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Water level predictions illustrates Great Lakes' complexity

By Marie Orttenger
Capital News Service

Recently released Great Lakes water level predictions have Superior, Michigan and Huron on the same page.

But lakes Erie and Ontario flow to the beat of a different drum.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers predict that the bigger lakes will drop below the level they were a year ago. Erie and Ontario are set to be higher than a year ago.

"Over the summer and early fall of this year, water supplies to Lake Superior and Michigan-Huron were near average or below average," said Lauren Fry, a civil engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District. "Outflows, however, have been above average, due to higher than average water levels on both lakes."

The high levels of the upper lakes are the legacy of the last two winters, which were so cold and snowy that they set the stage for low evaporation and high spring runoff. Those levels mean that outflow, or discharge, to the St. Mary's River and to the St. Clair River and Detroit River system will be higher than typical.

With less water coming in than going out, lower water levels are expected for Superior and Michigan-Huron. This winter is also expected to be warmer, which may contribute to lower levels than last year.

Lakes Erie and Ontario just have to be different. Both lakes can thank heavy June precipitation for higher levels than last year, Fry said. Lake Erie experienced precipitation 95 percent above the long-term average. Lake Ontario got 80 percent more. Both lakes rose rapidly throughout June and July.

"Only very dry conditions would result in levels below last year's levels," Fry said.

Because the Great Lakes have the largest surface area of any freshwater system on Earth, the lake surfaces, air and atmosphere interact in ways that uniquely impact

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Monday, Dec. 7 is the first day in more than two years that the Alcona County Road Commission road crew has been under one roof. Construction on the new building concluded last week and an open house for the public was held on Saturday with more than 200 people attending. According to manager Jesse Campbell, moving equipment and other items from two different locations will take some time, however, by January 15, 2016 everything will be back under one roof in Lincoln. Crew members are "proud to be back home." (From left) Jesse Campbell, Henry Charron, Dennis Scott, John McDonald, William Smith, Steve LeCureux, Gary Anderson, Randy Sautter, Ken LaLonde, Renee LaVergne, Marlena MacNeill, Trevor MacNeill, Robert Barkley, Rick Bugg, Drew Milwrick, Jake Petty, Linton Fowler, Mike Dafoe, Jim Quick, Shawn Somers and Mike Escareno. Not pictured: Mike Goddard. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Day One program has brighter future

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With the help of a large grant and a new component to help identify generational risk issues the Day One program of Alcona County is heading into the New Year with a much brighter future.

The program, which provides services to at-risk pregnant mothers and families with children three years of age and younger, was in jeopardy of closing a few months ago when the Kellogg Foundation decided not to fund the program after the end of September. The foundation supplied grant monies in 2014/2015 for many Day One programs throughout Michigan.

Since then the Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan, which oversees Day One in Alcona County, has been writing grants in order to find the necessary funds to keep the program going.

The grant given by the Northeast Michigan Episco-

pal Diocesan gave an additional \$16,000 to what has been collected so far for a total of about \$29,500, according to Meg Nisbet, development director for Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan.

Nisbet explained the total needed to run the program for a whole year is \$90,000, however, the \$16,000 grant has given the program a much brighter future.

Another component which will help the program is the Near@Home training which will soon be given to key personnel who visit with families in Alcona County -- Brenda Forsythe, full time coordinator/home support specialist and Sue Lovelace, nurse visitor. "They will be trained in protocols for assessing parent Adverse Childhood Experience Scores (ACES), trauma and toxic stress," Nisbet said.

Day One Alcona County will be the first home service to include this component. Forsythe and Lovelace will be

trained to talk to parents about their experiences and how those experiences might affect their ability to parent. "This is very exciting; we are going to break the cycle of trauma, abuse and neglect, which can be spread from one generation to another," Nisbet said.

Since the end of September the program has received many other smaller grants including the Comstock Grant from the First Congregational/United Church of Christ in Alpena for \$3,000; \$1,000 grant from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; \$5,000 from Alcona County Catholic parishes; \$1,000 from Alcona County Knights of Columbus; \$1,000 from My Brother's Hope; \$500 from New Life Lutheran Church; and about \$2,000 from Alcona County residents.

Nisbet said these resources were contributed because of the recognition and impact of the Day One program and the program was making too much of a beneficial differ-

ence to just let it go.

She explained the Episcopal grant came to fruition though the help of Rev. Joe Jenney from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The church partnered with Day One Alcona County to provide mentoring through their Samaritan program which offers financial education, nutrition on a budget, educational assistance helping parents acquire their GED and other assistance that a family needs.

Nisbet has also applied for a Michigan Health Endowment Fund request and is still looking to write other grants to achieve the full amount needed to keep the service operational throughout 2016.

According to Nisbet, the Day One program works with the family to make sure the children get the best start. She said it is different than any other program out there because it is able to be massaged for what best suits the

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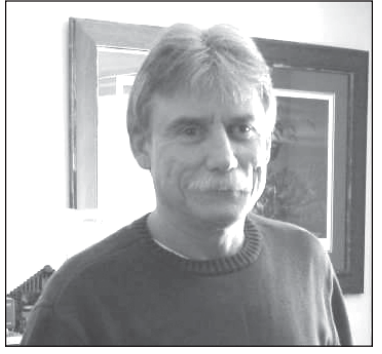
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William A. Callahan
 William Alan Callahan, 59, died on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 in Dayton, Ohio.
 He was born one December 23, 1953 to Larry and Loretta (Perry) Voisin in Pontiac, Mich.
 Mr. Callahan is survived by five children, Alan (Sheri) Callahan of Trussville, Ala., Kelly (Jason Alexander) Callahan of Dayton, Ohio, Melissa (Kevin Gauthier) Callahan of Oscoda, Kyle Callahan of Hawaii and Dallas Callahan of Oscoda; six

grandchildren, Valerie Hartley and Gwen Gwedaka of Dayton, Ohio, Sara and Ella Callahan of Trussville, Ala. and Stephanie and Leroy Stevens of Oscoda; his parents, Larry and Loretta Voisin of Lincoln; one sister, Debbie (Steve) Savalle of Clarkston, Mich.; three brothers, John (Mary) Miller of Grand Blanc, Mich., Dave Dixon of Lincoln, and Butch (Sherry) Dixon of Harrisville; several nieces and nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



A celebration of life memorial will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Mikado American Legion.

George J. Marlow III
 George J. Marlow III, 88, of Alpena died on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015.
 He was born to George and Eva Mary (Hotchkiss) Marlow II on February 26, 1927 in Davison, Mich., where he was raised.
 He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.
 He married RoseAnn Hudson in 1948.
 Mr. Marlow was a truck driver and farmed most of his life. He lived and worked in Alaska for approximately eight years before moving back to Alpena to retire.
 He loved to paint Alaskan scenery and woodworking.

Mr. Marlow is survived by his wife, RoseAnn; four daughters, Patricia Soik, MaryAnn Zakshesky, Janet Brege and Tracie Karsen; one son, George Marlow IV; 15 grandchildren, Julie Talaska, Gary Husted, David Odalovich, Chris Husted, Adam Brege, Lee Brege, Eric Soik, Ann Monnier, Ambre Kruczynski, Joe Zakshesky, William Ward, Sara Koza, Christie Ward, Madison Marlow and George Marlow V; 23 great-grandchildren; one brother, Gerald Marlow; and one sister.
 He was preceded in death by an infant son; and two



brothers, Gene Marlow and Wesley Marlow.
 Cremation arrangements were handled by McWilliams Funeral Home, Alpena.

Barbara Klein-Wesolowski
 Barbara Klein-Wesolowski, 81, of Freeland, Mich., formerly of Lincoln, died on December 1, 2015.
 She was born on July 20, 1934 to Robert and Amelia (Mondeau) Hastings in Alcona County, and was a lifelong resident of the area. She graduated from Oscoda High School.
 Mrs. Klein-Wesolowski was known as the "lunch lady" at Alcona High School, where she worked as the cashier from 1972 until 1987.
 She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. She enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Mrs. Klein-Wesolowski is survived by one daughter, Bonnie (Dave) Kaiser of Freeland, Mich.; one son, Frank (Lois) Klein of Oscoda; one stepson, Ken Wesolowski of Washington, Mich.; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one brother, Joe (Linda) Hastings of Black River.
 She was preceded in death by her husbands, Frank S. Klein and John "Jake" Wesolowski.
 The funeral was held on December 7 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. The Rev. Robert Bissot



officiated. Burial was in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, Harrisville. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015						
Weekly Report				Miles Per Hour		
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Nov. 29	40	21	0.01	1.5	15	NNE
Nov. 30	40	34	0.00	4.6	13	SE
Dec. 1	43	35	0.02	7.1	19	SE
Dec. 2	40	29	0.00	0.0	6	W
Dec. 3	42	32	0.00	1.1	19	WSW
Dec. 4	47	31	0.00	0.9	15	SW
Dec. 5	46	30	0.00	4.0	22	SW
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
		Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content		
Weekly Total		0.03	0.0	0.42		
Month of November		1.66	8.5	2.08		
December to Date		0.02	0.0	0.30		
Year/Season to Date		19.72	8.5	26.87		

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.)

Obituaries

Chris R. Neumann

Chris Randall Neumann, 52, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 at home.

He was born May 2, 1963 to Julius and Rose (Truewitz) Neumann in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

He lived in Onaway, Mich. and Millersburg, Mich. before moving to Harrisville 10 years ago.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and building model ships and airplanes.

Mr. Neumann is survived by one daughter, Krista Neumann of Saginaw, Mich.; one grandson, Kingston Neumann; his mother, Rose Neumann of Harrisville; one sister, Julie Emily Ann (Carlos) Fields; four brothers, Albert Julius Neumann, Edward Albert (Mary) Neumann, John Joseph (Do) Neumann, and Steven Paul (Norma) Neumann; and two aunts, Pauline Truman, and Catherine Terneas.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1991.

Private services have been held. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I will admit to being wrong. Obama, Clinton, Sanders, and Kerry are correct. It was "climate change" that (allegedly) pulled the triggers and killed 14 people in San Bernardino, Calif. on December 2, 2015, and built several improvised explosive devices.

Yes, I am being sarcastic. I would call the above mentioned idiots, but that would be disrespectful to idiots everywhere.

Dennis A. Roy
Oscoda

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

5:45 p.m. Friday, December 18
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Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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. at 76 North

Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

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.

Computers and Wi-Fi available for seniors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

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.

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Take out available.

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, DECEMBER 12

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Proof of residency required.

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.

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.

My Brother's Hope Potluck cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Festival of Lights committee would like to thank everyone who joined in to make the Festival of Lights such a successful event. We would especially like to thank that Jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. A special thank you to Jason Somers and the Alcona Athletes, Donna Roussin, and Bob Schrade. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Winners of the residential light contest were:
1st place- Ralph and Kaye Diamond
2nd place- Joe and June Lincoln
3rd place- Larry and Linda Somers
4th place- Jerry and Diana Burt

Winner of the Traveling Trophy for best decorated business:
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Thank you to everyone who participated.

NOTICE

The City of Harrisville is looking to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. There is also a vacancy for an alternate board member. The Tax Board of Review meets 4 times a year to review changes made by the state and to hear any citizen's concern about their assessment. This is a paid per diem position. You must be a resident of the city of Harrisville. Please inquire at the City Office at 989-724-6666 or to harrisville1905@hotmail.com or send a letter of intent to City of Harrisville, 200 N. 5th. Street, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740.
Barbara Pierce, City Clerk

12/9 & 12/16

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Local Notes



Concert and Fellowship

The public is invited to attend a free concert and an evening of Christmas fellowship at the Alcona High School Community auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 12. The concert will feature vocalist Abbi Rajasekhar and musician Tyler Sjöström who will perform Christmas favorites and Folk/Americana music for the evening.

Abbi Rajasekhar was raised in Alpena and has been performing music for as long as she can remember. When she first began singing for audiences she was barely strong enough to hold the microphone by herself. She began writing her own music while she was in high school. A resident of Chicago, Ill., she has traveled all over the country performing with a unique, soulful voice and relevant, poignant lyrics.

Tyler Sjöström is a singer-songwriter by way of Chicago, Ill. As a multi-instrumentalist, he wields instruments like the banjo, mandolin, guitar, harmonium, glockenspiel (to name a few). His music adds a spritz of bluegrass to his Americana/folk flavor.

This free evening of music and fellowship is sponsored by The Chosen Ranch. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m.

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. 14—Pork chop bake with sweet potatoes and apples, mixed vegetables, and pineapple.

- Tuesday, Dec. 15—Ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, red and green fluff salad, and cherry cheesecake.

- Wednesday, Dec. 16—Beef tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, three bean salad, and tropical fruit.

- Thursday, Dec. 17—Cabbage roll, red bliss potato, baby carrots, and pears.

- Friday, Dec. 18—Herb chicken, wild rice, squash, and mixed fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Give the Gift of Life

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to end the year with real meaning by donating blood for hospital patients in need. There will be a blood drive at the Lincoln Senior Center on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., 207 S. Church Street, Lincoln. Holiday activities, severe weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can pull people away from their regular blood donation schedules. This creates a greater need for blood donations this time of year, especially around the winter holidays. Healthy donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types AB, O, B negative and A negative. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Christmas Bird Count

The Sturgeon Point Christmas Audubon Bird Count will be held at the main Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19. Interested individuals will count birds in four sections. Birdfeeder counts from homes are welcome. For more information about bird feeder and section areas, contact Frank Apsey at (989) 724-3056.

Christmas On Stage

The Shoreline Players will present its 8th Annual Community Christmas Show on Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Shoreline Players Theater. This variety show was created as a way for the group to give back to the community that supports the group throughout the year. J.D. Hock will serve as the master of ceremony and will bring on crowd favorites including the Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association (SPYDA). The SPYDA coordinator Diana Smith will be directing and is the author of this original show. Beth Lixey is serving as assistant director and Sue Miller is the producer of the show.

This evening of holiday entertainment will include the SPYDA production; "Christmas Court" which is set at the North Pole on Christmas Eve and Santa Claus is on trial for running over Grandma June with his reindeer. There will also be a story from Robert Diener, the vocal stylings of Tim Curtis, Aryanna Ealy, Ed Glotfelty and Jillian Samotis as well as the magic of Mike Maturen.

The Friday show will also feature singer Linda Ramsdell and guitarist Braden Morrish and the Saturday performance will include Storyteller Mark Lee. This year's spectacular light show finale has been designed by Eric

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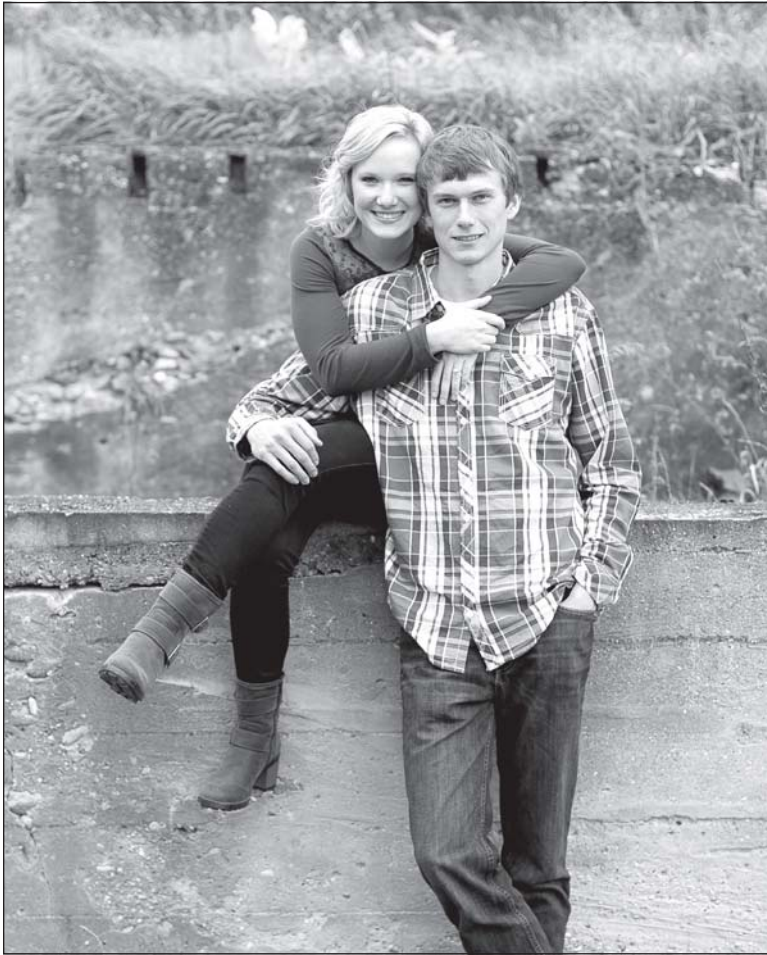
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Kramer/Yokom to exchange vows

Paul and Ann Kramer announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Marie Kramer to Braden Charles Yokom. The bride-to-be is a 2012 graduate of Alcona High School and is attending Saginaw Valley State University. She will graduate in December of 2016 with a degree in elementary education.

The future groom is the son of Steve and Teri Yokom of Harrisville. He is a 2011 graduate of Alcona High School and a 2015 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. He is employed at Northern Precision in Lincoln.

An August 2016 wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln.



Alexandra Kramer and Braden Yokom



Arnie Cordes of Spruce took this eight-point on November 23 in Barton City. The three and a half year old buck had a 15.5 inch spread and dressed out at 160 pounds. Courtesy photo.

Levels

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the system's water levels.

Typically, the lake levels fluctuate on a seasonal cycle, rising in spring, peaking in summer and falling in autumn. They fluctuate year to year as well, rising and falling to certain ranges for years at a time. But a number of factors can cause them to depart from the cycle.

Right now, water levels for all the lakes are at or above their averages for this time of year, following a rapid rise that began in 2013.

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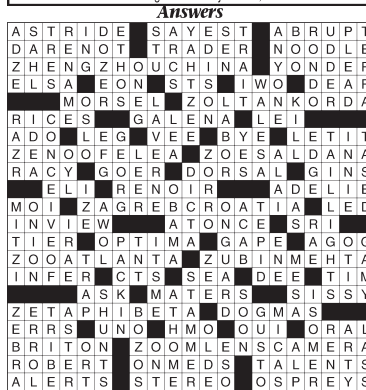
Joseph and Hock and is programmed to "Christmas Jam" by the Tran-Siberian Orchestra. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, however, a good will offering will be collected to support SPYDA. The theater is located next to the Robert Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Oscoda. For more information about this show or any upcoming Shoreline events go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.



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12/2 & 12/9

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I would like to thank everybody who did so much for us for Wilbur's funeral. All those who furnished food for the luncheon. We can't thank you enough. What a wonderful community we live in.

*Sincerely,
Betty Wildfong & Family*

The family of Chuck Byce would like to send our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, prayed for him during his illness, sent flowers, and all who came to the funeral home after his passing. We appreciate Gillies Funeral Home, Rich, Sarah and Aaron for all their help. Thank you to Dane Elmore for unending days he spent at the hospital with Chuck and Mary Byce for her knowledge and guidance and also the hospitality.

Michele Wambold for giving up her Saturdays to spend at the hospital and doing what needed to be done.

Thank you to the Eagles Club for the great meal after Chuck's service.

God bless you all!!

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Lady Tigers come up short against Tawas

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team played host to the Tawas Braves for its first game this season on December 1.

The Lady Tigers took an early 14-9 lead in the first quarter. Kendra LaFave stepped up with 10 points to get the team fired up. In the second quarter, the Lady Tigers found themselves in early foul trouble when Tawas came back strong at both ends of the floor to take a 30-24 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Alcona worked together with speed from Tori Harmon and

Sydney Pierce, outside shooting from LaFave and strength under the basket from Brittany Decker and Alissa Terpstra to get back into the game.

The Lady Tigers were able to close the gap to 44-40 by the end of third period. In the fourth quarter, it was a fight to the very end as both teams battled for position under the basket while continuing to trade buckets. The Lady Tigers managed to cut Tawas' lead to single digits on four separate occasions until senior Tori Harmon laid the ball up to tie the game 51-51 with 3:36 left on the clock.

The Lady Tigers were

we need to improve on," said Mark Feldhiser, junior varsity coach.

LaFave led Alcona offensively with 23 points. Decker added 10 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Harmon did a great job covering the floor with eight points, seven assists, six rebounds and three blocks. Terpstra had eight points and grabbed seven rebounds. Taylor Livingston added four points and eight rebounds. Brooke Shultz made two points and Madison Lane put in one basket at the charity strip.

Alcona's junior varsity team picked up the 24-23



Alcona's Alissa Terpstra puts up a contested shot during the season opener against the Tawas Braves. Photo by Ben Murphy.

plagued by foul trouble as they continued to fight back on defense. However, Tawas outscored Alcona 14-4 in the final minutes of the game to earn the 65-56 victory over the Lady Tigers.

"We played a well fought game tonight. Our defense had some lapses and we fouled too much. We competed well but now know what

win over Tawas. Abby Franklin led the team with 10 points and Brianna Fogle added eight points.

The Lady Tigers will play host to AuGres-Sims on Friday, Dec. 11. They travel to Mio on December 15 to match up against Thunderbolts. Alcona will take on the Fairview Eagles on December 18 at home.



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How to make your kitchen safer and easier to use

Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips can you recommend for making a kitchen senior-friendly? My wife, who loves to cook, has had several kitchen-related accidents over the past year, which is why we would like to modify to make it safer and more practical.

Hungry Husband

Dear Hungry,
There are a number of simple modifications and inexpensive add-ons that can make a big difference in making your kitchen more age-friendly. Depending on your wife's needs, here are some tips for each aspect of the kitchen.

• Floors: If you have kitchen throw rugs, to reduce tripping or slipping, replace them with nonskid floor mats or consider gel mats, which are cushiony and more comfortable to stand on for long periods. GelPro.com and WellnessMats.com offer a nice selection.

• Lights: If the lighting in her kitchen is dim, replace

the old overhead fixture with a bright new ceiling light, and add under-cabinet task lighting to brighten up her kitchen countertops.

• Cabinets and drawers: To reduce bending or reaching, organize your kitchen cabinets and drawers so that the items you most frequently use are within comfortable reach. You can also make your cabinets and pantry easier to access by installing pullout shelves or lazy susans.

And D-shaped pull-handles for the cabinets and drawers are also recommended because they're more comfortable for arthritic hands to grasp than knobs.

• Faucet: If you have a twist-handle kitchen faucet, replace it with an ADA compliant single handle faucet. They're easier to use, especially for seniors with arthritis or limited hand strength. There are also kitchen faucets on the market today (like the Delta Touch20 faucet and Moen MotionSense) that will turn themselves on and off

by simply touching the base or moving your hand over a motion sensor. And, for safety purposes, set your hot water tank at 120 degrees to prevent possible water burns.

• Microwave and stove: If your microwave is mounted above the stove, consider moving it to a countertop. This makes it safer and easier to reach. And if you're concerned about your wife remembering to turn the stove off, there are automatic stove shut-off devices you can purchase and install to prevent a fire. See cookstop.com, stoveguardintl.com and pioneeringtech.com for some different options.

If you're looking to upgrade some of your appliances too, here are some different senior-friendly features you should look for when shopping.

• Refrigerator and freezer: Side-by-side doors work well for seniors because the frequently used items (refrigerated and frozen) can be placed at mid-shelf range for easy access. Pullout adjustable



Savvy Senior

height shelves and a water/ice dispenser on the outside of door are also very convenient.

• Stove or cooktop: Look for one with controls in the front so you won't have to reach over hot burners to turn it off, and make sure the controls are easy to see. Flat surface electric or induction burners, or continuous grates on gas stoves are also great for sliding heavy pots and pans from one burner to the next. And ask about automatic shut off burners.

• Oven: Self-cleaning ovens are a plus, and consider a side-swing door model. They're easier to get into because you don't have to lean

over a hot swing-down door. Also consider a wall-mounted oven, installed at your wife's preferred height to eliminate bending.

• Dishwasher: Consider a dishwasher drawer that slides in and out, and is installed on a six to 10-inch raised platform. These require less bending to load and unload.

• Washer and dryer: Front-load washers and dryers with pedestals that raise the height 10 to 15 inches are also back-savers and easy to access.

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Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 2, 2015, until the hearing.

Alfred J. Scully, Chairman
Board of Road Commissioners
County of Alcona, Michigan

12/2 thru 12/16



(From left) Katelyn Sommer, 6 and her sister, Amelia Sommer, 5, of Harrisville meet Mrs. Claus and Santa with Brilee Travis, 5, of Mikado at the annual Mikado Goodfellows Christmas party for children.



Isaac Bourland, 5, and Grace Murday, 7, both of Oscoda, open the gifts they received at the annual Mikado Goodfellows party after visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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Addison Beatty, 7, and her brother, Mason Beatty, 3, from Harrisville got a chance to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas at the Festival of Lights Celebration in the Village of Lincoln.

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Dan Kirschner of Alpena (in the driver's seat) during a break while his horses, King and George, both Percherons, get a little attention from Kirschner's granddaughter, Emma Fitch, 13, and Harrisville residents Isabella Laird, 8, and her sister, Alexandra Laird, 5, and David Dixon, 9, of Alpena.

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Claire Somers, 6, asks for a real dog from Santa at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library during Christmas in the Village.



Alcona varsity football players (from left): Joe Hutchinson, Dresden Parkinson, Cody Schram, Dakota Oke with Tiger Mascot Tommy Mayes and community members enjoying a hayride around Lincoln.

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP HALL
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The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only.

For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2015 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended.

For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2015 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section 7ee. An Eligible Veteran may appeal their 2015 Property Tax on their Principal Residence. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction. A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2015 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. Monday December 14, 2015. No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) NOTICE: The township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon seven days notice. Contact Tammy Fall Assessor at 989-735-2122.

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TOWNSHIP OF CURTIS
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
1:00 P.M. TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2015
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Alcona's Alex Stephenson shoots during the first game of the season for the boys varsity basketball team against Atlanta. The Tigers prevailed 80-24. High scorers for the Tigers were: Tim Hutchinson with 19 points and Devon Mills with 18 points. Hunter Sullivan and Nate Swinson each made eight points and Jordan Steiner and Stephenson made seven points each. *Photo courtesy of Bill Pinson, Montmorency County Tribune.*

Tristan Fowler, 15, of Harrisville took his first deer - a six-point buck -- at 5 p.m. on November 30 in Gustin Township. He was hunting with his grandfather, Leo Fowler. *Courtesy photo.*



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A live nativity performance will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Family Heritage Baptist Church, 4260 M-72, Harrisville. Tours will be conducted every 20 minutes.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Christmas Time with Crime Stoppers Country Music Show will feature Hall of Fame songwriter and singer Dickey Lee at Alpena High School at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$23 at the door or a special family ticket for \$45. For tickets and information, call (800) 205-7174. This event is sponsored

by Northeast Michigan Crime Stoppers and all proceeds help support this anonymous tip program.

An open house will be held for the Alpena High School art students from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. Refreshments will be served.

A live nativity performance will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Family Heritage Baptist Church, 4260 M-72, Harrisville. Tours will be conducted every 20 minutes.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
Play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Everyone is invited.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for December is "Find the Good" by Heather Lende. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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.

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie
Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.
Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.





Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Local and Personal

December 9, 1915 - Mrs. C. C. Fleeger of Alpena spent Wednesday here with relatives.

John Reynolds is quite low, suffering from cancer of the throat.

Gordon Walker of Bad Axe was the guest of Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ellis and John Haglund of Oscoda, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelly last week.

Dan Campbell is expecting a sister from Canada in a few weeks, to make her home with him.

We regret to learn that Miss Jennie Gumming recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. One side is effected.

What is a Spug? A Spug is a member of the Order of Spugs, an organization for the prevention of buying useless gifts. Be a Spug.

Fred Walters was out from Mikado Monday. He expects to leave soon to spend the holidays with relatives in New York.

Elsewhere in this paper the Sunday dinner menu for the McDonald House is printed. Read it over. The new proprietor expects to make a special effort to attract patronage for his Sunday dinners.

Frank Stone has moved on to the Robison farm, which he has leased for a term of years. Mr. and Mrs. Robison expect soon to go to Ann Arbor to consult medical experts for Mrs. Robison.

This is the season for society elections and as usual the Review will be pleased to publish the lists of new officers if the various secretaries will send them in.

J. E. Noiseaux, new landlord at the McDonald House, has decided to rename the hotel and in his announcement elsewhere in this paper he asks your assistance in selecting a suitable name. Mr. Noiseaux, by the way, is giving the building a thorough cleaning and overhauling and is putting forth every effort to attract the patronage of the traveling public.

J. M. Miller, formerly local manager for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., has been employed by Howe & MacDonald, with whom he will serve as sewing machine salesman and general outside man. Mr. Miller is widely known in the city and county and it is expected that he will develop much new business for the progressive firm with which he is now employed — Alpena News.

Alcona county leads all other counties in the lower peninsula for the number of

hunting accidents" says an exchange. The Review is unable to contradict the statement, not having seen any official figures. It is a fact, however, that Alpena and other papers have given Alcona credit for accidents that occurred in Oscoda county. One paper gets way off in its geography when it puts Comins township in Alcona county.

Funeral services for the late Margaret Muncey were held Saturday afternoon at the

McClelland home. Rev. C. M. Boyce being in charge. There was quite a large attendance, including several persons from Oscoda, AuSable and Tawas, and there were many beautiful floral tributes. The pallbearers were Wm. Young, Wm. Conklin, Kane Miller, W. L. Chapelle, F. L. Yockey and L. R. Ross.

The following persons from out of town were here Saturday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Muncey: Ernest Pepple, Miss Anna Pepple, and Mrs.

Robison of AuSable; Mrs. Demreau and John Connel of Oscoda, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stockman of Tawas; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ellis of AuSable, and Master Jack Currie of Oscoda.

Geo. Howick, who has been in Ontario the past season, was shaking hands with old acquaintances here Wednesday. He is back for a few weeks' visit but expects to return to Canada before Christmas to remain at least a year.

"That's the last dollar I owe," said Dan Campbell as he paid his subscription to the Review. Dan is to be congratulated on his very favorable financial condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garwood and three children of Alpena were here Monday on their way home from Greenbush. At Greenbush they were over-Sunday guests of Harry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garwood, who are leaving soon for Ohio.



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Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 9, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Few Showers
High: 45 Low: 37

THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 39

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 39

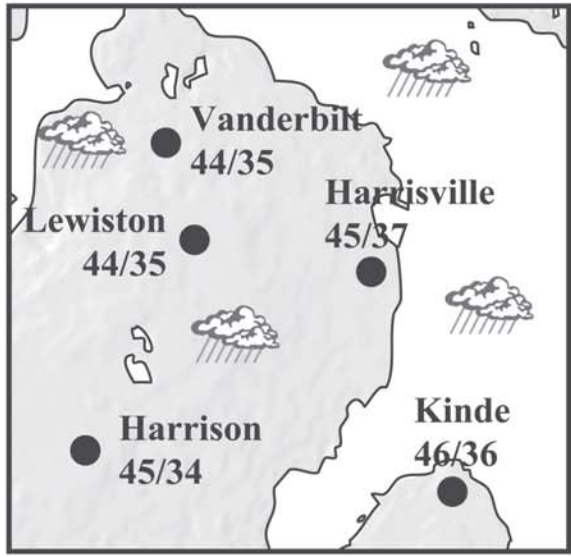
SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 41

SUNDAY
Showers Likely
High: 47 Low: 38

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 34

TUESDAY
Few Showers
High: 44 Low: 35

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 45°, humidity of 89%. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 58° set in 1952. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 37°. The record low for tonight is -4° set in 1976.

*Last Week's Almanac

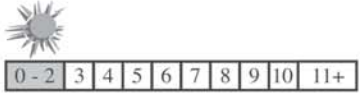
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	39	28	36/22	0.00"
Tuesday	45	37	36/22	0.06"
Wednesday	39	23	35/22	0.01"
Thursday	40	33	35/21	0.01"
Friday	48	28	35/21	0.00"
Saturday	50	22	34/20	0.00"
Sunday	49	24	34/20	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/11	Wednesday 7:58 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	5:53 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
	Thursday 7:59 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	4:49 p.m.
	Friday 8:00 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	7:49 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
	Saturday 8:01 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	8:42 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
First 12/18	Sunday 8:02 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	9:32 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
	Monday 8:02 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	10:17 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
	Tuesday 8:03 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	10:58 a.m.	9:39 p.m.

Local UV Index



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 with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 58° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Tamiami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 57° in Billings, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Palm Springs, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:06 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Venus	4:17 a.m.	n/a
Mars	2:38 a.m.	2:05 p.m.
Jupiter	12:34 a.m.	1:13 p.m.
Saturn	7:11 a.m.	4:27 p.m.
Uranus	1:56 p.m.	2:52 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 9, 1987 - The fifth storm in nine days kept the northwestern United States wet and windy. Winds along the coast of Washington gusted to 75 mph at Oceans Shores and the northern and central coastal mountains of Oregon were drenched with three inches of rain in 10 hours.

Weather Trivia

Does all rain hit the ground? ?

Answer: No. Some precipitation evaporates before it reaches the ground.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Geminid Meteors: A Good Bet

Sunday and Monday mornings, December 13-14, is when Geminid meteors should be peaking at their maximum rates. Geminid activity has been on the rise since the shower's discovery in 1862 because the orbit of the debris which produces its meteors has been shifting ever closer to Earth. Jupiter's strong gravitational pull is responsible. In 1877 rates of 17 meteors per hour were being witnessed, 27 meteors each hour by the nineteenth century's end. During the late twentieth century rates climbed to over 80 events per hour, and currently, they are about two meteors per minute, half from suburbia. When I was a teen growing up in the 60's beginning my astronomical journey, the Geminids were a major event, but they still paled in contrast to the August Perseids. Now they surpass Perseid activity, but are still less observed because of the cold and often cloudy conditions which prevail in mid-December. Geminids, however, are your best bet for observing meteor activity if the weather does cooperate. They are also the only shower related to an asteroid. In 1983, 3200 Phaethon was discovered, and its orbit was quickly connected to the annual Geminid event. This gave credence to the belief that many short period comets actually end their active days masquerading as small minor planets. For North America, meteor activity should remain constant Dec. 13 and 14, but brighter meteors are expected on the 14th. You can start observing as early as 10 p.m. Face east, but observe near the darker zenith. Geminids will be diverging upward from the east. By 2 a.m. face south, but continue to look towards the zenith where the sky is darkest. Geminids will appear to radiate from an area near the bright star, Castor. A map is included with this StarWatch. View a day earlier or later if weather conditions will be inclement on maximum nights, but expect to see fainter meteors before maximum and brighter meteors afterwards. Beyond the mornings of highest activity, rates decrease rapidly. www.astronomy.org

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LEGAL NOTICES

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

Hazel B. Wallenmaier Trust Agreement dated December 8, 1999.

Date of birth: February 22, 1919

To all creditors:

Notice the creditors: The decedent, Hazel B. Wallenmaier, died November 4, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald L. Wallenmaier, successor trustee, 2320 East F-30, Mikado, Mich. 48745 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 4, 2015

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Harrisville, Mich. 48740

Ronald L. Wallenmaier

2320 E F-30

Mikado, Mich. 48745

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5550 DE

Estate of Bernard J. Leacher

Date of birth: July 3, 1926

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Bernard J. Leacher, died October 5, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ricky Hodgins, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 3, 2015

David H. Cook P40560

5466 East M-72

Harrisville, Mich. 48740

(989) 724-5155

Ricky Hodgins

6906 Madison Avenue

Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747

SALES

Garage sale, 205 5th Street, Harrisville. Lots of stuff. Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BINGO

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cash prizes. All proceeds to charity.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Men, women, children welcome! Walk-ins or appointments. The "Look"ing Glass Salon by Renee located just off US-23 and F-41 behind Chippewa Point in Spruce. Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Check me out on Facebook. (989) 471-8050.

HELP WANTED

Now hiring CNAs, all shifts. Part time and full time. Jamieson Nursing Home (989) 724-6889.

Mikado Home Health Care seeking reliable CNAs. Call (989) 736-3202.

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Home health care agency seeking dependable home health aides in the Oscoda, Greenbush, Harrisville, Hubbard Lake and surrounding areas. Hours vary and are flexible. Please apply by faxing resume to (989) 354-0442, in person at 1223 South State Street, Alpena, or online at Compassionate-CareMi.com.

Local home care agency is looking for kind hearted and loyal caregivers for a home care position in Harrisville. Training will be provided on-site for this position. No experience needed. Call Kris at (616) 464-1117 for more information.

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** Which U.S. state is closest to Russia?
- 2. HISTORY:** In what year did labor leader Jimmy Hoffa disappear?
- 3. FOOD & DRINK:** What relative of the banana is a staple food in tropical regions?
- 4. TIME:** When is the next leap day?
- 5. MOVIES:** What famous 1950s movie featured an unlikely couple named Charlie and Rose?
- 6. MUSIC:** Who was the first artist to have a "greatest hits" album?
- 7. TELEVISION:** Who starred as Simon Templar in "The Saint"?
- 8. SCIENCE:** What is the most abundant gas in the air we breathe on Earth?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In olden days, what was the occupation of a wainwright?
- 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby whale called?

Answers: 1. Alaska; 2. 1975; 3. The plantain; 4. Feb. 29, 2016; 5. "The African Queen" (Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn); 6. Johnny Mathis; 7. Roger Moore; 8. Nitrogen. The air is made up of about 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen and 1 percent other gasses.; 9. One who makes or repairs wagons; 10. A calf (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.



Moments In Time

By The History Channel



On Dec. 24, 1851, a devastating fire at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroys two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes. Today the collection contains more than 17 million books.

• On Dec. 22, 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman presents the captured city of Savannah, Georgia, to President Abraham Lincoln with the message, "I beg to present you, as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah, with 150 heavy guns and plenty of ammunition, and also about 25,000 bales of cotton."

• On Dec. 23, 1888, in Arles, France, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor. He documented the event in a painting titled "Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear."

• On Dec. 27, 1900, prohibitionist Carry Nation smashes up a bar in Kansas, causing several thousand dollars in damage and landing in jail. Nation became famous for carrying a hatchet and wrecking saloons as part of her anti-alcohol crusade. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| 49 "So long!" | 36 Toil away | 77 Slightly warm | 125 Culturally pretentious |
| | 37 "To — a Mockingbird" | 80 "Dies —" (hymn) | 126 Maiden |
| | 38 Motorola cellphone | 83 "Norma —" | 128 Meal scrap |
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice: Township of Alcona, December Board of Review Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., Alcona Township Hall, 5576 North US-23, Black River, Michigan 48721. The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only.

For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2015 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended. For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2015 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section

7ee. An Eligible Veteran may appeal their 2015 Property Tax on their Principal Residence. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction. A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2015 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4 p.m. Monday, December 14, 2015. No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice: The township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon seven days notice. Contact Sarah Gohl, Assessor at alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com., (989) 464-5557.

Notice to Bidders: Sealed proposals will be received by the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 North Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 until 4 p.m. local time, Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Accepted bids will be publicly read during the road commission meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, for furnishing and delivering the following: One or more new three-quarter (3/4) ton, 4x4, four door, crew cab pickup, six foot box, payload 2,700 pounds minimum. Bid price shall include cost of delivery to Lincoln, Mich. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Alcona County Road Commission, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, phone (989) 736-8168, roads@alconacrc.com. All proposals must be submitted on the road commission's bid form in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and item being bid. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bids, and to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission. No faxed or e-mailed proposals will be accepted.

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MIKADO-Beautiful 2 story home on 10 acres of mature woods. Very private with thick woods between home and asphalt road. Natural oak and hickory floors thru-out. Large tiled bathrooms. Granite counter tops. All appliances stay. High efficiency furnace and central air. Garden areas with raspberries and blackberries. Huge wooden deck to relax and enjoy wildlife. 32x42 garage with heated workshop overhead. Full walkout basement with a 17x19 room finished in spruce paneling from the property. Full house automatic backup generator system. This is a beautiful home and is in immaculate condition. 15-0028AR **\$199,000**



OSCODA - Very private 80 acres with 2 bedroom cabin. Great hunting area and surrounded by private hunting camps where quality deer management is practiced by many (see buck picture in photo tour) Cabin is heated by 5 year old propane space heater and the lights are also gas. Screened porch to watch the food plot area. The property is mostly high and dry with a great amount of mature oak and pine trees. Deer blinds are scattered thru-out property. Not a drive by (locked gate at KOA) Call agents. 15-0053AR **\$139,000**



MIKADO - Nine acres on F-30. well maintained home with all wood frame windows. sit on back deck and watch wildlife go by. has extra 2 car garage with man cave. beautifully landscaped. Two extra out buildings. wood burning unit. a must see property. 15-0077AR **\$99,999**



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Day One

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family while still following a curriculum and evidence based program.

"These families are often living in substandard housing, have no job, no car or are in need of a high school diploma. Day One helps find out what they need and then goes to work in the community to help make what they need a reality so they can become self-sufficient," Nisbet said.

Substandard housing is typical for many of the families in the Day One program and it may not be because the family cannot afford the monthly payment but cannot afford both the security deposit and first month's rent to get into something better. She said Day One scours the community organizations, churches and other sources to piece together the security deposit so the family can live in safer housing.

Through other organizations they are also able to provide furniture such as a safe crib, car seats and other items necessary to keep infants and toddlers safe. They also provide sleep safe training, and have helped with early child interventions through nurse assessments of autism, hearing issues, vision issues, motility/motor skill issues, developmental disabilities and more.

In one case the single mom could not get a job because she did not have her GED. Day One Alpena County was able to provide a hot spot so she could get her GED over the Internet at home which ran about \$30 a month. A small price to pay and now that mom has her GED, is working and becoming self-sufficient.

From 2006 to 2013 the number of Child Protective Service (CPS) investigations for child abuse and neglect just went through the roof all over the state including Alpena County. "Kids were being removed from homes and put into foster care. Since Day One started in Alpena County in 2014, not one family in the Day One program has had a child moved into foster care and none of the families have had a CPS investigation about child abuse or neglect," Nisbet said.

She explained Day One works because the families they service are getting education and support. Sometimes all people need to become self-sufficient is to know they have someone available to give them the confidence to move forward.

Funds are still coming in mostly because of the strong drive and desire for the county to keep the program. "People get it. They understand the importance of a program like this. This is how this county works, sometimes things come in really quietly, but they come in. That's what Alpena County is all about, stuff just happens here and it continues to happen. Sometimes we don't even know who these people are, the money just comes in. As long as we keep doing what we are called to do, God just makes it happen," she said.



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