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Aiden Bryan, 7, and Bentley Taylor, 6, of Oscoda talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus during the Mikado Good-fellow's Christmas party on December 10.

Savannah LeClair, 4, of Harrisville and Richard Schleben, 5, of Oscoda each pick out new hats during the party.

Every child that attended the event (from birth to age 12) received an age-appropriate gift, a bag of candy, a new hat and more during the annual event.

Photos by Mary Weber.



Harrisville Harbor dock renovation continues

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Despite hitting a few snags, work continues at the Harrisville Harbor to repair and build new docks prior to the 2018 boating season.

The first snag was when electricians realized the north dock was putting electric current into the water. The same situation was found last spring on the south dock and resulted in shutting down electricity to that section for the entire boating season.

The second snag, literally, was when a backhoe operator nicked a small piece of a gas line. Luckily, no big problems ensued, and the repairs were made quickly.

According to Harrisville Harbormaster Jim Ferguson, the electric conditions of the north dock were much more serious and put resolving the issue to the forefront of the renovation phases.

Ferguson explained the dangers of electric current in the water, "It causes electric drowning which paralyzes its victims in the water, causing them to drown. Several years ago, two children died because of this in Traverse City. Ever since it's been a major concern for all harbors to comply with new safety regulations."

The harbor is in the first and second phase of a renovation project which has secured a \$824,981 grant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Addressing the north dock's electricity wasn't going to take place until phase four or five in 2019.

According to Ferguson, when the harbor found out about the electric problems on the north dock it had two options. They could shut down the electricity to the north dock for next summer and address the problem in the fall, or they could flip some of the planned phases

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Community Foundation helps raise over \$120,000 for nonprofits

In its third year of providing the platform for local nonprofits to participate in the ever-growing Giving Tuesday movement, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) surpassed last year's event by far, helping to raise \$120,668 for organizations throughout the region on November 28.

"We are absolutely floored by how our communities showed up in support of our local nonprofits on Giving Tuesday," said CFNEM Executive Director Patrick Heraghty. "We know northeast Michiganders are incredibly generous, and that was

proved in a huge way on Tuesday."

Giving Tuesday follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, offering a dedicated day for charitable giving as the holiday season kicks off. The hope for this global movement is that people will set aside a few minutes from holiday shopping to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

"There are not enough ways to describe the heartfelt gratitude we at the Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan are

feeling," said Kellie Sefernick of the CAC. "With the money received through the generous donations we will be able to cover the cost of our reaccreditation with the National Children's Alliance, and be able to continue providing a safe, supportive and child-friendly environment for victims of physical and sexual abuse to be heard."

Fifty-one nonprofits from Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties participated in the event through the Community Foundation, which provided the online platform, market-

ing tools and all recording efforts.

"We here at the Crawford County Commission on Aging feel privileged to have been part of something that together can influence so many," said Christine Sayad of the CCCA. "All of us realize it takes a lot of hard work and care to make our agencies and programs operate to capacity. To see the outpouring of donations which came in on Giving Tuesday, tells us how much people really do care and will inspire us to work even harder. Donations we raised will help fund our

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Obituaries

Edward J. Schefferly
Edward John Schefferly, 81, of Greenbush died on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017.

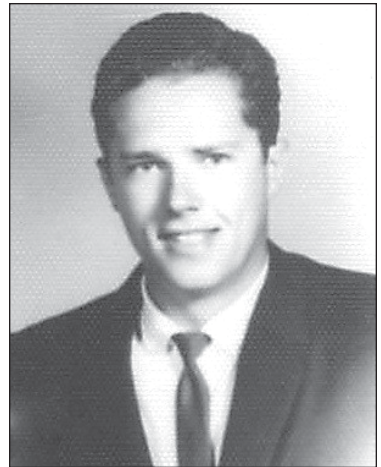
He was born on October 10, 1936, to Edward Charles E. and Janet R. (Cook) Schefferly in Detroit, Mich.

He married Diane Kordenbrock on June 25, 1957. They raised their family in Detroit, Mich. where he served as a firefighter. He advanced to an engineer of the Detroit Fire Department and was awarded numerous citations for lifesaving rescues. He drove a ladder truck and fought fires through the 1967 riots.

Upon his retirement from the Detroit Fire Department, Mr. Schefferly moved his family to property on Cedar Lake in Alcona County. He loved the outdoors of northern


Michigan. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His love of playing many sports made him a passionate sports fan. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Oscoda.

Mr. Schefferly is survived by his wife, Diane of Greenbush; three daughters, Kim Schefferly of Milford, Mich., Lori (Thomas) Mulrone of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada and Tammy Schefferly of Milford, Mich.; two grandchildren, Ryan P. Mulrone of WaWa, Ontario, Canada and Erin M. Mulrone of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada; three great-grandchildren, Nola Mulrone, Nash Mulrone and Brielle Miller; one brother, Richard (Sharon) Schefferly of Lincoln; two



nephews, Gregg Schefferly of Lincoln and Richard (Heidi) Schefferly of Jackson, Mich.; and one niece, Donna (Terry) Frank-lin of Lincoln.

Interment was at Mt. Joy Cemetery in Black River. A private, family memorial will be held at a later date.

 **Giles C. Hofacer Sr.**
Giles C. Hofacer Sr., 89, of East Tawas, formerly of Oscoda, died on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 at home.

He was born on May 4, 1928 in Chesaning, Mich. to Herman and Clara (Pringle) Hofacer. He attended Oscoda High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1946 to 1948.

He married Lola Mae Hempton on January 9, 1954 in Indiana.

He was a longtime employee of the Iosco County News-Herald and Oscoda Press newspapers. He also worked for George Buckmeier Construction over a course of many years.

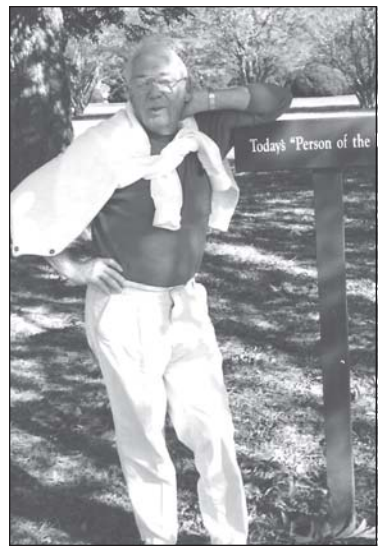
Mr. Hofacer was active and had many athletic interests during his life. He enjoyed playing golf, baseball, pool, water skiing, swimming and tennis and bowled on several leagues.

He loved being involved in his children's lives and activities. During their younger years, he coached Little League baseball in East Tawas. He was a member of the American Legion, Moose, and the Eagles for many years.

Mr. Hofacer is survived by his wife, Lola; three sons, Keith (Jan) Robinson, Kris (Sereina Lowell) Hofacer and Hugh (Wanda) Hofacer; two daughters, Rene Hofacer and Robina Mae (Phil) Olson; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Elaine (Don) Clark; one daughter-in-law, Lee Ann Haight; and many nieces and nephews.

Giles was preceded in death by one son, Giles Hofacer Jr.; one brother, Howard Hofacer; and three sisters, Shirley Stuart, Wanda Eberhardt and Vivian Hofacer.

Cremation has taken



place. A celebration of life memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion in East Tawas. Military honors will be at 4 p.m. He will be laid to rest in the American Legion Cemetery in East Tawas.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 3	38	28	0.00	2.6	14	SW
Dec. 4	51	37	0.09	10.1	30	SW
Dec. 5	53	27	0.03	10.9	42	SW
Dec. 6	28	22	0.00	5.2	25	WSW
Dec. 7	29	22	0.00	3.5	18	W
Dec. 8	30	21	0.01	4.1	20	W
Dec. 9	32	18	0.02	2.9	29	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017-2018 Season			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.15	0.6	0.42
December to Date	0.15	0.6	0.54
Year/Season to Date	32.70	1.0	27.11

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,
As newcomers to the area we wish to express our gratitude to all of the "hosts" of Harrisville's Christmas in the Village. How impressive!

There was such variety of food and goods in Maria Hall as well as in the town churches.

It was special to be treated with the horse-drawn hayride and see happy faces at the children's activities of the arts council and Alcona County Library.

We enjoyed strolling through the shops while meeting friendly people over the refreshments. Sharing a "thank you" to our local grocery owner Steve of Harrisville Harbor Grocery for his dedicated community involvement. (And we won his store's raffle, one of the fine spiral hams.)

Finally, on behalf of the Harrisville community, surrounding areas and guests, our appreciation to the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce for its commitment and organization of this event.

Janet Ovcjak
Harrisville

To the Editor,
The Mikado American Legion provided an appreciation Christmas dinner. On behalf of the Mikado Township Board of Trustees and for the men and women of the

Mikado Township Fire Department and guests, I wish to offer our appreciation and thank you for the dinner.

Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas
Mikado

To the editor,
I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Alcona County. I wear a number of hats in both my work and volunteer activities, and whenever there has been a need for a family and I have reached out to the community, that need has always been met.

I am so grateful for those who have remembered My Brother's Hope in their giving this year, and especially to Santa's helper who sent a large donation this week. It is through the continued support of our work, that My Brother's Hope has been able to serve Alcona county for the past eight years and can continue to serve our county through the Free Store, through the Pot Luck Cafe served each month by churches and service organi-

zations through out the county.

A special thank you to St. Andrews and the Empty Nesters group who provided a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings to nearly 100 people last weekend. We welcome the Old Stone Church to our family of groups who serve the Pot Luck cafe every month, as they will be with us in January.

I am grateful for all the support of our Alcona Day One program that is currently serving 22 families which include 45 children, providing support and resources to meet needs and care for children. I am grateful for the Purple Martin group of Rogers City, who are once again providing Christmas presents for all our Alcona Day One children.

We are blessed to live in a community that cares for one another, and that caring impacts not only Alcona County, but is a model for community spirit through out are state and country. Thank you, Alcona County for your generosity, your care for one another, and your message of what community really means.

Meg Nisbet
Harrisville

To the Editor
Fifty years ago on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1967, I graduated from Western Michigan University. My wife and I spent Sunday traveling to Alcona County and Monday I started teaching drafting at Alcona High School. I remember meeting my friendly, supportive teaching colleagues and my students.

During my six years at Alcona I was fortunate to work with very talented young people. The memories became stories I shared with later students in Sault Ste Marie. The story of the dragonfly on a string spending an

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Obituaries

Harvey A. Huntinghouse

Harvey A. Huntinghouse, 29, of Greenbush, died on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at home.

He was born July 29, 1988 to Fred and Tonya (Hart) Huntinghouse in Alpena; he was a lifelong resident of the area.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time in his deer blind.

Mr. Huntinghouse is survived by his mother, Tonya (Thomas) Luebben; two children, Elliana and Isaac Huntinghouse; his fiancé, Tiffnay Keyes; and three sisters, NaTonia Huntinghouse, Kara Jones, and Sara Luebben.

Visitation is Saturday, Dec. 9 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Char McGuire will officiate.

Velma R. Snyder

Velma R. Snyder, 62, of Mikado, died on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 her home.

She was born December 4, 1954 to Willie and Geneva (Nickell) Nickell Jr. in West Liberty, Ky. She was raised in Belleville, Mich.

She attended Marjons Beauty School in Wayne, Mich.

On January 4, 1973, she married Garold Snyder in Toledo, Ohio. They were residents of Belleville, Mich.

Mrs. Snyder was a devoted homemaker. She loved spending time with her children, whom she homeschooled, and her grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and was a talented seamstress.

From 1974 until 1984 she owned and operated Snyder Adult Foster Care in Ypsilanti, Mich.

In 1993 she moved to Mikado. She attended Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Oscoda.

Mrs. Snyder is survived by her husband, Garold; one daughter, Charity Beth Snyder; two sons, Christin Thornton Snyder and Nicholas Scott Snyder; 13 grand-



children; three sisters, Phillis Holsten, Rita (Steve) Colons and Ann (Charles) Thomas; two brothers, Odell (Liz) Nickell and Wendell (Peggy) Nickell.

She was preceded in death by two infant children, Garold Snyder Jr. and Velma Wanda Lee Snyder; and one brother, Ralph Douglas Nickell.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. Visitation will continue at the funeral home on Thursday, Dec. 7 from noon until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Jerry Dodds will officiate. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery.

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The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2018 Proposed Budget on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., in the commissioners' meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building, Harrisville. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

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hour in my classroom and being flown out the door by his student owner was a good one. Another, of the student who shared the silly phrase "Nifty, Keeno, Neato, Boldy" always got a laugh.

I remember the drawings that we entered in state competitions. The judges were always impressed by the students' skill, attention to detail and mastery of complex tasks. The Alcona students were second to none.

In looking back on those days of the Vietnam War and radical social changes, I was lucky I started teaching at Alcona. Those six years gave me the experience and confidence to earn vocational certification in drafting, become a high school assistant principal and a middle school principal.

Upon retirement I worked at Lake Superior State University supervising student teachers and then was elected to the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners. I

am still a commissioner and also chairman of the Chippewa County EDC.

Christine and I had two children and now have three granddaughters. We returned to Alcona County recently and visited the old familiar places. We talked of the good people and good times we had in Alcona County. This letter is to thank those fine people for taking us in and treating us so well.

Don McLean
Brimley, Mich.

To the Editor,

There has been a lot of debate over minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour. I do agree that we all need a living wage, but we are ignoring the future consequences of small businesses in our communities.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses make up over 99 percent of the economy.

The Employment Policies Institute opened a website called Faces of \$15, which tells the stories of small businesses around the United States that have had to close because of the minimum wage increase.

I am employed by a small business with of 14 employees. Needless to say there isn't a lot of extra money flowing around there. In fact, my boss told me that if minimum wage were to go to \$15 an hour he would let me go because "we simply don't have the extra cash to keep both of us." Since I have the least amount of experience, I would be on the losing end of the situation.

Some places have already instituted the \$15 minimum wage increase. The results haven't been what was expected from the people who wanted it to increase. The University of Washington law team did a recent study involving the city of Seattle, and its recent minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour. The study showed that jobs were decreasing about nine percent, and workers who kept their job saw their hours decrease. The study showed

that there was an average loss of \$125 per month.

The minimum wage increase to \$15 may look good on paper, but there are a few serious consequences that affect local economies. The economy works in cycles with little to no government interference. If enough of them go, we'll end up eating at chain restaurants, with a cashier, and no servers.

Kevin Craft
East Tawas, Mich.



Calendar of Events

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

extension office located at 320 South State Street in Harrisville. Join them for refreshments and meet the staff. Learn more about the MSU Extension program. Free children's books for every child that attends.

The judging of Christmas decorations in Barton City will be held at 6 p.m. Participants should have their lights on by then. Call (989) 736-3294 for details. Sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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.

Alcona County MSU Extension will celebrate 100 years of service in the county from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

The Harrisville Business Association will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Open to the public.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 464-3526.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

Living nativity, a reenactment of the Christmas story with live actors and animals set in an outdoor stable will

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**IOSCO COUNTY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
SECOND SEMESTER 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPENINGS**

GRADE	OSCODA AREA	TAWAS AREA	WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT
K	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
1	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
2	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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6	Unlimited	0	Unlimited
7	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
8	Unlimited	0	Unlimited
9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will be accepting applications for enrollment from nonresident pupils for the Second Semester of the 2017-18 school year. Applications are now available.

Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in Oscoda Area Schools, Tawas Area Schools, and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted January 14, 2018 thru January 27, 2018.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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Local Notes

Corrections

• Alcona High School senior Antavius Mikazes was inadvertently left out of last week's edition in the article "Tigers return nine players from last year." The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

• Two readers helped correct a mistake in last week's edition in the article about Michigan State University's 100th anniversary and the approximate year when Casper Bloomer received an award from U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson. It was in the mid 1950s. Thank you to Alan Schorffhaar and Karl Benghauser for setting the record straight.

Items Needed

My Brother's Hope is in urgent need of personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo). Donations may be taken to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library during regular library hours, and to the Cozy Cabin Beauty Shop, 215 S. 2nd Street, Lincoln, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Giving Back

Alcona Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) recently presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 to Dan O'Connor, Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools. The funds donated by AAACU will be used to purchase two interactive projectors for elementary classrooms. These classrooms will be outfitted with the newest projection and interactive smartboard technology.

Christmas Celebration

A Christmas celebration will be held at Harrisville United Methodist Church on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Songs of the Season will be performed by Cathy Stadler, George Redlawsk and Michelle Marcouiller, Laura Frawley, Casey Makela, Meg Nisbet and Patty Jaqua. The Harrisville United Methodist Chancel Choir will present, "Emmanuel—A Christmas Cantata." The musical event

will be under the direction of Susan Armstrong. Children will be able to hear the Christmas story read aloud. Refreshments will be served.

"Highfalutin' Christmas"

A performance by an adult flute ensemble consisting of flutists from Alcona and Alpena counties will be held at Lost Lake Woods in Lincoln on Saturday, Dec. 16. The six members will perform new and unique arrangements of familiar Christmas music for the public, beginning at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse. The ensemble includes flutists Susan Asher, Judith Case, Claire Duncan, MaryAnn Hubbard, Lois Marshall and Joanne Root.

The performance will feature several medleys of familiar holiday songs. All players perform regularly in the northeast Michigan area; their credits include the Alpena Symphony Orchestra, Wind Song Flute Quartet, Flute and Friends recital series, Besser Chorus, "Flutastic!" area churches and numerous other venues in the area. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend this hour-long performance.

Interested Persons Needed

A community meeting will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library to discuss the impact and goals of "Water/Ways" on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. The meeting is to start conversation about the library being chosen to host a traveling six-week exhibit called "Water/Ways" a part of the Smithsonian Institute's "Museum on Main Street" exhibit which will be at the library November through December of 2018.

"Our responsibility, as one of only six host in the state, is to provide programs and conversations about the importance of water in our community, past, present and future. We already have some ideas planned to include a community book read, an art show with 'water' theme, a program about Lake Huron shipwrecks, and more. Some of our specific needs will be programming ideas, speakers and docents for the exhibit and leaders for commu-

nity conversations," said Denise Bearre, library director.

The library is asking for any group or individual in the community willing to partner with them to show support, or help with programming ideas, to attend the meeting. For more information, call the library at (989) 724-6796, extension 221.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4:30 p.m. 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 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

• Monday, Dec. 18—Chicken and stuffing casserole, winter blend, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.

• Tuesday, Dec. 19—Ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, red and green fluff salad, and cherry cheese cake.

• Wednesday, Dec. 20—Cabbage roll, red bliss potato, peas and carrots, and pears.

• Thursday, Dec. 21—Pork chop bake with sweet potatoes and apples, mixed vegetables, pineapple, and cornbread.

• Friday, Dec. 22—Beef tips in gravy, buttered noodles, broccoli, three bean salad, and tropical fruit. (Friday dinner served in Lincoln only.)

In the Service

U.S. Air Force Airman Julianna M. Martin graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. She completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. She is the daughter of Genevieve and James Martin and granddaughter of Valeria Skan-darsky, all of Oscoda. She is a 2017 graduate of Oscoda High School.

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Health Care Scholarship

Applications to the Bernard F. and Melissa Anne Bailey Family Fund Health Care Scholarship program at MidMichigan Health are available for the 2018-19 school year. Applications are online at www.midmichigan.org/bailey. Applications and support documentation will only be accepted electronically. The deadline for the 2018-19 school year is Thursday, March 1, 2018.

The fund, initiated through a \$3.3 million bequest left by Bernard Bailey to MidMichigan, was established to further the goals of students pursuing clinical health care careers from an accredited college or university. Under the stewardship of the MidMichigan Health Foundation, scholarships are awarded to students in health care fields on the basis of merit and established criteria.

Applicants must be a resident or have immediate family living in any of the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Montcalm, Ogemaw, Roscommon and Saginaw. Those interested in more information may contact Ashley Raetz-Myers at (989) 839-3638 or ashley.raetzmyers@midmichigan.org. Those interested in additional scholarship opportunities may visit www.midmichigan.org/scholarships.



The Harrisville branch of Huron Community Bank put on a bake sale to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Operation Holidays. Kathy Baird, assistant branch manager, presents \$358.31 to Bob Hecox, local liaison for Vietnam Veterans Chapter 583, from the sale.

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and address the situation now.

The harbor decided to push the electrical issue in front of getting a new fuel shack which included new pumps and sewage line. "We went to the state and reprioritized the phases. They understood completely and are working with us. The funding remains the same, but instead of the new fuel shack we will be replacing the north dock utilities and main spine. The fuel shack phase will be down the road in late phase four or five," Ferguson said.

He explained the new electrical system will be equipped with additional safety measures. "With the new system, the minute a boat hooks up to the electricity we will know if that boat is putting any kind of electric current into the water. We will get an alarm to show us which boat it is, so we can shut the electricity down to it immediately," Ferguson said.

The work, however, has caused a need to find some additional funding for the project because of how the electricity came into the docks.

"All the electricity for the docks came into the (harbor) building. It was a hodgepodge of cabinetry in the back of the building full of circuit breakers and was very confusing as to what went where. Now the dock electricity will be completely separate from the building electricity," Ferguson said.

New panel boxes outside of the building had to be installed, which they weren't expecting and hadn't figured into the renovation budget. Ferguson said funds for that came from shrinking the proposed boater gathering platform, a place for boaters to gather and socialize, to half its intended size.

"It will still be a nice area for them to gather together off their boats. Boaters used to just set up lawn chairs on the docks, but this will be anchored to the shore and give them more room," Ferguson said.

He said the accident with hitting the gas line was no big deal. "They knew it was there. They could see it and had the (gas) line tagged. It's just a small piece of plastic hose and it was just one of those things. The back hoe just accidentally nicked it. They (energy company) came out right away and fixed the problem and will be billing the subcontractor for the repairs. The driver just had a bad day, his boss wasn't too happy. It happens," Ferguson said.

He said the south docks, which have already been removed, were in very bad condition. "There is metal that goes around big compacted Styrofoam blocks which floats the docks. On many of the blocks the metal had been completely eaten away exposing the foam. They did a good job at containing what they could and getting it out of the water," Ferguson said.

Ferguson is anxious to get through the winter and said so far, the weather has been cooperating nicely. He said most of the major work right now is at the Floatation Docking Systems factory in Cedarville, Mich., where they are making the new docks.

Ferguson is planning ahead to make next season the best the harbor has ever had. "I'm working on some ideas for next summer and met with the harbor board to discuss them. I'm planning special fisherman weekend rates in hopes to entice local fisherman to use the docks instead of taking their boats in and out of the water every day. I'm also thinking of reducing slip rates, possibly \$7 to \$10, for smaller boats, 35 feet and under, to attract more from that crowd. We're trying to drive more traffic into the harbor. After the poor weather we had last summer, we need customers."

All engineering for the dock renovations is through Edgewater Engineering Services in St. Joseph, Mich. Subcontractors for the project are Wagner Electric from Traverse City and John Henry Contracting from Tawas.

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For starters, find out whether your family qualifies for your state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which may include cash assistance, food stamps and free or low-cost daycare. Or, if your household income is too high to qualify as a family, ask about the "child-only grant" for just the grandchild's support alone. Also, find out if your state offers any addi-

tional programs like guardianship subsidies, non-parent grants or kinship care.

Contact your state TANF program (see ACF.HHS.gov/ofa for contact information), or call your county social services office for more information on these programs.

You also need to find out if your grandkids are eligible for Social Security, including benefits for children, survivor benefits or SSI. You can find this out at your local Social Security office, or call (800) 772-1213 or visit SSA.gov.

And finally, use BenefitsCheckUp.org, a comprehensive website that lets you search for additional financial assistance programs that you may be eligible for, such as lower energy bills, discounts on prescription medications and more.

In addition to the financial assistance programs, there are also a number of tax benefits that may help you too like the Dependency Exemption, which allows you to deduct \$4,050 in 2107 on each

qualifying grandchild.

There's also the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC which is available to those with moderate to low incomes, or the Child Tax Credit if you make too much money to qualify for the EITC.

If you're working, and are incurring childcare expenses in order to work, there's a Child and Dependent Care Credit that can help. And, if you choose to legally adopt your grandkids, there's an Adoption Credit that provides a federal tax credit of up to \$13,570.

There are even education-related tax credits that can help your grandkids go to college, like the American Opportunity Tax Credit or the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

To learn more about these tax benefits call the IRS at (800) 829-1040, or visit IRS.gov. You can also call the IRS publication line at (800) 829-3676 and ask them to mail you the publications that further explain the aforementioned benefits. Ask for publications 501, 503, 596, 970,



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You also need to talk to a family law attorney to discuss the pros and cons of obtaining legal guardianship, custody or adoption. Without some sort of legal custody, you may not be eligible for many of the previously listed financial assistance programs, and there can be

problems with basic things like enrolling your grandkids in school, or giving a doctor permission to treat them.

For help locating affordable or free legal assistance, visit www.FindLegalHelp.org, or call the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116 for referrals.

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be held at 7 p.m. at Tri-Point Church of God, 500 South Brook Street in Alpena. Warm up with hot cocoa, cookies and carols inside after the program. This is a free family event.

Classic movie night will be held at 5:45 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Free popcorn! Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

A community Christmas celebration will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. for a community gathering with music of the season performed by Casey Makela, Cathy Stadler,

George Redlawsk, Michelle Marcouiller, Laura Frawley, Patty Jaqua and Meg Nisbet and a Christmas cantata performed by the Harrisville United Methodist Choir. The church is located at 217 N. State Street, Harrisville.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2480 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Alcona High School junior and senior trip to Washington D.C. will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the AuSable Inn in Oscoda. Cost is \$10 per person. Students will also be serving for tips.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Living nativity, a reenactment of the Christmas story with live actors and animals set in an outdoor stable will be held at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Tri-Point Church of God, 500 South Brook Street in Alpena. Warm up with hot cocoa, cookies and carols inside after the program. This is a free family event.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

"The Treasure Box" will be presented at Greenbush Community Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Attendees will hear an aged Mary recount her life of raising Jesus, from the memoirs of her treasure box. The church is located at 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush.

For more information, contact (989) 724-5264.

A Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch with Santa, storytime, games and more for children up to age 12. Adult supervision required for admittance.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. Join them for fellowship, inspiration and quilting ideas. For more information, call Joanne at (989) 255-7880.

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for December is "84 Charing Cross Road" by Helene Hanff. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Play euchre at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989)

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 N. Barlow Road (across from the high school) in Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 464-3526.

Retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

"Free Range Crafts" will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency and public service communications is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72. Refreshments will be served. Call Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alconaradio.org for details.

An old-fashioned Christmas sing-a-long will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Glennie United Methodist Church, 3170 M-65. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. Dress warm, bring chairs and blankets. Music and lyrics provided.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2480 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

The Alcona High School Robotics team will hold a soup dinner fundraiser from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Call (989) 736-8534 for details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

A blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the

Ossineke United Methodist Church, 13095 US-23 South. Bring a Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn at the family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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U5617	2016 Lincoln MKZ	\$26,995	\$26,331
U5595	2015 Ford F-150	\$28,000	\$27,222
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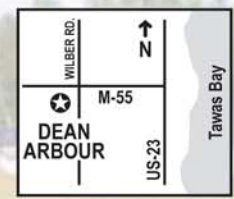


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Alcona football players make all-state

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Associated Press announced its Michigan all-state high school football teams recently. Two Alcona football players were honored with making the list in Devon Mills and Tim Hutchinson. The Tigers had one of their best seasons in program history this fall, finishing 9-3 and winning the team's first ever district title.

Mills, a senior offensive lineman, was a key piece to a big line that helped the offense to a school record of 560 points and 5,869 yards of total offense.

"He was a big reason this team (had the school records)," said head coach Jason Somers. "He is a very athletic lineman that can run. He also blocks very well in the power game as well. I think the biggest comment I would like to say about Devon is his ability to be a good leader and teammate. Very instrumental in providing leadership in the weight room and also was great in representing our team and school in the community. If there were stats for that sort of thing, he would be all-state there as well."

Hutchinson, a senior running back, also made the list, on honorable mention. He finished with 1,949 yards and 26 touchdowns on 214 carries.

"Tim's numbers speak for themselves, nearly 2,000 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns is huge," Somers said. "What is to be said about Tim is his willingness to pursue excellence through workouts in the weight room and pushing himself in conditioning outside of normal practice times. Tim, just like Devon, was always a willing participant in community service projects."

Alcona girls dominate Wolverines

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Some home cooking gave Alcona just what it needed Friday night. The girls varsity basketball team, hosting AuGres in its North Star League opener, handled the Lady Wolverines, 63-27.

"It was important for us to get our first win of the season, especially since it was a home game and a NSL game," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "The girls played with great intensity on our full court press. We are beginning to understand how important it is for the front end of our press to really get after them."

The Tigers led 16-12 after the first quarter, but held AuGres to just 13 points the rest of the way. Alcona extended its lead to 28-16 by the half and led 45-24 with just the fourth left to play.

"Our press was the difference," Feldhiser said. "We had good intensity all night. It was nice to see some balance scoring. Everyone got some minutes, which will help us later on."

Leading the way in the win was Taylor Livingston with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Hailee Gordey netted 14 and Megan Grove scored 10.

Brianna Fogle added nine rebounds and five assists.

"Offensively, we were much more effective," Feldhiser said. "We showed great improvement moving the ball, which is demonstrated by the balanced scoring. Defensively, we were strong, especially on (AuGres post player Gina Dewald). A great defensive effort by Brianna Fogle and Janelle Carpenter held her in check for most of the game. Overall, a good game."

Alcona (1-1 overall, 1-0 NSL) was at Mio on Tuesday and heads to Alpena on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Tigers rout Tawas, start 3-0

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona capped a convincing win to what turned out to be a near flawless opening week of basketball.

The varsity boys basketball team, playing at Tawas on Friday night, erased an early deficit to cruise to a comfortable non-conference win, 56-37.

"I was very happy with our defensive effort," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "Defensively, the first half was our best half of basketball this year."

For as sweet as most of the night was, the first few minutes of the game were anything but.

The Braves suffocated the Tigers with their 2-3 zone defense and connected on several early baskets to take a 9-2 lead.

Antavius Mikazes connected on a short jumper to trim the gap to 9-4 and before the period ended, the Tigers tied it up at 9-9, getting a close range spinning jumper by Luke Loyer to knot it up.

Alex Stephenson broke an 11-all tie early in the second with a long three pointer and he drilled home another trey at 22-13.

Stephenson continued his hot-hand with a righty flip-in from point-blank range for a 24-15 margin and Damion Stewart cashed in on a lay-up before the half ended to give the Tigers a 26-15 half-time edge.

Bilbey wasn't at all surprised that his squad solved the Tawas defense as the game progressed.

"I knew it would take us some time to get more comfortable offensively because of the style of defense Tawas was playing," he said. "We have played slow offensively in the first half in a couple games this year. That is something we will continue to work on."

The Tiger offense continued to pour it on in the third quarter. Mikazes broke free for six points in the paint and added a free throw as well and Conner McCoy buried home a shot from behind the long line to give Alcona a resounding 40-19 lead after the third.

The Tiger defense gave Tawas fits after its 9-2 lead, holding the Braves to just six points in the second quarter and four in the third.

"We have tried to emphasize defensive effort all year," Bilbey said. "The guys are

working hard to establish a solid defensive foundation each game. I thought they did a great job in the half court working together and communicating."

Mikazes added eight more points in the fourth quarter and Pierce Bilbey swished home a pair of threes, as Alcona cruised to the 56-37 final.

Pacing the offense was Mikazes with 17 points. Stephenson netted 14, Bilbey had six, Jordan Steiner and Stewart had five points apiece and Loyer netted four.

"Stephenson is playing solid basketball on both ends of the court," Bilbey said. "Steiner has averaged almost nine assists per game thus far. Good things are happening when he touches the ball. Stewart has played fantastic

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- Logan Brianna Wirebaugh, 24, of Lennon, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$545 and Michigan Department of Natural Resources fine of \$1,010 for attempting to take a deer out of season.
- James Lee Clifford, 22, of Curran was sentenced to one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,597 for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.
- Michael Anthony Turkin, 31, of New Haven, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$115 for no valid license in possession.
- Stephanie Lynn Kent, 37, of Harrisville was sentenced to seven days in jail and fines and costs of \$800 for

operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

- Susan Carole Effrick, 59, of Harrisville was sentenced to three days in jail, one year of probation, 60 hours of community service and costs and fines of \$2,030 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Nicholas John Bell, 38, of Black River was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation, 20 hours of community service and costs and fines of \$1,775 for operating while intoxicated.
- Shawn Andrew Anderson, 41, of Harrisville was sentenced to \$200 in fines and costs for no valid license in possession.
- Gregory John Granum, 68, of Alpena was sentenced to two days in jail, two years of probation and fines and costs of \$2,660 for operating while intoxicated – occupant under 16 years old.

- Bradley Ray, Johnson, 19, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation, 40 hours of community service and \$1,600 in fines and costs for person under 21 with blood alcohol content.

- Gunner Lee Davis, 19, of Harrisville was sentenced to 12 days in jail and fines and costs of \$925 for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.

- Genene Evelyn Soboleski, 34, of Harrisville was sentenced to four days in jail, one year of probation, 40 hours of community service and fines and costs of \$2,030 for operating while impaired.

- David Paul Miller, 55, of Greenbush was sentenced to 28 days in jail, fines and costs of \$1,670, \$200 for victim restitution for operating while intoxicated.

- Nicholas Pantalejmon Dziad, 28, of Petersburg, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation, 360 hours of community service and fines and costs of \$1,045 for disorderly person.

- Diana Carol Flerchinger, 53, of Barton City was sentenced to fines and costs of \$825 for domestic violence.

- Evelyn Jean Vigil, 54, of Dearborn Heights, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$300 for failure to report an accident.



Twins Ben Prokopec (above) and Ethan Prokopec, 11, of Spring Lake, Mich. each shot their first deer (both does), on November 18 while hunting with their grandfather, Alan McGowen and father, John Prokopec, on property owned by their grandfather near Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*

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1. Scorcher
2. Cow-quaker
3. Moor-gallop
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"Giving Tuesday is a great opportunity for the nonprofits we serve to mobilize their current set of supporters, and also to build relationships with a whole new group of people through social media," said CFNEM Marketing Communications Director Christine Hitch. "The enthusiasm and spirit the whole movement creates for these organizations, and for the Community Foundation is contagious. What a win for northeast Michigan. Everyone should be so proud of the generosity of our community."

The Community Foundation hosted nonprofit representatives on Friday, Dec. 1 to announce the final totals and individual totals raised for their organizations. To add a little friendly competition to the Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan event, the Community Foundation unveiled the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose, which was presented to the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle for raising the most funds during the 24-hour giving event. The Golden Goose, nicknamed "Grant," will spend his year at the Community Foundation office, and will move in 2018 to the

nonprofit that raises the most funds during Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan 2018.

Heraghty noted that the support shown on Giving Tuesday highlighted the importance and impact social media has for nonprofits in garnering donations for their organizations. For 2017, the number of gifts on Giving Tuesday through the Community Foundation increased from 495 in 2016 to over 750 this year. Heraghty says he and the rest of the Community Foundation staff are already making plans for the next Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan, which is November 27, 2018.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 4-10, 2017

131 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 6 Arrests; 4 Warrant Arrests; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Possession of Marijusana; 8 Traffic Tickets Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	12	Traffic/Traffic Stop	47
Medical	19	Warrant Arrest	4
Property Damage Accident	3	Assist	2
Animal/Dog	5	Fraud	2
Patrol Check	3	Well Being Check	3
911 Hang Up	1	Suspicious Event	3
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Fire/Power Lines Down	13
Open Door	2	Juvenile	1
Dog Bite	1	Domestic	2
Possession of Marijuana	1	Littering	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Probation Violation	1
Harassment	1	Burglary	1
Suicidal Person	1		

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Dog sledding is big again in snowy Michigan

By Carl Stoddard
Capital News Service

Winter is going to the dogs in Michigan. And that's not a bad thing.

Mushers around the state that offer dog sledding, for a couple of hours or a couple of days, report increasing busi-

ness. At many places, guests can ride in the sled or drive it.

Several dog sled operators say visitors come from all over the world to mush through Michigan.

"We've expanded again this year," said Tasha

Stielstra, who with her husband, Ed, owns Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Racing & Adventures in McMillan about 15 miles west of Newberry in the Upper Peninsula.

The couple started raising dogs for dog sledding 20 years ago. About five years later they began offering sled rides to visitors, she said.

Nature's Kennel offers half-day, full-day and overnight trips. A half-day ride is \$100 per person or \$250 for a sled, she said. It costs more if someone wants to learn to drive their own team. Some visitors stay overnight at Nature's Kennel's "Musher's Village," which has a yurt, cabin, cook shack and sauna.

The business has 140 dogs available for winter tours and another 40 for competitive dog sled racing, she said.

All dogs on the tours have raced or will race in the future, she said.

"We're growing a lot. We're booked or nearly booked for the year," Stielstra said. Visitors come from all over the Midwest, and she recently booked a couple from Australia.

Dog sled rides are available from mid-December until the end of March.

Jackie and Jim Winkowski, owners of Snowy Plains Kennel in Gwinn, a few miles south of Marquette, became involved in dog sled racing more than 20 years ago. Within a year or so, they began offering sled rides to others.

"Really quickly, it became fun to share it with other people," Jackie Winkowski said.

They turned the rides into a business about seven or eight years ago but opted to keep the operation small, she said. They have about a dozen dogs and can typically ac-

commodate groups of one to four people at a time. "We're about as busy as we want to be," Jackie Winkowski said.

Most rides at Snowy Plains are one to six miles long. A six-mile ride for one person is \$120, while shorter rides for a family of four total \$160.

She has had visitors from as far away as South America. "It keeps everything new to see other people experience it for the first time," she said.

Treetops Resort offers dog sled rides along trails on its Masterpiece golf course on designated weekends, said Kevin McKinley, director of golf and ski operations at the resort, a few miles east of downtown Gaylord, Mich.

The resort began offering the dog sled rides six years ago, and the rides have become increasingly popular, McKinley said.

"If people have an inkling they want to do it, they should make reservations in advance," he said. Reservations are available online or by phone. A two-mile ride is \$50 for one rider or \$70 for two.

"It's really a cool experience," McKinley said of his own ride on a dog sled. "What surprised me is the power of the dogs. The power is just unbelievable."

Kim Darst, owner of Husky Haven Kennels, has offered sled dog experiences for the past four years in Shingleton, Mich. a few miles east of Munising.

She offers half-day trips, mornings and afternoons, along a 10-mile course. Husky Haven has 43 dogs and five sleds. "We get a lot of families," Darst said. "That's normally what we do."

For \$125 per adult, visitors can ride in a sled or drive one, Darst said.

Shemhadar Kennels, about 10 miles west of Cadillac, has seen a big jump in dog sled rides in the past few years, said Gina Dewey, who owns the business with her husband, Tim.

"We get people from all over the world — China, Germany, Japan," Gina Dewey said.

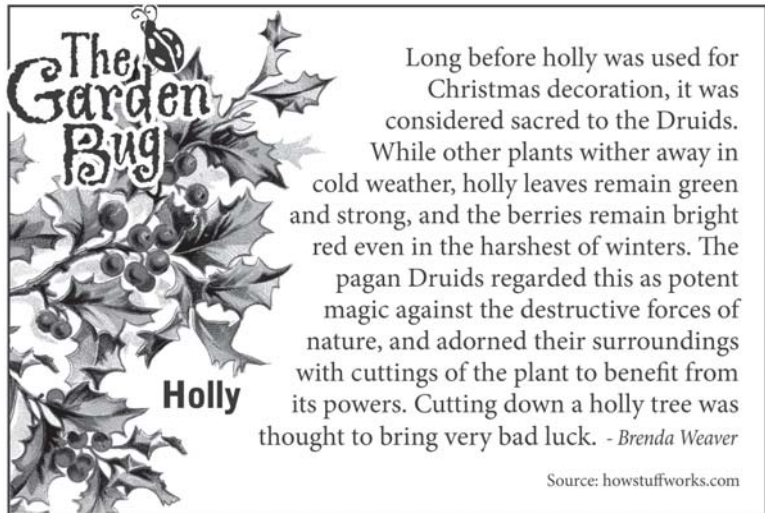
Shemhadar takes one adult at a time on a three or four-mile ride. That person can ride or can drive the team with help from someone at the kennel, she said. The cost is \$150 for one person, she said. A second rider is \$50 additional.

Gina Dewey said they take part in dog sled races all over Michigan, and the snow can be spotty.

"We probably haven't had a good racing year in three years," she said. But she predicted the snowier weather would return this year.

At most dog sled operations in Michigan, visitors meet the dogs, learn how sled teams operate and maybe warm up with some hot chocolate.

People interested in dog sledding but prefer to keep their feet on the ground might want to check out the sport of dogsled racing. Three races will start from the Marquette area in mid-February:



Long before holly was used for Christmas decoration, it was considered sacred to the Druids. While other plants wither away in cold weather, holly leaves remain green and strong, and the berries remain bright red even in the harshest of winters. The pagan Druids regarded this as potent magic against the destructive forces of nature, and adorned their surroundings with cuttings of the plant to benefit from its powers. Cutting down a holly tree was thought to bring very bad luck. - Brenda Weaver

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.
Harrisville • 724-5160
www.standrewschurhharrisville.org
10 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE

Haynes Community Church
4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
989-724-6665
Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

Family Heritage Baptist Church
4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org.
Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.
children's ministry. Wednesday 7 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

First Baptist Church of Lincoln
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Hubbard Lake Rd.,
1/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
Pastor Tim Steiner
Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m. (K-6th)
Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.wcbcmikado.com

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
Pastor David Putz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

Spruce Presbyterian Church
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37) Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
Worship 9 a.m.
Rev. Ken Krause - Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.
Pastor Joseph Llewellyn • (989) 727-2496

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD
158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350
Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
Sunday Morning 9 a.m. Worship Service
Everyone Welcome

GRACE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
Jerry Dodds, Pastor
Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
739-3424 • graceonthebase@gmail.com
www.grace-epc.org • www.epc.org
6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES
ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.
ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
Church School 10 a.m. ~ Worship 11 a.m.
3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727
Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rev. Ken Krause ~ 724-6734

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors The people of the United Methodist Church serving Alcona County
With worship at these locations:
Lincoln at 9 a.m. (101 E. Main St)
Harrisville at 10:30 a.m. (217 N. State St.)
All sanctuaries are wheelchair accessible and all sites offer Sunday School for children during the worship
Rev. Charles Sheldon - Pastor
Phone - 989-739-5497 - Cell 989-254-4112
Come as you are - everyone is welcome!

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
• Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
• Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.



Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



School building use policy outlined

December 14, 1967 ~ Your Board of Education' has taken action on a new Building Use Policy to encourage usage of buildings by the community.

Building Principals will administer the policy to ensure maximum usage with proper supervision.

The following section of the policy answers the most common questions:

No fees shall be charged (1) to associations of military veterans, (2) to organizations of volunteer firemen, (3) to youth-serving organizations, (4) to organizations which use the facilities for massive public health or community emer-

gency purposes, or (5) to community-wide groups which sponsor educational or civic activities, provided that:

1. The organizations meet the definition of a "community group",

2. No admission is charged to the activity, and

3. The activity is scheduled at a time when the building would normally be for use. (For activities which meet the two criteria above, but which are scheduled when the building would not normally be in use, costs of any extra custodial services will be charged.)

County buys new microfilm equipment

December 14, 1967 ~ The Alcona County Board of Supervisors recently contracted to purchase new microfilm equipment to be used in the Alcona County Building. It is at present being used in the Register of Deeds office.

The recording system has been changed four times since the county was first organized ton April 1869.

From 1869 - 1920 instruments were copied in long-hand in bound books; from 1929 - 1956 instruments were typed in large books, page size 11 x 17, and in 1956 the county was first introduced to microfilm as a means of recording all instruments. The camera took the pictures locally and the film was sent to New York for processing. A (hard copy, size 8½ x 14, was returned to (the

county, punched to fit into a liber 8½ x 14. A security roll was kept in New York.

The Board of Supervisors in 1967 purchased a complete microfilm system. A special camera puts all documents on 35 mm. film and the processing is done in the county building. One copy of the film is stored off the premises for security purposes, the other copy is cut and placed in 5 x 8 jackets. Twenty-five pages a re placed in each jacket This is used for a working copy, and a copy of recorded instruments can be given to a customer on a while-u-wait basis, by the use of a reader-printer.

The Board of Supervisors and Doris A. Gauthier, Register of Deeds, invites groups to visit the county building, and inspect the equipment.

If arrangements are made ahead of time, processing can be done while the group is present.

News of servicemen

December 14, 1967 ~ Ft. McClellan, Ala (AHTNC)— Army 'Private Harold S. Cuyler, Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Cuyler of Harrisville, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training December 8 at Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

The course, which simulates Vietnam conditions, includes training in such subjects as land navigation, communications, patrolling, guerrilla and survival techniques plus qualification with infantry weapons.

Lecuyer's "Rolling Store"

December 14, 1967 ~ The "Rolling Store" operated by Lecuyer Brothers of Lincoln for over forty years, has ceased operations, it was announced last week by Ted and E. J. Lecuyer.

The recent death of William Lecuyer has brought about this change.

Girls' basketball begins Dec. 20

December 14, 1967 ~ The Alcona High School Girls basketball team has been working hard, under the coaching of Miss Johnson.

It's finally here. The first home basketball game of the season will be held on December 20 here with Houghton Lake at 7:30 p.m.

The girls on the team are: KiAnn Kruttlin, Debbie George, Demise Wing, Mari Sysak, Mary Burgoyne, Karen Gauthier, Sue Frederick, Mary Kingsland, Bonnie Goddard, Kris Frederick, Donna Burger, Kay Olsen, Lynn Schroeder, Mary Richert, Linda Goddard, Betty Cariveau and Pat Pikel.

The girls have received new uniforms and are ready for the oncoming games.

Let's all support our team and be at the game Wednesday night.

Public invited to Masonic installation

December 14, 1967 ~ The public is invited to attend an open house installation of officers of Alcona Lodge No. 292, F. & A. M. on Saturday, December 16, at 8 p.m. at their Masonic Temple north of Harrisville.

Mr. Roy Westfall will return from California to serve as Installing Officer.

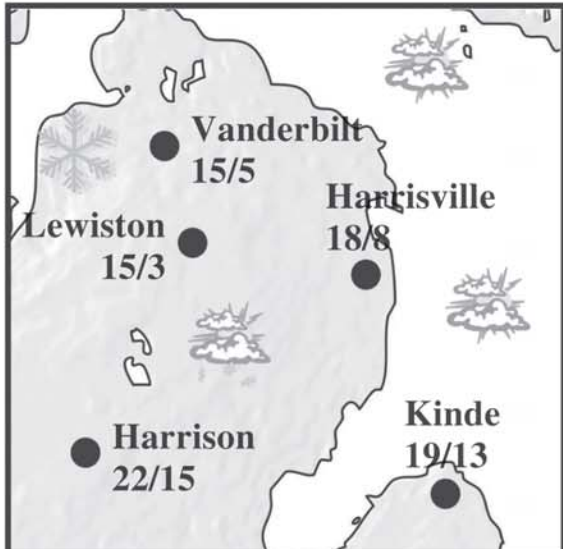
Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 13, 2017

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 18 Low: 8
	THURSDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 21 Low: 14
	FRIDAY Few Snow Showers High: 25 Low: 15
	SATURDAY Few Snow Showers High: 27 Low: 19
	SUNDAY Few Snow Showers High: 32 Low: 21
	MONDAY Chance Snow Showers High: 30 Low: 23
	TUESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 36 Low: 25

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 18°, humidity of 63%. Northwest wind 7 to 14 mph. The record high for today is 56° set in 2015. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 8°. North wind 7 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach -6°. The record low for tonight is -9° set in 1976.

*Last Week's Almanac

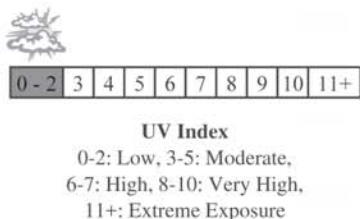
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	56	26	35/22	0.07"
Wednesday	28	24	35/22	0.01"
Thursday	27	22	34/21	0.03"
Friday	28	21	34/21	0.05"
Saturday	28	13	34/21	0.07"
Sunday	28	16	33/20	0.02"
Monday	24	16	33/20	0.14"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 12/18	Wednesday 8:04 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	3:17 a.m.	2:40 p.m.	Full
	Thursday 8:05 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	4:18 a.m.	3:09 p.m.	1/1
	Friday 8:06 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	5:19 a.m.	3:40 p.m.	
	Saturday 8:06 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	6:18 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	
First 12/26	Sunday 8:07 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	Last
	Monday 8:08 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	8:08 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	1/8
	Tuesday 8:08 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	8:58 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Thursday with isolated rain and snow, cloudy skies Friday with scattered snow, highest temperature of 49 in St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies through Friday, scattered rain Friday, highest temperature of 70 in Key West, Fla. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday, mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain and snow, highest temperature of 56 in Coos Bay, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with the highest temperature of 83 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:49 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Venus	7:31 a.m.	4:27 p.m.
Mars	3:49 a.m.	2:23 p.m.
Jupiter	4:47 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Saturn	8:33 a.m.	5:25 p.m.
Uranus	1:55 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Weather History

Dec. 13, 1962 - A severe Florida freeze occurred. Morning lows reached 35 degrees at Miami, 18 degrees at Tampa and 12 degrees at Jacksonville. It was the coldest December weather of the 20th century and caused millions of dollars in damage to crops and foliage.

Weather Trivia

Which continent receives the least amount of precipitation?



Answer: Antarctica.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Skies Unlimited

Telescopes and Christmas - they go together like mistletoe and kisses, but most people buying a scope for under the tree will make the wrong decisions. All telescopes are compromises in one way or another, but all experts agree that telescopes are not built strictly for magnification. If a manufacturer hypes the power that a telescope can attain as the chief reason for purchasing the scope, stay away from that product. The most important attribute of a telescope is its ability to gather more light than the human eye more light to see deeper into space. In addition, a good telescope will bring the light collected by a mirror or a lens to a crisp, contrasty focus in a comfortable manner. The eye, acting as the receptor of the gathered photons, essentially becomes as large as the surface of the light-gathering area of the telescope. Department store scopes like those sold at K-Mart or Wal-Mart are, simply put, overpriced and poor performers attached to unstable mounting systems that quickly drive potential enthusiasts to other hobby interests. Manufacturers like Orion, Celestron, Explore Scientific, and Meade produce good instrumentation in the \$300 to \$600 bracket, and all have good websites hyping their products. My suggestion, if you're thinking about a scope for Christmas, is to visit a retail store that exclusively sells telescopes and talk to a knowledgeable individual who knows the market and can make appropriate suggestions. Places like these are few and far between, but locally serving the Greater Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley regions is Skies Unlimited (skiesunlimited.com) in Pottstown, PA, at 52 Glocker Way, 19465 (888-947-2673). I was just there this past Friday, Dec. 9, and they had "tons" of used and new equipment on their showroom floor, real telescopes, and many at affordable prices. Talk to Bob, Ted, or Dave for a no pressure introduction to the telescope market. Skies has treated me and Moravian College very fairly and will do the same for you. Skies unlimited to all! www.astronomy.org

Kovels Antiques And Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Smelling-Salt bottle

Smelling salts have been used to revive someone who is feeling faint or has lost consciousness since the days of the Romans. But it was not until the 18th century that smelling-salt holders became fashionable. Smelling salts (ammonium carbonate and water) release an ammonia gas that irritates the inside of the nose and causes rapid breathing. This means more oxygen is inhaled. Ammonia was made from shaved deer horns in ancient times and often was called "spirit of hartshorn." Victorians often used perfume with the smelling salts.



No, it's not a saltshaker -- this is a smelling-salt bottle made about in about 1850. It auctioned for \$293.

would appreciate any information you can give me about the Bible.

A: Most old Bibles aren't worth a lot of money, but Kaiser Wilhelm's signature could make it very valuable. It would have to be seen by an expert to authenticate the signature. Wilhelm II (1859-1918) was Germany's last Kaiser. He reigned from 1881 to 1918, when he abdicated and left Germany.

If the church is going to display the Bible publicly, you may want to get an idea of its value for insurance purposes. If the book has a leather cover, it should not be displayed on a wood surface unless the surface is covered by acid-free paper. Wood is acidic and can damage leather. The pages should not be left open and exposed to light or they will discolor. Special archival display cases are available

The smelling-salt holder was opened and waved near the nose of the troubled patient. Many of the bottles were curved. Some were made of decorated metal and worn as part of a necklace. Some just looked like small saltshakers. A 2 5/8-inch marbled glass "shaker" made of light blue and milk glass with a threaded cap sold for \$293 at a Norman Heckler sale in Connecticut. It probably was made in Boston about 1850.

Q: Our church owns an 1892 German Bible signed by Kaiser Wilhelm. It's been stored for many years in a safety deposit box. It's now on unprotected display in our church. I believe it has some value and should be protected, if only for the historic value of the Kaiser personally giving it to the church. I

that allow the book to remain open, but they are very pricey. If an autograph expert determines the book is not very valuable, it can be kept on display as long as it isn't exposed to light for long periods of time.

HOLIDAY TIP: Chocolate molds can be used to make candy and other party food. Pour melted butter into the mold, put the filled mold into the freezer. Take the mold out and unmold the fancy shaped pieces of butter for parties.

There is hidden value in contemporary pottery. You find it at shops and garage sales at low prices because the marks are unknown. Our special report, "Kovels' Identification Guide to Contemporary American Pottery 1960s to Present," includes more than 180 marks and 60 featured artists. Available only from Kovels for \$19.95, plus \$4.95 postage and handling. Order by phone at 800-303-1996, online at Kovelsonlinestore.com; or mail to Kovels, Box 22900, Beachwood, OH 44122.

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CryptoQuip

answer
These days I prefer sculpture over painting. I guess you could say I've had a change of art.

Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Veterans get more free legal help

The Department of Veterans Affairs is hooking up with other groups to provide pro bono (free) legal services to veterans. The VA, the American Bar Association and The Veterans Consortium and National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium have signed an agreement to improve access to free help.

Whether it's about foreclosure, eviction or any other legal snarls that surface, veterans need help to ensure that their rights aren't being violated. The seriousness of the issue came to light during the annual Community Homelessness Assessment, wherein lack of legal help topped the list of needed services.

Step one, per VA Secretary David Shulkin, will be to partner VA medical centers with their communities to create more legal clinics.

Right now there are some 165 free legal clinics in VA medical centers, outpatient clinics and vet centers, with the VA partnered with legal service providers. So they know how to do it. Surely in every VA medical center or other facility there's space to set up a couple of rooms for a waiting area and private conference areas.

For more information on this new partnership, go online to www.va.gov/OGC/

LegalServices.asp and click through the links. For locations that are up and running, see the "click here" link two lines down from Legal Help for Veterans. A spreadsheet will open with all the locations, contact info and areas of specialty. Also click on the List of Organizations Providing Pro Bono Legal Services for Veterans link for a map of states and the directory of pro bono legal assistance.

Remember, if you get into a snag, you're not alone. Ask whether one of the legal clinics is already up and running at your local VA medical center or outpatient location. Call and ask for their VA Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist.

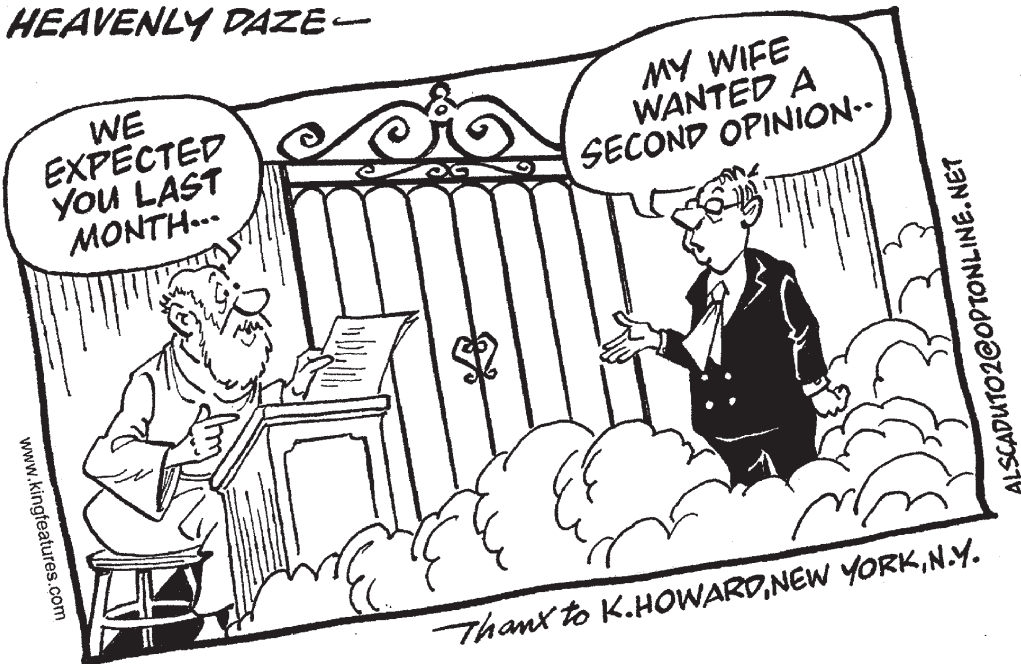
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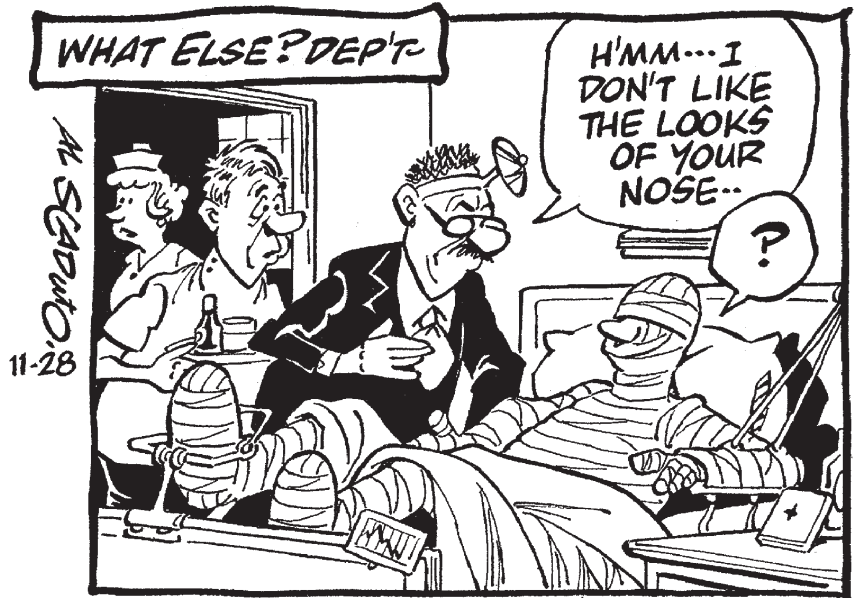
THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

HEAVENLY DAZE —



Thank to K. HOWARD, NEW YORK, N.Y.

BY AL SCADUTO



Thank to CHUCK D., SAN DIEGO, CA.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS—
"WE WERE OUT FOR A DRIVE THIS AFTERNOON and WE PASSED BY YOUR PLACE AND THOUGHT WE'D JUST DROP IN FOR A FEW MINUTES TO SAY HELLO..."



Thank to W. POLANSKY, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What was the former name of the country Burkina Faso?
2. **MEDICAL:** What common malady would you be suffering from if you had ephelides?
3. **ASTRONOMY:** Where is the SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute located?
4. **MOVIES:** What country was the film "The Killing Fields" about?
5. **LITERATURE:** In what 20th-century novel did the Gamekeeper Oliver Mellors appear?
6. **MUSIC:** Which 1960s-70s band was associated with brothers John and Tom Fogerty?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** What type of liquor drink is Courvoisier?
8. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president popularized the phrase "the buck stops here"?
9. **U.S. STATES:** Which of state's nicknam is The Bay State?
10. **MYTHOLOGY:** What Greek goddess was believed to possess a universal remedy?

Answers: 1. Republic of Upper Volta; 2. Freckles; 3. Mountain View, California; 4. Cambodia; 5. "Lady Chatterley's Lover"; 6. Creedence Clearwater Revival; 7. Cognac; 8. Harry Truman; 9. Massachusetts; 10. Panacea (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first publishes "Poor Richard's Almanack," a book filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence. It became one of the most popular publications in Colonial America and was published continuously for 25 years.
- On Dec. 18, 1912, two skulls that appear to belong to a primitive hominid and ancestor of man are discovered in England. In 1953, the fraud was exposed after the remains were found to be only 600 years old, not up to a million years old as claimed.
- On Dec. 21, 1967, "The Graduate" opens. The film was an uneasy exploration of what it meant to be young and adrift at a time of extraordinary upheaval. It made a star out of Dustin Hoffman, as well as his car, an Alfa Romeo Duetto Spider.
- On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla named Colo is born at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. Colo went on to become a mother, grandmother and in 1996, a great-grandmother. She died at age 60 in January 2017.
- On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan with three divisions of 8,500 men each. The tide of the war turned with the 1987 introduction of U.S. shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles. The last Soviet soldier left in 1989.
- On Dec. 20, 1989, Michael Moore's documentary "Roger & Me" opens in theaters. The film chronicled Moore's unsuccessful attempts to meet Roger B. Smith, the head of General Motors, which had closed 11 factories in Flint, Michigan.
- On Dec. 23, 2009, Richard Heene, who told authorities his 6-year-old son Falcon had floated off in a helium balloon, is sentenced to 90 days in jail. The boy was found hiding at home. The hoax had been staged to help the family get a reality TV show.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Roman god with a bow</p> <p>5 Knitting craft</p> <p>12 Move like a kangaroo</p> <p>15 Overquick</p> <p>19 Be a wanderer</p> <p>20 Moral</p> <p>21 Actress Gasteyer</p> <p>22 Comical Kett</p> <p>23 Jack London novel</p> <p>26 Dumbfound</p> <p>27 Flynn of films</p> <p>28 Prone (to)</p> <p>29 Big name in credit cards</p> <p>30 Cake coater</p> <p>31 Writer Verne</p> <p>33 Easy targets to attack</p> <p>36 Lacking a musical key</p> <p>38 Writer Bellow with a Nobel</p> <p>40 Mystery novelist — Stanley Gardner</p> <p>41 Relative of soul</p> <p>46 Infuse with oxygen</p> <p>50 Sphagnum, e.g.</p> <p>51 Cookie with a "Thins" line</p> | <p>52 One-masted sailboats</p> <p>54 Chic, '60s-style</p> <p>55 Really, really quick</p> <p>59 Drive off</p> <p>63 Pretty low grades</p> <p>64 "That is — ask"</p> <p>65 "Picnic" playwright William</p> <p>66 With 13-Down, giant in internet service</p> <p>69 Sports org. with the eight teams featured in this puzzle</p> <p>71 Trip to a rain forest, maybe</p> <p>73 Vicious</p> <p>74 Eban of Israel</p> <p>77 Foreboding</p> <p>80 Shimon of Israel</p> <p>81 2011 Jim Carrey comedy</p> <p>86 Head sweller</p> <p>87 Tie up again, as shoes</p> <p>88 Don't skip, as an event</p> | <p>89 Oaf's cry</p> <p>93 Waters off Eritrea</p> <p>95 2007-13 pickup truck model</p> <p>99 Clearasil treats it</p> <p>101 Designer Saarinen</p> <p>102 Old TV tube</p> <p>103 Be engulfed in fire</p> <p>109 Ate</p> <p>110 Writer Bret Easton —</p> <p>111 Know — fact</p> <p>112 Actor's help</p> <p>114 The blahs</p> <p>117 Rake feature</p> <p>118 Hawaiians and Tongans</p> <p>122 Tennis' Lendl</p> <p>123 TV producer</p> <p>124 In a very angry way</p> <p>125 Filmom's — Lund Laszlo</p> <p>126 Bird setting</p> <p>127 Sinuous fish</p> <p>128 Vilify</p> <p>129 Gambol</p> | <p>5 Ex-Giant Ott</p> <p>6 Gazetteer shelfmate</p> <p>7 Hew</p> <p>8 Falling-out</p> <p>9 Masquerade</p> <p>10 — -jongg</p> <p>11 Chosen few</p> <p>12 Papa Doc's place</p> <p>13 See 66-Across</p> <p>14 Inflate falsely</p> <p>15 Hero, often</p> <p>16 Top-floor storage site</p> <p>17 Reeked</p> <p>18 With 56-Down, surfs like a pro</p> <p>24 God, in Islam</p> <p>25 Clever type</p> <p>30 Most lazy</p> <p>32 "St. — Fire" (1985 film)</p> <p>33 Hero in a deli</p> <p>34 Fluish, say</p> <p>35 Shown with explicit detail</p> <p>36 It has biceps</p> <p>37 However, informally</p> <p>38 Golf's Sam</p> <p>39 — of one's own medicine</p> <p>42 Dog cry</p> <p>43 Naval vessel abbr.</p> | <p>44 Fitzgerald of song</p> <p>45 Loam, e.g.</p> <p>47 Key of "Für Elise"</p> <p>48 Mouth organ</p> <p>49 Lawn care tools</p> <p>53 Eye creepily</p> <p>55 — Baba</p> <p>56 See 18-Down</p> <p>57 "... woman who lived in —"</p> <p>58 Evening, casually</p> <p>59 Rear-ending car, e.g.</p> <p>60 Arise</p> <p>61 Natural legume case</p> <p>62 Cube maker</p> <p>67 Peninsula northeast of Boston</p> <p>68 Brother in Genesis</p> <p>70 Pre-O trio</p> <p>72 Mil. missions</p> <p>75 Bric-a- —</p> <p>76 Yiddish writer Sholem</p> <p>78 Actress Samantha</p> <p>79 Italian for "new"</p> | <p>82 Summary</p> <p>83 16th letter</p> <p>84 "Don't make — habit"</p> <p>85 Nick of "Warrior"</p> <p>89 Potato chip topping</p> <p>90 Singer Helen or actor Jerry</p> <p>91 Univ. award</p> <p>92 Envision</p> <p>94 Wise</p> <p>96 22nd letter</p> <p>97 "Indubitably"</p> <p>98 "Grease"</p> <p>100 Erase</p> <p>103 Gain entry</p> <p>104 Drab color</p> <p>105 Forelimb bones</p> <p>106 Close-by</p> <p>107 "Exodus" protagonist</p> <p>108 Don's group</p> <p>109 Cuts down, as a tree</p> <p>112 Refer to</p> <p>113 Tech support seeker</p> <p>115 Bear, celestially</p> <p>116 "By Jove!"</p> <p>118 Adolescent leader?</p> <p>119 Taxing org.</p> <p>120 Beret, e.g.</p> <p>121 Senate vote</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American author and journalist Emily Kimbrough who made the following sage observation: "Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand."
- In Finland, it is traditional to pay a visit to the steam baths on Christmas Day. Nice and clean, Finns then put on new clothes before enjoying their Christmas dinner, which is served in the evening.
- The nation of Canada has the longest coastline in the world.
- Lots of people dislike lawyers, right? You might be surprised to learn, though, that it isn't a new phenomenon. In fact, in 1641 the Massachusetts Bay colony made it illegal for anyone to earn money by representing another in court, and in 1658, the legislature of Virginia passed legislation expelling all lawyers.
- Most people -- even word nerds like yours truly! -- aren't aware that the plural form of Sphinx is Sphinges.
- You might not be surprised to learn that the only bones to be found in a shark's body are in its jaws and teeth.
- Hardly anyone in Greece has a Christmas tree. Instead, most homes have a wire suspended across a shallow wooden bowl with water in the bottom. A cross wrapped in a sprig of basil is suspended from the wire, and the water keeps the basil fresh. Every day during the holiday season, a family member dips the cross and basil into some holy water and sprinkles each room of the house. In addition to the religious significance, this ritual is said to keep away the kallikantzeri, mischievous goblins that appear during the 12 days of Christmas.

Thought for the Day: "What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist." -- Salman Rushdie

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Mahalak with support from Zielinski. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. The fire report was given by chief Serafin. There was a total of four fires and nine medical runs within the past month. He stated that three of the fires involved wood stoves. The group has been working on equipment maintenance and repairs. They helped with the Festival of Lights on Friday evening.

A discussion was held regarding the employment contract with the village maintenance man. A motion was made by Mahalak to accept the new contract including a wage increase and to allow president Jordan to sign the contract. Zielinski offered support.

The sewer report was given. The SAW grant has been going very well. The storm drains and every tank has been cleaned using the grant funds. A rotation schedule will be set up to take care of cleaning tanks and storm drains. Some will require yearly cleaning while others will be put on a two or three year rotation schedule.

The street report was also given. There has been an issue at Second and Traverse Bay with soil shifting and settling. There is also a crack across Second Street that will require work in the spring. Both streets will need to be crack sealed in the next year. Some of

the businesses are experiencing problems because of soil still shifting. President Jordan attended the Region 9 task force meeting recently. There are projects coming in 2019 for work on Barlow Road. We will need to set aside funds for our portion of the work that is to be done. We will discuss the issue further at the upcoming budget workshop.

A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Mahalak, to approve the following dates for council meetings and a budget workshop for the 2018 year: Wednesday, Jan. 3; February 5; March 5; April 2; May 7; June 4; July 2; August 6; Wednesday, September 5; October 1; November 5; and December 3. All regular meetings are held at the village hall and start at 7 p.m. The budget workshop is set for February 12 at 6 p.m.

In old business, Zielinski asked about whether or not anyone had applied to work following a help wanted ad we had published. President Jordan stated that he has been contacted by one person who has expressed interest in the job. He will work on this and report back at the next meeting. Healy stated that the new Master Plan is being worked on. Sara also gave the names of the winners of the lighting contest from the Festival of Lights celebration held on Friday, Dec. 1. Billy and Edna Somers on Barlow Road won first place; Ralph and Kay Diamond on Fiske Street won second place. The Allen family on Jasmin Road won third place. Larry and Linda Somers on Main Street won fourth and Linda Ouellette on Lakeview Circle won fifth place. Gauthier said she is very pleased with the clean up that has taken place from the fire at the Iron Skillet. She is still concerned with a few other places. Jordan will con-

tact our zoning administrator about working on this situation. In new business, Gauthier stated that she has been contacted about having a person approved for the DDA. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Zielinski, to approve Mark MacNeill as a new member on the DDA. Carried. Putsky stated that we will need to buy new materials for the shields surrounding the trees. These are very useful in keeping the salt off of them.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that starting in January we will be working on the RRC project and will also be getting the new planning and zoning committee up and running. There are several upcoming meetings that will be useful for training. A self-evaluation will be necessary for the village.

The following groups were thanked. Hickory Dickory Dock helped by welding our light pole and on the dock; the Lincoln Lions; Alcona High School athletes and coach Jason Somers; and Tom Morgan of Morgan Electric.

A short discussion was held regarding the need to get the planning and zoning commission up and going. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Gauthier, to approve the following people to the planning committee: Katelyn Apsley, Frank Dimercurio, Shiela Phillips, Leonard Morang, Marilyn Wissmiller and Tina Healy will be the regular members. Phil Jordan, Linda Somers and Sara Healy are the ex-officio members representing the council. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Gauthier, to pay the bills as presented. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Zielinski, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Lee Major called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Zero guests were present; all joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Major, clerk David Dailey, treasurer Pat Dailey and trustee Mark Parent. Absent: Trustee Sally Olin.

D. Dailey/P. Dailey: Motion to approve the agenda as written. Carried. Olin absent. D. Dailey/P. Dailey: Motion to approve the minutes as written. Carried. Public comments: None.

Financial report given by P. Dailey: \$87,047.91 general fund; \$240,224.56 road fund; \$63,045.43 fire fund; \$34,664.44 Prince Dr.; \$481.85 Kowalski Memorial Fund. Report given on revenues taken in, tax collection is going well; there will be a meeting on January 24, 2018 with the county on the new BS&A software. D. Dailey/Parent: Motion to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Carried. Olin absent.

Presentation of bills by D. Dailey: payroll check numbers 16814-16837, \$8,856.99; paid bills check numbers 16838-16856, \$16,025.90 plus the E24 check \$1,135.98. P. Dailey/Parent: Motion to approve the bills as presented. Carried. Olin absent.

Miscellaneous reports: Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority -- D. Dailey was not able to attend. Carloyn Brummund reported Kevin Boyat was appointed chair-

man. County Commissioner Brummund reported on the new county board assignments. More will be reported at February meeting. County board meetings are first and third Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Ambulance fees have been adjusted; county wide clean up on May 30, 2018; Spring Expo on first Saturday of May; Recycle on the second Saturday of May.

Fire chief Franks -- two fire calls, six first responder calls, received a \$2,500 DNR grant for new backpacks and boots. Zoning and Ordinance Administrator J. Sutton -- two permits; two complaints opened; two pending; 10 closed. Hall rental -- none. Assessor Schwickert -- ordered envelopes; requested stamps before postage goes up; one tribunal for January 20, 2018 was adjourned.

Planning commission, Swanson -- resident was at meeting to express concerns about the new Verizon tower that is to go up in our township. Gary Kellan was present to show the approach pattern and height to assure the tower will not be a problem. Resident has also contacted the FCC, much discussion. Questioned date of publication for ordinance 3.8 (11) changes.

Correspondence: Supervisor Major -- MTA meetings March 9, 2018, letter concerning hall rental. Clerk D. Dailey - MTA meeting for February 2018, northeast Michigan name and contact update info. needed.

Pending business -- P. Dailey/D.

Dailey: Motion to approve resolution 2017.001 to appoint David Dailey to be the township of Greenbush representative for the Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority Board. Olin Absent. All ayes, resolution adopted.

D. Dailey/P. Dailey: Motion to remove Sarah Travis as the deputy clerk from the PNC and Huron Community Bank accounts. All ayes. Carried. Olin absent. Parent/P. Dailey: Motion to add David Dailey as township clerk to the PNC and Huron Community Bank accounts. All ayes. Carried. Olin absent.

New Business: D. Dailey/P. Dailey: Motion to accept Charles L. Major's resignation from the township of Greenbush Fire Department. Some discussion. Carried. Olin absent. D. Dailey/P. Dailey: D. Dailey/P. Dailey: Motion to reinstate Charles L. Major to his former position on the township of Greenbush Fire Department, along with his duties as supervisor. Carried. Olin absent. Set date for annual budget workshop, February 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Supervisor Major discussed the possible need for updated hall rental agreement and board policies. He would like to present new information to the board soon. Clerk Dailey received information from the road com-

mission that needs some research done for the compensation split and will report back next meeting.

Board decided to table the resolution until the street lights listed were checked and reported if they are in working order or in place anymore; some discussion to add wording to the resolution to make sure complaints are taken care of in a timely manner.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**State of Michigan
in the Circuit Court
for the County of Alcona**

Notice of hearing for the updating of the lake level to North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88), the establishment of a special assessment district and the confirmation of the special assessment district boundaries for Cedar Lake, located in Greenbush Township, Alcona County, and Oscoda Township, Iosco County, Michigan.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th of October 2017, a petition was filed with the circuit court for the county of Alcona for the updating of the lake level of Cedar Lake to North American Vertical Datum

of 1988 (NAVD 88), the establishment of a special assessment district and the confirmation of the special assessment district boundaries.

Notice is further given that in accordance with MCL 324.30707, this matter is set for hearing on December 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. before the circuit court of the county of Alcona, located at 1065th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, to receive evidence for the updating of the lake level for Cedar Lake to NAVD 88, the establishment of a special assessment district and the confirmation of the special assessment district boundaries.

Notice is further given that a copy of the preliminary special assessment district

for payment of all costs associated with the maintaining of the level is on file at the office of the Alcona County Drain Commissioner and the office of the Iosco County Drain Commissioner.

Notice is further given that all property owners affected are requested to be present at said hearing, if they so desire, to present testimony and evidence on the updating of the lake level for Cedar Lake to NAVD 88, the establishment of a special assessment district and the confirmation of the special assessment district boundaries.

Dated: November 20, 2017
Alcona County Drain Commissioner
Iosco County Drain Commissioner
11-29, 12-6, 12-13

**State of Michigan
Judicial Circuit-Family Division
Delta County
Advice of Rights After
Order Terminating Parental Rights
(Juvenile Code)
Case No. 16NA 199, 200, 201
Court address
310 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI
49829**

**Court telephone no.
(906) 789-5114**

- In the matter of Serenity Wilder, date of birth: February 5, 2012, Lucan Wilder, date of birth: February 4, 2015, Sterling Wilder, date of birth: January 12, 2016. (name(s), alias(es), date of birth)
- On August 2, 2017 and order was entered terminating your parental rights to the child(ren) named above.
- You have the right to
 - appeal the order terminating your parental rights to the Court of Appeals for the State of Michigan, or file a motion for rehearing with this court, within 14 days after the date of the order terminating your parental rights.
 - an attorney for appeal/rehearing purposes, and if you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint one for you. If you desire a court-appointed attorney, you must file the request on the other side of this form within 14 days after the date of personal service or mailing of service of the order terminating your parental rights or within 14 days after an order denying a timely filed postjudgment motion.
 - If the court appoints an attorney to perfect your appeal, the court will furnish the attorney with the portions of the transcripts and court records the attorney requires for the appeal.
 - In addition to the above rights you have the right to control the release of identifying information about yourself under the adoption laws of this state as follows:
 - You may file with the Central Adoption Registry of the Michigan Department of Human Services, at any time, a form called "Parent's Consent/Denial to Release Information to Adult Adoptee." With this form (copies available at all circuit courts or Department of Human Services offices) you can consent to or deny the release of the following identifying information:
 - your name at the time of termination of your parental rights.
 - your most recent name and address which is on file with the Central Adoption Registry.
 You can use this form any time you change your mind about consenting to or denying the release of identifying information.
 - You may keep your name and address current with the Central Adoption Registry by sending this information to them in writing.

Note: If you do not file a "Parent's Consent/Denial to Release Information to Adult Adoptee," or if you revoke a previously filed denial, then the identifying information stated in item 4 will be released upon request of each child after reaching the age of 18. If the other former parent has filed a denial of release of identifying information which has not been revoked, the identifying information about that parent will not be released.

(Please see other side for Request for Court-Appointed Attorney)

Request for Court-Appointed Attorney
I request a court-appointed attorney to appeal or request a rehearing of the order terminating my parental rights. I am unable to pay for the services of an attorney and request that one be appointed by the court. I have completed the financial schedule below. I understand that I may be ordered to repay the court for all or part of the attorney fees. I authorize the court to investigate and obtain relevant information from my em-

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 - Obligations Itemize monthly rent, installment payments, mortgage payments, child support, etc.
 - Reimbursement I understand that I may be ordered to reimburse the court for all or part of my attorney and defense costs.
- I declare under penalty of contempt of court that the above information is true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
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State of Michigan
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Order Following Hearing to Terminate Parental Rights, Page 1 Case No. 16NA 199, 200, 201
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1. In the matter of Serenity Wilder, February 5, 2012, Lucan Wilder, February 4, 2015, Sterling Wilder, January 12, 2016. name(s), alias(es), date of birth
2. Date of hearing: August 2, 2017 Judge/Referee: Robert E. Goebel, Jr. P23020
3. Removal date: February 4, 2016
4. An adjudication was held and the child(ren) was/were found to come within the jurisdiction of the court.
5. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed and notice of hearing on the petition was given as required by law.

6. Specific findings of fact and law regarding this proceeding have been made on the record or by separate written opinion of the court.

The Court Finds:
7. a. Reasonable efforts were made to preserve and unify the family to make it possible for the child(ren) to safely return to the child(ren)'s home. Those efforts were unsuccessful.

9. There is clear and convincing evidence that a statutory basis exists for terminating the parental rights of Ricky Jason Wilder, parent of the child(ren).

10. Termination of parental rights is in the best interests of the child(ren). (See Second Page)

Note: If a child remains in foster care and parental rights are terminated in accordance with MCL 712A. 19a(2), a permanency planning hearing must be held within 28 days. If proper notice has already been given, the permanency planning hearing can be conducted immediately following the termination hearing. This is especially useful in obtaining a uniform date for future permanency planning hearings when parental rights have been terminated to more than one child and the removal dates of the children are different. Use form JC 76.
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by Advertisement**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County at 10 a.m., on January 3, 2018.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dean B. Wassmann and Becki L. Wassmann, husband and wife, original mortgagee: Huron Lending Services, L.L.C. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Huron Community Bank. Date of mortgage: January 18, 2005. Date of mortgage recording: January 27, 2005. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$46,836.76. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County,

Michigan, and described as: Beginning at the north 1/4 corner of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence north 89 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds east along the north line of said section and centerline of Goddard Road so-called, 662.15 feet; thence south 00 degrees 06 minutes 18 seconds west, 1320.00 feet; thence south 89 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds west 662.15 feet; thence north 00 degrees 06 minutes 18 seconds east along the north-south 1/4 line of said section, 1320.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel being a part of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 27 and contains 20.07 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to the right of the public over the northerly 33 feet thereof for said Goddard Road,

also being subject to easements and/or restrictions of record if any.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 29, 2017.
Trott Law, P.C. 1334017
11-29, 12-6, 12-13, 12-20

11. The parental rights of Ricky Jason Wilder are terminated, and additional efforts for reunification of the child(ren) with the parent(s) shall not be made.

12. b. The child(ren) is/are referred to the department for permanency planning, supervision, care, and placement under MCL 400.203.
13. While the child(ren) is/are placed out of the home, the friend of the court shall redi8rect current support due on behalf

of the child(ren) to the person with whom the child(ren) is/are placed as long as that person is not receiving foster care maintenance payments. Unpaid child support that charged during the unfunded placement shall also be redirected unless otherwise assigned.
18. A permanency planning hearing will be held August 2, 2017.
Date: August 2, 2017
Robert E. Goebel, Jr.
12/6, 12/13, 12/20

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defense all year. We had good minutes from our entire bench as well."

On Thursday, Dec. 7 the Tigers played a North Star League game at Au Gres, picking up a 63-48 victory.

"We spread the ball around all night," Bilbey said. "I believe we had eight different scorers and three in double digits. If we play unselfish basketball offensively, it will continue to positively influence the outcome."

Stephenson sank a pair of first quarter threes as Alcona led 20-11 after one and it still led 35-26 at the half.

Devon Mills had a big third quarter, netting nine points,

pushing the Tigers to a 54-32 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Mikazes and Stephenson led the way with 15 points apiece, Mills netted 13, Stewart had nine and Steiner scored four.

On Monday, Dec. 4 the Tigers opened up the season in Atlanta with a 55-36 league win.

"The first one of the year was hard, especially when we knew we had three road games the first week," Bilbey said. "Are we prepared? Are we in shape? It took us until the third quarter to adjust and settle in. We held them to 10 total second half points

so I was pleased with that."

In the first quarter, Stephenson and Mills had a three pointer each but it was knotted up 11-11 after the first eight minutes. The Huskies held a slim 26-25 edge at the half but a big third quarter, led by a pair of threes by McCoy and six points in the paint by Mikazes lifted the Tigers to a 44-32 lead entering the fourth.

Stewart and Stephenson finished with 10 points apiece. Mills tallied nine, Mikazes and Steiner had eight and McCoy finished with six. Alcona (3-0 overall, 2-0 NSL) hosted Mio on Monday and hosts Fairview on Friday, Dec. 22.



Alcona's Alex Stephenson blocks a Tawas player's shot during Friday's road win. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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Sledding

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The 230-mile UP200 dog sled race kicks off February 16 in Marquette.

"It is one of the top 12-dog, mid-distance races in the Midwest, as well as being an Iditarod qualifier," according to the Upper Peninsula Sled Dog Association. The annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska, which is run in March, is about 1,000 miles long.

In Marquette, the 90-mile Midnight Run also will start February 16, according to the U.P. association's website.

The 26-mile Jack Pine 30 race will begin February 17 in Gwinn.

"We're seeing a resurgence in interest" in dog sledding, said Anna Dravland, director of community relations and event marketing at Travel Marquette, which is part of the Marquette County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Dravland said 8,000 to 10,000 visitors typically show up to watch the sled dog teams race. "It's the most amazing experience watching them go," she said.