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New district forester brings experience to area

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A new, but slightly older and more experienced face will be greeting forest land owners and anyone with forest conservation questions in Alcona and Iosco counties.

Eric Brandon replaced the vacated seat of Andrew Beebe on February 1. Beebe left his position as district forester of Alcona and Iosco counties last month.

Brandon comes to the job with many years of forestry involvement, having graduated with a forestry degree from Southern Illinois University in 1977.

After graduation Brandon knew he wanted to work in the north woods and got his first job in Ironwood, Mich., where he worked as a forester and logging superintendent for a sawmill for 12 years and then moved to the Marquette, Mich., area to work as a forester for a land trust which owned 400,000 acres.

After many years there the trust was sold and Brandon moved back to his childhood home in southern Illinois to help his parents who were very ill. While he was there he worked as a contractor, but couldn't wait to get back to the pristine woods of northern Michigan again.

His job as district forester

is to help land owners who need forestry assistance. His time will be divided between Alcona and Iosco counties. Brandon is one of just 20 district foresters across the state who offers this service.

"The Michigan Department of Agriculture surveys found out there is about nine million acres of private forested lands in the state and only 20 percent of it is under management. The forest service is not going to cut anymore timber and the state is approaching to cut what they are growing. There is probably three to four times more timber growing on private land than is getting harvested right now. My job is to educate and guide private land owners on what to do and who to contact about their land," Brandon said.

A big part of his job is to let people know about the Qualified Forest Program (QFP). The QFP is a tax exemption program for private forest landowners. It offers a management plan for land owners and owners agree to follow the plan in order to receive an 18 mill reduction of school and operating taxes on non-homestead property. Brandon said owners in the QFP get a lot of quality and professional advice for years.

According to the QFP bro-



Eric Brandon is the new district forester for Alcona and Iosco counties. He comes to the job with many years of forestry experience from working in the Upper Peninsula as a forester and logging superintendent. Photo by Mary Weber.

chure Michigan is one of the 10 most forested states. Forty percent of its 20 million acres of forestland are owned by more than 400,000 individuals and families. Michigan's forests support more than 125,000 jobs and contribute more than \$17 billion to the state's economy annually.

While at his new position, Brandon will be guided by an advisory committee. The committee is made up of private foresters, Iosco and Alcona Conservation board members, local industry for-

esters and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources supervisor.

Bryce Metcalfe, owner of Metcalfe Forestry Consultants in Grayling, Mich., is part of the advisory committee guiding Brandon. Metcalfe said in terms of the number of acres which are enrolled in the QFP program, Alcona County is the second largest in the state to Delta County, in the Upper Peninsula, which has many more acres

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Kieliszewski seeking 106th state House seat

Erin Kieliszewski, a teacher in the Alpena Public Schools for 28 years, kicked off her campaign to become the next representative for the 106th House District in the state Capitol last week.

The mother of six children and wife of Alpena County Sheriff Steven Kieliszewski said she understands the challenges faced by families in northeastern Michigan because her family faces them, too.



Erin Kieliszewski

"People are working harder than ever, but many still live from paycheck to paycheck. Our kids need a great education to get ahead in life, but the soaring cost of college is pricing many of them out of a future," Kieliszewski said. "Far too many of our hard-working neighbors are getting left behind by a Michigan economy that doesn't work for everyone. It's time for the people of northeastern Michigan to expect something better, and I will work hard to give it to them."

Kieliszewski said she will work for solutions to reduce college tuition, support small businesses and make sure families can do more than simply make ends meet.

Drawing from her experience as the president of the Alpena Education Association, Kieliszewski said she looks forward to bringing opposing sides together in Lansing, Mich. in order to craft real solutions that will benefit everyone in Michigan, including children in northeastern Michigan and across the state.

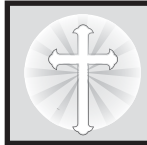
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Maritime Archaeologist Philip Hartmeyer will present "Sanctuary South: Archaeological Investigations in the New Southern Boundaries of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary off Alcona County" on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Hartmeyer will present archaeological data from a half dozen shipwrecks off the Black River area after visiting these sites this past summer using cutting edge underwater camera systems as well as traditional archaeological documentation. He will also discuss future research plans in Alcona County, and why/how these research cruises can impact and complement local tourism and marketing efforts in Alcona County. Attendees will learn about Black River's fascinating maritime heritage, and take a virtual dive into its collection of historic shipwrecks like the City of Alpena (above). For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us. Photo courtesy of NOAA/Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.



Obituaries



Letter to the Editor

Dorothy A. Clark

Dorothy Ann Clark, 84, of Harrisville, died on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at home.

She was born July 6, 1931 to Joseph F. and Mabel I. (Burlingame) Perrault in Detroit, Mich. where she was raised.

On January 20, 1951, she married Thomas "Bud" Clark in Harrisville.

In 1951, she was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Mrs. Clark was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lincoln and the ladies aid group.

She enjoyed her indoor plants, crochet and sewing. She especially loved to sing.

Mrs. Clark is survived by two daughters, Becky (Jim) Lanning of Indianapolis, Ind. and Christine (Tom) Shevock of Fairfax Station, Va; one son, Tom Clark of Harrisville; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, on February 12, 2004; and one brother.

A private funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home, and interment will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln.

Dorothy E. Procnier

Dorothy E. Procnier, 99, of Greenbush, died on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

She was born October 9, 1916, to William and Ida (Schmidt) Boehme in Detroit, Mich. She lived there until 1926 when she moved to Alcona County.

Mrs. Procnier served in the U.S. Navy, and was honorably discharged in 1943.

On June 5, 1948, she married Leslie "Lynn" Procnier in Greenbush, where they resided.

Mrs. Procnier was very active in her community. She participated in fire department activities, including the annual chicken barbecue.

She was an avid golfer. She also enjoyed working at the Seed Growers and the Lamplighter.

Mrs. Procnier is survived by her husband, Lynn; one son, Mike (Diane Kaub) Procnier of Bangor, Mich.; one grandson, Jeremiah (Pryca) Procnier; one great-grandson, Caine Procnier; and two nephews, Gary Martin of Greenbush and David (Marilyn) Martin of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Shirley Martin.

The funeral service was held February 5 at Gillies Funeral Home in Harrisville. The Rev. A.C. Caincross officiated.

Florence V. Manning

Florence Virginia Manning, 82, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.

She was born April 26, 1933 to George and Bessie (Nevins) Loyer in Greenbush Township. She was a lifelong resident of the area.

On August 22, 1953 she married Kenneth Jay Manning. Mrs. Manning operated and managed the family sand and gravel and tool and die businesses.

She was an avid supporter of snowmobile racing, and enjoyed travelling.

Mrs. Manning is survived by two daughters, Sandra Dubie and Lora Manning; three sons, Kenneth G. Manning, Warren Manning and Rex (Sherry) Manning; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jennie Anderson and Edith Bobick; and one brother, George L. (Merry Lou) Loyer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken, on April 7, 1986.

There will be a service in late April. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Ramon Garcia

Ramon Garcia, 86, of Novi, Mich. died on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016.

He was born March 31, 1929 to Laureano and Marcellina (Hernandez) Garcia in Clinton, Mich.

He married Elizabeth J. Ries on September 2, 1950 in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Garcia worked as a pharmacist for 50 years. During that time he was a relief pharmacist in Oscoda, Greenbush and Lincoln.

He was a founding member of the Yankee Air Force and the Yankee Air Force Museum in Oscoda.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed sailing. He was a private pilot and loved dancing with his wife, Elizabeth.

Mr. Garcia is survived by five sons, George (Susan) Garcia, Gregory (Katherine) Garcia, Gary (Cindy) Garcia, Geoffrey (Pamela) Garcia, and Gerald Garcia; two daughters, Suzanne Giossi and



Donna (Ted) Steffens; 13 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Marcy (George) Redlawsk and Beatrice Ward; and one brother Rupert (Shirley) Garcia.

A funeral service was held February 5 in Walled Lake, Mich. Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, www.cskdetroit.org. Arrangements were handled by O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, Mich.

To the Editor,
I want to sincerely thank the Alcona County Board of Commissioners for joining other counties around Michigan in calling for an end to the transportation of oil through Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac.

This pipeline threatens the Great Lakes, and everything it supports: 1.5 million jobs, drinking water for over 35 million, fishing and tourism, unique wildlife habitats, and so much more.

Enbridge proved itself unable to safeguard Michigan's water when its 6B pipeline spilled one million gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River in 2010. We can't entrust them with the Great Lakes either and I'm grateful that the commissioners have communicated as much to Governor Snyder.

Erica Flock
Washington, D.C.

To the Editor,
Threaten, cuss at, intimidate, and degrade our kids? No way!

Would you believe that the Alcona County Fair Board, with a knowledge and approval of the Alcona County Commissioners, have an official policy that allows this to happen? As a result of two incidents at the 2015 Alcona fair I filed an official complaint with the two boards. I asked that two members of the volunteer fair board be terminated.

The boards' acknowledged that my complaint was valid, but decided/established a formal policy that allows fair board members two valid complaints before they are asked to step down. The general consensus of the boards' is that everyone is entitled to one mistake.

These fair board members did not make mistakes. One intentionally made a degrading sexual comment toward a 16-year-old female, which was followed up by three lewd and very profane comments.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015-2016

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Jan. 31	37		33	0.32	1.6
Feb. 1	39	26	0.00	0.7	18	WNW
Feb. 2	37	22	0.49	6.7	22	ESE
Feb. 3	42	30	0.12	5.3	26	ESE
Feb. 4	30	19	0.03	1.0	17	N
Feb. 5	33	15	0.00	0.9	12	N
Feb. 6	35	22	0.00	2.9	19	SW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.96	4.3	0.35
Month of January	1.37	9.3	1.76
February to Date	0.64	4.3	0.30
Year/Season to Date	2.01	32.2	2.06

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

Calendar of Events

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be returned 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, FEBRUARY 10

My Brother's Hope will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). All those who volunteer or have made donations of any kind are welcome to attend. Volunteers that have experience in strategic planning are needed. For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

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, FEBRUARY 11

Susan Nagy will present slides and anecdotes of her trip to Africa from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. African biscuits and tea will be served.

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

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.

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, FEBRUARY 12

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.

A sweetheart dance will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Potluck dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., music by Donna at 7:30 p.m. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

A craft show and bake sale will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lost Lake Woods Clubhouse. Browse unique crafts including wood carvings, scrollwork and stained glass. A large bake sale and local farmers will have frozen beef, chicken, fresh eggs and more. The public is welcome.

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.

The Don McEwen Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on Jewell Lake in Barton City from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for children and young adults age 15 and under. Sign up at the Scott's Barton City Bar & Grill from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to be eligible for prizes. Prizes awarded at 2 p.m. Poles, bait and holes provided, and adult fishermen available for assistance. Hot dogs and hot cocoa provided. The adult tournament will run from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with prizes awarded at 7 p.m. Sign-up at the BC Bar and Grill prior to 11 a.m. to be eligible for prizes. \$10 donation.

The Chosen Ranch is hosting a Date Night at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School Auditorium. There will be entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and child care provided for children ages three and up. This event is free of charge. Call (989) 464-9394 for details or visit www.chosenranch.org.

A community Valentine's ballroom dance will be held at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$5 per person in advance or \$10 per person at the door. Refreshments provided. This event is sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and the United Methodist Church.

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 United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) in Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

All ladies are invited to play bunco at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Bunco is an easy game to learn and first-timers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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 January is "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult. This special book club includes lunch. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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Letter to the Editor

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The second board member had a temper tantrum, where he verbally threatened, with profanity, and body language towards a teenage 4-H member to move her truck and horse trailer. After this incident, the teenager could not compete with her horse. The veterinarian suggested the horse be removed from the fairgrounds. What a positive experience.

This is not a mistake; as I know of two other previous meltdowns and threats towards 4-H members.

Parents, grandparents, educators, government agencies, and youth groups attempt to guide and mentor our kids. But the Alcona Fair Board policy and two board members have created more negative thoughts and memories than all positive efforts combined.

Please get involved: Call, write, e-mail, or attend the next fair board or county commissioners meetings (10 a.m. February 17 at the courthouse). I will be there. Ask the board to explain the policy and reconsider the value of our kids. Zero tolerance should be the policy.

Ken Short
Harrisville

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Giving Back

Through the hard work and dedication of its employees and the generosity of its membership, the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union was able to raise \$1,434.81 in monetary donations for less fortunate families in Alcona County.

The Lincoln branch sold candy bars, held a canned food drive, a camo sweatshirt raffle, sold holiday nuts, and a raffle for a Christmas stocking. Along with member donations, staff members were able to donate \$2 on Fridays to dress down in jeans. The proceeds were used to purchase canned food, toys, and everyday household products were purchased to aid families in need.

New Arrival

Paul Edward Ashford is the new son of Michael and Shannon Ashford of Harrisville. He was born Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 at Alpena Regional Medical Center. He weighed four pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. He is the grandson of John and Dawn Ashford of Harrisville and Ken and Sandra Cholewa of Lincoln. He is the great-grandson of Lyle Selman of Harrisville, Leo and Phebie Pearce of Lincoln and Al and Barb Cholewa of Warren, Mich.

Bird Biosecurity Training

As the poultry industry continues to recover from the worst avian influenza outbreak in history, biosecurity remains a key tool in preventing the spread of the disease. To help area poultry producers and backyard enthusiasts learn more about the avian influenza epidemic and effective biosecurity practices, Michigan State Univer-

sity (MSU) Extension is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to offer a free training in Lincoln on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School, 51 N. Barlow Road in Lincoln.

The workshop will provide information about avian influenza, disease transmission and prevention, and proven biosecurity measures that any bird owner can implement. Poultry producers, owners of backyard flocks, 4-H and FFA members and volunteers, as well as anyone interested in poultry and biosecurity are encouraged to attend.

"Avian influenza is a devastating disease that can destroy entire flocks," said Katie Ockert, animal science educator for MSU Extension. "Although the spread of the disease appears to have slowed for now, we know it is likely to flare up again and Michigan is at high risk because wild birds frequently migrate across our state. These trainings will help provide Michigan poultry producers with all the knowledge and tools necessary to help protect their birds, as well as the poultry industry in our state."

For those unable to attend the session in person, a live virtual connection will be available, with an opportunity for questions and answers with the training instructors. Although the training is offered free of charge, all attendees, including those who join online, are asked to register at <http://events.anr.msu.edu/APHIS/>. Additional information about avian influenza and biosecurity can be found at msue.msu.edu/avianinfluenza. For questions or additional information, contact Ockert at (517) 432-5270 or ockertka@anr.msu.edu.

Party and Classic Movie

All library patrons are invited to a Love Your Library party on Friday, Feb. 19 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There will be free hors d'oeuvres, desserts and "mocktails" provided by the Friends of the Library and musical entertainment provided by Joe Thomas. Attendees are encouraged to stay after the party for Classic Movie Night at 5:45 p.m. This month's feature presentation is a musical favorite with Gene Kelley singing and dancing in precipitation. There will be free popcorn and beverages (and leftovers from the party) available. These events are cosponsored by the Friends of the Library, Inspiration Alcona, and the library board and staff. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Away at School

- Andrew Chamberlain, of Harrisville was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Katelyn Nelson, of Lincoln was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Alexandra Kramer, of Lincoln was named to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 4.0 grade point average.

- Julius Freeland, of Harrisville was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Rachel Hefferon, of Harrisville was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Xavier Donajkowski, of Hubbard Lake was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Elementary Writing

On Thursday, Feb. 18 parents of Richardson Elementary students in kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to a short writing presentation during the school day. The writing presenter for the day will share writing information, expectations, vocabulary, and writing examples based on the grade levels. The session will last approximately one half hour

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"The broken system in Lansing has created policies that don't work for families, seniors and our young people," Kieliszewski said. "I'm going to Lansing because we need results, not more business as usual at the Capitol. I want to be part of the solution."

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and then parents will go into the child's classroom to do a writing activity with their student led by the classroom teacher.

Each grade level has a specific time to attend. The times for the parent sessions will be: Fifth and sixth grades from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.; first and second grades from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; third and fourth grades from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.; and the kindergarten session will be from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. This is a parent's only day, as the school will not be able to provide care for non school-aged siblings.

After the parent learning session parents will then go into to their child's classroom to do a writing activity with their students for about 30 minutes to one hour. The goal of the writing day is to support and encourage students to be a great writer. The program is planned using information from the School Improvement Team and is funded through the schools Title I Federal Grant.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Northeast Sunrise Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is funding a special scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF). The field of study is not specified and the scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.

In order to be eligible for scholarship consideration, candidates must be women who: Are citizens of the United States and residents of AuSable, East Tawas, Glennie, Greenbush, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Mikado National City, Oscoda or Tawas City; will be college freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate level in August 2016; are attending or have been accepted at an accredited college or university authorized to confer degrees at least at the baccalaureate level or higher; and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale.

To receive an application, interested parties should send an e-mail with valid return e-mail address to: Belle-

Flora@charter.net, Belle Flora, development chairman, Northeast Sunrise Charter Chapter ABWA. Trustees of SBMEF serve as the selection board for this scholarship.

Applications and all supporting documents are handled online and must be completed by March 31, 2016. The winner will be notified in May. Each onetime scholarship is not renewable. A check will be issued jointly to the educational institution and the recipient. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees.

Landowner Forestry Seminar

Anyone who owns forested property and has harvested timber within the last three years or anyone who is thinking of harvesting timber or purchasing forested property won't want to miss this workshop. Money earned from a timber harvest is taxed differently than earned income, and many factors affect the taxes that are owed. Don't overpay - get educated and save.

Susan Metcalfe of Metcalfe Forestry LLC and the Alcona Conservation District will present an informative workshop on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information and to register call (989) 724-5272. Attendance is free but seating is limited.

Make a Ukrainian Egg

Learn the traditional technique of making a Ukrainian Easter egg (Pysanky) on Monday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Each adult will design a Ukrainian egg with wax and dye, all materials included for \$10 per person. Enrollment is limited enrollment, call to register (989) 724-6796.

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of land than Alcona County. "That's an accomplishment Alcona County can be proud of. If I had to pick out the most successful conservation district that I'm dealing with south of the bridge, I'd say it's right here. Eric is in a good position, his predecessors have laid out the ground work and he'll be able to pick up where they left off," Metcalfe said.

Metcalfe commended the conservation district on its choice to hire an older, experienced forester. "A recent college graduate may be able to walk 500 acres in a day, but they may not know what they are looking at. A lot of other conservation districts know their foresters have a steep learning curve to overcome. Once Eric gets acquainted with the local industry he will be a very, very valuable resource for land owners in the area," Metcalfe said.

Brandon is looking for a place to live in Harrisville while his wife, Annie, and 10 year old daughter, Alli, get their home in southern Illinois up for sale.

"I really like the job. I'm

hoping to be an asset to the good citizens of Alcona and Iosco (counties) who saw fit to give me the opportunity. My wife and I drove the area and everyone has been welcoming us with open arms and so friendly we feel at home already."

For more information, contact Brandon at the Alcona Conservation District office in Harrisville at (989) 724-5272.



Slow Season
Sometimes, there just isn't a lot of activity in the backyard. Very few birds come to visit. I don't know why this is, but even though it's slow, I still put seed out on the tray feeder and keep the birdbaths filled with water. Just for those few who stop by.

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Alcona notches road win at Mio

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Things went back-and-forth in the first half. And, then things went much better for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team in the second half, as the Tigers pulled away for a North Star League win at Mio last Friday night, 65-57.

"We played hard but took some poor angles in the first half, which put us in foul trouble," head coach Toby Suttle said. "We did a little bit better in the second half of being disciplined when guarding the ball."

After the first quarter Alcona had carried a lead of 18-9. The Thunderbolts responded with their best frame of the night in the second though, pulling ahead 29-28 at the break. Alcona outscored Mio 15-12 in the third quarter to pull ahead 43-41. In the fourth quarter Alcona managed to pull away, thanks to some fine plays.

"We struggled with our outside shooting again but we found other ways to generate offense," Suttle said. "The highlight of the night was watching our kids make reads down the stretch and generate lay ups out of our motion."

Leading the way for the Tigers were Jordan Steiner with 19 points. Tim Hutchinson had 10 points. Jack Hutchinson, Alex Stephenson, Hunter Sullivan and Mitchel Havercroft all had six points apiece, Nate Swinson and Devon Mills each netted four. Alex Link poured in three and chip-

ping in one point was Isaac Dubuque.

Mio star player Ben Lubitz had another outstanding game, scoring 35 points to go with 13 rebounds, three steals and three assists.

"Lubitz was tough on his home floor," Suttle said. "We just tried to make it as hard as possible on him. I think our pressure wore them down

in the end."

The game scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Posen was postponed due to inclement weather. The make up date is set for March 1.

Alcona (7-6 overall) hosted Rogers City on Tuesday, is at league-leading Hillman on Friday and travels to Whittemore-Prescott on February 16.

Lady Tigers get key NSL wins over Mio, Posen

By Hope Smith
Sports writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team had the home court advantage as they played host to the Mio Thunderbolts on Thursday, Feb. 4 and the Posen Vikings on February 1.

The Lady Tigers did a great job working together to add two more important wins to their record after defeating the Mio Thunderbolts 64-36 and Posen 42-38. Alcona's record is 11-4 overall and 9-1 in North Star League.

It was all business against the Thunderbolts as Alcona's offense -- fueled by Taylor Livingston, Sydney Pierce and Torie Harmon -- quickly went to work in the first quarter to seize the 18-9 lead. The second quarter was more of the same as Alcona continued to push the ball up the court and out run the competition to put even more distance on the scoreboard. The Lady Tigers went on an 18-2 run to end the first half with a 36-15 advantage.

In the third quarter, Mio battled back on offense nudging Alcona 11-9 but the hole was already too big for the Thunderbolts to dig out of. Alcona held the 45-26 advantage by the sound of the buzzer and continued to turn up the heat on defense in the final period. The Lady Tigers secured the 64-36 victory.

"After getting off to a couple (of) sluggish starts it was good to get off to a fast start tonight. We set the tempo early on defense and were very successful on our offensive attack," said coach Brad Cole.

Livingston led Alcona offensively with 16 points. Harmon took charge of the game with 13 points, five rebounds, six steals and six assists. Brittany Decker netted 11 points. Kendra LaFave delivered six points. Keilee Elmer added five points, Pierce had four points and Jessica Grove had four points and pulled down six rebounds.

Alcona's junior varsity team also defeated Mio 27-6. Brianna Fogle led the team with seven points and Abby Franklin put in 4 points.

Fans watched as a confi-

dent Lady Tiger team took to the floor on February 1 and played some of their best basketball to earn a big win at home against the Lady Vikings. The Lady Tigers seized the 11-6 lead after quick buckets from Decker, Jordan Joyce, Madison Lane and Elmer got things rolling. Crucial points come from Decker and Livingston in the paint to help increase Alcona's lead to 27-10 by halftime.

In the second half Alcona had its hands full as Posen battled back on defense with a stifling press that held Alcona's offense to six points while the Vikings scored 11 points to close the gap to 33-21 heading into the final period.

Alcona's lead dwindled as Posen converted turnovers into quick buckets to pull within one point 37-36 with a minute left to play. Decker delivered big with a crucial basket down low to extend Alcona's lead to three with 47 seconds remaining in the game. The battle was on as both teams fought for possession of the ball but Alcona dug in at the charity stripe to earn the 42-38 victory.

"What a hard fought game. Our girls left everything on the floor tonight and gave it their all. We needed a strong game from our defense which is improving weekly. Proud again of my team," Cole said.

Decker led Alcona's offense and defense with a double-double 16 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks. Harmon delivered seven points and snatched 10 rebounds and six assists. Livingston added six points and six rebounds. Pierce netted four points and six rebounds.

Alcona's junior varsity picked up the 42-34 victory over the Posen Vikings. Faith Wallenmaier led the Lady Tigers with 14 points and Brianna Fogle chipped in with 10 points.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Rogers City on Monday to match up against the Lady Hurons for the second time this season. They are looking forward to some redemption Thursday when they play host the Hillman Tigers.

This battle between the two NSL Tiger teams will decide who will take top honors in the North Star League, Big Dipper division. Alcona's only loss in the NSL league this season came at the hands of Hillman on January 12 when Alcona came up short on offense and suffered a heart-breaking 51-56 loss.

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The vehicles can be seen at the north parking lot of the Alcona County Building. The vehicles will be sold "as is" by cash, certified check or money order and must be picked up within 10 days of bid award. The Alcona County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept, or reject, any or all bids. Bid forms are available at the County Clerk's office or at www.alconacountymi.com



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Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,
Calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to save for a comfortable retirement is actually pretty easy, and doesn't take long to do. It's a simple, three-step process that includes estimating your future living expenses, tallying up your retirement income and calculating the difference. There are even a host of online calculators that can help you with this too.

The first step is the most difficult - estimating your living expenses when you retire. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their

current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement. You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and, depending on your interests, you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in the occasional big budget items like a new roof, furnace or car.

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to ssa.gov/myaccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And, figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, et cetera.

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.



Savvy Senior

So, let's say for example you need around \$55,000 a year to meet your living expenses and pay taxes, and you and your wife expect to receive \$30,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$25,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year (\$55,000 - \$30,000 = \$25,000).

Then, depending on what age you want to retire, you need to multiply your shortfall by at least 25 if you want to retire at 60, 20 to retire at 65, and 17 to retire at 70 - or in this case that would equate to \$625,000, \$500,000 and \$425,000, respectively.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP

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Monday, March 14

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 18

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 P.M.

Protests may be filed in writing.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
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DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
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Edward Roddy
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American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 - days notice. Contact Edward Roddy, Supervisor (989) 739-2159.

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Knitting Klub & 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 are welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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.

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, FEBRUARY 17

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency or public service communication is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 M-72. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, call Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alconaradio.org.

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.

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.

Join your fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the West-

minster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans' are welcome.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Love Your Library Month Party from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Everyone is invited to this library celebration featuring food, drinks, music and entertainment. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Cub Scouts have Blue & Gold Banquet

February 10, 1966 - The annual Blue and Gold Banquet for Pack 93, Cub Scouts, was held Sunday afternoon at the Vets Club in Harrisville, and marked the 15th. anniversary of Cub Scouting in Harrisville.

The after-dinner program was opened with the Flag Ceremony by Den H, with Betty Campbell as Den mother. Toastmaster Dr. Winston Carpenter, was introduced by Cubmaster Otto

Klein.

Den I, Kelly Kruttlin, Den mother, entertained with singing of Cub Scout songs. The Charter was presented to the Pack by Ed Hornak, who also extended greetings from the Eastern District. Scenic Trails Council.

Walton Edwards, president of the Harrisville P.T.A., sponsors of Pack 93, greeted the assembled group, as did Lance Haley, Scoutmaster of Troop 93. Lyle Jack spoke in

recognition of the Leaders, and Cubmaster Klein and Assistant Cubmaster, Gene Lindow, were in charge of recognition ceremonies. Frank Shillair gave the treasurer's report, and Otto Klein expressed thanks to all for their interest in Cub Scout activities.

Den TV, Ida McCurdy Den mother, gave the closing ceremony.

The Pinewood Derby, staged later in the afternoon,

and open to the public, saw 33 miniature cars made by the boys with their dads' help. Heat winners were:

First Heat - Karl Schroeder; 2nd. Heat - Robert Good; 3rd. - Kim Klein; 4th. - Scott Lindow;

5th. - Louis Campbell; 6th. - Donald Brown; 7th. - Wes Fallon;

8th. - Emory Pinder; 9th. - Walter George; 10th. - David MacDermaid, and 11th. Heat - Kevin Kowalski.

In the run-off for the fastest car. Kim Klein took first place, Emory Pinder, 2nd., and Kevin Kowalski, 3rd. These boys received plaques, as did Karl Schroeder for having the best designed car. All cars were carved to specified measurements.

Judges in the Derby were Ed Hornak, Walton Edwards, Lance Haley, Mike Haley, P at Haley and Dale Potts.

Bridal shower

February 10, 1966 - Greenbush - Mrs. Gerald LeCureux, the former Beth Ann Conklin, was guest of honor at a wedding shower at the home of Mrs. Fred Wilcox, Thursday afternoon, February 3.

There was much laughter as games and stunts were played by the fifteen guests. The winners of the games were Mrs. Oras and Mrs. Clarence Paeden, and the best stunt performers were Mrs. Edna Lied, and Mrs. Joseph Bruett, with Mrs. Don Conklin a close runner-up.

The many gifts received by the new bride were pretty and useful.

The gracious hostess served her "specialty", a delicious carrot cake with ice cream.

Child burned home destroyed

Sunday Morning Blaze Brings Sorrow to Curtis Family.

February 10, 1916 - The Curtisville correspondent writes that the home of John Merritt caught fire Sunday morning while the parents were absent, and that their little three-year-old son Harry was burned to death. The flames also destroyed the house and all the contents.

Home and child lost in fire

Mother and Babe' Also Severly Burned Near Black River.

February 10, 1916 - Black River, Feb. 8.—Word was received here today that the farm home of Joseph Potvin, located six miles north of here towards Ossineke, was destroyed by fire and that their two-year-old child, Victor, was burned to death. The mother and baby also were severely burned about the head and face. The injured were rushed to Alpena for treatment.



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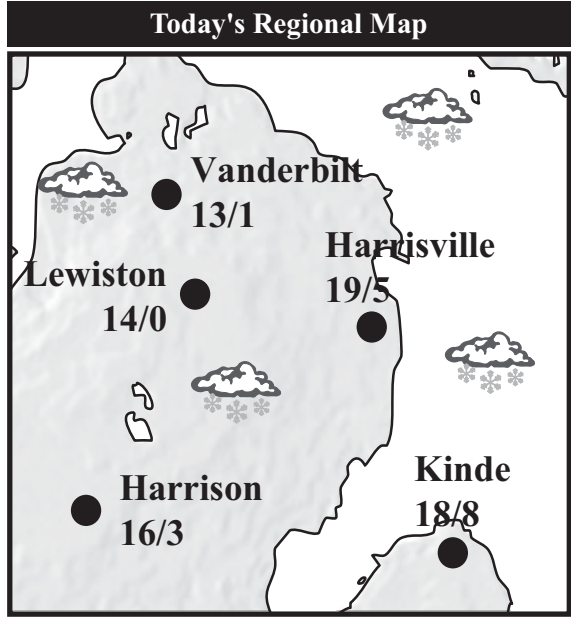
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Alcona Review Weather Report

Feb. 10, 2016

Seven Day Forecast	
	WEDNESDAY Snow Possible High: 19 Low: 5
	THURSDAY Partly Cloudy High: 15 Low: 9
	FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 20 Low: -4
	SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 4 Low: -3
	SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 18 Low: -1
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 15 Low: 1
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 21 Low: 5



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 19°, humidity of 67%. Northwest wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 50° set in 1966. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of snow, overnight low of 5°. The record low for tonight is -25° set in 1994.

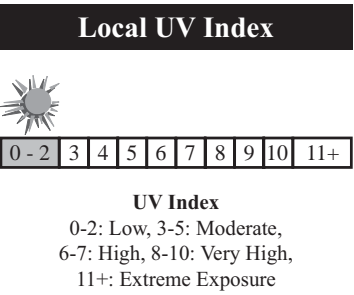
***Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	35	27	26/8	0.00"
Tuesday	33	11	26/8	0.94"
Wednesday	39	28	26/8	0.09"
Thursday	29	15	26/8	0.00"
Friday	29	14	26/8	0.00"
Saturday	32	17	27/8	0.00"
Sunday	40	26	27/8	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 2/15	Wednesday 7:39 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	8:45 a.m.	8:44 p.m.
Thursday 7:38 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	9:20 a.m.	9:57 p.m.	
Friday 7:37 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	9:55 a.m.	11:10 p.m.	
Saturday 7:35 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	10:30 a.m.	Next Day	
Full 2/22	Sunday 7:34 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	11:08 a.m.	12:21 a.m.
Monday 7:32 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	11:50 a.m.	1:30 a.m.	
Tuesday 7:31 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	12:36 p.m.	2:35 a.m.	



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 41° in New York, N.Y. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, a few showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Key West, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 70° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in El Centro, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:29 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
Venus	6:15 a.m.	n/a
Mars	1:27 a.m.	11:19 a.m.
Jupiter	8:20 p.m.	9:06 a.m.
Saturn	3:34 a.m.	12:42 p.m.
Uranus	9:50 a.m.	10:44 p.m.

Weather History

Feb. 10, 1978 - As much as eight inches of rain drenched Southern California, resulting in widespread flooding and mudslides. The heavy rainfall produced a wall of water that ripped through the mountain resort community of Hidden Springs, drowning at least 13 people.

Weather Trivia

What is the record for the most consecutive hours below zero in the lower 48 states?

Answer: In January 1969, Havre, Mont. sank below zero for nearly 400 hours.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Look Up Punxsutawney Phil

After a firm knock on his door with a cane, Punxsutawney Phil waddled from his den and did not see his shadow this past February 2. In his odd way of observing nature, he proclaimed an early spring, at the very least consistent with the way winter has been progressing, despite the record snowfall of January 23. Keep in mind, the snow was gone basically two weeks later which may be a record in itself. What Phil is missing, if he'd take a brisk walk outdoors at night, is that after sundown, the winter star patterns are all ablaze in the south, a true testament to the reality that "it ain't over astronomically until the Virgo lady sings." Virgo with her blue supergiant star, Spica, is a true harbinger of spring and the impending warmth to come. Spica will be in the SE by 10 p.m. EDT on IRS Day, just like the best star of winter, Sirius, is in the SE around 7 p.m. right now, and due south by 9 p.m. Sirius the Dog Star, also the nose of Canis Major, the Big Dog, is only second in brightness to the sun. If you are still not sure where it is, simply follow the three belt stars of Orion downward and the "scorching" star will be there. Sirius, plainly visible from urban locales, twinkles or scintillates madly like no other luminary in the sky. The twinkling results from its low altitude and the long column of moving air through which we are observing it, and the fact that because of its distance, it appears as a point source in the sky. The air bends and refracts Sirius' light causing it to shimmer rapidly and change color, going from blue to red in just an instance, particularly if it is a windy night. There are also two basic reasons for Sirius' luster. The Dog Star is a brighter star than our sun, radiating over two dozen times Sol's energy each second, but mainly it is a result of its closeness to us. Sirius is only 8.6 light years distant, but it is a world onto itself, with a companion white dwarf star in a relatively close orbit around it. Get serious about Sirius. By late March its luminescence will be gone, replaced by the relatively bland spring sky. www.astronomy.org

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Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Geisbuhler, an unmarried man, mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank FSB, mortgagee, dated the 18th day of February, 2008 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 26th day of February, 2008 in Liber 450 of Alcona County records, page 232, said mortgage having been assigned to Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of ninety seven thousand five hundred ten & 46/100 (\$97,510.46), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the

17th day of February, 2016 at 10 a.m. o'clock local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich. (that being the building where the circuit court for the county of Alcona is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.375 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Alcona Township, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Part of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 28 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the intersection of the north and south 1/4 line and the northeasterly right of way of US-23; thence north along 1/4 line 590 feet to the north section line; thence west along section line

100 feet; thence southerly 450 feet to a point on the northeasterly right of way line of US-23, 250 feet northwesterly from point of beginning; thence southeasterly 250 feet along right of way to the point of beginning. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagee or the mortgagee's attorney.

Dated: January 20, 2016
Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC, Mortgagor
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Attorney for Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC
700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510
Troy, Mich. 48098
(248) 362-2600
1-20, 1-27, 2-3, 2-10

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Mortgage sale — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott T. Gilbert and Margaretta Gilbert, husband and wife, mortgagors, to First National Bank of America, mortgagee, dated April 25, 2008, and recorded May 5, 2008, in Liber 452, page 89, of Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$47,505.95, including interest at 11.0 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan.

Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 22 and 23 of the First Addition to Willert's Pine Grove, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 116, Alcona County records; c/k/a 4212 Willert, Glenmie, Mich. 48737.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pur-

suant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, 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: February 10, 2016
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
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(248) 586-1200
2-10, 2-17, 2-24, 3-2

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Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season. Duties will include customer service, revenue handling, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989) 724-5126 or stop by the park headquarters between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for an application. **Must be meeting high school graduation requirements and turning 18 within the calendar year.** Applications for this summer be accepted until March 1, 2016.

Alcona Health Center, Lincoln and Oscoda clinics currently have openings for full time and contingent Medical Support Staff (MSS) positions. The full time positions include medical, dental and vision insurance, retirement savings plan and paid vacation and holidays. If interested, go to <http://www.alconahealthcenters.org> select job postings for the application, more information and instructions. Deadline to apply is February 17, 2016. Equal opportunity employer.

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To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Linda Lucille Dalpe, died January 16, 2016.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathy J. Manners, 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: February 3, 2016
David H. Cook P40560
5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Stutzman and Zielinski. Absent were P. Somers and R. Somers.

President Jordan stated the March 7 meeting will begin at 6 p.m. We will be honoring Mary Kossa, former treasurer and village residents are invited to stop at the hall for cake and coffee. He also noted that he will not seek reelection in November and thanked everyone for their support and help over the past several years.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. The treasurer's reports for November and December were approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. Holly gave a brief overview of what she has been able to accomplish in the past month. Money has been moved from the general fund into the village raised account and in the future it will be done as taxes come in. Thanks to Holly for her help in getting things accomplished.

Mike Serafin, fire chief, gave his reports. There were nine medical runs and one fire run in the past month. The house fire was in Gustin Township. Dylan Sands was presented for consideration to the fire department. He is currently a fire fighter for Mikado Township and said he would like to join the Lincoln department since he works in Lincoln and could be able to be here in a short time. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Gauthier, to allow Dylan Sands to join the department. Carried. A training situation was well attended in Mikado this past month. The live burn offered the opportunity for many of those in attendance to gain valuable experience that will be

beneficial. Some new tools have been purchased and lights have been fixed on the trucks. A carbon monoxide leak was found at the fire hall and has been fixed.

President Jordan gave the street report. There haven't been any major changes to report. The biggest challenge has been snow removal. No sewer report was available as nothing has been received yet as it is the beginning of the month.

Amanda stated that she will be meeting with Karen Godi next month to work on items for the web site. John asked about the pot holes by the post office. They will be fixed as soon as it's warm enough. Bonny asked that we be sure to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for all our buildings. Sara asked about making sure business owners are reminded to keep their steps/doorways cleaned and salted. The village is responsible for the actual sidewalk cleaning but it is the business owners' responsibility to take care of the doorway and/or steps.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that he was very pleased with the budget workshop we had recently. He feels there were many good decisions made. He gave the sheriff's department report for December 2015. There were a total of 12 events in the village. The emergency siren is being tested on Saturdays at noon. Eileen Oposnow has been doing a good job for us on the web site and president Jordan stated that he would like to give her a raise in pay. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to give Eileen \$9 per hour. Bill Putsky has done an amazing job on the parks and recreation plan. Everything is uploaded and approved. The Act 51 package has been received and Phil has been going over it prior to submitting it. More road salt has been ordered and the prices are very reasonable right

now. A battery pack and grease gun has been purchased for work on the village equipment. The bank vault cleaning has begun. Several boxes have been purged. Another meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. for all those on the council who are able to attend. A letter was received from District Health Department No. 2 regarding water testing at Brownlee Lake beach over the summer. Everything was very good. An ad will be put in the seeking bids for replacement of the roof on the village hall. Bids will be opened at the March 7 meeting. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to purchase six new picnic tables from Lincoln Hardware in the amount of \$737.82. They will be ordered and Steve will put them together in the spring. Phil will be meeting with the representative for Worker's Compensation Insurance very soon.

An ad will also be put in the paper seeking persons to serve on the Planning Commission/zoning board. He gave a reminder that next month's meeting will be at 6 p.m. to honor Mary Kossa followed by the Budget hearing at 7 p.m. and then the regular meeting will follow. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Healy with support from Gauthier. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7:06 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Two guests were present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk David Dailey, treasurer Pat Dailey. Absent: Trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham.

Agenda: Add "D" new business update the list of officials. Motion P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Minutes: Letter for James Nolan to be written by Supervisor Roddy. Sentence in 10) A. should read "Clerk Dailey absent but report from treasure Dailey and Shannon Story state correspondence but nothing new." Motion P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To approve the minutes as amended. All ayes, motion carried. No public comments. Trustee Abraham arrived to the meeting.

Financial report – treasurer P. Dailey: \$80,709.70 general fund; \$182,167.55 road fund; \$74,013.03 fire fund; \$31,208.06 Prince Drive; \$481.55 Kowalski fund. Motion D. Dailey/Abraham: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. All ayes, motion carried. Presentation of bills – clerk D. Dailey: Check numbers 16312-16337 payroll \$6,389.50; check numbers 16282-16354 plus E7-E8 general bills \$18,159.70. Motion D. Dailey/Abraham: To approve the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: Supervisor Roddy, OWAA – new business that was being considered has chosen to go elsewhere. Constable Beatty – all stores are compliant but still waiting for the approval for the Red Rooster for the liquor license.

County commissioner Brummund – given by treasurer P. Dailey: Kevin Boyat chairman and Carolyn remains vice chairman; art show in Gaylord, Mich. for veterans and will report more next month; MEND runs are doing well.

Fire chief Franks: One fire call; three first responder calls; five pagers and two new radios purchased. Zoning administrator (Major): One permit for a fence.

Hall rental (Roddy): One rental for \$50 but deposit not returned yet. Refund check will be sent. Assessor (Schwickert): Members turned in for the class; can we order stamps from the Greenbush Township post office. P. Dailey will check it out. GIS meeting attended, NEMCOG has already digitized the maps. GRAC: No report.

Planning commission (Swanson): Master Plan is done and a motion is needed to get it put in place. It can be viewed on the NEMCOG website or from a link on www.greenbushtownship.com. CLIB: No report. Ordinance enforcement (Roddy): Clerk D. Dailey stated still working on, will update under pending business. Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy, none. Clerk D. Dailey – Alcona equalization at your service meeting Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29; presidential primary March 8; IRS letter received and will update under pending business. Miscellaneous: None. Pending business: Update on IRS, letters read and much discussion. Recreation plan update: April 13, 1983 was the last time the Passport Fund Grant paperwork was updated. Update the civil infraction process - clerk Dailey: Swanson reported that attorney Cook stated an ordinance officer needs to be other than township board and planning commission members but they can be secondary, nuisance ordinance needs to be tied to the civil infractions.

New business: Establish 2016 voting board consisting of clerk, supervisor and treasurer. Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To approve David Dailey, Edward Roddy and Patricia Dailey to be the 2016 voting board. All ayes, motion carried. Motion P. Dailey/Abraham: To present draft master plan to be distributed to the community and agents for review and to comment. All ayes, motion carried. Motion P. Dailey/Abraham: To approve draft master plan to be distributed and posted for review and comment. All ayes, motion carried. A 63 day viewing period now is in effect until March 17, 2016. Public hearing for the master plan adoption will be April 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. The draft version is available to view on the NEMCOG website or from a link on www.greenbushtownship.com.

Set date for annual budget meeting to include the truth in taxation – letter read by clerk D. Dailey. Budget workshop set for 9 a.m. on February 19 at the Greenbush Township fire hall. The regular township meeting for March will be on Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

Need to set a time for searing in Tim Giannetti and Jason Wrusch to the zoning board of appeals. Gary Abraham to be the temporary chairman for the zoning board of appeals until a new board is set of February 9 at 6 p.m. at the township of Greenbush hall.

From the floor: Ordinance violation questions about how many officers will there be and will blight and nuisance be included. Some discussion. These ordinances will be added to the new web site also. Resident questioned if anything is being planned for the 150th anniversary (1968). Will check with Carolyn Brummund.

Motion Abraham/P. Dailey: To adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey
Greenbush Township Clerk

Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.



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Alcona Elementary paraprofessional retires

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The last day of a beloved paraprofessional at Alcona Elementary School had students and staff lined up in the hallways a week ago to say "thank you" and get one more hug before she left.

Robin Sedgwick began working at Alcona Elementary in 1995. Before coming to the school she held a secretarial position in computer services at Central Michigan University. Between the two jobs Sedgwick worked in the educational field for 27 and a half years before she retired last week.

Sedgwick began her career at Alcona Elementary as a teacher's assistant and then worked in the library and office before finally settling in as a Title One paraprofessional in 2005. In this position she focused on teaching and giving extra support in math and reading to small groups of students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Title One is a federally funded program to help struggling students develop the skills need to be successful in school, according to Dan O'Connor, past principal of Alcona Elementary and current principal of Alcona High School.

O'Connor said Sedgwick was a key component in the elementary school for over two decades. She was always up to the challenge and took on new roles with a smile.

The work gave her an opportunity to meet many students and get to know them and their teachers well. Sedgwick said she will miss the daily interaction with students and staff the most, but she's looking forward to starting the next chapter in her life.

Sedgwick, 60, decided to retire to spend more time with her family -- two married sons, two granddaughters in Traverse City, Mich. and her parents who are in their 80s living in Florida. Sedgwick is eager to spend time with all of them soon.

Having more time to spend working on her art also appealed to Sedgwick. She draws lifelike portraits and animals in charcoal or pastels and has won awards at art shows.

She is also working on getting a children's book she wrote and illustrated published. Getting the book published is much harder than she thought it would be, but she is optimistic that she may have found an interested publisher.

"I'd watch the children at school. Some of the decisions young children make without understanding peer pressure were difficult to watch... I wanted to write a book for not only lower el-

ementary students but for my grandchildren. I wanted it to be a fun book but explain about peer pressure and bullying and how to react when they were in those situations, in a positive way. So many young children don't go home and talk about it and if they do they don't really understand what happened," Sedgwick said.

She has titled her book "Trying My Best with Joy! Conversations with Grandma."

Sedgwick has seen many changes since coming to the school. "I was here when Bob Kennedy was principal. There has been several prin-

cipals since and a lot of changes. The requirements from the state are greater. Many years ago it seemed like there was a lot more money available. Everything changed with the cuts. There used to be money available if you wanted to do things with the students. It's made a big difference," she said.

Classroom sizes have gotten larger too. Sedgwick remembered when there used to be 17 students in the class. She said teachers are still doing a good job and teaching students what they need to know, despite the demands being placed upon them.

Sedgwick said she will remain close to the ties she has made at Alcona Schools and will get together each month with other retired teachers. "Many of those teachers volunteer at the school library. They are a good group of people, very dedicated. They do whatever is necessary to meet the needs of the students, whether that's academically or socially. Alcona is a good school - it's a really good school. I will always stay in touch with them. I'll miss staying in touch on a personal level with the staff, but I don't think I will have a hard time filling my days."

Her co-workers described



Robin Sedgwick

Sedgwick as a very up beat and positive person who brought energy and enthusiasm to her work. "Robin is a very caring person and the students are going to miss that. Whenever a staff member retires from the school the entire student body and all the staff line the halls and we do a clap out. There were a lot of tears, both happy and sad when Robin walked the hall. We are like a family after working so many years together," said Cindy Sharbonneau, a paraprofessional.

Teaching has been an important aspect of the Sedgwick family. Her husband, Rick, is a special education teacher at Alcona High School. Their son, Jacob, is a special education teacher in Traverse City, Mich. and her son, Zach, is a principal in Marquette, Mich. Sedgwick said she will enjoy her retirement while waiting for her husband to retire, which probably wouldn't be any time soon.



Robin Sedgwick receives a clap out with students and staff lining the hall on her last day of being a Title One paraprofessional at Alcona Elementary School. Sedgwick was a familiar face at the school for nearly two decades and brought a lot of enthusiasm and energy to her position. *Courtesy photo.*

Annual backyard bird count needs participants

The 19th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will take place February 12-15. Residents of Iosco and Alcona counties once again have an opportunity to submit valuable data about birds located in this region of Michigan before the spring migrations commence.

Sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon, and Bird Studies Canada, this count is open to anyone. Observations may be done in backyards, neighborhoods, woodlands, along river corridors, or even while riding in a car. Participants are encouraged to observe on one or all four days for at least 15 minutes each day.

Results are submitted online at www.birdcount.org. Easy to follow instructions guide the observer through the process. Participants must fill out a separate form for each day during the four day period.

In 2013 the GBBC went world-wide for the first time. Online reports from all over the globe accounted for at least 1/3 of the total number of bird species on the planet. During the 2015 count 5,090



Ridgway encourages backyard bird watchers who participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count this weekend to make sure they are distinguishing correctly between American goldfinches (left) and pine siskins (right). "We are getting a tremendous influx (3,000 plus) of pine siskins," she said. "Siskins are heavily streaked, whereas goldfinches have a plain breast and back." *Photos courtesy of Phil Odum.*

species were observed with a grand total of 18,726,079 individual birds.

"Through modern technology, scientists are now able to get a quick snapshot of where the various species are located, plus insight to the virtual status of populations just prior to the massive spring movements to breeding grounds," stated



Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the event.

"We've also had a tremendous influx (irruption) of pine siskins during the past three weeks. Many people mistake them for American goldfinches, so I hope those reporting will take a close look before submitting their observation," said Ridgway.

Ridgway is seeking input from area residents who have pine siskins visiting their feeders. Contact her during evenings at (989) 739-5674 to report the number of these birds. Also, noting what types of food they are consuming would be helpful.

Jewel Lake
host for
two fishing
tournaments

The annual Winter Free Fishing Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14. Everyone - residents and nonresidents alike - can fish without a license, though all other fishing regulations still apply.

"Michigan offers many enjoyable winter outdoor activities, and fishing is among the most popular options," said Bill Moritz, DNR director. "We encourage everyone to get outside this February and explore the angling op-

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opportunities available throughout the state - on your own, with your family or with some good friends."

• Locally, the Don McEwen Kid's Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on Jewell Lake in Barton City on Saturday, Feb. 13. This annual event is designed for children and young adults ages 15 and under. Poles, bait and holes are provided. Adult fisherman will be available for assistance.

Registration on the ice is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., fishing is from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Trophies for various categories will be awarded at 2 p.m. Hot dogs and hot cocoa are provided.

• Adults can enjoy the free fishing weekend too during the Don McEwen Adult Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jewell Lake in Barton City. Sign up is at Scott's B.C. Bar and Grill in Barton City before 11 a.m. to be

eligible for prizes, which will be awarded at 7 p.m. at the bar. There is a \$10 donation to help enhance the lake.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan has celebrated the Winter Free Fishing Weekend every year since 1994 as a way to promote awareness of the state's vast aquatic resources. With more than 3,000 miles of

Great Lakes shoreline, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, and 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan and fishing are a perfect match.

A full listing of events across the state, can be found online at michigan.gov/freefishing. This website also offers an online toolkit for those who would like assistance in planning and promoting a local event.

Fishing for walleye, panfish, northern pike

Although many bodies of water aren't producing the type of ice many winter anglers would like to see there are still numerous tactics they can implement to experience great walleye, northern pike and panfish fishing when they do get out there.

When fishing for walleye, one thing to think about and to look for are the right areas within a lake where you can find decent sized fish. Suggested locations include turns, big changes in depth, humps or other places walleyes like to sit tight.

Also remember the critical periods of time when walleye are best fished: early and late in the day.

When fishing for northern pike, something to remem-

ber is that most of these fish are hiding in weedy areas where they can take cover, yet still find ample food sources. Often times these spots will consist of bays with access to deep water.

And lastly, when fishing for various panfish, it's important to note that these species typically live just about anywhere so you should work the entire water column when you head out. For those in shallow water, they'll typically feed for short periods of time in the very early morning and late in the day.

Northeast Lower Peninsula February 4

• Grand Lake: Was producing walleye and perch. No large numbers but the fish were good size.

• Long Lake: Anglers were catching walleye and perch.

• Hubbard Lake: Walleye and perch were starting to bite in 50 to 55 feet. Anglers using tip-ups with blues near the bottom had better success.

• Van Etten Lake: Was producing a large number of small perch.

• Higgins Lake: Still has ice fishing however, anglers should still be careful and drill their way out as ice thickness varies in some areas. Lake trout fishing has been very good in 85 to 110 feet when using greys on tip-ups or jigging. Swedish pimples and big spoons also caught fish. Good perch fishing in 40 to 60 feet. Try the area near the church camp. Trout and pike were caught off the south end.

• Houghton Lake: Ice fishing continues. Anglers should avoid the areas near inlets and outlets and use caution near the pressure cracks. Bluegill, crappie and perch have been caught off Saunders Point near the Cut River. Those using tip-ups caught some big pike measuring 30+ inches.

• Lake St. Helen: Was producing pike and panfish.

• Tawas: Most of the ice blew out leaving only shore ice. The only fishable spots left were the north end of Tawas Bay in the "armpit" and west of Jerry's Marina but again, extreme caution needs to be used.

Fishing Report

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REAL PROPERTY CLASSES

UNIT	R/M	REAL PROPERTY CLASSES				TIMBER CUT-OVER 501	DEVELOPMENTAL 601	All Personal Property
		AGRICULTURE 101	COMMERCIAL 201	INDUSTRIAL 301	RESIDENTIAL 401			
ALCONA	R	51.43%	48.01%	51.04%	48.93%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9722	1.0415	0.9796	1.0219	~	~	1.0000
CALEDONIA	R	55.14%	52.40%	49.38%	50.90%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9068	0.9542	1.0126	0.9823	~	~	1.0000
CURTIS	R	51.80%	48.63%	49.99%	49.57%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9653	1.0282	1.0002	1.0087	~	~	1.0000
GREENBUSH	R	50.12%	52.16%	49.53%	51.75%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9976	0.9586	1.0095	0.9662	~	~	1.0000
GUSTIN	R	52.38%	49.99%	50.05%	49.80%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9546	1.0002	0.9900	1.0040	~	~	1.0000
HARRISVILLE	R	52.73%	52.74%	50.72%	48.61%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9482	0.9481	0.9859	1.0286	~	~	1.0000
HAWES	R	49.17%	48.14%	49.16%	48.36%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0169	1.0386	1.0171	1.0339	~	~	1.0000
HAYNES	R	49.35%	47.45%	None	52.39%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0132	1.0537	~	0.9544	~	~	1.0000
MIKADO	R	52.69%	49.41%	None	50.20%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9490	1.0119	~	0.9960	~	~	1.0000
MILLEN	R	51.11%	50.26%	None	52.19%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9783	0.9948	~	0.9580	~	~	1.0000
MITCHELL	R	50.95%	50.43%	48.20%	50.10%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9814	0.9915	1.0374	0.9980	~	~	1.0000
City of HARRISVILLE	R	None	51.30%	51.78%	48.81%	None	None	50.00%
	M	~	0.9747	0.9657	1.0244	~	~	1.0000

R=Ratio: Average Ratio of Assessed Value to Market Value
 M=Multiplier: Multiplier (Equalization Factor) necessary to raise or lower Assessed Value to Equalized Value
 Equalized Value: Fifty percent (50%) of Market Value

BOARDS OF REVIEW: Dates, Time, & Location of March Meetings are to be published.

Prepared and published in accordance with Act. No. 165 of 1971 being Section 211.34a of Michigan General Property Tax Law

Publication of this report, with tentative multipliers, may not take into consideration any assessment changes made at the local level before the adoption of County Equalization in April

Troy M. Somers, Director
 Alcona County Equalization Department

Bowling

Early Bloomers February 2

Tigerlilys	78	27
Rosebuds	72	33
Marigolds	63	42
Bluebells	54	51
Mums	48.5	56.5
Daffodils	37	68
Violets	35	72
Buttercups	32.5	72.5
High game: Carla Travis, 207.		
High series: Carla James, 515.		
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 344 and 919.		

Huron February 2

Gary Oil	90.5	44.5
Back Alley Bar	78.5	56.5
Lincoln Prec.	74.5	60.5
Rob's Repair	68	67
Frankless	63	72
AuSable Trad.	30.5	104.5
High game: Dave Glazar, 257.		
High series: Jimmy Armstrong, 699.		
High handicap game and series: Ron Ellsworth, 290 and 831.		

Sportsman February 4

Flour Power	55	26
Cole's Appl.	53	28
Phil's Barber	43.5	37.5
Home Town Fit.	43.5	37.5
LLW Club	38.5	42.5
We R Versatile	34	47
Brownlee Lake	33	48
AuSable Inn	25	56
High game and series: Roger Klukowski, 300 and 824.		
High handicap game and series: Roger Klukowski, 329 and 911.		

Alcona Middle School honor roll

The following students were named to the Alcona Middle School Principal's List and Honor Roll for the first semester.

Seventh Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
 Ashlyn Abend, Grace Atkinson, Christopher Barnes, Lily Bilbey, Taylor Clark, Carlie Forsythe, Caroline Forsythe, Delaney Forsythe, Gabriel Froehner, Kaysea Gleason, Camaron Harris, Janae Kierzek, Rachel Layton, Anna Loyer, Cecelia Spears, Zachary Stephenson, and Hunter

Winter.
Honor Roll
 Grant Botha, Emily Decker, Blake Dellar, Nicole Gauthier, Kaitlyn Gleason, Rachel Hayes, Samuel Hendrickson, Brenden Hudgins, Brielle Keyser, Vincent Mendyka, Ethan Nedwash-Long, Keegan Payne, Brendan Roe, Karen Sharboneau, Victoria Skuse, Mason Storms, Jacob Sytek, and Jakob Tanner.

Eighth Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
 Keegan Bonzheim, Mason

Clark, Alyssa Dellar, Madison Donovan, Megan Grove, Daphnie Hancock, Colton Inglis, Brett Nelson, Brooklyn Pagels, Zachary Richardson, Annabelle Rowe, Rose Schopfer, Chloe Schram, Haley Spalding, David Watkins, and Courtney Winter.

Honor Roll
 Miranda Baker, Isabella Bates, Koedy Berryhill, Lila Bishop, Jocelyn Cronk, Dustin Grabow, Sadie Johnson, Emma Johnston, Cassandra Keesler, Levi Kline, Alexis Lask, Shane Mendyka, Levohn Palmer, Darien Panich, Patrick Payne, Brody Potts, Taylor Stewart, Benjamin Thomas, Lorenda Thomas, Madison Wilhite, and Aidan Wrobel.

Alcona High School honor roll

The following students were named to the Alcona High School Principal's List and Honor Roll for the first semester.

Ninth Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
 Patrick Bates, Hannah Brege, Elliot Dubuque, Emily Dubuque, Raegen Eller, Hailee Gordy, Joshua Kilbourn, Antavius Mikazes, Faith Wallenmaier, and Matthew Warner.

Elizabeth Rowe, Jacob Schott, Autumn Schwarz, Caitlin Sorensen, and Sarah Sweet.

Eleventh Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
 Zackery Faszczewski, Erik Harmon-Davey, Krysta Indish, Jordan Joyce, Kendra LaFave, Madison Lane, Molly McKay, Taylor Murray, Brendan Nelson, Dakota Oke, Dresden Parkinson, and Rachel Warner.

Honor Roll
 Pierce Bilbey, Krista Breier, Cassidy Clemens, Victoria Coleman, Malcolm Dix, Dylan Faszczewski, Destiny Finn, Brianna Fogle, Abigail Franklin, Grace Gombos, Alyssia Hancock, Alex Harmon, Emily Hoffman, Daniel Jones, Trinity Keyser, McKayla LaFave, Cody Leeseberg, Miesha Sanders, John Sharboneau, Justin Smigelski, Damion Stewart, Jason Sweet, Kiersten Tompkins, Harmony Travis, and Hunter White.

Honor Roll
 Hannah Canute, Brittany Decker, Katherine Edwards, Keilene Elmer, Brock Franklin, Jake Gallagher, Cory Hoffman, David Lindsay, Mindy Mendyka, Raymond Richardson, Brooke Shultz, and Riley Somers.

Twelfth Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
 Thomas Budnick, Isaac Dubuque, Connor Durfee, Jessica Grove, Torie Harmon, Alexandra Lask, Nathaniel Swinson, and Alissa Terpstra.

Tenth Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
 Alicia Bishop, Courtney Church, Gerianna Herman, Matthew MacMaster, Devon Mills, Cody Schram, Jordan Steiner, Alexander Stephenson, and Alexander Viau.

Honor Roll
 Sara Blohm, Piet Botha, Hunter Clissold, Trevor Clissold, Damion Coleman, Jesse Collins, Claire Feldhiser, Sierra Forsythe, Coda Gallagher, Kasandra Griffin, Noah Kenworthy, Jeremy Lickey, Jordan Peterson, Savannah Peterson, Sydney Pierce, Ashley Pyle, Klaas Riemay, Kaitlin Schellie, Jeffery Schram, Hunter Sullivan, Elaina Thomas, Isaak Vonfintel, Brett Wambold, Mikayla Wensel, and Lauren Yokom.

Honor Roll
 Shyann Boden, Hayley Conner, Kameesha Fuqua, Jonathan Hudgins, Jack Hutchinson, Timothy Hutchinson, Christian Kamischke, Taylor Livingston, Abigail Lobaugh, Luke Loyer, Ethan Meador, Ashley Panzica,

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3. First-aid kit
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5. Sunscreen
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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan on Friday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Mich. The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in Caledonia Township from 2016-2020. The draft plan is available for review on www.caledoniatwp.org. Written comments may be submitted to Kathleen Vichunas, 6024 Cedar Drive, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747; or by e-mail at kvichunas@charter.net.

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

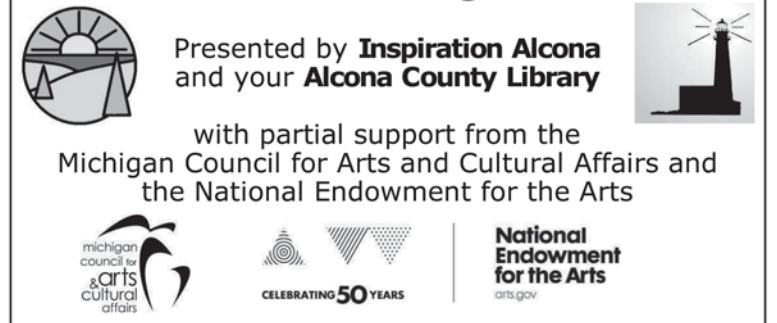
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2016 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. - Organizational Meeting
 No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Wednesday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 18, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2016 assessments.

By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2016.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal property for 2016 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	52.69	0.94895
COMMERCIAL	49.41	1.01194
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	50.20	0.99602
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENT	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

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 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 - days notice. Contact Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas or Rita D. Sands at (989) 736-7721.

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Alpena trooper receives arrest award

A Michigan State Police trooper from the Alpena post has received an award for his efforts to look "past the stop."

Trooper Anthony Utt was awarded the Corporal Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award. This award is earned by troopers who excel in patrol-generated felony arrests.

Utt received the award at a ceremony held in Lansing, Mich. at the Michigan State Police (MSP) Training Academy on January 21.

Trooper Utt began his career with the Michigan State Police in 2012 as a member of the 124th Recruit School and has served at the Alpena post since his graduation.

The Corporal Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award winners from the Michigan State Police Seventh District are: Trooper Rick Pearson, Cadillac post; Trooper Marc Moore, Cadillac post; Trooper Jeff Mercer, Gaylord post; Trooper Michael Wilt,

Houghton Lake post and Trooper Anthony Utt, Alpena post.

According to the MSP, this new award is named in honor of Cpl. Sam Mapes, one of the department's early pioneers in criminal patrol and investigation. On May 1, 1927, Mapes was patrolling alone on Highway 23, east of Sturgis, Mich. when he stopped two suspicious westbound vehicles at the same time.

After briefly conversing with one of the drivers, Mapes determined the vehicles were "rum running." It was obvious to the driver his load was going to be seized and he was as going to arrested, so he offered Mapes a bribe of \$300 to let him go. Mapes refused and asked a passing motorist to go to Sturgis and summon assistance to help bring in the vehicles, one of the suspects pulled a gun, walked up behind Mapes, fatally shot him, took his service weapon, and fled.

The suspect was arrested by Michigan State Police



Trooper Anthony Utt troopers and Illinois police officers in Chicago, Ill., after an intense investigation, chase, and rolling gun battle. The suspect was returned to Michigan, tried, convicted, and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Mapes was the seventh Michigan trooper to die in the line of duty, and he was awarded a Citation of Valor for his actions and integrity.

Push underway to expand fast Internet service in rural areas

By **Amelia Havanec**
Capital News Service

A vast majority of state residents have access to high-speed Internet, a tool which the global marketplace increasingly relies on, according to the Telecommunication Association of Michigan.

Even so, pockets of the state still struggle with slow broadband speeds.

"The broadband industry is based on household density," said Eric Frederick, executive director of Connect Michigan and Connected Nation's vice president of community affairs. "Broadband providers need a certain number of customers in an area in order to

make their build-out of infrastructure profitable."

Connect Michigan is a nonprofit tech organization that works to expand broadband. At its annual conference in October, speakers pushed for innovative ways to raise the supply and demand for broadband infrastructure in rural areas.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defines broadband as high-speed Internet measured in megabits per second (Mbps). Advanced broadband, according to the FCC, measures out to 25 Mbps in downloading speeds, and a building with 10 to 25 Mbps is connected to decent home service. But the federal gov-

ernment sees as inadequate a region that can tap into only 9 Mbps or less.

On Connect Michigan's 2014 map of broadband speeds, "there's a kind of 'trouble band' that starts diagonally from Oceana County up to Alpena County where broadband speed is really murky," Frederick said.

The map also shows a great deal of the Upper Peninsula without adequate broadband technology - "because speed follows density," he added.

Jaime Clover Adams, director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, says broadband

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of February 1-7, 2016

66 complaints were handled with the following results: 5 Arrests; 2 Warrants; 3 Operating While Intoxicated.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	2	Property Damage Accident	3
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	2
Dog/Animal Complaint	11	Traffic	10
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Alarm	4	Drug Crimes	1
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911 Hang Up	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	7
Operate While Intoxicated	3	Warrant Arrest	2
Civil	3	Breaking & Entering	1
Medical	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assault & Battery	1	Drive While License Susp.	1
Fraud	1	Suicidal Subject	1
Lost/Found Property	1	Suspicious Events	2
Court Violations	1	Entry without Permission	1

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Wildlife researchers unsure about drones

By Marie Orttenburger
Capital News Service

Perhaps drones could track feral swine to help oust the invasive critter from Michigan.

But local researchers hesitate to employ the technology for wildlife management.

"There's a lot of potential for uneasiness," said Stephen Beyer, who manages wildlife research for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

He cited public fears of surveillance and intrusion on privacy. "We're a state agency," Beyer said. "There's natural suspicion there."

Brian Haroldson, a wildlife research biologist at the Minnesota DNR who used helicopters to count deer, also expressed concern. "I'd like to see where the regulations are going to end up before I use them," he said. "There's important advantages to having real-time decision making with personnel in the aircraft."

Short battery life and limited range make Haroldson skeptical about using drones. "The potential is there — whether or not it will be realized, we have to wait and see," Haroldson said. "It's certainly not practical at the moment."

But throughout the United States, drones have been increasingly used for wildlife research since the early 2000s, according to an article by Cassie Martin in "The Wildlife Professional." That's when the University of Florida's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research Program began using the technology for natural resource applications.

Ro Bailey, associate director of the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, said she's optimistic. She sees public perception of such systems improving, and that more educated decision-making could make them practical for use by public organizations.

It's "really not that tough" for a public agency to ac-

quire certification to fly one from the Federal Aviation Administration, Bailey said. Understanding what the aircraft will be used for and what equipment is best suited for the application will improve practicality as well.

Pilotless aircraft can access areas piloted aircraft can't, either because it's too dangerous or too expensive. They've been used to count Chinook salmon nests in Snake River, Idaho, flying in river gorges to collect that data for the Idaho Power Corp. Two helicopters crashed that way, killing two people and damaging the aircraft. In 2012, the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration collaborated with Idaho Power to use drones instead—with great success, according to Bailey.

"The thing is, nobody got hurt," Bailey said.

Drones have also counted wildlife in places where weather makes it difficult for piloted aircraft to reach, Bailey explained. Her organization was able to get a more accurate count of sea lions, which had been marked as endangered, because pilotless systems could reach spaces that piloted aircraft couldn't.

Piloting aircraft through nasty weather conditions between the launch point and the target destination is dangerous. "With UAS, you shorten the distance by launching from the boat," Bailey said. Boats can withstand the harshest weather conditions, and portable

drones can take advantage of breaks in bad weather with shorter flight spans.

Bailey said researchers are trying to determine if drones can be a less intrusive way to research certain species—such as walrus, which stampede and trample their young when approached by a helicopter.

As the technology becomes more frequently used, researchers will also have to contend with how animals react to it. A small but growing body of research is documenting animals' behavioral and physiological responses to the systems.

Mark Ditmer, a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota, recently published a study in "Current Biology" investigating changes in bear's heart rates in the presence of drones.

"I was surprised by the level of heart rate spikes we saw," Ditmer said — particularly since the bears appeared to ignore them. "Our research brings up a lot of different questions," he said.

Among them: How do different species react to the aircraft, at what distance do they become bothered and do they can get used to them?

But, those aren't all new questions. "It's just like anything else," Beyer said. "Whether a researcher uses an unpowered aircraft system or a radio transmitter collar, you have to be concerned about how you're handling an animal and how their behavior changes. It's one of those tricky things about wildlife research."



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Lake Huron commercial fishing experiment may reduce pressure on Saginaw Bay yellow perch

An experimental commercial whitefish venture — operating out of Harbor Beach in Huron County, Mich. and farther south than similar Lake Huron commercial enterprises — is not only paying dividends for the fisherman involved, it's designed to benefit Michigan's sport fishing anglers as well.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) worked out an agreement with longtime commercial fisherman Dana Serafin, who has fished for perch commercially off Oscoda and in Saginaw Bay for more than two decades.

"This is a three-year evaluation and 2015 was the first year," said fisheries biologist Tom Goniea, who oversees commercial fishing licensing and regulation for the DNR. "The evaluation will continue in 2016 and 2017, at which point the DNR and the commercial fisher decide together whether this is a viable fishing option going forward."

Yellow perch are considered one of the most important and most sought-after species in Lake Huron, especially in Saginaw Bay.

However, the bay's yellow perch population has fallen in recent years as walleye have boomed. With the crash of the Lake Huron alewife population in the mid-2000s, walleye have turned to yellow perch as their main food source.

Todd Grischke, the DNR's Lake Huron Basin coordina-



Commercial fishermen sort fish from a trap net, sending whitefish down a chute into a bin.

tor, said angler hours on Lake Huron over the past 20 years mirror the decline in the abundance of yellow perch.

"While the walleye population explosion is viewed by fisheries managers as a success story, one of the undesirable results is an imbalance in the predator-prey ratio in Saginaw Bay," Grischke said.

The DNR's most recent surveys show simultaneously the highest walleye population and the lowest recorded forage base biomass (abundance of food supply) in the past 25 years.

"As a result, yellow perch are now considered the primary forage of most predators in the system including cormorants, northern pike and especially, walleye," Grischke said.

Perch are reproducing well in Saginaw Bay. However, estimates indicate that more than 99 percent of each year's production of fish is not surviving past the first year. In an effort to revitalize these perch populations, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission responded by increasing the walleye creel limit from five fish to eight per day and decreasing the minimum walleye size limit from 15 inches to 13.

At the same time, the commission decreased the daily possession limit for yellow perch from 50 to 25 fish for Saginaw Bay.

In addition, the DNR struck its deal with Serafin.

"This is a piece of an overall management strategy that's serving two goals,"

Grischke said. "One is to reduce commercial fishing effort out of an already over-capitalized fishery in Saginaw Bay. The second goal is to investigate the status of the lake whitefish population in southern Lake Huron."

Grischke said the DNR's previous fish-sampling efforts have not included Lake Huron whitefish. That's why Serafin's new commercial fishing operation is considered experimental, because until he began netting there this year no one knew what the whitefish population out of Harbor Beach was like.

"This is an opportunity for us to gather information on that population — ages and growth, population size, fish condition — and whether or not it can support a viable fishery," Grischke said.

Under the pact with the DNR, Serafin agreed to explore the whitefish population in southern Lake Huron, relieving pressure on the Saginaw Bay perch fishery.

He was rewarded with a catch of almost 100,000 pounds of whitefish this season, despite getting started two months later than he would have liked and fishing half the nets he might ordinarily set.

In exchange for the ability to fish out of Harbor Beach, Serafin would permanently give up his multiple Saginaw Bay licenses, and future harvest potential, something the DNR said is significant for Saginaw Bay.

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"We're doing a lot of things in Saginaw Bay to address commercial fishing, walleye and yellow perch," Grischke said. "Our management objective for Saginaw Bay is multifaceted. We're dealing with recreational fishing regulations, cormorant control and, now, an experiment to remove commercial fishery effort from the bay."

The DNR also plans to stock lake herring. "We want to try an experimental reintroduction of lake herring to provide both forage and fishing opportunity. We're doing all of these things collectively with the ultimate goal of improving yellow perch populations and the fishery," Grischke said. "When perch populations are good, people go fishing."

When Serafin's whitefish venture was first proposed, the idea immediately drew some negative reaction from sport anglers who were concerned about potential conflicts with the netting operation. Grischke said he understood the concern, but said the potential for conflict had changed significantly over the years.

"The salmon fishery has collapsed in southern Lake Huron," Grischke said. "The potential for user conflict has waned."

Grischke said the DNR and the Lake Huron Citizen Advisory Committee talked extensively about what this evaluation project is and what this isn't. "It's an oppor-

tunity for a new commercial venture outside the area that is frequented by recreational anglers," Grischke said. "We believe both recreational fishing and commercial fishing can coexist here, just as they do throughout the Great Lakes."

Goniaea spent a lot of time during the summer and fall accompanying Serafin and his crew aboard their 58-foot vessel, observing and recording data. "We're taking a look at potential impacts on non-target species. We're watching it pretty closely," Goniaea said. "Whitefish make up 90 to 95 percent of the fish in the nets by number, but you see some drum, walleye and lake trout."

According to Goniaea, Serafin's operation so far is not having a negative impact on lake trout or walleye in Lake Huron. He was most recently aboard Serafin's boat for a day in late October.

"They had 206 lake trout in three nets — 202 alive and four dead," Goniaea said. "With a release rate this high of what appear to be very healthy lake trout, that is negligible impact."

In contrast, most of the walleye captured incidentally in the nets are dead. This is because walleye are not able to regulate their air bladders quickly enough when surfacing from a water depth of 100 feet. However, walleye numbers in the nets have been very low.

"Walleyes are not going to



Dana Serafin, foreground, and his crew unload lake whitefish from a trap net near Harbor Beach. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

survive coming up from that depth. But for all our monitoring this year, there was never more than eight walleye per net lift," Goniaea said. "This is a very low incidental catch rate when compared to the incidental catch rates of hundreds of walleye per lift on Saginaw Bay."

Goniaea said shifting the fishing pressure from Saginaw Bay perch to Lake Huron whitefish could be a win-win situation for both commercial fishermen and recreational anglers.

"If this experiment is successful, there will be a lot of commercial gear retired from an area that has a lot of it and transferring some of it to an area without any, while simultaneously shifting the commercial harvest from yellow perch to whitefish," Goniaea said. "If this is successful, we're looking to remove 20 percent of the licenses in Saginaw Bay and 30 percent of the trap nets. That's huge."

At this point, no additional commercial fisheries beyond

Serafin's are being considered for transfer out of Saginaw Bay. Although the DNR or Serafin can back out of the three-year evaluation agreement, Goniaea said he sees no reason why that should happen.

Though only one year into the study, the southern Lake Huron whitefish fishery seems robust enough to sustain the commercial activity, by-kill of nontarget species has been very low, and the DNR hasn't recorded conflict with sport fishing anglers off Harbor Beach.

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connectivity is a top priority. "We're seeing a shift. We're seeing more young people come back to the farm," Adams said. "Michigan has such a diverse economy that people can continue to live in rural areas but they might

work in town and have other sources of income.

"If we can get this broadband thing figured out, then people can live out in the rural areas and still participate in commerce," she said.

According to Adams, even

in a state so agriculture-intensive, there are food-processing companies that lack affordable and accessible high-speed Internet. Because of those constraints, some food processors struggle to break into markets across state borders, let alone world markets.

Some big Internet service providers offer discounted subscription packages to low-income households, according to Frederick. Comcast, for instance, offers its services to qualified households for only \$10 a month. CenturyLink and Charter Communications have similar programs. "Affordability is so tricky,"

Frederick said. "But if you don't have access to any of those three providers, there is no rate regulation for broadband. The pricing is all over the board and you're kind of at the mercy of the providers."

A broadband connection can be defined as myriad Internet speeds—as more content moves online, a faster connection to the Web becomes increasingly important.

But Michigan residents, for the most part, have no problem accessing the Internet. "When we look at availability and percent of households served in the south" of Michigan, "I think

we're probably around the middle of the pack" nationwide, Frederick said. "But when you look at broadband adoption—the percent of households that have service and actually subscribe to it—Michigan's adoption of broadband is actually higher than the national average."

According to data released in September by the U.S. Census Bureau, 72.9 percent of Michigan households subscribe to a home broadband service.

Scott Stevenson, president of the Telecommunication Association of Michigan, said, "There is a misunderstanding about how much broadband there already is in the state. Every one of the 36 rural broadband providers that our association represents has had broadband Internet in their networks for 15 years.

"So while there are pockets in rural Michigan without broadband, much of the state is covered."

In August, AT&T, Frontier and CenturyLink, three of the state's biggest providers, announced that they would expand broadband service, to 10 Mbps speeds, to an additional 180,000 households over the next six years.

"Some of our rural broadband providers are building underground fiber networks as we speak," said Stevenson.

Fiber Internet provides the fastest speeds available and is more reliable than wireless networks, according to Stevenson, but it's expensive to implement.

Asked about the feasibility of making broadband a municipally owned utility, like electricity and water in some communities, Frederick said Michigan is one of more than a dozen states where laws impede the creation of such municipal networks.

"But we have some communities that are successful in doing that in a shorter, more roundabout way," Frederick added. "There are some communities that had broadband networks before that legislation went through."

A Connect Michigan program helps local communities develop technology action plans, Frederick explained. "When we first looked at communities to do that, we were surprised. We heard things like, 'We don't want that filthy Internet here' or 'I moved to the country to get away from all that.' So we had to do a lot of education, which we don't do so much of anymore," he said. "People realize the importance now."

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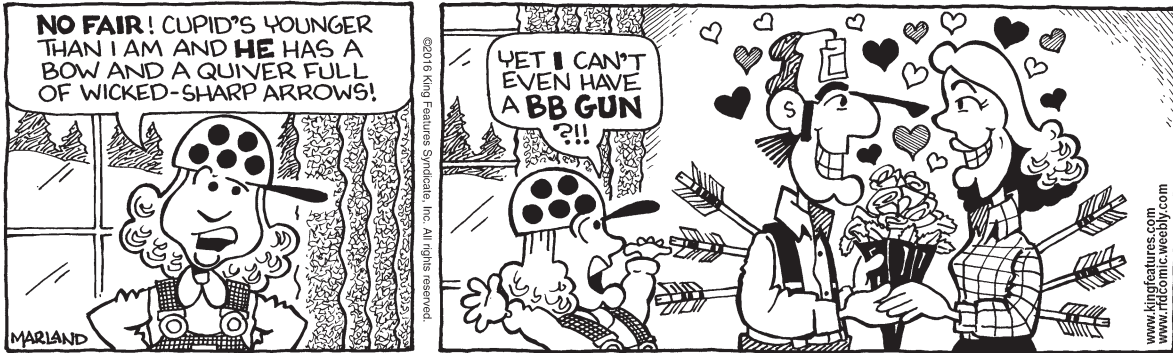
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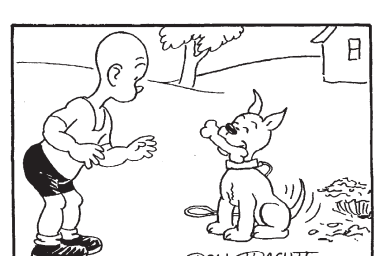
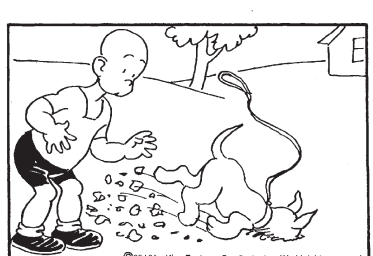
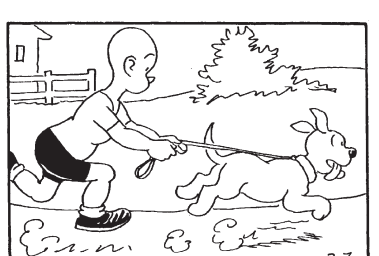
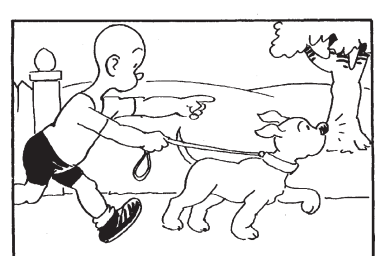
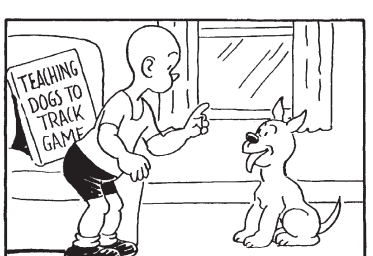
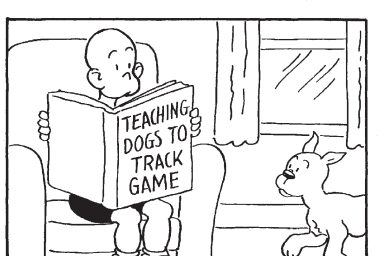
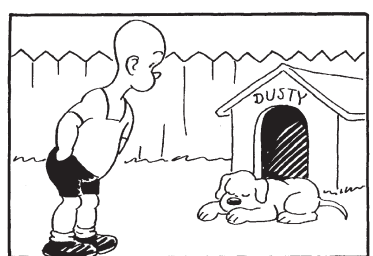
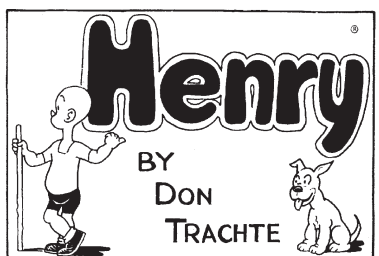
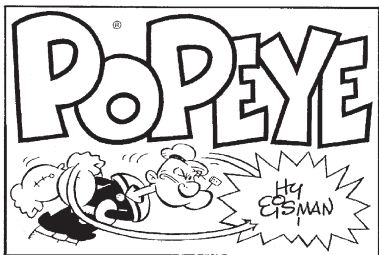
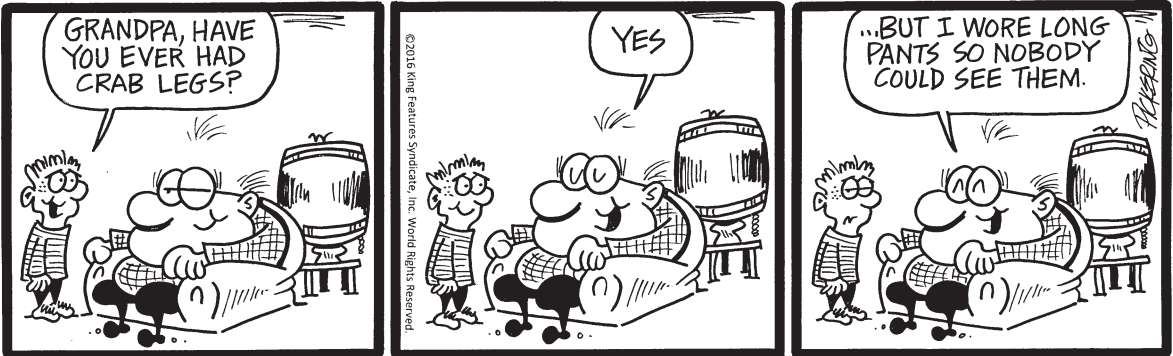
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The Spats

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When the VA wants its money back

Taking any type of monetary payment from the Department of Veterans Affairs means that at any time, it can ask for the money back. If that happens, you're at risk of having all your benefits canceled until the debt is paid.

without fanfare, the veteran received a waiver of the debt. Direct overpayment isn't the only way a veteran can end up with cash that needs to be returned.

A Washington veteran recently went through the process of the VA trying to collect money it said he owed. Fortunately for him, he had kept every single piece of paper and receipt, and a copy of every letter he'd written to the VA. That inches-high stack of copies was helpful to the attorney he had to hire.

Temporary 100-percent disability payments can be a problem when the illness goes into remission or is cured. The VA is supposed to ask for a follow-up medical exam to track progress, but often it doesn't and the checks just keep arriving. At some point the VA realizes its error and demands all the money back.

One document was a letter he'd sent to the VA saying he was in prison but needed the money to take care of his family. The VA kept the payments coming. Once he got out, the VA suddenly wanted all its money back -- either in one big bite or they'd cut off all his benefits until that amount was repaid. Multiple letters sent by the attorney were ignored until suddenly,

Another problem happens when a VA claim number is used to process one payment and a Social Security number is used to process an identical one.

If you get monetary benefits from the VA, keep track of it. If it asks for any money back, go online to ww.va.gov/debtman, or call (800) 827-0648.

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Collecting
By Lary Cox

Older typewriters are hot collectible

Q: I have read your column for a number of years. Is there a trend you have spotted that surprised you? -- Karen, Tyler, Texas

of Lemp Beer, but assume they must be worth more than the 25 cents each I paid for them. -- Robert, Naperville, Illinois

A: I visit antique malls and shops on a regular basis, and two things I've noticed are the popularity of older typewriters and the collectibility of kitchenware from the 1960s and '70s.

A: Adam Lemp began brewing beer in St. Louis in either 1838 or 1840 (the date varies according to the source). Operations continued until 1918 when the brewery closed quietly -- workers discovered the gates locked when they showed up for work. Lemp Beer collectibles are extremely popular throughout the Midwest.

Royal and Underwood typewriters from the 1930s and '40s are selling at a premium. Almost as quickly as they are priced and placed for sale in shops, they are snapped up by enthusiasts. I spoke to a Phoenix dealer who has sold three dozen typewriters during the past year, an incredible number but one that reflects how much in demand they seem to be.

Q: I am restoring a craftsman house that was built in 1919. I have found most of the furniture from the period with the exception of porch wicker. I would like to find period pieces, but am not having much luck. -- Stan, Buffalo, New York

The second trend that I didn't anticipate is the interest in mid-century kitchen clutter. Items such as mixing bowls, kitchen utensils and even older toasters are selling extremely well. Meanwhile, there has been a decrease in demand for Singer treadle sewing machines. Prices are stagnant, and most seem to be selling in the \$75-\$200 range. As with most collectibles, condition and the manufacturer's model are always important, and there are always exceptions to the rule.

A: There are several businesses that feature vintage wicker in the Northeast. One of the better ones in your region is Antique Wicker, P.O. Box 69, Bernard, ME 04612; and info@antique-wicker.com.

Q: Several weeks ago, I purchased some early bottles that originally contained Lemp Beer. I have never heard

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Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox cannot personally answer all reader questions, nor does he do appraisals. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many seconds are in a day?
2. **MOVIES:** What comedy of 1980 carried the tagline, "They'll never get caught. They're on a mission from God"?
3. **TELEVISION:** What are the names of Marge's twin sisters on "The Simpsons"?
4. **LANGUAGE:** What is a cynophile?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What are the small indentations on a golf ball called?
6. **MEDICAL:** What is the more common term for "somnoliquy"?
7. **GAMES:** In chess, what are rooks also known as?
8. **U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of New York state?
9. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What adjective describes animals with hooves?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** What was the prior English name of the nation of Sri Lanka?

Answers: 1. 86,400; 2. "The Blues Brothers"; 3. Selma and Patty; 4. Dog lover; 5. Dimples; 6. Talking in your sleep; 7. Castles; 8. Albany; 9. Ungulate; 10. Ceylon (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

The History Channel

- On Feb. 22, 1732, George Washington is born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, the second son of a plantation owner. Initially a loyal British subject, Washington eventually led the Continental Army in the American Revolution and became known as the father of the United States.
 - On Feb. 27, 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's Mardi Gras celebrations. Though early French settlers had brought the tradition of Mardi Gras, Spanish governors later banned the celebrations.
 - On Feb. 25, 1870, Hiram Rhoades Revels, a Republican from Natchez, Mississippi, is sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming the first black American ever to sit in Congress. During the Civil War, Revels, a college-educated minister, served as a chaplain for the Union army.
 - On Feb. 26, 1935, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler signs a secret decree authorizing the founding of the Reich Luftwaffe as a third German military service. The Versailles Treaty that ended World War I had prohibited military aviation in Germany.
 - On Feb. 23, 1958, five-time Formula One champion Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina is kidnapped in Cuba by a group of Fidel Castro's rebels. Fangio was released the •
 - On Feb. 28, 1964, Thelonious Monk makes the cover of Time magazine. Beatlemania was at its peak, but contemporary jazz music had captured the imagination of a significant number of American music fans.
 - On Feb. 24, 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court votes 8-0 to overturn the \$200,000 settlement awarded to the Reverend Jerry Falwell for his emotional distress at being parodied in Hustler magazine. The court ruled that Hustler's parody, although in poor taste, fell within the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech and the press.
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Super Crossword

FAMILY EXPANSION

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| ACROSS
1 It turns litmus paper blue
7 Strip a disguise from
13 "— Baby" (#1 U2 album of 1991)
20 Arrive like the tide
21 Savage
22 Less dull
23 Rural lumber-jack resting after chopping?
25 Lounged around
26 Dreamcast producer
27 Get as clear profit
28 100-yr. period
29 Heap (up)
30 Trough for toting bricks
33 Extended cloth used for messy cold-weather meals?
38 Hostile force
40 Down food
41 Purple spring blooms
42 Wide-shoe letters | 43 Spool
44 Gets firm
46 Produced a napped surface on
48 Chart showing the highs and lows of actress Ellen's career?
51 LP replacers
52 KGB's milieu
56 "— all over!"
57 Asian dress
58 Alex of "The Godfather"
61 Unit of work
62 Orioles great Ripken
63 Gp. for Qatar
64 Sea in 75-Across
65 "Now I see!"
67 Matchstick-removing game
68 Suffix with señor
69 Item pinned on to support a Russian poet's election to office?
72 Sarge, e.g.
73 Abbr. for a handy-andy
74 Mil. missions
75 Qatar locale
76 Lovers' deity
77 Still | 78 Revise
80 Prepare to give a ring?
81 Horse father
82 Beijing-to-Shanghai dir.
83 Shot fluids
84 "— see it ..."
86 One of the Skywalkers dressed up as St. Nick?
89 Kind of pear
93 With skill
94 Fir's cousin
95 "Ender's Game" star
98 Unmoving machine part
99 Troop gp.
100 They negate deles
101 Afghan-wrapped football?
106 "Help!"
107 Guthrie at Woodstock
108 B-to-F string
109 Thai tongue
110 "Think of — a loan"
112 Foot lever
114 Clean a jack-o'-lantern with a Hoover?
120 More weighty
121 Alicia of ballet | 122 Choose
123 Aden citizens
124 French edict site of 1598
125 Nail coater
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1 Wall St. opportunist
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3 Dutch airline
4 Home to edelweiss
5 Probable
6 Architect Jones
7 Alien craft
8 Writer Anaïs
9 Not be joking
10 "Get Happy" songwriter
11 Highland terrier, briefly
12 Saloon barrel
13 Figured out the value of
14 Stations
15 Hair hider
16 Linda in 1998 headlines
17 "Rabbit, Run" novelist John
18 — Mae (loan provider)
19 Graham or Lorne
24 Sister of Bert Bobbsey
28 Big name in shortening
29 Wealthy
30 Weedkillers
31 Singly
32 James Fenimore Cooper novel, with "The"
34 Grow
35 "I — Male War Bride"
36 History unit
37 Suffix of enzymes
39 Monogram in civil rights
44 Grab quickly
45 Departure
46 Most prickly
47 Trio less one
49 Crustacean such as a wood louse
50 Kudos
53 Features of cloudless days
54 Cuts, as pie
55 Far-off distance
59 Jewish mysticism
60 "McQ" actor
61 Speed skater Dan
65 Of a heart chamber
66 Shout of joy
70 State east of Colo. | 71 Nuclear trial prohibition
79 Catch cold
80 Tartan skirt sporter
84 First Constitution section
85 Risen people
87 Galileo's gp.
88 Inclined (to)
90 Petition, e.g.
91 History unit
92 Light refrain
95 Disinterest
96 "No —!" ("Uh-uh!")
97 Glistening
99 Hall-of-Fame footballer Mel
100 Flower organ
102 Dry, white Italian wine
103 Strips for breakfast
104 Currency unit of Laos
105 Musical exercise
111 Lab safety org.?
113 Major racket rental
115 Capitalize on
116 Cal. dozen
117 — Jong-un
118 Suffix with chlor-
119 "— Blu Dipinto di Blu" (1958 hit) |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was columnist and editor Doug Larson who made the following sage observation: "Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own."
- If you're a fan of football, you've probably seen the leaping lion logo on the helmets of Detroit Lions players. You might not realize, though, that the lion has a name: Bubbles.
- The first volume of the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary was published in 1884, 30 years after the Philological Society of London came up with the idea for a dictionary that traced the way the language had developed from Anglo-Saxon times. It was estimated that the entire project would take 10 years, but in half that time they'd completed just a single volume, covering A to Ant.
- Those who study such things say that your brain takes about 0.0004 seconds to retrieve a memory.
- You might be surprised to learn that the person who has been nominated for more Academy Awards than any other living person is neither an actor nor a director. American composer John Williams -- who created scores for such memorable films as the "Star Wars" series, "Jaws," "Schindler's List," "Jurassic Park," the "Indiana Jones" series, "Fiddler on the Roof" and the first three "Harry Potter" movies -- has (so far) been nominated for a whopping 50 Oscars, and he has taken home five of the statuettes. He's also received three Emmy Awards, four Golden Globes and 22 Grammy Awards -- with an astounding 65 Grammy nominations to his name.
- It's not clear why, but the incidence of left-handedness in twins is significantly higher than it is in the general population.

Thought for the Day: "To be astonished is one of the surest ways of not growing old too quickly." -- Colette
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals Y

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 ONS ZBO QDYKW QAN DYBWQZ
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