

No criminal intent in road commission fire

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The cause of the fire that claimed the Alcona County Road Commission building on Saturday, Sept. 28 might never be determined despite investigations by three separate entities.

A little more than two weeks after the fire completely destroyed the 15,000 square foot building/garage, five orange (dump/heavy maintenance) trucks including a new truck, three pickup trucks, one forklift, one main service truck, one one-ton medium duty truck, a coal patch trailer, a leased crack sealing machine and countless other equipment, tools and parts – road commission employees continue to pick up the pieces and resume their duties while investigations into the cause of the fire are still ongoing.

One investigation has been concluded and two others are still open.

According to Detective Sgt. William Smith, a Michigan State Police fire investigator who works out of the Gaylord, Mich. post, the police investigation into the cause of the fire has been concluded. "The final determination is not criminal in nature. Once we determine the cause is not criminal in nature, additional investigation by specialists can determine cause and nature of the fire." Smith explained those specialists will be from one or more insurance companies involved with the road commission building.

Investigators were on the scene at Lake Street in Lincoln Monday sifting through the rubble. Paul Aubin, a claims specialist with Specialty Claims Services, the insurance company that represents Michigan County Road Commission (MCRC) Self Insurance Pool – of which the Alcona County Road Commission is a member, said it could be another two weeks before the insurance investigations are concluded.

In addition to the Specialty Claims Services investigation – an investigation by another insurance company is also

ongoing. According to Jesse Campbell, director of the Alcona County Road Commission, a thermal plastic roof liner was installed on the road commission building just a few days prior to the fire. Work had officially concluded on the \$56,000 improvement project the Friday before. Therefore, the roofing company's insurance company is running an investigation as well.

days and a maximum of 21 days to do their investigation. That will put us another two weeks behind..."

Campbell said the electrical company – Larry's Electric in Harrisville – worked on the building in late 2009. "It doesn't make any sense," Campbell said. "Both insurance companies have hired electrical engineers along with their investigators – and both investigators said the

"If we get any snow in the next two months we are going to be in trouble." "We have no maintenance trucks with salters on them – all of the salters that we own were inside the building. We lost 10 salters, possibly 11."

Jesse Campbell, Director
Alcona County Road Commission

"We got some bad news today," Campbell said Tuesday morning. "We found out yesterday afternoon that the insurance company for the roofing company is demanding that the electrical company that did work on the building several years ago be put on notice. So, their insurance company will have to investigate – if they choose. By law they (electrical company's insurance company) have a minimum of 14

same thing – that there hasn't been any findings of fault – and there probably won't be."

Once the investigations are finished, clean up at the site is estimated to take at least two weeks, according to Paul Clark, a senior estimator for Statewide Disaster Relief out of Southfield, Mich. Campbell fears the cleanup will take longer because of a suspected underground tank near the

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Hemaris thysbe, the hummingbird clearwing moth or common clearwing (wingspan 38-50 mm), readily visits flowers by day throughout the eastern half of the U.S. and Canada, where it ranges far to the north, even into the Yukon. Photo by Lois Carey.

My Brother's Hope moves free store to Barlow Road

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me." Matthew 25:35-36

My Brother's Hope, a mission which helps feed and clothe Alcona County residents in need, has opened a new free store in the blue house across from the Alcona High School on Barlow Road in Lincoln.

The mission was founded in 2008. It was the vision of a local woman who reached out when she saw a man walking along the roadside on a cold winter's day. Despite warn-

ings she had heard throughout her life not to pick up strangers or hitchhikers something drew her to the man standing in the cold.

She could not see his face, but noticed something about this man was different. He was not dressed appropriately for the weather conditions -- no hat, no gloves, no heavy coat. She decided that no one deserved to be out in such awful weather dressed as he was and his plight tugged at her heart. She stopped to help him and to her amazement found out this cold, despondent man was her very own brother.

This woman, who did not want to be named, went into action and found clothes, warm food and began knitting a hat and scarf for him. He told her he didn't know what would have happened to him that day if she had not stopped. He was ready to give up on life.

The seed of an idea was planted and volunteers, churches, friends and relatives rallied to make a difference in the lives of people in need in the community.

Since 2008, My Brother's Hope free store has operated out of the United Methodist Church in Harrisville where, each month, volunteers spent countless hours sorting through thousands of donated items which were stored in the basement of the

church. Volunteers carried clothing and useful items to the first floor and set up displays so people in need could access the items easily at no charge.

The new location allows the volunteers to leave items displayed without having to put away items until the next time the free store is open. It also offers everything on one level including two handicap accessible restrooms.

"It was a big undertaking for just having the doors open once a month at the old location, we were blessed to have it, but it was a lot of work," said mission volunteer Meg Nisbet. "Since we moved to the new location we don't have to put items in storage after each free day. It opened up a lot more available volunteer time and we can open the free store twice a month now."

Proof of residency is needed to have access to free store items. Visitors who meet the proof of residency requirement are given one bag for the number of people living in their household and they can choose items their family needs. "We serve over a hundred families a month with basic need items, but the number of people we serve will probably go up now that we are more centrally located in Lincoln and open two Saturdays instead of just one," Nisbet said.

Nisbet explained home-

lessness statistics are derived by how many people are living on the streets without a roof over their heads. However, those figures don't take into consideration the people who have lost their home and have moved in with parents, other family or friends. Quite often the people who take in a homeless family don't have the means to support two households and can barely afford to shelter themselves let alone the extra family, especially in situations where grandparents, on a small fixed income, take in grandchildren.

My Brother's Hope provides basic needs very much like the principles of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. "People have safety levels, physical, emotional, psychological and then spiritual. If people have no food or clothing, you can't talk to them about job skills. Once the basic needs are met you talk to them about what is needed from them to move them to a better level. You can't discuss their resume if they don't have food or clothing," Nisbet said.

The free store is open from

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Left to right Meg Nisbet, Susan Armstrong, Jinny Dimercurio and Frank Dimercurio, volunteers of My Brother's Hope stand outside the new home of the mission's free store located in the blue house across the street from Alcona High School on Barlow Road in Lincoln. The free store is open and available to Alcona County needy on the second and last Saturday of the month 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Obituaries

John J. Graff



John Joseph Graff, 89, of Harrisville died on Friday, Oct. 11, 2013 at Tendercare Greenview in Alpena.

He was born March 19, 1924 in Detroit, Mich. to Edward and Caroline (Fitzpatrick) Graff.

Raised in Detroit, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific and participated in the second battle of Midway Island aboard the submarine U.S.S. Pogy and U.S.S. Tuna.

He attended the University of Detroit, majoring in journalism. However, jobs in the newspaper industry were scarce after the war, so he followed his father's footsteps and joined the Detroit Police Department where he worked from 1949 to 1974.

On September 29, 1956 he married Suzanne Young. They resided in Detroit, Mich. After she passed away on July 29, 1970, he became both father and mother to his four daughters, ages five years to 11 years.

After retiring in 1974, Mr. Graff moved his family to Harrisville. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed hunting.

He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church of Harrisville and the Knights of Columbus, Alcona Council. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Alcona Post No. 6466 of Harrisville.

Mr. Graff is survived by four daughters, Judy (Warren) MacNeill of Harrisville, Louise Dodd of Howell, Mich., Linda (Mark) Stender of Alpena and Jean (Kevin) Kubiszewski of Grand Rapids, Mich.; twelve grandchildren, Megan MacNeill, Scott

MacNeill, Kevin Dodd, Joe Dodd, Anna Dodd, Emma Dodd, Melissa (Robert) Stender-Clarke, Phillip Stender, Michael (Carly) Stender, Marie Stender, Kayla Kubiszewski, and John Kubiszewski; and one sister-in-law, Grace Graff.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward Graff, Robert Graff and Richard Graff; one brother-in-law, Leon Young Jr; three sisters-in-law, Shirley Graff, Duanne Graff, and Mary Young; and an infant son in 1957.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville. There will be a rosary at the funeral home at 7 p.m. on Friday. Visitation will continue at the funeral home Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. until the funeral at 11 a.m. The Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. Burial will be in Springport Cemetery, Harrisville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or St. Vincent DePaul Society, Mikado.

Irene T. Novak



Irene Tresa Novak, 77, of Livonia, Mich. died on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013 at home.

She was born August 20, 1936 to John and Jessie (Buczek) Pluta on the family farm in Harrisville. She was valedictorian of her Harrisville High School graduating class and received a full scholarship to Ferris State College.

After graduating from Ferris State College, she moved to Detroit, Mich. and worked for Ford Motor Company.

On June 7, 1958 she married Ronald Novak in Detroit, Mich.

She loved to cook. She was proud of her Polish heritage

and shared her traditions with her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Novak is survived by her husband, Ronald; two daughters, Nancy (Martin) Drury of Highland, Mich. and Susan Novak of Livonia, Mich.; one son, Robert (Patty) Novak of Livonia, Mich.; four grandchildren, Madeline and Jonathon Drury and Andrew and Anna Novak.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Helen Halkoski.

A funeral service was held October 9 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, Mich. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, Mich.

Robert L. Freer



Robert L. "Bob" Freer, 87, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013.

He was born September 22, 1926 in Harrisville to Mazie (Lixie) Freer and George Freer.

As a young man, he worked at the Alcona County Review as a printer and as a projectionist at the Alco Theater.

Mr. Freer grew up in Harrisville. He spent countless hours walking, hunting and fly fishing in the forests, streams and lakes of Alcona County that he loved so much. He also spent many winter evenings tying his own flies for expeditions with his favorite fly fishing partner, Wilson Teeple.

During World War II he served in the 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Co. A in the Philippine Islands.

He married Betty Mae

Teeple on August 2, 1952 in Harrisville.

He moved to Midland, Mich. to work as a printer at McKay Press, for a short period.

He and his wife established several local businesses including the Freer IGA in Curran, Freer Realty and The Cove Gift Shop and Ice Cream Parlor in Harrisville. After retiring he enjoyed making furniture in his wood shop.

Mr. Freer is survived by his wife, Betty Freer; one son, Brant A. Freer; two daughters, Robin Freer and Jennifer (Guy) Harris; three grandchildren, Robert Freer, Jorge Freer and Sophie Harris; one brother, Richard (Phoebe) Freer; and one sister, Roni Jo Freer.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Helena

Hickman and Donna Ross; and one brother, George E. Freer.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be held in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Oct. 6	66	57	0.66	7.7	24	SSW
Oct. 7	58	43	0.01	2.2	26	WNW
Oct. 8	61	39	0.00	5.4	19	S
Oct. 9	67	46	0.00	3.9	17	SSW
Oct. 10	63	45	0.00	1.5	9	SW
Oct. 11	62	44	0.00	1.8	11	ENE
Oct. 12	64	48	0.00	2.0	15	E

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		2012-2013	
	2013	2012	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.67	0.38	0.56
October to Date	1.30	0.47	0.96
Year to Date	26.01	20.19	23.12

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
I find it interesting when a person uses a tool or piece of equipment to transport a box of heavy trash for pickup and disposal, that someone assumes that piece of equipment is free for the taking.

Now, if that person needs it more than I do, enjoy, or return it without question. The mystery is solved.

Ron Skiba
Harrisville

To the Editor,
Thank you Harrisville State Park employees, businesses and volunteers for a very memorable weekend for our family.

If you were not there you missed one of the best weekends any family could see. The work involved to entertain our kids is commendable.

The City of Harrisville can be proud of their hometown and how all these people came together and made a spooky and fun weekend at the Harrisville State Park.

Thanks so much and we will be back.

Clifford G. Miller
East Tawas

To the Editor,
Homeowners, especially senior citizens, in Alcona and Alpena counties -- beware hiring Student Painters, LLC.

We are victims of the slick salesmanship and false promises for a "professional" painting job on our home. Don't be taken, as we were, by the assurances of quality work by allegedly trained college students. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Both the prepping and painting phases were hit and miss at best. The so-called

To the Editor,
Thank you for the Savvy Senior article concerning safe medication disposal in the October 2 edition, especially since Take Back Day is coming up.

Your article stated that the most dangerous medicines should be flushed if it says so on the label. Please do not flush any medication. Either dispose of it in the ways described in the article, or take it to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department and dispose of it in the Red Barrel in

To the Editor,
It has been interesting to watch the Alcona County Road Commissioners struggle over the years with the dilemma of the need for a new maintenance building. With funds in short supply they have continued to patch up the old building to the best of their ability.

Sometimes God allows disasters like this for a reason. Alcona County will pull together, replace the building and lost vehicles, and survive this too.

It has disturbed me to hear people putting down the road

student branch manager failed to oversee the work of his repeatedly short-handed crew who we soon discovered were clueless, offering excuse upon excuse that proved to be phoney, and with repeated delaying tactics when contacted to return to do the job right and as promised.

On two occasions, when they finally returned, and we went around the house identifying the shoddy, incomplete work; including a sec-

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the lobby. It is available 24 hours a day seven days a week for free and accepts controlled substances (no liquids or containers, just pills).

According to the head of litigation for Purdue Pharma, makers of OxyContin; the reason they say to flush this dangerous medication is to avoid lawsuits.

Laurie T. Ames
Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist
Catholic Human Services Alpena

commission employees and fire fighters for their actions. Remarks have been made as to why the road commission would have so many vehicles inside the garage. The same people would have criticized if the vehicles had been left outdoors and some other type of disaster had damaged or destroyed them. Don't we all wish we had a crystal ball?

It really irritates me when I hear people criticizing the brave, underpaid fire fighters. Most of these volunteer fire fighters earn nothing or not enough on a fire call to pay for gasoline to travel to the fire. They are volunteers, spending many, many hours in training, and risking their lives to save people and materialistic possessions in our community.

Thank God no one was killed or seriously injured. People have questioned why they didn't get more vehicles out of the fully engulfed building. With the extreme heat and explosions going on, I'm proud of them for being able to accomplish what they did, all while saving neighboring buildings and homes.

It is wonderful how our local fire departments pull together in times like these. Job well done. Thank you all.

I wish everyone who feels the fire fighters could have done it better would step into their fire fighting boots and risk their life when the next alarm rings.

Delores Chase
Harrisville

Death Notice

Philip M. Tait

Philip Martin Tait, 61, died on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013 at The Hospice House of North Idaho, Idaho.

He was born November 21, 1951 in Detroit, Mich. to William Ralph Tait and Barbara Jean (Stoeckle) Tait.

Bell Tower Funeral Home of Post Falls, Idaho is in care of arrangements.

Obituaries

Marilyn R. Lince

Marilyn R. Lince, 83, of Fairview, Mich., formerly of Zephyrhills, Fla., died at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013.

She was born in Curran, May 19, 1930 to Philo and Etta (Pearsall) Wiedbrauk.

She was married to Jesse Eugene Lince. Upon his retirement the couple moved to Zephyrhills, Fla.

Mrs. Lince worked as a manager for Otto's, a dress shop, following her husband's death in 1980. She moved to Stafford, Va., where she lived for 10 years before returning to Curran in July of 2013.

She enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

Mrs. Lince is survived by two daughters, Joan (Edwin) Fischer of LaCrosse, Wisc. and Avis (Paul) Kelly of Crestview, Fla.; two granddaughters, Jessica Fischer and Anastasia Fischer; one sister, Hazel Phetteplace of Curran; two brothers, Myron Wiedbrauk of Curran and Curtis Wiedbrauk of Byron, Mich.; and her parrot, Clyde.

She was preceded in death by husband, Jesse E. Lince, on April 24, 1980; and one brother, Harry Wiedbrauk.

A graveside service was held on Monday, Oct. 14 at the Mitchell Township Cemetery in Curran. Pastor Alan Kozlow officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Arrangements were made by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.



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Trick or Trunk 11:30-1 p.m.
Gather goodies from residents that are parked along Downtown Lincoln with their decorated vehicles passing out treats!! (Children ages 13 and under please)
Everyone welcome and encouraged to bring a vehicle on 2nd St. by 11 a.m. to prepare and decorate for the Trick or Trunk that starts at 11:30 a.m.

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all pets must be on a leash

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

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.

Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 South Church Street. Bring your blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

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

The Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road, will be having a barbecued dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, no charge for children five and under. Carry out available, call (989) 736-3050.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Dragonfly Art Gallery will host an open house for artist of the month, Kate LaJoie, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 116 East Main Street, Harrisville. Refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public.

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road, in Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Country Music Jamboree at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street beginning at 1 p.m. Potluck dinner from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, refreshments provided. For more information, call (989) 255-2795.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Children age 12 and under are invited to the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road at 1 p.m. for some freaky fun and frightening food. Costumes and parents welcome.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

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.

The Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library present "Dining with the Docs" at noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The topic for the meeting will be advanced directives by Amanda Fleming of hospice. A light lunch provided, no charge. Must register by calling (989) 724-6796.

Community contra dance from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Alpena County Library, 211 North First Avenue. Cost is \$5 at the door. Beginner workshop at 6 p.m., all dances are taught. Wear loose comfortable clothing and shoes. No partner necessary. For more information, visit www.inspirationalcona.org. Sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and The Association of Lifelong Learners.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

Storytime and craft for

Letters

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ond and final instance when the student branch manager showed up with his dad (because his painters were unavailable) and left without a word after 45 minutes of a little dab'll do 'ya, never to return. The work remains unfinished. An attempted phone contact remains unanswered.

If this warning saves anyone who may be as gullible and trusting as we were from being duped, prevents the hassles and grief of repeated attempts to have Student Painters, LLC live up to their sales pitch, and suffer their walking away with our hard-earned cash trustingly paid in full, then this warning to our communities, especially senior citizens, will have served its purpose.

The next stop for us is to hire a real professional painter to estimate the cost of completing the work properly, as we should have done in the first place, and to initiate available legal recourse.

Too soon old, too late smart.

Al and Michelle
LaBrecque
Spruce

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Curtis	Oct. 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie
Greenbush	Oct. 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall, 5037 Campbell, Greenbush
Mikado	Oct. 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado
Mitchell	Oct. 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall, 6849 W. Tower Rd, Curran

City

Harrisville	Oct. 22, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.	City Office, 200 5 th Street, Harrisville
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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

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Local Notes

Blankets Needed

The Alcona Health Center is seeking small washable blankets in child-friendly prints to be used for patients undergoing child abuse evaluations. Blankets should be about four feet to six feet square. Donations can be brought to the Alcona Health Center in Lincoln.

Personal Care Items Needed

My Brother's Hope is in urgent need of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, soap). Also needed are seasonal teen boys and girls clean, gently used clothing and extra large men's clothes. Donations may be taken anytime to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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, Oct. 21—Country steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, tropical fruit salad and fruit.

• Tuesday, Oct. 22—Pork pot roast with red potato and baby carrots, apple sauce and fruit.

• Wednesday, Oct. 23—Homemade vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, coleslaw, fruit pie.

• Thursday, Oct. 24—Chicken and stuffing casserole, winter blend vegetables, marinated carrots and fruit.

• Friday, Oct. 25—Salisbury steak, baked potato, wax beans and fruit.
(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Grandparent Support Group

Anyone who would benefit from the support of other grandparents raising their grandchildren or who would like to support others that are raising their grandchildren is encouraged to attend a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. Alcona Health Center's Tiger Health Clinic social worker, Kristin Benghauser, is organizing a support group for grandparents or relatives raising their grandchildren or child age relatives.

The meetings will be held on Wednesdays at Alcona Elementary School, 181 North Barlow Road, from 10 to 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Call Kristin at (989) 736-8716 if planning to attend or for questions.

New Arrival

Emmalayne Malaya McGuire is the new daughter of David and Kaela (Genigeski) McGuire of Mikado. She was born on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013 at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw, Mich. She weighed five pounds, one ounce. She joins two brothers, Darrien

and Devon McGuire. She is the granddaughter of Todd and Maureen Damore of Greenbush and Luke (Jacqueline Cameron) Genigeski of Saginaw Township, Mich. She is the great-granddaughter of Teresa Ewbank of Oscoda, Al Ewbank of Saginaw, Mich., Rita and Norman Genigeski of Saginaw, Mich. and Birgette and George Damore of Saginaw, Mich.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA Site in Lincoln. This Saturday the Alcona master gardener volunteers will be selling homemade candies to raise money to support local gardening projects such as the butterfly garden at Alcona Elementary School. Available this week: Radishes, turnips, pumpkins, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, eggplant, butternut, spaghetti and yellow crookneck squash, hot and sweet peppers, tomatillos, onions, kale, arugula, lettuce, leeks, pears, apples, garlic, farm fresh eggs, honey, maple syrup, a variety of assorted baked goods, all cuts of hormone and antibiotic free grass and grain fed beef, brats and snack sticks, dried herbs, jams and jellies, homemade laundry detergent, handmade greeting cards, tatted and chain mail jewelry, pot holder rugs, market bags, crocheted items, candles, mini bales, dryer sachets, catnip toys and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre

Thunder Bay Arts Council presents the Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre as its first event of the 2013-14 Showcase Series on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Alpena High School auditorium. The Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre provides the living history and oral tradition in American Indian Society through dance and song. They have educated, entertained and enlightened audiences all over the world for more than three decades. The doors will open at 7 p.m. with the program starting at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and students are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information call the Thunder Bay Arts Council - (989) 356-6678 or visit the website - www.alpenatbarts.org.

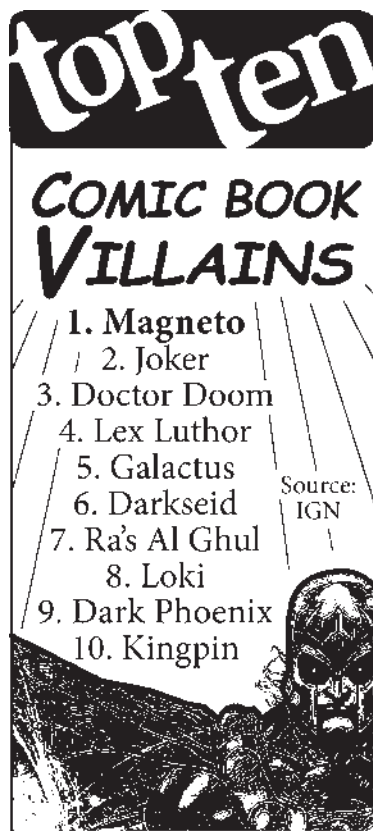
Foster Grandparent Group

Openings are available for individuals interested in becoming volunteers in the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP). The program is sponsored by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA). FGP provides volunteer opportunities in supervised settings for seniors age 55 and older to assist school age children in need of special attention and academic support. Volunteers receive a nontaxable stipend of \$2.65 per hour, limited

mileage reimbursement, in-service trainings (lunch provided), annual physical examination and recognition for community service. Volunteers must meet income eligibility guidelines, undergo federal and state background checks and be willing to maintain an average schedule of 20 hours a week. To request an application, or more information, call (989) 358-4639 or toll free (877) 222-9043.

Buying Health Food

The Grain Train Natural Health Food Store from Petokey, Mich. will be the guest speaker at a special Northeast Michigan Natural Health Coalition meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the First United Congregational Church of Christ, Second Avenue, Alpena. The discussion will include the differences between a natural food buying club, a co-op and a co-op store. The Grain Train has an interest in opening a satellite store if there is support from the community. This would give residents access to natural wholesome foods, cleaning and hygiene products. For more information, call Edie at (989) 727-2404 or e-mail naturalhealth-coalition@hotmail.com.



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9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conjunction with the free hot meals served at the Potluck Café, which is still located at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville on the second Saturday of the month. It is also open on the last Saturday of the month to coincide with their new neighbor, the Solid Rock Church in Lincoln, which hosts the Alcona Food Pantry on the same day. Nisbet said this makes it convenient for those in need to make only one trip.

Eighteen new families that had never known about the free store before came to get supplies on the first Saturday in the new location.

The mission has about 45 volunteers which are broken into teams so they can do what they are most interested in doing. Ruth Merrick organizes the free store and puts volunteers to work with sorting and setting up so it's walk-in ready to go on open days. She also makes homemade laundry soap to give out.

"The community is good to us, when we get cash donations we use some of that money to get new underwear and socks for the needy in September. That works well for the kids going back to school. We also get donations of diapers and formula and we are working on a relationship with the Alcona Baby Pantry. The whole key to the mission is networking with other services. The free Potluck Café hot meal every month was done through networking with other area churches so each month a different church is in charge of providing that month's hot meal," Nisbet said.

She also noted that two churches come together to provide a complete Christmas meal on December 14.

Mission volunteer Frank Dimercurio said any additional money donated is being used to help fix up the blue house. The house is part

of Alcona Community Schools and is being leased to them free of charge with the stipulation My Brother's Hope makes any necessary repairs and pays the utilities.

"The building was in bad state of repairs. It had been vacant for several years and needed a lot of work when we came in. The neat thing that happened was the court system reached out to us at the same time and we (volunteers) started mentoring youth that needed to do community service.

"The youth helped remove flooring, cleaned and painted along with volunteers of the mission. They are continuing to do this and, in conjunction, we are showing them the need to give back to their community. Our hope is in the future they will stay involved. We want to make a difference in their lives too, to let them know they are not alone," Dimercurio said.

Only part of the blue house is currently open to the public for the free store. The mission is seeking funds to put on a new roof and necessary repairs to the remainder of the house. In time, they hope to open the kitchen and fam-

ily living quarters of the building to offer mentoring classes in cooking and other useful life and job skills. There is also a room with a fireplace for reading, counseling or small social gatherings. In time, the mission hopes to join people needing services, such as car repair, with people learning to provide those services.

"The blue house has given us an opportunity to dream much bigger to lift people to the next level. We have been truly blessed. We prayed hard and God has provided us with a space so we can expand what we are doing. We want to be a blessing to the school and a good neighbor and help the youth more in the future," Nisbet said.

My Brother's Hope is a 501C3 non-profit organization. A tax deductible donation can be made online through Pay Pal or by check sent directly to My Brother's Hope, P.O. Box 205, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. For further information about the mission or to volunteer as a mentor or in any other capacity, call (989) 724-6365 or e-mail, mybrothershope@gmail.com.

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in September by the Honorable Laura A. Frawley and the Honorable Allen C. Yenior.

- Marc Anthony Mullins, 26, of Farmington Hills, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$315 for failing to report an accident.
- Daniel Alexander Cordes, 24, of Spruce was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fines and court costs of \$825 for assault or assault and battery.
- Robert John Pauwels Jr., 48, of Bay City, Mich. was sentenced to three days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,215 for operating with the presence of drugs.
- George Gordon Moody, 51, of Oscoda was sentenced to \$400 in court costs and fines for allowing a suspended person to operate a motor vehicle.
- Autumn May Yanna, 31, of Spruce was sentenced to seven days in jail and fines and court costs of \$965 for operator's license suspended/revoked/denied.
- Brent Steven Ayers, 44, of Mikado was sentenced to one day in jail and \$400 in court costs and fines for allowing a suspended person to operate a motor vehicle.
- Brian Keith Peterson, 29, of Barton City was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,095 for operator's license suspended/revoked/denied.
- Michael Todd Booth, 40, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,140 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Alex James Fulks, 24, of Alpena was sentenced to court costs and fines of \$400 for allowing a suspended person to operate a motor vehicle.
- Brandy Marie Fletcher, 29, of Barton City was sentenced to three days in jail, six months of probation, restitution of \$217.81 and court costs and fines of \$865 for attempted embezzlement over \$200 and under \$1,000.
- Tyler James Good, 20, of Mikado was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,180 for use of a controlled substance - marijuana.
- Aaron Joseph Petitti, 31, of Mikado was sentenced to court costs and fines of \$400 for allowing a suspended person to operate a motor vehicle.

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The Garden Bug **Turning under**

Dry leaves, stems and roots (broken up), grass clippings, spent produce, manure and other summer plant debris should be well decomposed by spring if plowed under in fall. Work these materials into the top 5-7 inches of soil with a rototiller or shovel. Sites that are prone to erosion by wind or water over winter should be covered with straw or burlap.

- Brenda Weaver
 Source: www.hort.purdue.edu

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to find affordable cremation services

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you offer any tips for finding low-cost cremation services? I don't want to stick my kids with a big funeral bill after I die.

Still Alive

Dear Alive,
Cremation is definitely one of the most affordable ways to go, when you go. Costs usually run between \$600 and \$3,000, which are significantly lower than the average full-service funeral that averages around \$10,000 today.

Cost is also one of the big reasons why the popularity of cremation is soaring. Roughly 40 percent of Americans now choose cremation, up from 27 percent just a decade ago. Here are some tips for locating low-cost services.

Because prices can vary sharply, start by calling the funeral homes in your area (most funeral homes provide cremation services) and ask

them how much they charge for a "direct cremation," which is the least expensive option.

With direct cremation, there's no embalming, formal viewing or funeral. It only includes the essentials: Picking up the body, completing the required paperwork, the cremation itself and providing ashes to the family.

If your family wants to have a memorial service, they can have it at home or your place of worship after the cremation, in the presence of your remains.

To locate nearby funeral homes, look in your local yellow pages under "cremation" or "funeral" or visit cremation.com. You may also be able to get help and referrals through your nearby memorial society or local funeral consumer alliance program (see funerals.org/affiliates-directory or call (802) 865-8300 for contact information). These are volunteer groups that offer a wide range

of information and prices on local funeral and cremation providers.

If, however, you're not up to calling around, there are also a number of free websites - like funeraldecisions.com and efuneral.com - that you or your family can use that can do the work for you. With these sites, you just answer a few questions, and your nearby funeral homes will provide estimates based on your request.

The urn is another item you need to be aware of that can drive up costs. Funeral home urns usually cost around \$50 to \$300, but you aren't required to get one.

Most funeral homes initially place ashes in a plastic bag that is inserted into a thick plastic box. The box is all you need if you intend to have your ashes scattered. But if you want something to display, you can probably find a nice urn or comparable container online. Walmart.com, for example,

sells urns for as little as \$25. Or, you may want to use an old cookie jar or container you have around the house instead of a traditional urn.

If you can't afford your cremation costs, there are a number of places you can turn to that may help. For starters, many towns or counties provide assistance through their social services department if you or your family can't afford to pay. Your family should also be able to get some aid from Social Security, which pays a survivor a one-time death benefit of \$255.

And if you're a veteran, the VA provides a burial benefit that includes a free burial at a national cemetery and a free grave marker. But, it doesn't cover funeral provider or cremation costs.

Another option to consider that provides free cremation is to donate your body to a university-affiliated medical school. After using your body for research, they will cre-

Savvy Senior

mate your remains for free, and either bury or scatter your ashes in a local cemetery or return them to your family, usually within a year or two.

To find a medical facility near you that accepts body donations, the University of Florida maintains a directory at old.med.ufl.edu/anatbd/usprograms.html. Or, call the National Family Service Desk, which operates a free referral service at (800) 727-0700.

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Calendar of Events

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The Sunrise Gardening Club will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Social time starts at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569.

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.

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

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 23**

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush site, 3029 Campbell Road.

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 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

The Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23), will be having a chili bar with cornbread and homemade apple pie from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Special music will be provided by the choir. The meal will be a free will offering with all proceeds going toward a new church roof.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 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.

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 24**

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.

Pine River Van Ettan Lake Watershed meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Street off US-23. Come, learn and share your ideas on how best to improve and protect this great natural resource in Alcona County.

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front of the building.

"My biggest concern is winter maintenance. We usually have everything ready for salting roads by November 1," Campbell said. "If we get any snow in the next two months we are going to be in trouble." "We have no maintenance trucks with salters on them - all of the salters that we own were inside the building. We lost 10 salters, possibly 11."

Campbell said the salters are fitted to each truck individually and during the spring and summer months, they are removed from the trucks and stored in the building. He is hoping some of them will be salvageable, but until the investigations are concluded, no one can enter the property to find out. To compound the situation, salters cannot be purchased from a supply warehouse. They have to be ordered and it can take six months to get them. They are hydraulically plumbed on each truck. "It takes a month to make one on our own, but we don't have the metal, tools or a place to make them. So, our biggest need right now is some type of salting apparatus," Campbell said.

The five dump/maintenance trucks that were lost in the fire have been replaced. Campbell said the road commission is using money from its budget to purchase equipment and when the insurance money comes in it will be put back into the road commission's account. "I did order a new maintenance truck to replace the new one that was burned up - but we probably won't see that truck until the end of March beginning of April," Campbell said. Four other used maintenance trucks have been purchased and will be in the road commission's possession soon. There are two 2006 trucks, one 2008 truck and one 2001 truck.

"We have to be careful when purchasing older equipment," Campbell said. "We have older equipment already and we don't want to get into the expense of fixing them up and dealing with the time lost when they are out of commission."

Road commission employ-

ees are continuing to finish several road projects that were started this summer. However, even the simplest tasks are hindered by lack of supplies, tools and equipment. "That's our biggest day-to-day challenge," Campbell said. "We have the plans and when the crew is given their assignment for the day, let's say, they can't do it because they are missing one thing... The other day we had to purchase shovels and hammers... we don't have an air compressor. It's frustrating. I know the guys are frustrated..."

Within a week or so, lease agreements will be finalized with two local entities for use of facilities in Lincoln. Alcona Community Schools has agreed to let the road commission use their transportation area which includes several service and maintenance bays, a wash bay, a maintenance pit, tools and equipment for electronic diagnostics. "The lease agreement should be in place by the end of the week," Campbell said. Additionally, the road commission is developing an agreement with Ken Manning who owns a building on Barlow Road south of the school where Campbell hopes to utilize office space which includes restrooms and space for the superintendent and foremen. Neither location has space for indoor storage for trucks.

"Our next biggest concern is the day-to-day stuff - supplies from safety gear to tools and equipment..." Campbell said. Despite the challenges this situation has presented all employees are coming to work each day and dealing with the hardship. "I have a great bunch of guys - they have been really great," Campbell said.

"The community has been great... if it wasn't for the community and the go-to people at the insurance company... It feels like we are stuck right now - it seems like we are seeing the bad only with nothing good coming yet. It will get better when we see some progress. We will get there, but progress will take time - a lot of time," Campbell said.

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CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township board meeting on October 9 was called to order by Supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard. Also in attendance: Nancy Beck, zoning administrator and 10 citizens. Motions to approve the agenda; approve the minutes of September 11; to pay the bills and to place treasurer's report on file were made.

Correspondence: MTA chapter meeting, MTA seminar, NEMCOG seminar. Planning Commission: Discussed and worked on the township ordinance revisions and corrections. Working on zoning maps with NEMCOG and trying to improve definitions in ordinance. Z.A. report: Complaint about Mr. Crandall's chimney being too low in height. Mr. Crandall is grandfathered at that height but to make everyone happy went ahead and raised his chimney three feet. Z.A. checked with attorney concerning rentals at Doctor's Point and there is nothing covering this in our ordinance. Nancy will send a letter to Dave Timm about his new sign which does not conform to ordinance.

Citizen comments: Mr. and Mrs. Eager will contact our attorney for explanation about the rentals. They still feel this should not be allowed. New Hickey Hill sign will be installed Friday, Oct. 11, at noon. Northend Park report: Phase 1 is completed except for payment to one contractor, who went over his bid after being told not to do any work beyond the price quoted without approval. Motion that the board's position on Northend Park project is that we will not pay over the agreed original bid on any contract without prior written approval.

New business: Motion to have Tony's Tree and Yard Service take down tree in cemetery. Assessor's job decryption review tabled. GIS Apex software purchase tabled. Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is the first Wednesday of the month -- November 6. Planning Commission meets November 4. Website: Caledoniatwp.net.

Helen Timm, Clerk

WANTED

Wanted: Fifth wheel attachment with rails. (989) 335-3089.

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BIDS WANTED

Notice to bidders: Sealed proposals will be received by the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 North Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742 until 4 p.m. local time, Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Accepted bids will be publicly read during the road commission meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2013 for furnishing and delivering the following: One or more three-quarter ton 4x4, four door, crew cab, six foot box, minimum 2,700 pound payload. Bid price shall include cost of delivery to Lincoln, Michigan. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Alcona County Road Commission, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan 48742; phone (989) 736-8168; roads@alconacrc.com. All proposals must be submitted on the road commission's bid form in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and item being bid. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bids and to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission. No faxed or e-mailed proposals will be accepted. Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona: Alfred J. Scully, Chairman; Harry L. Harvey, Vice-Chairman; Theodore R. Somers, Member.

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LEGAL NOTICE

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage Sale- Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Arlie D. Smith and Shannon M. Smith, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of October, 1999 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and State of Michigan, on the 2nd day of November, 1999 in Liber 335 of Alcona County Records, page 1230, said mortgage having been assigned to U.S. Bank, N.A. as trustee on behalf of Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-3 by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of eighty seven thousand five hundred sixty six & 37/100 (\$87,566.37), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of October, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building, in Harrisville, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Alcona is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.79% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain

piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the village of Barton City, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Parcel A - Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 7 East, Millen Township, Alcona County, Michigan, thence north 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds west along the north line of said Section and the centerline of Walker Road 658.06 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence south 00 degrees 14 minutes 54 seconds east along the east line of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 508.00 feet, thence north 89 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds west 672.33 feet, thence north 00 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds east 508.00 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds east, along the north line of said section and the centerline of Walker Road 212.02 feet, thence south 00 degrees 53 minutes 10 seconds west 306.60 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds east 143 feet, thence north 00 degrees 53 minutes 10 seconds east 306.60 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds east 143.00 feet, thence north 00 degrees 53 minutes 10 seconds east 306.60 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds east along said north line and said centerline 306.26 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 and the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 7 East. Parcel B - Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 7 East, Millen Township, Alcona County, Michigan, thence north 89 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds west along the north line of said section and the centerline of Walker Road 658.06 feet; thence south 00 degrees 14 minutes 54 seconds east along the east line of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section 508.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing south 00 degrees 14 minutes 54 seconds east along said east line 797.18 feet, thence north 89 degrees 20 minutes 52 seconds west

along the south line of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 and the south line of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 8, 689.70 feet, thence north 00 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds east 799.74 feet, thence south 89 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds east 672.33 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 and the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 7 East. Except all that part of above described parcels A and B lying in the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 7 East. Including manufactured home; 1999 Friendship manufactured home, Serial no. MY8815840ABF affixed to property during the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagee or the mortgagee's attorney. Dated: 10/2/2013 U.S. Bank, N.A. as trustee on behalf of Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-3 by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents mortgagee. Fabrizio & Brook, P.C. Attorney for U.S. Bank, N.A. as trustee on behalf of Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-3 by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents. 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 GTNC SmithArlie 10-2, 10-9, 10-16 & 10-23

MORTGAGE SALE
This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Timothy E. Wagnitz and Laurie A. Wagnitz, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 2, 2001, and was recorded on July 9, 2001, in Liber 351, on page 1,308 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$30,574.46, including interest at 3.375 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings 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 November 20, 2013, 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 Millen, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of fractional Section 5, T26N, R6E, Millen Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence north 81°41'11" west along the east and west 1/4 line of said section, 1,261.76 feet to the point of beginning on the centerline of Grosse Pointe Road; thence continuing north 81°41'11" west along said 1/4

line, 1,337.69 feet; thence north 8°20'54" east 1,034.43 feet; thence along the centerline of Grosse Pointe Road in the following four (4) courses; south 51°43'32" east 769.49 feet, south 47°43'00", east 318.62 feet, south 43°48'00" east, 184.50 feet and south 40°50'00" east, 334.78 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being part of the north half of said fractional Section 5 and containing 17.01 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to the rights of the public over the northeasterly 33 feet thereof Also being subject to easements, restrictions and zoning of record, if any. Commonly known as vacant land, Curran, Michigan. Tax I.D. 100-005-100-035-01. 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: October 7, 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 10-16, 10-23, 10-30, 11-6

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Luke A. Johnson and Timothea S. Johnson, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Lending Services, L.L.C., as assigned to Huron Community Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 14, 2006, and was recorded on July 18, 2006, in Liber 432, on page 1,340 of the Alcona County records, and subject to an assignment of real estate mortgage recorded at Liber 499, page 208. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$15,746.47, including interest at 3.375 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing. The mortgage will be foreclosed by sell-

ing the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on October 30, 2013, 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 Curtis, county of Alcona Michigan and is described as: A parcel of land described as the north 340.0 ft. of the south 2040.0 ft. of the northeast 1/4 of Section 11, T25N, R6E, lying east of the county road leading to Forest Hunting Lodge Subdivision. Commonly known as vacant land on Cole Road, Glennie, Michigan. Tax I.D. No. 031-011-100-025-00. 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: September 16, 2013 By Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Huron Community Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707

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Notice to creditors: The decedent, Donna M. Girard, died August 16, 2013. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tammy M. Yancer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, P.O. Box 328, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: October 5, 2013 Robert K. Myles, P.C. Robert K. Myles P36055 109 South State Street Oscoda, Michigan 48750 (989) 739-2871 Tammy M. Yancer 205 West Saginaw Street, P.O. Box 501 Merrill, Mich. 48637 (989) 708-8984

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\$ 2,707.02
Balance as of September 30, 2013 \$114,690.74

ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held October 9 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the September 25 meeting; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$182,137.37; reimburse employees \$275 for personal belongings lost in the fire; authorize purchase of surplus equipment from other road entities; authorize the purchase of one or more new pickup trucks. This synopsis of the minutes is published prior to board review and approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at: roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 23 at 4 p.m.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's October board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, LaLonde, Gauthier, MacNeill and Mead. Motion to pay bills; to purchase trees for harbor area, to purchase snacks for the NRTM meeting hosted at Alcona Township. All motions passed. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David S. McGuire, a single man, of 2280 Buhl Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745 to Huron Community Bank, 301 Newman Street, East Tawas, Mich. 48730, dated March 31, 1999 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on April 12, 1999 in Liber 330, page 305, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$7,652.44. As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the

23rd day of October, 2013 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the courthouse in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises. The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as: The west 363.0 feet of the north 600 feet of the northwest ¼ of the southwest ¼ of Section 5, Town 25 North, Range 8 East.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, 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 as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law. The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a. Bodman PLC Dated: September 18, 2013 By Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430) Debt Collector for Huron Community Bank 229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405 Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-8000 9-18, 9-25, 10-2, 10-9, 10-16

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Naylor, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. Also present were several guests. Attorney Cook was absent.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion from Phillips, with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Healy. Treasurer Kossa gave detailed information on the various accounts. Leroy Hall, fire chief, gave his report on the activities within the fire department and first responders. He stated the various departments that helped in the recent road commission fire worked very well together. President Jordan thanked all those who helped in any way. He asked for an emergency plan to be worked on that will ensure our residents and emergency personnel will be taken care of in the event of another disaster. He said it has been an extremely busy month for the department. In public comment time Rich Gillies approached the board for funding for the Festival of Lights celebration to be held on December 6. Gauthier made a motion to give \$300 to the Lincoln Lions for this endeavor. Somers offered support. Motion carried.

Ron and Michelle Wambold of Harrisville asked for help from the council regarding a fire fighter/first responder who works for the village departments. His driving is an issue with the family and other residents. Ron stated that he is very concerned about the fact that sirens and lights are not being used. Fire Chief Hall stated that he has received a letter of reprimand and if any more complaints are received concerning his driving he will be let go. Gauthier suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting of the department. Kathy Putsky stated that the beautification committee received cornstalks, hay bales and pumpkins from Jesse and Patricia Scott. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and to the Scotts for their donations.

Richard Somers gave his street and sewers reports. The sewer system has been having some trouble again. He had the gate valves cleaned and has the electronic box working again. He still has one pipe that is not working properly and someone will be back to service it again. Phil Phillips has been working with Somers on the repairs. Currently, they are looking at places to purchase repair kits for the gate valves. It is uncertain whether or not there are any repair kits available or if the entire system will need to be re-worked. For his street report Somers presented a map with color coding that denotes major and local streets within the village. It will be placed in the hall for reference. President Jordan asked for a list of all contact people for both the sewer and streets in case of emergency. He also asked for a list of road conditions for each of the streets that would give them a ranking based on the current condition and that can be reassessed each year.

A letter or resignation from the zoning and planning commission was received from Joan Gonyea. A motion was made by Stutzman, with support from Gauthier, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joan Gonyea. Motion carried. Thank you Gonyea for your many years of service. A new member is also needed for the DDA to fill a vacancy there. A recommendation was made by the DDA to ask Eric Monnier to fill the position. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Naylor, to accept Monnier to the DDA board. Motion carried. Monnier has been a great supporter of the beautification committee and will be a wonderful

asset to the DDA board, according to President Jordan.

A discussion regarding the possibility of repaving Main Street from Barlow Road to Second Street. There is some concern about whether or not there will be time to get the street done before the winter season. A motion was made by Gauthier, to advertise for bids for repaving Main Street from Barlow Road to Second Street, with support from Somers. Motion carried. The bid will be placed in the Alcona County Review and will be opened at next month's meeting. President Jordan stated that he would like to include Millen Street from First Street to the end of the village property near the beach in the bid process. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Phillips, to include the Millen Street area with the Main Street bid. Motion carried.

In old business, Phillips stated that the dog waste stations have been installed. One is located in the park by the playground and one is located by the maintenance building/village hall. Phillips stated that he will continue to monitor the usage and report back at a later date. Somers stated that the crosswalks will be repainted when the weather clears up again. Gauthier stated that all the funding has been received for the ball field grant and donations. Gauthier said she would like to see an emergency shelter plan put in place and offered to help put something together. Three area ladies have put together emergency kits for those in need and president Jordan asked Leroy Hall to get with the group and see about taking some of the kits for use as needed. Mary Kossa, Bonny Gauthier, Sara Healy and Linda Somers all offered to work together to come up with a plan for future needs.

President Jordan stated that he has worked towards resolving the issue of drainage problems along Second Street. He has been in contact with someone about placing a grate across the roadway near Hawley and Second streets to prevent the water from collecting and pooling in several places. There are other options out there but they are cost prohibitive at this time.

In new business, Phil Naylor stated that he painted the three barbecue grills at Barlow Road Park recently. Jordan asked about having one of the grills moved next spring as it is too close to the trees. Naylor donated the paint and primer for the project. Somers stated that the bathrooms at the playground and ball fields will be closed down soon. Stutzman asked about the status of the proposed sewer grant. Currently, we are putting together information to give to Gary Bartow that will help us see if we qualify for the grant. We will see what the outcome is and then decide if we want to pursue it.

President Jordan gave his report. Trick or Trunk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26. The Chili and Soup Cook-off will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A mug may be purchased for \$5 for use at the cook-off. The Trick or Trunk activity will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated vehicle in the Trick or Trunk. Prizes will also be awarded for the best decorated pet. A fall decorating contest will be held for local businesses. A number of issues regarding the village truck were addressed. The dock at the boat launch will be removed and stained and a bumper was put on the edge.

The planning commission met on September 19 and several changes were made on the map of the village. We are getting closer to completing the entire rewriting of the ordinances. Copies of the zoning board of appeals were presented to council members for review. President Jordan asked for a volunteer to the planning commission to replace

Kristin Lask who resigned her council seat recently. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Naylor, to have John Stutzman act as a liaison for the planning and zoning committee. The buoys and dock have been removed from the lake.

A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to set the village trick or treat hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on October 31. Motion carried. The north island in the parking lot at the post office will have a plaque placed there to thank the Lincoln Lions for their help in the community. The annual George Bylich Fall Bus Tour was held twice last week. President Jordan attended the event and said it was very interesting. He said he would like the council to seriously consider having a water supply for the entire community sometime in the future.

The issue of camping in Barlow Road Park was discussed. One of the considerations is having an adequate water supply available and a place to have campers dump their sewage. Brad Cole is currently allowing us to use his water supply and we can get a letter from the state park in Harrisville that states campers can use their sewage dump facility if necessary. President Jordan stated that he would like to see us have our own water well and pump for the ball diamonds and Barlow Road complex. The playground still needs a few things done in order to wrap it up. The new picnic table will be put together soon. We need to consider getting at least one new table each year for the next few years. President Jordan thanked Mary Kossa for all her hard work on straightening out the insurance papers for the vehicles.

A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Stutzman, with support from Gauthier. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held October 8 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The supervisor opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." No comments from the floor. Clerk's minutes approved as read. No treasurer's report due to no and late bank statements.

The planning commission has finished the updating and revising of the zoning ordinance and there will be a public hearing November 6 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Ordinance enforcer is working with the zoning violation. The township will host the MTA County Chapter October 22 at 7 p.m. Assessor updated the meeting.

There will be a town hall meeting with State Representative Peter Pettalia at the Harrisville Township Hall November 1 at 2 p.m. The board accepted the resignation of Terry Boucher as the chairman of the planning commission due to current medical conditions. The board, on behalf of the township, would like to thank Boucher for his many years of service to the township. He will still serve as a member of the commission.

Pyne/Young: As recommended by the township attorney to place on the ballot of the Primary Election held in 2014 "Confirmation of the Natural Gas Franchise with Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op." Roll call vote: Five ayes, zero nays. Motion carried. Allow the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce to use the HTRA site for a circus sometime in August 2014.

Young/Pyne: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson
Township Clerk
Published prior to board approval.

Are you spending more than you make?

DOLLARS AND SENSE
by David Uffington

If you constantly run out of money and have to scramble before the next paycheck arrives, chances are you're not using a budget to manage your finances.

Here are six easy steps to create a simple budget and put it to work:

1. If you have a computer, go online to wikihow.com and search for creating a budget. You'll find a number of articles with basic charts and forms you can print out. If you don't have a computer, pencil and paper will do just fine.

2. Write down your regular expenses. This will include mortgage payment, auto insurance and payment, credit-card payments, tuition -- anything that's an expense every month.

3. Make a list of expenses that vary from month to month, such as food, utilities (this is where being on a payment plan for utilities can come in handy), shoes and car repair. Estimate the likely cost if necessary. Don't forget periodic expenses, such as yearly fees for vehicles. Calculate how much you need to set aside each month to meet that expense.

4. Track your spending for a month. You need to know exactly where every dollar has gone. This is not the time to pretend you didn't really spend all that money on lattes and lunches out. Save every

receipt and write down your expenses in a small notebook when you're out.

5. Consider your long-term financial goals, such as knowing you'll need another vehicle next year and will need a down payment. Again, calculate how much you'll need to save each month. While considering this goal of a new vehicle (or another large item), consider whether you'll be able to afford the payment.

6. At the end of the month, total up your figures and compare your outgo with your income. If you've had to put things on credit cards, chances are your outgo exceeded the money that came in. If so, you need to identify areas where you can cut back expenses. Start by looking at what you put on credit cards and anything you labeled as miscellaneous expenses, such as snacks and coffee out, and impulse items.

The hard part of budgeting comes the following month when you need to make those cutbacks to your spending. But chances are, if you follow your budget, you won't run out of money before the next check comes in.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

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Winter looms large for homeless vets

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

Did you buy a new coat for winter? Is there any chance you can buy another one? And maybe some good gloves and a hat? There are homeless veterans out there who could use them.

With temperatures dropping, here are a few ways you can help homeless veterans this winter:

--Donate clothing and other basics: Call the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center nearest you and ask for Voluntary Services. Most locations keep a clothing closet for homeless veterans who come in and need help, or those who are moving out of rehab into a place of their own. Maybe the clothing closet is good to go on coats but has completely run out of lined jeans and gloves. Maybe they need shirts in a super large size, or even personal-care items and a sports bag to carry everything in. Ask if they need a transition package of household supplies, like soap, towels, toilet paper and a laundry basket.

--Sign up to give rides:

Voluntary services can help you with that, too. Homeless veterans often have to get to doctor appointments the best way they can, and in cold weather that can be tough. Look into driving opportunities through the Disabled American Veterans.

--Volunteer at a Stand Down: Go online to VA.gov and see when there's an event near you. They run from January to November, and this time of the year the emphasis is going to be to get homeless veterans warm and into housing. Call and ask what you can do to help.

If you've a veteran in need of help, call 1-877-424-3838, also known as 1-877-4AID-VET. It's staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can help with health care, housing, mental health, jobs and more.

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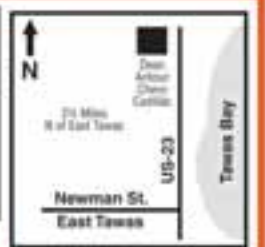
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Tigers take down Eagles, remain undefeated

By Kendra Cole
Football Writer

It was another easy win for the Alcona varsity football team as they took down another opponent, the Hale Eagles, with a score of 62-0.

The Tigers have kept their undefeated season rolling and now have a record of 7-0.

The game started off with a fumble by Hale which was recovered by Boone Bouchard. Josh Mead took advantage of the windfall and ran the ball 45 yards to get the first touchdown of many for the Tigers. Carson Jamieson kicked the extra point putting 7-0 on the clock with 9:49 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles took a different approach by trying to pass the ball. That didn't work when Brandon Ritchie broke up the pass, which was followed by two more good stops by the Alcona defense. Hale was forced to punt to the Tigers. Cody Franklin scored a 29-yard touchdown at 6:48. Hale didn't do much and was forced to punt. Alcona fumbled the ball which Hale recovered. The Eagles advanced up the field until the first quarter ended with a score of 13-0.

"Josh Mead especially had a good night tonight," coach



Tiger quarterback Cody Franklin (8) moves the ball toward the Alcona goal line, which saw a lot of action last Friday. *Photo by Pat Brussel.*

Dave Schneider said.

Mead started the second quarter with a great hit and got the ball for Alcona. He carried the ball 84 yards for a touchdown at 8:40 on the clock. Due to the penalty on the carry, Jamieson kicked a 35-yard extra point which made the score 20-0.

Hale moved up the field where they were stopped by Franklin, Alec Neumann and Chad Cole who caused a fumble and recovered it.

Garrette Norling carried the ball 21 yards for another Tiger touchdown. The extra point was good by Jamieson with 36 seconds on the clock; the score moved up to 27-0. Dawson Forsythe had a good stop to end the half.

The Tigers come into the third quarter with a 49-yard pass from Franklin to Forsythe for a touchdown. Jamieson kicked the extra point. The Eagles got stopped by Nathan Fettes and

Forsythe -- and once again by Forsythe for a loss of yards. Hale punted to Alcona and Fettes carried the ball 25 yards into the end zone to bring the score to 40-0.

A running clock began at that point. Hale got the kick-off, mishandled it and it was jumped on by Cole. Fettes carried two times for a total of 17 yards. Mead grabbed a 22-yard pass from Franklin and scored another touchdown. Jamieson made the extra point bringing the score to 47-0 with 4:50 left. The Eagles punted to end the third quarter.

Fettes scored a touchdown to start the fourth quarter. The Tigers set up for an extra point, but Fettes grabbed the

ball and carried it into the end zone for a two-point conversion, racking the score to 55-0. Bryce Franklin had a good stop on the return followed by an interception by Mead. Leigh Gibson carried three times for a total of 20 yards. Mead scored yet another touchdown at 2:44. Jamieson's extra point brought the score to 62-0. Alcona's defense held off the Eagles for the rest of the game.

"You want to try and not make mental mistakes. Offensively, we were really good. We ran fast and we looked fast. The offensive line played really good," said coach Schneider.

C. Franklin had three carries for 41 yards, one touchdown, two of two for passing with 21 yards and two passing touchdowns. Norling had four carries for 81 yards and a touchdown. He broke the school record of 326 tackles and with around 360 tackles is the all time tackles leader in Alcona football history. He had 14 for the night against the Eagles.

Mead had five carries for 141 yards, three touchdowns, one catch for 22 yards and a touchdown and 11 tackles. Fettes had 11 carries for 84 yards, two touchdowns and 11 tackles. Forsythe had one catch for 49 yards and a touchdown. Cole finished with 11 tackles.

The Tigers play at Manton High School on Friday, Oct. 18.

Alcona volleyball struggles under Rogers City's offensive pressure

By Hope Smith
Volleyball Writer

On the Thursday, Oct. 10 the Alcona varsity volleyball team faced off against the Lady Hurons from Rogers City High School.

The Hurons took an early lead in all three matches and never looked back sweeping Alcona 25-14, 25-11 and 25-14. Alcona struggled to work together defensively, which allowed Rogers City's offensive line to distribute mul-

tiples kill shots in Lady Tiger territory. Alcona was plagued with inconsistent serving and the inability to keep the ball in play. The Lady Tigers struggled to match Rogers City's intensity level.

"It took us awhile to adjust to the speed of the game. We knew Rogers City would be tough and we needed to play solid defensively, said Arnold. "Sam Zerbst and Karina Cole had some nice digs, but we really struggled to pass up

their serves. Despite the loss, the girls are motivated to work hard to step up their level of play."

Alcona was led defensively by S. Zerbst with nine digs and one ace. Cole delivered eight kills and had two blocks. Katelyn Nelson put up 10 assists. Sierra Forsythe and Kalie Zerbst had one ace each.

Alcona's junior varsity team was also defeated 25-

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Lady Tiger Sierra Forsythe (4) sets up the ball for her teammates. *Photo by Pat Brussel.*



Tiger Coda Gallagher (left) races a Fairview player to the ball. With a 6-1 win over Fairview this week, the Alcona varsity soccer team clinched a shared North Star League title with Oscoda. Trenton LaVergne had another hat trick (three goals in the game) and Ben Dubuque, Jason Steiner and Schuyler Bates each added a goal. Dubuque and Steiner contributed two assists each. Brandon Smigelski and Jeff Schram also helped out with assists. Earlier in the week the Tigers defeated Standish-Sterling 5-1. LaVergne had two goals and an assist. Steiner had two goals and two assists. Brendan Nelson also put in a goal. Keeper Chase Matthews had 10 saves in net. Alcona has a bye for the first round of district play this week and then they will travel to Saginaw Nouvel on Thursday for a second round district game to be played at 4 p.m. *Photo by Kathy Steiner.*



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Lake Huron Inn	102.5	77.5
Cole's Appl.	100	80
Lincoln Prec.	97.5	82.5
Back Alley Bar	91.5	88.5
Alcona Tool	87	93
Ark Plumbing	83	97
JB's Auto	77	103
Alcona Dredge	74	107
Stoney Acres	71.5	108.5

High game: Gale Buchner, 224.
High series: Lynn Gibson, 577.
High handicap game: Veronica Harmon, 264.
High handicap series: Lynn Gibson, 664.

Morgan Electric	80	100
Phil's Barber	75.5	104.5

High game and series: Harley Robinson, 278 and 687.
High handicap game: Dave Glazar, 303.
High handicap series: Bill Stover, 775.

Pool League

Alcona Women's
October 10

Mikado Legion	7
Mikado Also	6
Glennie Tavern	6
Mikado Tavern	5

Sportsman
October 10

Village Lanes	107.5	72.5
Cole's Appl.	100	80
Lost Lake Wds.	90	90
M & M Monnier	87	93

Huron
October 8

Rob's Repair	111	69
Team 4	111	69
Robert's Floo	103	77
Gary Oil	100	80
Shotmakers	99.5	80.5
Back Alley Bar	78.5	101.5
B & D Sales	70	110
Team 8	26	154

High game: Harley Robinson and Ray Medore, 279.
High series: Harley Robinson, 745.
High handicap game and series: Larry Cirillo, 322 and 853.

Volleyball

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22, 25-23 by Rogers City.
Whittemore-Prescott traveled to Tiger country October 8. The Lady Tigers came out in charge dominating the floor and stopping Whittemore-Prescott at every turn. Alcona easily swept Whittemore 25-14, 25-9 and 25-11 making it an early night for Lady Tiger fans.
"Everyone did well and played with great intensity throughout the game. Karina had a solid night on the net and our defense did a nice job keeping the ball alive," Arnold said.
Cole led Alcona's offensive charge with 12 kills and defensively with four digs. Forsythe and Sydney Pierce served up six aces each. Nelson tipped up nine assists and S. Zerbst dug up four balls in the win.
In the junior varsity contest Alcona was victorious 25-9 in both games.
Alcona has a busy week on the road as they traveled to Tawas High School Monday, Oct. 14, played in Oscoda Tuesday and will head to Hillman on Thursday, Oct. 17.



The 2013 Springport Hills Club Championship was held on September 24 and 25 at Spingport Hills Golf Course in Harrisville. The champions, White Tee champ Doug Fosgitt (left) of Greenbush and Gold Tee champ Sy Davis of Oscoda, were crowned on Septeber 25. *Courtesy photo.*

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October

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

"Inside every mind there's a hermit's cave full of light, full of snow, full of concentration. I've knelt there, and so have you..."

~ Mary Oliver

Now comes October – my favorite of the months. I met Art in October. We were married in October. Our daughter was born in October and, if she arrives just a hair early, my granddaughter will be, too.

It wasn't always thus. For a long time, autumn was a traumatic time for me. A summer girl, I genuinely mourned the loss of that sunny, free season. Perhaps I've matured, or anyway, grown older, but these days, I rejoice in fall. Much of what I love is cliché, but clichés grow from truth and perhaps, in your busy, hectic life, you haven't had a chance to notice what's truest about this time of year.

The shorter days, for example. Twilight begins at seven and it's full dark by eight. Cool nights and nippy mornings have brought a transition from sleeveless nightgowns to pajamas – and soon the cuddly, flannel ones. Mornings, there are two or three hours between wake up and sunrise. Time to spend sipping coffee, wrapped in an afghan and three cats, watching the world slowly lighten, turning from black and white to shades of grey to full color.

The color, of course. It happens every year and yet, we never seem to tire of it. I've mentioned before that the annual wash of reds and oranges delight me even more since I learned that the color is always there in the leaves. It's only as the chlorophyll recedes that it becomes visible. There's a poem in that somewhere, and someday –

probably in October – I will find it.

Neither the Princess nor I have ever found a leaf we didn't want to bring home, but in the past few years, I've learned to catalogue some of the beauty in memory rather than in pocket. A round yellow leaf flattened on the pavement, a brown one the color of buttery leather caught in the grass, the impossible red that no amount of mixing and testing can replicate in paint or crayon.

Fall is in the air – literally in the cool air of an evening walk where it invigorates the lungs. Just yesterday morning, I hung out the back door to call the dogs in and saw my breath. There's a rich scent of grass and flowers turning to compost, of goldenrod tickling the nose, and if chill has a smell, it's there as well.

Fall produces pumpkins. Their oranges and yellows and full, ripe roundness for some reason bring a sense of peace to my soul and a wagon-load to choose from makes me feel rich. Squashes and fresh-dug potatoes and onions give me a sense of sustenance.

Every October I develop a ravenous desire for apples, crisp juicy handheld treats, sweet crusty pies and the bite of cider.

In the kitchen, October calls for pots of chili and beef stew, homemade bread and corn muffins, sweet potatoes and vegetable soups so good that you can positively feel the health stealing through your body. It's time for the first, slightly early, cup of hot chocolate savored with a single cookie before bed.

After months and months of bare feet, October brings slippers, toes snuggled into the fluffy lining and a wistful goodbye as the flip-flops are tucked away for next season. A mental note to once again

Puttin' On The Fritz

launch the annual hats-and-mittens hunt. We had them in April, but where did they go?

The fat partridges begin to appear at the edge of the woods outside my window, the jays and cardinals help themselves to seed from the feeder. Now and then deer munch the apples just inside the line of cedar. Fuzzy brown and black caterpillars appear, their stripes to be checked and analyzed for weather predictions. The pines are thick with cones this year. Does that mean a snowy winter or a cold one? I'll have to look it up.

And that cave that's mentioned above – the one that everyone has in their mind? Well, October is the time to fill it with light, against the days that it's filled with snow. To revel in days that begin with frost and ripen into sun and warmth, then mellow into nights perfect for sleep. The world's wind-down between the free and sunny days of summer and the length and depth of winter. A time to store up a season's worth of color and joy and peace in one's soul.

As Ms. Oliver tells us, I've knelt there and so, I suspect, have you.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, non-fiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina – "the Princess," and two dogs, Lady and Henry, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	11	Property Damage Accident	1
Message/Well Being Check	3	Miscellaneous	4
Dog/Animal	8	Traffic	4
Alarm	2	Drugs	1
Domestic	3	911 Hang Up	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	3	Patrol Check	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Civil	1
Gunshots Heard	2	Felonious Assault	1
Breaking and Entering	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assault and Battery	2	Larceny	3
Fraud	1	Lost/Found Property	1
Juvenile	3	Suspicious Events	7
Attempt to Locate	1	Conservation Violation	1

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By Warren MacNeill
DNR Conservation Officer
Well, it's here. You summer people have had your time. We put up with your evening walks on the beach and early morning coffee on the front porch. We put up with all the festivals and fairs. We put on our happy face, looking like we enjoyed the nap time on the beach or rocking to the rhythm of a band playing for us at the harbor.

We camped; we looked at art projects and antiques, listened to quartets and tasted wine. We mowed and weeded, and we stained decks. We even spent time with your family — those that live close by and those that traveled from far off exotic places like Wisconsin.

This is just a portion of the list of the things we did for you — summer lovers. Why did we do all of this? For us — autumn people — the answer is easy — ammo. I say autumn because it sounds more sophisticated than fall. You summer people buy into that sort of stuff.

The ammo theory became very clear to me over the holiday weekend when cousin-in-law, Joanne, and her husband, Butch, from Wisconsin came to visit. Joanne is Cousin Eddie's older sister. Cousin Eddie, confirmed by Joanne, is the guy with the now mostly homemade pontoon boat, aka navigable crime scene, aka future fish habitat. Joanne is the second most gentle, patient, saint-like woman I have ever met, second only to her mother.

Her husband Butch and I, on the other hand, are kindred spirits. During their visit, we took a drive through the back roads in the county. We can drive for a great distance and communicate only when it's important. Our communication, much like other fall people consists of things like, "deer to the right." "There's a grouse." "When's your season?" "Good cover." Important, fall guy stuff. During one of our very few multi sentence conversations, I asked him what made him decide to drive over here from Wisconsin. He told me, "Want to go on a western pheasant

Ammo

hunt." I nodded in complete understanding.

Most summer people think that exchange between Butch and I doesn't make any sense. On the other hand, we fall people think that we are brilliant. The challenge in executing this brilliance comes when we fall people attempt to convince the summer people that we are seeking balance in our lives, and... I can't go any further without breaking the fall people's code of silence so, I will stop before I get accused of seasonal espionage.

In brief, we do your summer stuff to gain points, or "ammo," so we can do our fall stuff.

Now, it has been brought to my attention that the summer folks may not be as naive as I first thought. In an accidental eavesdropping of the many, multi sentence conversations of the summer folks, I realized that they may have figured out some of the fall folks' tactics. In an attempt to make themselves feel better about the fall folks' superior manipulation, they try to make it sound like they really don't care that we are running around the woods and streams all fall pretending that we are mountain men. That actually, like a black widow spider, they are happy to be rid of us after using us all summer.

Well, the joke is on them. I actually enjoyed all the summer activities. I was only pretending to pretend to like them. In fact, I may try to turn the tables by asking my

Eastside Outside

wife to go hunting with me. Really. I have taken her before and it looked like she really enjoyed it. In fact, she liked my company so much that after we went hunting she planned a midwinter trip to Mexico together. And, I went. I needed the ammo. I really wanted to go on a fishing trip the following spring.

Silly summer people — you are so easy to manipulate.

There are several things that are available for us fall people in northeastern Michigan. Salmon are coming in, waterfowl seasons are underway and so is small game season. And, of course, there's the always popular white tailed deer season. Even if you don't hunt or fish, the northern Michigan fall can be a magical place if you choose outdoor activities. A carefully planned fall canoe trip on the AuSable River will reward the adventurer with sights and sounds of flora and fauna the summer people can only dream of.

It's also a good place to gather ammo for an early ice fishing trip.

(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)



Lindsey England, 16, of Potterville, Mich. bagged a doe during the youth hunt in September. She is the granddaughter of David and Maxine Sterner of Harrisville. She travels up north whenever she can to hunt on their land. She was hunting with her grandfather when she shot her first doe. *Courtesy photo.*

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Black River business celebrates its 77-year history in county

Over 100 individuals attended the dedication of The Mountain Bar & Grill in Black River as an official Alcona County Historic Site on the evening of September 11.

Nominated by Black River resident Gordon Bennett, who related that five generations of Bennetts have supported the Mountain, the new historic plaques were unveiled by Bennett and the co-owners, Jim DeRocher and Dan Gauthier.

The first bar was built and opened for business in 1936 by Oliver and Rose DeRocher. On November 27 of that same year the bar burned to the ground and was re-built in the spring of 1937, this time with living quarters attached to the bar.

Oliver "Junior" DeRocher, the son of Oliver and Rose, related what it was like to grow up in those living quarters, even laughing about riding his tricycle as a youngster around the bar itself.

During World War II, the Mountain Inn was called "the swinging place to go." People from all over the county would travel to the bar for social card games of euchre and smear, to play the penny, nickel and dime slot machines and for dancing and socializing.

In the early years the Mountain Inn was referred to as "the beer garden" where beer, wine and pop were sold. In the 1940s it was very popular for "Rosa's" homemade chicken dinners served at the bar.

On October 15, 1955, with 15 people enjoying drinks on a Saturday night, a fire began burning in the living area when a line broke on the hot water heater, spreading oil and flames. People helped fight the fire but the tavern's rustic wood construction caused "the fire to race through the building like a fire-cracker." An insurance settlement was reached in the amount of \$14,000 and Oliver and Rose's goal was to try and re-open by November 15, because the opening of deer season was one of their busiest times of the year.

On November 1 a huge snow storm dumped over a foot of snow which set the construction back a few days. Despite the delay, it was rebuilt in five weeks. On November 21, 1955 the bar reopened, the same building that stands today.

From 1967 to 2012 there have been 10 different owners of the Mountain Inn, along with many changes to the interior and exterior. In 2012 Jim DeRocher, the grandson of Oliver and Rose, and Dan Gauthier, grandson of Black River settlers, bought the Mountain Inn. For several months remodelling took place, and then the newly named The Mountain Bar & Grill was opened on April 22, 2013.

During the dedication, DeRocher and Gauthier spoke of their appreciation for their customers, staff and community.



Owners Dan Gauthier (left) and Jim DeRocher unveil the sign designating the Mountain Bar & Grill as an official Alcona Historic Site on September 11. The Mountain Inn has been an Alcona County gathering place on the corner of US-23 and Black River Road since 1936. *Courtesy photo.*

For more information about Alcona County history, see the Alcona Historical Society website at www.alconahistoricalsociety.com.

(Editor's Note: Information was submitted by Lynn

VanderLinde, co-chairperson of the Alcona Historical Society Site Dedication Committee. History summarized from The Mountain Bar & Grill website and articles from the Alcona County Review.

Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754 Auxiliary

Bill Hastings addressed the post and auxiliary members about the "eagle head" canes that are made by the Michigan Wood Carvers Association under their "Lean On Me" cane program. He showed how the eagle head was carved from a block of wood into the final product. Several applications were made available to the membership to apply to receive a hand carved cane which is adjusted to each person's height.

At the October meeting, the auxiliary welcomed Marie Rhines who spent three months helping her daughter after hip surgery. In Donna Bushey's absence, Marie served as chaplain. A note from the free clinic of Alpena was read thanking the auxiliary for the recent cash dona-

tion which was recommended by Sharon Jack at the September meeting. The free clinic has served 2,300 patients in 6,700 clinic visits.

Treasurer Sandy Light reported that the auxiliary received \$131.50 from the 2014 life member dues and that she will be sending the second dues notice to the annual members. There are 37 annual members and the auxiliary is hoping to reach 100 percent in paid memberships. Frances Ziesman purchased a variety of snacks for the VA clinic waiting room.

The district president's annual inspection went well and Laura Laney advised the auxiliary that a District 11 meeting will not be held in February 2014.

The next auxiliary meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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Scam artists find new opportunities with ACA, government shutdown



Jeremy Lickey (middle), a freshman at Alcona High School, is the recipient of the Second Annual Harvey Family Scholarship. He was given the scholarship by Robyn Hart (left) and Carla Harvey. The scholarship is awarded to a ninth-grade student at Alcona High School based on academic and personal goals. Applying students are required to write an essay explaining how they will achieve their goals and must also list their academic and extra-curricular achievements. *Courtesy photo.*

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the current governmental shutdown have created opportunities for scam artists to con seniors out of money and personal information.

"Unscrupulous people tend to market on governmental changes as opportunities to prey on the elderly and other vulnerable populations," said Susan Eagling Bowen, regional coordinator of the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

According to Bowen, scammers are calling people who have Medicare and telling them they need to get a new Medicare card because of the ACA, also known as Obamacare, or they need to meet with a representative to talk about how their healthcare or Social Security benefits will change. This is not true. Essentially, they are trying to sell a product (insur-

ance) or obtain personal information.

"Any beneficiary on Medicare will not notice any changes in the basic Medicare benefits," she said. "The changes that were to occur already are in place."

Those changes included a progressive elimination of the coverage gap (or donut hole) in prescription drug coverage and the addition of many preventative services. Although the ACA has created health insurance exchanges or marketplaces in states, those on Medicare are not impacted by the marketplaces.

"Medicare beneficiaries do not need to purchase insurance through the exchanges. In fact, it's illegal for someone to sell a person on Medicare any product through the exchange," said Bowen.

With the government shutdown, many area residents

are already leery of what might happen. This represents one more opportunity for scammers to attempt personal gain at the expense of vulnerable populations.

"It is important to remember that the governmental officials - especially those from Medicare and the Social Security Administration - will not contact you at home," Bowen said. "They do not call you and they do not show up at your door."

Bowen also warned that all residents should never give out personal information such as social security, bank account, and/or Medicare numbers. A recent scam targeting local seniors involved the promise of \$3,000 worth of groceries and products. The caller succeeded in getting the personal information of one area senior,

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Suspected scams involving the Medicare and Social Security can be reported by calling the local MMAP office at (800) 703-7174. MMAP counselors are trained to identify and report fraud, scams and other issues.

Additionally, counselors can assist Medicare beneficiaries in understanding benefit options and enrolling in appropriate coverage through the provision of free, confidential, unbiased information.

The MMAP is a program operated through the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (a division of NEMCSA) and partnering county Commissions/Councils on Aging.



The main branch of the Pine River, as it winds through Alcona County, was once again the site for the seasonal macroinvertebrate (aquatic "bugs") sampling program, conducted by local volunteers from the Pine River VanEtten Lake Watershed Coalition (PRVEL). Water sampling is done in the spring and fall and requires netters in the water, scooping up aquatic species which are then sorted, counted and given a preliminary identification by the on-shore crew. The chairman of the group, Arnie Leriche, will then examine the catch under a microscope for the official identification and count which will be sent to the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) and shared with others in the state conducting similar water quality programs. MiCorps provides the initial training for this program and holds an annual conference in support of the preservation and protection of Michigan's water resources, which is attended by at least one representative from PRVEL. More volunteers are being sought to help in the field and can contact Leriche for further details via e-mail at: aleriche526@gmail.com. PRVEL meets quarterly at the Greenbush Township Hall and the next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. and is open to individuals interested in conservation issues.





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Winter is on the way, it's time to shake the mailbox

The third annual "Shake Your Mailbox Day" is Saturday, Oct. 19. The specially-designated day is the result of an effort among road commissions throughout Michigan to raise awareness of the importance of a well-maintained mailbox.

Mailboxes are allowed in the road right of way as a convenience for mail delivery even though considered a roadside safety hazard. Each winter season, countless mailboxes sustain damage from winter maintenance operations — mostly from the force of the snow being cleared from roadways. In many cases, mailbox damage can be avoided if the structure is properly maintained, repaired, and/or replaced prior to the winter maintenance season.

Shake Your Mailbox Day is hoped to be a motivator for owners to give their mailboxes a good shake and to fix or repair the structure before winter. The premise is that if your mailbox cannot withstand a vigorous shaking, it probably won't withstand the force associated with winter road maintenance.

"We hope by having a designated day to inspect and repair mailboxes, residents will get in the habit of annually including the task in their preparations for winter much the same as replacing furnace filters or batteries in smoke detectors," said Alcona County Road Commission administrative assistant Marlena MacNeill.

In addition to the inspection and making any necessary repairs, the following are suggestions that may reduce or eliminate the probability and severity of damage:

- Replace custom mailboxes with a standard mailbox for the winter months;
- Remove mailboxes from the post where mail is not received during the winter season;
- Plan driveway snow plowing techniques to ensure that snow will be cleared away from the mailbox area and

not piled in the plow line preceding the box;

- Resist the urge to reinforce mailbox structures, opting instead for practical installation methods, such as using screws instead of nails, to ensure the box is as secure as possible;

- And finally, a mailbox guard may be the best defense for a mailbox where damage has occurred repeatedly due to contributing factors such as areas where heavy drifting occurs.

"Our number one job is to clear snow from the roadway for safe travel in the winter

and mailboxes are very vulnerable during winter plowing operations," MacNeill said. She answers many of the calls about mailbox damage. "When a lot of snow has fallen, or when the snow is wet and heavy, damage is more likely, but even under normal operations, the force of the snow can easily crack a post or push a mailbox off the post.

"Using this day to inspect and repair mailboxes may later save residents the inconvenience of making alternate delivery arrangements or replacing the structure

when the weather isn't so friendly."

MacNeill explained that a mailbox should be installed so that the post would break off should it be hit by a vehicle. Reinforcement and more rigid installations increase the possibility of injury to passengers in errant vehicles and, there's a possibility the owner of the structure may be held liable for damages."

The road commission recommended mailboxes be installed individually on wooden posts using a single four inch by four inch square

post or a six-inch diameter, or less, round post. The post should be buried no deeper than two feet in the ground. Information about the proper guidelines for installing a mailbox to meet United States Postal Service requirements can be obtained from any local post office.


For more information about Shake Your Mailbox Day, contact the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, by phone at (989) 736-8168 or by e-mail at roads@alcona-crc.com.

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Students of Alcona High School gather for a Restore the Roar pep rally. The students video taped their assembly for entry in the "Good Morning America's Roar with Katy Perry" contest. The nationwide contest will pick one entry from a school to win a live concert by the chart-topping artist to be held at the winning school. The concert will also be broadcast on "Good Morning America." Photo by Mary Weber.

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Annual color tour features water in Alcona County

On the first Thursday and Friday in October a group of area residents traveled throughout Alcona County on the annual George Byelich Memorial Fall Color Tour presented through Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. The theme this year was "A Drop of Water" and at all stops that was the day's focus.

The events on each tour included stops at the Harrisville water system, including the pump house, water tower and waste water lagoons, with Louie Campbell as host. Also in the area were visits to the road commission quarry pit, Harrisville Harbor and Harrisville State Park.

Morning coffee was enjoyed at the Alcona Health Center in Lincoln where KiAnn Kruttlin spoke on the functions and the importance of water in the body. The tour then proceeded to Viking Energy, the Alcona County Road Commission site, Brownlee Lake and then on to a private residence to view Milligan Lake.

At The Mountain Bar & Grill in Black River a meal featuring fresh whitefish caught in Lake Huron off Black River was enjoyed. Brandon Schroeder shared information about the Great Lakes fisheries, especially relating to Lake Huron.

In the afternoon, stops included flowing springs and artesian wells and their formation was demonstrated by Jack Guy. Speakers joined the group at Alcona Township Huron Park, the new bridge over the Black River on Sucker Creed Road and at Huron View Tree Farm.

Rounding out the visits were Northern Springs Artesian Water, Haynes Township Hall for a snack break, Bailey School and Cedarbrook Trout Farm.

Alcona Review Weather Report

Oct. 16, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Few Showers
High: 58 Low: 45

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 43

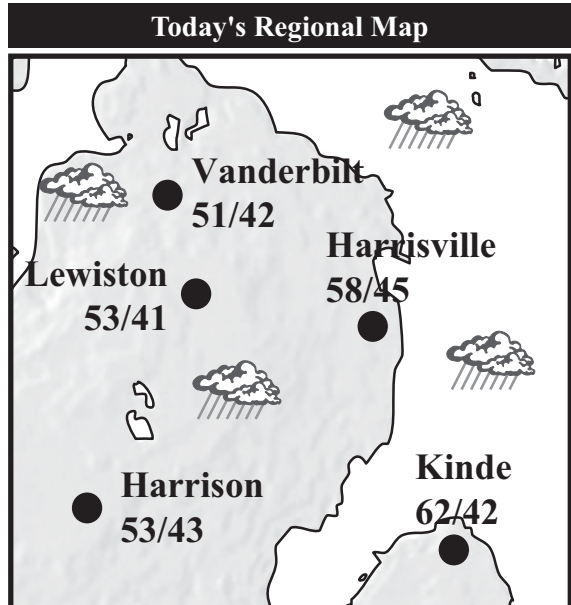
FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 35

MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 34

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 38



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 58°, humidity of 87%. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 82° set in 1968. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 45°. West wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 26° set in 1949.

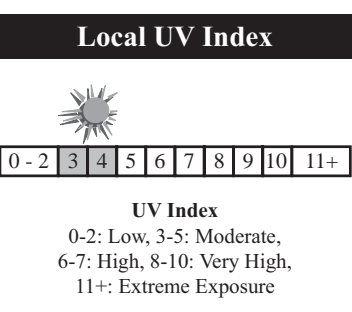
*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	61	42	59/38	0.07"
Tuesday	66	32	59/38	0.00"
Wednesday	73	39	59/38	0.00"
Thursday	68	37	58/37	0.00"
Friday	68	39	58/37	0.00"
Saturday	72	37	57/37	0.00"
Sunday	63	44	57/36	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 10/18	Wednesday	7:51 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	5:29 p.m.	5:13 a.m.	New 11/3
	Thursday	7:52 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	
	Friday	7:53 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	6:31 p.m.	7:28 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:55 a.m.	6:40 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	8:34 a.m.	
Last 10/26	Sunday	7:56 a.m.	6:39 p.m.	7:42 p.m.	9:37 a.m.	First 11/10
	Monday	7:57 a.m.	6:37 p.m.	8:24 p.m.	10:37 a.m.	
	Tuesday	7:59 a.m.	6:35 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	11:32 a.m.	



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers today and Thursday, partly cloudy skies and a few showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 72° in Germantown, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 72° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 92° in Fullerton, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	10:07 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Venus	12:07 p.m.	8:37 p.m.
Mars	3:11 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Jupiter	11:38 p.m.	2:54 a.m.
Saturn	9:23 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Uranus	6:13 p.m.	6:47 a.m.

Weather History

Oct. 16, 1988 - Late afternoon thunderstorms produced severe weather in southwestern Lower Michigan and northern Indiana. One thunderstorm spawned a tornado north of Nappanee, Ind. that caused half a million dollars in damage.

Weather Trivia

Sun spots occur in cycles of how many years, on average?

Answer: Eleven years.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Ephemeral Lunar Eclipse

The East Coast is set for a different kind of lunar eclipse early on the evening of October 18. If you go outdoors around 7:50 p.m. EDT and look eastward at the full moon low in the sky, you may notice that the area around the five o'clock position on the lunar disk, may not look quite as bright as it should. Repeating the same observation an hour later should show that this same region has brightened considerably. What you will have observed is a penumbral lunar eclipse. Lunar eclipses can only happen when the moon is full, in other words, opposite to the location of the sun, and in the same direction as the Earth's shadow. But as everyone knows, lunar eclipses do not occur every month, and that is because the moon's orbit is tilted just over five degrees to the Earth's orbital path. In order for a lunar eclipse to take place, the moon must be in its full phase, and its orbit must also be crossing the plane of the Earth's orbit so that the moon can intersect the shadow of the Earth. The true shadow or umbra of the Earth at the moon's distance is about 5700 miles in diameter, but surrounding it is a larger secondary shadow called the penumbra, a region where if you were on the moon looking back at the Earth, you would observe part of the Earth covering part of the sun. When the moon slips into this region, it does not receive a full blast of sunlight. The portion of the moon, deepest into the penumbra receives the least amount of illumination and takes on a dusky appearance. In this eclipse, no astronaut anywhere on the moon would observe the Earth completely covering the sun, so the primary shadow of Earth, the umbra, will never touch the moon's surface. This will be an eclipse of comparisons. Observe the moon when it is deepest into the penumbra (7:51 p.m.), then observe it an hour later and compare. My guess is you will see this slight difference, an ephemeral lunar eclipse. www.astronomy.org

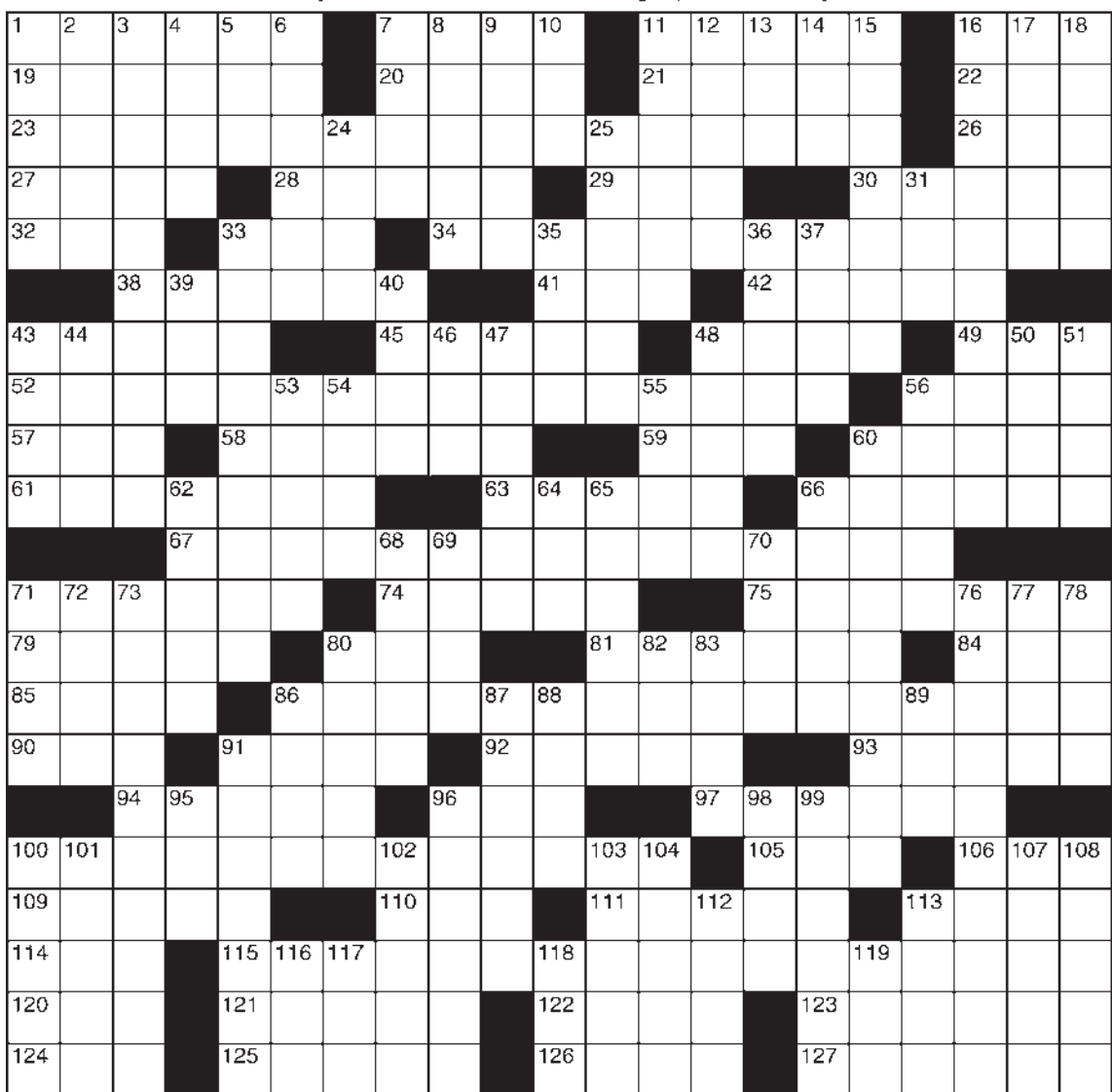
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of owls called?
2. **U.S. STATES:** In which state is the Adirondack Park located?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What is a pangram?
4. **MOVIES:** What movie contained the line "They're here"?
5. **MEDICAL:** What was Viagra originally developed to treat before it was used to combat erectile dysfunction?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** In which country is the region of Lombardy located?
7. **GAMES:** The game of skittles closely represents what other game?
8. **LITERATURE:** How many stories are contained in "The Canterbury Tales"?
9. **TELEVISION:** On which show did the phrase "Sock it to me!" originate?
10. **ADVERTISING SLOGANS:** What company's advertising slogan is "Can you hear me now"?

Answers: 1. A parliament; 2. New York; 3. A sentence that contains all 26 letters of a language's alphabet; 4. "Poltergeist"; 5. Angina; 6. Italy; 7. Bowling; 8. 24; 9. "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"; 10. Verizon Wireless. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Edible gifts for teachers</p> <p>7 Quadri-times two</p> <p>11 Sudden gush</p> <p>16 Partners for pas</p> <p>19 Lead-in to "I can't hear you!"</p> <p>20 Corrida yells</p> <p>21 Quite severe</p> <p>22 ETs' carrier</p> <p>23 Philadelphia museum since 1824</p> <p>26 Rapper — Jon</p> <p>27 Tim or Tara of acting</p> <p>28 1836 Texas siege target</p> <p>29 Morsel for an echidna</p> <p>30 The first "M" of MGM</p> <p>32 Suffix with west</p> <p>33 Chou En —</p> <p>34 They may result in amnesia</p> <p>38 Sounded like an explosion</p> <p>41 Surreptitious</p> <p>42 Picture prop</p> <p>43 Ross of pop</p> <p>45 Strong, lustrous fiber</p> <p>48 Habitation</p> | <p>49 Not fore</p> <p>52 Native Americans living along the Ottawa River</p> <p>56 Apollo's instrument</p> <p>57 Capitalize on</p> <p>58 Evening meal</p> <p>59 Letters before rhos</p> <p>60 In first place</p> <p>61 Song from "South Pacific"</p> <p>63 Turn to hit, in baseball</p> <p>66 Wax-winged flier of myth</p> <p>67 Base components of a dish</p> <p>71 Eddying</p> <p>74 "Bye-bye!"</p> <p>75 Stuck with a harpoon</p> <p>79 Beaker's kin</p> <p>80 Chiang — -shek</p> <p>81 Like very gory films</p> <p>84 Great pitcher</p> <p>85 Turns bad</p> <p>86 Get liberated</p> <p>90 Be in the red</p> <p>91 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"</p> <p>92 Banishes</p> <p>93 Al of Indy</p> | <p>94 Rodeo rope</p> <p>96 Pay-to-stay place</p> <p>97 Start of a line by Juliet</p> <p>100 Line of Japanese sport bikes</p> <p>105 Round body</p> <p>106 Many a yuppie's deg.</p> <p>109 Molecule's makeup</p> <p>110 Go off — tangent</p> <p>111 Prod</p> <p>113 Santa — (hot desert winds)</p> <p>114 Road goo</p> <p>115 Conditions of dermatitis</p> <p>120 Class</p> <p>121 Church path</p> <p>122 Charles Lamb's pseudonym</p> <p>123 Clan cloth</p> <p>124 City trains</p> <p>125 Chest pictures, perhaps</p> <p>126 City in west Germany</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Woodard of Hollywood</p> <p>2 Peeling knife</p> | <p>3 Deli item with no toppings</p> <p>4 Alight</p> <p>5 Wild bugler</p> <p>6 Bow of respect</p> <p>7 The final Mrs. Chaplin</p> <p>8 Ascend</p> <p>9 Operatic male</p> <p>10 Horse cousin</p> <p>11 8-Down, as a tree</p> <p>12 Singer LaBelle</p> <p>13 Country south of Braz.</p> <p>14 String past Q</p> <p>15 1999 film with Albert Brooks and Sharon Stone</p> <p>16 Like onions</p> <p>17 In flames</p> <p>18 Recital highlights</p> <p>24 "Why would —?"</p> <p>25 Shadowed</p> <p>31 Up 'til</p> <p>33 Shylock</p> <p>35 P — "Peter"</p> <p>36 Bright colors</p> <p>37 Clogs up</p> <p>39 Lennon lover</p> <p>40 Faucet noise</p> <p>43 Finger-paint</p> | <p>44 Rick's love in a classic film</p> <p>46 Hex-ender</p> <p>47 Desert illusion</p> <p>48 Voodoo land</p> <p>50 Munich Mrs.</p> <p>51 "Bill & — Excellent Adventure"</p> <p>53 State bird of California</p> <p>54 Curl — bed</p> <p>55 2010 Apple release</p> <p>56 With 83-Down, terrier from Tibet</p> <p>60 Behaved like a bonehead</p> <p>62 "Did — something?"</p> <p>64 Take a shot</p> <p>65 Goat hangers?</p> <p>66 Using ink, as a signature</p> <p>68 See 95-Down</p> <p>69 No, in Essen</p> <p>70 Noble Italian family name</p> <p>71 Picked hairdo</p> <p>72 Snaillike</p> <p>73 They're turned on when one starts crying</p> <p>76 A kidnapper may write it</p> | <p>77 "Behold!" to Brutus</p> <p>78 Elk's cousin</p> <p>80 Canoe type</p> <p>82 Like emeriti: Abbr.</p> <p>83 See 56-Down</p> <p>86 Ray Charles' "I — Woman"</p> <p>87 Sea off Sicily</p> <p>88 Former senator Sam</p> <p>89 Detroit-to-Toronto dir.</p> <p>91 Large reed instrument</p> <p>95 With 68-Down, 1971 Neil</p> <p>96 Some navels</p> <p>98 Hotel unit</p> <p>99 Very fancy</p> <p>100 Couric of ABC News</p> <p>101 In any way</p> <p>102 "If — Had a Heart"</p> <p>103 Jiggly food</p> <p>104 From the top</p> <p>107 Mundane</p> <p>108 Clubs: Abbr.</p> <p>112 Fed of a sort</p> <p>113 Snootiness</p> <p>116 Dry white wine aperitif</p> <p>117 "This — test..."</p> <p>118 Short mo.</p> <p>119 Small bit</p> |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was American writer Gore Vidal who made the following sage observation: "The corporate grip on opinion in the United States is one of the wonders of the Western world. No First World country has ever managed to eliminate so entirely from its media all objectivity -- much less dissent."

• If you're like most people, you've probably never encountered a tziganologist. That is, unless you consort with those who study Hungarian gypsies.

• When someone mentions the rock band ZZ Top, you probably think of a group of musicians with beards. They don't all have beards, though; the drummer is clean-shaven as a matter of safety (imagine being in the middle of a drum solo and getting a stick caught in a long beard -- ouch!). Interestingly, the unbearded drummer's name is Frank Beard.

• Squirrels are wonderful foresters. Every year, thousands of trees grow from caches of nuts and acorns that squirrels forgot about.

• If you see a group of pugs together, know that they're collectively called a grumble.

• One anagram of "William Shakespeare" is "I am a weakish speller." Incidentally, a person who comes up with anagrams is known as an "anagrammatist."

• If you're planning a trip to Japan, you might want to add the island of Okunoshima to your itinerary. It's often called Usagi Jima, or "Rabbit Island," by locals because the bunnies there are tame and approach humans without fear.

• Those who study such things have discovered that if you put a sea sponge in a blender and leave the resulting mess overnight, the remaining cells will find each other and start forming a new sponge.

Thought for the Day: "An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered; an adventure is an inconvenience rightly considered." -- Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Oct. 31, 1517, the priest and scholar Martin Luther nails to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, a piece of paper containing 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation. In one, Luther condemned the corruption of the Catholic Church for asking for payment for the forgiveness of sins.

• On Oct. 30, 1890, Oakland, Calif., enacts a law against opium, morphine and cocaine. The new regulations allowed only doctors to prescribe these drugs, which had been legal for cures or pain relief.

• On Oct. 29, 1929, Black Tuesday hits Wall Street as investors trade 16,410,030 shares. In the aftermath of Black Tuesday, America and the rest of the industrialized world spiraled downward into the Great Depression. By 1932, stocks were worth only about 20 percent of their value in the summer of 1929.

• On Nov. 2, 1947, the Hughes Flying Boat -- the largest aircraft ever built -- is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight. Built with laminated birch and spruce, the "Spruce Goose" had a wingspan longer than a football field and was designed to carry more than 700 men to battle.

• On Nov. 1, 1952, the United States detonates the world's first thermonuclear weapon, the hydrogen bomb, on Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific. The Soviet Union quickly followed suit, and by the late 1970s, seven nations had constructed hydrogen bombs.

• On Oct. 28, 1965, construction is completed on the Gateway Arch, a 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel in St. Louis. An internal tram system takes visitors to the top, where on a clear day they can see up to 30 miles across the Mississippi and to the Great Plains to the west.

• On Nov. 3, 1986, the Lebanese magazine Ash Shiraa reports that the United States has been secretly selling arms to Iran in an effort to secure the release of seven American hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon. Within weeks, Attorney General Edwin Meese revealed that proceeds from the arms sales were diverted to fund Nicaraguan rebels.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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