

New deputy enjoys helping people

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The newest deputy with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department is no stranger to serving the public – he's been helping citizens for several years.

Rob Clink was born and raised in Alcona County. He graduated from Alcona High School in 2006 and received an associate degree in criminal justice from Alpena Community College and graduated from the Kirtland Regional Police Academy in October 2009.

He has been an employee of the department, as a corrections officer, since February 2010. His first day as a deputy was September 23 and began eight weeks of field training.

Before getting involved in a law enforcement career, Clink has been a medical first responder and fire fighter since he was 18 years old. He is a captain on the Alcona Township Fire Department at the Lost Lake Woods station and is a member of the Lincoln Fire Department.

That first responder train-

ing and being in the right place at the right time were factors in the Distinguished Service Citation he recently received from Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison. Clink, who had just come off his shift and was getting ready to leave when he "was able to help in a medical situation involving a young child," Atchison said.

"I just like helping people," Clink said of his involvement as a first responder and fire fighter. "I wanted to do more in the community and thought law enforcement would be a good way to do that. I love it... I like being on the road and doing something different every day. I like the variety."

"I'd like to thank the sheriff and undersheriff for this opportunity. I have gotten a lot of support from the sergeants, deputies, dispatchers and corrections officers... I can call on the sergeants and deputies any time – day or night. I appreciate that," Clink said.

When he isn't on the road, Clink can most likely be found



Rob Clink

on a golf course. An avid golfer, Clink said he plays golf every chance he gets. He also enjoys deer hunting and trout fishing. He is the son of Doreen (Tom) Somers of Harrisville and Robert Clink of Florida. His grandparents are Joe and Mary Bielusiak of Lincoln and his sister, Coleen (Paul) Somers, lives in Lincoln.



Tiger Brandon Smigelski drives hard to the basket in Monday's season opener against the Atlanta Huskies. It was the Huskies who came out on top 56-47. *Photo courtesy of Bill Pinson, Montmorency County Tribune.*

Local author releases fifth book

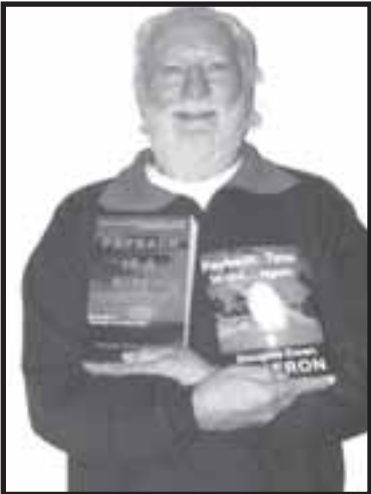
By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Imagine entering a scene and thinking what if... what if there was a body hidden in an earthen dam? What if these three guys are covering up a murder?

That's exactly the type of questions a local writer uses to get his creative writing juices flowing.

Douglas Ewan Cameron, who spends his summers near Hubbard Lake and winters in Akron, Ohio, released his fifth mystery this year, "Payback: Time to Die Again." The book is second of a trilogy, the first was published last year titled "Payback is a Bitch."

Cameron, who grew up in Oak Ridge, Tenn. began writing when he was a boy and submitted stories to "Boy's Life Magazine" while he was in Boy Scouts. Even though none of his stories were published in the magazine, he



Douglas Cameron

never lost the joy to write.

Cameron pursued other interests in college. He attended Miami University, the University of Akron and received a Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He spent 29 years as a mathematics professor at the University of Akron.

It wasn't until his retirement from the university in 1988 when he began to take his writing more seriously. "It took me 10 years write my first book. It's a very strange leap to go from being a mathematics professor to writing, but I've always enjoyed writing. I have a very vivid imagination and I love to read," Cameron said.

Cameron, who loves fishing and traveling, said he gets his inspiration from places he has traveled or lived near and from authors like Mary Higgins Clark and Phil Craig who wrote a series of mystery books taking place at Martha's Vineyard. "My wife and I heard Clark speak and

she talked a lot about her use of 'what if' to create the story. I use the same 'what if' questions to write my stories; the characters then carry the story forward," Cameron said.

Cameron began coming to Hubbard Lake in 1974 to visit with his wife, Nancy's parents, who lived on the lake. It was during one of those visits where he got the idea for his first "up north" book, "The Body in the Perch Pond." His other "up-north" books published to date are "Muddy Waters" and "The Body Under the Ice," which were also released this year.

"The Body in the Perch Pond" takes place on Hibbard Pond, a fictitious place the author came up with by combining Hubbard Lake and Fletcher's Pond. Dugal McBride discovers a skeleton of a young girl buried in an earthen work dam for 10 years. Nathaniel Jefferson, the Alcona County sheriff in the story, heads the investigation.

Even though Sheriff Jefferson is a figment of Cameron's imagination, Alcona's own Sheriff Douglas Atchison had a major roll in developing the character. "Sheriff Atchison agreed to read my first book. He really liked it and gave me some good advice," Cameron said.

He explained that Atchison reads all of his "up north" books prior to publishing to make sure the police work is accurate and helps with answering the author's questions during the writing pro-

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Five year old Makayla Prince from Lincoln tells Santa what she'd like to have for Christmas during the Village of Lincoln's Festival of Lights Celebration last Friday. A few braver souls gathered around the bonfire to keep warm while others filled the fire house for hot dogs and hot chocolate provided by the Lincoln Lions Club. *Photo by Mary Weber.*



Six year old Preston Sharp of Lincoln tells Santa he would like a new blue bicycle for Christmas during Harrisville's Christmas in the Village festivities last Saturday. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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Calendar of Events

(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.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall on Trask Lake Road. Discussion will include the Christmas tree lighting contest. Citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

Advent service will be held at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3639 M-65, Glennie (just south of the golf course).

Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at My Brother's Hope, 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Elementary School media center, 181 North Barlow Road. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 736-8716.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

Christmastime with Crime Stoppers is bringing the best of Nashville back to Alpena for their annual music concert at 7 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium. This year's headliner is Jim Glaser with special guest Grammy award winner Bobby Tomberlin and Candi Carpenter. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets and concert information,

call the ticket hotline at (989) 354-4375.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Wi-Fi, computers and Wii available for seniors to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

Explore the story of the birth of Jesus and retrace the steps of those involved in the Holy Land by using the book "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, corner of US-23 and Medor Road, Harrisville. You do not need to purchase a book, but it is helpful. Cost is \$12.

Community Walking Club for everyone, will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children and free for age five and under. Everyone is welcome.

Toys for Tots pizza night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$10 for pizza with one item. Take out available by calling (989) 736-3050.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Wi-Fi, computers and Wii available for seniors to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
Toys for Tots pick-up will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23).

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-6546.

Free timber and taxes workshop presented by Metcalfe Forestry LLC and Alcona Conservation District from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street, Harrisville. An informative workshop detailing the truth about timber taxes. For more information, call Andy Beebe at (989) 335-1056.

A free meal will be served from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Potluck Café located in the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
Santa will be at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road at 1 p.m. Gifts and lunch for children age 12 and under.

Come and celebrate all that Jesus is at Solid Rock Church of God, 160 North Barlow Road at 11 a.m. Let your kids experience and be part of the

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Alcona Community Schools proudly announces the following grade level openings for the second semester of the 2013/2014 school year for School of Choice student enrollment:

GRADE	OPENINGS	GRADE	OPENINGS
K	Unlimited	7	Unlimited
1	Unlimited	8	Unlimited
2	Unlimited	9	Unlimited
3	Unlimited	10	Closed
4	Unlimited	11	Closed
5	Unlimited	12	Closed
6	Unlimited		

Applications for limited seats available for second semester of the 2013-2014 school year will be accepted from December 12, 2013 to January 16, 2014. Applications received after January 16th cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail after January 16, 2014. For further information or an application, contact Alcona Community Schools, 51, N. Barlow Rd., P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989) 736-6212 or visit www.alconaschools.net.

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Calendar of Events

Continued from page 3 nativity story. Get the scoop on what the magis' wives have to say about their husbands. Refreshments will be served after the service.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Wi-Fi, computers and Wii available for seniors to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Alcona Community High School, 51 North Barlow Road, Harrisville. Appoint-

ments preferred. To schedule visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street, Harrisville. The selection for December is "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency." For more info., call (989) 724-6796.

Community dance from 6 to 8:45 p.m. at the Alpena County Library, 211 North First Avenue. Family friendly, no partner necessary. Admission is \$5, no charge for students with identification. For more information, visit <http://www.inspirationalcona.org> or <http://thunderbayfolk-society.org>. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and Thunderbay Folk Society.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Deadline to register for the annual Christmas sing-a-long and dinner to be held December 19 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5037 Campbell Road. Cost is \$9. New guests and members must register. Call, Sharon at (989) 724-5216. Sponsored by the Greenbush Chamber of Commerce.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

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The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Reservations and payment in advance. For more information, contact Chuck Griffin at (989) 727-3350, Frankk Baranski at (989) 595-2789 or Don Cattleberry at (989) 354-5504.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

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Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Final sign-up for the Alcona Basketball Association 2014 basketball season for boys and girls in grades first through eighth at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School Auditorium lobby. Homeschool and out-of-district players welcome. For more information, call (989) 464-6903.

Local Notes

Lighting Contest Winners

The winners of the Village of Lincoln's Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest are: First place - Chuck and Peggy Allen; second place - Teresa Moore; third place - Glenn and Janice MacNeill; fourth place - Bill and Kathy Putsky. The Business Traveling Trophy was awarded to Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

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, Dec. 16—Sweet and sour chicken over rice, Brussels sprouts, three bean salad and fruit.

- Tuesday, Dec. 17—Pork roast, baked beans, cauliflower, applesauce and fruit.

- Wednesday, Dec. 18—Goulash, corn, tossed salad and fruit cobbler.

- Thursday, Dec. 19—Baked fish, wild rice, peas and carrots, fruited Jell-O and fruit.

- Friday, Dec. 20—Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, Prince Charles blend, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Timber & Taxes Workshop

There will be a free timber and taxes workshop detailing the truth about timber taxes that cuts through all the myths at the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street, Harrisville on December 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. The truth about timber taxes and the money that property owners could save will be presented by Metcalfe Forestry LLC and the Alcona Conservation District. This workshop will be helpful to any loggers, landowners or farmers who have bought or sold timber in the past three years or plan to harvest timber. Tax law related to buying and selling timber is confusing, but this workshop can help. To reserve a place, call Andy Beebe at (989) 335-1056.

Away at School

- Samantha Gusmano of Lincoln recently graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in music industry management.

- Patricia Idema of Royal Oak, Mich. will graduate with a Master of Arts degree in zoology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio on December 13. She is a member of the most recent class of graduates from the Global Field Program. She is the daughter of Pam Idema of Lincoln and Robert Idema of Baldwin, Mich. Idema graduated from Alcona High School in 2004 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Albion College in Albion, Mich.

The Global Field Program (GFP) from Miami Univer-



Patricia Idema

sity's Project Dragonfly brings together master's degree candidates, scientists, educators and community leaders at key conservation sites across the globe for firsthand experience with inquiry-driven education, environmental stewardship and global understanding. Since joining the master's program in 2011, Idema has explored conservation and education in Baja, Australia and Costa Rica, while also conducting projects that have made a difference in the Royal Oak, Mich. area.

Project Dragonfly reaches millions of people each year through inquiry-driven learning media, public exhibits and graduate programs worldwide. Since 2004 Dragonfly's Earth Expeditions program has engaged more than 1,600 people in firsthand educational and scientific research at critical conservation field sites in Africa, Australia, Asia and the Americas. Dragonfly is based in the Department of Biology at Miami University, a state university in Oxford, Ohio.

Save It or Shave It

The Oscoda High School Student Council is raising funds to help families in need during the holiday season and has sought the help of staff members Clint Miller, Scott Lueck, Tom Anderson, Matt McDougall, Steve Spenceley, Dave LeVasseur, Steve Kennedy, Jeff Rush and Seth Alda. The project, called "Save it or Shave it," has students "voting" by way of putting money in cans for the staff member they most wish to see get their head shaved. The staff person that ends up with the most money will have their head shaved in front of the school at a pep rally prior to the holiday break. If that staff member does not want their head shaved, they may add money to the can of another staff member to "save" their head from being shaved. "We were so pleased that so many of the staff members agreed to help us out with this unique project," said Yvonne Mallak, OHS Student Council advisor. "Every year we 'adopt' between six and 10 families for the holidays and have to work really hard to raise the monies needed to do that. We think that this fun idea will help us raise everything we need to help those in need this holiday season."

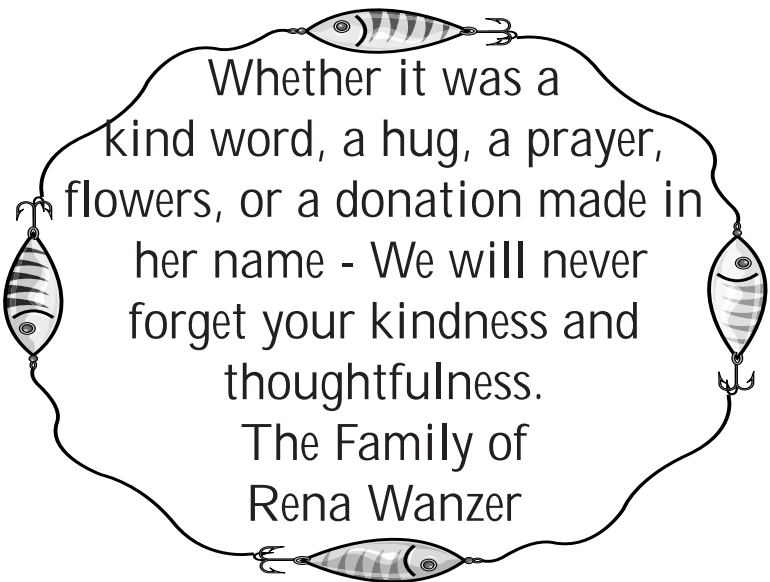
Steamer Presentation

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary presents "The Steamer Howard M. Hanna Jr. versus the Great Storm of 1913" on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Robert McGreevy is a marine artist and historian who specializes in ships of the Great Lakes. He has authored and co-authored several books on the Great Lakes including his "Lost Legends of the Lakes" series. McGreevy has received numerous awards including Historian of the Year from the Detroit Historical Society. He will have books and prints available for purchase. For more information, call (989) 356-8805 ext. 38. The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center is located at 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena.

Lights for Learning

"Lights for Learning" will be held Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at Mark's Park located on River Road next to Oscoda Elementary. This celebration is to honor people who brighten lives or in memory of family or friends. The lights on the tree, luminaries and candles each represent special people. This is also a celebration of the Oscoda Area Schools community and time of coming together with students, former graduates, former scholarship recipients, and the community. There will be hot chocolate, caroling and free books will be available for children.

The names of all those honored with a light will appear on the "Lights for Learning" displays in schools during the holiday, and their names will be read at the lighting celebration. A gift of \$5 will purchase a light on the tree at Mark's Park. All proceeds will benefit the Education Foundation and its work to provide educational opportunities in the community. There are special deals for businesses and corporations interested in honoring employees for a group rate. Light bulbs can be purchased through the Oscoda Education Foundation at 3550 River Road, Oscoda, Mich. 48750. For more information visit the Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation website at www.oscodaschools.org, on the home page, under Parent Resources and Staff Resources.



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DEADLINE

December 23rd Enrollment In order to receive coverage starting on January 1

New Changes to the Sign-up Process

- Option to delete and restart a new Marketplace application
- Marketplace Certified Application Counselors can help resolve issues
- Follow up on status of paper applications
- The online Marketplace website (HealthCare.gov) has been improved – use this method to apply in order to get coverage by January

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Give something that means something

Alcona County residents will have two opportunities to give the gift of life without leaving the county this holiday season. There are two American Red Cross blood drives in Lincoln next week.

The “Give Something that Means Something” winter campaign runs through January 6, 2014. According to the Red Cross, the holidays bring families and friends together in hopeful times to share in celebrations and special times of giving. For families dealing with a cancer diagnosis or other major illness, the holidays can be a difficult time.

“By doing something that doesn’t cost a thing, you can give an amazing gift – you can offer hope to a patient in need,” said Todd Kulman, communications program manager of the Great Lakes Blood Services Region. “Historically, during the winter months of November, December and January, fewer donors make the time to give blood due to competing seasonal activities, celebrations and holiday shopping.”

- There will be a blood drive on Monday, Dec. 16 at the Alcona High School on Barlow Road in Lincoln from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
 - There will be a blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center on Church Street.
- For more information or to make an appointment to give blood or platelets, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Dellar/Hett plan wedding

Danielle A. Dellar and Kiel C. Hett announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Arnie and Lorna Dellar of Lincoln. She graduated from Alcona High School in 2007 and is a 2011 graduate of Kirtland Community College.

The future groom is the son of Trudie Kusmierz of Greenbush and the late Harry Hett. He graduated from Alcona High School in 2006. He is employed by Portable Machine Works in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A September 20, 2014 wedding is planned in Lincoln.



Danielle Dellar and Kiel Hett

Force/White plan nuptials

John and Lisa Force of Comins, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Ann Force, to Aaron Lee White.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lisa and John Force of Comins, Mich. and Andrew W. Scott III of Woming, Mich. She is a 2010 graduate of Fairview Area School. She currently attends Alpena Community College. She is employed at Turning Brook in Alpena.

The future groom is the son of Gwen Mallett of Curran. He is a 2009 graduate of Fairview Area School and is attending Alpena Community College. He is employed with the U.S. Forestry Service.

The couple resides in Alpena. A July 26, 2014 wedding is planned at the Wildlife Sanctuary in Mio.



Alyssa Force and Aaron White



The Garden Bug

Salt is commonly used to de-ice roads in winter, but its long-term effects are a problem. It corrodes metal finishes on vehicles and damages concrete structures. It contaminates roadside waterways, raising the salinity of the water. It harms vegetation, organisms in the soil, wildlife and domestic pets. Safer alternatives are sand, ashes, kitty litter or commercial products such as EcoTraction.

Road salt damage

Source: watergreenventure.ca

- Brenda Weaver

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Simple changes for making a home senior-friendly

Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips or products can you recommend to help make a home safer and more convenient for aging in place? My husband and I are in our 70s and don't have the money for any big renovations, but we want to do what we can to stay in our house as long as possible.

Homebodies

Dear Homebodies,
There are lots of small adjustments and simple modifications you can do to make your home safer and livable as you age that are very inexpensive or completely free.

Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is by picking up any possible clutter that can cause you to trip like newspapers, books, shoes, clothes, electrical or phone cords. If you have throw rugs, remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them. And if you have

stairs, consider putting handrails on both sides.

Good lighting is also very important, so add lamps or light fixtures where needed, and install brighter full-spectrum bulbs in existing fixtures to improve visibility. Also purchase some inexpensive plug-in nightlights for the bedroom, bathroom and hallways, and consider installing motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway.

In the bathroom get some non-skid bath rugs for the floors, put a non-slip rubber mat or self-stick strips on the floor of the tub/shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars inside the tub/shower.

And in the kitchen, organize your cabinets so the things you use most often are within easy reach without using a step stool.

Growing old can also bring about various physical limitations which can make your

home more difficult to use. Some simple solutions, for example, that can help weak or arthritic hands is to replace round doorknobs with lever handles, or get some inexpensive doorknob lever adapters.

The same goes for twist knob kitchen or bathroom faucets. You can easily replace them with lever faucet handles that you can purchase for a few dollars in most hardware stores, or get a single lever handle faucet installed.

In the kitchen, you can make your cabinets and pantry easier to access by installing pullout shelves or lazy susans. And D-shaped pull-handles for the cabinets and drawers are also recommended because they're more comfortable to grasp than knobs.

In the bathroom consider getting a hand-held adjustable showerhead installed, and purchasing a shower or

bathtub seat, so you can shower from a safe seated position if need be. And for easier toilet access, purchase a toilet seat riser for a few dollars. This can make sitting down and standing up a little easier, especially if you're six foot or taller.

And, if you get to the point where you need to use a walker or wheelchair, you can adapt your house by installing ramps on entrance steps, and mini-ramps to go over high entrance thresholds. And, you can widen the doorways an additional two inches by installing "swing clear" offset door hinges.

For many more tips, visit The Fall Prevention Center of Excellence website at home-mods.org, and see "The AARP Home Fit Guide" (publication D18959) which offers dozens of modification suggestions to make your home safe and livable as you age. You can access it at online at home-fitguide.org, or if you're

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Or, if you want personalized help, get an in-home assessment with an occupational therapist (OT) who can evaluate your home, make modification recommendations and refer you to products and services to help you make improvements. Medicare will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by a doctor. Ask your physician for a referral.

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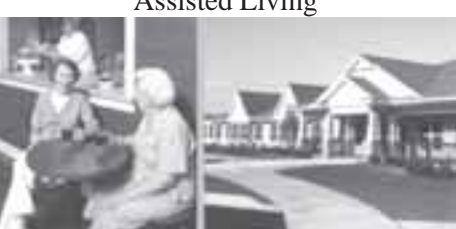
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June 2	December 1

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Daffodils	161.5	174.5
Rosebuds	151	185
Mums	137	199

High game and series: Lori Miller, 198 and 466.
High team game and series: Marigolds, 524 and 1,347.

Wednesday Nite Women's
December 4

Lake Huron Inn	123.5	56.5
Back Alley Bar	107	73
Stoney Acres	99.5	80.5
Ark Plumbing	98	82
Alcona Abstract	93	87
Alcona Dredge	88.5	91.5
Lincoln Prec.	78.5	101.5
Alcona Tool	77.5	102.5
Cole's Appl.	72	108
JB's Auto	62.5	117.5

Pool
League

Alcona Women's
December 5

Mikado Legion	43
Mikado Tavern	41
Glennie Tavern	39
Mikado Also	21

High game: Gale Buchner, 222.
High series: Nancy Cook, 550.
High handicap game: Gale Buchner, 256.
High handicap series: Nancy Cook, 658.

He's & She's
November 22

Wine or Busts	135.5	44.5
Bowler Up	111	69
3 Chix/Stud	97.5	82.5
Wild Ones	86.5	93.5
Up Your Alley	84	96
Part Timers	77	103
Family Affair	68.5	111.5
Bye	0	0

Men's high game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 222 and 620.
Men's high handicap game and series: Dave Abend, 287 and 713.
Women's high game and series: Kathy Smith, 188 and 495.
Women's high handicap game: Kathy Smith, 239. Women's high handicap series: Carley Cooper, 665.

Majors
December 7

Broken Lane	114	66
Kingpins	99	81
Destroyers	96.5	83.5
Team 2	50.5	129.5

Boy's high game and series: Avory Lee, 171 and 464.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Avory Lee, 244 and 683.
Girl's high game and series: Raegen Eller, 129 and 374.

Minors
December 7

Team 2	53	19
Scorpions	43	29
Pin Busters	24	48
Tigers	24	48

Boy's high game and series: T. J. Hanson, 142 and 249.
Girl's high game and series: Sammy Nordstrom, 73 and 129.

Sportsman
December 5

M & M Monnier	95	55
Phil's Barber	83	67
LLW Club	80	70
Morgan Electric	79	71
Village Lanes	57	93
Cole's Appl.	56	94

High game and series: Ray Medore, 279 and 719.
High handicap game and series: Ray Medore, 292 and 758.

Huron
December 3

Back Alley Bar	118	62
Rob's Repair	100	80
Roberts' Floor.	96.5	83.5
Gary Oil	78.5	101.5
Shotmakers	74.5	105.5
B & D Sales	72.5	107.5

High game and series: Mark Robinson, 273 and 775.
High handicap game: John Lanphear, 320. High handicap series: Mark Robinson, 871.

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser
U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006

Here's a lovely poem about snow falling on San Antonio by Mo H. Saidi, an obstetrician and writer who, in addition to his medical training, has a Master's degree in English and Literature from Harvard.

The Night of the Snowfall

Snow falls gently in the Hill Country covering the meadows and the valleys.
The sluggish streaks of smoke climb quietly from the roofs but fail to reach the lazy clouds.

On Alamo Plaza in the heart of the night and under the flood of lights, the flakes float like frozen moths and glow like fireflies.
They drop on the blades of dormant grass.

They alight on the cobblestones and live awhile in silence, they dissolve before dawn.
The wet limestone walls of the mission glow proudly after the night of snowfall.

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Lady Tigers lose tough battle

By Hope Smith
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team had a busy week after playing three games on the road.

The most recent game -- on Friday, Dec. 6 against Arenac-Eastern -- was the Lady Tigers' first North Star League game. Both teams came out strong, battling point for point to tie the score at 15 to end the first quarter. Arenac turned up the intensity offensively in the second quarter going on a 17-9 run and ending 32-24 to take the halftime lead.

In the third quarter Alcona continued to work hard defensively but struggled to find the basket when they needed it most. Consequently, due to Alcona's offensive sluggishness, Arenac had a 39-32 lead to end the third quarter. In the final period the Lady Tigers found themselves unable to close the scoring gap, and Arenac picked up the 61-56 win.

"Arenac got us tonight as they were the better team. They are well coached and are a diverse team," said varsity coach Brad Cole.

Karina Cole finished the night with 21 points, 14 rebounds, six assists and four steals. Megan Quick put up 13 points, had three assists and five steals. Kendra Cole had nine points and four rebounds. Samantha Schopher had five points; Turner Somers and Alissa Terpstra had two points each; Cassie Carpenter scored two points and pulled down nine rebounds. Nicole Walen also scored two points and had five rebounds.

On Thursday, Dec 4 the Lady Tigers faced the Alpena Wildcats for a non-conference game. Alcona started strong offensively, taking an 11-3 lead in the first quarter. Karina Cole delivered five three-point shots in the first half of the game to extend Alcona's lead to 23-11 going into the half.

The Lady Tigers continued to pressure the ball defensively limiting the Wildcats to mostly outside shooting in the third quarter. The Lady Tigers worked together to capitalize on Alpena's missed shots with swift rebounds, and quick offensive returns. The Wildcats couldn't slow



Lady Tiger Karina Cole (12) shoots and scores. Photo by Pat Brussel.

down Alcona's offensive run.

Cole cleared the bench in the fourth quarter and several players had the opportunity to contribute to the 46-31 victory. "We played much better tonight as a team. Our defense definitely helped create our offense," Cole said.

Karina Cole scored 27 points, grabbed six rebounds; had six steals and three assists. Walen scored six points, grabbed five rebounds and three steals. Lily Manning, Schopher, Maddie Feldhiser, Carpenter and Quick each scored two points. Kendra Cole hit one free throw and pulled down eight rebounds.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3 the season opener placed the Lady Tigers in Posen in Viking territory. Posen struck first and secured an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. Tough defensive pressure by Quick, Sydney Pierce and Torie Harmon opened up scoring possibilities for the Lady Tigers late in the second quarter. They dug deep at both ends of the court to pull within five points. Many of these points came at the charity stripe from Karina Cole who delivered seven out of 10 free throws. Alcona trailed 20-25 going into halftime.

The second half was a struggle for the Lady Tigers. Just when Alcona made progress, Posen answered with another bucket. The Viking started to pull away from Alcona in the third quarter by extending their lead to 41-33.

Alcona's defense worked overtime in the fourth quarter to hold Posen scoreless for two minutes. The Lady Tigers gained a one point lead, but it was short lived. The Vikings found the bottom of the net at every turn and took the 55-48 victory.

"Both teams were pretty rusty for the first game. We had a chance but Posen outplayed the last four minutes of the game," Cole said.

Karina Cole had 17 points, 13 rebounds and five steals. Kendra Cole had eight points and nine rebounds. Harmon delivered six points; Quick had six points and five steals; Walen scored five points; Carpenter with made four points; Feldhiser added two points and Pierce grabbed five steals.

Alcona will be at home against Au Gres-Sims on Friday, Dec. 13 and Tawas on Monday, Dec. 16. The junior varsity contest tips off at 6 p.m. followed by varsity gave at 7:30 p.m.

POSITION OPEN

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#3. Troy Bilt 21" cut push mower. 6.75 HP. Model, serial, year unknown.

Bids will be considered either separately or for all. Questions regarding the above equipment should be directed to Richard Somers at 989-335-4060 or 989-736-8565. The bids must be submitted to the Village Clerk at P.O. Box 337, Lincoln MI. 48742 no later than 4:00 p.m. January 1, 2014. The Village of Lincoln reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Invading Christmas Town

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Regular readers will remember that last week I said that going Black Friday shopping would be my particular version of purgatory. You may be surprised to read, then, that I agreed to a “family Christmas” day in Frankenmuth, Mich.

It just goes to show that on Thanksgiving evening, filled with turkey, pie and good will, I would agree to almost anything.

I’ve been visiting Frankenmuth – America’s “Christmas City” – since I was a child, though never at Christmastime. The kids have been there several times. But they were surprised to learn that their dad had never been. “We should go,” they said. “We should take the whole family and go to Bronner’s and have chicken dinner.”

And so we set forth on Sunday with the entire family – Art and I, Kate and A.J. and our almost daughter Melanie, who lived with us for several years in high school and college and who is four months pregnant. Just to add some spice to the situation, we also had four-year-old Kai (heretofore known as Boy in this space), Melanie’s almost two-year-old Owen and three-week-old Phoenix. Given the crowd, we had to take two cars.

In “our car” we had the guys in front and Kai and I in the backseat. As a low tech grandmother-in-training, I packed an apple and some crayons. As a high tech kid, Kai brought his Game Boy, four game cartridges and an iPad. Everyone else wore their usual stuff, but in the spirit of the thing Kai and I had on Santa sweaters. “We are Santa people,” he told me. “We are the only Santa people, and my little sister (referencing her blue sleeper) is a snowman person.” After a minute, he went to give Grandpa a snuggly hug. “I rubbed some Santa off on Papa,” he told me.

As I said, I had been to Frankenmuth many times. But never on a Sunday, and never just before Christmas. And I’d managed to never visit Bronner’s – America’s Christmas store. If you’ve never been, the building is the size of at least a city block. We spent the first half hour looking for a parking spot. Well, A.J. and Papa did, any-

way. Kai and I were busy pointing out the many outdoor displays to one another.

“Look, Nana!” he told me. “There’s a CAMEL!” “Where?” I asked him. “Over there,” he pointed to a life-sized nativity, “by the Jesus guys.” I made a mental note to spend a little time on the Christmas story.

We spent the second half hour, after the drivers conferred and decided to drop us off, go park and hike the distance back to the store, waiting in the entryway. Finally, we set off into the store itself. This journey was hampered by a number of things. First of all, the carts aren’t the type that will hold an infant car seat, or a toddler. Secondly, the store is huge – huge. You step through the doors and everywhere you are surrounded by lights and ornaments and trees and Santas. And people – hundreds and hundreds of people, most of them with children in tow. We plunked Owen in his stroller, put the baby in her mom’s arms and Kai and I had a discussion about the importance of holding a hand. The children were overwhelmed, but not nearly as much as Grandma. Miss Phee, on the other hand, was not overwhelmed at all. She slept through the entire visit, dinner and all the way home.

Bronner’s has thousands of ornaments, snow globes, beautiful collections of Jesus guys and miles and miles of holiday tchotchkes, virtually all of which fall into the “don’t touch” category. Kai and Owen and I marveled at penguins and Santas and reindeer and snowflakes while Papa attempted to keep everyone together and the parents actually shopped.

One of my favorite moments happened when a small hand reached up to grasp mine. As I stepped forward, I glanced down, just as the owner of the hand in question glanced up. Both of us jumped as the little girl beside me and I realized we had the wrong people. Her mother, watching nearby, laughed. “I wondered when you guys would notice,” she said.

In three hours, Art and I had managed to purchase a candle, one small gift ornament and some cheese and chocolate – all of them available online. We saw, maybe, half the store. We went

Puttin' On The Fritz

through the waiting and unparking scenario and headed to Zender’s for dinner. As I hurried him through the frigid air of the parking lot, Kai asked, “Are we in a race?” “No,” I told him, “It’s just cold and Grandpa and I are old people.” “I’m cold, too,” Kai told me. “And I’m new people.”

We feasted on a wonderful family style meal. Owen, who has a sophisticated palate for his age, happily filled up on toast and pate, cranberry relish and chocolate ice cream. Kai, who’d probably walked three miles through the Christmas store, polished off a drumstick and noodles with more than his usual enthusiasm and was delighted with his cup of orange sherbet with a plastic mermaid perched on top.

Outside Zender’s windows, a light snow was coming down. The carillon was striking six and lighted horse drawn carriages clip-clopped by. I looked around the table at these kids and grandkids and thought about how much could come to you in just a couple of years.

On the ride home, Kai cuddled happily in his car seat sleepy and warm under Grandma’s coat. I learned that I could, indeed, change a Game Boy cartridge in the dark. “We are Santa people,” Kai told me. “Yes, we are,” I agreed. “What was your favorite thing?” Kai thought for a moment, “The mermaid in my ice cream,” he told me. Then he drifted off and slept the entire 125 miles home, his neck at an angle that would have crippled me for a week.

As I said, we didn’t get much – not much in bags, anyway. Just in chaos and noise and happiness. We are, after all, Santa people, with mermaids in our pockets and Christmas Town is an amazement of sugarplums, dancing in our memories. I’d actually do it again.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the Road Commission office, 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan, at 4:15 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2013. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed Road Commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2014.

Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 16, 2013, until the hearing (excluding holiday closings on December 24 & 25).

Alfred J. Scully, Chairman
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BY
Cindy Brook

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The Voice of Democracy scholarship contest winners are: First place - Cassandra Carpenter and second place - Morgan Stewart. The theme for the essay contest this year was “Why I’m optimistic about our nation’s future.” The contest was sponsored by the Alcona VFW Post No. 6466. The winner will proceed to the VFW District 11 finals which will be held in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. on January 4, 2014. (From left) Tom Zurcher, chairman of the Voice of Democracy contest, Morgan Stewart, Cassandra Carpenter and Ron Skiba, VFW Post No. 6466 commander. *Courtesy photo.*



The Sunrise Ringers hand bell choir performed to a packed house at Westminster Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Director Margaret Fox encouraged the audience to listen for the ‘singing’ bells, a technique used by hitting a bell with a wooden dowel and then circling the outside circumference of the bell with the dowel, creating a haunting yet perfect pitch tone. Laura Frawley played a guitar medley during the concert. An afterglow followed courtesy of Westminster Presbyterian Church Women’s Association. Donations to the Sunrise Ringers to purchase chimes and new bells can be made payable by check to the Sunrise Ringers and mailed care of Margaret Fox, 891 Thomas Circle, Lincoln, Mich, 48742-9315. The ringers are also looking for additional members, especially men, to ring the larger bells. Members of the Sunrise Ringers are (although not in order in the photo): Robin Job, president; Judy Blair, vice president; Sue Littrell, secretary; Kathy Baird, treasurer, Margaret Fox, director; Susan Malski; Ruth Fleck; Alicia Bennett; Rev. Linda Jo Powers; Arlene Good; Mia Welscott; Susie Manning; Kris Stringer; Nancy Gaskell and substitutes, Lynn Vanderlinde and Susan Armstrong. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 2 -8, 2013

62 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 5 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 2 Driving While License Suspended.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	10	Property Damage Accidents	7
Message/Well Being Check	3	Miscellaneous	4
Dog/Animal	8	Traffic	7
Trespassing	1	Alarm	1
Driving While License Susp.	2	Domestic	2
Be On the Lookout	2	Patrol Check	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	1	Breaking and Entering	1
Personal Injury Accident	1	Assault and Battery	1
Entry without Permission	1	Larceny	2
Fire	2	Suspiciuos Events	2

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	4	Curtis	4
Greenbush	8	Gustin	6	Harrisville	11
Hawes	8	Haynes	4	Mikado	3
Millen	3	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	4	Village of Lincoln	2		

The family of James Howell would like to thank Everett Gauthier and the pre-hunt party members for their monetary donation before Jim’s passing. Thank you to The Mountain for accepting donations and serving the dinner after the funeral service. Thank you to Gillies Funeral Home and everyone that called, sent cards or flowers and for your kindness and support.
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Mikado Township Fire Department members (from left) Sam Johnson, Sean Whelan and fire chief Wayne O'Dell display the new structural fire fighting gloves recently purchased for all members of the fire department. The purchase was made possible through a grant of \$500 from Wal-Mart Foundation's Local Facility Giving Program. Four Wildland Backpack Fire Fighting pumps were purchased with a grant of \$600 from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM). Mikado Township Supervisor Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas wrote the grants for the new equipment. *Courtesy photo.*



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BY
Cindy Brook

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R is for Red birds that faithfully come to our yards.

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WEDNESDAY
Snow Possible
High: 18 Low: 4




THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 18 Low: 15




FRIDAY
Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 18




SATURDAY
Cloudy
High: 23 Low: 14



SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 21 Low: 10




MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 21 Low: 5



TUESDAY
Snow Possible
High: 29 Low: 11

Local UV Index



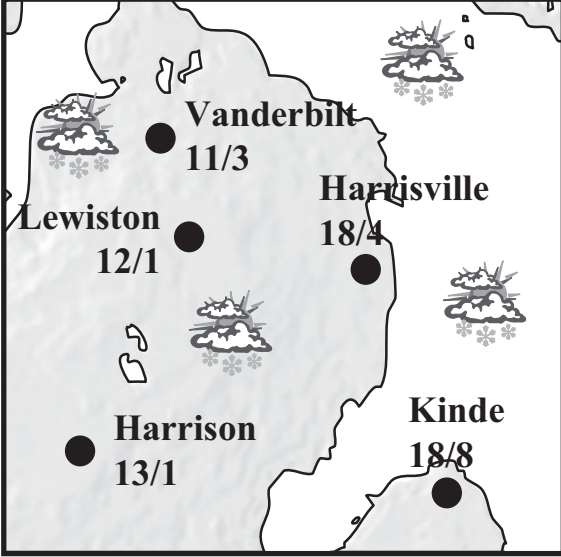
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UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate,
6-7: High, 8-10: Very High,
11+: Extreme Exposure

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:14 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Venus	10:41 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Mars	1:15 a.m.	1:28 p.m.
Jupiter	6:51 p.m.	10:11 a.m.
Saturn	5:17 a.m.	3:17 p.m.
Uranus	1:29 p.m.	1:59 a.m.

Today's Regional Map





In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 18°, humidity of 67%. West wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 48° set in 1979. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of snow, overnight low of 4°. West wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is -18° set in 1977.


*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	33	14	35/22	0.00"
Tuesday	32	8	35/21	0.10"
Wednesday	42	31	35/21	0.41"
Thursday	49	24	34/20	0.00"
Friday	24	18	34/20	0.00"
Saturday	23	13	34/20	0.00"
Sunday	26	8	33/19	0.05"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
Full 12/17	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	1:35 p.m.	2:09 a.m.		New 1/1
	Thursday	8:01 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	2:07 p.m.	3:14 a.m.		
	Friday	8:02 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	4:17 a.m.		
Last 12/25	Saturday	8:03 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	3:17 p.m.	5:18 a.m.		First 1/7
	Sunday	8:03 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	3:59 p.m.	6:16 a.m.		
	Monday	8:04 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	7:10 a.m.		
	Tuesday	8:05 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	5:35 p.m.	7:58 a.m.		

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 37° in Atlantic City, N.J. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 48° in Seattle, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Weather History

Dec. 11, 1987 - Low pressure over southwestern Ontario, Canada, brought snow and gusty winds to the north central United States. Winds gusted to 62 mph at Riverton, Wyo. Snow and high winds in eastern North Dakota reduced visibilities to less than 100 feet.

Weather Trivia

When is the Pacific typhoon season?

Answer: There is none. Typhoons can occur anytime during the year.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Comet ISON Gone; Lovejoy Prevails

Comet ISON disintegrated as it approached its closest distance to the sun on Thanksgiving Day—puff—gone. Even though the Great Comet of 2013 no longer exists, there are three other interlopers gracing the predawn skies of the northern hemisphere. It just seems to be “raining comets” these days, a much better situation than raining or snowing if you’re into astronomy. Two of these comets are strictly binocular, 2P/Encke and C/2012 X1 (LINEAR), while the third, C/2013 R1 (Lovejoy), should be a faint naked eye/easy binocular target this week, moving from Bootes, the Bear Driver, into the star pattern of Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. An online map is available. Comet Lovejoy was discovered on September 7 by Australian, Terry Lovejoy, who resides about 15 miles to the southeast of Brisbane. During the past several weeks his comet has proven to be a real overachiever. Predicted to be barely binocular at it brightest, Lovejoy, just like Comet ISON, underwent an outburst in brightness in mid-November that propelled it to faint naked eye visibility. Unfortunately, the gibbous moon entered the picture, snuffing out any chance to see the comet easily. Now that the moon has faded, Comet Lovejoy holds the undisputed title for “Comet to See” since ISON no longer exists. View Comet Lovejoy between 4:00-5:30 a.m. when it is highest in the sky. During the first week in December, look NE at 5 a.m. to find the Big Dipper, and follow the arc of the Dipper’s handle to a bright orangey star, Arcturus, in the constellation of Bootes. Scan to the left of Arcturus, across the constellation of Bootes about four binocular fields, and you should come across a fuzzy looking object with a stubby tail. That will be Comet Lovejoy. If you are observing from a rural locale, lower your binoculars while keeping your gaze fixed in the same direction to see if the comet is visible to the unaided eye. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **HISTORY:** Who wrote a series of Revolutionary War pamphlets titled "The American Crisis"?
2. **MOVIES:** Where does the film "Casablanca" take place?
3. **MEDICAL:** What disease also has been known as the "great pox"?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which famous Russian novel was published in a serialized format first?
5. **SCIENCE:** What does an anemometer measure?
6. **U.S. STATES:** What is Hawaii's state bird?
7. **GAMES:** How many pieces does each backgammon player receive at the start?
8. **MYTHOLOGY:** What was the name of the whirlpool that swallowed ships whole in "The Odyssey"?
9. **BIBLE:** What was the name of Moses' wife?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Gulf of Carpentaria located?

Answers: 1. Thomas Paine; 2. Morocco; 3. Syphilis; 4. "Anna Karenina"; 5. Wind speed and direction; 6. The nene, or Hawaiian goose; 7. 15; 8. Charybdis; 9. Zipporah; 10. Northern Australia. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword V 8

- ACROSS
- 1 Beseech
- 4 Weeding implement
- 7 White rat, e.g.
- 13 Puccini's "— Butterfly"
- 19 Cream-filled pastries
- 21 Kill, as pain
- 22 Beloved
- 23 V
- 25 Holiday Inn alternative
- 26 Agee of the Miracle Mets
- 27 Be shown on TV
- 28 "A Simple Plan" director Sam
- 30 Vagrant
- 31 V
- 36 As a result
- 39 Singer Brenda
- 40 Borgnine of the screen
- 41 "— hardly believe it!"
- 42 V
- 46 Bread baker's buy
- 47 Lousy review
- 48 "That's more than I needed to know," briefly
- 49 "The Stepford Wives" author Levin
- 50 Tilex target
- 53 Syllable after "Mao"
- 54 Quick AOL exchanges
- 56 Mother Teresa's city
- 61 V
- 67 Thunderpeal
- 68 Seat of Fayette County, Iowa
- 69 Truckloads
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- 75 Almost-new
- 76 Library array: Abbr.
- 77 Very long time period
- 78 Banned thing
- 79 — -Mart
- 81 Geraint's title
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- 85 Rene of "Tin Cup"
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- 93 iPad extras
- 94 Big name in pizza crust
- 97 Stylist's goop
- 98 Major fair
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- 104 Leisure top
- 105 Made lighter
- 106 Maj.'s superior
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- 111 Angle measure in math
- 113 V
- 117 Reluctant
- 118 It's often left in a will
- 119 Study of verse writing
- 120 Buoyed (up)
- 121 Pianists' dexterity exercises
- 122 Misstep
- 123 Maui neckwear
- DOWN
- 1 Finest
- 2 Cavern effect
- 3 Latch (onto)
- 4 "Start playing the tune!"
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- 6 That, in Cuba
- 7 One being counseled
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- 9 Soap buy
- 10 Age-verifying cards
- 11 Impulse conductors
- 12 Bargain-priced
- 13 Bushy-tailed rodent
- 14 Oil well firefighter Red
- 15 DeLuise of film
- 16 Coffee type
- 17 Free-swimming jellyfishes
- 18 Unbudging
- 20 In the — Morpheus (asleep)
- 24 Yard tools
- 29 Stipulations
- 32 156, to Livy
- 33 Golda of Israel
- 34 California's La — Tar Pits
- 35 Contend
- 36 Seer's "gift"
- 37 Rival of JVC
- 38 Vodka alternative
- 43 Response to "Who's there?"
- 44 IRS enforcers
- 45 Meet, as a challenge
- 46 Urban rec facility
- 50 Ice cream portions
- 51 "Step right up!" shouter
- 52 New —, Minnesota
- 53 Blood bank technician
- 54 "By the Time — Phoenix"
- 55 Fit together, as gears
- 57 Provo native
- 58 One of the Jackson 5
- 59 Bugs, Daffy, or Elmer
- 60 Sothern of movies
- 61 Arctic chunk
- 62 Rolling rock
- 63 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tony
- 64 Adding result
- 65 Provide with the means
- 66 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carlton
- 67 Wolf Blitzler's channel
- 71 K followers
- 72 Life leader?
- 73 Sedaka of song
- 74 Umbilical —
- 79 Basketballer Chamberlain
- 80 Tel —, Israel
- 81 Retailer (for)
- 82 Be pugilistic
- 83 Game official
- 84 Prefix with realism
- 85 Dilapidated digs
- 86 Lift from seismic action
- 87 Driver doing 90, say
- 88 Dir. from Reno to L.A.
- 89 Most affectionate
- 90 Disregards
- 91 Greasy of football
- 92 Convene again
- 94 Bopped on the noggin
- 95 Syllables of meditation
- 96 Any "Stayin' Alive" singer
- 100 Flat contract
- 101 Intense
- 102 "That's What Love —" (1991 Amy Grant hit)
- 103 Stiff — lip
- 108 Cry loudly
- 109 "— homol"
- 110 Actor Arnaz
- 112 Bug greatly
- 114 Beatle buddy Sutcliffe
- 115 Just a —
- 116 Unlock, to bards

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

- It was industrialist Andrew Carnegie, who was born into a poor Scottish family and emigrated to the U.S. as a teen, who made the following sage observation: "There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration."
- There are 10 times more cells from microorganisms like bacteria and fungi in and on our bodies than there are human cells.
- If you're like 66 percent of American adults, you'd bend over to pick up a penny you found in the street. Nearly three-quarters of adults would pick up a nickel.
- You might be surprised to learn that drinking tea increased the life expectancy of the British -- and even more surprised to learn why. It wasn't any beneficial compound found in the tea itself; rather, it was the act of boiling the water, which had the effect of killing pathogens found in the untreated water that was largely in use in England at that time. Also, once the Brits started drinking tea, they became addicted to the caffeine and therefore drank quite a bit more boiled water than had been their wont, decreasing even further their exposure to the pathogens that caused illness.
- The United States Department of Commerce has designated approximately 30 houses across the country as authentic haunted houses.
- Astronauts grew roses in space just to find out if a rose grown in microgravity would smell as sweet. The researchers found that it did, indeed, smell as sweet, but the smell was different from that of the same variety of rose grown the old-fashioned way.
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Thought for the Day: "The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not 'Eureka!' but 'That's funny ...'." -- Isaac Asimov
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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On Dec. 26, 1908, Jack Johnson becomes the first black American to win the world heavyweight title when he knocks out Canadian Tommy Burns in the 14th round in a championship bout near Sydney, Australia. Johnson held the heavyweight title until 1915.
- On Dec. 25, 1914, just after midnight on Christmas morning, German troops fighting in World War I cease firing their guns and artillery, and commence to sing Christmas carols. At points along the eastern and western fronts, Russian, French and British soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.
- On Dec. 28, 1938, silent-film star Florence Lawrence commits suicide in Beverly Hills, Calif. Lawrence also was an inventor: She designed the first "auto signaling arm," a mechanical turn signal, along with the first mechanical brake signal. She did not patent these inventions, however, and as a result she received no credit for -- or profit from -- either one.
- On Dec. 23, 1946, President Harry Truman appoints an amnesty board to review cases of conscientious objectors who were imprisoned after refusing to serve during World War II. Of the 15,000 violators of the World War II Selective Service Act, only 1,500 were considered entitled to full amnesty.
- On Dec. 29, 1956, the New York Times leaks the news that the United States is preparing a major policy statement on the Middle East. The U.S. would oppose any Soviet military intervention in the region, and Middle Eastern powers could count on economic help and military help in opposing any Soviet aggression.
- On Dec. 27, 1968, Apollo 8, the first manned mission to orbit the moon, returns safely to Earth after an historic six-day journey. Astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell, Jr., and William Anders were the first human beings to see the dark side of the moon.
- On Dec. 24, 1972, comedian Bob Hope gives what he says is his final Christmas show to U.S. forces in Saigon. The show marked Hope's ninth consecutive Christmas appearance in Vietnam.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Allen Bennett and Judith Bennett, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 19, 2005, and was recorded on July 21, 2005, in Liber 420, on page 974 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$210,575.68, including interest at 3.25 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no pro-

ceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.
The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 15, 2014, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County Court Facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: T25N, R9E, Section 22, Lots 18, 19 and 20, McClatcheys Cedar Lake Estates Subdivision, as per plats page 145 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as 3639 W. Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, Mich. Tax I.D. 041-195-000-018-00 .
If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.
The redemption period will expire

six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.
Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C.
Dated: December 2, 2013
By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Huron Community Bank,
Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.,
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574
12-4, 12-11, 12-18, 12-25

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: November 25, 2013
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
12-11, 12-18, 12-25 & 1-1-14

State of Michigan Probate court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 13-005265 DE

Estate of Ronald D. Jilbert
Date of birth: August 3, 1949
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ronald D. Jilbert, died July 2, 2012.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patricia M. Jilbert, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
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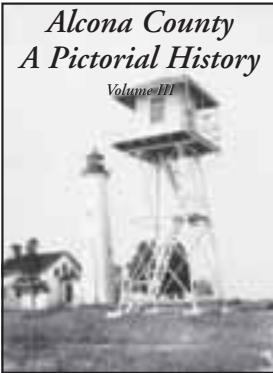
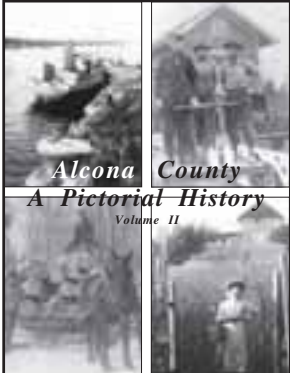
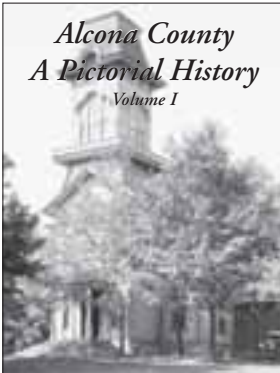
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Naylor, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. Also present were several guests and attorney David Cook. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. The Citizen of the Year award was given to members of the beautification committee and included: Kathy and Bill Putsky, Debbie Shaneour, Eric Monnier,

Joan Toombs, Sharon Walker, Edna Byce, Jesse and Patricia Scott, Evelyn Good and Mariel Alger. On behalf of the village council and the residents of Lincoln we say a sincere "thank-you!" President Jordan gave his personal thanks to those who serve on the beautification committee. He noted that the group has worked very hard on planting trees and flowers and also decorating for the holidays. President pro-tem Bonny Gauthier stated the Citizen of the Year committee had decided to name President Phillip Jordan as a co-recipient for Citizen of the Year. Bonny stated that under his leadership we have been able to accomplish a lot and she thanked him for his hard work. A plaque was given to him and those in

attendance also joined in congratulating and thanking him. Two juvenile boys appeared before the village council to apologize for their part in causing damage to the Flights of Imagination Playground. President Jordan stated both boys admitted their participation in causing damage. A zero tolerance policy is in place regarding acts of vandalism. He stated the boys are currently banned from the property and if they are caught there they will be prosecuted. The apology was accepted and they were thanked for coming before the council. Mary Rivera asked about the sewer payments. She stated that she has not received a current billing. Leroy Hall, fire chief, stated it has been a fairly quiet

month. He said the group is all ready for the Christmas in the Village celebration on Friday night, Dec. 6. President Jordan has been talking with Richard Gillespie of Alpena Septic Service about taking over the operations of the entire sewer system for the village. He stated that Rich knows the system quite well and would be responsible for the day-to-day/month-to-month operations. Former sewer commissioner Richard Somers has been working with Rich to familiarize him with the system. A fee schedule was presented by Rich for consideration by the council. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Somers, to allow Richard Gillespie/Alpena Septic to take over the operations of our sewer system. Motion carried.

President Jordan thanked Dick Somers for his years of serving as the sewer commissioner. Notification was received that our application for a SAW grant has been received at the state level. In old business, John Stutzman asked about the lock system on the new dumpster. Somers stated that he has been unable to put a lock on it yet. In new business, Somers stated that he has been working on repairing leaky lines on village equipment. He asked about the leaves at Barlow Road Park and whether or not he should have the ditches cleaned out before winter sets in. Meeting dates for 2014 were set as follows: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 2 (Tuesday), October 6, November 3 and December 1. All regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. Additionally, a budget workshop has been set for Wednesday, June 15 at 6 p.m. President Jordan gave his report. He stated the issue of salt storage has been talked over with the road commission officials. He will be talking with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and, hopefully, we can come up with something for next year. For this year we will be allowed to leave it there. He also stated that he has received estimates for the two SCAG mowers and a small push mower. Ads will be placed to receive sealed bids at the January meeting. They have not been used for the past four years. President Jordan stated that he put the new picnic table together and it has been placed at the beach. He also hung all the kissing balls on the poles downtown. He took the truck to have it serviced so it is all set to go. President Jordan asked to have the forks left on either the loader or the little tractor in case it is needed. He cleaned the sidewalks using the new John Deere tractor when we got the snow. A new live Christmas tree was planted in the pocket park. The tree was donated by Ted and Debbie Shaneour and the lights and "gifts" were donated by Phil Jordan. The Festival of Lights will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. Hayrides, Christmas carols, hot dogs and hot chocolate as well as reindeer games will be some of the featured events. Judging of light displays on individual homes and businesses will take place and prizes will be awarded that evening. President Jordan asked about checking on buying new motors for the sewer system rather than purchasing rebuilt ones. Phillips asked if we will get reimbursed for any repairs to the system between now and the time of the actual grant awarding. He also said all the lights appear to be working well now. A large pile of debris has been observed at a residence on Millen Street. President Jordan will talk to Troy Somers, zoning administrator, about taking care of the matter. Thanks to Jim Hart and Dick Somers for their hard work on the light for Christmas. Also thanks to Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter for all their hard work on the bake sales that fund the activities fund and the playground project. They have been very good about paying back everything that was owed. Mike Suitor has been working with Phil on the cameras at the Flights of Imagination. Phil would like to see us consider getting another camera for monitoring purposes included in the new budget. The ads for replacement of asphalt on Main Street will be put in the paper and opened at the next meeting. President Jordan will be looking into problems that surfaced with asphalt on Alger Street. He stated that he still would like to talk to Jerry Ludwiczak regarding the baseball players and the camping issue for next summer. He asked that something be set up for a meeting soon. He stated that he will continue to work on resolving issues of water that is pooling on Second Street. He hopes to report back at a future meeting. He wished everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier, with support from Somers. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Motion carried. Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

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