. He will present images of what many of the wrecks look like, both historically and underwater. The soup and pie supper is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Visitors may attend one or both. Charitable donations are asked for each event and will help support the construction of a new church roof. For more information, call Connie (989) 724-6643 or B.J. (989) 724-7300.

New Arrival

Lillian Grace Jacewicz is the new daughter of Ryan and Elizabeth (Kruttlin) Jacewicz of Almont, Mich. She was born on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012 in Troy, Mich. She weighed nine pounds, three ounces. She joins one brother, Maxwell. She is the granddaughter of Dennis and Debra Kruttlin of Lincoln and Nancy Jacewicz of Macomb, Mich. She is the great-granddaughter of Ted and Kelly Kruttlin of Harrisville and Florence Nielsen of Spring Lake, Mich.

Grant Deadline

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan

(CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the first quarter of its 2013 fiscal year. Requests using the Common Grant Application must be received by the CFNEM office no later than Thursday, Nov. 1. These deadlines also apply to the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC) applications for youth-related projects.

All 501(c) (3) non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply. For more information, call Julie Wiesen at (989) 354-6881, 877-354-6881 (toll free), or visit the CFNEM office at 111 Water Street in downtown Alpena. Information and fillable application forms are available at www.cfnem.org.

Elder Abuse Awareness

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging will present a workshop to focus awareness on elder abuse. It will be held November 13 at Beaver Lake Community Church in Lachine, Mich. The workshop is free of charge and an invitation is extended to anyone in the community that is interested in learning more about the subject. Learn more about the description of elder abuse, the telephone, mail and Internet scams that are targeting our elders, and discuss caregiver burnout that can lead to abuse. Information about where and when to turn for help will be available. For more information, call Diane Diamond at (989) 356-4104. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Nov. 9.



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All interested parties are invited to attend or send written comments to the Curtis township Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 90, Glennie, MI 48737. The regular meeting of the Curtis Township Planning Commission will follow the Public Hearing.

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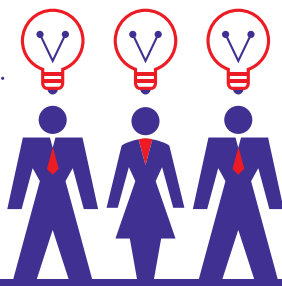
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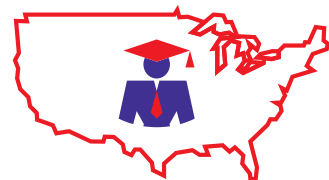
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For example, a large state like California gets 54 electoral votes, while Rhode Island gets only four. All together, there are 538 electoral votes.

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Two candidates vie for Curtis Township supervisor seat

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Curtis Township voters have two candidates to choose from for the position of supervisor in next Tuesday's election.

Darrel R. Kenyon (D) was born and raised in Ypsilanti, Mich. He graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1968. He received a bachelor's of art degree in world history and geology and teaching certification from Albion College.

After graduation he worked at Starr Common Wealth for Boys - a boy's correctional facility. He began teaching junior high math and science at Romulus Community Schools and coached football. The next year he taught ninth-grade math and science and continued coaching football, and finished most of his 24-year career with the district in those areas.

While teaching, Kenyon earned a master's degree in urban planning and physics from Eastern Michigan University and interned at Ypsilanti Area Industrial Development Corporation as a site analyst. In 1980 Kenyon took a three year leave of absence from teaching to work as the community development director. As such he supervised the building, mechanics and electrical inspectors, the ordinance enforcement officer and fire inspection officer and was the liaison for the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. In 1983 Kenyon returned to teaching and retired from education in 2005.

Kenyon's connection to Curtis Township began long before he was born, as both sides of his family are from the area, and has been coming to the area his entire life. He and his wife, Judy, started building a home in the township in 2001, doing the physical work themselves. They moved to the area after his retirement.

He was the chairman of the planning commission from 2005-2010 and finished the township's master plan and renovated the zoning ordinance. "I'm pretty proud of that - the ordinance really matches well with development," Kenyon said. "It was a very, very hard process and we did a good job. I'm proud of the people who worked with us."

Kenyon is a member of the Curtis Area Relief Fund and one of the auctioneers at the Sweetheart Dinner held in February which raises money for the fund.

He decided to run for the position of township supervisor because, "I'm retired and I have some talents in township government. I felt it was important to use those talents. It seems appropriate that I should commit myself as supervisor. I've had some encouragement to do it and decided to run. I think I can help the township a little bit," Kenyon said.

If he is elected, Kenyon plans to address several ar-

eas. "I have been watching assessed values drop and I think there is something we can work on to stabilize them," he said. "I think we need fair, consistent and rational ordinance enforcement." Additionally, "The township has been a retirement community in many respects. We are bleeding young people terribly. I want to bring jobs for our young families. That is critical for this community to survive. It's on us to do it. We have to be creative to do that," Kenyon said.

"Because we have been a retirement community - according to the last census the median age is 56 years old, which means we have a lot of seniors in this community - we need to provide services for the retirees that live in this community. I'm very concerned about that and with my background I might be able to do something about it," he said.

Financial solvency and economic development are also on Kenyon's list. "We have to make some difficult decisions in regard to the budget in the future. We have the old township hall that is vacant and we have the school which is the new township hall... I think the public is asking us to make a decision on the old township hall. That requires a consensus of the entire township.

"Our township thrives when tourism thrives in this township," Kenyon said. "But, our township only has about 1,200 registered voters and it has 8,000 residential structures. Our population triples in the summer. When that happens things go well. We need to make some of those 8,000 people want to stay and be part of our community... Then we also have to be careful about tax revenues because there are seniors that can't afford more taxes. We have some difficult decisions to make in the future."

Because his family is from here, Kenyon feels rooted to the community. "Some people think there is a difference between coming up to visit and living in Glennie. When visiting they tend to hold things at arm's length. When you live here it becomes real... If anything, living in Glennie has made me more desirous of helping as well. I get the feeling that my grandparents and parents are watching over me. I really don't want to screw this up. I want to do it right," Kenyon said.

Robert Oginski (NPA) was born in Detroit, Mich. and grew up in Northville, Mich. He graduated from Northville High School in 1974. After high school he worked as a precision tool maker for several years before being hired at Ford Motor Company. He retired in 2007 after 31 years with the company.

A visit to the Glennie area while in high school began a life-long interest in the area. Oginski kept coming back throughout the years. He



bought a house in Curtis Township 13 years ago and moved to the area permanently two years ago. He is a member of the Barton City Eagles.

Oginski decided to run for the position of supervisor after watching his friend, Mac McCormick, handle the job and learning from him. "That's what got me interested," Oginski said.

If he is elected to the position, Oginski doesn't have any plans to make changes. "I would like to try and do a good job in following in Mac's footsteps and continue to follow what has been going on," Oginski said.



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Three trustee candidates in Curtis Township

By Cheryl Peterson
 Editor

Voters in Curtis Township have a choice of three candidates for two trustee positions on the township board in the election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Incumbent **Harley R. Hopp** (NPA) was raised in Pontiac, Mich. and graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1959. He moved to Waterford, Mich. and began working for the U.S. Postal Service there in 1961. After four years with the postal service he spent two years working for Berry Garage Door Manufacturing. In 1967 he realized a lifelong dream when he began working for the Waterford Police Department. He retired from the police department as a detective sergeant in 1992.

Hopp moved to Glennie permanently in 1997 to property he'd purchased in 1987. He is a member of the Glennie Lions Club and has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Police since 1969. He is a former deacon at the Church of Christ in Waterford, Mich. While downstate he coached Little League, girls' softball and adult fast pitch softball. He also attended the Detroit Tiger Fantasy Camp in 1999, 2002 and 2004. He is an active supporter of the Cue for A Cure pool tournaments held in northeast Michigan to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

He was on the Curtis Township planning board for two years when he was appointed to the trustee position left vacant when James "Mac" McCormick was elected township supervisor two years ago. Hopp serves on the planning commission as the liaison to the township board.

Hopp decided to run for re-election because, "I am very community oriented. I

love the area and try to improve it. I want to better the community. I am an advocate for reducing government control over the people. My motto is 'capitalistic patriotic constitutionalist.' I love my family, I love God and I love my country very much. I am willing to fight and die for those three principals," he said.

If he is elected, Hopp said he would "like to see all of the empty buildings filled in moderate development for the betterment of the community. I'd like to have young people come back to the area to live and work. I think our township will continue to grow with continued supervision. I see moderate, proper growth for our community."

George Schultz (NPA) was born in Washington, Mich. in 1952 and was raised there during his formative years. In 1971 he received training in heavy equipment operation, which led to a career in that field from 1973 to present.

Schultz lived in New Haven, Mich. for the last 25 years until moving to Glennie five years ago. He and his wife, Dianne, purchased a cabin in Curtis Township eight years ago and had been coming to the area for holidays and vacations until they moved to the area permanently five years ago. They have two grown sons and four grandchildren.

He had been looking for work in the area for several years and is now involved in a federal program for older adults for training and placement in another field. Through this program he is being trained in the custodial and maintenance field and is employed by Curtis Township and works at the Curtis Township Hall.

Schultz is a member and secretary of the Glennie Lions Club, sits on the Curtis Township road committee



and is involved with Curtis Community Bingo.

He decided to run for the trustee position because, "I thought I could come up with new, different and fresher outlook for the community. I want to see if I can make a difference."

If he is elected, Schultz "would like to try and bring the community together as a whole and to make sure seniors are represented, taken care of, treated fairly and have what they need. I'd like to urge everyone to get out and vote. I would appreciate their support."

Incumbent **Dewella Jean Whitford** (D) was born and raised in Mikado. She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1960. Over the years, as she and her husband, Larry, were raising their four children, Whitford has worked as a waitress in area restaurants, worked in factories, was a bar tender in area taverns, drove truck for a short time in Arizona and worked for Kmart in Saginaw, Mich. They have been residents of Glennie since the late 1960s.

Whitford has been involved with Our Kids Organization since the early 1970s and has coached Little League. She is a member of the Glennie Home MSU Extension Club and is very involved with the United Methodist Church and is a trustee, a member of the women's group and a member of the lay leader committee. She is involved with the Curtis Township Beautification Committee.

Whitford's involvement with township government began as a member of the board of review. She has been a township trustee for eight years, and was the liaison for the planning.

She decided to run for re-election because, "I love it and I feel there are things that are going on that I can help with. I love the people and I try and fight for the people." Whitford would like to continue working on making road improvements. "We are getting roads fixed up around here and are working well with the road commission.

"If I get re-elected I will continue working for the people of the township," Whitford said. "Citizens are free to call me if they have a problem. I try to keep everyone happy."

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The perils of Kansas ... and Danica Patrick

NASCAR This Week
By Monte Dutton

Among my colleagues, it's popularly believed that I am at my best, particularly as a columnist, when, uh, "all hell breaks loose."

Of course, my view isn't objective, and I think I do pretty well regardless of the circumstances.

But ... I certainly missed a great opportunity when I went off gallivanting to Texas to play music, taking a few vacation days, and passed up the crashfest at Kansas Speedway on Oct. 21. I watched most of the race on a motel television set after listening to the early stages in bits and snatches on radio.

My gosh. There were times when it took half an hour to run a handful of green-flag laps. Drivers who "just don't wreck" wrecked.

By far the most amusing incident involved Danica Patrick, who apparently pronounced herself ready to deliver "the old payback." She

didn't like the way Landon Cassill — yes, that's right, this was truly a Clash of the Titans — was racing her, so, again apparently, but with very little in the way of denial, Patrick decided she'd deliver a message by spinning him out.

It's hazardous for any driver to play with such fire, but it's absolutely a must for a driver who does decide to wreck his opponent to do so without wrecking, uh, herself.

Oh, I wish I'd been there. It was apparently quite the scene. Via radio, Patrick's veteran crew chief, Greg Zipadelli, let her know in fairly blunt language that he didn't think much of her actions. When Patrick finally got around to talking about it, she did herself no favors. She has many virtues, but one of them isn't being capable of freely accepting blame for her various misadventures.

Patrick may prove me wrong, but her development as a stock-car racer is lagging.

When a great college football player doesn't make it in the NFL, it really doesn't detract from what he accomplished earlier. Some people can make the transition and others can't. In football, it's a move upward. Some would claim that moving from Indy cars to NASCAR is lateral, but the difference between racing a lithe, rear-engined speedster and a heavy, fendered behemoth is considerable. Many have been unable to make that transition.

As much as I missed being at Kansas, I'm dreading next season already. I have a hunch the story of Danica Patrick trying to make it in Sprint Cup is going to have many twists and turns, and most aren't going to be pretty.

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Danica Patrick (driving the No. 10 Impala) made a point to Landon Cassill (in the No. 83 Camry) during the Sprint Cup race at Kansas, only she got tangled in it and wrecked herself. (John Clark/NASCAR This Week photo)

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Fish fry at the American Legion, 2205 N. Alger, Mikado from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, free for children age five and under.

Thunder Bay Arts Council presents Georgeann MacKinnon as their feature artist for November. There will be an open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the galler, 127 W. Chisholm St., Alpena featuring several pieces of her pottery and ceramics.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

U.S. Marine Corp 237th birthday celebration and fundraiser for the Toys For Tots 2012 campaign will be held at 4 p.m. at the VFW Post 8135, 2120 W. Trask Lake Rd., Barton City. Marines, veterans and civilians are welcome to attend. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., cake cutting at 7 p.m., \$10 donation at the door. For more information, call Shirley Zaleski (989) 335-0461.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Weight Loss Support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main St. at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Alcona Community Schools is hosting a K-12 family night starting with dinner at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, anti-bullying discussion in the auditorium at 6 p.m. followed by the Dis-

trict Parent Involvement meeting at 7 p.m. Babysitting service available for the younger children.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

A foot clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. Cost is \$25.

Call, (989) 736-8879 for an appointment.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. New club beginners are welcome to attend. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-3553.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 W. Main St.


A special meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. for interviewing Alcona library board candidates at the Harrisville branch. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8


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Put Jesus In Your Heart


Hawes Township has two candidates for clerk position

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Hawes Township voters have a choice of two candidates for the clerk position.

Gloria A. Loucks (R) was born and raised in Hawes Township. She graduated from Alcona High School in 1962. Following graduation she moved to Dearborn Heights, Mich. where she and her husband, David, began raising their family.

She worked at the Taylor Intervention Crisis Center as a crisis worker and at the Inkster Police Station as a

clerk while living downstate. Some 30 years ago the Loucks family moved to Hawes Township because they decided to raise their children in a smaller community.

Loucks retired from HeadStart three years ago after 25 years of employment in a variety of positions including teacher's aid, teacher's assistant and teacher. She has been involved with the Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and is a volunteer and instructor with the American Red Cross.

In May Loucks began working as the deputy clerk for Hawes Township. The variety and complexity of the clerk's duties is what interested her in running for the position. "I've enjoyed it," Loucks said. "It really surprised me how much the clerk does. I have worked closely with (current clerk) Pamala Idema and have learned the responsibilities. I've done it all. It's been good training and I've enjoyed all of it."

If she is elected, Loucks said, "I'd like to work on a township website and post

minutes there so residents can learn more about what is happening. I'd like to work to keep improving roads... I care about the township and the people of the township. I've worked with hundreds of families in Alcona County. They've trusted me with their children and I hope they will trust me as their clerk."

Janette Richardson (NPA) was born and raised in Hawes Township and graduated from Alcona High School in 1990. She left the area for about eight years before returning to Hawes Township



in 2005. She has taken classes in biology from Moncalm Community College and Alpena Community College.

In 2004 Richardson attended Irene's Myomassalogy Institute in Southfield, Mich. and became nationally certified as a massage therapist. She works full time for Alcona Health Center in insurance billing and also operates a massage therapy business.

Richardson has a grown daughter and is a member of St. Anne Catholic Church where she has taught catechism. She is in charge of the Giving Tree at St. Anne and works with its youth group to provide gifts for residents of area nursing homes at Christmas.

An interest in politics and encouragement from several residents prompted Richardson to run for the clerk's position. "I love Hawes Township and this area. I want everyone to have a fair voice," Richardson said. "I think people should be treated the same whether they have lived here their whole lives or if they've just moved here. If someone has a complaint, no matter how small it is, it needs to be addressed."

"I love the community - the county as a whole - and the people in it. I really enjoyed moving back to be with everyone. I'm lucky I get to be here and be part of it."



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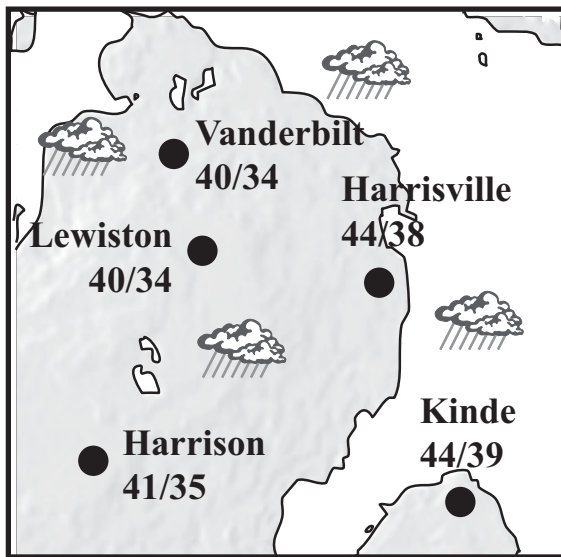
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-  **THURSDAY**
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High: 45 Low: 36
-  **FRIDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 34
-  **SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 35
-  **SUNDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 32
-  **MONDAY**
Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 34
-  **TUESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 35

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers, high temperature of 44°, humidity of 87%. North wind 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 1950. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 38°. Northwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1988.

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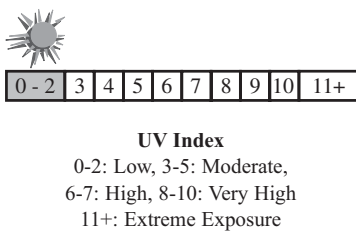
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Tuesday	55	50	53/34	0.04"
Wednesday	57	50	52/33	0.06"
Thursday	77	51	52/33	0.00"
Friday	70	31	51/33	0.08"
Saturday	48	29	51/32	0.00"
Sunday	46	36	50/32	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:10 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	7:28 p.m.	9:56 a.m.
Thursday	8:11 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	10:49 a.m.
Friday	8:13 a.m.	6:20 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	11:38 a.m.
Saturday	8:14 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	9:55 p.m.	12:23 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	10:52 p.m.	12:02 p.m.
Monday	7:17 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	10:53 p.m.	12:37 p.m.
Tuesday	7:18 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	11:56 p.m.	1:08 p.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see widespread rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 80° in Germantown, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	10:26 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Venus	5:04 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Mars	11:38 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Jupiter	8:10 p.m.	11:25 a.m.
Saturn	7:38 a.m.	6:19 p.m.
Uranus	5:03 p.m.	5:23 a.m.

Weather History

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Sungrazing Comet on its Way


Heads up! If you remember Comet Hale-Bopp (1997), the brightest comet seen for the longest period of time in recorded history, or bright Comet Hyakutake (1996), with its blue fluorescent tail next to the stars of the Dig Dipper, then get ready for perhaps another barnburner, Comet C/2012 S1 (ISON). The brightnesses of comets are one of the most difficult predictions that astronomers make and ISON will be challenging. Comets are composed of a mixture of icy materials, mostly water, dust, and some rock. The ratios of ice to dust vary greatly among members. These gatecrashers first head toward the sun from the outskirts of our solar system, then over millions of years get snagged by the planets into shorter and shorter orbital paths. Many are also expelled from the solar system. Comet ISON has similar characteristics to the Great Comet of 1680, and if that is the case, when it passes 1.1 million miles from the sun on November 28, 2013, it could produce a wonderfully large tail visible for several months starting in mid-November. That's very exciting news. On the other hand, ISON could simply disintegrate in the sun's heat and strong gravity and be lost. Currently still beyond Jupiter's orbit, ISON is much brighter than expected for its distance from the sun, and this should be sounding a warning to astronomers to be careful. Comet Kohoutek, C/1973 E1, was also discovered beyond the orbit of Jupiter, and was similarly brighter than it should have been. Kohoutek's initial brightness fooled astronomers into thinking that here was the mother of all comets. Instead, Kohoutek was coming to us from the rockier Kuiper Belt with an excess of volatiles on its surface but not that much ice underneath. When it rounded the sun in December of 1973, the ices were gone, and the comet fluffed big time. At least let's keep our hopes high that Comet ISON will be respectable. www.astronomy.org

top ten

Stay-Young Foods

1. Broccoli
2. Cocoa
3. Oranges
4. Fish
5. Flaxseed
6. Spinach
7. Sweet potatoes
8. Beans and legumes
9. Chicken
10. Green tea

Source: Redbook



TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the Latin prefix “demi”?
2. **HISTORY:** Who wrote the political book “The Prince” during the Renaissance?
3. **ASTRONOMY:** What phase of the moon is opposite of crescent?
4. **LITERATURE:** What was the real name of the author who assumed the pen name of George Orwell?
5. **ART:** What are the three primary colors?
6. **MUSIC:** What is indicated by the musical notation “estinto”?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** What state lies directly east of Utah?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the traditional birthstone for June?
9. **MEASUREMENTS:** The watt, a unit of electrical power, was named for what famous inventor?
10. **ETIQUETTE:** Properly speaking, who should host a wedding shower for a bride?

Answers: 1. Half; 2. Niccolo Machiavelli; 3. Gibbous; 4. Eric Arthur Blair; 5. Red, yellow and blue; 6. So soft that it can hardly be heard; 7. Colorado; 8. Pearl; 9. James Watt; 10. A friend of the bride. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword MYSTERY SISTERS

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| ACROSS | 47 Have — tolerance for | 99 Bible bk. after Ezra | 7 Other: Pref. | 41 Tom of “Adam’s Rib” | 83 British baby buggy |
| 1 Sailors’ mops | 48 Brooch part | 100 End of the riddle | 8 Leigh Hunt’s “— Ben Adhem” | 42 Put-ons | 84 Allay |
| 6 Black sheep sound, in song | 51 Arabian royal | 105 Have lunch | 9 “Miss Lulu —” (old novel, play, and film) | 43 Not at all fat | 85 “Up and —!” (“Rise and shine!”) |
| 12 Tic — (tiny mint) | 53 “Woe —” (Patricia T. O’Conner grammar book) | 106 Prefix with 4-Down or 70-Down | 10 Bunker of TV | 44 Meat spread | 91 Visine unit |
| 15 Huge-screen film format | 55 Flock mother | 107 Metallic playing marble | 11 Desirous | 49 Ballot lists | 93 The gospel |
| 19 Tiny hairs | 56 Riddle, part 3 | 111 Riddle’s answer | 12 In — (aware of a secret) | 50 Part of m.p.h. | 94 Car ding |
| 20 Physicist Einstein | 63 Apply heavily | 117 Injury reminder | 13 “— -Ca- Dabra” (1974 hit) | 52 Bureaucratic form-filling | 95 Pregame songs |
| 21 “Def Comedy Jam” airer | 64 Skillful feat | 118 Gerund ender | 14 Certain central African | 54 How some things are carved | 97 Removes (oneself) |
| 22 Horror film staple | 65 Beach find | 119 Menlo Park inventor | 15 “Understood, man” | 57 — job on | 98 Four: Pref. |
| 23 German king called “the Great” | 66 Riddle, part 4 | 120 Cruller’s kin | 16 Flame-fancying flier | 58 Picnic crasher | 101 Purring one |
| 24 Irregular spot | 72 Fifth-cen. pope | 121 It fills barrels | 17 Opera tune | 59 Co. top dog | 102 Tethered |
| 25 Suffix with north or south | 75 Central Sicilian city | 122 19th-century humorist Bill | 18 Crosses (out) | 60 Nugent of rock | 103 Made grooves on, as the edge of a coin |
| 26 Giant in elevators | 76 Microscopic creatures | 123 “No, you —!” | 28 Spanish for “other” | 61 Oath reply | 104 Spanish Mrs. |
| 27 Start of a riddle | 80 Riddle, part 5 | 124 Rub away | 29 Section of Lower Manhattan | 62 “Rats!” | 108 Moon-related |
| 31 Lassos | 86 Stephen of “Ondine” | 125 Cry | 30 Suffix with dull | 63 Giggle part | 109 Currently occupied |
| 32 Press agent? | 87 Kind of deer | 126 “My — Sal” | 35 Dogs may pull it | 64 Raggedy — (doll) | 110 “90210” actor Rob |
| 33 Tolkien monster | 88 Q.E.D. part | 127 Utters | 36 Not exciting | 65 Genetic stuff | 111 Highest point |
| 34 Riddle, part 2 | 89 Just managing, with “out” | 128 Is fearless | 37 “— true?” | 66 Giant fight | 112 A person goes by one |
| 42 Viper type | 90 — Reader (eclectic magazine) | DOWN | 38 Prof.’s place | 67 Rimes with Grammys | 113 New Age music star |
| 45 Book of maps | 92 “I — break!” | 1 Angry look | 39 Anacin rival | 68 “Oh, to — England” | 114 Escalate |
| 46 “Ye olde” settlement | 96 “Have —” (host’s invitation) | 2 SWAK part | 40 A or I, e.g. | 69 Outstanding | 115 This, in Havana |
| | | 3 Sacrifice site | | 70 D-I filler | 116 Policy guru |
| | | 4 Of living things | | 71 The Monkees’ “— Believer” | 117 Cutting tool |
| | | 5 Vocalized for the doctor | | 72 Play, as a mandolin | |
| | | 6 Get paid to watch Junior | | 73 Eta-iota link | |
| | | | | 74 Rimes with Grammys | |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• It was Scotsman Bertie Charles Forbes, journalist and founder of Forbes magazine, who made the following sage observation: “There is more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than in being a tenth-rate executive.”

• The prospectors of 1849 might not have realized it, but you’re more likely to find a 5-carat diamond than a 1-ounce nugget of gold.

• You might be surprised — and, depending on your temperament, terrified — to learn that bats can fly at speeds up to 60 mph. Some can even reach altitudes of 10,000 feet.

• Coffee beans are actually seeds. The fruit of the coffee tree is called a cherry and are said to be delicious. They spoil too quickly to be marketed effectively, though, so only the seeds are used.

• Beverly Hills, Calif., is one of the most affluent areas of the country. It was not always such a posh locale, however; in 1920 the population was 674, and most of the land was given over to bean fields.

• All joking aside, those who study such things say that natural blondes tend to have more difficulty driving than those whose hair is of a darker hue — at night, anyway. The reason? Most natural blondes also have blue eyes, which aren’t as good as brown eyes at shielding out light. This means that blondes tend to be more easily blinded by the headlights of oncoming cars.

• When a professional football player retires, there’s a 50-50 chance he’ll get divorced within a year.

• Everybody dreams. Those who claim that they never have dreams just don’t remember them.

Thought for the Day: “Any frontal attack on ignorance is bound to fail, because the masses are always ready to defend their most precious possession — their ignorance.” — Hendrik Willem van Loon

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Nov. 12, 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman orders the business district of Atlanta destroyed before he embarks on his famous March to the Sea through Georgia to prevent the Confederates from recovering anything once the Yankees had abandoned it.

• On Nov. 16, 1901, a low-slung car called the “Torpedo Racer” — basically a square platform on bicycle wheels — breaks the world speed record for electric cars in Coney Island, N.Y., by going 1 mile down the straight dirt track in just 63 seconds. That’s about 57 mph. Today the world speed record for an electric vehicle is about 245 mph.

• On Nov. 14, 1914, in Constantinople, capital of the Ottoman Empire, the religious leader Sheikh-ul-Islam declares an Islamic holy war on behalf of the Ottoman government, urging his Muslim followers to take up arms against Britain, France, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro.

• On Nov. 15, 1943, Heinrich Himmler makes public an order that Gypsies are to be put on “the same level as Jews and placed in concentration camps.” Himmler was determined to prosecute Nazism racial policies, which dictated the elimination of all races deemed “inferior” and “asocial.”

• On Nov. 13, 1953, a member of the Indiana Textbook Commission calls for the removal of references to the book “Robin Hood” from textbooks used by the state’s schools. She claimed that Robin Hood was a communist because he robbed the rich and gave it to the poor.

• On Nov. 17, 1968, the Oakland Raiders score two touchdowns in nine seconds to beat the New York Jets — and no one sees it. In a debacle which would become known as “Heidi Bowl,” with just 65 seconds left to play, NBC broke away from the game to air its previously scheduled programming, the movie “Heidi.”

• On Nov. 18, 1987, a fire in a London subway station kills 30 commuters and injures scores of others. At the King’s Cross station in London, people began to smell smoke coming from beneath one of the station’s escalators. It was later revealed that debris and grease had built up under the escalator.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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MISCELLANEOUS

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**Following my Oct. 17th letter to the editor I was
 personally attacked by the Citizens for Alcona
 First gang, but my position hasn't changed.**

Children in Alcona County are not incarcerated for drug
 charges. Midland has the nearest youth detention center
 and that facility houses juveniles found guilty of Part 1 crimes
 (murder, armed robbery, rape, etc.)
 Since medical marijuana became legal the National High-
 way Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) studies show:

- One in five motorists killed in car crashes in 2009 tested positive for drugs
- Research indicates that marijuana is the most prevalent illegal drug detected in impaired, or fatally injured drivers, and motor vehicle crash victims
- According to a National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) an estimated 10.5 million people aged 12 or older reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs, with the rate highest among young adults aged 18 to 25

Exercising my right to free speech, I obtained and placed a
 Vote Yes on the HUNT Millage sign in my yard. After my
 letter came out my sign was stolen. I put up a second sign
 and it was also taken. Who would care enough about this
 millage question to steal two signs from my yard?

Iosco County Commissioners voted to approve funding for
 the STING undercover narcotics team in 1997, 1999, and
 2002. They did not vote to fund STING since 2002. As a
 result, arrests are up in Alcona County. HUNT made 247
 arrests in 2010 with 11 juveniles charged and 188 arrests in
 2011 including 2 juveniles. Of those cases, 23 involved
 illegal manufacturing operations of medical marijuana. In
 2011, HUNT seized \$856,670 worth of illegal drugs, a record
 in the history of the team, at 61% over the average seized for
 the past ten years. These numbers prove drug use is up in
 Northeast Michigan.

HUNT was established as a multi-governmental agency
 task force to enforce controlled substance laws. Alcona
 County Sheriff deputies work within the county and can't
 access statewide networks that monitor drug deliveries
 coming from Flint, Detroit or downstate drug centers.
 Mr. Peterson may be a good pastor, but I'd question if he'd
 welcome untrained citizens preaching a sermon in his
 church. Highly trained and specialized law enforcement is
 needed to deal with the rising number of drug problems in
 Alcona County. That's why informed law enforcement
 officers all support the HUNT millage. Citizens will pay
 approximately \$6/year per family versus one drug overdose
 that could cost the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.
 I may not have a sign out but I still strongly support voting
YES on the HUNT MILLAGE.

Linda Jo (Snyder) Klemens
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 lots of interesting stuff.

Rhetoric vs. Reality

Rhetoric: There was misinformation in the August election about sending Alcona
 County money to Alpena.

Reality: HUNT annual reports make clear that in the 1990's, Alpena spent \$3.87
 for every \$1.00 spent by Alcona County to support HUNT. Now that ratio is down
 to \$1.62 spent by Alpena for every \$1.00 spent by Alcona. Yet, over 70% of the
 investigations still take place in Alpena. And the ratio will get worse for Alcona
 because the Alpena County Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski pulled his deputy from
 HUNT over budget issues. "I hate to be selfish, but my place comes first," said
 Kieliszewski. (WATZ News - Oct. 24, 2012) So, Alcona will subsidize Alpena even
 more.

Rhetoric: Alcona County will lose HUNT services if the millage is defeated.

Reality: HUNT receives Federal and State dollars. Alpena County Prosecutor Ed
 Black who serves as chairman of the HUNT board of directors, says the team has
 an obligation to fight crime in the four counties, "with or without local funding."
 (Alpena Now - August 23, 2012) The Alcona Sheriff's Department budget for
 eleven (11) full time and various part-time officers is funded independent of any
 HUNT money, so it is unaffected.

Rhetoric: The commissioners might use some of the HUNT money to put an
 officer in the school.

Reality: Both the school and the Sheriff say the grant funded School Resource
 Officer was a success. But after the grant ran out, the commissioners didn't find
 a way to keep the program. Only after HUNT was defeated in August, and Citizens
 for Alcona First presented them with a petition calling for a Youth Outreach Officer,
 did they begin talking about it. Now they claim they can divert some HUNT officer
 time for that. If they could have, why didn't they? For one reason, HUNT officers
 are trained to bust people, not serve as educators and mentors for children. But
 the bigger reason is that it's all empty rhetoric, as revealed by Prosecutor Weichel,
 who said, "The county needs HUNT more than it needs a school officer." (Alpena
 News - Oct. 22, 2012)

Rhetoric: Advocates talk about the "silent majority of law abiding citizens" who
 support HUNT.

Reality: They don't demand that a law enforcement agency abide by state law
 and it's own by-laws, and provide an annual audit of all tax dollars used. In 22
 years, HUNT has produced one full audit. No agency is above the law. But
 apparently, HUNT thinks it is. That is why Presque Isle County Prosecutor Rick
 Steiger, who served six years on the board, said, the agency had become
 "deceptive" and "rogue." (Alpena News - Oct. 22, 2012)

Rhetoric: The only reason Alcona County doesn't have a big drug problem is
 because of HUNT. At the same time, it is claimed that Oscoda and Alpena have
 major drug problems, so all the more reason we need HUNT to protect us.

Reality: Alpena has HUNT and Oscoda has STING. If the special drug units are
 effective for us, why aren't they effective elsewhere? The reality is that there is no
 statistical evidence that HUNT provides a deterrent any more than a well
 equipped local police force. This is why Presque Isle has opted out of HUNT and
 Charlevoix recently pulled out of SANE (Straits Area Narcotics Team). Both
 counties believe the money is better spent on their local law enforcement.

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said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 12 p.m. on November 7, 2012.

Said premises are situated in the township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 31 of Hardwood Point Subdivision, being a part of Government Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 21, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, township of Alcona, county of Alcona, Michigan. Commonly known as: 5352 Mt. Maria Road.

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To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 10, 2012
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-B
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County at 10 a.m. on November 28, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan,

and are described as: Part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T25N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence south 89 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds east along the north line of said Section 327.27 feet; thence south 0 degrees 29 minutes 27 seconds east 370 feet; thence north 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds west 329.71 feet; thence north 0 degrees 6 minutes 43 seconds west along the north-south 1/4 line 370 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

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Said premises are situated in township of Mitchell, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 11, 12 and 13 and the north half (N-one-half) of Lots 3 and 10 of Block 13 of Crooked Lake Camp Site, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 65. Commonly known as 2781 Crooked Lake Road, Curran, Mich. 48728.

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600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 17, 2012
Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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the date hereof the sum of forty-six thousand one hundred twenty-nine and 50/100 dollars (\$46,129.50).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on November 7, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 28 of Lost Lake Woods, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 59 through 61 and 63, Alcona County records.

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dance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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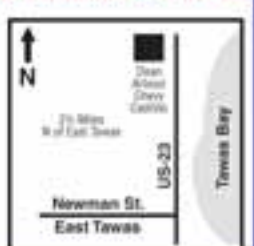


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Post office meets with community to explain changes

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A representative from the U.S. Postal Service met with residents to discuss options other than closures last week.

Linda Woods, United States Postal Service (USPS) employee of 43 years and manager of post office operations met with communities in Lincoln, Mikado and Greenbush to explain proposed hour of operation changes.

Meetings were held in each community consecutively over three hours to discuss the results of surveys sent to residents prior to the meeting. The surveys sent to the three communities asked residents to select one of four options for their post office:

- To keep the office open, but with realigned weekday window service hours based

on workload;

- Conduct a discontinuance study for the office to provide roadside mailbox delivery with retail and delivery service provided through a rural carrier;

- Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and find a suitable alternative location operated by a contractor, usually a local business;

- Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and provide post office box service via another nearby post office and relocate post office boxes to that post office.

"First of all, I want you to know that your post office is not closing," announced Woods at each meeting. The proposed changes would affect the hours of operation for the post offices. Forty-one residents of Lincoln, 46 residents of Mikado Town-

ship and 19 residents of Greenbush Township attended the meetings.

Lincoln Post Office surveyed 960 residents and had 422 surveys returned. Eighty-five percent of Lincoln's surveys received were in favor of realignment of hours of operation. The USPS is proposing the Lincoln post office change potentially to six hours of retail operating hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday with a two hour closure for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents in attendance explained to Woods the hardship of having the post office closed for two hours during lunch, when many in the community do their postal errands during those two

hours. "This is why we are meeting today," Woods said, "we want to know how the community feels and what would work best to meet their needs." A majority raised their hands in favor of opening the post office at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. and having the office closed for only an hour during lunch.

Mikado Post Office surveyed 599 residents and received 206 surveys back. Eighty-one percent were in favor of realignment of hours. Greenbush Post Office sent 840 surveys and received 335. Eighty-two percent of Greenbush residents were in favor of realignment of hours. Hours of operation proposed by USPS for both post offices would be to reduce to four hours of operation, Monday

through Friday, from noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday hours at Greenbush Post Office would not change and would remain open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. as usual.

Woods explained the realignment of hours would not take place until probably sometime during the month of January 2013. "The post office is doing their best to meet the needs of all communities," Woods said.

The USPS currently has a 15 billion dollar deficit. A one cent postage increase will also go into effect next January raising the cost of a standard letter to 46 cents. Forever postage stamps purchased prior to the increase will remain unaffected by the change.

National anti-bullying program coming to Alcona schools

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona Community Schools Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is taking a proactive approach to anti-bullying by offering their students, teachers and the community a chance to learn positive ways to stop bullying before it starts.

Rachel's Challenge, a program developed by the parents of 17-year-old Rachel Joy Scott who was the first student killed at Columbine High School in 1999, will be brought to Alcona Community Schools January 8.

Rachel Scott was a typical teenager, according to her sister, Dana's, biography on the Rachel's Challenge website. She wasn't athletically involved in school, but tended to focus on photography, arts, drama and journaling. Rachel loved being around people and always felt sympathy for people less fortunate than herself. Rachel reached out to people with social, mental or physical handicaps and learned the power of simple compliments and acts of kindness at an early age.

It was through Rachel's journals and drawings that her parents realized the legacy that Rachel left of reaching out to those who were different, picked on by others or who were new at her school. Shortly before her death Rachel wrote, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

The Scott family knew

Rachel's story of passion and conviction to someday change the world had to be told to inspire others to make their world a better place. In that effort, a program was developed to bring schools and communities together to empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

Rachel's Challenge has been implemented across the country in schools of all sizes since its inception.

Dan O'Connor, vice principal of Alcona Community Schools, is excited that the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is working to bring Rachel's Challenge to the community. "We have heard very positive feedback from other local schools (Oscoda, Tawas and Hale) who have had this program in their schools," O'Connor said.

Michele Wambold, Alcona Middle and High School PTO secretary attended the Rachel's Challenge community program in Oscoda with her son, Brett, who is in the ninth grade. "It was very moving and very effective, many of the kids who were instructed during the day came back to the evening community event," Wambold said.

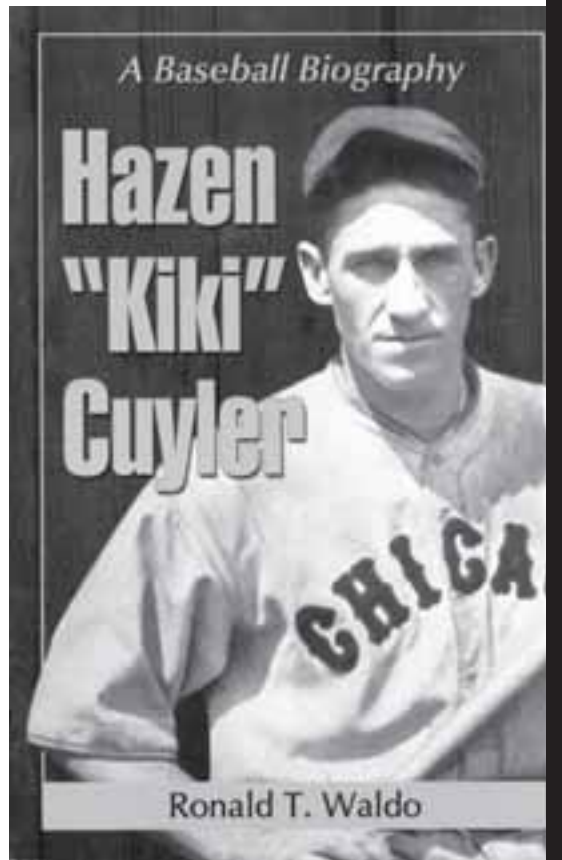
The program has an upfront one-time cost of \$5,400 to bring it to the school. The fee includes two Rachel's Challenge instructors who will spend one or two days offering presentations for elementary students and a separate presentation for middle/high school students.

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Four candidates running for Hawes Township trustee seats

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Voters have a choice of four candidates — two Republicans and two Democrats — two trustee positions on the Hawes Township Board in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Mike Dudler (D) was born in Detroit, Mich. and raised in the Royal Oak, Mich. area. He graduated from Dondero High School in 1965 and worked in the parts department of car dealerships for much of the time he lived downstate.

He's been coming to Hawes Township during the summer "most of my life" and permanently moved to the same property in 1983. Dudler worked for the Lincoln Senior Center doing custodial and maintenance work for about five years before he retired. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Lincoln and the Barton City Eagles.

He decided to run for the trustee position, which he'd been considering for a while, because he wanted to get involved in politics. If Dudler is elected he plans to take on issues as they come up.

"I'm dedicated to serving the interests of all people in the township," Dudler said. "It's been a pleasure meeting my neighbors and the people of the township during my campaign."

Incumbent **Al LaBrecque** (D) was born in Flint, Mich. and was raised there and in Hawes Township. He graduated from Flint St. Mary's High School in 1955. Following high school, he worked for Buick Motors before spending two years in the U.S. Army.

After a short employment with A.C. Spark Plug, LaBrecque began working for the U.S. Postal Service in January 1959. Thirty-three years later, in May 1992, he retired. During much of his career with the postal service he served as the local union officer and retired as president.

LaBrecque coached high school football for 28 years at Flint Holy Rosary High School and was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991.

In September 1993 he and his wife, Michelle, moved to Hawes Township permanently. They have seven children and eight grandchildren. He is a past president of the Hubbard Lake Sportsmen and Improvement Association. He serves as the state retiree president for the Michigan Postal Workers Union. He is a member of the Thunder Bay Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees and serves as a legislative liaison.

After LaBrecque moved to the area he served on the township board of review for 12 years and has served on the planning commission for eight years. This involvement piqued his interest in township government. He has been a township trustee for four years.

He decided to run for re-election because, "my involvement over the years has given me pretty good insight and, I really enjoy it," LaBrecque said. "I think contested (positions) are good government. It gives people a choice."

"We've done a good job with roads and our septic ordinance seems to be working," he said. "I appreciate that we aren't a rubber stamp board. Political affiliation doesn't get in the way, we work well together. Although, that doesn't mean that we always agree."

If LaBrecque is re-elected, "I'll keep plugging along with what we have been doing and plan to keep our township government strong. I appreciate the approval of the road millage," LaBrecque said.

Incumbent **Richard Rozanek** (R) was born and raised in Hawes Township. He attended Alcona High School until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1957 for two years. While stationed in Germany he served four months in Beirut, Lebanon.

He spent several years in the Lansing, Mich. area working in the residential construction field before returning to Hawes Township in 1974. He was a partner with Sharboneau and Sons for 20 years before retiring in the



mid-1990s. He and his wife, Mona Faye, have several children.

Rozanek became a township trustee in 1994 and has served in that capacity since. He has been on several boards and committees during his time on the township board. He is on the zoning board of appeals and the board of review. He has been on the road committee for the last 10 years. Rozanek is a member of the Barton City VFW Post No. 8135 and has been the senior vice for the last 22 years.

He decided to run for re-election because, "I'd like to keep the township going like it has been. It's in good shape — the roads are in good shape," Rozanek said. "We've been lucky to have road millages and that's what you need. I'd like to keep the finances in good order, keep improving the roads and keep it transparent. It's pretty open and all people have to do to find out what's going on is come to the meetings. I've been here for quite a while and I'd like to keep doing what I've been doing."

Patrick T. Smylie (R) was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. He graduated from Denby High School in 1965. He attended the Detroit College of Business for one year and was drafted into the U.S. Army and served for two years.

After his service Smylie went to work for Michigan Bell Telephone where he was employed for 31 years. During that time, he was a union steward for 28 years, a chief steward for 10 years and spent six years as a grievance committeeman.

Smylie started coming to Alcona County with his family in 1950, spending vacations and summers on Hubbard Lake while he was growing up. He and his wife, Judy, have been residents of Hawes Township since July 2010. They have one son and two grandchildren.

He is a member of the American Legion Post 254 in Mikado and of the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141. Smylie was just recently appointed to the Alcona County Veterans Affairs Committee.

If he is elected as a trustee to the board, Smylie said he plans to look into the township's ordinances and planning commission and zoning board of appeals to ensure they are treating everyone with honesty and fairness.

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Teresa Hart, Activities Committee Chairman
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Three candidates running for Caledonia Township trustee seats

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Three candidates are running for two trustee positions on the Caledonia Township Board in the November 6 general election.

Henry Freigruber (NPA) was raised in Detroit, Mich. and graduated from Danby High School in 1954. Following graduation, he received a bachelor's of science degree in industrial management with a major in accounting from Lawrence Institute of Technology. He spent six years in the U.S. Air Force reserves working in the personnel and technology area.

He worked at Martin Place Hospital in Madison Heights, Mich. as a programmer and was a part-time instructor at Lawrence Technological Institute. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. He held various positions as an instructor and in technical support at Oakland Community College for 33 years.

Freigruber retired from Oakland Community College in 1998 and moved to Hubbard Lake. He and his wife, Patricia, had been visiting Greenbush for years prior and had become familiar with the area. They have five children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

From 2000 to 2011 he was a member and past chairperson of the township planning commission. Freigruber is a member and treasurer of the Hubbard Lake Community Center. He is a member of the Hubbard Lake Sportsmen and Improvement Association and was the editor of the newsletter for six years. He is a member of the Hubbard Lake Citizens Watch and is a base operator one night a week. He also served as the chairman of the zoning board of appeals for a couple of years.

Freigruber decided to run for the trustee position because, "I would like to protect property owner's rights. The current administration is working on zoning ordinances that take away property owner's rights. We are a small township and I don't think we need all the regulations that we have."

"If I'm elected I would like to see less zoning and keep the tax rate of property owners down - if possible. Vote for me if you want property rights protected by having less zoning - I will work for this even though I'd be one member on a five person board," Freigruber said.

Kenneth Hubbard (R) was raised in northern Illinois. He graduated from Grays Lake Community High School in 1964. He worked for the Department of the Navy as a computer operator for two years following graduation. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, serving two years in computer repair and operations.

Hubbard received a bachelor's degree in management and organization de-

velopment from Spring Arbor University in Jackson, Mich. After six years working as a computer operator and three more years with All State Insurance in the IT department, he and his wife, Maryann, and their daughter moved to Alcona County in 1978 to make a lifestyle change.

In 1982 Hubbard was hired by Alpena Community College as an instructor in network computer administration. He retired in 2007, but then worked another year with ACC in 2008.

Hubbard is a board member of the Alcona Historical Society and a member of the Alcona County Veteran's Affairs Committee. He is also on the Alcona Team of the US-23 Heritage Route, is a member of the Hubbard lake North End Park committee and sits on the Caledonia Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

"I became interested in township politics in 2000 and started going to planning commission meetings," Hubbard said. "Then I decided to (attend) township meetings because I got interested. I realized this is where all decisions are made in regard to ordinances and much of the decisions are made in regard to taxes. I thought about (running) in 2008 and decided to go for it this year - with some encouragement."

If he is elected, Hubbard said he doesn't have specific goals or issues that he wanted to address, "except to be the gatekeeper or devil's advocate in regard to where tax dollars go. I want to make sure it is spent wisely. I would come to township meetings with fresh ideas and an open mind. I don't have any pre-conceived ideas about anything. I'm fair, impartial and committed."

"I look forward to working with township officials and with the people of Caledonia Township. I have the interests of Caledonia Township residents at heart and hope to do well by them," Hubbard said.

Incumbent **Brad (Jack) Scott** (R) was raised in Troy, Mich. and graduated from Troy High School in 1976. After graduation he worked at his father's auto body shop for several years. When Scott was 21 he decided to go into radio broadcasting. This career choice served him well until he "walked away from full time radio broadcasting 10 years ago" to do full time voice over work for radio and television commercials. His company is Jack Scott Voice Productions in Spruce.

Scott came to northeastern Michigan after he met his wife, Kerry, who was from the area. They moved to Spruce, with their four boys, in 2000. He was involved with Little League activities while raising their children.

Scott has been a township trustee for the last four years and is a member of the Hubbard Lake North End Park committee.

He decided to run for re-election because he wanted



to continue working on the board. "I've enjoyed what we've accomplished," Scott said. "I've met a lot of residents and have enjoyed working with them (As a board) we deal with a host of things, but I've stayed focused on improvements to the township hall building and road improvements. I've helped develop and manage the website for the township so residents can stay connected with the township."

As a member of the township planning commission, Scott hopes to continue working on several ongoing projects including ordinance reviews and changes. He would like to continue to make improvements on the park and hall. He is working to acquire grant money to give the hall a facelift. "It's an old building that needs attention...I enjoy things like this and I think I have a good eye for it," Scott said.

"I am proud of my suggestion of a salary freeze for board members for each and every year I've been on the board. Times are tough... it's not a great amount of money, but I don't think people want to hear about politicians voting themselves an increase when people are struggling economically," Scott said.

Scott is also proud of his attendance record. "I think I have a pretty close to perfect record on the two committees I'm a member of. When you are accountable, people need to know you are there. I don't think anything like this should be taken for granted. If you are going to do it, do it. Be involved," Scott said.

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Three candidates running for Haynes Township trustee seats

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Three candidates are running for two trustee positions on the Haynes Township Board.

Incumbent **Louis Campbell** (R) was born and raised in Harrisville. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1973. Following high school he worked as a laundry equipment repairman in Indianapolis, Ind. for a while until he returned to his family's dairy farm and went into partnership with his brother and father. After 23 years, they sold the business in 1997. He worked for other dairy farmers in the area until he was hired by the City of Harrisville in 2001. He was the sextant for Mt. Joy Cemetery for several years.

Campbell works in the maintenance department for the city and assists his wife, Ginger, with her business, Harrisville Lumber. Together they support local Boy Scout troops.

He decided to run for reelection because, "I think we have a nice community in Haynes Township and I want to preserve it," Campbell said. "We have some of the best roads in Alcona County, not because it just happened. We put a maintenance program in place years ago. I think Haynes Township is progressive in that way. We have to look forward to the future... We aren't going to do it all in one year - it takes a long time commitment."

If he is re-elected, Campbell said he will continue considering how things "affect the entire township, not just one person. I will work day to day to do the best for Haynes Township," Campbell said. "I think with the current board there is a consensus to work for what is best for the entire community."

Campbell is appreciative for the support he's had from residents in the past. "I think everyone knows me. They know I have an opinion and I hope they know it's as a whole for the township," he said. Campbell is looking to help bring "more community minded things to (the area) to get more people to come to our area...we need to make

the area more appealing for people to come and not just depend on the typical standbys like the state park. We have to reinvent ourselves, work together to promote the area and show that we have something here."

David Green (NPA) was born and raised in Harrisville and graduated from Alcona High School in 1970. Following high school, he attended Central Michigan University for several years until transferring to Western Michigan University (WMU) in Kalamazoo, Mich. In 1977 he graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education from WMU.

Since teaching positions were scarce at that time, he worked for various heating and cooling contractors and building contractors in the Kalamazoo, Mich. area. In 1984 he became licensed in heating and cooling and as a general contractor and started his own business - Greencastle Heating and Cooling.

In 2005 he moved back to Alcona County. "I got tired of green arrows and stop lights," he said. Green and his wife, Theresa, live in Harrisville. He has one grown daughter, and they have two daughters that live at home. He is semi-retired and still enjoys running his company. "There is always something new and challenging," Green said. "The variety of different people that I've encountered over the years has been in the thousands. I love it. I love people."

Green is involved with the Human Race Community Project, "a think tank" out of Alpena. He is a former member and choir director of the Harrisville Methodist Church. In his spare time he enjoys creating kinetic art and playing keyboard. He also spends several hours a night on researching world issues and finding correlations with local issues.

"I'm nonpartisan," Green said. "I try to take a bird's eye view on things. I am a firm believer in a synergistic cooperative movement. I believe in this concept for the community so that we can take care of ourselves. I know that things are going to fall apart in the future... that's the way it is going... I used to believe in the trickle down affect and that was the only way things developed. But I have come to find the trickle up affect applies as well."

"This is where I feel my participation in local government is important. I want to involve myself and have a chance locally to make a difference," Green said. "Liberty is very important to me. I feel people deserve the same type of respect I've given my customers over the years. If there is a serious problem, I take care of it right away. Integrity means a lot to me and I decided to get involved because I felt I could make a difference."

If he is elected to the trustee position, Green said, "I would like to welcome more open



participation from township residents for their opinion and feedback on what they'd like to see as far as representation of their best interests and concerns. I care about people in the township and in the county. I have the desire to give the best of my abilities to the wonderful people of this county."

Incumbent **Jim Quick** (R) was born and raised in Haynes Township and graduated from Alcona High School in 1975. Following high school he began working for the Alcona County Road Commission, where he has worked for the last 33 years. He has been a district foreman for the last eight years.

He and his wife, Kim, have two grown children and he farms part-time. Quick served for two years as an Alcona County Road Commissioner and was a member of the county parks and recreation committee, which develops and maintains snowmobile trails, for 25 years. He still volunteers when there is a need.

Quick is in his fourth term as a Haynes Township trustee and decided to run for reelection because, "I've done it so long it's first nature. I want to keep making improvements in the township," he said. "My goal is to maintain and keep the township in decent shape in this economy. The board is going really well. I want to continue making road improvements."

"I'm really proud of the 10 year road program that was put in place and realized this year - Shaw Road has hard surfaces from US-23 to McGregor Road this year. Haynes Township is one of the leaders in the county in regard to road improvements. We've been working on this for a long time - with the help of the residents' support with the road millage," Quick said. "The people of the township recognize this and support it. We have a long-term program. It's tough in today's economy. It's something that has worked - we are trying to make improvements all over the township."

Quick said if he is re-elected his goal "is to maintain and keep the township in decent shape in this economy. I think the board gets along really well. We are a team. It's been a good experience. I'm proud of the accomplishments of the township. I'm proud of how we do business with our people. I hope to adapt with progress as it comes," Quick said.

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Three candidates running for Oscoda School Board position

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Residents living in the Oscoda Area School District will have a choice of voting for two of the three candidates running for the Oscoda Area School Board in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Edward Davis was born in Detroit, Mich., and grew up in the suburbs of the Detroit area. He is a decorated veteran, who served in a heavy artillery unit in the central highlands of Vietnam and has received a bronze star. He attended Central Michigan University where he attained two degrees, a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in art.

Davis taught American government and American history in Farmington Public Schools for 32 years from 1969 to 2002. His wife, Susan, was also a teacher. The couple moved to Oscoda after retirement in 2003. They have two sons and one grandchild who just started kindergarten in Oakland County.

Davis serves on the Oscoda Township Planning Commission, is president of the Friends of the Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda and is the secretary of Riverbend Point Homeowners Association. He is an elder at the Tawas Area Presbyterian Church and is chairman of the education committee.

"I've always valued education. It was the reason I went into teaching and stayed in teaching. I thought about going into law, but the longer I taught the more I valued educating. My wife was a teacher and our youngest son is also a teacher," Davis said explaining his reasons to run for the board.

"There are several priorities that I would like to address if elected. The top three would be that the curriculum is truly comprehensive. We have to prepare our young people for careers as well as college. We have to do whatever we can for students who have different goals. One goal does not fit all. We need to be very cognizant of the social economic realities of the area and the aspect that 70 percent of students in the Oscoda school system qualify for free or reduced lunches. Our

economy is continuing to evolve and we have to be supportive and proactive. The board has to make sure we are using tax dollars wisely," Davis said.

Charles Steffes was born in Detroit, Mich. He was raised and spent the majority of his life in Livonia, Mich. Steffes was a scholarship recipient from the Boys Club of America and attended Wayne State University. As part of his scholarship agreement, Steffes worked a minimum of 10 hours a week while attending Wayne State for the Boys and Girls Club. He graduated from Wayne State in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in education.

After graduation he served 35 years as a licensed social worker and professional youth worker for the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan. Steffes also spent 10 years as an educator for the Livonia Public Schools. He served as an athletic administrator and an assistant principal with double duty as an alternative high school administrative leader. He became a high school administrator in 2000. He retired in 2008 and he and his wife, Suzanne, moved to Oscoda. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Steffes has served on the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education since last July when he was chosen to fill a vacancy on an interim basis. He has been involved with the Oscoda Area Schools District Improvement Team since 2009 and serves as a mentor for the Oscoda area schools. He is the board president of the Lakewood Shores Property Association. "I'm also a proud member of the Oscoda Lions Club," Steffes said. He and his wife are part of the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Oscoda and are very active with Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda.

"I feel I have cultivated strength through 45 years of professional youth work experience. I bring to the table a little different experience working with urban communities that could be helpful in shaping the direction here in the Oscoda community. I've been blessed with decent



health so I feel I can serve well and feel honored to have the opportunity to do so.

"Public education in Michigan is challenged in many different ways, financially and in terms of annual progress and graduation rates, some have greater need than others. I think the current Oscoda superintendent, in conjunction with the board of administrators, has contributed greatly to a positive culture which totally benefits student learning. I want to be able to contribute to the team approach of moving Oscoda schools forward and meeting the challenge of learning," Steffes said.

Ken Kahila was born in Mt. Clemens, Mich., but moved to the Oscoda area at a very young age. He is a graduate of Oscoda High School and resides in Oscoda. He has taken some college courses and works for the Department of Public Works in Oscoda Township. In addition to working for the township, Kahila has volunteered as a coach for AYSO soccer for five years and coaches Little League softball. "I've had a lot of experience working with the kids," Kahila said. "I wanted to run for the position of school board because I want to get more involved in the system. I hear a lot of complaints about Oscoda schools and want to get involved to make positive changes. I have a daughter who is 10 and in the sixth grade in Oscoda schools. I feel it is important to make a difference for all the kids that attend school here," Kahila said.

"I feel our schools have turned around and I would like to work with the superintendent and current board members to make them the best they can be. As alumni of the school, I'm proud of work being accomplished and want to help continue that momentum," Kahila said.

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Oscoda schools and intermediate school district seek millage support

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Ballots in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6 will have two millage proposals for voters in the Oscoda School District and the Iosco Regional Education Service agency area.

Oscoda Area School millage is seeking a renewal of an existing millage which was first approved in 1994. This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residences (homesteaded property would not be taxed) and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews a millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

The proposal ballot verbiage asks voters to decide if the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.1731 mills (\$19.1731 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona counties be renewed for a period of 19 years, 2014 to 2032, inclusive to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect

if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$5,924,757 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy and will only be levied to the extent necessary for the district to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance).

The millage must be levied in order for the school district to receive its full per pupil state school aid foundation allowance. The state's portion of that foundation allowance assumes the district levies its full local operating millage, and if that millage is not fully levied the state does not make up that difference and the district loses that revenue. Approval of the millage will allow the district to receive the state-established per-pupil foundation allowance to operate the educational programming of the school district.

Scott Moore, superintendent of Oscoda Area Schools said, "The simplest way to explain this proposal is, based on Proposal A from 1994 this millage is necessary every 19 years for all districts to pass and should be a foregone conclusion in all communities across the state to be approved. Without voter approval, the children of the district would not be able to receive education from their local educational agency as Lansing would not reimburse us the equivalent of \$6 million dollars or 69 teachers as a frame of reference. This millage is not an increase and only taxes those with more than one home or a business. We are simply asking for the funding per-pupil that is guaranteed through the state, assuming the millage is approved."

Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency (Iosco RESA) Area Career and Technical Education Proposal is asking voters of Iosco RESA to come under sections 681 to 690 of the Revised School



Code, as amended, and establish a career and technical education program, which is designed to encourage the operation of area career and technical education programs, if the annual property tax levied for this purpose is limited to .65 mill (\$0.65 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of 10 years, 2013 to 2022, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$993,000 from local property taxes authorized.

The Iosco RESA Career and Technical Education Millage information brochure states that the millage will provide a stable funding source for career and technical education programs at Iosco RESA that the students of Hale Area Schools, Oscoda Area Schools, Tawas Area Schools and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools utilize. The current programs are: Automotive Technology, Food/Tourism and Hospitality Management, Health Science/EMS, Health Science/Nursing, Multimedia Productions, and Power Mechanics.

The students in these programs obtain skills necessary for entry level positions and begin more advanced training. Students may receive college credit for completed training in career and technical education programs at several community colleges in the state.

Currently, the four local school districts provide a tuition payment of \$2,780 per student per year to send students to the Iosco RESA Career and Technical Education programs. The millage is in the amount of 0.65 mills for a period of 10 years (2013-2022) and will alleviate the cost of tuition paid by the school districts. The millage was previously defeated in May for .85 mills which would have included a vocational college program.


"The only thing that I would like to add is that this proposal does not include the college credit support that the previous proposal had. Last time we asked for .85 mills because of the vocational college program we were trying to start. This time it has been reduced to .65 mills to support the vocational programs that are currently in place," said Dana McGrew, superintendent of Iosco Regional Education Service Agency.

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In addition, teachers will have a training session. Parents are welcome to attend the student program if they wish. A community event will be held in the evening and will be open to the public.

After presentation at the middle and high school, 100 students will be invited for additional training to continue the Rachel's Challenge program after the instructors leave. "This is something where students who have received extra instruction will be able to continue to educate and help other students," Wambold said. "These students will be left with a lot of information on how to react and what to do if a bullying incident arises and how to diffuse situations before they escalate. My son and I only attended the community event in Oscoda, but he was so moved he stated he wanted to be one of the 100 students to receive extra instruction and carry Rachel's Challenge forward."

"There are no major problems of bullying at the Alcona Schools that we know of," Wambold said, "but we are aware of other schools that have had recent bullying incidents. This is more of a preventative measure. After seeing the program, I truly believe if a program like this had been in place prior to Columbine, the tragedy there would have never happened."

Steve Kennedy, principal of the Oscoda High School said, "The Rachel's Challenge program has made a huge impact on the students and educators of our school. The Challenge goes way beyond anti-bullying issues. Five challenges are incorporated into the program including looking for the best in others, dreaming big, choosing positive influences, speaking with kindness and starting your own chain reaction."

Tawas had Rachel's Challenge in their schools on a Tuesday and the next day it was brought to Oscoda schools. That very Friday a football game between the two schools took place. "Normally there is quite a bit of rivalry going on between the two schools, but after attending Rachel's Challenge the kids themselves came up with the idea to circle the football field together (as one) holding hands. It was very impacting

to see the two rival schools come together like that," Kennedy said.

"The teachers have been very fired up about the program as well. After the program was given to the school, we had over 150 students want to sign up for further instruction to guide other students. We had to have 15 mentors to help 150 students and three quarters of my staff wanted to volunteer to be mentors," Kennedy said.

O'Connor stated, "I believe Alcona is different than many schools and our students are top-notch. Rachel's Challenge is much more than a bullying presentation. It is a way for us to help build on top of what is a solid foundation of character displayed by our students."

"We are very lucky the Elementary and Middle School/High School PTO organizations are helping to find funding for this program. Michelle Wambold has volunteered many hours working to secure the program through Rachel's Challenge and has mailed out letters requesting contributions from local businesses to help fund the program," O'Connor said.

"The Middle School and High School PTO are donating \$1,000 to the project. The Elementary PTO will also be donating to it. Additional donations are needed in any amount," Wambold said. "We have only just started by sending requests to businesses, but we are hoping to reach out to everyone in the community. Bullying extends to the entire community."

O'Connor stated, "Our job as a school is to educate students academically, but also to help them develop, with their parents and community, into the type of people that will lead our society in a positive manner. Rachel's Challenge is another way for us to help make students consider how they act and the ways they treat people so the world is a better place," O'Connor said.

Donations can be made payable to the Alcona High PTO and mailed to Alcona Middle and High School PTO, Attention: Michele Wambold, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. For further information, contact Michele Wambold at (989) 464-8322.

A look at bullying

According to Scholastic.com bullying behavior is prevalent throughout the world and cuts across socioeconomic, racial/ethnic and cultural lines. Researchers estimate that 20 to 30 percent of school-age children are involved in bullying incidents, as either perpetrators or victims. Bullying can begin as early as preschool and intensify during transitional stages, such as starting school in first grade or going into middle school.


Victims of bullying are often shy and tend to be physically weaker than their peers. They may also have low self-esteem and poor social skills which may make it hard for them to stand up for themselves. Bullies consider these children safe targets because they usually don't retaliate.

Words can cause pain. Teasing becomes bullying when it is repetitive or when there is a conscious intent to hurt.

The Internet has taken bullying to a new form. Bullies no longer have to face their victims; they can make their threats and rumor spreading via Facebook and other social media sites without looking into the eyes of those they are hurting.

Scholastic.com lists warning signs of stress that a child may be a victim of teasing or bullying may include:

- Increased passivity or withdrawal
- Frequent crying
- Recurrent complaints of physical symptoms such as stomach aches or headaches with no apparent cause
- Unexplained bruises
- Sudden drop in grades or other learning problems
- Not wanting to go to school
- Significant changes in social life — suddenly no one is calling or extending invitations
- Sudden change in the way a child talks — calling herself a loser, or a former friend a jerk.




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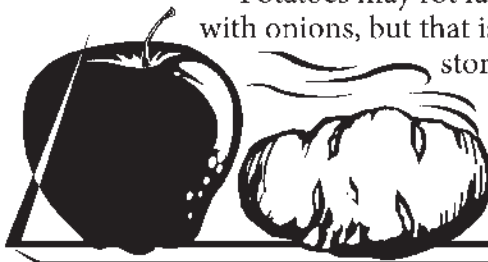
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Volleyball team brings home third place in conference tourney

By Hope Smith
Volleyball Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team placed third in the Huron Shores Conference Tournament on October 24.

Alcona played host to teams from Oscoda, Whittemore-Prescott and Tawas.

During the tournaments each team played best two out of three matches. First two matches played to 25 points, rally score, win by two. Third match played to

15 points to determine overall winner of the game.

Alcona went up against Oscoda in the first game leading the game offensively to 21 points. Tiger Karina Cole served up three straight points, two of which were aces, followed by Tori Keerl with four aces of her own. The Owls fought back hard finding Alcona's open middle to score the last two crucial points to steal the win 26-24.

The second match found a

determined Alcona team ready for a comeback. The Tigers came out with precise serves and powerful kills to drive them in the right direction. Sophomore Kalie Zerbst went on a four-point run for Alcona tying the score at 21 points. Alcona beat the Owls 25-22. However, Oscoda gained an early lead in the third match as Alcona struggled to slow them down. The Owls won the match 15-10.

Alcona battled Whittemore-Prescott in the second tournament game. In the first match senior Nikki Smith went on a six point serving streak for the Tigers to secure the 25-17 win. Sophomore Katelyn Nelson started the second match off with the first six points followed by four points from Cole. Alcona won both matches against Whittemore-Prescott 25-17 and 25-20.

The last game of the evening was against Tawas and it proved to be the toughest game of the night. Both

teams battled back and forth determined to bring home the win. Tawas was able to secure the first match win 25-18 but Alcona pulled things together to win the second match 25-17. The third match also went to Tawas 15-7. "The girls played some of their most consistent ball; they are working hard to prepare for the district tournament," coach Kristi Arnold.

Cole led the Tigers in the HSC tournament with six aces, 13 kills and five blocks. Carly Mitchell had five blocks. Zerbst had 14 digs and Nikki Smith had 29 assists.

On October 23 the Tigers traveled to Johannesburg-Lewiston to compete in a tri-tournament competing against teams from Johannesburg-Lewiston and Suttons Bay.

Alcona started the night out slow against Suttons Bay having difficulty adjusting to their offense. Consequently, Suttons Bay was able to take the early lead and never slowed down beating the Ti-

gers 25-12. During the second match the Tigers come to life with consistent serves and by attacking the net. Alcona went on to win the next two matches 25-22 and 15-8.

The final match up for Alcona was against Johannesburg-Lewiston. Alcona not knowing what to expect from the Johannesburg-Lewiston team found themselves in an early deficit struggling to return the ball and keeping it in bounds. Alcona was unable to deter Johannesburg-Lewiston hitters or find any kind of serving rhythm. Jo-Burg beat Alcona in two matches 25-16 and 25-17. Smith had five aces and 17 assists. Cole had six kills and one block. Mitchell had one block and seven digs and Tori Keerl had one block.

Alcona will play host to the district tournament starting Monday, Oct. 29. On Thursday, Nov. 1 Alcona will match up against Oscoda. If the Tigers are successful on Thursday they will play Friday, Nov. 2 for the district championship.

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- HUNT raids Bay Medical Collective as part of an ongoing criminal enterprise.
- Taylor man sentenced to seven years through efforts of the MSP, FBI violent gang task force and HUNT.
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- Nigerian man jailed in U.S. for firearms and drug offenses.
- HUNT shakedown leads to nine arrests.
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- Man posed as dead brother to get methadone. HUNT makes arrest.
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Alcona's Cody Franklin (8) setting up for a pass against Ishpeming in the district game Friday. Tiger Nathan Fettes made a 45-yard touch down in the second half and Eric Hampton made a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers were unable to keep Ishpeming from the win. The final score was 40-12. Photo by Pat Brussel.

Tigers lose to Hart in regional semifinals

By Jared Steiner
Soccer Writer

After a successful season, the Alcona varsity soccer team saw it come to an end in regional semifinal action with a 4-1 defeat to the Hart Pirates on October 23.

Hart scored early in the game in a goal that ricocheted off of a Tiger defender and past goalkeeper Aaron Ritchie. Alcona answered back when Jared Steiner weaved his way through sev-

eral defenders and put his shot past the Pirate goalie to tie the score 1-1.

Hart broke through again to take a 2-1 lead into half-time but the Tigers were pleased with their play and knew it would be an up-hill battle to defeat their opponents.

Midway through the second half, Hart scored again to give themselves a 3-1 cushion. The Tigers offense became stagnant as Hart's de-

fense played well all game. With five minutes to go the Pirates were awarded a penalty kick which they converted to seal the game 4-1.

Alcona's seniors Aaron Ritchie, Jared Steiner, Jordan McCoy, and Andy Cammack were a large part of the accomplishments the Tigers achieved this season. Next year's team will return most of its starters as Alcona looks to defend its district crown.



Alcona seniors Jared Steiner (14), Jordan McCoy (21) and Aaron Ritchie (goalie) in action against Hart. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

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Bowling

He's & She's October 19

Family Affair	81	39
Bowler Up	70	50
Joeys & Sheila	62	58
Expandables	59	61
Wild Ones	55	65
Gamblers	53	67
Chix & a Stud	52.5	67.5
Part Timers	47.5	72.5
Men's high game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 236 and 645.		
Men's high handicap game: Jimmy Armstrong, 236.		
Men's high handicap series: Kim Lee, 682.		

Women's high game: Dava Abend, 199.

Women's high series: Flora Yingling, 506.

Women's high handicap game and series: Carmie Lee, 280 and 737.

Huron October 23

Shotmakers	21	158.5
Carpet One	26	130
Rob's Repair	27	122
B & D Sales	9	118.5
Back Alley	18	112
Harrisville Lbr.	4	108.5
Gary Oil	12	105.5
Mancino's	3	105
High game: Rob Minch, 288.		
High series: Ray Medore, 771.		
High handicap game and series: Rob Minch, 356 and 866.		

Pool League

Alcona Women's October 25

Glennie Tavern	22
Mikado Legion	22
Mikado Tavern	14
Mikado Also	14

Wednesday Nite Women's October 24

Cole's Appl.	150.5	89.5
Back Alley	145	95
Lincoln Prec.	143	97
Ark Plumb.	122	118
Alcona Abstr.	118	122
Alcona Tool	97.5	142.5
Stoney Acres	94.5	145.5
JB's Auto	89.5	150.5
High game: Sue Weichel, 194.		
High series: Patty Cook, 506.		
High handicap game: Jean Clemens, 239.		
High handicap series: Sandy Frappier, 636.		

Early Bloomers October 23

Violets	138.5	53.5
Buttercups	108.5	83.5
Mums	99.5	92.5
Marigolds	98	94
Tigerlilys	91.5	100.5
Daffodils	90.5	101.5
Bluebells	86.5	105.5
Rosebuds	55	137
High game and series: Becky Kwilinski, 190 and 463.		
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 468 and 1,318.		

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By Kathryn Fritz Kniep

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For those of us whose doors face north
Autumn is a time of gathering,
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Sell the last of the maple syrup
To the last of the leaf peepers,
Get a 20-pound bag of flour
Half a dozen paperbacks,
Creamed corn at the grocery
canned goods sale.

Stir up a batch of jam, freeze
a row of squash
Braid the garlic and press carrots
into the sand of the cellar
Sauce some apples, dry the remaining
Parsley and thyme.

Stack a cord of wood near the kitchen door
Cast on a new pattern, knits
and pearls to warm
Your legs as you work it.

Some of us hunt deer,
Others only the best price on
Multipacks of toilet paper
Locate the scraper, store the rake
Pull out the snow shovel, stand it
Ready, just inside the front door.

Change the tires, put on the storms
Top off the propane, bunch leaves up
Around the base of perennials,
Begin to save the newspapers again.

Make another six jars of
pickled beets before you
Transform, through kitchen magic,
The canning kettle back into the soup pot.
Conserve, put up, in every way you can
The warmth and light of Indian summer
As a hedge against post-Christmas gray.

Work hard, stain and ruin your hands,
Remember to tuck an extra pair of mittens
Into the glove compartment.

And oh! - When those things are done,
Prepare a list, handwritten is best,
Of all the reasons you love one another

Which may come handy in February.
To those of us whose doors face north.



The Alcona eighth grade basketball team recently ended its season with a record of 11-1, just two points short of a perfect season. The girls had a perfect 6-0 record in the Huron Shores Conference (HSC), earning a second HSC title to go with the one earned in 2011 as seventh-graders. This team ends its junior high career with a combined seventh and eighth grade record of 21-3, outscoring their opponents this season alone by 176 points. (Front row, from left) Brooke Schultz, Brittany Decker, Devanie Brilinski, Kendra LaFave, Jordan Joyce, Rachel Warner, Keilee Elmer, Madison Lane, Dominique Heilig, (back row) Coach Mark Fledhiser. Not pictured: Managers Claire and Madeline Feldhiser. *Courtesy photo.*

**Alcona County Sheriff's Report
For the Week of October 22-28, 2012**

74 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 3 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Bond Violation; 1 Operating While Intoxicated.

Complaint Statistic

Car-Deer Accident	4	Property Damage Accident	2
Message/Well Being Check	3	Miscellaneous	8
Agency Assist	1	Dog/Animal	10
Traffic	7	Mal. Destruction of Property	1
Alarm	3	Domestic	2
Vehicle Identification Inspection	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2
Patrol Check	2	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Warrant Arrest	1	Neighbor Trouble	1
Breaking and Entering	6	Open Door	1
Medical	2	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assault & Battery	2	Larceny	3
Suicidal Subject	1	Animal Neglect/Cruelty	1
Fire	2	Juvenile	1
Suspicious Events	3	Bond Violation	1
Personal Protectin Order Vio.	1		

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Millen	2	Mitchell	0		
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The Alcona Packers secured a perfect season and came away with the Super Bowl title over Onaway last weekend with a score of 12-0. The Packers, a seventh and eighth grade team, went 7-0 for the 2012 season and played a challenging game that was decided in the final minutes. Leading 6-0 with less than four minutes left in the game Brock Franklin ran for over 50 yards to score a touchdown sealing the win. *Photo by Pat Brussel.*

Organization Notes

East Shore Art Guild

The general meeting of the East Shore Art Guild started at 1:05 p.m. Secretary Rose Blaszak was not present. Minutes from the last meeting were read by president Bernie Blaszak and she made one correction -- under advertising report: "The children's artwork" was displayed at the Summer Impromptu VI and the Alcona County Fair. The wine and food festival was removed. Treasurer Judy St. John was not present. The treasurer's report was given by Bernie Blaszak.

New business: Pictures at the Ossineke Clinic per Mary Alice Comar's e-mail can be changed October 24 from noon - 1 p.m. Marilyn Koenigbauer, membership

chairman, gave a report and stated to date we have 21 members signed up for the 2012-2013 year. Members were sent a letter to renew membership. Marilyn suggested that she would also send letters to the Dragonfly Art Gallery members to see if they would like to join ESAG.

Christmas in the Village is December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Maria Hall on US-23. Small pictures, cards, handmade Christmas items or all year 'round items can be displayed. Notify Bernie Blaszak at (989) 724-6347 if interested in having your items displayed.

Christmas dinner was voted on for Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. either at The Old

Place Inn, Backwoods Bistro or Wiltse's Restaurant. As of now there are 12 people signed up, if you are interested call Bernie at (989) 724-6347. Spouses are welcome to come.

The 2013 calendar was discussed. Members asked to have Sharon Griffis Tarr classes added to the 2013 calendar for the first week in June. The topic could be "Simplifying a Complex Subject for Strength." Also, a class with Helen Kleczynski, who was a teacher at the Alcona retreat, was discussed for late June or August. These items will be followed up later into the new year.

Saturday, Oct. 20 Jack Thompson is having a reception at the Dragonfly Art Gal-

lery. He is the artist of the month. Betty, from the Tawas Bay Art Gallery is having a potluck and RAKU firing and campfire on Friday, Oct. 19.

There will be a A Taste of Art fair on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$45 -- Shelton Fund for the Arts -- at Wiltse's Cabernet Room. For reservations and more information, call Sharon Ostrander in Oscoda at (989) 739-7060.

There was an open discussion on having workshops in the winter months when we do not have a meeting. We

will follow up on this at the next meeting. The next meeting is February 12, 2013. Please mark your calendars and don't forget to check our website for an update and information at East Shore Art Guild.org or esagg.org.

Marilyn Koenigbauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Sargent seconded the motion. The ESAG has been asked to save box tops for free stuff for the Alcona Elementary School. They can be dropped off at the EMS Building on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and given to Bernie Blaszak.

Alcona FFA Chapter

On October 8, 10 Alcona FFA members participated in the 2012 Region VI Decathlon Contest, at the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. Three of Alcona FFA members -- Nicole Pawloski, Andy Cammack and Joe French placed first out of a field of 58 teams.

The decathlon tests the

knowledge and skills of FFA members in 10 areas related to agriculture and natural resources. The 10 categories include: Seed ID, veterinary science, wildlife ID, aquaculture, maps and land description, floriculture, forestry, dairy food, tools and small engines.

FFA teams from Wexford-Missaukee, Benzie Central, Stephenson, Alpena, Whittemore-Prescott, Standish, and Ogemaw were all represented at the contest.

In addition to the place team, Alcona also had teams finish in sixth, 16th and 23rd place.



Alcona FFA decathlon participants (top row) Jay Larson, (bottom, from left) Advisor Brian Matchett, Lauren Karsen, Joe French, Andy Cammack, Nicole Pawloski, Jennifer Tait, Hannah Mikazes, McKenzie Gauthier, Russ Champagne, Miranda Ankner, Brenton Higgins and Sylvia Gauthier. *Courtesy photo.*

DAR - River Aux Sables Chapter

The ladies of the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met at the Hilton Riverfront Doubletree in Bay City for the 112th State Convention of the DAR September 20-22. Highlights this year included ways to join the DAR and finding that ancestor who gave service to the Revolution.

The DAR is a good way to use that lineage to join a service organization which helps provide material and emotional support to soldiers and their families, veterans, to support the children in rural

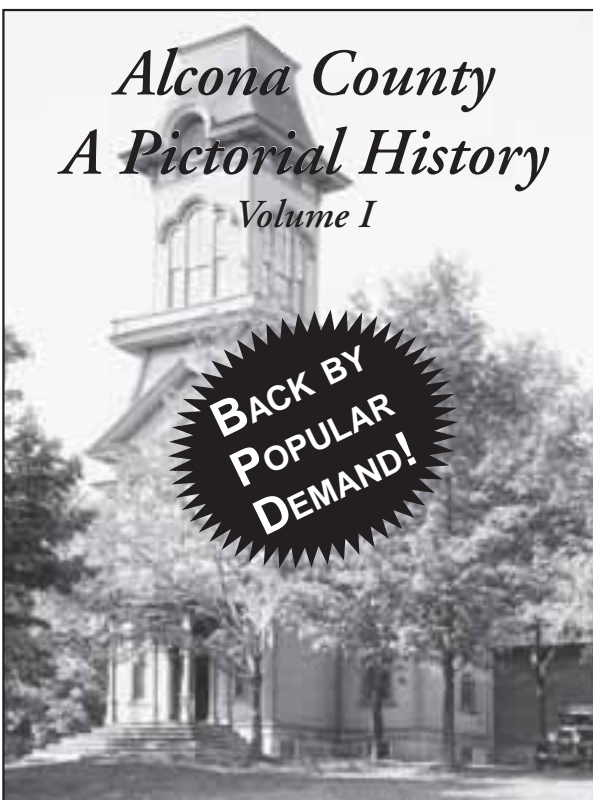
areas of the country who would ordinarily be left behind with their education and occupational training needs, preserve and recognize the history of our own areas of the state, and to support the battered and abused women and children shelters in our communities.

There are several people happy to help any lady who is 18 and over to find her Revolutionary ancestor. Each DAR chapter has a web site with a registrar able to assist you in finding your documentation. Ours is www.riverauxsables-michdar.net.

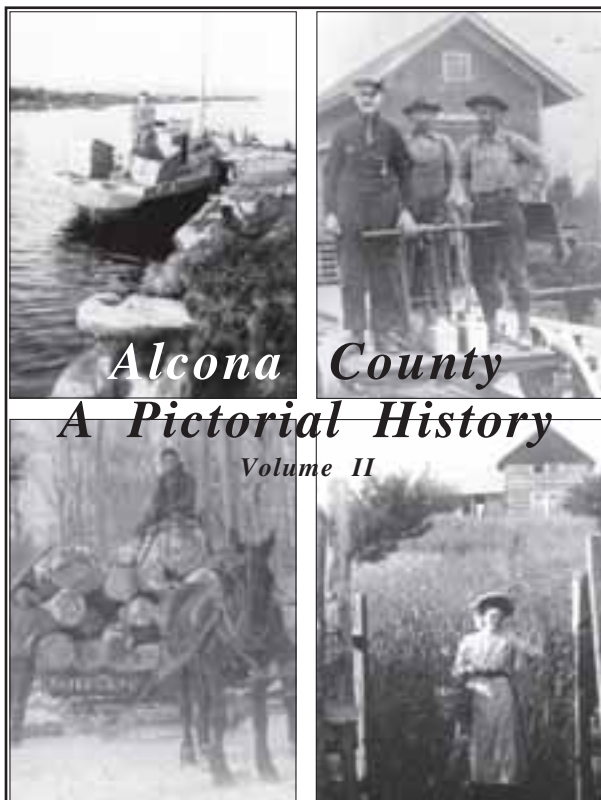


Marshall Stevens of Spruce shot this eight-point on October 27 in the Spruce area. It weighed 150 pounds and has a 17.5 inch spread. *Courtesy photo.*

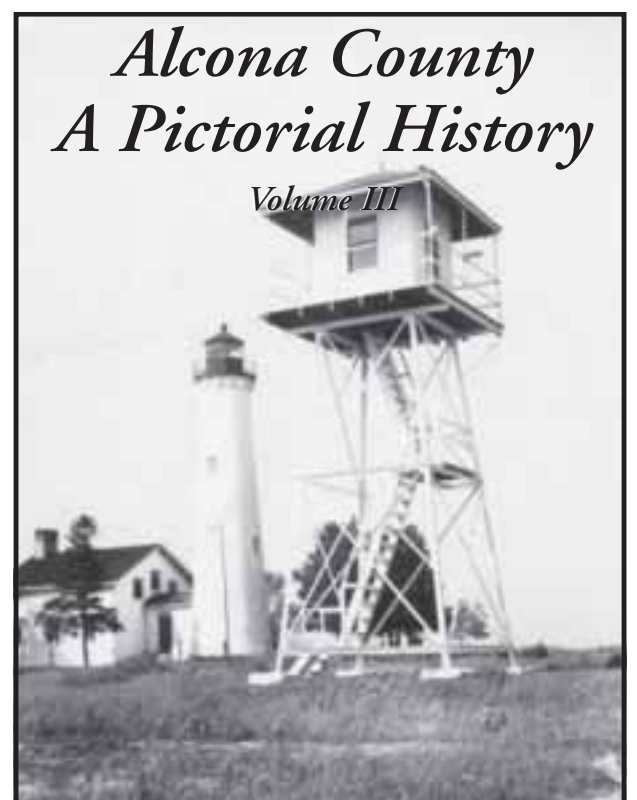
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