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Crews working to restore power are a welcome sight in Alcona County and across Michigan (above). More than 300 workers from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Pennsylvania worked alongside 1,000-plus people from Consumers Energy and utility contractors from across Michigan to restore power that was lost during a storm that hit in the early morning hours of Christmas Eve. As of 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 about 183,000 homes and businesses that Consumers Energy serves were without power. Thunderstorms and high winds that gusted to 60 mph at times caused damage to lines and other equipment. Approximately 20,600 members of Presque Isle Electric and Gas Cooperative were without power in nine counties of northeast Michigan as well from the December 24 storm. "We thank our customers for their patience, the kind words and support you've shown to our crews as they've worked in your neighborhoods. It means a lot to them as they too are having their Christmas plans disrupted," said Mary Palkovich, Consumers Energy vice president of energy delivery. According to Consumers Energy, most of the state was restored by Sunday, Dec. 27. However, some residents in northeast Michigan regained the service on Monday just a few hours before the first winter storm of the season raged across the region. Electric crews and first responders dealt with further issues Tuesday from the winter storm. A downed power line (below) caused a tree to catch fire around 1 p.m. Tuesday on Spruce Trailways near Sturgeon Point Road north of Harrisville. Anyone encountering a downed power line is encouraged to stay at least 25 feet away from it and anything the downed line might be touching and call 911 immediately and Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050. *Photos by Kirk Walton.*



Local opportunities to getting fit in 2016

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

One of the top resolutions made at the beginning of a new year is to lose weight and become more physically fit. Often, those promises fail in the first two weeks, but they don't have to. Alcona County offers a variety of ways to get fit and exercise even if the weather outside isn't all that conducive to outdoor exercise activities.

Anyone interested in getting started early can get in at VRC Rehabilitation in Lincoln on New Year's Day. "We will open at 6 a.m. for all those who didn't party too much the night before," said physical therapist assistant Justin Brilinski. Brilinski will be working with therapy patients, but may have a little time to help guide new nonpatient users through some of the equipment they have to offer.

Nonpatient walk-ins are welcome as long as they are mindful to use the equipment properly and spray each piece down after using it. Spray bottles and washcloths are strategically placed around the room for this use.

Brilinski said the earlier new users get there the better, as he has a bit more time to spend with walk-ins when they first open in the morning.

Another option for working out indoors is Hometown Fitness which was located in Lincoln for the past year but will be moving to Harrisville the first week in January.

Owner Roger Klukowski Jr., said they have free weights, treadmills, elliptical exercisers, exercise bikes and will have other cardio equipment coming soon. It is open to all age groups and offers student and military discounts.

It is the uniqueness of Hometown Fitness's hours which sets this exercise center apart from all others and will surely fit any schedule. Hometown Fitness offers 24-hour, seven days a week access to members.

For those yearning for a more peaceful way to get fit Harrisville Yoga offers patrons a mind, body and spiritual connection to improve flexibility, strength and good health. Classes range from beginner to advanced and are either at the Harrisville location or in Oscoda.

Jim Prohaska attends Golden Yoga on Saturday

mornings in Harrisville and said the classes have changed his life. "When you leave you feel like a new person. It really works. I've been doing this for about a year now and it's been a change of life for me, but you have to keep at it, Prohaska said.

Harrisville Yoga has group classes in Golden Yoga, Slow Flow Yoga, Yoga Flow, and new this year a PiYo class and a morning meditation class. "The PiYo class is a combination of pilates and yoga. It's a bit more aerobic and really gets your heart rate up to fast music. It's also a good introduction to yoga," said Liz McNichols, a certified yoga instructor with the business. The new PiYo class will take place on Mondays in Oscoda. The morning meditation class will be on Saturdays in Harrisville.

The Golden Yoga class uses chairs and props and teaches the eight limbs of yoga. It is beneficial to older folks or those having trouble getting up and down. Slow Flow Yoga, which is open to all levels, has instruction on holding poses while cultivating concentration and patience through breathing. Yoga Flow is for students wishing to increase strength, stamina flexibility in a practice of continuous movements to help rid the body of toxins.

"You are never too old and never to young to do Yoga," McNichols said. She's had students as old as 92 start yoga for the first time in their lives. Children accompanying a parent to class are welcome to participate free of charge.

McNichols also offers online support nutritious food challenges and unique workshops throughout the year. A pelvic floor workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016.

For those looking to do a little walking, the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) in Lincoln is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and offers the upstairs hall for walkers to do laps on most days. The center also has a few exercise bikes, a treadmill and some two-pound weights available for use. A goodwill donation is appreciated but not required.

Also for walkers, the Alcona County High School offers its hallways to walk after school free of charge.

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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
 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.

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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.

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.

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
 Play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Everyone is invited.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
 The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville. Contact, Jennifer Hoppe at (989) 358-4605 or e-mail hoppej@nemcsa.org for details.

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
	Dec. 20	41		22	0.00	
Dec. 21	40	35	0.26	2.2	13	SW
Dec. 22	43	36	0.00	1.0	9	N
Dec. 23	52	39	0.02	8.1	29	SSW
Dec. 24	55	34	0.00	7.8	40	SW
Dec. 25	43	28	0.00	0.6	14	NNE
Dec. 26	40	27	0.22	9.5	30	NNE
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	0.50	T	0.39			
December to Date	1.27	T	1.53			
Year/Season to Date	20.97	8.5	28.10			

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.)

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Those seeking structured classes in exercise can check out the wellness programs offered through Alcona Health Center (AHC) in Lincoln. Classes may have a small fee or may require authorization which includes a preliminary and post screening by an AHC provider. Screenings may be covered

under an individual's medical insurance.

Classes in 2016 will run in 12 week sessions. At the end of 12 weeks, students of the class will have individualized post screenings.

KiAnn Kruttlin, a physician assistant, at the Harrisville branch of AHC said the post screenings, which were

not mandatory in the past, are necessary for accountability. "The screenings are necessary to assess the individual patient and measure their well being and pain level. It's also how we can better our classes to optimize our patients' health," Kruttlin said.



Jan Klein instructs her Zumba Gold class at the Alcona Health Center. The class uses low impact chair exercises to upbeat music. Photo by Mary Weber.

Where to get fit

• **VRC Rehabilitation:** 923 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a.m. and remains open until the last therapy patient of the day has been seen, typically around noon or 1 p.m. but can vary. Cost is \$2 per day for nonpatient walk-ins to use a variety of treadmills, bikes, cross trainers, weights, elliptical exercisers and more. Call first to ensure the building is open (989) 736-1146.

• **Hometown Fitness:** Is moving to a new location -- 366 S. U.S. 23 in Harrisville (across from the BP gas station) the first week in January. The facility has free weights, treadmills, elliptical exercisers and bikes with more cardio equipment coming soon. Membership is \$30 per month and offers student and military discounts. Access is 24 hours, seven days a week to members. Call (989) 916-7769 for more information.

• **Harrisville Yoga:** Located inside the Harbortown Marketplace, 410 E. Main Street, Harrisville, and at Cedar Lake Elementary School, 4950 Cedar Lake Road, Oscoda. Classes are taught by certified yoga instructors, Sue Keller and Liz McNichols. Cost is \$8 per class or \$25 per month in which a student can attend any class but excludes PiYo classes and workshops. The PiYo class is an additional \$8 per session. Private lessons are available for an additional cost. Contact Liz McNichols at harrisvilleyoga1@gmail.com or call her at (989) 335-1777 for more information.

• **Alcona Health Center:** 177 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln; (enter at south door near ramp) and at 11745 US-23, Ossineke. Bring clean, comfortable exercise shoes which have not been worn outdoors. Twelve-week classes begin the first week of January and

include: Senior Boot Camp in Lincoln (\$3 charge per class); Zumba Gold class in Lincoln. Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class in Lincoln and Ossineke. This is a chair exercise class for people with chronic pain, arthritis, post cardiac rehab or those new to exercise. Chair Yoga is a six week class offered once a year, typically in early summer, in Ossineke.

For more information about the classes, other programs AHC offers to promote good health contact Denise Thompson, registered dietitian and wellness coordinator at (989) 736-8157 ext. 9871 prior to receiving a pre-authorization screening.

• **Alcona County Commission on Aging:** 217 Church Street, Lincoln. The upstairs hall is open for walking from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but call to check availability (989) 736-8879. Other health activities include Chair with Ease exercise videos and A Matter of Balance class in the spring.

• **Alcona High School:** Located on the north west corner of Barlow Road and M-72 in Lincoln and offers the schools hallways to walk free of charge on school days only from 3:30 p.m. until the school closes. Call the school at (989) 736-8534 for more information.

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1. Serena Williams
2. Danica Patrick
3. Venus Williams
4. Ronda Rousey
5. Mia Hamm
6. Hope Solo
7. Alex Morgan
8. Abby Wambach
9. Maria Sharapova
10. Chris Evert

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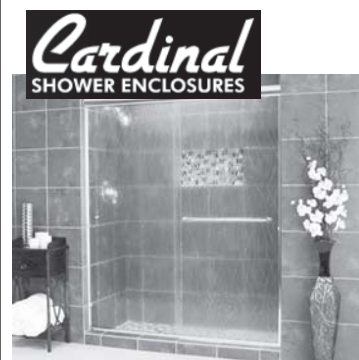
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Applications for limited seats available for second semester of the 2015-2016 school year will be accepted from January 1, 2016 to January 22, 2016. Applications received after January 22 cannot be accepted. Contact the building offices for enrollment procedures. For further information or an application, contact Alcona Community Schools, 51, N. Barlow Rd., PO Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989) 736-6212 or visit www.alconaschools.net.



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New Arrival

Camille Ryan Walker is the new daughter of Stephanie and Michal Walker of Harrisville. She was born on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds and five ounces and was 19 inches long. She joins a brother Travis, age 9. Her grandparents are Barb Detloff of Spruce and Jess and Jeanette Walker of Harrisville. Her great-grandparents are Beatrice Detloff of Roseville, Mich. and Jean Mendyka of Lincoln.

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, Jan. 4—Breaded chicken breast, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, and mixed fruit.
- Tuesday, Jan. 5—Pork chop with applesauce, potato lyonnaise, cauliflower, tossed salad and mandarin oranges.
- Wednesday, Jan. 6—Beef lasagna, peas, tossed salad, and pineapple.
- Thursday, Jan. 7—Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, corn, and peaches.
- Friday, Jan. 8—Chicken mostaccioli, green beans, tossed salad, and tropical fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Audubon Meeting

The AuSable Valley Audubon invites interested individuals to January 12 meeting to hear about the tentative number of species discovered during two December Christmas Bird counts and to hear from Chuck Allen,

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answer
When somebody says "This pencil point is much too sharp," would that be a pointed criticism?

park and recreation supervisor of Tawas Point State Park. He will talk about park improvements and the latest information on the Fresnel lens replacement for the lighthouse. The 1 p.m. meeting will be held at the Tawas Community Center located on Neuman Street. For more information, contact Ruth Golm at (989) 724-5679.

Away at School

- Heather Goold, of Curran, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Shasta Rhodes, of Glennie, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Colleen MacAuley, of Greenbush, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- William Blank, of Harrisville, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Sarah Bartz, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Dana Glomski, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Jacob Klarich, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Nicole Hill, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Aaron Meyer, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Mary Miller, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Neil Osantowski, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Noah Schalkofski, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Katie Schultz, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Amy Tessmer, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Brittany Worth, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Karina Cole, of Lincoln, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Trenton LaVergne, of Lincoln, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Jesse Schram, of Lincoln, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Geke Frouke Antuma, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Sarah Hahn, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Shannon Oliver, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Vocational, technical programs draw more student interest

By S. Hernandez McGavin
Capital News Service

The education pendulum that directed so many students toward college degrees is swinging the other way, education experts say, now pointing students more toward skilled trade training as well as college.

The push for young students to attend college, which negatively affected those who weren't interested in it, went too far during former Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration, according to Steven Cook, president of the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

The MEA is the state's largest union of teachers and other school employees.

Vocational and technical programs eliminated due to lack of funding and interest by local administrators and

ests the students have with real-life experiences, it makes their academic program more relevant," Miller said.

With increasing enrollment and efforts to provide state-wide funding for vocational and technical programs, Miller said the districts' biggest problem is finding enough qualified instructors.

Not many skilled workers are interested in teaching if they have to pay for teaching certification or must leave their jobs, Miller said.

"There are more opportunities for employment lately. People are getting jobs directly in those fields. They have high wages where they are," Miller said. "It's part of our struggle in expanding the programs."

Lenawee Intermediate School District Superintendent James Philp said enroll-

ment is climbing because students feel encouraged to pursue skilled trades. Both parents and students are starting to see trades as lucrative professions. "The pendulum had swung far over to the priority for all students to go to college, and I think the pendulum is now swinging back. We need a balance between that and technical trades," Philp said.

He said rising enrollment in tech centers is also due to the diverse opportunities they create for students after high school. For example, the Lenawee Tech Center in Adrian, Mich. offers a "College Now" program that pays for college classes for tech center students enrolled as long as those courses follow the career pathway.

Philp said earning free college credits through so-called "articulated credit" or dual enrollment is a huge benefit for students who want to con-

tinue their education. They can leave the tech center with career certificates or credits to continue on to an associate or bachelor's degree if they choose.

Students can apply for articulated credits at postsecondary schools if they had a "B" or higher in the course. Dual enrollment is for students enrolled in both high school and college, earning credit for both.

Pat Buron, the placement coordinator at the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Career-Tech Center, said receiving college credit depends on both interest and grades — students must meet certain standards, just like any class.

Buron explained students at the Traverse City, Mich. center and their parents see prospects for success in college enrollment opportunities for skilled-trade areas. "It's an incentive for the whole school year. But if you want to apply, you have to perform," he said.

To demonstrate the advantage of hands-on, career-oriented learning, Buron said the tech center invites eighth graders from participating schools for a walk-through. When they return as 10th graders, they participate in classes that they're interested in for potential career paths.

The state still needs to expand and recruit those students who can't follow, or don't want to follow, the traditional college path. "I think we've got to pay attention to what kids want to do and meet those needs — that is successful education in my view," Cook said.

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~ Steven Cook, President
Michigan Education Association

school boards were important for students, Cook explained. "The need is still there — it's probably bigger now than it was before," Cook said.

While Cook said standards and requirements for certain school subjects are important for students who want to continue onto college, they impede those who don't. "Standards are important, but they have to be relevant to the student's career choice," Cook said. "If you're just throwing a bunch of math at them or science or whatever, and their career path is somewhere else, I'm just not sure you're going to engage a student. And that's really what it's all about."

William Miller, executive director of the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, said career and technical programs build on those math and science standards with relevant and interesting material.

The association represents the state's 56 intermediate school districts, which provide vocational education as part of their services.

Career and tech centers run by intermediate school districts combine high school and post-secondary education with career training, offering certificates and college credit based on their type of enrollment and success. Students can enroll in agricultural sciences, construction, culinary arts, computer programming, machine tool technology and many more skills areas.

Miller said most students involved in career and technical programs outperform those who aren't in such programs because they can easily apply their real-life experiences in the classroom. "If you can build on the inter-

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High game, Randy Morgan, 288.
High series, Dave Glazar, 652.
High handicap game, Larry Yingling, 295. High handicap series, Arnie Dellar, 774.

**Huron
December 22**

Frankless	139.5	76.5
AuSable River	109.5	106.5
Bacl Alley Bar	106	93
Lincoln Prec.	101.5	114.5
Gary Oil	87.5	128.5
Rob's Appl/Rep.87	129	

High game, Roger Klukowski, 279. High series, Dave Glazar, 718. High handicap game, Ray Covey, 316. High handicap series, Michael Baird, 817.

**Early Bloomers
December 22**

Bluebells	216.5	119.5
Buttercups	199	137
Mums	187.5	148.5
Daffodils	186	150
Marigolds	178	158
Rosebuds	161.5	174.5
Tigerlilys	145.5	190.5
Violets	74	262

Team high game, Daffodils and Tigerlilys, 326. Team high series, Rosebuds 867. Individual high game and series, Carla Travis, 188 and 500.

**Wednesday Nite Women's
December 23**

Back Alley Bar	154	86
Alcona Tool	135.5	104.5
Ark Plumbing	135	105
JB's Auto	123	117
Alcona Abstrt.	113.5	126.5
Lincoln Prec.	112.5	127.5
Stoney Acres	96	144
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High game and series, Lynn Gibson, 257 and 625. High handicap game, Lynn Gibson, 269. High handicap series, Dava Abend, 698.

Birdling BITS BY Cindy Brook

Greatest Birding Moment
As the year comes to a close, I like to reflect on my greatest birding moment. This year it was the Carolina chickadee that came to my yard one rainy afternoon. He was fun to watch. I simply love birding, and I hope you do too.
Happy New Year, everyone!

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American Life in Poetry

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

Here's a New Year's poem by Judy Ray, who lives and writes in Tucson. I like the way that common phrase, "the turning of a year," has suggested to her the turns in a race track. Her most recent book is *To Fly Without Wings*, (Helicon Nine Editions, 2009).

Turning of the Year
We never know if the turn is into the home stretch. We call it that—a stretch of place and time—with vision of straining, racing. We acknowledge each turn with cheers though we don't know how many laps remain. But we can hope the course leads on far and clear while the horses have strength and balance on their lean legs, fine-tuned muscles, desire for the length of the run. Some may find the year smooth, others stumble at obstacles along the way. We never know if the finish line will be reached after faltering, slowing, or in mid-stride, leaping forward.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report
For the Week of December 21-27, 2015

69 complaints were handled with the following results: 4 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Operating Under Influence of Drugs; 1 Driving without Insurance; 1 Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	8	Property Damage Accident	2
Message/Well Being Check	5	Miscellaneous	1
Dog/Animal Complaint	4	Traffic	1
Drug Crime	1	Malicious Destr. of Property	1
Alarm	4	Domestic	2
Suicidal Person	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2
Operate Under Infl. of Drugs	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	1	Assault & Battery	1
Breaking & Entering	2	Medical	2
Felon in Poss. of Firearm	1	Driving with No Insurance	1
Larceny	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Power Lines Down	3	Suspicious Events	3
Probation/PPO Violation	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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Greenbush	9	Gustin	4	Harrisville	7
Hawes	10	Haynes	6	Mikado	4
Millen	4	Mitchell	0		
City of Harrisville	5	Village of Lincoln	1		

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to write your own obituary

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you provide any tips on how to write your own obituary? At age 80, I am in the process of preplanning my funeral and would also like to take a crack at writing my own newspaper obit too.

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If your newspaper accepts self-written obits, find out if they have a template to guide you, or check with your funeral provider. Most funeral homes provide forms for basic information, and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide.

You also need to be aware that most newspapers charge by the word, line or column inch to publish an obituary, so your cost will vary depending on your newspaper's rate and length of your obit - most range between 200 and 500 words.

Depending on how detailed you want to be, the most basic information in an obituary usually includes your full name (and nickname if relevant), age, date of birth, date of death, where you were living when you died, significant other (alive or dead), and details of the funeral service (public or private). If public, include the date, time, and location of service.

Other relevant information you may also want to include

is: Cause of death; place of birth and parents names; your other survivors including your children, other relatives and pets and where they live; family members who preceded your death; high school and colleges you attended and degrees earned; your work history and military service; your hobbies, accomplishments and any awards you received; your church or religious affiliations; any clubs, civic and fraternal organizations in which you were a member; and any charities you feel strongly about that you would like people to donate to either in addition to or in lieu of flowers or other gifts.

You'll also need to include a photo, and be sure to leave copies with your funeral director and/or immediate family members.

If you need some help writing your obituary there are free online resources you can turn to like legacy.com, obituaryguide.com or caring.com/obituary, which offer tips, templates and sample obits.



Savvy Senior

Or, if you want your obit to be more memorable, purchase the ObitKit (obitkit.com). This is a \$20 workbook that helps you gather the details of your life so you can write an obituary that will reflect your personality and story.

If you're interested in writing your own obituary, you may also be interested in writing a legacy letter or ethical will.

A legacy letter is a heartfelt letter that you write to your loved ones sharing with them your feelings, wishes, regrets, gratitude and advice. And an ethical will (which is not a legal document), is like an

extension of a legacy letter that many people use to express their feelings as well as explain the elements in their legal will, give information about the money and possessions they're passing on, and anything else they want to communicate.

For help in creating these, there are lots of resources available like celebrationsof-life.net and personallegacyadvisors.com, which offers practical information, examples and materials you can purchase to help you put it together.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

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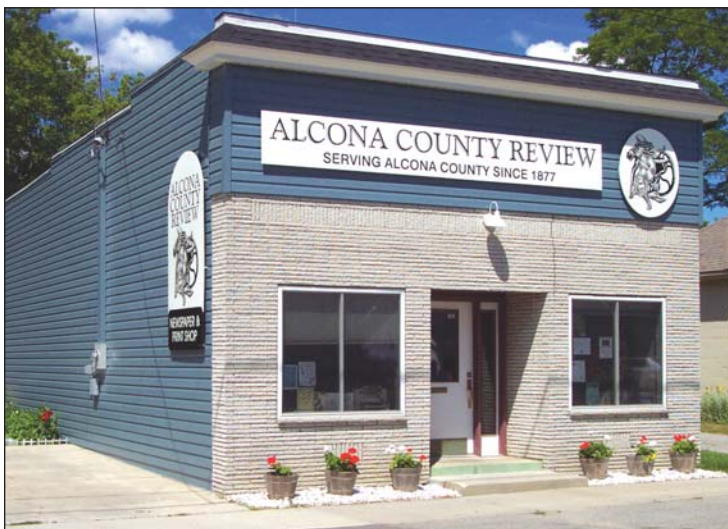


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Law enforcement agencies beef up cyber capabilities for investigations

By Michael Kransz
Capital News Service

What is to many people an all-in-one device for communication and entertainment is to law enforcement agencies a partner in criminal investigations.

With smartphones containing GPS and time-stamped data, police can use them as an additional piece of the narrative when executing a search warrant, according to Detective Lt. Jay Poupard, the assistant commander of the Michigan State Police Cyber Section.

To keep up with demand for forensic services from local departments seeking help to access hidden smartphone data and train experts within those agencies, the state police recently opened computer crime unit offices in Marquette, Mich. and Coldwater, Mich., Poupard explained.

Those facilities will offer two programs for officers' certification as a forensic examiner and as a high-tech investigator. "When we have that footprint and we have a physical place for detectives to go and learn while investigating these crimes, it makes the state a safer place," Poupard said.

Detective Mike Kohler of the Marquette Police Department said although his agency has a smartphone and computer imaging technician, the state police's computer crimes office will alleviate some of the burden other agencies place on his.

Smartphone imaging can require hours, depending on what is being sought, he said. But it's a vital part of investigations nowadays. "Cell phones are applicable to just about every crime that we investigate," Kohler said. "People obviously use cell phones day-to-day, and it's a hand-held computer, and people plug into a lot of information. We glean a lot from that. It's almost like a diary."

Those most benefited by the state police's new Marquette office will be smaller, Upper Peninsula agencies, Kohler said.

Chippewa County Under-sheriff Mike Bitnar said if the new office provides greater staffing in forensic analysis, it might alleviate state police turnaround time problems in analyzing a phone and be a more timely option for his office.

While Bitnar said his office could use a forensic analyst in-house, it's not feasible. Because of the department's small staff, it'd mean one less officer on the road. "I don't have the extra people," he said. "The people who do that work in other agencies find themselves only doing that because there's such a need for it."

St. Joseph County Under-sheriff Mark Lillywhite said smartphone data is useful in investigating homicides and drug cases, and even to determine if a driver was dis-

tracted by texting at the time of a fatal car crash. "Cell phones are used every day," Lillywhite said. "They're used in conjunction with all sorts of crimes being committed every day."

Lillywhite said smartphone analysis was used in the last three homicide investigations to go through

his office. The county is also purchasing two more pieces of software used by state police to better analyze and crack smartphones that are seized as evidence.

"With technology, it's part of life these days," he said. "And you have to advance with that if you want to solve crimes."

The Garden Bug

Wishing tree traditions

At the famous Wishing Tree of Lam Tsuen (near Hong Kong, China), wishes are written on "lucky" papers, rolled up, then tied up with red string and attached to an orange for weight. All are tossed into the tree; if they catch in the branches, the wishes are said to then come true. "Wishing trees" can be found in many cultures throughout the world. - Brenda Weaver

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



State supreme court decision given in Curtis road case

December 30, 1915 - The supreme court has sustained the finding of Judge Connine of the Alcona county circuit in the case of Wm. and Ella Wallace, Henry N. Loud, and Culver Van Alstyne vs. Frank Deacon, Highway Commissioner of Curtis township, John W. Ferguson, George Sampson, Louis Clouse, Charles and James Aldrich. This was a case of a bill filed to restrain the opening

up of a highway. Complainants collectively own the north half of the south half of section 26, town 25-6, and the defendants Ferguson, Sampson and Aldrich own the south half of the south half of the same section. The contention arose over the true location of the east and west quarter line of said section. Prior to the laying out of the highway in dispute, there was a highway by

user, running east and west, practically upon what was supposed to be the said quarter line. The defendants and others claiming that the highway was not upon the quarter line but that it ran north of it and over their land, procured the discontinuance of that highway, and by petition procured the laying out of a new highway, running south of the old highway, and which defendants claim runs along

the true quarter line. Claimants claimed that the old highway was upon the true quarter line and that the new one, over which the suit arose, was located south of the true quarter line. The case was heard at the October 1912, term of court and the complainants went out, securing a perpetual injunction against opening a highway on the new route. The defendants appealed to

the supreme court and the finding of the circuit court has just been confirmed. Attorneys in the case were Henry, Henry & Henry for the complainants, John A. Stewart and C. A. Jahruas for the defendants.

A hard trip

December 30, 1915 - Fr. Houle had a strenuous time Saturday trying to get from Oscoda to Harrisville in time to celebrate 8:00 o'clock mass. He held services at Oscoda at 5:30 a. m. and was due in Harrisville at 8:00. The trip was made on Bert Swales' power-car and under ordinary circumstances would have been a pleasant one. The heavy snow storm made the passage hard for the little car and they were four hours making the trip, but they finally arrived after pushing the car many miles of the way.

It was nearly 11:00 o'clock before Fr. Houle got to his church and he had to change the order of services accordingly.

Hickey-Spenser

December 30, 1915 - The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spenser was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday evening, when Elder S.W. Rudd of Alpena, united in marriage Miss Flora Etta Spenser, their only child, and Mr. Elton Lyle Hickey, both of Pine Grove, Caledonia township.

The home was nicely decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being orange, pink and white, with the addition of Christmas bells and evergreens. The bride wore a simple white dress of embroidered mull.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper was served to about thirty relatives and friends by Mrs. E.J. Hickey, mother of the groom, at her home, where the same color scheme was carried out in the decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey received many nice presents. They left Sunday for Larson's camp, where the groom and his brothers have a winter's job, and where he has been keeping Bachelor's "Lonesome" for some time.

When spring opens Mr. and Mrs. Hickey expect to be at home to their friends in Pine Grove settlement, where the groom has a farm.

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Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
 Snow Possible
 High: 35 Low: 27

THURSDAY
 Mostly Cloudy
 High: 33 Low: 23

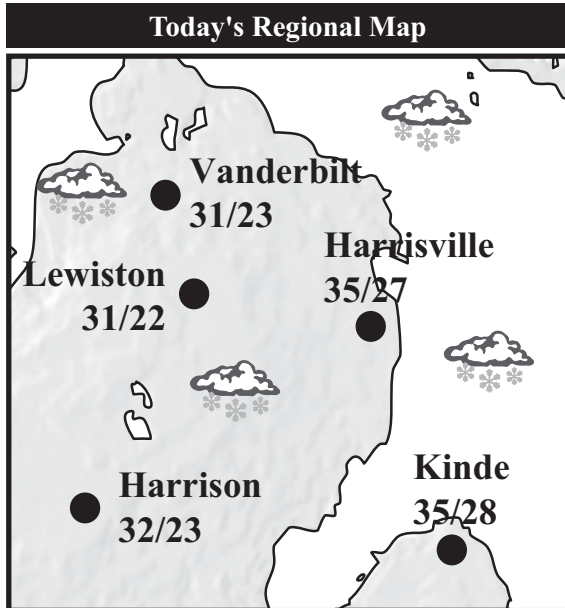
FRIDAY
 Mostly Cloudy
 High: 30 Low: 22

SATURDAY
 Mostly Cloudy
 High: 31 Low: 24

SUNDAY
 Mostly Cloudy
 High: 31 Low: 22

MONDAY
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 32 Low: 21

TUESDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 34 Low: 18



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 93%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 44° set in 1965. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 27°. The record low for tonight is -11° set in 1968. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 33°.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	41	36	30/15	0.19"
Tuesday	41	37	29/15	0.00"
Wednesday	57	37	29/15	0.08"
Thursday	59	29	29/14	0.00"
Friday	42	23	29/14	0.00"
Saturday	39	19	29/14	0.16"
Sunday	35	23	28/14	0.02"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:09 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	10:48 p.m.	11:10 a.m.
Thursday	8:10 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	11:38 a.m.
Friday	8:10 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	No Rise	12:05 p.m.
Saturday	8:10 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	12:45 a.m.	12:32 p.m.
Sunday	8:10 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	1:43 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Monday	8:10 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	2:41 a.m.	1:31 p.m.
Tuesday	8:09 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	2:05 p.m.

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies and a few rain and snow showers today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 88° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 47° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 68° in Phoenix, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:28 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
Venus	5:05 a.m.	n/a
Mars	2:18 a.m.	1:09 p.m.
Jupiter	11:14 p.m.	11:53 a.m.
Saturn	6:00 a.m.	3:13 p.m.
Uranus	12:33 p.m.	1:28 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 30, 1988 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the southwestern United States. A week of subfreezing temperatures in Southern California claimed the lives of five people. Redding, Calif. was blanketed with four inches of snow.

Weather Trivia

What parts of the world receive the most hail each year?

Answer: Northern India and Kenya, as a result of strong thunderstorms.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - The Young and the Restless

Check out Orion the Hunter who is riding mid-sky, due south, at 10 p.m. this week. It is the classic winter constellation. Two bright stars, red supergiant Betelgeuse (left) and blue Bellatrix create his shoulders; three tightly grouped stars, Mintaka, Alnilam, and Alnitak form his belt; and two stars representing his knees, Saiph (left) and the blue supergiant Rigel (right), complete the pattern. Beneath Orion's belt are three fainter, starlike objects that shape his sword. They are really star clusters in themselves, with one of the best star-forming regions in the cosmos lying at its center, the Orion Nebula. Here, some of the newest stars in our galaxy reside. These hot luminaries blast the nebula with high intensity ultraviolet light, causing the gases to glow, billow, and swirl. In the process, the gases and dust are tumbled and compressed to create new stars, sculpted by the light itself. Even at 1500 light years distant, the Orion Nebula shines with a strength that allows it to be seen as a fuzzy, extended object viewed with the unaided eye; but that's not all. One of the most interesting hypotheses about the Orion area is that its two supergiant stars, Betelgeuse and Rigel, may be escapees, gravitational castaways that were catapulted from the Orion Nebula millions of years ago. Even the belt stars outline a loose grouping of O and B-type luminaries. These are the brightest and most massive (heaviest) stars that our galaxy has to offer. They light up the bluish arms of spiral and irregular galaxies, "burning" at luminosities of up to one million times the energy output of the sun. High mass stars shine brightly, but briefly, ending their lives in titanic stellar detonations called supernovas which enrich the galaxy with the heavier elements that can eventually generate life. Looking at Orion is like watching a soap opera, with all of its twists and turns, unfolding right in front of your very eyes in your very neighborhood. Go outside on a clear evening, look up, and behold Orion! www.astronomy.org

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which borough of New York City is the only one on the U.S. mainland?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many arms and tentacles does a squid have?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Where the Red Fern Grows"?
- LANGUAGE: What does the notation "a.c." mean when it is written on drug prescriptions?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a phillumenist?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the town where "It's a Wonderful Life" takes place?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many gallons are in a firkin?
- TELEVISION: What is Kramer's first name in the "Seinfeld" comedy series?
- MATH: Who is known as the father of geometry?
- MEDICINE: What is the common name for tinea pedis?

Answers: The Bronx, the rest are islands. Eight arms and two tentacles. Wilson Rawls. "before meals" or "ante cibum" in Latin. One who collect matchbooks. Bedford Falls. Nine. Cosmo. Euclid. Athlete's foot.

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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Madison Ave. products</p> <p>4 Stocking-cap dangler</p> <p>10 Year the U.S. declared war on Iraq</p> <p>15 Store lure</p> <p>19 Perfecta, e.g.</p> <p>20 Residence-based</p> <p>21 Vital vessel</p> <p>22 Pastry decorator</p> <p>23 Easily seen contrast</p> <p>26 March Madness gp.</p> <p>27 Musical inaptitude</p> <p>28 Poet's Ireland</p> <p>29 Near-eternities</p> <p>30 — Kong</p> <p>31 Encore elicitor</p> <p>37 Ominous last words</p> <p>40 Frizzy dos, for short</p> <p>41 No longer fazed by</p> <p>42 "Blondie" or "Beetle Bailey"</p> <p>44 Italian for "friends"</p> <p>47 A Gabor sister</p> | <p>49 Very easy, as a job</p> <p>50 Absent looks</p> <p>53 Transferable design</p> <p>56 Upsized or downsized</p> <p>59 Iraq's only port city</p> <p>60 "Anne of —" (1909 novel)</p> <p>62 English composer Thomas</p> <p>63 "Would that it were true!"</p> <p>66 Nation south of the U.S.</p> <p>67 Jack or king</p> <p>70 Tree with red berrylike fruit</p> <p>73 River ducks</p> <p>75 Garr of "Oh, God!"</p> <p>76 Adopt</p> <p>79 Pickle juice</p> <p>82 Brisket dish</p> <p>85 Toll rds.</p> <p>86 War fronts</p> <p>89 Pale yellow</p> <p>91 LPs'</p> <p>92 Indiana supplanters</p> <p>93 Weapon used with a quiver</p> <p>98 Lay siege to</p> <p>101 Nickname of Israel's Netanyahu</p> <p>102 Corals, e.g.</p> | <p>103 Incorrect inference</p> <p>108 Not many</p> <p>109 Really vexed</p> <p>110 Watched</p> <p>111 Like some</p> <p>114 — II (razor brand)</p> <p>115 Theme of this puzzle</p> <p>121 Undertaking</p> <p>122 Emerson's middle name</p> <p>123 Off the mark</p> <p>124 "El —" (1961 epic)</p> <p>125 1974 CIA spoof film</p> <p>126 "— right with the world!"</p> <p>127 Take care of</p> <p>128 Hospital trauma ctrs.</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Alphabet starter</p> <p>2 "Traffic" co-star Benicio</p> <p>3 "Ms." co-founder Gloria</p> <p>4 Pit stop item</p> <p>5 "Shave — haircut ..."</p> <p>6 Bake in a shallow dish, as eggs</p> <p>7 Urgent call</p> <p>8 911 VIP</p> <p>9 Maui gift</p> | <p>10 Lens used for close-ups</p> <p>11 Dominant theme</p> <p>12 Sister in "Three Sisters"</p> <p>13 "What am — think?"</p> <p>14 007 creator Fleming</p> <p>15 "Nothing Compares 2 U" singer</p> <p>16 Provides with furnishings</p> <p>17 Stoops</p> <p>18 Rub off</p> <p>24 Like many a British bishop</p> <p>25 Beatty and Romero</p> <p>29 "Pale" brew</p> <p>30 Ad — committee</p> <p>32 Agatha Christie's "A Pocket Full —"</p> <p>33 Geller of spoon-bending</p> <p>34 Trio after M</p> <p>35 Hockey disk</p> <p>36 Frat letters</p> <p>38 Kind of oar</p> <p>39 Twisty path</p> <p>43 Person held in bondage</p> <p>44 Quickly, in a score</p> | <p>45 Alluring West</p> <p>46 Jaipur locale</p> <p>48 Tight — drum</p> <p>50 Flags</p> <p>51 Conan O'Brien's network</p> <p>52 Ooh and —</p> <p>53 Beaver's construction</p> <p>54 Night before</p> <p>55 Racing boat steerer</p> <p>57 Articulate</p> <p>58 Beastie</p> <p>61 MPG-rating org.</p> <p>64 Unfortunate sort</p> <p>65 Photo badges, e.g.</p> <p>68 Jellied dish</p> <p>69 Covert U.S. org.</p> <p>70 Laugh loudly</p> <p>71 Siam or Japan suffix</p> <p>72 Film director Craven</p> <p>73 It blasts</p> <p>74 Slippery fish</p> <p>77 Lead-in to dactyl</p> <p>78 Nashville amusement park of the 1970s-'90s</p> <p>79 Programme broadcaster</p> <p>80 Police setup to catch speeders</p> | <p>81 1977 Linda Ronstadt hit</p> <p>83 Smackeroo</p> <p>84 Prefix with economic</p> <p>87 Grand tale</p> <p>88 French composer Édouard</p> <p>90 Cool, to a 1940s cat</p> <p>93 Sue Grafton's "— for Alibi"</p> <p>94 Baseball stat</p> <p>95 Via coercion</p> <p>96 Alfresco</p> <p>97 Nashville-to-Memphis dir.</p> <p>99 Mini-meals</p> <p>100 G-man, e.g.</p> <p>101 Good friends</p> <p>103 Bulb units</p> <p>104 Playwright Eugene O'—</p> <p>105 Singer Lauper</p> <p>106 Kids' bricks</p> <p>107 Battery type</p> <p>112 Angry talk</p> <p>113 Savvy about</p> <p>115 It had a hub at JFK</p> <p>116 "Into the Wild" actor Holbrook</p> <p>117 Despite that</p> <p>118 Cuprite, e.g.</p> <p>119 Tea vessel</p> <p>120 Dict. entries</p> |
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Moments In Time

The History Channel

- On Jan. 12, 1904, Henry Ford sets a land-speed record of 91.37 mph on the frozen surface of Michigan's Lake St. Clair. His four-wheel vehicle, dubbed the "999," had a wooden chassis but no body or hood.
- On Jan. 15, 1919, fiery hot molasses floods the streets of Boston, killing 21 people and injuring scores of others. Some 2.5 million gallons of molasses burst from a huge tank when bolts holding the bottom of the tank exploded, shooting out like bullets.
- On Jan. 11, 1949, in Washington, D.C., the cornerstone is laid at the first mosque of note in the United States. The Islamic Center was built with a 160-foot minaret from which prayers were to be announced.
- On Jan. 17, 1950, in Boston, 11 men steal more than \$2 million from the Brinks Armored Car depot. It was almost the perfect crime. The culprits weren't caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired.
- On Jan. 14, 1969, an explosion aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise kills 27 people in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A rocket accidentally detonated, destroying 15 planes and injuring more than 300 people.
- On Jan. 16, 1979, faced with an army mutiny, Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, leader of Iran since 1941, is forced to flee the country. Fourteen days later, the Ayatollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of the Islamic revolution, returned after 15 years of exile and took control of Iran. In November, Islamic militants stormed the U.S. embassy and took 52 Americans hostage, holding them for 444 days.
- On Jan. 13, 1999, NBA superstar Michael Jordan announces his retirement from professional basketball for the second time, saying he had lost the drive and desire to continue playing. Jordan originally had announced his retirement in 1993.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American poet, physician, educator, researcher and essayist Lewis Thomas who made the following sage observation: "We haven't yet learned how to stay human when assembled in masses."
- Those who study such things say that when Jell-O is hooked up to an EEG machine, the movements registered are almost identical to those produced by the human brain.
- Historians claim that notorious pirate Blackbeard made himself fearsome to enemies by tying lighted fuses into his beard.
- In a survey conducted in five major U.S. cities, men were asked to choose which activity they'd rather do: spend a romantic evening in a hotel with a sexy woman, or go to the Super Bowl. Three-quarters of respondents chose the football game.
- There were no domestic cats in North America until they arrived with voyagers from Europe.
- You've probably noticed that St. Pauli Girl beer has on its label the image of a buxom blond beauty. You probably aren't aware, however, that the beer was named after the St. Pauli neighborhood of Hamburg, Germany -- a notorious red-light district. So while you may think the lovely image is that of a simple serving girl, it's not out of the question that the lady's occupation may have been somewhat less savory.
- If you're planning to wrap a mummy in the proper Egyptian manner, you'll need about 500 feet of linen to finish the job.
- Parts of Australia have been undergoing an intense drought for more than a decade. The water shortage has been so severe that in 2002, the nation's environmental minister issued a plea for those in affected areas to shower with a partner in order to conserve the scarce resource.

Thought for the Day: "The higher we soar, the smaller we appear to those who cannot fly." -- Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche
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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

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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

manufactured home bearing serial number HH11896, model number 419.

Together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances now or hereafter hereunto.

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

Dated: December 23, 2015
Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Mortgagee
Daniel W. White
Attorney for Mortgagee
313 North Second Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707
989-354-4104
12-23, 12-30, 1-6, 1-13

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. on December 8 at the Greenbush Township Hall. Four guests were present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, treasurer Pat Dailey and trustee Gary Abraham. Absent: Clerk David Dailey and trustee Sally Olin. Motion Abraham/P. Dailey: To

approve the agenda as submitted. All yeas; D. Dailey and Olin absent. Motion carried. Motion Abraham/Roddy to approve minutes as submitted. All yeas; D. Dailey and Olin absent. Motion carried. No public comment. Treasurer P. Dailey presented the financial report: \$93,810.49 general fund; \$167,081.31 road fund; \$63,958.68 fire fund; \$31,058.20

Prince Drive; \$481.49 Kowalski fund. Motion Abraham/P. Dailey: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Roll call vote: D. Dailey Olin absent. All yeas, motion carried. Treasurer P. Dailey presented the bills: Check no. 16282 was voided; payroll check numbers 16275-16310 for \$ 13,174.99; bills check numbers 16284-16295 for \$3,004.08. Motion P. Dailey/

Abraham: To approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote: D. Dailey and Olin absent. All yeas, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: OWAA - new company is still in the works. Constable Beatty - all compliant. County commissioner Brummund - budget approved four mil 898869.00; GIS meeting at 10

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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a.m. on December 11; Sunrise Center is full; 911 emergency dispatch services are now available; circuit court and district court are now trial court.

Fire chief Franks - three fire and seven first responder calls. Zoning administrator Major - absent, but reported one permit. Hall rental - Roddy - one hall rental deposit received; four hour or less \$50 over four hours \$150. Assessor Schwickert will be attending GIS meeting December 11; manufacturing personal property loss

meeting will be attended in January; tentative residential study report received and residential values have decreased a little bit; board of review on December 16 at 9 a.m.

GRAC - Olin - absent. Planning commission Swanson - the final two chapters are done and the drafts will be given to the surrounding townships in January for a 63 day review period, then public hearing hopefully in April and final to the township to May meeting. CLIB - \$75,000 property bought at the northwest cor-

ner of Kings Corner Road and Cedar Lake Road may be null and void because of the property maintenance needed. Ordinance enforcement - D. Dailey - absent.

Correspondence: Roddy- GIS meeting invitation. Clerk Dailey - none. Miscellaneous - none. Pending business: Update on IRS situation - absent but reported correspondence. Discussion of recreation plan update to receive Passport Fund grant, paperwork is still coming in from Sally Olin. New business: None.

Public comments: James Nolan asked the board for a letter of approval to get a liquor license to reopen the Greenbush Tavern, some discussion.

Motion: P. Daily/ Abraham: To adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Roll call vote: D. Dailey and Olin absent. All yeas, motion carried. Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at the Greenbush Township Hall.

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- 1041 Montana Rd., Barton City: 2 story, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, close to lake, needs finishing. **\$54,000**
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- 3493 E. Cedar Lake Dr., Greenbush: Ranch, 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, remod, lake access, newer roof. **\$45,000**
- W. Bamfield Rd., Glennie: Riverview subdivision lot #32, 129x238, Ausable River down the road. **\$9,000**
- N. Somers Rd., Lincoln: 15 acres, 990x660, great view, fruit trees, corner lot, good hunting. **\$30,000**
- 985 W. Proconier Rd., Mikado: 10 acres with 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, mobile home, good camp. **\$42,000**

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Fishing Report

To encourage involvement in the 2016 Winter Free Fishing Weekend, organized activities are often offered in communities across the state. These activities are coordinated by constituent groups, schools, parks (local/state), businesses and others.

There are numerous resources to help plan and execute an event in communities by organizations, individuals and businesses. Anyone interested in planning an event may visit michigan.gov/freefishing and look through the Free Fishing Weekend Event Planning e-Toolkit. There are tools to help events that have been established as well. See the Free Fishing Weekend Event Promotion e-Toolkit located at the website listed above. Resources in this e-Toolkit include outreach and public relations materials.

For more information about the Free Fishing Weekend, visit michigan.gov/freefishing.

Northeast Lower Peninsula December 23

With no ice and warm weather, walleye anglers are taking fish on the inland lakes. Those pursuing rainbows on the inland streams reported moderate success.

- Burt Lake: Anglers were catching some walleye.
- Grand Lake: Was producing a few perch.
- Thunder Bay River: Was still producing the occasional whitefish.
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