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Karlie Colorite, 2, of Lincoln shares a laugh with Santa during the Barton City Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4141 Christmas party over the weekend. Each child 12 years old and younger got a stuffed animal or handcrafted blanket, a free lunch and a special wrapped gift from Santa. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

Community foundation receives grant to improve health and wellness

A grant of nearly \$200,000 has been awarded to improve food choices, diet and nutrition and financial accessibility to fresh produce.

The grant was awarded to The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to support "Prescription for Health" (PFH).

The resulting grant award will serve Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Presque Isle and Oscoda counties. PFH will begin in January 2016 with grant funding covering a two-year period.

The Community Foundation brought this opportunity to the attention of Alcona Health Center, Thunder Bay Community Health Center and District Health

Departments 2, 4 and 10 in late September. All agencies were eager to partner, enabling the Foundation to prepare and submit the grant in October.

"The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan proactively seeks out opportunities to bring much needed funding resources to northeast Michigan. In this case, we were fortunate to have an excellent and willing set of nonprofit healthcare partners willing to jump on board quickly and bring their innovative ideas and expertise to the table. We are very pleased we could submit a competitive grant application within such a tight timeframe," said Barbara Frantz, CFNEM executive director.

More than 30 community

Alcona senior centers provide activities, services and meals

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Growing old is often a very lonely time. The loss of a spouse or lifelong friends can leave quite a hole in the lives of those still living, but thanks to a friendly port, available in three locations, Alcona County seniors never have to feel alone.

That friendly oasis is the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) and the organization wants all seniors over the age of 60 to know it is working hard to be there for them, whether they feel lonely or not.

For over four decades the ACCOA has been providing meals and programs to promote friendships for seniors and to increase a senior's independence and quality of life. Its mission, to serve Alcona County seniors, is alive and well. And there is always room for more to join in.

The ACCOA serves dinners to seniors, and their guests, at the main location in Lincoln and at two satellite locations in Glennie and Greenbush. Last year 11,614 meals were served between the three sites. It also delivered nearly 20,000 meals to home-

"If there is a need and people want something and are going to show up for it, we will try to provide it. We are open to anything the seniors want. If there is any message we would like the public to know it's that we are here for all seniors."

~ Suzan Krey, Executive Director
Alcona County Commission on Aging

bound seniors.

The service doesn't end with just a nutritious meal once a day. There is a lot going on at senior centers which many seniors may not be aware. Services ranging from luncheons to respite care to helping with household chores to filing income tax are all performed on a donation basis or free of charge.

Mia Welscott, who wears many hats at the ACCOA including in-home service coordinator and activities director, explained while it operated as a charitable organization, and there is posted donation suggestions (\$3 dollars for meals for seniors 60 and over and \$6 per meal for anyone under the age of 60), it is not mandatory.

Executive Director Suzan Krey would like people to pay what they can. She is concerned that some seniors may

avoid coming to the centers because they are only for people who cannot afford food. "The center is here for all seniors to take advantage

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Jean Bloecker (left), Mia Welscott (center) and Janette Capizzo were all decked out for the ACCOA December dinner party at the Greenbush site. *Photo by Mary Weber.*



Northeast Michigan Prescription for Health partners include (left to right) Alcona Health Chief Operating Officer Nancy Spencer and Chief Executive Officer Christine Baumgardner, Thunder Bay Community Health Services Chief Executive Officer Michelle Styma, Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan Executive Director Barbara Frantz, District Health Department No. 4 Personal Health Supervisor Karen Nowicki-Compeau, and Medical Director Dr. Josh Meyerson. *Courtesy photo.*

foundations across the state applied for funding through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund's fall 2015 grant application process. Grant requests focused on areas such as prenatal care and infant mortality, health services to support adopted and fostered children, healthy food access, wellness and fitness programs, access to mental health services, technology enhancements, health related transportation needs, access to care/integrated care, and teen pregnancy prevention.

"The Michigan Health Endowment Fund board is proud to support a variety of

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Obituary

Richard T. "Rick" Rickert Sr.

Richard "Rick" T. Rickert Sr., 68, of Mikado, died on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 5, 1947 to Harry and Helen (Metsa) Rickert in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Livonia, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and was honorably discharged in 1968.

He worked as a dingman for Michigan Truck.

On October 11, 1986, he married Susan Swales in Harrisville. They were residents of Napoleon, Mich. and moved to Mikado in 2002 when he retired.

Mr. Rickert was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and watching all kinds of sports. He also enjoyed woodworking and liked to fix motors.

He was a member of the American Legion, Mikado Post No. 254, and the Disabled Veterans of America. He was also active with the VFW Burger Wiedbrauk Post No. 8135 in Barton City.

Mr. Rickert is survived by his wife, Susan; one daughter, Bethany Leann (Donny Bissonette) Rickert of Oscoda; three sons, Richard T. (Dana) Rickert Jr. of Swartz Creek, Mich., Ronald Dean Rickert of Williamston, Mich.



and Matt James Rickert of Brooklyn, Mich.; six grandchildren, Morgan (Joe) Rohen, Hannah Rickert, Brenden Rickert, Kaylie Rickert, Alyssa Rickert, and Jaydyn Pukall; two sisters, Lois (Jim) Donovan and Carole (Lee) Clacher; his father and mother-in-law, Ronald and Elaine Swales; one daughter-in-law, Dawn Mayett; Dawn Mayett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Bob Rickert.

The funeral will be held Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln at 11 a.m. The Rev. Mary Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery.

Sailor Jack and his dog Bingo have been on the Cracker Jack box since 1918.



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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,
Though winter is curiously absent so far, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is bringing back its Road Watchers program in the northern Lower Peninsula for when the snow returns.

For a third year, MDOT is recruiting returning and new Road Watchers in the northernmost 21 counties in Lower Michigan to participate in periodic surveys measuring winter highway conditions

during the 6 to 9 a.m. commuting period on some key routes in their area.

This winter the Alpena TSC has chosen US-23 in Alcona and Alpena counties to be the location for Road Watchers to gather data for MDOT.

MDOT compiles the survey results to track winter highway conditions with the goal of improving winter maintenance practices and response time. Surveys should only take a few moments to complete. Road

Watchers are polled randomly for each storm event and asked to participate in an online Survey Monkey survey about the road conditions they encountered. All results will be anonymous.

We're reaching out to those who drive these routes on their morning commutes, and may wish to participate in the Road Watchers program. Anyone interested in participating, can enroll at www.michigan.gov/roadwatchers.

Doug Wilson
Alpena TSC Manager

To the Editor,
It was with mixed emotions that I saw an article heading of a tentative agreement between Alpena Regional Medical Center (ARMC) and the Nurses. I was reminded of the shameful way ARMC treated their visiting nurses not so long ago during similar negotiations.

Plenty of money for new "high tech equipment" but, so little for the compassionate care givers that spend so much of their time attending to those in their care. I've no

complaint about the equipment needed to diagnose, and sometimes treat, many of the afflictions we're subject to.

My concern is that in our appreciation of these scientific wonders we lose track of the powerful impact the "Angels of Mercy" bring to the healing process. Think of the comfort and skill they bring to their patients and their family members, no machine can compare to the warmth and the kind words of one of these dedicated healers.

Make no mistake, I'm not implying that they perform

so wonderfully because of avarice, no, it's because they fee "called" to their profession. I've been privileged to know, personally, a number of them and every one of them feels compelled to care for others.

We, as those that are so positively affected by their administration of healing skills, should see that they are fairly compensated for the caregiving acts they so generously perform each day.

Clayton T. Jolley Sr.
Oscoda

Organization Notes



Alcona Lodge No. 292 F & A. M. members present a check for \$306 to My Brother's Hope Board Chairperson Meg Nisbet. Last year the Masons purchased and installed insulation at the Free Store located at 76 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. Those funds were matched by the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, and the matching funds given to My Brother's Hope. (From left) Mike Kerr, past master; Kevin Friddle, master for 2016; Eric Wagner, master when the work was done in 2015; Nisbet; Art Laatz, past master; and John Guynn, past master. *Courtesy photo.*

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Dec. 13	50		42	0.30	6.2
Dec. 14	50	44	0.44	4.8	25	SW
Dec. 15	47	36	0.00	5.0	21	NNE
Dec. 16	44	36	0.01	14.2	32	SSW
Dec. 17	44	31	0.00	3.3	22	SW
Dec. 18	33	23	0.00	2.5	19	SW
Dec. 19	26	22	0.00	1.9	21	W
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	0.75	0.0	0.42			
December to Date	0.77	0.0	1.14			
Year/Season to Date	20.47	8.5	27.71			

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.)



Calendar of Events



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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

There will be a gingerbread house workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Children and teens are invited to come into the library to make a spectacular gingerbread house. All materials provided free. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Sunrise Side Carving Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the AuSable-Oscoda Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda. Anyone interested in wood carving is invited to attend.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879..

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

The planning committee for Mikado Days 2016 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Anyone interested in joining the committee, volunteering, or to provide entertainment or a service at the event is invited to attend. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

The organizational meeting for a bow hunting archery league will be held at 6 p.m. at the Oscoda Community Center, 4071 Arrow Street in Oscoda. For more information, contact Paul Rekowski at (989) 569-3059 or prekowski@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

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Euchre players will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. Free items for newborns to age five to residents of Alcona County. Diapers, formula, clothes, and bedding will be available.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

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

Free Range Crafts, something new for crafters, will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, ideas, and questions to share with others. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

A snowmobile safety class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. This free class is open to youth under the age of 16, but any youth under the age of 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Space and class materials are limited. To register, call David Anson at (989) 739-4711.

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100th Birthday Celebration

Margaret Boelter, formerly of Hubbard Lake, will celebrate her 100 birthday on Sunday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at St. Francis Nursing in Shields, Mich. She was born on December 28, 1915 in Saginaw, Mich. She had three older brothers. She married George Boelter on June 12, 1937. He died in January 2007. She had four children, Robert (Barbara) Boelter (deceased), Lyn (Bob) Bohnsack, Tom (Alicia) Boelter, and Sue (Dale) Ludwig; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. Family and friends are welcome to attend.



Margaret Boelter

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Dec. 28—Roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, an apple, and cookies.

- Tuesday, Dec. 29—Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, an orange, and cookies.

- Wednesday, Dec. 30—Pork roast in gravy over buttered noodles, mixed vegetables, applesauce, a pear and cookies.

- Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1—All centers closed.

Snowmobile Safety Class

A snowmobile safety class is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. The class is free and open to any youth under the age of 16, but any youth under the age of 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The class is designed to teach trail etiquette, proper riding gear, basic first aid and the rules and regulation of proper snowmobile operation. Parents and guardians may attend the class. Space and class materials are limited. Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by calling David Hanson at (989) 739-4711. The class is sponsored by the AuSable Valley Trailriders.

Grants Recipient

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society has received a grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation for \$3,500 to upgrade its equipment, to continue the Legacy in Glass exhibit, and to continue the mission of recording and preserving the history of ancestors. The group has also received grants from the Iosco County Community Foundation (Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan) for \$1,000 and from the Seton Shields Genealogical Grant program for \$300.

The grant dollars awarded to HSGS will enable the non-profit organization to continue to assist people to discover their family history, preserve historical records and documents, index valuable resources, and provide educational opportunities for genealogists and historians.

Special Award

The Honorable Laura A. Frawley was recently awarded the Michigan Family Support Council's (MFSC) 2015 Judicial Award. This award recognizes outstanding contri-

butions and dedication to the Michigan Child Support Program. Frawley was nominated for her tireless commitment to helping families form and maintain healthy relationships and her outspoken support of The 23rd Circuit/81st District Drug/Sobriety Court and the Chosen Ranch, a Christian home in Alcona County that gives abused, abandoned, neglected, and homeless children a home. Frawley has served as Alcona County's elected probate judge since 2007 and sits as the county's presiding circuit, family, district, and drug/sobriety court judge. MFSC is a non-profit organization for child support professionals. The council's mission is to support, protect, and promote the rights of children by providing professional development training for its members.

Court Survey Results

For the third year in a row, court users say they are satisfied with their experiences in Alcona County's circuit, district, and probate court. Using a survey that was administered in courts statewide, court systems asked court users questions about their level of satisfaction with court services. Across the board, court users said that Alcona County courts were accessible, timely, fair, and that they were treated with courtesy and respect.

"Public input is vitally important because court users can help us make critical management decisions to improve the efficiency of court operations," said Judge Laura A. Frawley. "Getting positive marks for three years in a row shows how hard our team is working at Alcona County."

Highlights from the survey include: Ninety-six percent of court users said they were treated with courtesy and respect by the judge or magistrate; ninety-three percent of court users understood what happened in their case; ninety-four percent of courts users were able to get their business done in a reasonable amount of time.

Developed with input from judges and court administrators statewide and tabulated by the State Court Administrative Office, the survey enables courts to identify strengths, provide positive feedback to employees, and target areas for improvement. The survey was completed by a range of court users, including parties to cases, attorneys, jurors, and others. The public satisfaction survey is part of a statewide initiative of the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrative Office to measure and report on court performance. In 2013 and 2014, a total of nearly 50,000 surveys were completed in courts throughout Michigan. Visit www.courts.mi.gov for more information.



We wanted to take the time to thank you for your support, prayers and donations for the children of the Chosen Ranch. This year has been a year of miracles as we watched a dream become reality. The property has been purchased, the house restored, the parents have moved in and we have been blessed with our first two boys. Many additions are in store for 2016 but we could not let 2015 end without thanking our Lord and Savior and for all that has been done for the Chosen Ranch with year. We wish you and yours the most blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. While our mission and needs are great we give thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Chosen Ranch Team



THE CHOSEN RANCH

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of no matter what their income is," Krey said.

The Lincoln site is open five days a week, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and something is happening there every day of the week. Welscott said some come in for coffee in the morning and end up spending almost the whole day there talking to friends, reading, working on crafts or playing cards.

The center offers free Wi-Fi Internet and computers are available for senior use. It also offers daily walking in the upstairs hall and has some exercise equipment available. There is a free lending library and Wii games. Euchre, Bunco and other dice and card games are played weekly and there is free popcorn and a movie on Friday afternoon.

Twice a month a group of Alcona retirees get together at the ACCOA to have lunch and play bingo. Lunch is not usually served, but the staff will make an effort to serve a meal to any group who would like to visit the center, as

pect the center provides and explained that it's a great place to go in order to get out of the house to do something different.

Margaret Hardy and her husband, John, have been going to the Lincoln site for dinner for the last 25 years. "We go almost every night. When John retired I decided I wasn't going to cook anymore. We started going to the senior center when we moved up here. We didn't know many people and we've made a lot of good friends there. The meals are very good. They have a really good cook and they are healthy and well balanced," Hardy said.

Roughly 50 percent of the senior center's funding comes from millage monies, 25 percent comes from state and federal grants through the Area Agency on Aging under Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency and another 25 percent comes from public donations and fund raising by renting out the hall and other activities.

rice crispy treats. Seniors can wear their "comfy" clothes to dine in. Welscott said many were going to come in their pajamas, robes and slippers.

"I love all the food and haven't found anything I didn't like and the price is reasonable. You can't go to McDonalds for that price and get as good of a meal. Some couples come to the center but there are a lot of single seniors like me who would be eating all alone every night if it weren't for the senior center," said Kay Travis.

"We go and eat and visit and sometimes go to the high school after to watch a basketball game together. It's very social and the staff is very friendly there, they couldn't be nicer," she said.

Travis enjoys the center so much she became a board member for the center and is quite proud of their accomplishments in serving seniors.

The ACCOA offers many services to homebound seniors and their families such as homemaking, respite care,

puters to a variety of other interests such as cooking or gardening.

It is also in need of monetary donations. Krey hopes families will remember how the organization helped care for their loved one for many

years prior to hospice or other agencies coming in at their final hour. For more information about ACCOA and program times check the website at alconasenior.org or call (989) 736-8879.

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Coalition formed by a group of people who had become weary of learning; Bored of Education.

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(From left) Theresa Durham, Leora Gillard (who was celebrating her 89th birthday), Sharon Goetz, Kay Travis and Tom Miks attending the ACCOA special monthly dinner party at the Lincoln site. Photo by Mary Weber.

long as they know ahead of time how many will be eating and what day of the week they are coming.

Wednesday is the ACCOA's busiest day of the week as it is crafting day. The Alcona needle crafters group has about 30 seniors who make hats and mittens for anyone in need. A group of wood-carvers also take part in their weekly hobby. Krey said many come for lunch, work on their projects throughout the afternoon and stay for dinner so they always try to serve something different for both meals. Both groups are informal and open to anyone interested in participating.

Every Thursday the center offers a free Senior Zumba Gold exercise class taught by a certified instructor. A "Matter of Balance" class is held twice a year in the spring and fall and line dancing is offered in the winter months to help keep seniors active and healthy.

The center has programs based around senior lifestyles, such as elder abuse awareness workshops, free medical drug lock boxes, foot care, computer classes and more.

Krey said many seniors just come for the social as-

and personal care. The new Friends and Neighbors volunteer program, which just began this year, offers services like driving seniors to doctor appointments and to the senior center, or taking them shopping for groceries. Volunteers will also do yard work, shovel snow, make minor home repairs or just sit and visit or check on seniors by phone.

For those in need there is a lending closet with medical equipment such as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, transfer and shower benches and some other supplies. The senior center also offers monthly commodities for seniors in need of food.

The ACCOA is always seeking ways to improve its services. "If there is a need and people want something and are going to show up for it, we will try to provide it. We are open to anything the seniors want. If there is any message we would like the public to know it's that we are here for all seniors," Krey said.

The ACCOA is always on the look out for new volunteers for everything from instructing easy courses in technology to support for seniors using tablets or com-

puters to a variety of other interests such as cooking or gardening.

It is also in need of monetary donations. Krey hopes families will remember how the organization helped care for their loved one for many

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successful programs already positively impacting the health of Michigan's children and seniors as a result of our first grant funding effort," said Rob Fowler, board chairman. "We look forward to building additional relationships with Michigan's community foundations and other nonprofit organizations as they continue their focused work to improve the health of Michigan's most vulnerable residents."

Community foundations were eligible to apply for grants in support of programs to improve the health of minor children and seniors in their regions. Those foundations awarded grants, in turn, now have the ability to offer their community nonprofits funding to focus on the delivery of services and outcomes while the Foundation continues to serve as the overall grant administrator.

"We are excited to collaborate this year with community foundations on projects that seek to enhance the well-being of Michigan's children and seniors in their local communities," said Paul Hille-gonds, executive director of Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Christine Baumgardner, CEO of Alcona Health Center, which will serve as the overall coordinator for tracking the delivery of services and outcomes, said Denise Thompson, a certified dietician, will coordinate the educational components of the program, "ensuring that it includes diet and nutrition

information, as well as how to select, prepare and store fresh food."

Alcona Health Center and Thunder Bay Community Health Center will refer patients to the Prescriptions for Health program. The district health departments will provide health educators for special events and enrollment sessions. Participating local retailers include IGAs, Neiman's Family Markets, Glens of Cheboygan and Presque Isle, Kris Mart of Lincoln, as well as each county's farmer's markets as sites for patients to get fresh fruits and vegetables on a seasonal basis.

Speaking on behalf of District Health Department No. 4, Medical Director Dr. Josh Meyerson said the health department is excited to join efforts in helping create a cultural shift away from heavily processed, less nutritious foods. "Prescriptions for Health is all about making it easier and more affordable for residents in northeast Michigan to make healthier food choices."

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a charitable organization that serves as a community resource for creating and administering charitable funds and endowments, scholarships, grants and partnerships that serve the unique needs of each community. To learn more, visit www.cfnem.org or call (877) 354-6881.

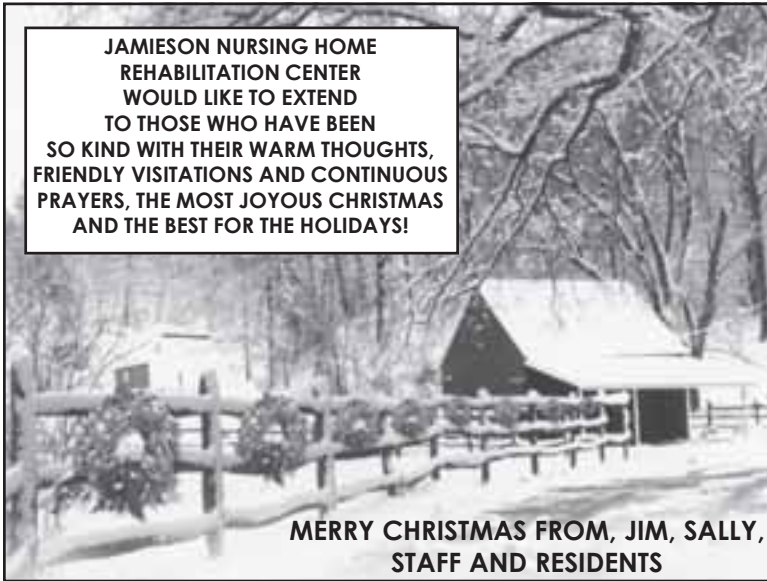
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is to improve the health of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of health care, with special emphasis on the health and wellness of children and seniors.

The fund was created as part of 2013 state legislation that allowed Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to become a nonprofit mutual health insurer. Nearly \$38 million in grants were awarded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund last year. Additional information can be found at the Michigan Health Endowment Fund website at mhealth-fund.com.

Thank you Garry and Lisa Hayes and girls, also Phyllis O'Neal for the wonderful dinner and help in the passing of my son, Chris Randall Neumann.

Nancy Neumann



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The future groom is the son of Scott and Stephania Simpson of Greenbush. He is a graduate of Michigan Tech University and is employed by Biewer Forest Management of McBain, Mich. as a procurement forester.

A June 25, 2016 wedding is planned in Baltimore, Md.



Greta Moore and Corey Simpson

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Early Bloomers December 15

Bluebells	207.5	107.5
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Daffodils	173	142
Marigolds	164	151
Rosebuds	154.5	160.5
Tigerlilys	125.5	184.5
Violets	71	223

High game: Sharon O'Callaghan, 203.
 High series: Gina Broadwood, 481.
 High team game and series: Rosebuds, 311 and 846

Wednesday Nite Women's December 16

Back Alley Bar	138	72
Alcona Tool	121.5	88.5
Ark Plumbing	114	96
JB's Auto	114	96
Alcona Abstract	104.5	105.5
Lincoln Precision	91.5	118.5
Stoney Acres	80	130
Alcona Dredge	76.5	133.5

High game: Carla James, 215.
 High series: Nancy Cook, 543.
 High handicap game: Carla James, 251.
 High handicap series: Linda Hudgins and Gina Broadwood, 657.

Majors

December 19

Pin Busters	113	97
Ace	108.5	101.5
Team 2	105	104
Lucky 7s	93.5	116.5

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 263 and 666.
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Cory Hoffman, 292 and 753.
 Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 101 and 275.
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 213 and 611.

Minor

December 19

Boys	60	31
Girls	31	60

Boy's high game and series: Zean Monnier, 97 and 147.
 Boy's high handicap game: Triston Robinson, 232.
 Boy's high handicap series: Dayton Businger, 434.
 Girl's high game and series: Adonia Schott, 61 and 85.
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Arean Monnier, 190 and 377.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Helping an aging parent with their finances

Dear Savvy Senior
 Can you offer any tips on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 82-year-old mother is having some trouble keeping up with her bills, and I just found out that she has been making a lot of small contributions to suspicious charities.

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,
 Millions of adult children today serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents or other loved ones. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your mom.

Taking on some or all of the financial responsibility of an elderly parent or other loved one can sometimes be awkward and difficult. The first step in helping your mom is to have a thoughtful and respectful talk with her, expressing your concerns, and offering your help in simpli-

fying her financial life. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your mom will know everyone is concerned.

If your mom is willing to let you help manage her financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of her financial accounts, and locate her important legal documents. This will help you get a handle on her overall financial situation and let you know if any key documents are missing.

Your list should include her:

- Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.
- Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets she has.
- Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your

current or former employer.

- Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.

- Important legal documents: A will, advanced medical directive which includes a living will and health-care proxy, and durable power of attorney which gives one or more people the legal authority to handle her finances if she becomes incapacitated. Make sure these documents are prepared.

- Taxes: Copies of your mom's income tax returns over the past few years.

- Contact list: Names and phone numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.

If your mom has considerable assets or a complex financial situation, you and your mom should sit down with her financial advisor or attorney to review her situation. If she doesn't have anyone, consider hiring a reputable fee-only financial planner who can help you figure things out and put a smart



Savvy Senior

plan in place. Fee-only planners do not earn commissions by selling you financial products. They charge only for their services, which can be around \$150 to \$300 an hour. To locate one in your area, visit napfa.org or garrettplanningnetwork.com.

One of the easiest ways to simplify your mom's monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills, and arrange for direct deposit of her income sources. You can also make arrangements to have her bank statements mailed directly to you, so you can monitor what's coming in and going out each month. Or,

you could set up your mom's online banking service (if available), so you can pay bills and monitor her account anytime.

For more tips on financial caregiving, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau offers four guides on "Managing Someone Else's Money" that you can read online at consumerfinance.gov/blog/managing-someone-elses-money.

If you need some help or live far away, you may want to consider hiring a daily money manager (aadmm.com, 877-326-5991) who can come in once or twice a month

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Lady Tigers top Eagles, Thunderbolts

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

In the last game before the holiday break, the Alcona varsity girls basketball team played host to Fairview on December 18 and earned the fourth straight win in front of the home crowd.

The Lady Tigers found themselves in foul trouble after one of Alcona's strongest post players picked up her third foul with 3:15 remaining in the first quarter. Fairview took the 9-8 lead by the end of it. In the second quarter, Alcona got back into the game with scoring from Kendra LaFave, Taylor Livingston, Keilee Elmer, Rachel Warner and Alissa Terpstra to tie the game 21-21 heading into halftime.

Alcona came back strong defensively and caused Fairview to rush, miss shots and turn over the ball. The Lady Tigers quickly took control and converted Fairview's turnovers into points. LaFave put in 10 points which provided a little breathing room as Alcona went into the final period with a 42-27 lead.

In the final quarter both teams worked hard on offense trading bucket for bucket. The Lady Tigers held strong with great defensive pressure to secure the 52-38 victory.

"We got off to a really slow start but our second half effort was one of the best this year," said coach Brad Cole. "We had some good outside shooting and our defense surged in the third quarter. This is a great win going into the break."

LaFave led the Lady Tigers with 19 points and three steals. Jordan Joyce added six points. Terpstra put in six points and pulled down nine rebounds. Livingston contributed four points, six rebounds and three steals.

Alcona's junior varsity team also secured the 37-21 win over Fairview. Hailee Gordy put up 12 points and Abby Franklin added 11 points for the Lady Tigers.

Alcona traveled to Mio on December 15 to go up against the Lady Thunderbolts. Alcona held the 14-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second, the Lady Tigers outscored Mio 11-9 to maintain a six point lead and finished the first half 25-19 overall.

Alcona had its hands full in the third period when Mio muscled its way back to tie the game 30-30 heading into the fourth quarter. The Lady Tigers stepped up their offense game with an 18-8 run to pick up the 48-38 win.

"We did a great job of controlling the boards. I thought the total effort of our team was the best so far. Nice to win against a tough, scrappy team," Cole said.

LaFave had 16 points. Harmon had seven points, seven assists and four blocks. Maddie Lane added 6 points. Brittany Decker had six points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Terpstra made five points and grabbed eight rebounds.

The Alcona junior varsity team defeated Mio 30-27.

The Lady Tigers will have a couple of weeks off for the holiday season and will play the Braves on January 4, 2016 in Tawas.

Alcona downed by Mio buzzer beater

By Ben Murphy
Sportswriter

As far as beginnings go it was pretty great.

As far as endings go, it was a real heartbreaker.

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team got off to a hot start in its home opener on Monday, Dec. 14 but a last second Mio three-pointer handed the Tigers a tough-to-swallow North Star League loss, 47-46.

"In the second half, Mio was able to come back and take a lead for a couple reasons," Alcona head coach Toby Suttle said. "We had breakdowns defensively and we got away from what we've been working on. We are still resetting our default and that process takes time. We started to settle back in, but Mio made an adjustment to start switching screens and we just aren't to the point where spacing and reads to defensive adjustments are seamless, that takes time."

The Tigers led most of the night, twice taking a lead as big as nine points. Alcona let that lead slip away in the fourth quarter, but did battle back to take a 46-44 lead on two Nate Swinson free throws with just over six seconds remaining.

Out of a timeout, Mio star senior Ben Lubitz inbounded the ball to a teammate near mid-court, then sprinted to accept a pass near the midline. Lubitz took a few dribbles, then launched a



Mitchel Havercroft (42) defends against a Mio player.
Photo by Kathy Steiner.

three-pointer from about 30-feet out that sank through at the buzzer to steal the win from the Tigers.

"Big time players make big time shots in big time games and that's what happened," Suttle said. "Everyone in the gym knew where the ball was going, including the guys in our huddle. As soon as he caught the ball we were going to double without fouling and play four verses three everywhere else. Unfortunately, we didn't get the job done on that particular play."

Early on, thanks to some hot three-point shooting, it looked like the Tigers might run away with things. Nate Swinson hit a couple of early treys to put Alcona up 6-2 and Hunter Sullivan, Tim Hutchinson and Alec Link all hit one three each to put the Tigers in a 17-9 lead after the first quarter.

Early in the second, Hutchinson buried home a three in the right corner of the court to give Alcona its biggest lead of the night at 20-11, though Mio responded to that and went on an 8-0

run to pull within 20-19.

The Tigers closed the half on a strong note though, with Link making buckets on back-to-back possessions -- first hitting a three-pointer, then driving through the left side of the lane for an easy lay-in, giving Alcona a 25-20 margin at the half.

"In the beginning, we really focused on doing what we've been working on, which is our timing, spacing and reads," Suttle said. "The kids did a great job of focusing on applying what we've been working and it showed. We made a lot of shots early which is always nice, but I was happiest with our growth early on."

The Tiger defense also held Lubitz, a player who had scored 43 points in Mio's previous game, to just nine points after the first two quarters.

"We did a decent job of containing Lubitz in the first half," Suttle said. "He's definitely not a player you can shut down necessarily, we just wanted to contain him."

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to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance her checkbook. Costs range between \$50 and \$150 per hour.

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Link sank a three ball from straight on that gave Alcona a 29-22 lead a little over a minute into the third, but Lubitz started to heat up, scoring eight points in the quarter, including a mid-range jumper in the final seconds of the frame that made it 34-31 entering the fourth.

Two free throws and a lay-up by Lubitz gave Mio its first lead of the night at 40-36, with Mio eventually pulling ahead 43-38.

Swinson sank a big-time three-pointer to tie the game at 44-44 all with just 30 seconds left, and then, after Link blocked Lubitz's first attempt at a game winner, Swinson was fouled on a hard-earned rebound with just 6.6 seconds to go.

Swinson did make the en-

suing free throw attempts, though this only set the state for Lubitz's dagger of a three-pointer.

"As for positive notes, I thought we focused a little more on our process for longer periods of time," Suttle said. "We still have a long way to go, but I think we got better this game."

Link hit three shots from behind the arc and finished with 20 points. Swinson hit three long-balls as well and tallied 12 points. Hutchinson had nine points, Sullivan had three and Jordan Steiner netted two.

Lubitz finished with 30 points for the Thunderbolts.

Alcona also played at Tawas on Wednesday, where it lost in a non-conference game, 65-47.

"Tawas kicked our butt in all facets, we have a lot to learn," Suttle said. "We did have one bright spot, and that was Isaac Dubuque establishing himself as an inside presence. Moving forward, we have to learn how zones behave and how to counter that behavior. The best is definitely yet to come for this group."

Hutchinson finished with a team-high nine points. Swinson and Link both had seven, Steiner and Dubuque both had six, Sullivan netted five and Alex Stephenson poured in four points.

Alcona (2-2 overall, 2-1 NSL) will get its chance for revenge against the Braves, as the Tigers host Tawas on January 5, 2016.



Jordan Steiner (14) sprints down the court to get the Alcona offense in transition. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 14-20, 2015

66 complaints were handled with the following results: 5 Arrests; 4 Warrant; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 1 Driving While License Suspended.

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The December meeting was held with 15 members present. Secretary Emma Liske read the minutes from the November meeting. Treasurer Sandy Light read the financial report and advised that a second dues notice was mailed to seven members.

Sharon Jack gave updates regarding donations to the basket for the mid-winter conference and advised that worn and tattered flags should be properly disposed of. Frances Ziesman advised that 28 Christmas trees were taken to National Home by post member Dennis Ziesman.

Norma Alstrom reported that 232 small flags were delivered to Sanborn School on November 11. The teachers gave the flags to the students during their class programs. A card and a plant were delivered to Mary Ann Seymour during her recent hospitalization and a get well card was sent to Irene Chroniger.

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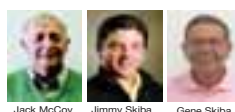


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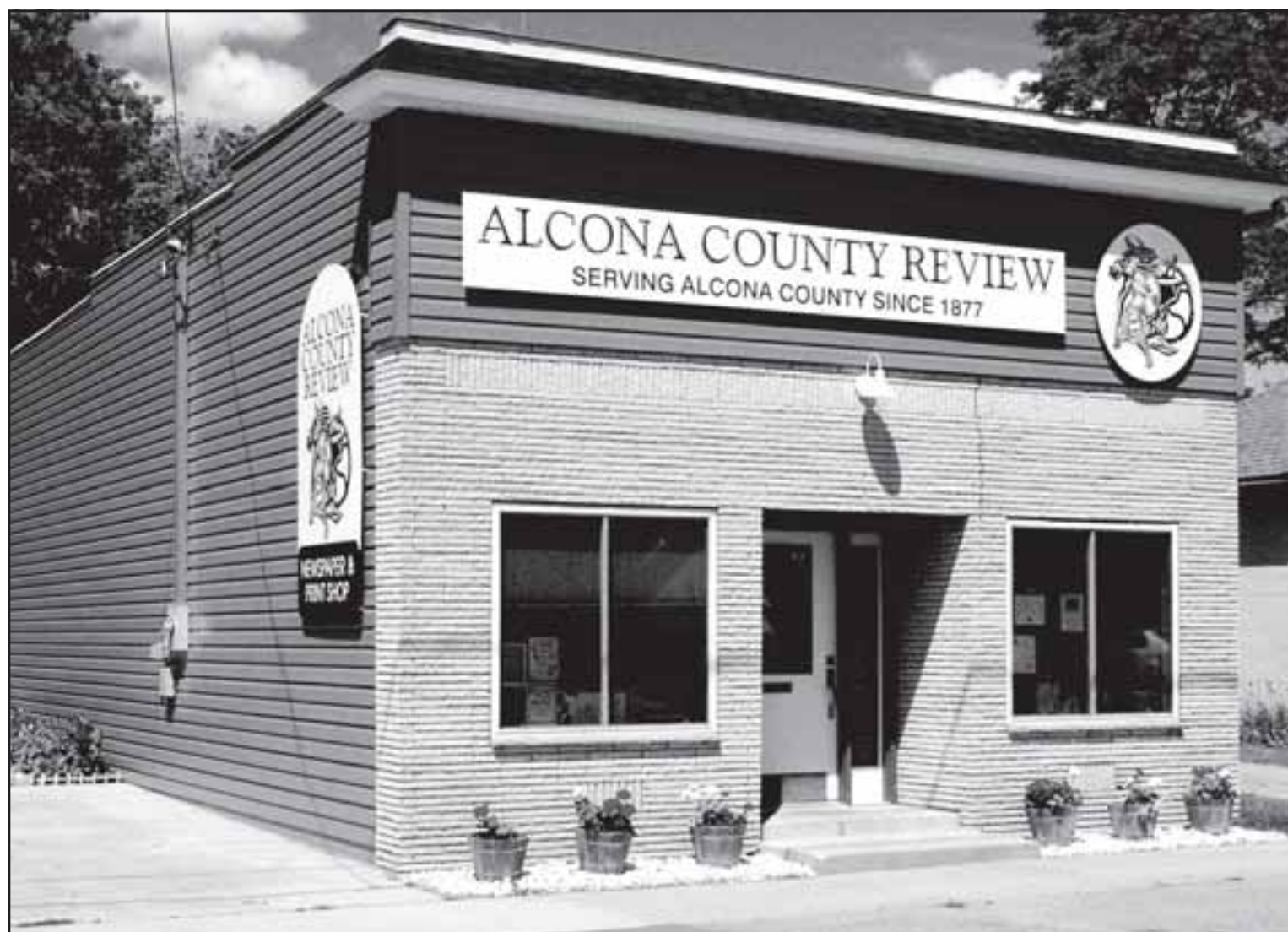
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Solar power projects heat up across Michigan

By Colleen Otte

Capital News Service

Assuming all goes as planned, Michigan may soon see a solar project nearly 50 times larger than its largest existing installation.

The state's biggest solar project now operating is a 1.1 megawatt generator owned by DTE Energy in Ann Arbor, said John Sarver, president of the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association.

"But there are much bigger projects planned, including 10 megawatts at Michigan State University and 20 megawatts with the Lansing Board of Water & Light," Sarver said.

DTE is constructing a 1.9-megawatt solar array that will be the largest in the state when it comes on line at the end of the year, according to DTE communications specialist Vanessa Waters. The company will install 6,900 solar panels at its Greenwood Energy Center in St. Clair County. That's enough to cover two football fields.

"The array will produce enough electricity to power approximately 330 homes," Waters said. The project is part of a pilot program launched in 2009 and expected to produce 20 megawatts of solar power by 2016. Five of these 20 megawatts will be generated on customer property.

Even so, that array would be dwarfed by a 50-megawatt project DTE has proposed for several sites, Waters explained. And there could be more on tap.

"We keep seeing that when plans are announced, it's going to be the biggest in the state—but then there's plans for bigger projects so that by the time it's actually installed, it might not be the biggest," said Andy McGlashen, communications director for the Michigan Environmental Council. "That's a good problem to have."

Michigan has 2,100 workers in the solar industry, including manufacturers, installers, sales people and others involved in implementing solar energy, Sarver said. "It's a significant number and it's growing," he said.

The size and growth of the industry in Michigan is comparable to what's happening in most states in the Great Lakes region.

And it's not just about generating electricity. Michigan's solar industry includes two solar panel manufacturers and five companies that manufacture racks for the systems, Sarver said. But



DTE Energy's 1.1-megawatt solar array at Domino's Farms near Ann Arbor, Michigan. Photo courtesy of Mark Houston.

Minnesota is the Midwest leader in solar policy. "They have some legislation which is very progressive with respect to solar energy, including community solar," Sarver said.

McGlashen explained community solar is an opportunity for people to invest in solar energy, even if they lack the room or budget to install their own array. In exchange for leasing solar panels, he said those residents benefit from knowing they're contributing to a cleaner energy source that's better for the air and water, as well as getting a tax credit at the end of the year for the energy produced by their share of the array.

Last year, East Lansing, Mich. officials found overwhelming support for community solar, McGlashen said. The city will allow residents to lease a panel for \$400, he said. "East Lansing is a fairly progressive town, but I also think the community's enthusiasm indicates broader support for solar power around Michigan and around the country," he said.

Sarver's group got involved with community solar in 2013. At the same time, Cherryland Electric Co-op. — based in Grawn, Mich. (near Traverse City) launched a project that made it the first in the state to adopt community solar.

Five other Michigan utilities are in various stages of community solar projects: Traverse City Light & Power, Marquette Board of Light & Power and Homeworks TriCounty Electric in Portland, Mich., (near Lansing) all have projects. The Lansing Board of Water & Light is talking about two projects, and Consumers Energy boasts potentially 10 projects, said Sarver. There's also a private third-party project in Laketown Township near

Holland, Mich. by a Wisconsin company, Community Green Energy.

"These kinds of projects take a while to develop, so we've seen good progress in Michigan since things really got started back in 2013," he said.

Even so, advocates say there is room for improvement. There are approximately 1,800 rooftop solar customers in Michigan — 1,100 of which are DTE Energy customers. By comparison, DTE has more than 2.1 million electric customers overall, Waters said.

According to McGlashen, solar is well behind wind power, but between Michigan's universities and businesses, there has been a lot of solar innovation. For example, Michigan State University recently developed a clear pane of glass that also functions as a solar panel.

To the extent lawmakers support solar power, they're also supporting innovations that will make it more efficient and affordable, McGlashen said. "We had our state law that said by the end of this year, the utilities had to get 10 percent of their power from renewable sources," he said. "They're right around that 10 percent mark, and I think wind is by far the bulk of that. I think solar is right around one percent of our electricity generation in Michigan."

If legislators keep a fair price for homeowners who sell solar power back to the utilities, it could unlock even more potential, he said.

With net-metering, "you can shrink your electricity bill by generating power on your property, or in some cases even sell excess power back to the grid," McGlashen said. But pending legislation could put the incentives in jeopardy, he explained. If the proposed new rules are passed, residential solar owners will have to buy all their power at the retail rate, but then can only sell the power they produce back at the wholesale rate, which is much lower.

"This fails to recognize that solar has a higher value for the benefits it provides to the grid," McGlashen said. "And if you think about it, solar power is most available when the demand is highest: Right in the middle of those sunny summer days when everyone's got their air conditioning cranked."

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Rural areas lack mental health professionals

By Zhao Peng

Capital News Service

Amid a national shortage of psychiatrists Michigan is among the states that lack enough mental health professionals and facilities, according to a new report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"There is a shortage of service providers, psychiatrists and physicians that are able to work with people that have mental illness and prescribe medications," said Kathleen Gross, executive director of the Michigan Psychiatric Society. "There is shortage of funding in the state for community mental health centers to provide a great deal of service to the citizens."

The U.P. and northeast Michigan face the most serious shortages, according to the state Department of Health and Human Services. Among 15 U.P. counties, 13 are designated as shortage areas. Ten of the 11 Northeast Michigan counties have the same designation.

An assessment conducted in 2012 by the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department, found that an estimated 24.2 percent of western U.P. adults have at some point in their lives been told they had a depression disorder.

The local estimated lifetime depression diagnosis rates were higher among adults younger than 65.

According to NorthCare Network in Marquette, Mich. five mental health centers are available in the U.P., with each center serving two to four counties.

"We have two psychiatrists on staff and we also contract with a company for tele-psychiatry," said Dawn Stromer, the human resources director of the Copper Country Community Mental Health Center in Houghton, Mich. Stromer said the center can't attract the psychiatrists because it's a rural area.

Gross of the Psychiatric Society also cited a parity problem in the state. "If you have diabetes, you are not limited to visits with doctors. But with mental illness there is a limit. In Michigan, there is a limitation of how many times you can go and visit a doctor and get treatment for mental illness. But the federal Affordable Care Act said that mental illness needs to be treated as other illnesses," she said.

According to Diane Hayka, executive secretary at the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority, there is one medical di-

rector who is also a psychiatrist, one psychiatrist contracted for eight hours a week and one psychiatrist for children in the northeast region.

The authority serves Alcona, Montmorency, Alpena, and Presque Isle counties. As for the reason for the shortage in northeast region, Hayka said is because of the salary and where mental health providers want to live. "It is a preferential choice problem," said Hayka. "We are quite rural. And that has quite a bearing on whether psychiatrists want to move in this area."

"The population is the same. When you deal with people with mental illness across the board, that is the same population whether you live in rural northeast Michigan or urban centers."

Hayka said there are difficulties getting promising psychiatrists to work in rural places.

According to the new Health and Human Services report, Michigan has 223 designated "health professional shortage areas. Of this amount, 42 are geographic areas and 181 are facilities such as public or nonprofit, state or federal correctional

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Although conditions may not have been typical for the December elk hunt, the harvest was still quite successful. Ninety-two percent of hunters harvested an elk this December season, totaling 46 elk. Each hunter was selected out of a random, weighted lottery of more than 31,000 Michigan hunters who applied to hunt elk this year.

The latest season, held December 5-13, was open in all elk hunt units in the northern counties of the northern Lower Peninsula. Each elk hunter attended a mandatory elk orientation in Johannesburg, Mich. to learn about hunting elk, regulations, biology and the history of elk in Michigan.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime hunt, and our goal is for every hunter to have a safe, enjoyable experience," said Hiestand. "Most hunters have never hunted elk before, and may not be familiar with areas in northern Michigan. Elk orientation is a great time to get to talk to hunters and answer any of their questions."

One hundred elk licenses were available in 2015 - 50 in the early season and 50 in the late season.

Elk hunting in Michigan is



DNR wildlife biologist Shelby Hiestand checks in hunters at the Atlanta elk check station during the December hunt. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.



a management tool that biologists have used to maintain elk herd numbers, composition and even distribution since 1984, when elk hunts began to occur annually for Michigan residents.

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institutions, state or county mental hospitals, federally qualified health centers, or rural health clinics.

The number of designated shortage areas rose by 32 compared to last year. The federal report also said the state needs 66 more mental health practitioners, such as psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists and marriage and family therapists, seven fewer than last year.

Programs are underway to hire and maintain more psychiatrists for some areas of the state, according to Jennifer Eisner, a public information officer at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Eisner said the department is working with mental health agencies. "We are aware that there are challenges in areas of the state recruiting and retaining psychiatrists. The use of tele-medicine in remote areas is increasing and helping to address these gaps.

"These issues are not unique to Michigan as many states are experiencing challenges recruiting and retaining psychiatrists," she said.

Power

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But backers of the move to kill incentives say they aren't fair. Everyone depends on the same power grid to supply reliable, affordable power for homes and businesses and all customers deserve to be treated fairly regardless of the source of power, Waters said.

Customers, utilities, the solar power industry and state government learned how solar fits into the larger energy system through the incentives and subsidies designed to spur early adoption, she said.

"Now we need to move on to the next phase, where the role of solar power will be determined by the benefits it provides compared to other sources of electric generation," Waters said. "For solar power to compete fairly with other technologies, Michigan's net-metering rules need to be updated to provide the correct price signals to the market."

"Large-scale solar projects are more efficient and economic due to economies of scale and location in open fields where they receive the maximum exposure to light," she said. "Even so, the costs of solar energy remain much higher than the cost of wind energy in Michigan." Still, solar advocates say the state has begun to see the light. "I think it's safe to say [Michigan] has a long way to go," McGlashen said. "We're just starting to tap into the potential for solar here."

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- Chris Randall Neumann,

52, of Harrisville was sentenced to 17 days in jail, two years of probation and fines and costs of \$1,505 for domestic violence.

- Karen Elizabeth Kennedy, 53, of Oscoda was sentenced to fines and costs of \$635 for reckless driving.
- Cory Allen Gross, 23, of Alpena was sentenced to three days in jail, six months

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- Joshua William Liebler, 31, of Glennie was sentenced to eight days in jail, six months of probation, and fines and costs of \$1,775 for domestic violence and assault or assault and battery.

- Debra Kathleen Roy, 43, of Taylor, Mich. was sentenced to 46 days in jail, and fines and costs of \$325 for attempted assault and battery.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Local and Personal

December 23, 1915 - George LaFave of Black River had three fingers of his right hand and his thumb amputated by Dr. Miller of Harrisville and Dr. E.E. McKnight in McKnight and McDaniels' office late Thursday night. The young man caught his right hand in a saw and the amputation was necessary. He had to wait at Ossineke for eight hours to get a train

to Alpena to secure the services of a physician. He stood the operation well.—Alpena News.

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John Reynolds, whose serious illness had been noted in the Review, died Thursday at the home of Wm. R. Cumming of Harrisville township, following a long illness.

Deceased was 80 years and 5 months old and had lived

here a great many years. His birthplace was Nanticoke, Canada. He leaves two sons, John of AuSable, and J. C. Reynolds whose post office is not known; one daughter, Mrs. Mercy Morrison of Bemidji, Minnesota. There are also three surviving sisters: Mrs. W. R. Cumming of Harrisville, Mrs. Hainer of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. McDonald of Portland, Oreg.

The funeral was held Saturday morning from the Cumming home, Rev. C. M. Boyce officiating. Burial in the family lot at South Harrisville.

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Chas. Eimer has returned from Saginaw, where he went for treatment. He is feeling fairly well.

Everyone reported a good time at our skating rink Sun-

day night. The out of town people were all on the job.

Orin Freer, one of our most popular young men, was married in Alpena last week.

Wm. Miller says he can under sell anyone in the city of Alpena. Go in and give him a burl.

George Dekett says the chicken pox has broken out among his hens and that he now has to buy eggs that he sold two years ago.

Mr. Edwards, the mayor of the city, says that everything looks favorable for a lively winter in Alpena.

Duncan McArthur is home from the northwest. Reports everything favorable.

Some of our city people were out to the oyster supper at Mr. Hasting's Friday night. All reported a good time.

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A nice winter. Perry Eash has moved to camp near Five Channels.

The mail carrier comes now with team and sleighs.

Sheriff Hamilton of Harrisville passed thru here Monday, enroute to Curtisville, on business.

Mrs. J. H. Hayes and two children of Battle Creek are visiting her husband.

Those who attended the Spencer sale at Curtisville last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. C. Loca, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garrett, Chas. and John Blake, Joe Tyson, Wm. Finney, John Batton, Silas Grey, Geo. McDonald and Dave Ross. C. Wallace and Dave Ross bought some cattle.

The social was not very well attended, but those that were there had a good time. Henry Dingle had his graphophone and gave some excellent music. \$17.75 clear money.

Mr. Lincoln of Omer was thru here last week buying cattle.

Miss Jennie Emerick of Klondyke was the guest of Mrs. C. Wallace from Friday until Saturday.

Eli Deacon leaves today to join his brother, Roy, in Wisconsin, where they will work this winter.

Arthur Richardson of Barton City was thru here last week.

The M. E. Sunday school is the only one that will have Xmas exercises on Friday night.

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Word comes from Detroit that as the result of a fall, Mrs. Julia Gardner is in a hospital with a broken hip.

Mrs. Gardner is the mother of Mrs. Geo. W. Colwell of Harrisville and has many friends here who sincerely regret to learn of her misfortune.

She is ninety years of age and of late made her home with a son in Detroit.

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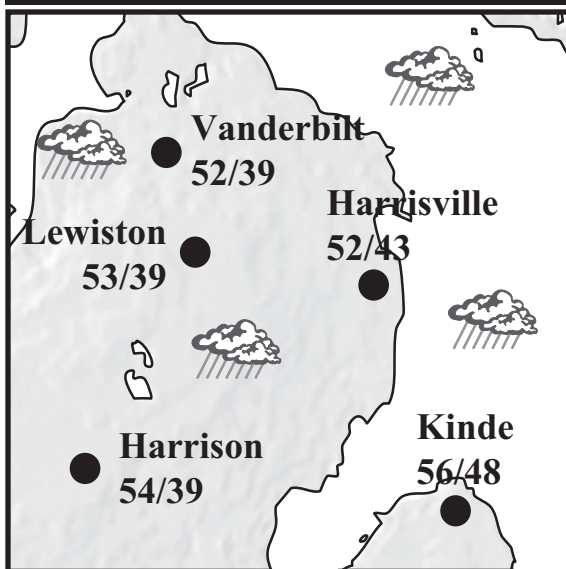
Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 23, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Showers Likely
High: 52 Low: 43
- THURSDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 30
- FRIDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 40 Low: 30
- SATURDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 31
- SUNDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 30
- MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 33 Low: 29
- TUESDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 25

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 88%. Southeast wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 56° set in 1957. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of showers, overnight low of 43°. The record low for tonight is -17° set in 1989.

*Last Week's Almanac

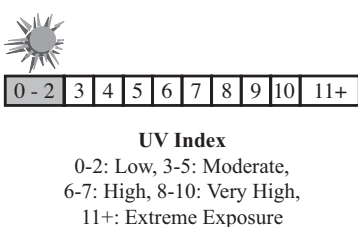
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	57	47	31/17	0.78"
Tuesday	47	33	31/17	0.00"
Wednesday	45	33	31/17	0.10"
Thursday	43	32	31/16	0.00"
Friday	31	23	30/16	0.00"
Saturday	25	22	30/16	0.00"
Sunday	40	21	30/16	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 12/25	Wednesday 8:08 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	3:54 p.m.	5:50 a.m.
Thursday	8:08 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	4:46 p.m.	6:54 a.m.
Friday	8:08 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	7:53 a.m.
Saturday	8:09 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	6:43 p.m.	8:44 a.m.
Last 1/2	Sunday 8:09 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	9:29 a.m.
Monday	8:09 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	10:07 a.m.
Tuesday	8:09 a.m.	5:01 p.m.	9:48 p.m.	10:40 a.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see widespread showers and thunderstorms today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the area's highest temperature of 71° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the area's highest temperature of 86° in Fort Pierce, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the area's highest temperature of 43° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the area's highest temperature of 73° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:34 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
Venus	4:49 a.m.	>
Mars	2:25 a.m.	1:28 p.m.
Jupiter	11:41 p.m.	12:20 p.m.
Saturn	6:24 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
Uranus	1:01 p.m.	1:56 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 23, 1989 - A historic arctic outbreak spread to the Gulf Coast region and a total of 122 cities across the central and eastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date. Forty-one of those cities reported record lows for the month of Dec.

Weather Trivia

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?



Answer: In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Old Friends Coming to Call

When I taught astronomy in the public schools, I often referred to the sky as the first TV set. There was an informational aspect to its programming as astronomer priests looked to the heavens and the motions of its wanderers, the sun, the moon, and the five known planets as portents to the destiny of civilizations and individual souls. This evolved into the pseudoscience of astrology, but there was also an entertainment quality that encompassed the starry vault. The men, women, and beasts who formed the constellations, symbolized the actors, and their positioning to one another created the stories that portrayed the dramas that unfolded during the course of a year. Yes, the programming only worked at night, and yes, after a year's worth of time, the reruns started all over again, continuing on a regular basis to this very day. Just like I am anticipating the new Star Wars episode, The Force Awakens, the same applies to the expectancy of saying hello to the winter constellations, old friends that are now coming to call. Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, Auriga the Charioteer, Canis Major and Minor (big and little dogs), Lepus the Hare (I have three rabbits as pets), and of course, my birth sign of Gemini the Twins, are now playing earlier and earlier each night. By 10 p.m., even from an urban locale, you'll catch Orion's, Mintaka, Alnilam, and Alnitak girding his loins in the SE about mid-sky. Slide down the belt stars of the Hunter, and you'll arrive at the brightest luminary of the night, Sirius, the Dog Star, the nose of Canis Major the Big Dog. The only star brighter in the heavens is our sun. Rocket upward from the belt, and you'll pass near the orangey, giant star, Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus the Bull. Orion and Taurus are not exactly on friendly terms, and their location is just one of many conflicted areas in the heavens. It's really not that much different from our planet, except that we have the power within our humanity to change. Peace on Earth! Goodwill to all! www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** What is "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek's country of birth?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of bacteria called?
3. **SCIENCE:** What is converted into alcohol during brewing?
4. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is it called when someone has a phobia about touching money?
5. **MUSIC:** How many members are in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** What was the domain of the Roman goddess Trivia?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was Canada's first national animal?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What does it mean to be flagitious?
9. **ENTERTAINERS:** What age did comedian Jack Benny always claim to be?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the island of Alcatraz located?

Answers: 1. Canada; 2. A culture or colony; 3. Sugar; 4. Chrematophobia; 5. 360; 6. Sorcery and witchcraft; 7. The beaver; 8. Wicked; 9. 39; 10. San Francisco Bay
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Moments In Time

The History Channel

- On Jan. 9, 1493, Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids" -- in reality manatees -- and describes the mythical half-female, half-fish creatures as "not half as beautiful as they are painted."
- On Jan. 7, 1785, Jean-Pierre Blanchard and John Jeffries travel from England to France in a gas balloon, becoming the first to cross the English Channel by air. They nearly crashed as their balloon was weighed down by extraneous supplies such as silk-covered oars.
- On Jan. 4, 1847, Samuel Colt rescues his faltering gun company by winning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers. The heart of Colt's invention was a mechanism that combined a single rifled barrel with a revolving chamber that held five or six shots.
- On Jan. 8, 1867, Congress overrides President Andrew Johnson's veto of a bill granting all adult male citizens of the District of Columbia the right to vote. It was the first law in American history to grant black men the right to vote.
- On Jan. 10, 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convenes in London. Two weeks later it adopted its first resolution, which called for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.
- On Jan. 5, 1957, in response to the increasingly tense situation in the Middle East, President Dwight Eisenhower delivers a proposal to Congress calling for a more proactive U.S. policy. The "Eisenhower Doctrine" established the Middle East as a Cold War battlefield.
- On Jan. 6, 1994, Olympic hopeful Nancy Kerrigan is attacked at an ice rink two days before the Olympic trials. A man, hired by the ex-husband of skating rival Tonya Harding, clubbed Kerrigan in the leg in an attempt to keep her out of the Olympics. Months later, Kerrigan won the silver medal, while Harding finished eighth.

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Super Crossword TA-DA!

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| ACROSS
1 Laughing sound
5 Friends, in French
9 Black Sea port
15 Tick away
19 Univ. VIP
20 Not yet finalized, in law
21 Dorm-mate, e.g.
22 Yam, for one
23 Pulling a plug while at work?
26 Airport for Air France
27 "Old MacDonald" sequence
28 Part of NYC
29 Avoid booze
31 Rough amt.
32 Cat covering
34 Water balloon battles?
38 — boredom (endure extreme tedium)
40 Frazier's longtime foe
42 Waikiki neckwear
43 "That's neither here — there"
44 Unaffected by killjoys? | 49 Strips (off)
53 Vehicles like Santa's
54 Rowing tool
56 Jai — (fronton sport)
57 Put in words
59 Avenues: Abbr.
60 Ancient valley where female spouses lived?
65 Brick haulers
66 Part of a full house
68 "If — told you once ..."
69 Symphony writer
70 Bear, in León
71 Decide against divorce?
75 Suffix with hero
76 Entice
78 Letter after sigma
79 Legitimate
80 Electrolysis atoms
81 Basketballer
85 Mr., in India
86 Houston-to-Chicago dir. | 87 TV's "How — Your Mother"
88 Water, in Paris
89 Heavy bases under statues
92 Firma or cotta lead-in
94 Finish doing the dishes prior to going shopping?
101 Hand-talking syst.
103 Scot's cap
104 Above, to bards
105 Muscat citizen
106 Circus beast after tiptling?
112 Maple syrup source
114 Fashionable
115 Singer of the 1969 #1 hit "Dizzy"
116 Conger, e.g.
118 Utter impulsively
120 "—, James!"
121 Twenty cents in change?
127 Straight — arrow
128 Barcelona's country, to its natives
129 Smell — (be leery) | 130 Dialogue bit
131 Pad for a bird
132 Gold-medal gymnast
133 Light hits
134 Playwright
30 Like a rain forest's climate: Abbr.
31 Byrnes who was "Kookie"
33 New Jersey river
35 Letters after kays
36 Bottom-line
37 American spy org.
39 Windows or Linux, briefly
41 Goes by foot
45 Answer
46 Same: Prefix
47 "— did not!"
48 Final Hebrew letter
50 Great joy
51 Jack of fitness
52 Kitchen strainers
55 Kingly state
57 "I goofed ... big whoop!"
58 Prettifier
61 Mil. rank
62 Movie format
63 Dress up in
64 Prefix with mount
65 "Not so fast!"
67 Q followers
71 Half of MIV
72 Laughing sound
73 Hunger for
74 Ones getting wages | 77 Snaring
80 As a recap
82 He's no gentleman
83 — Lady
84 Beach lotion abbr.
90 Observed
91 Hullabaloo
93 Pale-looking
95 Since Jan. 1
96 Taproom
97 Ostrich's kin
98 Persian Gulf country
99 Linking up
100 Pound sound
102 Pantry
106 Joel Coen's brother
107 Unfettered
108 Thompson and Watson
109 Cacophony
110 Entice
111 Beatty of film
113 Aids in crime
117 Old Italian money
119 Aptly named citrus fruit
122 Have a bite
123 "That's —" ("Ixnay")
124 East Indian flatbread
125 Hiking aid
126 By birth |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted 20th-century French-Swiss film director, screenwriter and critic Jean-Luc Godard who made the following sage observation: "A story should have a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order."
- Those who study such things say that Roman emperor Gaius Julius Verus Maximinus was more than 8 feet tall.
- If you live east of the Rocky Mountains, you've probably spent summer evenings watching the flashing green or yellow lights of those beetles we call fireflies. You might be surprised to learn, though, that different species have different colored lights. For instance, the Paraguayan railway beetle can show both green and red lights (like a railway lantern; hence, the name).
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are currently more than 1,500 American residents named "Seven."
- The Taj Mahal, widely known as "the jewel of Muslim art in India," was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, who wanted the tomb of his favorite wife to be housed in splendor. After construction was complete, Jahan wanted to ensure that this architectural wonder would never have a rival, so he had the chief architect and main artisans put to death. The stone masons who had done the best work on the structure had their hands amputated, and the artists responsible for the delicate inlay work were blinded.
- In some parts of colonial America it was illegal to kiss your spouse in public.

Thought for the Day: "The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls." -- Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **J equals P**

S Q K O U I U Q C B Q A L Z G R V K

Y A Q H J Q B J Z Q J O Z P X Q X K G

R Z S Q L Z P Z K A V Q B O Z K A C U C Y :

R Q A Z G Q B Z G H S K I U Q C .

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LEGAL NOTICES

Foreclosure Notice (All Counties)

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage sale – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David D. Shreve, a single man of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Co. Central Michigan dated the 30th day of March, 2005, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 8th day of April, 2005, in Liber 414, page 1,298, Alcona County records, modified in loan modification agreement dated December 3, 2009, and recorded December 21, 2009 in

Liber 467, page 764, Alcona County records, and further modified in home affordable modification agreement dated June 24, 2015, and recorded July 7, 2015 in Liber 516, page 381, Alcona County records of Alcona Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$110,486.62 (one hundred ten thousand four hundred eighty-six and 62/100) plus accrued interest at 4.125 percent (four point one two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings 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 the

statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 20th day of January, 2016, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Curtis, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Lot 18, Block 1 of North Lake Woods Subdivision, Curtis Township, Alcona County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 150,

Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 2969 Lakeshore Dr. Tax Parcel No.: 032-185-001-018-00

If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: December 23, 2015
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10138659
12-23, 12-30, 1-6, 1-13

Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. may be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If you are a military service member on active duty now, or in the prior nine months, please contact our office.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeremy S. Green, an unmarried man, to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee, dated December 30, 2009, and recorded on December 30, 2009, in Liber 467, page 1,067, Alcona County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-six thousand five hundred eighty-five and

80/100 (\$56,585.80) including interest at the rate of 4.87500 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10 a.m. on January 20, 2016.

Said premises are situated in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the northeast quarter of southeast quarter of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, described as commencing 165 feet west of the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter thereof; thence south

132 feet; thence west 165 feet; thence north 132 feet; thence east 165 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 3754 S F-41, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is one year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure

sale, the borrower(s) 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.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 23, 2015
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200
Case No. 15MI01455-1
12-23, 12-30, 1-6, 1-13

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Cayce C. Will and Ann Marie Kitalong-Will, husband and wife, to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

The mortgage is dated July 30, 2004 and recorded on August 06, 2004 at Liber 404, pages 912-914, Alcona County records, modified on September 04, 2009 and recorded on September 14, 2009 at Liber 465, pages 497-499, Alcona County records, modified on November 23, 2011 and recorded on November 28, 2011 at Liber 483, pages 873-876, Alcona County records, modified on February 27, 2015 and recorded on March 02, 2015 at Liber 513, pages 582-584, Alcona County records.

There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of \$103,520.60 and no proceedings have been instituted to recover

the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse at 214 West Main Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, January 20, 2015 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 8.875 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows:

Situated in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan: Being the south 50 feet of lots 62 and 65 and a part of the south 50 feet of lot 61 of Tollson Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of

Plats, page 197, Alcona County records, and a part of the south 1/2 of Section 13, T28N, R7E, described as: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 13, T28N, R7E; thence S02°50'49"W 866.37 feet along the east line of Section 13 and Hubbard Lake Road; thence N88°52'40"W 33.02 feet to the southeast corner of Tollson Subdivision, the point of beginning; thence S02°50'49"W 100.00 feet along the west 66 foot right of way line of Hubbard Lake Road; thence N88°52'40"W 290.00 feet; thence N02°50'49"E 150.00 feet to the north line of the south 50 feet of Tollson Subdivision; thence S88°52'40"E 290.00 feet along the north line of the south 50 feet of Tollson Subdivision to the west 66 foot right of way line of Hubbard Lake Road; thence S02°50'49"W 50.00 feet along the west 66 foot right of way line of Hubbard Lake Road to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Bearing a certain 2004 Hart

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ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held December 9 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve minutes of the November 25 meeting; approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$73,856.87; authorize purchase of garage contents; approve signing the Black River Road title sheet; authorize managing director to accept the chairman position of the East Central Council; authorize expenditures for the open house as administrative expenses.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available at alconacrc.com, or upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 23 at 1 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 will begin at 1 p.m. Meetings are held at the road commission office at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln and held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and normally begin at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 14 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce and council members: Kaiser, Luenberger, Sanderson, Thomas and Baird, city attorney Cook and guests.

Absent: Crick.
Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to approve the minutes of November 9. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,259.60. Motion carried 5-0.

In new business, mayor Dobis advised council about winterizing the unused, second floor of

the VFW building. The mayor informed council of the need to take action to minimize the heating bills and advised putting the work out for bid to a maximum bid of \$1,500. Motion by Luenberger, support by Baird, to advertise for minimum of two bids to the city for work to be done to winterize upper floor of the VFW building. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Dobis advised council of the proposed tax assessor's contract for 2016-2017 for Randy Thompson. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, to accept tax assessor's contract for 2016-2017. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the final draft of the City of Harrisville Master Plan 2015-2020 has been submitted to city
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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

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 council for review. Motion: The Harrisville City Council, in accordance with Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended), approves the draft City of Harrisville Master Plan for distribution to communities and agencies for review and comment. Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to put the draft master plan out for review for the next 63 days to said communities and agencies. Motion carried 5-0. Three harbor commissioners have expiring tenures. Neal Gehring, Walt Wynblat, and Janet Mansfield have agreed to continue as commissioners pending appointments. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger, to appoint Neal Gehring, Walt Wynblat, and Janet Mansfield to three year terms on the harbor commission,

terms ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson of the planning commission, Cecile Pizer, has agreed to continue as a member of the planning commission pending appointment. Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser, to appoint Cecile Pizer to the planning commission for the three year term ending December 31, 2018. Mayor Dobis opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with a public comment period. There was one public comment. Budget meeting closed at 7:35 p.m. Finance committee member Kaiser and treasurer Keerl presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rates will continue with 1.5 mils for the water debt and 2.6 mils for the

bond improvement rate. There will be no rate increase for 2016. Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird, to approve the water/sewer budget for 2016. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to approve paying the end of year water/sewer bills for 2015. Motion carried 5-0. Reports: Mayor Dobis informed council of his ongoing discussions with members of the community regarding the proposal for redoing the children's playground area at the harbor. The mayor has been in talks with the state representative of the DDA and an engineering firm as to the steps to be taken to begin the process of requesting state grants and fulfilling the necessary requirements. Several proposals were discussed as to the future usage of those areas. Council gave its

approval for the mayor to pursue these options. Clerk Pierce informed council of artwork donated to the city by Dominic Caporale on November 6, 2015. Mr. Caporale has a summer home near Sturgeon Point Lighthouse and has been painting and sketching for many years. The donated piece is a water color painting of the train depot. At the time it was donated, Mr. Caporale was 95 years old. His daughter has since informed the city office that her father, Dominic Caporale has passed away. She was assured that the drawing will be displayed in the city office. She thanked us and shared with us that her father would have been very pleased that his donation was so well received. Harbor commissioner Baird reported the harbor commission,

in addition to the election of officers, discussed many options to raise revenue for the harbor. Budget constraints were also discussed. Harbor commissioners have not received a per diem for their work since 2012. It has been discussed for commissioners to receive a \$200/year per diem and the chairperson to receive \$500/year per diem. The height of the dredge material at the fence line at the de-watering site will be addressed. Planning commissioner Baird indicated that the City of Harrisville Recreation Plan 2015-2020 is available for review at the city office and online at the city website: www.cityofharrisvillemi.org and at www.nemcog.org for a 30 day preview. Tree board business was addressed by mayor Dobis. The large

maple tree at the Craftmakers' Cabin is in question. County commissioner Johnston reported that Dave Hanson has been hired as the new building grounds supervisor. Comment cards: Residents addressed concerns about hunting at the harbor and the number of power outages within the city. Hunting concerns should be addressed to the sheriff's department and power outages to Consumers Energy. Council members' last comments: Alderman Baird expressed concerns about the gates at the maintenance yard area. Issue is being addressed. Motion to adjourn by Luenberger. Adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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