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Dark sky preserves could boost tourism in region

By Kayla Smith

Capital News Service

A new law designating dark sky preserves in Michigan is expected to pull visitors from all over the world.

"It was a natural fit," said 106th District State Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle. Pettalia was behind the law meant to protect northern Michigan state parks from artificial light pollution. Pettalia is the vice-chairman of the advisory board for the state parks.

"It's such a neat experience to witness celestial happenings all around you," Pettalia said.

The law specifies Rockport State Recreation Area in Alpena and Presque Isle counties; Negwegon State Park in Alpena and Alcona counties; and Thompson's Harbor State Park in Presque Isle County.

The law also includes Wilderness State Park and nearby state forestland in Emmet County and Port Crescent State Park in Huron County, as well as Lenawee County's Lake

Hudson that was designated a dark sky preserve in 1993 by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The designation promotes stargazing and night photog-

"As an economic development factor, the Headlands designation has had a really positive impact," Adams said.

Since the designation, "hotels and restaurants have

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106th District State Rep.

raphy in the parks. Pettalia said the designations give an edge to Michigan's tourism.

"People travel all over the world, like birders, to see these dark sky parks," he said. "This is just a whole new way to promote tourism in Michigan."

The Headlands in Emmet County, west of Mackinaw City, is Michigan's only international dark sky park. State-designated parks must regulate outdoor lighting, but don't have the same requirements as the Headlands, said Mary Stewart Adams, the program coordinator for the county-run Headlands.

noted an uptick in guests that are drawn to the area specifically to visit the site and participate in programs. Thousands of visitors that chose this area specifically because of our designation through the International Dark Sky Association have made their way here from around the region, the country and the globe. It's really quite exciting," Adams said.

According to Adams, protecting the night sky allows the Headlands and other dark sky parks to maintain the natural habitats within their boundaries. "The northwest

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Dark sky parks offer premium stargazing opportunities. Photo courtesy of Beth Anne Eckerle, Headlands International Dark Sky Park, Mich.

State's largest tree award given in Alcona County

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Alcona County is home to the largest tree of any living species in Michigan. The cer-

tified eastern cottonwood tree has a circumference measuring 311 inches and is probably well over 200 years old.

The tree, located on the

farm of Dale Dellar on Clemens Road in Harrisville, was issued a certificate by the Big Tree Hunt of ReLeaf Michigan, an organization which has contests every few years for the largest trees in the state.

Dellar learned about the big tree hunt when an article appeared in the Alcona County Review in 2012 after Carl Buchner won an award for his big tree -- another eastern cottonwood on Springport Road in Harrisville. The Springport Road tree measured 256 inches. Dellar's 311 inch tree was measured four feet above ground level.

"I saw that article and I called Carl and told him you drove right by the biggest tree in the county to get to the second biggest," Dellar said. Dellar submitted the tree measurements to ReLeaf Michigan in 2013 but the tree wasn't verified until late last fall when he spotted a stranger out measuring it.

The tree has a long history. Dellar said his grandmother, who was born in 1898, remembers the tree as being very large when she was a girl when she traveled past it with a horse and buggy. "That's pretty neat

that my grandmother remembered the tree and remarked about it when we bought the property from Joe and Ida Specht in 1978," Dellar said.

According to Dellar, the tree has weathered many wild storms, some of which took every leaf off of it, but the big cottonwood always came back a few weeks later.

Eastern cottonwoods belong to the willow family and go by other names such as the southern cottonwood, Carolina poplar, eastern poplar and necklace poplar. It is the state tree of Kansas and Nebraska and can survive temperatures ranging from 115 degrees Fahrenheit to as low as -50 degrees Fahrenheit.

The tree can either be male or female but it's only the female trees that drop fluffy, white seeds which look like puffs of cotton during early summer, and gives the tree its name, according to the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita, Kan.

Dellar said his tree drops a lot of fluffy seeds every summer and if a car is parked under it at that time year it's completely covered in fluff in just a few hours.

Since 1993, ReLeaf Michi-

gan, a statewide, non profit tree organization, has challenged the public every few years to find Michigan's largest living trees through its big tree contest. The hunt was created to take over the efforts of Paul Thompson, a botanist, who searched for Michigan's big trees and kept records of them since the early 1940s.

Dellar received two certificates at an award luncheon held in Midland, Mich. last month. One is for the largest reported tree of any species in Michigan and the other for the largest tree in Alcona County.

The tree is located near the driveway of the farm at 4105 Clemens Road, between Poor Farm and McGregor Roads. For more information about ReLeaf Michigan visit info-releafmichigan.org or call (800) 642-7353.



Gene Thibodeau (left) and Dale Dellar stand next to the award winning eastern cottonwood tree located on Dellar's farm in Harrisville. Courtesy photo.



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tip of Michigan is an important staging area for migrating birds, especially raptors, and protecting the natural darkness means protecting their habitat," she said.

Most of the parks included in the new law are pretty far off the beaten path, making them great for stargazing, but also for conservation, Adams explained. For example, Negwegon State Park boasts four backwoods camping sites accessible only by foot.

"Even getting to the parking lot can be an adventure," said Mara Koenig, a public affairs specialist for the Midwest region of the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service.

Negwegon's supervisor, Eric Ostrander, and Koenig agree the backwoods vibe is valuable for conservation efforts. "Huron has a lot of dune and swale habitat," Koenig said. "Dune and swale is primary habitat for whitefish, especially for spawning and nurseries. There are also quite a few endangered or close-to-it species in the area, such as the Hine's emerald dragonfly."

A \$900,000 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant will be put toward a land purchase that will connect the two halves of Negwegon State

Park. The two sites have been separate since the formation of the park 54 years ago. Private landowners had kept their beachfront property, hindering management and stewardship programs from taking full effect, Ostrander said.

The state park had been eyeing the land parcel for quite some time and the opportunity finally came to make the purchase when the family who owned the parcel felt it was time to sell. Koenig said the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program allocated the funds. The program "came about through wanting to preserve coastal areas in the Great Lakes."

"If we link the parcels, it will be better for our ongoing stewardship programs, searching for invasive species and managing endangered species. You don't have a lot of protected publically owned water fringe habitat," Ostrander said.

Along with the grant, Adams said that Negwegon's dark sky designation may result in community-building and support from partners, as it has for the Headlands. "The list of partners that our international dark sky park designation has resulted in includes the Michigan DNR and state parks system, as well as the National Park Service's Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division," Adams said. "All of this brings increased attention to the natural beauty of our environment, which has a great, positive consequence for all of us."

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Wow! What a difference it makes when you send a letter to the editor. Cedar Lake Road has been plowed and taken care of 95 percent better after this last storm.

Kudos to the road commission. I guess it pays to complain. Thank you so much! Keep up the great work.

Patricia Davis
Greenbush

Obituaries

Mara Eaves

Mara Eaves, 51, of Lincoln died on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at home.

She was born on May 4, 1964 in Detroit, Mich. to Gerald Cline and Joan Gonyea.

She was a resident of Lincoln for 18 years.

Mrs. Eaves enjoyed sunflowers, reading, watching television and being outdoors, especially on the lake and the beach.

She loved her family deeply and enjoyed spending all the time she could with her children.

Mrs. Eaves is survived by her husband, Sam Eaves; one daughter, Samantha Gusmano; one son, Joseph Eaves; and her mother, Joan Gonyea.

Visitation was March 4 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Charles D. Flanders

Charles D. Flanders, 78, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 8, 1937, to Francis G. and Mary (Brownell) Flanders in Flint, Mich. He was raised in Flint, Mich. and in Oscoda.

On August 26, 1959, he married Harriet Haskell in Oscoda. They were longtime residents of Battle Creek, Mich. where he served numerous families as a funeral director.

He was a member of the Lions Club in Battle Creek, Mich. for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Sunrise Side Woodcarvers and taught woodcarving and a member of Hope St. John's Parish in Oscoda.

He was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Flanders is survived by his wife, Harriet; one daughter, Kimberly G. Flanders of Battle Creek, Mich.; two sons, Charles Mark (Donna) Flanders of Battle Creek, Mich. and Matthew B. (Janice) Flanders of Ceresco, Mich.; two grandchildren, Mallory (Joshua) Davis and Zachary (Heather) Flanders; one great-granddaughter, Adleigh Davis; and one brother, Francis B. (Susan) Flanders.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Susan Flanders-Klein; one daughter-in-law, Debora Flanders; and one sister-in-law, Barbara Flanders.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society or Hospice of Michigan.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015-2016

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Feb. 28	39		23	0.00	5.2
Feb. 29	38	9	0.02	4.5	28	SW
March 1	24	20	0.33	14.5	32	NNE
March 2	26	15	0.03	2.5	17	NNE
March 3	28	4	0.00	1.8	11	N
March 4	33	8	0.00	4.9	26	S
March 5	31	18	0.00	1.3	9	S

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.38	7.6	0.40
Month of February	1.36	19.0	1.40
March to Date	0.36	7.6	0.30
Year/Season to Date	3.09	54.5	3.41

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

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

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 info.

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, MARCH 10

Guitar virtuoso and master showman Edgar Cruz will present his unique blend of classical, Latin, pop, jazz and guitar masterpieces at Alpena High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Single tickets for this event are \$20; students are free. For more information, contact Leslie Reynolds at (989) 358-5009 or David Usher at ((89) 471-9182.

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.

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.

Sgt. Keith Myers will give a presentation on scams and fraud as it pertains to seniors at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church will show a film at 7 p.m. at the Alcona County Library. This film will depict the events concerning the resurrection of Jesus.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

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

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

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

Corned beef and cabbage dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$9 per person. D.J. Roger at 7 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

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

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

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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.

Pinochle players will meet at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

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

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

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 selec-

tion for March is "Guests on Earth" by Lee Smith. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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.

Families are invited to Richardson Elementary School, located on River Road in Oscoda, to attend the Super Reader show for parents and students in kindergarten through sixth grades. The show starts promptly at 6:15 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. Materials on raising a super reader will be passed out along with popcorn refreshments. Door prizes will be awarded to attendees.

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Local Notes



NOTICE

Hawes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Barton City VFW Hall, 2120 Trask Lake Road. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Please note that the meeting is on Thursday instead of Tuesday due to the presidential election.
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Away At School

Lizah M. Abraham of Varnville, S.C., formerly of Greenbush, was named to the dean's list at South Carolina State University for the fall 2015 semester. She is the daughter of Amy and Christopher Abraham and granddaughter of Nancy Brown and Dale Stewart.

Severe Weather Program

The Alcona County Emergency Management Office and Amateur Radio Group are sponsoring a free Skywarn Training Severe Weather Program presented by the National Weather Service of Gaylord, Mich. on Thursday, March 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held at the Alcona County EMS/EOC building located at 2600 East M-72, six miles west of US-23 on the south side of the road. Attendees will have a chance to win a free All Hazards Alert Weather Radio. This event is open to the public - no registration required. Refreshments will be available. For additional information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550.

Egg-Stravaganza

Youngsters ages zero to 13 are invited to hop on down to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on

Saturday, March 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to participate in the Egg-Stravaganza. Attendees will meet the Easter Bunny, decorate an egg, and make a craft. All kids will receive an Easter candy treat, and can enter a drawing to win prizes. This program sponsored by the Lions Club and Lady Lions of Harrisville and the Friends of the Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Classic Movie

Everyone is invited to a classic movie at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, March 18 at 5:45 p.m. This month's movie is the 1953 film which won Academy Awards for best director and best cinematography. It is a love story between an American boxer and an Irish lass filmed entirely in Ireland, starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. This program is co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and the Alcona County Library. Free popcorn and beverages will be available. The April 15 movie will be the movie based on the classic novel by Harper Lee, starring Gregory Peck. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, March 14—Beef tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, and tropical fruit.

- Tuesday, March 15—Pork chop bake with sweet potatoes and apples, baby carrots, and pears.

- Wednesday, March 16—Herb chicken, wild rice, squash, and mixed fruit.

- Thursday, March 17—Corned beef and cabbage, red potato and carrots, tossed salad, peaches, and pistachio pudding.

- Friday, March 18—Chicken and stuffing casserole, winter blend, and mixed fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Scholarship is Available

Applications are available from the Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 for the 2016 Community College Scholarship which is open to any high school senior from the following high schools: Alpena, Arenac Eastern, Au Gres Sims, Hale, Alcona, Oscoda, Standish-Sterling, Tawas, Whittemore-Prescott, and the Alternative Education Academy of Iosco County. The applying student must be attending one of the following community colleges during the 2016-17 academic school year: Alpena Community College, Delta Community College, and Kirtland Community College.

Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to the top male and top female applicants. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the Tawas Area Elks Lodge website at <http://www.elks.org-lodges/LodgePages.cfm?LodgeNumber=2525&ID=15006>. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 29, 2015. Contact Brad Saegesser, Scholarship Chairperson, at (989) 820-7171, with any questions.



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New type of 4-H club provides members an introduction to sewing

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The new 4-H SPIN club has been sewing receiving blankets for the Alcona County Baby Pantry.

SPIN clubs are special interest clubs through the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) 4-H program. They are offered for a short length of time and are a good fit for busy volunteers and youth.

"They focus on a specific topic and appeal to leaders like me who are too busy to commit to a year around 4-H program," Tracy D'Augustino said. D'Augustino leads the sewing club along with her daughter, Kelly D'Augustino, and mother, Bette Keerl, who D'Augustino refers to as the "voice of reason."

Three 12 year olds, Kaidence Colvin, Cecelia Spears and Brielle Keyser are learning to sew through the SPIN club and have already accomplished a lot in just three sessions. Their final session will be in April.

The girls have sewn 13 self-binding receiving blankets which will all be donated to the Alcona County Baby Pantry. The girls are also sewing pillowcases for themselves.

T. D'Augustino said each girl donated \$3 toward fabric and thread with many other yards of material donated by



Kaidence Colvin (front), Brielle Keyser (standing) and Cecelia Spears are sewing receiving blankets they have made in their 4-H sewing club SPIN class as leader Tracy D'Augustino helps. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

T. D'Augustino and Keerl.

The girls said it was fun to learn how to work the sewing machine and it was fun to just hang out with each other. Colvin said the hard part was remembering how to sew from one session to the other. "I'm pretty sure my mom will let

me sew something after the SPIN class is over," Colvin said.

For more information about 4-H clubs and SPIN clubs, contact Les Thomas, MSUE 4-H coordinator, at (989) 335-0398

To everyone who has supported us following the death of my father, Bill Eberhardt, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Gillies Funeral Home, Trinity Lutheran Church and Pastor Schwartz.
Jessica Keyser & Family

Taking a productive spring break

For many college students, spring break involves exotic beaches, rowdy parties and club-filled nights with several thousand brand new friends.

For others, the perfect spring break involves sleeping until noon and binge-watching Netflix.

But at Michigan Technological University, many students crave a bit more adventure or gravitate toward activities that seek a higher purpose. For these students, Alternative Spring Breaks combine spending time away from campus with a little something extraordinary.

Spreading the joy of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is also the goal of Michigan Tech's nationally-known Mind Trekkers as they travel deep in the heart of Texas over break. The Center for Pre-college Outreach is sending 50 students to San Jacinto College in the Hous-

ton suburb of Pasadena, Texas, to put on a two-day science and engineering festival.

Amanda McConnon, assistant director of the Center for Pre-college Outreach, said the group plans on reaching an estimated 6,000 students over the course of the festival.

Tori Keerl, Mind Trekkers vice president of archives, said Mind Trekkers offers a unique opportunity for Michigan Tech students to not only travel to new places with current friends, but to make new friends while sharing a passion for STEM with youth. "It never gets old to see a middle-school student's face light up and smile when they understand the science behind these amazing demonstrations," Keerl said.

"That is what makes volunteering over spring break so worth it. You know you are sparking their interest in learning again and possibly

making a difference in that child's future career path."

McConnon explained the trip won't be all work. "We have many activities for our students including a trampoline park, basketball games, a rodeo, a trip to NASA, team dinners and the Kemah Boardwalk Amusement Park in Kemah, Texas."

(Editor's Note: This story was written and provided by Mark Wilcox, a news writer at Michigan Technological University.)

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Three Alcona County teenagers will join Pastor Arie Van Brenk, of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln, on a mission trip to Cap-Haitien, Haiti this week. The week-long trip will include missionary work with a medical team, construction work and working on water filtration systems to help the people of Haiti. Funds to make the trip possible were acquired through church fundraisers such as garage sales and dinners as well as a donation through the Alcona County Clergy Association. (From left) Kyle Apsey, 16; Kendra Cole, 18; Van Brenk and Karina Cole, 19. Photo by Mary Weber.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report
For the Week of February 29 -March 6, 2016

60 complaints were handled with the following results: 6 Arrests; 5 Warrants; 1 Driving While License Suspended.

Complaint Statistics			
Car/Deer Accidents	5	Property Damage Accident	3
Miscellaneous	6	Agency Assist	2
Dog/Animal Complaint	6	Traffic	10
Alarm	4	911 Hang Up	1
Domestic	1	911 Hang Up	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2	Warrant Arrest	5
Civil	1	Overdose	1
Be On the Lookout	2	Medical	2
Personal Injury Accident	4	Drive While Lic. Suspended	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Suicidal Subject	1
Suicide	1	Suspicious Events	2

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
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Alcona Dredge 118.5 121.5	Lincoln Prec. 18 12	Ace 191.5 228.5
Alcona Tool 117.5 122.5	Stoney Acres 12 18	Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 199 and 522.
Back Alley Bar 114.5 125.5	Alcona Tool 8 22	Boy's high handicap game and series: Cory Hoffman, 231 and 618.
Ark Plumbing 100 140	Back Alley Bar 5 25	Girls' high game and series: Emily Hanson, 103 and 281.
Stoney Acres 90 150	JB's Auto 5 25	Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 213 and 610.
High game: Flora Yingling and Karen Godi, 194. High series: Flora Yingling, 555.	High game and series: Lynn Gibson, 254 and 648.	
High handicap game: Ann Monnier, 241. High handicap series: Becky Kwilinski, 644.	High handicap game and series: Lynn Gibson, 265 and 681.	
	Early Bloomers March 1	Minor March 5
Cat Nips from the Alcona Humane Society "Tom Cat" replaced "Ram" or "Boar" for the name of male cats after a popular book of 1760 with a male cat character named Tom was written. The book was titled "The Life and Adventures of a Cat," by an anonymous author. freakibble.com	Rosebuds 128 61 Tigerlilys 126 63 Marigolds 111 78 Mums 97.5 91.5 Bluebells 93 96 Buttercups 82 107 Daffodils 74.5 114.5 Violets 44 145 High game and series: Gina Broadwood, 232 and 592. High team game and series: Rosebuds, 401 and 1,030.	Boys 117 65 Girls 65 117 Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 79 and 144. Boy's high handicap game and series: Garrett Somers, 197 and 380. Girl's high game and series: Adonia Schott, 72 and 126. Girl's high handicap game and series: Arian Monnier, 231 and 456.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to avoid Medicare mistakes while still working

Dear Savvy Senior,
Should I enroll in Medicare at age 65 if I'm still working and have coverage through my employer?

Almost 65

Dear Almost,

The rules for enrolling in Medicare can be very confusing with all the different choices available today. But when you postpone retirement past age 65, as many people are doing, it becomes even more complicated.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor's bills, lab tests and outpatient care. Part B also has a monthly premium of \$104.90 in 2016 (though it's higher for individuals earning \$85,000 or more a year).

If you are receiving Social Security, you will be enrolled automatically in parts A and B when you turn 65. If you

aren't yet receiving Social Security, you will have to apply, which you can do online at SSA.gov/medicare, over the phone at (800) 772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have health insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. But to decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.

If your current employer (or spouse's employer if it's providing your coverage) has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period.

This is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after

your 65th birthday.

If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from January 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium.

If your employer has 20 or more employees, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer as long as you (or your spouse if the coverage is from his/her employer) remain an active employee. If this is the case, you don't need to enroll in Part B when you turn 65 if you're satisfied with the coverage you are getting through your job. But if you do decide to enroll in Medicare, it will supplement your employer insurance by paying secondary on all of your claims.

Once your employment (or group health coverage) ends,



Savvy Senior

you will then have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty. This is known as the Special Enrollment Period.

You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage. Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable." (Creditable prescription drug coverage is one that is considered to be as good as or better than the Medicare prescription drug benefit.) If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If it isn't, you should purchase a

plan (see medicare.gov/find-a-plan) during your initial enrollment period or you'll incur a premium penalty (one percent of the average national premium for every month you don't have coverage) if you enroll later.

For additional help, visit Medicare.gov or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at Shiptacenter.org. The Medicare Rights Center also offers a free helpline at (800) 333-4114.

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Lady Tigers fall in Class C District Championship game

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team's season came to an end at the hand of the Tawas Braves on March 4 in girls Class C District basketball action.

The Lady Tigers had a strong run last week during opening games of districts. Monday, Feb. 29 was the first round of district action and the Lady Tigers pounced on the Oscoda Owls to secure a 76-45 victory.

On March 2 Alcona dominated the AuGres Panthers 44-30 in the second round to advance to the championship game against the Braves.

In the first quarter, Alcona trailed 10-9 after a triple by Kendra LaFave with six sec-



Taylor Livingston (40) hangs on to the ball and looks to make a pass. Photo by Ben Murphy.

onds left on the clock. Torie Harmon's two steals helped fuel Alcona's offense. Brittany Decker, Taylor Livingston, Alissa Tersptra and Jordan Joyce stepped up with crucial buckets to give Alcona the 30-25 advantage at the half.

Early in the third quarter the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 10 points but it was short lived. The Lady Tigers struggled to slow down the Lady Braves outside shooting attack. Tawas went on a 25-8 run and captured the 50-38 lead by the end of the period. Although Alcona was able to match Tawas bucket for bucket in the final quarter, the deficit on the score-

board was too large at that point and the Lady Tigers lost the championship game 65-52 to the Lady Braves.

"Every season has to come to an end and unfortunately ours came up one game too short. We played to our game plan but turnovers really hurt especially in the second half. Disappointing for the five seniors to have their career end this way," said Coach Brad Cole.

LaFave was the leading scorer with 10 points and seven rebounds. Terpstra netted 10 points and pulled down five rebounds. Britt Decker added seven points and secured nine rebounds. Livingston put in eight points,

grabbed six rebounds. Sydney Pierce scored six points, Torie Harmon covered the floor with four points, five rebounds, five assists four steals and three blocks.

On March 2 Alcona traveled to AuGres Sims High School to take on the Lady Panthers in the second round of girls Class C District basketball action.

The Lady Tigers had a 17-4 lead by the end of the first quarter. They maintained the upper hand in the second quarter and had a 20-6 lead heading when it ended.

After the break, the Panthers rallied to outscore Alcona 15-11, but the Lady Tigers still maintained the 31-21 lead going into the fourth quarter. Alcona clamped down again on defense to secure the 44-30 victory which put them in the district championship game.

Harmon led the Lady Tigers with 10 points, six rebounds and three assists. Decker scored six points and snatched seven rebounds. Claire Feldhiser added six points. LaFave, Pierce and Elmer each scored five points.

In the first round of district action Alcona hit the hardwood against Oscoda -- a team they were very familiar with after playing the Owls twice in the regular season. The Lady Tigers set the pace for the game by securing the 25-7 lead by the sound of the first buzzer. Momentum con-

tinued to favor of the Lady Tigers as they extended their lead to 41-26 by halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Tigers turned up the defensive pressure which caused trouble for the Owls. Alcona cruised past Oscoda by the end of third quarter pushing its lead to 68-34 going into the final period. Alcona held off a late Oscoda rally in the fourth quarter to take home the 76-45 victory.

"It was a great win for our team as we kept our momentum going. But it is just one win and we have to focus on the next one. Obviously, Kendra LaFave was huge tonight but overall I thought our whole team did exactly what we expected them too," said assistant coach Mark Feldhiser.

LaFave was unstoppable on offense with 34 points. She set a new record after hitting nine three-pointers in a single game. Harmon helped set the tempo with eight points, eight steals, and five assists. Livingston netted six points. Decker got the job done with six points, seven rebounds and four steals. Madison Lane scored four points. Pierce added four points, six assists and six blocks. Rachel Warner and Terpstra each made four points.

The Lady Tigers finished the 2015-2016 girls basketball season 14-6 overall and 13-3 in the North Star League.



Migration Madness

Bird activity is picking up in my backyard bird garden. The other day warblers, cardinals, brown-headed cowbirds, red-wing blackbirds, blue jays, wrens and more all showed at my tray feeder for peanuts, sunflower heart chips and white proso millet. Migrating birds are fun to watch and feed!

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Alcona boys win at Posen, can't quite hang with Hillman Tigers

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team topped off its regular season with a solid road win at Posen Thursday night. The Tigers and Vikings met on the court for a North Star League contest that saw the Tigers claim a 72-52 victory.

"It's always nice to end the regular season with a win. I just wish we would have played a little better in the second half," head coach Toby Suttle said. "We shot the ball really well in the first half, but we still have some room to grow defensively."

The Tigers blistered the nets from the outside, especially early on as it took leads of 23-12 after the first quarter and 46-25 at the half.

Alcona held on to its lead at 62-43 entering the third and outscored the Vikings in a low-scoring fourth, 10-9.

"We made 16 threes on the night," Suttle said. "We shot the ball really well and played together, which was great to see."

The Tigers were led on this hot-shooting night by Nate Swinson who had 23 points, Devon Mills netted 14, and Alec Link and Tim Hutchinson had nine points apiece. Alex Stephenson had six, Hunter Sullivan and Isaac Dubuque had four apiece and Jack Hutchinson netted three.

On Monday, Feb. 29 Alcona hosted NSL Big Dipper champion Hillman. Despite giving Hillman a battle in the first half, the Alcona Tigers fell 69-48.

"I wasn't happy with it, I thought we competed in the first half but I thought we were good enough to compete in the second half too," Suttle said. "Hillman is obviously a really good team but I think if we play to our potential and make better basketball decisions we'd get a better idea of how good we could be."

Alcona led the game 21-17 early in the second quarter, and after Hillman tied the game at 21, Swinson connected on a fast-break bucket to put them back up at 23-21



Alec Link soars up high for a jumper during last week's home loss to Hillman. Photo by Ben Murphy.

and buckets by Mills and Stephenson kept them ahead 27-25.

The Tigers buried home a pair of late first half threes though, giving them a 32-30 lead at the half.

Alcona hung around for awhile in the third quarter but Hillman closed that frame on an 11-0 run to lead 52-35 entering the fourth quarter, where Hillman continued to pull away.

"I thought we played okay," Suttle said. "We took care of the ball a lot better but we still made some mental mistakes. I think that we still didn't play to our potential though. We played close to it in the first half but we came out in the third quarter flat for no reason. That's kind of been our struggle this year, coming out flat in the third quarter with no rhyme or reason for it. That's something we need to get out of doing for

us to have success in districts."

Alcona was led by T. Hutchinson with 13 points, Swinson netted nine and Link had seven. Dubuque scored six points and Stephenson put in five.

Alcona (11-9 overall) plays in the boys Class C District action this week at Tawas High School. The Tigers play tonight (Wednesday) against Whittemore-Prescott (12-8) with Tawas (14-5) and Oscoda (7-13) playing on the other side of the bracket. The championship game is slated for Friday, with the winner getting the rights to play in the regional tournament in Manton, Mich. "I think Tawas has to be the favorite, but really the district (title) is up for grabs," Suttle said. "This is what you play your 20 games and improve for, anybody can beat anybody. In the month of March it's win or go home."

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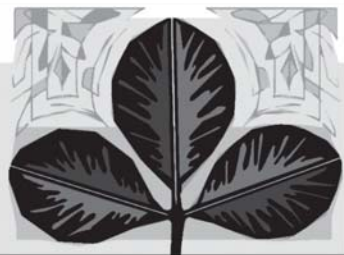
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Rural traffic jams

By Mary Weber
Columnist

Since moving north to this wondrous community full of fresh air, forests, open farmland and soft sand beaches we have noted countless differences from where we lived in our suburban Detroit neighborhood.

One of those differences is the lack of traffic jams.

I'm not saying Alcona County never has a traffic jam, in fact, there have been times when getting from point A to point B becomes a bit difficult or what I prefer to call an interesting adventure.

Many of these rural adventures involves delays due to community parades or extremely large, slow moving pieces of farm equipment.

There was even a delay that involved a "honey wagon" -- a manure trailer that overturned on the side of F-41 a few years ago. While I was not a witness to that accident, I did encounter the area shortly afterwards. I can testify to the after-effects of crossing through an area where such an accident occurred -- the "aroma" stays with a car even



Alcona's Backyard

By Mary Weber

honk right away on that first encounter. Not knowing which way the cow was headed, I rolled my window and kindly said to his tail, which was the end facing me, "Hello....Mr. Cow, could you please move so I could get by, I'm running a bit late."

Sir Rumproast didn't turn around or twitch his tail, so I tried to talk him into moving again. The second attempt was made by using my best high pitched excited voice -- the same voice I use when talking to my dogs. "Hey there Rumpy, come on buddy. Give a girl a break and move aside please, I'll give you a cookie if you do." Again I received no response.

Figuring this steer certainly had a hearing prob-

their cows was out on the road. So, I did the next best thing. I called my husband.

I'm pretty sure every boy has had the dream to be a cowboy. My Wil is no different, and, as I found out that day, he was still very much a boy at heart. Just a few minutes after I set the phone down, my cowboy came to the rescue, riding high on a four wheeler with rope in hand and wearing a big smile. Yippie yi yo kayak - hi ho Silver away!

He safely managed to get the steer to the nearest gate just as the owners were driving up in their truck. He never got to use the rope, which I'm sure he was disappointed about; he just edged the cow along the road using his four wheeler.

My next traffic jam with a cow involved two vehicles, mine, going north on F-41 and an undertaker's hearse traveling south. A much larger bovine had made it to the middle of the road and decided to stay put. This time I knew better than to honk and used my cell phone to let the sheriff's office know about the situation.

The strange thing about that instance was the driver of the hearse. He decided a large cow in the middle of the road was worthy of a picture and started taking several with his cell phone until Buttercup, or whatever her name was, decided she didn't like modeling for paparazzi hearse drivers and moved off to greener pastures.

I've stopped in the middle of the road for deer crossing a lot lately, at least once or twice a week. I'm always baffled why the deer seem to cross the street single file, so a large herd of 10 or 20 can make your wait seem to take forever.

Other situations, such as turtles crossing the road in the summer, actually have me out of my car to make sure the slow amphibians get to the other side safely. I do occasionally have run-ins with snapping turtles making this journey. Since I know better than to pick up a large snapper because they can turn that long neck and snap off an appendage rather suddenly, I reach for the only large stick shaped item in my trunk -- an extendible snow scraper.

I'm sure if anyone had seen me pushing along that large turtle by sweeping at his behind with a snow scraper in the middle of summer they would know right away I'm a girl from the city.

Just the other day after picking up a friend to do errands, a different kind of encounter came galloping up the street. Four lovely horses were spooked by coyotes and



Traffic jams in Alcona County often involve animals on the road including four horses that were spooked by coyotes and got out of their stall. Photo by Mary Weber.

after two or three washings.

Most of the slow downs involve animals on the roadway. One such time was when we first moved to Alcona County. I was late for a meeting and turned out of my driveway to see a young, curly haired steer in the middle of our street. This, I found out, is not all that uncommon, but for one who had never lived in the country before, the fact young Sir Rumproast was in the middle of the road was somewhat alarming.

I learned an important lesson that day. Don't honk at a cow. They don't like it. I didn't

lem, I drove a little closer, but he stood his ground on yellow line, not budging an inch. That's when I made my mistake and gave him a little honk.

It frightened him so much he started bucking. If it wasn't for my lightning fast reflexes to put the car in reverse, I'm sure I would have lost a headlight. He was mad and he was letting me know it. Holy cow, Sir Rumproast could really buck.

I managed to back up quite a bit. I didn't have the neighbor's phone number to call and let them know one of

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
 Computers available for seniors from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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 presentation that will address scams and what each citizen should know to protect their privacy and themselves from becoming a victim, will be held at the United Methodist Church fellowship

hall at 217 North US-23 in Harrisville. Sgt. Keith Myers will be the guest speaker. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
 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 fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

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.

A homemade soup and pie supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-

23). The meal will be a free will offering with proceeds going toward local church missions.

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" 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 crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Westminster Presbyterian Church will show a film at 7 p.m. at the Alcona County Library. This film will depict the events concerning the resurrection of Jesus.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
 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.

Classic movie night at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5:45 p.m. Free popcorn. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
 Children age zero to 13 are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to participate in the annual Egg-Stravaganza. Meet the Easter Bunny, decorate an egg, and make a craft. All children will receive an Easter candy treat and will be entered in a drawing to win prizes. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Bowling for bow-wows and meows, a benefit for the Alcona Humane Society will be held at 6 p.m. at Village Lanes, 226 South US-23 in Harrisville. Cost is \$20 per bowler and includes three games, shoes and a ball if needed. For more information, call (989) 335-4249 or (989) 736-7387.

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Local and personal

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—x—

John Samuelson has placed a phone in his store.

—x—

Miss Grace Potts spent the weekend in Alpena.

—x—

Born Saturday, 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swales, a daughter.

—x—

Miss Clara McLean has returned from Alpena, where she spent several weeks.

—x—

Miss Sarah Carriveau has gone to Rochester, Mich., to work in the knitting mills.

—x—

Jos. Anderson fell on the ice Sunday, on the lake, and broke his left arm at the wrist.

—x—

Mrs. F. A. Beede is visiting in Kalamazoo. From there she expects to go to Detroit and then to New York.

—x—

Mr. Grabowski of Detroit, came to visit his daughter, Mrs. S. B. Pizer, and to get acquainted with his new grandson.

—x—

Clyde Miller has erected a new blacksmith shop on the C. J. McDonald lot opposite the Huron View Hotel.

—x—

A sister of Mrs. O. H. Smith died last week at Fayette, Mich. Mrs. Geo. Rutson, a

niece of the dead lady, attended the funeral.

—x—

Green Bros, have the thanks of the Review for a sack of splendid apples. Good, well-kept apples in March are a fine treat for anybody.

—x—

The Review was in error in reporting the sale of a Durham bull from the

McGregor farm. It was a Herford, of which the farm possesses a fine herd.

—x—

Frank Dyer, son of Mrs. Michael Dyer, formerly of Harrisville, died Friday in Detroit. The young man had been taking treatment in a sanatorium for tuberculosis.

—x—

The Misses Addie and Myrtle LaChapelle left Tuesday for Bay City and

Owosso. From the latter place they go to resume their millinery business in Boyne City.

—x—

Mrs. Fred Landon and son, Freddie, returned Saturday from Alpena, where she was employed in the Boston Restaurant. She is now at her home in Hawes.

—x—

An examination to fill the position of postmaster at

Spruce, will be held Saturday, March 1st, at Alpena. The compensation of the postmaster for the last fiscal year was \$307.

—x—

W. H. Carter of Killmaster returned recently from Ann Arbor, where he took treatment in the University hospital. He received encouragement and his friends hope for his speedy recovery.

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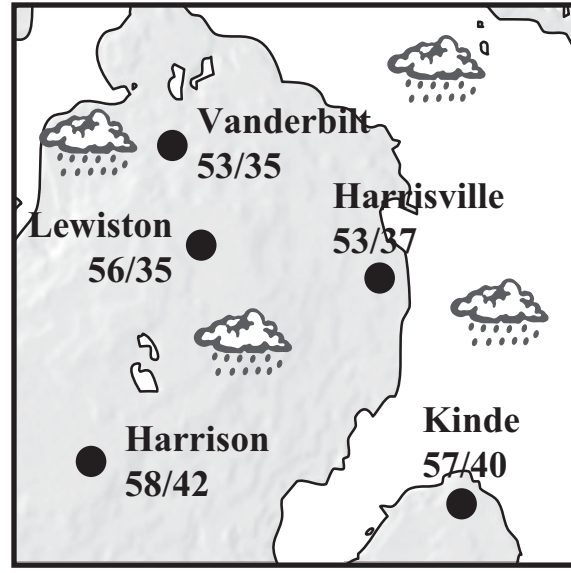
Alcona Review Weather Report

March 9, 2016

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Rain Likely High: 53 Low: 37
	THURSDAY Few Showers High: 44 Low: 31
	FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High: 43 Low: 33
	SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 49 Low: 36
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 46 Low: 34
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 42 Low: 31
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 45 Low: 29

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of rain, high temperature of 53°, humidity of 87%. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 60° set in 1977. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 37°. The record low for tonight is -17° set in 1960.

*Last Week's Almanac

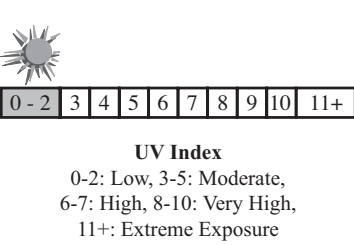
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	35	9	32/13	0.00"
Tuesday	22	8	32/13	0.54"
Wednesday	23	4	32/14	0.05"
Thursday	30	-5	32/14	0.00"
Friday	36	-4	33/14	0.00"
Saturday	33	17	33/15	0.00"
Sunday	40	12	34/15	0.03"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
First 3/15	6:53 a.m.	6:32 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:51 a.m.	6:34 p.m.	7:51 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	
Thursday	6:50 a.m.	6:35 p.m.	8:27 a.m.	10:04 p.m.	
Friday	6:48 a.m.	6:36 p.m.	9:06 a.m.	11:17 p.m.	
Saturday	6:48 a.m.	6:36 p.m.	10:48 a.m.	11:17 p.m.	
Sunday	7:44 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	11:33 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	
Monday	7:42 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	12:23 p.m.	2:29 a.m.	
Tuesday					New 4/7

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 75° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with a few showers today and Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 72° in Billings, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in El Centro, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:42 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Venus	6:11 a.m.	n/a
Mars	12:38 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
Jupiter	6:12 p.m.	7:09 a.m.
Saturn	1:50 a.m.	10:57 a.m.
Uranus	8:02 a.m.	9:01 p.m.

Weather History

March 9, 1956 - A whopping 367 inches of snow was measured on the ground at the Ranier Paradise Ranger Station in Washington. The snow depth was a state record and the second highest total of record for the continental United States.

Weather Trivia

Can weather satellites be used to study insects?
Answer: Scientists can determine when locusts hatch by using these satellites.
 www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Home burnt

March 10, 1882 - The usual quiet of our village was disturbed about midnight, last Friday, by the sounding of the alarm of fire, which was soon responded to by a rush of crowds of our citizens to the disaster. It seems that the residence of Peter Mossa, situated on lower Lake street (formerly owned by Hugh McMasters) caught fire from a stove pipe at a place where said pipe passed up through the second floor, and the fire was well under head way before being discovered by the occupants of the house. So rapidly did the flames communicate with one part of the structure from another, that it was with difficulty that two parties sleeping on second floor escaped with their lives [they jumped from the window], and but little of the household effects were saved.

Finding that there was no possibility of saving the building, a large number of citizens set themselves effectively at work to save the small dwelling of Mrs. Cummings, situated in proximity to the fire, which work, by much exertion, was successfully performed. The dwelling of Mossa, totally demolished, was, we learn, with contents, insured for \$1-200 in the Detroit Fire and Marine. which will help him out amazingly.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Seeing the Young Moon

One aspect of the evening sky in the spring is that the ecliptic, the Earth's orbital plane projected into space, is tilted at a steep angle (about 70 degrees) to the western horizon. Since the moon orbits near to the ecliptic, this affords an opportunity for the fast moving moon to be seen as a razor thin crescent a day or so after its new phase. The conditions are right for a series of these types of observations this week if weather conditions cooperate. The moon is new, passing the sun at 8:54 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. By sundown on the 9th, the moon will have moved to a position nearly 9.5 degrees above the horizon. Sunset is essentially at 6 p.m., and moonset will be an hour later. Between 30-40 minutes after sundown, an ultra thin, one percent lit crescent moon will be seen (probably using binoculars) about three degrees above the horizon just to the south of west. A flawless western horizon is necessary. A much less difficult observation of a 5 percent lit crescent moon will be visible the following evening, March 10. By 45 minutes after sundown, the sky will be dark enough to see the moon easily, and Luna will be still 14 degrees above the western horizon. That will be an easy observation that can be made without binoculars, but will be greatly enhanced with their use. Look for earthshine, light from a nearly full Earth being reflected back to us from the unlit portions of the moon. If the air is clear, you should be able to see the earthshine by looking at the moon directly; but its effect will be enhanced if you look away from the moon, and use averted vision to see it. The rods, which are in the peripheral area of the eyes, are more sensitive to low light than the cones found in the central vision. This will also work when using binoculars. Earthshine should also be seen under clear conditions on March 11 and 12. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before bedtime on March 13 as we jump ahead to Daylight Saving Time, causing Sol to rise and set later, better syncing it with our time awake. www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MEASUREMENTS:** How fast do you have to travel to break the sound barrier?
2. **FOOD & DRINK:** What food is also known as a groundnut?
3. **MOVIES:** What film ended with the words "the horror ... the horror"?
4. **QUOTATIONS:** What 20th-century actor once said, "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway"?
5. **MEDICAL:** What is the medical symptom called dyspnea?
6. **SCIENCE:** What is the study of blood called?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the predominant language of Australia?
8. **TELEVISION:** Who was Sonny Crockett's partner in "Miami Vice"?
9. **U.S. STATES:** How many U.S. states border Mexico?
10. **LANGUAGE:** What is the longest English word composed only of vowels?

Answers: 1. About 770 mph; 2. Peanut; 3. "Apocalypse Now"; 4. John Wayne; 5. Shortness of breath; 6. Hematology; 7. English; 8. Ricardo "Rico" Tubbs; 9. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas; 10. Euouaee, a musical cadence. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

A DOZEN TO CHOOSE FROM

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS
1 Stinging box jellyfish
8 Salvador of surrealism
12 NFL three-pointers: Abbr.
15 Seal off
19 Satellite, to its planet
20 Envoy
22 Course
23 Jack-o'-lantern
25 One gazing
26 Ending of sugars
27 A deadly sin
28 Wiggly fish
29 Mother, in Madrid
30 Snow house
32 1986 #1 hit for Whitney Houston
36 Colonel on "Hogan's Heroes"
40 See 52-Across
41 Tibetan or Thai
42 Weighted fishing nets
43 How butter is often eaten
47 Gave gas to in a garage
49 Start to fall
50 ER lifesaver | 52 With 40-Across, 1960s fad dance
53 Christmas star's place
55 7/21/69 New York Times headline
61 Strong desire
62 Say "I do" to
64 Having a sleek design
65 Snatched
66 1978 Maya Angelou poem
71 Shot — (ice hockey statistic)
74 Not of the clergy
75 Bit of Aspen gear
76 Feedbag bit
79 Y2K
83 Nostalgic Jimmy?
86 Sebastian of England
87 Kind of poem
88 Ill-lighted
90 Pestle's partner
91 Nine-item groups
95 "Fallin'" singer Keys
98 Tale twisters
99 Dress fussily | 101 Dessert at a tropical-themed party, maybe
103 1928 Eddie Cantor song
107 Reel drum
108 Samuel on the Supreme Court
109 Drop the ball
110 Mosque chief
111 Kick — fuss
114 Strong desire
115 It uses only the 12 letters A, E, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, U and W (like eight long answers in this puzzle)
121 "The Wizard of Oz" farm hand
122 Present-day Persians
123 Most lax
124 In time past, in time past
125 Hogs' home
126 Rolling — (rich)
127 Apply messily | 2 Lengthy reigns, say
3 Proficient
4 Wheaton of the screen
5 Volume 1 heading starter
6 "Black Beauty" author
Anna
7 First names, in France
8 Disallow
9 Fuse box unit
10 Lucy of the screen
11 Philosophy
12 Bluff one's way through
13 Decorative grating
14 Wd. in Roget's
15 Talk with
16 Franz Joseph —
17 In — surgery
18 Flung
21 Expel forcibly
24 Draws forth
29 Light fog
30 "— no clue"
31 Playwright
Jean
32 Gate joint
33 A single
34 Month divs. | 35 Jeremy of basketball
36 Like toads
37 River to the Rhone
38 Pep (up)
39 Neeson of "Taken"
44 All-inclusive
45 Brogan, e.g.
46 Be inclined
48 Thrive
50 Track legend Lewis
51 Rototills, e.g.
54 Hogs' home
56 Country/folk singer
Griffith
57 "Aren't — pair?!"
58 Densest stable element
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60 Hour div.
63 Portioned
66 Toy dog breed, briefly
"Bali —"
68 Shaggy locks
69 German "a"
70 Didn't nix
71 In time past
72 Sign gas
73 Stefani of pop music
76 At the ready | 77 Early arcade biggie
78 Laconic
80 Despair
81 City near Venice
82 Prey for owls
84 Rich kid in "Nancy"
85 Israel's Sharon
89 Noxious vapor
92 Sobriquet
93 Tuscan river
94 Dawn beads
95 Tablet buy
96 — in wait
97 Horrifies
100 Oslo's land
102 Item for a cheerleader
103 Corn, to Brits
104 Amend
105 Boots
106 Algerian city
110 Tech sch.
111 Super, slangily
112 Mexican coin
113 Fax abbr.
115 That fellow's
116 20% of XV
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118 Singer
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119 Farm tool
120 Solid — rock |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 22, 1765, to raise funds to pay off debts and defend the new American territories won from the French, the British government passes the Stamp Act. It levied a tax on all materials printed in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and even dice.
 - On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory in New York City burns down, killing 145 workers. Owners had refused to install sprinkler systems and take other safety measures in case they needed to burn down the shop to collect fire insurance, a not uncommon practice at the time.
 - On March 23, 1937, Craig Breedlove, the first person to reach land speeds of up to 600 mph in a jet-powered vehicle, is born. He designed a three-wheeled, rocket-shaped vehicle powered by a surplus military jet engine and dubbed it the Spirit of America.
 - On March 27, 1945, Nazi Germany launches its last V-2 long-range rockets, killing 162 civilians in England and Belgium. The V-2 could carry a 2,000-pound warhead and became the precursor of the ICBM of the postwar era.
 - On March 26, 1953, American medical researcher Dr. Jonas Salk announces that he has successfully tested a vaccine against the virus that causes polio. In 1952 -- an epidemic year for the crippling disease -- there were 58,000 new cases reported in the U.S.
 - On March 21, 1965, in the name of black voting rights, 3,200 civil-rights demonstrators, led by Martin Luther King Jr., begin a historic 54-mile march from Selma, Alabama, to the state capitol at Montgomery.
 - On March 24, 1989, the worst oil spill in U.S. territory begins when the supertanker Exxon Valdez runs aground on a reef in Alaska's remote Prince William Sound. An estimated 11 million gallons of oil was released and eventually covered 1,300 miles of coastline.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was British art critic and social reformer John Ruskin who made the following sage observation: "Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."

• After the events of this past winter, you may not be surprised to learn that sales of cakes, cookies and candy spike when a blizzard is in the weather forecast.

• You've almost certainly heard of "M*A*S*H," one of the most popular TV series of all time. One of the main characters on the show, which ran from 1972 to 1983, was Corporal Klinger, played by Jamie Farr. It's interesting to note that in the 1950s, Farr actually served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army in Korea -- and the dog tags he wore on the show were the same ones he wore during his service.

• For reasons that are not quite clear, inventors have created a robot that can solve a Rubik's cube in slightly more than one second.

• In 18th-century France, there was a Parisian printer who employed several apprentices, all of whom lived in the home of the printer's family. The printer's wife was, evidently, a lover of cats -- and her cats begged for scraps and screeched at all hours of the night. Finally fed up with the felines, the apprentices took matters into their own hands: While the family was out of town, they held a formal trial, complete with guards, a confessor and a public executioner. After they were pronounced guilty, the accused felines were strung up on cat-sized gallows.

Thought for the Day: "Politics, as a practice, whatever its professions, has always been the systematic organization of hatreds." -- Henry Adams

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **K** equals **E**

N C D A K Q W Z P D Z F L N C J A O K D K

O Q I W F Z J N Y H I Z X F K V D G Z G, G K

Y O Z D K A Z D Q L K A O K V P Z I Q

X I Q N C E W Q E.

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NOTICE

Gustin township will hold its annual budget meeting for 2016-17 fiscal year at the township hall at 113 S. Second St., Lincoln, Mich. on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this meeting.** The regular township meeting will follow at 7 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting the clerk at (989) 736-7204.

Renee LaVergne
Gustin Township Clerk

BINGO

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

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The 23rd Circuit and 81st District Drug/Sobriety Court is seeking a full time compliance officer/clerk. Position is grant funded with funding expected to be available through December 2017. Court operates in Alcona, Iosco and Oscoda counties. Primary offices are located in Harrisville, Michigan. Responsibilities include preparing court documents, data entry, monitoring participant compliance, maintaining program paperwork, administering observed urine and oral drug screens, performing field work in three county area, other duties as assigned. Minimum qualifications include a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and an understanding of drug courts and the Michigan court system. Salary is \$25,000 annually (35 hours per week). Letter of application and resume should be directed to Trial Court Administrator Alysa Pichler, 23rd Circuit and 81st District Drug/Sobriety Court, P.O. Box 111, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Mortgage sale: Default having been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Melissa Ann Burgess, a single woman, of 1330 Fawn Drive, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, to the United States of America, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, the mortgagee, the mortgage being dated July 5, 2007, and recorded July 6, 2007, in instrument 200700002232 or Liber 443, pages 895-901 in Alcona County records; and such mortgage being given to secure promissory note payable to the government, and by reason of such default the mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such mortgage due and payable forthwith. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of March 2, 2016, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of one hundred fifty-two thousand, three hundred and eighty-seven and 98/100 (\$152,387.98) dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to re-

cover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the county courthouse at 106 5th Street, in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan, that being the place of holding the circuit court in and for said county, on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 10 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the mortgage together with 5.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale.

Which said premises described in said mortgage are situated in the state of Michigan, Alcona County and are described as: township of Hawes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan: Lot 16 of Deer View Acres, according to

the recorded plat thereof as found in Liber 3 of Plats, pages 26-A and 27, Alcona County records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of sale. According to MCL §600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, 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. For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120; telephone (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500.

Dated: March 2, 2016 United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee Michael I. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686 Traverse City, Mich. 49685-0686 3-2, 3-9, 3-16, 3-23

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allen L. Hoeft and Pamela A. Hoeft, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Metropolitan Capital Group, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 20, 1999, and recorded on January 26, 1999 in Liber 328 on page 738, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank,

Minnesota, National Association, as trustee for reperforming loan REMIC trust certificates, Series 2002-2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-eight thousand seven hundred eighty-six and 12/100 dollars (\$58,786.12). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 6, 2016.

Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The west 1/2 of Lot 4 and entire Lot 5; assessor's plat of Dorr's Rolling Acres, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats,

page 84 of Alcona County Records.

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

Dated: March 9, 2016 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309 Trott Law, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 File No. 273490F02 3-9, 3-16, 3-23, 3-30

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Pearl E. Tanner, a single woman, to Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., mortgagee, dated September 25, 2010 and recorded on November 10, 2010 in Liber 474, page 867-877, Alcona County records, said mortgage was assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. by an assignment of mortgage dated May 19, 2011 and recorded June 06, 2011 in Liber 479, page 518, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-two thousand seven hundred thirty-four and 55/100 dollars (\$92,734.55) including interest at the rate of 5.56000 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10 a.m. on April 6, 2016. Said premises are situated in the township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, to wit: The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Town 27 North, Range 9 East. Excepting and reserving therefrom: Beginning at the south quarter corner of Section 16, Town 27 north, Range 9 East; thence north 89 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds west along the south line of said section and the centerline of Beaton Road 660.85 feet; thence north 00 degrees 10 minutes 47 seconds

west 1351.67 feet; thence south 89 degrees 45 minutes 03 seconds east along the south one eighth line of said section 665.75 feet; thence south 00 degrees 01 minute 46 seconds west along the north-south quarter line of said section 1357.15 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being the east half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, according to survey dated August 5, 1997, prepared by John F. Oliver, RLS. Commonly known as: 4181 Beaton Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is one year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 9, 2016

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48302
(248) 335-9200
Case No. 16MI00063-1
3-9, 3-16, 3-23, 3-30

State of Michigan
23rd Judicial District
23rd Judicial Circuit
County Probate
Order for Service by
Publication/Posting and Notice of
Action

Case Number 16-2580 CH
Court address: P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, Mich. 48740
Court telephone number: (989) 724-9410
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s):
Norman E. Stanchfield Jr.
2305 East Potter Road
Traverse City, Mich. 49686
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address and telephone number:
David H. Cook P40560
5466 M-72
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-5155

v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s):
Sharon Crocker, Amanda E. Schiele, Loretta Gilham and Susan B. Fusillier and all of their unknown heirs, legatees and assigns.
5341 Riggsville Road
Cheboygan, Mich. 49721

To: Sharon Crocker, Amada E. Schiele, Loretta Gilham and Susan
It Is Ordered:

You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to Quiet Title to real property in Alcona County. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 17, 2016. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Sharon Crocker at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Date: February 19, 2016
Judge Laura A. Frawley P39644
3-2, 3-9, 3-16

State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 16-5578 DE

Estate of Theodore Miks
Date of birth: January 13, 1933
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Theodore Miks, died February 21, 2016. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melody Jean Claus, 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: March 1, 2016
David H. Cook P40560
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Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-5155
Melody Jean Claus
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CryptoQuip

answer
Instead of solving these hard logic problems now, we chose to save them for a brainy day.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Winners of the Alcona Basketball Association 2016 Skills Day Competition (front row, from left) Lilly Pappas, Miah Schopher, Tatum Donavon, Garrette Somers, Nathaniel Henderson, Nathan Nardi, (middle row) Avery Wrobel, Kelsey Hansen, Dakota Stevenson, Gavin Walker, Brady Pagels, Michael Basner, (back row) Rachel Layton, Caroline Forsythe, Emma Johnston, Joel Steiner, Mason Clark and Zackery Dettmer. *Courtesy photo.*

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had gotten loose from their stall. They were being escorted by a car driving behind them, a lady neighbor who was kindly helping return them safely.

I wasn't about to let this moment go undocumented. I learned something from the paparazzi hearse driver; a picture is worth a thousand words. I stopped the car, retrieved my camera from the back seat and turned the car around. By then the horses were no longer in sight. They had made a turn and were gone from view. A young man standing in the middle of the road was obviously helping to retrieve the horses. He let us know they headed south. We made a quick left turn in

hope to catch another glimpse.

We barely made it to the end of the street when we spotted them on the run again heading in our direction.

I was busy snapping photos when they went out of view from my camera. "Where'd they go? I asked as I looked through my camera. "They're right in front of the car," my friend said. I put my camera down and there were four horses sniffing the hood of my car. By the time I got my wits about me and brought my camera back up they were gone again, galloping with the wind in their mane as the same gentlewoman followed them in her car.

In all the traffic jams I've been involved in here so far the animals all made it safely to their destination. I'm glad I'm not the only one who puts on the brakes for animals in the road and enjoys an occasional traffic jam in Alcona County.

(Mary Weber was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich. She moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life presents new experiences not only with nature but with a community of caring, friendly people, they now consider family...and they love every minute of it.)

Great Backyard Bird Count brings local surprises

Bird watchers from around the globe contributed significant data during the 2016 annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) held February 12-15.

The event is sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, The Audubon Society, and Bird Studies Canada. As of February 18, results showed 5,270 species recorded, with 16,572,293 individuals sighted.

Michigan observers tallied 128 species with Wayne County leading, contributing 74 of the total. "Many downstate participants reported unusually high numbers of American robins and eastern bluebirds," said Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the event. Additional state rarities included one eastern towhee, one northern flicker, one yellow-bellied sapsucker and four turkey vultures.

"Some of our Iosco County participants also had the state high counts for certain species," Ridgway said. Those counts included; four pileated woodpeckers, 350 pine siskins and 71 wild turkeys all spotted by Gisela Vito of Oscoda. Mary Williams of Oscoda led the tally of brown creepers sighting three. Larry VanWagoner of National City, Mich. located 18 redheaded woodpeckers in the Indian Lake area.

Ridgway and Ed Cole of

Oscoda recorded 200 trumpeter swans at Iargo Springs. "There was much open water at the springs and shortly after Ed and I arrived, the winged beauties began taking to the air and headed downriver toward Cooke Dam. I've never witnessed 150 in flight at one time. That phenomenal scene is etched in my mind forever," Ridgway said.

The evening grosbeak is a northern species that has been totally absent from the list for the past several years. However, Dave Kalush of Hale, had 32 visit his feeders. "This was great news," Ridgway said.

Other Iosco County participants with rare sightings or unusual counts included Jane Ruster of East Tawas with a single turkey vulture. "I could hardly believe my eyes and nearly fell off my chair as it swished in," said Ruster.

Roger Eriksson of East Tawas spotted one red-winged blackbird and 16 bohemian waxwings at Tawas Point. Also observed by Eriksson were cedar waxwings in East Tawas along US-23. Along the Tawas River near Nunn Road, VanWagoner located a lone American coot.

A few common redpolls were mixed in with pine siskins, but did not top the 50-150 siskins counted at

many local feeders. Other single hawk reports in Iosco County included red-shouldered, American kestrel, cooper's, and sharp-shinned.

Overall, 51 species were recorded in Iosco County along with 25 in Alcona County.

"We still topped the state with the tremendous amount of pine siskins reported. Many thanks to all the folks who responded to my request for local feeder numbers," Ridgway said.



Five Things for Migrating Birds

Spring is on its way. Have on hand:

1. Unsalted peanuts for catbirds, redwings, cardinals.
2. White proso millet for sparrows, finches, buntings.
3. Black oil sunflower seed. Most birds can crack it open.
4. Suet cakes or nuggets for its high-fat content.
5. Fresh water. All birds need fresh water. Always.

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