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Special education millage renewal on November 8 ballot

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Citizens of Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona county will decide whether to renew a special education millage for the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District (AMA ESD) on November 8.

The millage, a renewal of a millage expiring this year, is asking for a renewal of 1.3318 mills (\$1.3318 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of 10 years from 2017 to 2026, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability. If the millage is approved approximately \$2,474,661 from local property taxes in the three counties will be levied in 2017.

The millage was first approved in 1989 and then renewed by voters in 1994, 1997 and 2007. The money generated from the millage will be used for special education and early intervention programs and services to students in the three-county area which includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, school psychological services, school social work, teacher consultant services, transition services, behavior services and early intervention services.

Brian Wilmot, superintendent of AMA ESD, said the millage renewal is somewhat less than the 1.333 mills approved by voters in 2007 due to the Headlee rollback.

Wilmot said the AMA ESD

asks for a 10-year renewal to be cost efficient because the cost of a special election runs into several thousand dollars and they prefer to use those dollars to serve students rather than pay for election costs.

Wilmot explained in some sense, all students benefit from special education programs and services because it frees up classroom teachers to meet the needs of all their students. "The important thing to remember is this is a renewal. It's not a new tax. It's not our intention to tax people, we understand people are struggling to make ends meet and pay bills, but this is vital to the sustained area of each of our districts. Without it they

would all be in deficit. There is too much at risk," Wilmot said.

Should the renewal millage fail the school districts served by AMA ESD would still be legally mandated to provide special education programs and services. Each district would have to pay for services out of their general education funds. "Since most of these services are required by law, districts would have to cut other programs to pay for special education. The 1.3318 mills would have to collectively be taken out of their budgets. This would mean an overall increase in their costs of approximately \$2,474,661 per year," Wilmot

As of spring, 2016, a total

of 1,073 students in the threecounty area were assisted with special education or early intervention programs. Of those students, 123 are Alcona County students, nine of which attend Pied Piper School in Alpena because of their severe impairments. The other 114 Alcona County students are provided special services locally, at home or at Alcona Community Schools.

In the 10 years since the last renewal Alcona Community Schools has received \$2,088,411 in payments from this millage. The revenue raised by the renewal in Alcona County would be approximately \$658,071 but AMA ESD would be paying out a total of approximately \$868,041 and services to educate Alcona County special education students. AMA ESD can pay out more than it receives due to federal fund-

Special education students include any student suspected of having a handicapping condition which affects their ability to benefit from regular education. Special education eligibility includes students with impairments such as physical, hearing, emotional, cognitive, health, visual, speech and language, learning disability, traumatic brain injury, deaf/blindness, early childhood developmental delay, autistic spectrum disorder and severe multiple impairment.

Wilmot said recently AMA ESD added an early intervention reading program called STARS (Students and Teachers are Reading Successfully). "What we found is if mediation is started early enough, we can keep some kids from needing special education. We felt that investment was appropriate and made sense," Wilmot

According to Wilmot the number of students needing special education assistance has dropped a bit which he attributes to the partnership between the AMA ESD and the local schools to address all students needs and the early intervention reading program. "It's a small reduction in numbers, but not a reduction in effort. More and more effort is being made to intervene early with kids who are struggling. There will always be kids with severe disabilities needing special education," Wilmot said.



Alcona varsity soccer district champions (laying on the ground) Conner McCoy, (front row, from left) Koedy Berryhill, Riley Somers, Dan Atkinson, Jake Gallagher, Brendan Nelson, Cory Hoffman, Rachel Warner, Mindy Mendyka, Taylor Murray, Destiny Finn, (back row) assistant coach Tim Steiner, manager Joel Steiner, Emily Hoffman, Shane Mendyka, Alex Harmon, Aidan Wrobel, Justin Smigelski, Brett Nelson, Josh Kilbourn, Jordan Steiner, Matt Warner, Ben Thomas, head coach Tim Munro. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

Late goal by Steiner lifts Alcona to district title

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

With time winding down in Friday's division four district championship game the Alcona soccer team saw the ball on the feet of its leading scorer.

Jordan Steiner didn't disappoint either, as he kicked in the winning goal with just two seconds left, giving the Tigers their second straight district crown.

"It was a great win for us and a deflating loss for Roscommon, I'm sure that was hard to take," Alcona head coach Tim Munro said. "I thought we were headed for extra time but we ended up getting that goal."

The Tigers found the back of the net first against the

Bucks, a team that won over 20 games this season on a score by Brendan Nelson. Roscommon tied the game at 1-1 before the half, where the score remained until Steiner's late goal.

easier time by taking a 6-0 victory. Steiner netted three goals with Nelson, Jake Gallagher and Josh Kilbourn adding one each.

McCoy was in the net, making seven saves.

"It was a great win for us and a deflating loss for Roscommon, I'm sure that was hard to take. I thought we were headed for extra time but we ended up getting that goal."

~ Tim Munro, Head Soccer Coach

"It was a great win for the kids, they played tough the whole game," Munro said. "It was a well played game."

Conner McCov was in goal. making 14 saves.

On Wednesday, playing against the Saginaw Arts and Science Academy in the semifinals, the Tigers had a much really hard fought game,"

On Monday, Oct. 17 the Tigers opened up district play with a narrow 3-2 win over Saginaw Nouvel.

Steiner had all three goals for Alcona and McCoy set a school record with 35 saves in the contest.

"Another tough game, and

Munro said. "McCoy was busy, they were really peppering the ball at him. That

was a big win for us." Alcona played Genesse Christian on Tuesday (at press time) in the regional semi-finals at Saginaw Heritage, with the championship game slated to take place Thursday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. New Haven and Marlette play in the other regional semi-final.

"We won districts last year, we've won back-to-back years and we've never done that before," Munro said. "We're down to 16 teams in the state now but we have our work cut out for us, playing the defending state champions and team that beat us last year 5-0.'



I would like to thank everyone for their calls, visits and prayers during my recent illness and hospital stay.

Bob Larson

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

The truth. Vice presidential candidate Tim Caine said, "Under his running mate, Hillary Clinton, the United States would be safer against foreign attacks." But the facts show Hillary actually was a crucial part of secretly getting other countries access to nuclear weapons.

Hillary's emails: Hillary Clinton said on a talk show, "There is already what, 60,000 plus emails what's a few more?" Well, that so-

called "few more" was actually another 30,000 emails. Would you call that a few more emails?

And do you think the FBI does anything about it? No. So it goes to show they think they ought to let her be, just because she might be the next woman president. Well, she might be the next president but she sure won't be a good one. So vote for Donald Trump!

Timothy Jamieson, age 11 Harrisville

To the Editor, I have never belonged to

any political party. I have always voted for the person I believed would do the best job. If you would like to have a judge that displays honesty, integrity, and is family oriented, I strongly urge you to vote for David C. Riffel on November 8 for 23rd Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Riffel is calm, thoughtful, and uses a common sense approach. These are qualities we need

in our judicial system. Gary C. Griffith "Griff"

Glennie

Obituaries



Robert J. Barkley

Robert J. Barkley, 74, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born July 30, 1942 to Robert F. and Kathleen (Schloff) Barkley in Detroit, Mich. where he was raised.

On June 11, 1960, he married Carolyn Northway in Detroit, Mich. They were residents of Taylor, Mich. and moved to Harrisville in 1979.

He worked as a materials handler for Cooper Standard, and retired in 2009.

Mr. Barkley is survived by three daughters, Kathleen (Gregory) Dee, Betty (Tim) Barrons, and Debbie (Tony) Arcicovich; two sons, Robert (Heather) Barkley and Matthew (Carrie) Barkley; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his dear friend, Genevieve

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, on March 23, 2010; one son, Edward, on August 19, 2012; one sister, Carolyn Barkley; and one brother, James Barkley.

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

Arnold J. "Fud" Rinke

Arnold J. "Fud" Rinke, 75 of Curran died on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Alpena. He was born in Roseville, Mich. on April 13, 1941 to Gerald and Martha (Callewaert) Rinke.

He married Sandra Bauman on August 27, 1960 in Warren, Mich.

Mr. Rinke worked at Cape Industries in Warren, Mich. and was also a mason in the Mio area.

The Rinkes moved to Curran in September of 1974.

Mr. Rinke is survived by his wife, Sandra; three daughters, Denise (Nelson) Thompson of Mackinaw City, Mich., Deb Rinke of Mio, and Doreen (Dean) Bugg of Curran; two sons, Douglas (Pam) Rinke of Kimball, Mich. and Daniel (Brenda) Rinke of Goodells, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Gloria (John) Nestor of Roch-ester, Mich. and Geri (Dave) Sommerfeld of Grand Junction, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Daniel Rinke.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

To the Editor,

I wanted to write and say thank you for publishing the article on my grandfather in the October 19 issue of the Alcona County Review under the Buggy Rides section.

J. R. Hughes was an extraordinary man filled with accomplishments and, if you had the pleasure of knowing him, you would agree. Along with many others from that generation, they lived a life hardly no man today could fill their shoes.

This section of the paper takes you back in time for a moment allowing (you) to know certain events, moments or individuals that may or may not impact you as a reader but, interesting none the less. It is only when you see something in this section that hits home in a good way and really makes you appreciate those who take the time to add these tidbits.

Thank you, once again, for your commitment to a paper that has been long standing. My grandfather also worked at Alcona County Review for a time as well.

> Cliff Senical Harrisville

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<u>Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015-2016</u>

	Weekly Report			Miles Pe	r Hour		
	Temperature (F°)		Water	Av. Wind	High	Dominant	
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>Content</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction</u>	
Oct. 16	65	50	0.08	1.7	17	N	
Oct. 17	67	50	0.17	4.1	19	SW	
Oct. 18	76	53	0.02	4.5	27	SW	
Oct. 19	68	44	0.00	1.9	15	NW	
Oct. 20	55	46	0.00	4.7	20	NNE	
Oct. 21	49	40	0.04	5.4	31	NNE	
Oct. 22	48	35	0.00	2.3	20	N	

2015-16 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)

<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Normal</u>
0.37	0.04	0.50
2.04	0.27	1.70
23.75	17.59	23.86
	0.37 2.04	0.37 0.04 2.04 0.27

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.)



Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

Four dollars spent for every one dollar of drugs seized. That's what HUNT did in 2015. So what did they do in 2016? Whine to our county commissioners that they don't have enough money. And now, we the citizens of Alcona County, are facing another \$100,000 in taxes. The

Alcona County Commissioners already gave them \$15,000 in 2015, in addition to the \$700,000 they get from our state and federal taxes. But it's never enough for HUNT. Ironically, 20 years ago HUNT spent \$500,000 to seize \$600,000 in drugs. That's \$1.20 seized for every dollar spent. Now it's about

25 cents for every dollar spent. The more money they get, the less efficient they become. I don't want to give them any more of my money. Tighten your belts and do more with less, like the people who pay your salaries do. Vote no on the HUNT tax.

Robert DeLay Spruce

To the Editor,

I am Pam Rader and my husband, David Rader, and I are raising my nephew Zac. Zac receives special education services from the AMA-ESD for speech. Following the death of my sister, Zac started getting services. When we moved to Hillman Zac really started to blossom. I feel that the services he receives for speech contribute to his confidence.

The AMA-ESD is seeking a renewal of the special education millage. The law requires that local schools provide special education services. However, the responsibility to pay for these services could have a negative impact on local school districts without the funding support of the millage. Schools would likely face a budget deficit and we are concerned that the service Zac is provided may not be as supportive if this mill-

age does not pass.

It is important to understand that this renewal will continue as is and no additional funds are being requested at this time. On behalf of our family we are reminding you to show support for students with special needs by voting "yes" for the AMA-ESD Special Education Millage renewal on November 8.

Pamela L. Rader Hillman, Mich.

To the Editor,

Michigan has long been known as "the tax state." Michigan residents pay some of the highest property taxes in the nation, while earning some of the lowest per capita household incomes. That is why it's no surprise we're seeing more and more homes with those little yellow signs in front of them, indicating the home has been seized by the state for back property taxes and will be auctioned off.

This usually means some poor person or poor family lost a home, homes that may have been passed down from parents or grandparents, because they were not able to keep up the large tax bill. Most jobs in this area don't pay very much, so even a person working 40 hours a week may be one emergency away from losing it all.

In spite of all this, Tom Weichel and our county commissioners want to raise our property taxes to give money to an already well funded police organization. HUNT already works with a budget of \$900,000 a year and refuses to disclose how that money is spent. They are already well

equipped to handle the area's drug problem and it is evident by all the recent busts that they have been involved in that they already have the problem well under control. So why do they need even more money, straight from the hands of low income people? I don't know. It seems to me like somebody is not getting a big enough skim.

Anyhow, I encourage all intelligent people to research the facts, see for yourself what a rip off the HUNT millage is for our community and join me in voting "no."

Forest Bowers Lincoln

To the Editor,

With the 2016 election getting close it is time to take a serious look at the issues important to us. Twenty-four percent of the people of District 1 are eligible for Social Security and another 18 percent will be eligible within 10 years. I would like to compare the positions on Social Security and Medicare of the two candidates, Lon Johnson and Jack Bergman.

As laid out on his website, lonjohnson.com, Mr. Johnson favors tying increases in Social Security benefits more realistically to the costs faced by seniors and give people credit towards benefits for the

time they need out of the workforce to take care of family. He also wants to strengthen the financing needed to fulfill the promises given to our workers by increasing or eliminating the cap on income subject to the Social Security tax.

Mr. Johnson also favors allowing Medicare to use their buying power to negotiate lower drug prices for prescription drugs, as well as phasing out the overpayments to Medicare Advantage programs, which will allow the money we spend to go toward patient care rather than drug and insurance company profits

Like I said, I would like to compare the positions of the two candidates on these issues but that is very hard to do. While Mr. Johnson has detailed his position on his website, General Bergman's site makes no mention of Social Security or Medicare. The one thing we do know is that he likes the idea of gradually privatizing both Social Security and Medicare, a plan that Mr. Johnson has pledged to appose

I hope that before voting everyone who cares about these two vital programs will look seriously at the plans of the two people asking to serve us in Congress.

Alan Heller Greenbush

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To the Editor,

The last six years have proven what happens when the Republican Party has total control of our state. They won the governorship, house and senate the past two elections.

The governor's platform was fixing Michigan's economy by giving tax breaks to corporations that would then shower well-paying jobs on residents. (Never happened.) Since Michigan's budget must be balanced yearly, laws were written to make up the money given to corporations, \$1.6 billion each year.

Retiree pensions are now taxed. Parents lost their \$600 per child tax deduction. The Earned Income Tax Credit and Homestead credit were drastically cut. Michigan family incomes experienced the biggest drop in the entire U.S. -- 17 percent over the last five years.

More bad news: Michigan is 50th in spending on cities, slashing budgets by 60 percent. This means less money for fire and police protection and services local government provides us.

Michigan has the worst infrastructure in the U.S. according to the American Society of Civil Engineers. Wallethub names Michigan the state with the worst school-bullying problem. Remember Republicans debating the "okay to bully if you are offended" law?

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Michigan government gets an "F" for integrity, citing the lack of being transparent and honest and voting for more secret money to be used by politicians. Michigan has the most for profit charter schools in the nation and the weakest standards and oversight of them. Michigan taxpayers are supporting these charters with one billion dollars yearly.

And then there is Flint. No one, no company wants to move to a state that would poison its own residents. And remember, taxpayer, you are paying Gov. Snyder's legal fees as he defends himself for his inaction.

It is insane to think that you can send more Republicans to Lansing this November and expect a different direction to emerge.

> Tom Venney Greenbush



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

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.

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

What is metaphysics and why is it important to you? Rev. JoAnne Kondrat, a motivational speaker and author, will lecture on the basics of metaphysics, a traditional branch of philosophy concerned with understanding the nature of being and how the mind influences matter. The program will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alpena Community College Oscoda Campus, 5800 Skeel Avenue in room 213. Call (989) 362-3006 extension 168 for more information. Sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. Guest speaker will be Judy Burns, founder of Friends Together. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350 or Don Cantleberry, (989) 354-5504, for details.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

Friends of the Library book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Learn about lifestyle changes you can make to prevent, reduce or delay your risk for type 2 diabetes. The program will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at Iosco Regional **Educational Service Agency** (IRESA), 27 North Rempert Road, located five miles west of Tawas City on M-55. Call (989) 362-3006 extension 168 for more information. Sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning.

Create a one of a kind twig art to decorate your home for all seasons from 1 to 3 p.m. at Tawas Presbyterian Church, 2095 North US-23 in East Tawas. Call (989) 362-3006 extension 168 for more information. Sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be representative for Ashley Simpson of the Alpena State Police Post. It is Halloween time so wear your craziest hat, a prize will be awarded. Reservations required. Call Donna Roddy at (989) 739-2159 or Maggie Krause at (989) 724-5203 before October 24.

Human trafficking awareness event at the Alcona County Courthouse (in the courtroom) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. The guest speaker will be Melissa Steiner, community engagement manager at Underground Railroad Mid-Michigan, Human Trafficking Taskforce Coordinator. Handmade items available to purchase from survivors of human trafficking.

A free forest health presentation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Alcona Conservation District office, 320 South State Street in Harrisville. Phillip Kurzeja will be giving an in-depth presentation on oak wilt, including the science behind the disease, signs and symptoms for detection, treatment options and the latest updates.

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Conservation issues to protect and monitor the watershed will be discussed. The public is welcome.

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Local Notes

Local Notes



Halloween Festivities

Lincoln's Business Chili and Soup Cook-off, and Trick or Trunk will be Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trick or Trunk is from . 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their cars and decorate for Trick or Trunk. Those planning to participate are asked to be on the street by 10 a.m. to decorate. There will be a prize for best decorated car. The best pet costume contest starts at 12:30-12:45 p.m. and there will be prizes for this also. The chili and soup contest is open to the public. Cups can be purchased in the middle of 2nd Street by Snyder's Lincoln Pharmacy the day of cook off or contact Naomi Potter at (989) 736-3137 or Teresa Hart at (989) 736-8936 for early purchase.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be in front of Alcona Motors in downtown Lincoln on Saturday, Oct. 29 for Trick or Trunk and the Soup and Chili Cook-off. Available this week: Pears, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbage, kale, celery and celery roots, gourds, shallots, pumpkins, onions, potatoes, hot peppers, Hubbard squash, lettuce, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, snack sticks, brats, eggs, honey, maple syrup, soup mixes, seasonings, baking mixes, homemade snacks, jams and jellies, pies, cookies, quick breads, popcorn, dried herbs, homemade laundry detergent, wooden items, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Forest Health and Oak Wilt

A free forest health presentation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Alcona Conservation District office, 320 S. State Street, Harrisville. This presentation is open to the public and geared toward landowners, foresters, loggers, and anyone with invested interests in oak forest

Phillip Kurzeja with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Resources Division will be giving an in-depth presentation on oak wilt, including the science behind the disease, signs and symptoms for detection, treatment options, and the latest updates. This program is hosted by the Alcona Conservation District in partnership with the Forestry Assistance Program.

Family Engineering Event

Michigan State University Extension will be holding a Family Engineering event on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Harrisville branch of

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If a dried grape decided on a purpose or calling in life, could you say it's a raisin d'etre? the Alcona County Library from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The free events will allow learners of all ages to engage in handson engineering activities to discover the creative side of engineering. Registration is recommended. Contact the library at (989) 724-6796. For more information about family engineering or other MSUE science, technology, engineering and math events contact Tracy D'Augustino at daugustt@anr.msu.edu.

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, Oct. 31—Scary Italian sausage bake, goblin garden mixed vegetables, swampy coleslaw, ghost cream pie, and garlic tomb-
- Tuesday, Nov. 1— Chicken and stuffing casserole, winter blend, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2—Cabbage roll, red bliss potato, cooked baby carrots, and
- Thursday, Nov. 3—Beef tips in gravy over noodles,

squash, and pineapple.

• Friday, Nov. 4—Herb chicken, wild rice, broccoli, three bean salad, and tropical fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Battle of the Badges

Two different groups who work side by side during emergency situations, firemen and police officers, soon will be battling it out on the ice during the 14th annual Battle of the Badges Hockey Game, formerly known as the Pigs n' Heat game. The game is set to take place on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Northern Lights Arena in Alpena. This game has free admission, but to support the cause there are raffle tickets for sale. There will be other raffles at the game.

The players participating in the game are from Alpena County Sheriff Department, Alpena Fire Department, Alpena Police Department, Alpena Township Fire Department, Department of Health & Human Services, Maple Ridge Township Fire, Michigan State Police, Montmorency County Sheriff Department and Presque Isle Township Fire Department. The firemen will be on one team the police officers on the other.

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Iosco Family Court Judge Christopher P. Martin states: Nichol is the candidate with the most legal knowledge, the most energy, and the best work ethic. She is the candidate best suited for the bench because of her decisiveness, temperament and demeanor. Having been born and raised here, she understands and represents the values of Northern Michigan.

Retired Judge Paul T. Dwyer states:

I have known Nichol Palumbo since she started practicing law. I was immediately impressed by her intelligence and her preparedness for court in both the grasp for the law and facts of each case and her ability to present them in a compelling manner. In the years that have transpired, she has demonstrated the intellect, work ethic, integrity, as well as the legal and the business skills necessary to lead the 23rd Circuit Court.

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Sad Accident

October 26, 1877 - On Monday last, an accident happened on R. A. Alger & Go's horse railroad that resulted very disastrously to Willie O'Neil, a young man of this village, who at tlie.time was in the employ of the firm. He was on a load of logs coming down toward the banking ground, when, we learn, an axletree to one of the cars gave out, and realizing that there was probable danger to be incurred if he longer remained upon the moving load whose speed it was impossible to check just at the moment, young O'Neil proceed to jump for terra firma. Slipping, he fell with one foot upon the rail, when the wheels to one car passed over the same and crushed the flesh and bones to atoms. Physicians were called to dress the wounded member, but on close examination it was found so badly bruised that amputation would be necessary. Consequently, on Tuesday forenoon, Dr. W.P. Maiden, of Alpena assisted by Drs. D.B. Gardiner, of Angelica, N.Y., D.V. Mitchell and J. Lyman, of Harrisville, successfully amputated said foot a few inches above the ankle. Much sympathy is expressed toward the young man by our citizens, and all will be glad to learn that he is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Alco Theatre being repaired

October 27, 1966 - Work has bogun on repairing fire damage at Alco Theatre in Harrisville, it is announced by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Gary E. Pyne of Harrisville. They purchased the building from Mr. and Mrs. John Kell during the past summer. The theatre had been opened on May 1 of last year by Edith and Jack Kell, after extensive work had been done to the interior and exterior of the building. On June 12 fire gutted the front half of the interior. It has been closed since that time. Mr. Pyne stated that electricians have completed wiring work, the roof has been repaired, windows replaced and other work completed to date. Other work will include ceiling and paneling re placements, cleaning and refinishing seating installations and walls, a new screen installed, carpeting, etc. Plans are to "carpet" the walls and floors of the lobby with indoor-outdoors carpeting. It is expected that the work will be completed in February or March. Best wishes for success are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Pyne in this new (business adventure, a much needed enterprise in Alcona County.

October 26, 1950- In an in thirty o'clock Saturday evenue. Ashton exchan LeCureux. Rev. Lawrence an altar decorated with babra. Carel is the daughte Oscoda. and Donald, the of AuSable.

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eux, b other of the groom. nette were ushers. For her e an aqua crepe dress with re a suit of gray gabardine. oride, wore a navy blue suit corsage of white mums.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the new AuSable-Oscoda Rolo Rink. String music for dancing was furnished by Robert and Margaret Erickson of Oscoda. The bride and groom both attended the Oscoda High School. Mr. LeCureux is employed by Bissonette and Trigger Co. and the new Mrs. LeCureux was employed at Huron Dry Cleaners. After a short wedding trip in the Upper Peninsula the young couple will reside in their new home in AuSable. Out of town guests attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ashton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins and Mrs. M. M. Ashton, all of Battle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ashton and son of Berrien Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Ashton of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wuggazzer, Tawas City; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thompson and daughter, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Buchanan and daughters and Mr. William Thompson, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. James Somers and Mr. John Thompson, of Harrisville; Harold LeCureux, James LeCureux. Joyce LeCureux and Mary Yonker. of Bancroft, Michigan, and Hubert Le-Cureux Jr. of Detroit.

Long-time Curran resident taken by death

October 26, 1950- Mrs. Charles E. Trader, longtime resident of Curran, died at her home at 1:35 p. m. Sunday. She had been ill over a year. Isabell Hodges was born October 2, 1864 in Hanover Township, Chautauqua Co., New York. She came to Caro, Michigan, with her parents in 1871. Her marriage to Charles E. Trader took place on June 23, 1879 in Caro. and in 1904 they came to Curran to make their home. Mr. Trader died on May 16, 1950. Mrs. Trader was an active member of the Curran Methodist Church. Surviving are four children, three daughters and one son: Herbert Trader of Curran, Mrs. Ida Shafer of Curran, Mrs. Howard Matkins of Caro, and Mrs. R. B. Parker of Highland Park. There are twelve grandchildren, twentyseven great grand children and ten great, great grand children. A sister, Mrs. Edith Tipper of Detroit, also survives. Funeral services were held at the Curran Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Rev. George Burlew officiating. Following the church service the body was taken to Caro where a graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m.



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SENIOR ZIFESTYLESForgetfulness: What's normal, what's not?

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At age 76, my husband has become forgetful lately and is worried he may have Alzheimer's. What resources can you recommend to help us get a grip on this?

Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned.

Many seniors worry about memory lapses as they get older fearing it may be the first signs of Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia. To get some insight on the seriousness of your husband's problem, here are some resources you can turn to for help.

As we grow older, some memory difficulties - such as forgetting names or misplacing items from time to time are associated with normal aging. But the symptoms of dementia are much more than simple memory lapses.

While symptoms can vary greatly, people with dementia may have problems with short-term memory, keeping track of a purse or wallet,

paying bills, planning and preparing meals, remembering appointments or traveling out of the neighborhood.

To help you and your husband recognize the difference between typical age-related memory loss and a more serious problem, the Alzheimer's Association provides a list of 10 warning signs that you can assess at 10signs-

They also provide information including the signs and symptoms on the other conditions that can cause dementia like vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy and others - see ALZ.org/ dementia.

Another good place to help you get a handle on your husband's memory problems is through the National Memory Screening Program, which offers free memory screenings throughout National Memory Screening Month in November.

Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, this free service provides a confidential, face-toface memory screening that takes about 10 minutes to complete and consists of questions and/or tasks to evaluate his memory status.

Screenings are given by doctors, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers or other healthcare professionals in thousands of sites across the country. It's also important to know that this screening is not a diagnosis. Instead, its goal is to detect problems and refer individuals with these problems for further evaluation.

To find a screening site in your area visit National-MemoryScreening.org or call (866) 232-8484. It's best to check for a screening location at the end of October, because new sites are constantly being added.

If you can't find a screening site in your area, make an appointment with his primary



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care doctor to get a cognitive checkup. This is covered 100 percent by Medicare as part of their annual wellness visit. If his doctor suspects any problems, he may give him the Memory Impairment Screen, the General Practitioner Assessment of Cognition, or the Mini Cog. Each test can be given in less then five minutes.

Depending on his score, his doctor may order followup tests or simply keep it on file so he can see if there are any changes down the road. Or, he may then refer him to a geriatrician or neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating memory loss

or Alzheimer's disease.

Keep in mind that even if your husband is experiencing some memory problems, it doesn't necessarily mean he has dementia. Many memory problems are brought on by other factors like stress, depression, thyroid disease, side effects of medications, sleep disorders, vitamin deficiencies and other medical conditions. And by treating these conditions he can reduce or eliminate the

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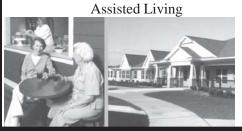
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Calendar of Fivents



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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.

Friends of the Library book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

The band Song of the Lakes will present a musical show for those who enjoy great music, storytelling and even a little dancing at Alpena High School auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.thunderbay.noaa.gov or call (989) 356-8805.

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 29**

Lincoln's Chili and Soup Cook-off and Trick or Trunk will be held on 2nd Street in Lincoln from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., trick or trunk is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Vehicles should be on the street by 10 a.m. to decorate. Prizes for best decorated car and best pet costume. For more information, contact Naomi Potter at (989) 736-3137 or Teresa Hart at (989) 736-

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-5077 for details.

Friends of the Library book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

The annual Trunk 'R Treat Pumpkins in the Parking Lot for children, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12365 South US-23 in Ossineke. Call (989) 471-5428 for more information.

TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 1**

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 1 p.m. at the Camp Inn Lodge located on US-23, four miles south of Oscoda. Guest speaker will be Dale Borske from Michigan Ducks Unlimited. An optional off-the-menu lunch at 11:30 a.m. will precede the meeting. Both the meeting and lunch are open to the public. Call Sue Duncan at (989) 701-5472 or (989) 739-4182 for information and reservations.

WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 2**

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 begin-

ners are welcome.

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Items available include formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing, and winter coats and boots for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettes available for soon to be born.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon in Alpena. Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for reservations and information.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1

All ages are invited to a free program of hands-on engineering activities at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Registration is recommended. Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Sponsored by MSU Extension.

THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 3**

Join your fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the West-Presbyterian minster Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

Create one of a kind twig art to decorate your home for all seasons from 1 to 3 p.m. at Tawas Presbyterian Church, 2095 North US-23 in East Tawas. Call (989) 362-3006 extension 168 for more information. Sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning.

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Oct. 26, 2016

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60%

chance of rain, high temperature of 44°, humidity

of 70%. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. The record

high temperature for today is 78° set in 1989.

Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance

of rain, overnight low of 38°. The record low for

*Last Week's Almanac

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

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WEDNESDAY Rain Likely High: 44 Low: 38



THURSDAY Rain Likely High: 46 Low: 36



FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 45



SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 52 Low: 39



SUNDAY Partly Cloudy



High: 50 Low: 35 **MONDAY**

Mostly Sunny High: 52 Low: 31



TUESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 55 Low: 34

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The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers

today, scattered showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 74°

in Evansville, Ind. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today

through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Naples, Fla. The Northwest

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National Weather Summary This Week

will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest

temperature of 74° in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday,

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week



Local UV Index

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

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:59 a.m.	6:30 p.m
Venus	11:22 a.m.	n/a
Mars	2:20 p.m.	11:00 p.m
Jupiter	5:59 a.m.	5:41 p.m
Saturn	11:28 a.m.	8:35 p.m
Uranus	5:58 p.m.	7:10 a.m

Weather History

Oct. 26, 1988 - Thunderstorms moving out of northern Texas spawned five tornadoes in Louisiana during the morning hours. The thunderstorms also produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jennings, La. A falling tree near Coushatta killed the driver of a vehicle.

Weather Trivia

What was the name of the first weather satellite?

Answer: Tiros 1.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Night of the Living Dead

isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Yuma, Ariz.

thas always been intriguing to me how our language veils the act of dying. We use words like loss, ascended, pass, depart, and expire to dilute our fears, until the very end of October when we celebrate Halloween, a sort of "nose thumbing" to our successful efforts in eluding the Grim Reaper for yet another year. All Hallows' Eve, October + 31, has its roots steeped in astronomy, just like many other common celebrations, such as Groundhog Day, February 2, and May Day, May 1. They fall on what are called

cross-quarter days, the midpoints between the four seasonal markers of the sun: the winter solstice (low sun), vernal equinox (mid-sun), summer solstice (high sun), and the autumnal equinox (mid-sun again). The cross-quarter day of October 31 is a fitting time to celebrate our avoidance of death. The comfortable period of warmth is well beyond us, and our focus has shifted upon the encroaching cold of winter. Sol has rapidly moved south becoming lower in our noontime sky, lessening daylight and emphasizing the dark. Leave it to the Celts to have envisioned their harvest festival called Samhain (SAH-win), meaning summer's end, the first and most important of the cross-quarter days, and then to add a touch of the macabre. They believed that the veil separating the living from the dead thinned on Samhain, permitting the souls of the dead, ghosts, fairies, and demons to move freely in our world. Sacrifices of animals and plants were made; bonfires were lit to guide the departed along their way, and to keep the living separated from the dead. Offerings of food and drink were left outdoors to placate these netherworld beings from entering homes. The poor went door-to-door begging for food or money in exchange for songs and prayers, often said for the departed, while others dressed like the dead to avoid being recognized by roaming ghouls and drawn into their world, our modern origins of "trick or treat." The reaction of the Church was to Christianize these customs which they were unsuccessful in curtailing by adding to their church calendar All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on November 1 and 2nd, www.astronomy.org



Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Greek prefix "xeno"?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: Gotland Island is located in what body of water?
- 3. MEASUREMENTS: What does a micron measure?
- 4. MOVIES: Who was the Oscar-winning director of the movie "Deer Hunter"?
- **5. LITERATURE:** In which U.S. state was the writer Eudora Welty born?
- **6. MUSIC:** Who wrote the song "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"?
- 7. MOVIES: What movie featured the line, "Hasta la vista, baby"?
- **8. PSYCHOLOGY:** What is a fear of books called?
- **9. HISTORY:** Who was the first U.S. astronaut to fly into space twice?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: What food is eaten traditionally in the United Kingdom on the day before Ash Wednesday?

Answers: 1. Foreigner or stranger; 2. Baltic Sea; 3. Length; 4. Michael Cimino; 5. Mississippi; 6. Burt Bacharach and Hal David; 7. "Terminator 2: Judgment Day"; 8. Bibliophobia; 9. Gus Grissom; 10. Pancakes (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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Moments In Time By The History Channel



- On Nov. 12, 1889, DeWitt Wallace, founder of Reader's Digest, is born. By the end of the 20th century, the magazine had the largest circulation in the world, with more than 17 million readers in some 20 languages.
- On Nov. 10, 1903, U.S. Patent No. 743,801 is awarded to an Alabama woman named Mary Anderson for her windshield wipers. Anderson tried to sell the patent to a Canadian firm, but it said the device had no practical value.
- On Nov. 11, 1921, the Tomb of the Unknowns is dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery in an Armistice Day ceremony. The Tomb of the Unknowns is considered the most hallowed grave at Arlington and has been guarded by sentinels 24/7 since 1937.
- On Nov. 13, 1953, Mrs. Thomas J. White of the Indiana Textbook Commission calls for the removal of references to the book "Robin Hood" from school textbooks, claiming it was communistic. Attacks on freedom of expression in the U.S. during the Red Scare resulted in a number of books being banned, including John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."
- On Nov. 8, 1960, John F. Kennedy, 43, becomes the youngest man and first Roman Catholic ever to be elected president of the United States.
- On Nov. 9, 1971, John Emil List slaughters his family in their Westfield, New Jersey, home and then disappears for 18 years. List had methodically devised a plan, saying the family was going out of town. By the time authorities discovered the bodies, he had vanished. List was found in West Virginia in
- On Nov. 7, 1991, basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson stuns the world by announcing his sudden retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers, after testing positive for the AIDS virus. Johnson was one of the first sports stars to go public about his HIV-positive status.

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Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

 It was Bulgarian-French philosopher Tzvetan Todorov who made the following sage observation: "We should not be simply fighting evil in the name of good, but struggling against the certainties of people who claim always to know where good and evil are to be found."

 As Halloween approaches, it's interesting to note that in 16 states, you won't pay taxes on the candy you buy for trickor-treaters; for tax purposes, candy is categorized as groceries. Of course, there's room for debate over what qualifies as candy; breath mints and gum are usually included, along with the obvious -- chocolate bars, hard candies and such. The tax code can get even more detailed than that, though; for instance, in Florida (which taxes candy but not groceries), marshmallows are tax-exempt, but marshmallow candies are not.

 The seahorse is the only animal whose head is positioned at a right angle to its body.

• Recently retired sportscaster Vin Scully served 67 seasons as the play-by-play announcer for the Dodgers -starting in Brooklyn in 1950, then moving with the team to Los Angeles in 1958 -- making him the longest-tenured broadcaster with with a single team in the history of professional sports. Over the years he's had many fans, including Chris Carter, creator of the long-running TV series "The X Files." One of the main characters, Dana Scully (played by actress Gillian Anderson), was named for the sportscaster.

· In William Shakespeare's day, the sound of thunder often was described as a "rounce-robble-hobble."

Thought for the Day: "Patriotism, n. Combustible rubbish ready to the torch of any one ambitious to illuminate his name. In Dr. Johnson's famous dictionary patriotism is defined as the last resort of a scoundrel. With all due respect to an enlightened but inferior lexicographer I beg to submit it is the first." -- Ambrose Bierce

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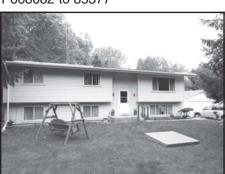
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said mortgage and the statute in such

Estate of Claude J. Rickel Date of birth: August 1, 1925 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Claude J. Rickel, died August 10, 2016.

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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 p.m. on November 16,

Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47. Supervisor's Plat of Woodland Acres No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 7 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 3122 Spruce Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737.

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MITCHELL TWP. SYNOPSIS

The Mitchell Township Board met on September 12. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm, and trustee Aaron Welch. Members absent: None. Others present: Chief Mike Lay and seven township citizens.

The board: Accepted the August regular meeting minutes. Accepted August fi-

Voted to add Heather Goold as a volunteer fireman. Voted to accept August's zoning report. Voted to have Goodrich Trucking seal town hall driveway. Voted to send one person to Emerging Issues Conference.

Roll call vote to adopt Consumers Energy Resolution 2016-9. Roll call vote to not participate in the hunting access program at Crooked Lake Township prop-

runs for August.

the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron at (989) 884-1354 or go to township website: www.mitchelltownship.org. Donita Charron Mitchell Township Clerk

The Mitchell Township Board met on October 10. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm, and trustee Aaron Welch. Members absent: None. Others present: Chief Mike Lay.

The board: Accepted the September regular meeting minutes. Accepted September financial report as submitted. Voted to accept September's zoning report. Roll call vote to pay Robertson & Carpenter for audit.

There were five medical, one personal injury, and two fire runs for August.

Generators for fire department and town hall will be install the beginning of November. Planning Commission next meeting December 14. Next board meeting is November 7 at 7 p.m.

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There were four medical and two fire

Next meeting is October 10 at 7 p.m. For

The Alcona Tigers put the

Sports Writer

By Ben Murphy

finishing touches on their football season Friday night, as they rolled over host Mio, 52-0 in a North Star League crossover game.

"This was a great way to end the regular season and head into the playoffs on a high note," Alcona head coach Jason Somers said. "I thought our ability to execute plays on both sides of the ball was key for us."

The Thunderbolts entered the game with just one win on the season but did manage to hold the Tigers back for awhile. Still, the game was never in doubt as Alcona ran in for seven rushing touchdowns in the contest.

Having another big night on the ground was Brock Franklin, who ran for 333 yards and five touchdowns on 20 carries. Dresden Parkinson ran 14 times for 74 yards, with Lucas Wise and Ian Travis scoring one touchdown each.

On defense, Devon Mills and Jack Hutchinson had six tackles and one interception

points. Somers knows that beating a team twice in the same season isn't an easy

Alcona hosts AuGres

in playoff opener Friday

'We know AuGres will be tough and they will be ready to avenge the loss we gave them," he said.

That loss was the only setback the Wolverines suffered against NSL teams this season, with their only other loss coming to Bay City All Saints last week.

'We hope that we've gotten better since the first time we've played them, but I'm sure they have gotten better also," AuGres head coach Chad Zeien said. "Franklin is not only a great running back, but also a great kid. I'm hoping we can (slow him down). He's so explosive and fast so that one time you don't have two or three bodies on him he's going to bust a big one."

In the match-up earlier this season, Franklin busted several big ones, as he ran for 325 yards and five touchdowns, including one from 87-yards away. Zeien knows that can't happen again if his team is to have a chance this

"We know AuGres will be tough and they will be ready to avenge the loss we gave them."

> ~ Jason Somers Alcona Head Football Coach

"Some of the keys were our ability to stay focused, Mio was up for this game and gave us some trouble early,' Somers said. "Our players were able to fight off adversity and complete their assignments."

The best of the North Star League (NSL) will battle it out on the football field again this week. Alcona (8-1), winners of the NSL Big Dipper, is set to host AuGres (7-2), winners of the NSL Little Dipper in the first round of the division eight playoffs, on the Tigers' home field Friday.

These two teams met way back in week four this season, in what was a 58-20 Alcona win. The Tigers led that game 30-6 at the half before a wild second half that saw both teams rack up

"We need to slow down their run and get our defense off the field so that they don't wear us out," he said. "We've had quite a few turnovers the last couple of weeks and we can't afford to turn the ball over to a team of Alcona's caliber.'

The Tigers, who are in the playoffs for the fourth time in the last five years, have put up a whopping average of 51 points per game this season, setting a record for most points during the regular season. Somers is hoping they continue to find the same success now that it's playoff time. They will be looking for their first playoff win since

"We have a good scheme and the players are becoming more and more comfortable in their positions," he said. "Staying healthy will be a key to winning. Also, playing mistake football will be a must. It should be a fun match-up.'

The Wolverines, back in the playoffs for the first time since 2012, were no offensive slouch either as they put up 36 points a game, led by sophomore quarterback Caden Zeien and a cast of talented receivers. They will be looking for their first playoff win in program history.

"We are just excited to be in the playoffs," Zeien said. "It's been four years, so this is pretty exciting times again. We were hoping we wouldn't get Alcona, but knew that most likely we would be a three seed and get a top notch team none the less."

Alcona will host the district semi-final game on Friday night with the kickoff at 7 p.m.

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The regular Caledonia Township board meeting on October 12 was called to order by supervisor Hubbard with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Hubbard, Timm, Thornton, Swinson and Scott. Also present: Nancy Beck, zoning administrator and seven citizens. Motions to approve agenda; minutes of September 14; to pay the bills; and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Correspondence: MTA officials training is January 26 in Alpena; Alcona chapter meeting is October 18 at Curtis Township; Exhibitor Village Association of Lifelong Learners is October 22; and Charter Communications will be discontinuing the Pivot Network.

Planning commission: Reviewed and revised process for keeping minutes to be included in the planning commission bylaws. Members will review the Tri-Township Master Plan's final chapters

for discussion with Rick Deuell from NEM-COG and other planning commission members at Tri-Township meeting on October 20. Four members will be attending the "Sign Regulations" seminar put on by NEMCOG on October 13.

Zoning administrator handled calls from Caledonia Street, answered questions concerning septic ordinance, and did a permit for property owners on Swede Road.

Zoning board of appeals held variance request from PI Infrastructure for cell tower. They granted the variance.

Assessor Tammy Fall gave her report to the board.

Unfinished business: Motion to pay Gauthier Heating to repair library furnace. Mr. Harvey from building department sent a letter stating the building at 1505 W. Hubert does not need to be condemned, but does need considerable work and upgrading. Scott is still working on getting quotes for roof and ceiling at the township hall. He submitted price quotes for signs at Hickey Hill. Motion to order from Omega Signs one large sign for "No Dumping" and 20 signs "Caledonia Township Property/ Please be Responsible." Mark Bowen offered to removed trash barrel at the Northend Park.

New business: Motion to appoint Laurie Bowen as alternate to the zoning board of appeals and Craig Klemens, John Preston and Dean MacKinnon to the board of review.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is November 2, one week earlier than usual. Planning commission meets November 7.

Helen Timm, Clerk





Alcona County Review B Section

Three candidates vie for State Representative seat

Mich. is the Republication candidate for the 106th District House Representative seat. These are her responses to the Review's questions. (They are verbatim.)

• Please explain your background. (200 words or

Currently, I am vice-chair of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioner(s) and am serving in my sixth year on the board. Previously, I served on the Wilmot Township Board of Review. As a commissioner, my responsibilities have included serving on District Health Department No. 4, North Country Community Mental Health, Area Agency on Aging, Northern Michigan Counties Association, Local Emergency Planning, Cheboygan County Council on Aging, Millage Appropriation, and Northeast Michigan Council of Service Associations (NEMCSA).

My education includes a Bachelor of Science in nursing and master of business administration. I have been married for 40 years to my husband, Pat, have three adult children and three grandchildren. My life experiences have been many and have provided insight that will be beneficial when representing the 106th District insight into topics such as issues impacting the elderly, health care services, the high cost of health insurance, veterans issues, our educational systems, small business operations, and the taxes we all are faced with.

Probably the most important part of my background is having parents who taught me right from wrong, that truth and honesty are imperative, and integrity is essential. These are the backbone of who I am and always will be.

• What, specifically, is your plan to improve the economic conditions of northeastern Michigan? vice and cellular coverage is (ZUU woras or iess.)

Economic conditions in northeastern Michigan are impacted by a variety of situations, some of which are an aging workforce, loss of population, lack of manufacturing, poor infrastruc-ture, and lack of skilled trades. There must be a simultaneous focus on each of these areas as they are all inter-connected. The burdens placed on taxpayers must be reduced, vocational programs must be enhanced, infrastructure must be improved, and the regulatory environment must be less burdensome on businesses and the individual. When taxpayers have more of their hard-earned dollars to keep and the other goals achieved, the environment for growing the economy will have im-

• **Sue Allor** of Wolverine, proved dramatically. The big question is - "Where does the money come from to achieve this?" That answer must be "eliminate government waste." My focus is to create an environment conducive to economic growth without placing additional



Sue Allor

burdens of the taxpayer.

• How will you work to protect the Great Lakes from threats like water diversion, oil/gas spills, etc. (other than invasive species)? (200 words or less.)

The Great Lakes are essential to the 106th District and all Michiganders as our water supply, tourism industry, fishing, freight transport, etc. are reliant on its existence. It is essential that currently established regulations and guidelines are followed and that improvements to those regulations and guidelines occur in an effort to protect the Great Lakes. Continued review, monitoring, evaluation of data and upcoming reports is necessary to establish policies that will continue to protect one of our greatest natural resources.

• How will you work to improve access to broadband internet service and cellular coverage in northeast Michigan? (200

Broadband internet sersorely lacking in many areas of the 106th District and needs to be greatly improved for the northeastern area to grow economically. Unfortunately, there are issues affecting providers that factor into whether or not providing service is a viable option for an area, factors such as population density and the regulatory environment.

While population density is a variable difficult to control, the regulatory environment is an aspect that must be evaluated. Quite often, as regulations increase so do the overall costs of a project, which will have an influence on the service provider's decisions. It is essential to review the regulatory environment to minimize potential road blocks as provider may deal with. Communication with various stakeholdersplanning/zoning, providers and users - in an effort facilitate expansion is necessary. Additionally, focus on keeping our taxpayer dollars within our communities rather than distribution of our tax dollars to communities outside of our district is essential to improve growth within the district.

• Robert Kennedy of Harrisville is the Democratic candidate for the 106th District House Representative seat. These are his responses to the Review's questions. (They are verbatim.)

• Please explain your background. (200 words or

I have deep ties to our community and want to see all families and businesses in northeast Michigan thrive. I'm proud that my family has called this part of Michigan home for five generations, and I've devoted my career to teaching our young people in our public schools. Too many local families are struggling some people are working two or even three jobs just to make ends meet. It's time to change our rigged economy and make it work for every-

When I'm in Lansing, I'll be on the side of working families and enterprising local business owners, not wealthy special interest groups. Constituent service is my strongest attribute. Much like the late Representative Peter Pettalia, İ will be in the district doing the work of the people.

· What, specifically, is your plan to improve the economic conditions of northeastern Michigan? (200 words or less.)

There are several steps that must be taken to improve our local economy. First and most important, we must abandon the trickle down economic philosophy of our current Lansing leaders and replace it with a middle out approach. This will allow a larger number of consumers to have a disposable income and actually participate in economic ac-

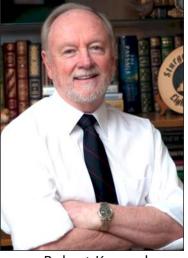
Our infrastructure remains a primary concern, and the roads plan of 2015 did little to address it. Not only must we invest in better and safer roads and bridges, we must also ensure that every northeast Michigan community has access to high speed internet and ensure that northeast Michigan gets the resources it deserves to improve air, rail and waterway transit sys-

We also need to invest in human capital, which begins by making sure our kids get their fair share of resources from Lansing, rather than seeing downstate school dis-



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Robert Kennedy

tricts receive an unfair share of funding. Workforce development for older children and adults is also a priority, and we must bring local businesses together with workforce development agencies, school districts and colleges to make sure our residents are prepared for the best jobs available in our region.

· How will you work to protect the Great Lakes from threats like water diversion, oil/gas spills, etc. (other than invasive species)? (200 words or less.)

Our Great Lakes are vitally important not only for the recreational opportunities they bring, but for the jobs and business opportunities they create. Protecting the Great Lakes is crucial, so that they can continue to be a valuable natural resource for our children and grandchildren. The aging Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac is a primary concern, because a rupture there would be an unimaginable disaster for northeastern Michigan.

I support a number of proposals currently before the Legislature that would address pipeline safety by requiring the creation of an emergency response plan to deal with oil spills, requiring future pipelines to have environmental and health impact studies, and authorize the state to establish and enforce gas safety standards. Water diversion is also a concern, and I was troubled by the governor's recent vote to allow Waukeesha, Wis., to withdraw millions of gallons of water from the Great Lakes. I will vigorously defend our water resources.

 How will you work to improve access to broadband internet service and cellular coverage in northeast Michigan? (200 words.)

Access to high speed in-

ternet and cellular phone service is critical to our area if we want to see our local economy improve. Broadband access is also extremely important to our children, who need internet access to complete school assignments and develop skills that are needed in the workplace. While laws don't permit the state to require internet service providers to make broadband internet available in all parts of the state, there are steps we could take to encourage internet providers to expand access to it.

I am open to exploring the creation of incentives or grants to internet providers who want to bring broadband to communities that are currently under-served. I also support the efforts of Connect Michigan, a partnership between the Michigan Public Service Commission and Connected Nation, to work with internet service providers to bring greater broadband access to Michi-

• Dana Carver of Onaway, Mich. is the Libertarian candidate for the 106th District House Representative seat. These are her responses to the Review's questions. (They are verbatim.)

• Please explain your background. (200 words or

I have 25 years of experience in the service industry as a bartender and waitress. I am married with three adult children. I moved to northern Michigan in 2009 after the crash and my husband lost his career. We had to choose which house to save and we chose the one up here. We have learned how to farm and grow most of our own food. I have been deeply involved in the Onaway and Cheboygan Tea Party. I have extensive knowledge about the founding documents and the court system as an advocate for liberty.

• What, specifically, is your plan to improve the economic conditions of northeastern Michigan? (200 words or less.)

I will try to lower regulations, taxes and licensing fees so that more people can own their own businesses. I will also try to end the war against the cannabis plant. This will lower the cost of prosecution, lower housing costs of prisoners, have less people with records so they will be

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 How will you work to protect the Great Lakes from threats like water diversion, oil/gas spills, etc. (other than invasive species)? (200 words or less.)

The Great Lakes are very important to us and must be protected. I see no reason for us to have oil pipelines going through our Great Lakes. I am also concerned with the amount of fracking going on in our state forests right next to the rivers. Water diversion is a tricky one. While I do not want people to go without clean drinking water, I am quite concerned by this first diversion we are in the middle of in Waukesha, Wisc. I am not comfortable with treated waste water being dumped back into the Great Lakes, the amount of water being diverted, and the fact that the very first time the policy is used, they change the policy. I will do what I can to bring common sense policy to this issue.

 How will you work to improve access to broadband internet service and cellular coverage in northeast Michigan? (200 words.)

I feel that the government has no interest in this issue. This is a free market issue. If companies want customers, they will provide the needed equipment.

(Editor's Note: Despite the Review's request, no photograph was submitted with Mrs. Carver's answers to our questionnaire.)

Alcona volleyball gets stopped in Elkton Pigeon Bay tourney

By Hope Smith Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team faced stiff competition in the Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Tournament action Sat-

All teams played best of two sets to 25 points each. Alcona split with North Huron 25-18 and 25-21, fell to Cass City 25-19 and 25-7, come up short against Harbor Beach 25-22 and 25-13, lost to USA 25-11 and 25-8. The Lady Tigers finished the day 1-7 overall.

"We could not get much momentum throughout the day. We definitely had bursts of strong energy, but struggled to play our game consistently and finish. Although the results of the tournament did not go the way we hoped, we learned a lot from the experience; which will make us stronger," said coach Kristi Miller.

Kendra LaFave led Alcona offensively with 11 kills. Jordan Joyce hit the floor for 31 digs. Taylor Livingston timed three blocks and Keilee Elmer delivered 14 aces and 72 assists throughout the day.

The Lady Tigers enjoyed having the home court advantage on Thursday, Oct.

20 when they celebrated senior's night with a match up against the Atlanta Huskies. Alcona swept Atlanta 25-16, 25-11, 25-12 in three straight sets. Livingston stepped to line for four aces. Lily Sager snapped down 10 kills. Joyce picked up 16 digs and Elmer set up the team with 56 assists in Alcona's win.

On October 18 the Lady Tigers dominated the Lady Eagles in Fairview, 25-16, 25-15, 25-19. Brittany Decker had seven kills and four blocks. Sager and LaFave added seven kills each. Joyce added 16 digs and Elmer dialed in eight aces and put up 58 assists in Alcona's win.

On Saturday, Oct. 29 the Lady Tigers will host the North Star League Little Dipper volleyball tournament against teams from Rogers City, Oscoda, Hillman, Whittemore-Prescott, Fairview, Hale, Posen, AuGres-Sims and Atlanta high schools.

The Alcona girls varsity volleyball team (11-2 overall) will play the first round of Class C District play scheduled for November 1 in Johannesburg Lewiston against the Cardinals.



Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754 Auxiliary

The October 2016 meeting was held with seven members present. Due to the unexpected passing of the post commander, Mike Liske, the secretary, Emma Liske, his mother, and the chairperson for several committees, Sharon Jack, his sister, were not present. One bill was submitted for snacks for the Alpena VA Clinic which the members authorized for payment. The president, Kathy

Vichunas, will send this bill to the treasurer, Sandy Light, for reimbursement.

President Vichunas reported that she filed the IRS 990-N form for the 2015 tax year. In addition, the auxiliary's inspection has been moved to the November 1 meeting. All chairmen notebooks as well as the secretary and treasurer's books must be available for the district president's inspection. The District 11 meeting will be held on November 6 at the Arenac Post No. 3724 beginning at 10 a.m.

Also, the auxiliary received a supply of "Our American Flag" publications from Senator Jim Stamas which were shared with the auxiliary and post members. The senator also has several other publications available and dent Vichunas was asked to obtain a supply of the "Recycling Coloring and Activity Book" to be given to the Sanborn School students.

Several members reported on the current status of auxiliary members: Mary Ann Seymour, Bertha Golder, Erma Wyers and Verina Stevens. Frances Ziesman will purchase and deliver a plant to the auxiliary's gold star mother.

The members were asked to keep Emma Liske and Sharon Jack in their prayers at this difficult time.

The next meeting will be held on November 1.

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Two candidates running for

Dist. 5 board of commission seat

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor

Voters in Curtis, Mikado, Millen, and Mitchell townships (District 5) have a choice between two candidates for the Alcona County Board of Commissioners — incumbent Kevin Boyat Sr. of Mikado and Gary Wnuk of Barton City.

• Kevin Boyat Sr. was born in Bay City, Mich. and raised in Millen Township where his family had a farm. He graduated from Alcona High Schools in 1974 and helped on the farm and worked in construction for several years before going into the logging business with his father. He spent more than 20 years as a partner in B&B Forest Products and farming.

Boyat and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 40 years. They live on the family farm west of Mikado and have two grown sons and three grandchildren.

He has served on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners for more than 20 years and is in his 20th year as chairman of the board. Prior to serving the county, he spent eight years on the Millen Township zoning and planning commission and on the board of directors for the Alcona Conservation District, with a stint as chairman. He has been a 4-H leader for more than 30 years and is a longtime volunteer with the Alcona County Fair and as a county commissioner is an ex officio member of the fair board.

Boyat loves the fair. He and his wife were "suckered into" getting involved by Jim and Carol Campbell - something that he tries to do himself now - get others involved. "I have made a lot of wonderful friendships with great people," he said of helping with the fair. He also loves his community. "Alcona County is home. This is a great community - there is no other place I want to be."

After 20 plus years on the board, Boyat wasn't intending to run for re-election again. However, as the deadline for filing got closer and no one had submitted the necessary paperwork, he worried the position would go unfilled. "No one else put their name in... I didn't want to see that. I had it in my mind that this was my last term - I enjoy it ... its positive 98 percent of the time.

If he is re-elected Boyat is going to continue trying to secure the U.S. Forest Service building (located north of Harrisville on US-23) for the county. The building is under lease by the county for office space and storage in the garage behind the building. "I started this 15 years ago... we need this building." He also plans to work on improvements to parking lots and other general maintenance issues.

"I'd like to bring more events to the fairgrounds," Boyat said. "A harvest festival would be nice... something for people to do. I'd also like to continue to see the county run well and make sure people have a good life. I'd like to keep making improvements for the people who live here and who are

coming in. This is a place you can live and enjoy.

• Gary Richard Wnuk was raised in the east side of Detroit, Mich. and graduated from L'Anse Creuse High School in 1975. He and his wife, Shelly, moved to Cheboygan, Mich. in 2000 until 2005 when they moved to Fairview. They settled in Barton City in 2007. They have one daughter and two grand-

He received a bachelor of applied science from ITT Technical Institute, in Fort Wayne, Ind. and worked as a controls manufacturing engineer for roughly 20 years or so with the longest time spent at Ford Motor Company. His responsibilities included working closely with budgets, meeting deadlines and overseeing projects. He retired in 2009 and occasionally works parttime when the need or interest arises.

Wnuk got involved in the community in 2013 when a locker issue was raised by the U.S. Postal Service. Then, he and his wife got involved with the Alcona County Republican Party and secured precinct delegate positions for Mitchell Township. He became vice chairman of the Alcona County Republican Party a little over a year ago and attends Heritage Family Baptist Church in Harrisville. He is also a trustee on the Lake of the Green board of directors since 2013.

"My wife and I never had any interest in (getting involved in) the political arena... however, issues coming into society with the health care system and erosions of religious liberties - the biggest is the (same sex) marriage issue." The "transgender bathroom issue" spurred him into action and he traveled to Lansing, Mich. in May to make present his opinion to the department of education. He attended a county commission meeting to speak about the

issue and got acquainted with board members. "You have to stand up to Washington who was telling us how we are going to treat transgender bathroom issues in our schools...'

He decided to run for the District 5 seat on the Alcona $County\,Board\,of\,Commission$ ers when he noticed no one was running for the position. He decided to get involved. He'd like to make more resolutions (about issues) and efficiently handle money. "Idon't want to change things up here. I like the environment; I just want to make the environment more efficient... My views are pretty much conservative and Constitutional. I don't believe it is a living document - it should be interpreted as it was written at the time.'

Wnuk is pleased with the way things are going regarding getting involved in the community. "It seemed like the doors were just opening... my wife and I are people of faith and we believe in God opening doors. I'm sick and tired of apologizing for what we believe. I think that at some point you have to make a stand for what you believe. That's why we are getting involved in politics," he said.

If he is elected, Wnuk is interested in looking into funds that might have been set aside for economic development when the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base closed in the early 1990s. "I would like to see some kind of jobs come to the community. I don't want to see this area become a Fayette - a ghost town. I want to make sure we have our basic rights protected under the U.S. Constitution.

"I want to thank the township (board) for standing up on the transgender bathroom issue - they have done a tremendous job in Mitchell Township. This is a lovely community and I think it needs to be protected and maintained that way."



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Caledonia Township votes for two trustee seats

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Voters in Caledonia Township have a choice of three candidates for two trustee positions on the township board in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

• Incumbent Brad Scott (Rep.) of Spruce grew up in Troy, Mich., and graduated from Troy High School in 1976. He attended a junior college in Georgia in 1977.

A third-generation mechanic and auto body repairman, Scott had other interests and pursued a career in radio. He studied under Howard Ross, a famous voice coach, in the old Ed Sullivan building where late night talk show host, David Letterman, worked for many years.

He began a career in radio in 1980 and worked in Oklahoma, Kansas, Maryland, New York and Detroit, Mich., where he worked for WJR/ WHYT.

Wanting to be back where his wife, Kerry, grew up, the couple moved to Spruce in 1999 and Scott started working his business, Jack Scott Voice Production, a voice over business, full time. The Scotts have been married for 32 years and have four sons.

Scott is completing his eighth year as a Caledonia Township trustee and is on the planning commission as a township board liaison. Scott said with his lifelong mechanical background he personally addresses and repairs items in the township hall and has obtained bids and estimates from local contractors for larger jobs. He has worked with trustee Travis Swinson on many issues at the hall and around Caledonia Township including the township clean-up drives hosted by Alcona

With over 30 years of marketing and promotions, I enjoy helping to bring things to life. When I became a trustee in 2009, one of my first jobs was to find and work with a web developer for our township website. To help keep costs down, we have always maintained it our-

selves rather than pay an outside source. I was really proud to be involved with the new exterior and siding on our township hall," Scott said.

He decided to run for reelection because he feels a person should be active in helping to make the community a better place. "My personal passion is the township hall building maintenance, repairs and improvements as well as helping with township ordinances. I'd like to continue working for the citizens of Caledonia Township on issues that include the Northend Park, road improvements, ordinances, the township hall, blight concerns and help improve the township," Scott said.

"I would be honored to continue serving the citizen of Caledonia Township as trustee and look forward to a big turn out on November 8."

Incumbent Travis G. Swinson (Rep.) grew up in Spruce and graduated from Alcona High School in 1989. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering in

Swinson spent the first 19 years of his career in the "corporate world" holding various managerial and executive level positions. He explained that part of his career provided him the opportunity to live abroad, twice in the United Kingdom, and do business across the United States and many other countries such as Germany, Italy, Australia, Sweden, Brazil and Spain.

In 2012 Swinson became a licensed real estate appraiser and began his own appraisal company business.

He has been serving as trustee for Caledonia Township since August 2015. He has served on the township planning commission and the township zoning board of appeals. He was a volunteer baseball coach for youth level. ages 12 to 15 years old, and for the high school varsity

Swinson said that growing up in Caledonia Township instilled a work ethic that greatly contributed to his successes in the business world. "Growing up in our township and now owning a business based there gives me a good understanding of the people who make it their home. I believe my experience in working with and managing people from different cultures and backgrounds has helped me develop the ability to relate to different needs and concerns of the people in our township," Swinson said.

Świnson said he is running for re-election because, "I chose to live here because I believe this is a great community and a great place to live. I want to serve as trustee to help maintain and improve the community we call home. I would like to continue the work that I believe is important to the people in our township. I believe those things include continued improvement of our roads and our public areas and to help resolve issues that occasionally arise in our township.

'Although I have lived in many different places, this area has always been my home. I plan to stay and do everything I can to maintain the things that makes this area so special and work to improve things that our residents see as areas which need to be addressed. Sometimes these changes are simple and sometimes they require long term plans. It is important to continue to plan and work toward goals which are important to us all," Swinson

• Betsy Lehndorff (Dem.) graduated from Huron High School in Ann Arbor, Mich. in 1971. She obtained a master's degree in journalism from the University of Colorado in 1979. In her career as a journalist and a homicide reporter, Lehndorff covered many public meetings and hearings for major newspapers such as the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post.

She moved to Alcona County in 2011 to be closer to family and said she fell in love with the community. She worked for the Alpena News and has been on the Caledonia Township planning commission, as secretary, for about three years. She is president of the Pine Street **Property Owners Association** and owns her own silversmith business working from her

Recently, Lehndorff's passion has been to bring public awareness of Oak Wilt disease which is affecting trees in the area. "It became a concern when I saw postings on Facebook when crews were out cutting trees away from overhead wires. With a recent outbreak, I'm once again trying to corral the loss of trees. Trees are one of the things which makes this place important to us," Lehndorff said. Recently, Lehndorff and U.S. Forester, Eric Brandon, took the information they garnered to the Alcona County Commissioners so they could also be aware of the concern Oak Wilt is causing.

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Three trustee candidates in Greenbush Township

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Voters in Greenbush Township will have a choice of three candidates to fill two trustee positions on the township board in the election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

• Incumbent Sara J. Olin (Rep.) grew up in Birmingham, Mich. and graduated from Birmingham High School in 1952. For 30 years Olin was a secretary for her husband's business. She garnered a state real estate license in the 1970s and sold real estate. She and her husband, Charles, are celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary this month.

After retirement in 1988 they moved to Alcona County, first living on Cedar Lake in Greenbush until 2000 and then settling in Mikado. "We traveled around the state looking and this seemed like the best place to be. It's cheaper than the other side (of the state). My husband liked to hunt so everything was here and away from traffic," Olin said

Olin has served as a trustee for Greenbush Township for 16 years and has been a chairman of the parks and recreation in Greenbush for five years. She has always been interested in politics since she was old enough to vote. "I like to be a part of what is going on and give my opinion. I'm proud of the Greenbush Township area and want to keep it nice. We have two wonderful parks, Cedar Lake and Spencer park, both are well kept and I'd like to promote that. A lot of people don't know about our parks," Olin said. If she is re-elected she would like to continue working on zoning problems in the township.

• Mark A. Parent (Rep.) grew up in Mt. Clemens, Mich., and graduated from Mt. Clemens High School in 1980. The following year his parents bought a business in Oscoda and moved their family north. Parent went to Alpena Community College and received an associate degree in electri-

cal engineering and technology in 1984. From then until the early 1990s Parent was a photo journalist for various newspapers throughout Michigan including the Big Rapids Pioneer and the Alpena News. During his career as a photo journalist he won numerous awards.

His family needed some help running four businesses in the Oscoda/Greenbush area so Parent moved to Greenbush to help and has been working for his family since 1994. He manages the Red Barn and Block and Bottle in Oscoda. For 12 years, he was a member of the board of education for Oscoda Area Schools and held various positions on that board including secretary. He completed three and a half terms on the school board. "When I started I ran to oppose the superintendent at the time and I accomplished my goal to get the superintendent out of Oscoda schools. I think I left it in much better hands when I retired from the board," Parent said.

Parent also served as Greenbush Township constable for two years until he received a liquor license and he could no longer serve as constable. Parent feels he has a strong ability to communicate with just about anybody from the governor of the state to people who are on welfare. "I make my decisions based on my knowledge and input from the public," Parent said.

He decided to run when he found out there would be an open position. He feels the Greenbush Township board is running well and wants to keep that kind of quality in the township. "The current board is doing a good job, but there could always be improvement. I'm not afraid to speak my mind. I'm not afraid to give a different perspective. That's one of my qualities. I make my own decisions and don't take peer pressure. I want to continue the good direction the board is in right now."

• Mark Swanson (Dem.) grew up in Flint, Mich. and graduated from Kearsley High School in 1973. He attended Mott Community College and worked in construction until he was hired by Consumers Energy in 1980.

Hired in at Consumers as a basic lineman, Swanson became a line worker in charge and, finally, a line supervisor. He has been retired from Consumers as the supervisor in East Tawas for almost five years. He and his wife, Cindy, have been married for 38 years and have resided in Greenbush for over 10 years.

For the past four years, Swanson has been an adjunct instructor at Alpena Community College for the utility technology program. He was a board member of the AuGres Campground and Condominium Association for four years and is the chairman for the Greenbush Township Planning Commission.

Swanson said he decided to run for trustee because he believes change is good for all government agencies at all levels. "With change comes new ideas, not the status quo. I'd like to see continued support for our seniors, be it Meals on Wheels, Dial-A-Ride or the continuation of low cost meals at various township halls. I also feel our fire department needs as much support as necessary to continue great service to the community. I feel a big problem in the township is blight which needs to be addressed and resolved in a timely fashion.

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Two local attorneys running for 23rd Circuit judge

• Nicol J. Palumbo of East Health Coordinating Coun-Tawas is a non partisan candidate for the 23rd Circuit Court judge seat. These are her responses to the Review's questions. (They are verbatim.)

Please explain your background. (200 words or

I was born and raised in the Tawas area. Tawas Area High School, 1991 valedictorian. Western Michigan University, 1995 bachelor's degree business administration, summa cum laude. Valparaiso University School of Law, 1998 juris doctorate, magna cum laude.

My legal career includes: Prosecuting attorney for Iosco County 2013 to present, which includes actively conducting felony jury trials and practice in the Court of Appeals of Michigan; Schmidt & Palumbo, PLC- private practice 1998-2013; assistant prosecuting attorney for Alcona County 1998-2005.

Professional and civic organizations of which I am a member include: Iosco County Law Enforcement Group; Iosco County Sexual Assault Response Team; Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan; Iosco County Family Dependency Court Team; 23rd Circuit/ 81st District Court Drug/Sobriety Court Team; National District Attorneys Association; Iosco County Mental

cil; Iosco County Courthouse Security Committee; Iosco County truancy early intervention group; Vulnerable Adult Protocol County team member; Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol County team member; 23rd Circuit Bar Association, past president; Kiwanis Club of Tawas, past president.

Married to Todd Howser, daughter of Michael and Joe Dee Palumbo. Endorsed by 23rd Circuit Court Judge William Myles, Iosco Probate Judge Christopher Martin, retired Judge Paul Dwyer and Michigan Association of Police Organizations.

Do you think the recent court reorganization where there is not a sitting circuit court judge in each county - is a violation of the state's constitution? Please explain. (200 words or less.)

The 23rd Circuit Court serves the four counties of Alcona, Arenac, Iosco and Oscoda with one circuit-wide elected traveling judge; this position. The state constitution does not require that each county must have its own sitting circuit court judge. While the counties that comprise the 23rd Circuit Court have changed, it has always been a multi-county circuit. When the last reorganization took place, our circuit had seven judges serv-



Nicol J. Palumbo

ing the circuit, with three circuit-wide elected judges, and each county electing its own probate judge.

However, upon the retirement of two of the three circuit-wide elected judges, the legislature has eliminated two of those circuit-wide elected judges, leaving only this position. With the reduction of the number of total judges serving the circuit, there has been a reassignment of case responsibilities. This has resulted in probate judges who are not elected in one county being regularly assigned a caseload in another county in which they are not elected. I believe our state Constitution requires that our judges be elected by the voters that they serve, and to create a situation that subverts this is a violation of the state Constitution.



2016 **Election Guide**

23rd Circuit Court Judge

What is your position regarding plea bargains for felony cases? (200 words or Ĭess.)

When used properly, plea agreements are appropriate. In our system only the prosecution and defense know the strengths and weaknesses of the evidence of a case before trial, not the judge. A successful plea agreement affords the opportunity for the judge to properly balance the needs for punishment, rehabilitation and deterrence; allowing justice to be served.

Often there is a misunderstanding that a plea agreement always results in defendants not being properly punished for crimes committed, but that is simply not the case. As prosecutor, I have had many cases where a guilty plea has been entered to even life offenses; and the defendants appropriately sentenced accordingly. One can lament over habitual offender notices being dismissed as part of plea agreements, but when such does not actually affect the sentence, it is just political rheto-

What should be of concern is the situation where a judge pressures the prosecution and defense to enter into a bad plea agreement because he does not want to conduct a trial because he never actually conducted one as an attorney. I am the only candidate that actually has the necessary experience in felony jury trials, and will proudly and earnestly preside over such.

In addition to presiding over cases in the courtroom, what are the responsibilities/duties of a circuit court judge? And, what, if any, changes would you make if you are elected? (300 words or less)

Time spent presiding over cases in the courtroom makes up only a fraction of the responsibilities of a circuit court judge; preparation for court hearings with a thorough review of applicable cases and law is vital. In addition, decision making based on the law and how that applies to the facts presented, making

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legally correct decisions and opinion writing often takes place outside of the court-room.

Beyond the often recognized duties of a judge, a circuit court judge can have significant administrative responsibilities and duties, from the management of the courts and staff to the implementation of policies that affect the public safety of our community. It is with the leadership and cooperation of the circuit court judge that we infuse rehabilitative programs into our system, addressing substance abuse problems, mental health issues, education and the unique needs of veterans in the criminal justice system; as well as securing the financial resources necessary and available through grant writing. Our circuit court judge also sits on the judicial counsel with the other judges in the circuit and makes decisions as to how cases are assigned to various judges throughout our circuit.

As circuit court judge, I will continue to work collaboratively with our community resources, as I have as prosecuting attorney, to continue the rehabilitative and educational programs that increase our public safety. Currently, while Alcona and Arenac participate with Community Corrections Action Boards and receive state funding that provides resources here locally for substance abuse treatment, cognitive therapy and educational rehabilitative programs, the entire 23rd Circuit does not utilize these resources; I will work to change that. I will be a voice on the judicial counsel to ensure strict compliance with the Constitution. I will fully and faithfully perform all of the duties of the 23rd Circuit Court Judge.

• **David C. Riffel** of Oscoda is a non partisan candidate for the 23rd Circuit Court judge seat. These are his responses to the Review's questions. (They are verbatim.)

Please explain your background. (200 words or less.)

I am 50 years old, my wife Amy and I have one beautiful daughter, Hannah Riffel. We have resided in Oscoda for 18 years. After graduating from Saginaw Valley State University, I earned my Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School. I have 18 years of experience practicing law in Alcona, Arenac, Iosco and Oscoda counties and my office is located in Tawas City. I was an Iosco County assistant prosecutor for seven years.

My family and I belong to Sacred Heart Church and I am a past president of Kiwanis of Oscoda, member of 23rd Circuit Court Bar Association and a member of the Alcona County Drug Court Team. As a child, I spent as much time as possible fishing and hunting with my father and brother at the Greenbush home of my grandparents, Charles and Bernice Riffel and had always

dreamed of returning to the area and raising a family.

I describe myself as a regular guy, people friendly and family oriented. I have worked for more than a decade under a contract with Alcona County to provide indigent legal services, and I am endorsed locally by Judge Laura Frawley, the Alcona County Sheriff and Alcona County deputies.

Do you think the recent court reorganization - where there is not a sitting circuit court judge in each county - is a violation of the state's constitution? Please explain. (200 words or less.)

Article VI of the Michigan Constitution created the judicial branch and it has some unique and to an extent, conflicting clauses about the right to every resident of each county to have its own judge. It authorizes changes to the number of judges within judicial circuits and permits the creation, alteration, and discontinuation of judicial circuits. It further directs that



David C. Riffel

sessions of the circuit court shall be held at least four times each year in every

However, the chief justice of the Supreme Court issued an order to shrink the judiciary, the result of which will leave the 23rd Circuit with only one circuit court judge. I am not happy that fewer people will have access to their elected circuit court

judge because of what was handed down from Lansing. I believe we can tweak the current court plan to make sure every resident of each county is served as best as we can.

When it comes to administering the court, I am devoted to ensuring access to justice for all residents and believe the circuit judge should sit in each county at least one time per month as opposed to four times in each county per year.

What is your position regarding plea bargains for felony cases? (200 words or less.)

I do not approve of plea bargains for habitual offenders. Also, I dislike plea bargains in the sense that anyone who may have been a crime victim may feel as if their injury or wrong is deval-

However, a critical aspect of plea bargains is that often criminal charges are disputes between the prosecutor's office and the person accused of the crime. When both sides genuinely disagree about what happened and what the evidence in a trial will show a plea bargain allows all sides, including a victim where there is one, to move on and try to restore their lives. To the extent that a person accused of a crime has no record and should not have their life ruined by a bad choice, that person has an incentive to better him or herself. So, I have to give deference to the people who know the case best, the prosecutors and the lawyers.

I infer that people who are sworn to advocate to their position are going to the necessary consultation with their client or victim and try to do what's best. I intend to factor in rehabilitation, deterrence, protection of the community and punishment when imposing a sentence.

In addition to presiding over cases in the courtroom, what are the responsibilities/duties of a circuit court judge? And, what, if

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The citizens of Alcona County are our most important asset, along with the many seasonal guests and tourists that come to our beautiful homeland.

We accept our task to strive to keep all of our residents and guests as safe as possible. In that task, we recognize that managing the problems and challenges of illegal drugs are a part of the need for that safety. Far too many of us know of the child who has watched their mother and father in a physical confrontation because of drugs, the family who has lost a youth due to an accident caused by a driver under the influence of drugs, a young adult who finds their life entangled in the drug community, money for drugs, but no money left for food or shelter, and we know this needs to be addressed.

To help reduce the access to drugs is a major step to helping reduce these devastating situations. It is our belief that passage of the Drug Interdiction Millage will be an important step to having a healthier and safer Alcona County.

The following individuals from the Board of Commissioners ask you to support the millage.

~ Chairman Kevin Boyat, Commissioners Kathy Vichunas, Craig Johnston, Sheila Phillips and Carolyn Brummund.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of October 17-23, 2016

75 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 1 Felonious Assault.

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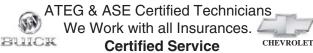
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for Caledonia Township trustee because she comes from a long lineage of people who made conscientious efforts in favor of public need. "My grandfather and father

Lehndorff decided to run have a tradition of rising to the occasion to help people have a better life. I have that desire too. We need better communication so people in Caledonia Township know what is going on around them.

The more they know the better and safer their lives will be. I would like to support the township board in any way possible because it has done such a good job with fiscal management.

"I've enjoyed talking to everybody. This is not just a community of residents around the lake. It is farmers, retirees, young people, hard working people and even poor people. They all deserve my time and attention and they deserve good representation," Lehndorff said. She would like to see the township meeting agenda and the minutes posted publicly, perhaps on social media.

any, changes would you make if you are elected?

(300 words or less.)

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A judge should be a leader within the offices of the courthouse. My leadership style is one in which I will lead by example and maintain a positive and people-friendly attitude at all times. For more than a decade while I have worked under a contract with Alcona County to provide indigent legal services, I have had the opportunity to personally work with all of the court staff. I am familiar with the practices and procedures of the judiciary in particular where I am already involved in the Alcona County Drug/

Sobriety Court. I intend to hit the ground running.

The judge should have a professional working relationship with court administrators, court staff, court reporters and the attorneys. I will show the staff the same level of respect that I show the parties and lawyers who appear before the bench. In addition, the court's budget should be carefully monitored and followed. I would keep an open mind and explore new policies and procedures to make the court more userfriendly and efficient. I will keep abreast of and implement programs necessary to fulfill mandates, and/or necessary procedural changes. It's the judge's responsibility to create a courtroom atmosphere of justice and equality for all. The judge must ensure that every person be entitled to present their case to the extent allowed by law. Everyone should have their day in court!

Presently, I am not able to announce what if any changes I would make to the current practices and operations of the court. While some changes may be made, it would simply be premature to forecast those changes until I can see first-hand from the bench how changes could be made that would benefit the citizens of Alcona County and make the court more efficient and user friendly.

Drug epidemic leaves more Michigan children with uncertain future

By Ray Wilbur

Capital News Service

The use of prescription opiates, heroin and other drugs is a rising statewide epidemic that threatens the future of more children.

Drug overdose was the number-one cause of injuryrelated deaths for Michigan adults in 2014 when they jumped to 1,745. That's about a 12 percent increase over the previous year, according to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) data.

The illegal use of drugs, specifically prescription opiates, has steadily increased during the past five years, according to Alicia Guevara-Warren, Kids Count project director for the Michigan League for Public Policy. But the real state-altering issue here is the children's lives that are uprooted as a result, she said.

The number of children of parents with substance abuse problems and who entered foster care rose from 6,989 in 2011 to 7,971 in 2013, which Guevara-Warren said is the latest reliable data.

In 2014, there were 9,133 children exposed to drug activity, the state Child Protective Services agency reported, and that could be far fewer than the actual number, said

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Bob Wheaton, public infor- tional drugs." mation officer for DHHS, because of a switch to a new reporting system.

Exposure to drug activity includes living in a home where drugs are dealt or made, having parents who possess drugs or parents who use them around their children.

In 2014, about 550 children grew up in a home where meth was sold, according to Child Protective Services statistics. "It's the biggest issue we deal with from a prosecutor's standpoint," said Daryl Vizina, the Cheboygan County prosecutor. "These prescription drugs are significantly more addictive, more dangerous and result in more overdoses than other tradi-

In Cheboygan, about 72 percent of convicted felony cases related to drugs in 2015, Vizina said. But the more staggering number is the 185 children those felons left behind. Such children can take up residence with extended family permanently or while their parents enter drug treatment programs, or they could go directly to the DHHS to be put in foster care, which Vizina said is a sad ending.

Cheboygan County is dealing with an epidemic that is no different from those in other counties statewide, Vizina said.

In the Charlevoix area, the number of children living with their grandparents has in-

creased, said Scott Kelly, executive director of Bay Area Substance Education Services in Petoskey. "This is just one impact that more drug use can have on the children of our state," Kelly said. "If we want to help our children, we have to help our addicts.'

In 2015, Kent County had 536 children between the ages of one and eight in out-ofhome care as a result of abuse or neglect, up by nearly 40 from 2014. Most of those are drug-related, Kelly said.

One of the most concerning consequences of drug use is the number of babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome — that causes babies to experience the effects of drug withdrawal — as a result of being exposed to drugs while in the womb, Wheaton said. Symptoms can include poor appetite, rapid breathing, seizures, sleep problems and slow weight gain.

Roughly 2,500 Michigan babies were born with the syndrome in 2014, nearly six times more than in 2010, when 404 babies suffered from the syndrome. It is common for the mother to have been addicted to prescription drugs in these cases, Wheaton said. "The overall issue of opioid abuse has been an issue nationwide," he said. "The impact it has on children is the one we're particularly concerned with."

Still, the overall number of children entering foster care

in the state is going down, not up, Wheaton said. "That's not because of a decrease in child abuse and neglect complaints or investigations," he said. "It's due to our efforts to find ways to keep children safely in their homes by providing services to families.

Gov. Rick Snyder created the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission in June to recommend policy ideas to quell the use of these drugs, although no bills have been introduced to address the issues children face in these situations. The challenge, Vizina said, is that to help children, we have to help their parents first. "And drugs are a very hard thing to stop people from doing," he said.

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Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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	BOND	0.6300 mills	thru	2022
	SINKING FUND	1.0000 mills	thru	2017
C.O.O.R. ISD	SP. ED	0.6329 mills	thru	N/A
Kirkland Comm Colle	ge CHARTER/OP	0.8436 mills	thru	N/A
	SPECIAL OP	1.2657 mills	thru	N/A
	LEVIED/DEBT	0.1200 mills	thru	2035

Alcona County Treasurer

POLL LOCATIONS

Alcona Township	Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River
Caledonia Township	Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd., Spruce
Curtis Township	Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie
Greenbush Township	Township Hall, 5039 Campbell St., Greenbush
Gustin Township	Township Hall, 113 S. 2 nd St., Lincoln
Harrisville Township	Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Rd, Harrisville
Hawes Township	VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Rd., Barton City
Haynes Township	Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln
Mikado Township	Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado
Millen Township	F.O.E Hall, 671 Sanborn Rd., Barton City
Mitchell Township	Township. Hall, 6849 W. Tower Rd., Curran
Harrisville City	City Hall, 200 5th Street, Harrisville

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact their township or city clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

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