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## Alcona schools superintendent announces retirement

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Shawn Thornton gave her last report to the Alcona Board of Education Monday evening and officially announced her resignation effective Wednesday, March 1.

"My decision to retire comes with mixed emotions," Thornton said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my job working with faculty, staff and administrators... I will truly miss working with everyone

in the district on a daily basis, but I am excited to be able to start a new phase in my life that will allow me the opportunity to spend more time with my family and to experience new challenges and opportunities.

"My husband has been retired from public school service for quite some time and our children are starting their careers outside the area. I made the decision to retire midyear, because I wanted to have more time to be able to visit with them and support

them as they get settled in their various career paths," she said.

Alcona Board of Education president Ken Chamberlain complimented Thornton on her dedication to the district and years of service. "You have had to make difficult decisions and kept us in the black and moved the district forward," Chamberlain said.

Vice President Gary Sims also complimented Thornton on her dedication and strong leadership skills. "All of those bronze awards that are hang-

ing in the lobby are a result of your leadership and dedication to moving this district forward," Sims said.

Thornton, has been with Alcona Community Schools since July 1999 when she became the principal of Alcona Elementary. The board of education appointed her superintendent in fall of 2001 pending then superintendent Paul Mancine's retirement. She became superintendent in January 2002. Thornton and her family moved to the area from Dewitt, Mich. where



Shawn Thornton

she was the director of curriculum and instruction for the Dewitt school district.

"I have had the privilege of serving in the public school system for over 33 years as an educator and administrator and feel particularly blessed to have been given the honor of serving as the superintendent of Alcona Community Schools for the past 15 years. Over the past few years, the faculty and staff have worked very hard to help transform Alcona Community Schools into a dynamic learning organization that continues to strive to meet the needs of each individual student trusted in our care.

"The district is in solid financial order and has the momentum in place at this time to continue to move forward in a very positive direction. I feel confident that we have structures and very skilled and dynamic people in place to allow a seamless transition for the district to continue its forward growth and continued commitment to multi-tiered systems of support and positive behavioral interventions and supports," Thornton said.

"The board will have some decisions to make in the future to find a replacement. I feel confident that we have people internally that are very qualified," Thornton said.

"It has been an honor to be part of such an outstanding school district and Alcona will always have my support and hold a very special place in my heart."

The school board will meet next Monday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss options and decide on how to proceed.



Alcona 4-H volunteers receive recognition at the annual 4-H Volunteer appreciation dinner on Saturday. Those present at the event with 10 or more years of service were (front row, from left) Lindsey Nardi, 10 years; Deborah

Boyat, 27 years; Lois Marshall, 20 years; Toni Thomas, 29 years; Les Thomas (standing), 30 years, (back row) Doug Travis, 15 years; Kevin Boyat, 28 years; and Christie Thomas, 11 years of service. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Spruce volunteer receives 4-H Ruby Clover Award

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

"They are angels in aprons, saints in straw hats. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. But when they look around them at the skills they've taught, and the youth they've built, there's an inner voice from somewhere that says, 'Well done.'"

~ Author unknown

Nearly 50 volunteers who spent one or more years as an Alcona County 4-H leader or advisory council member were recognized last Saturday at the annual Alcona County 4-H volunteer appreciation dinner. One Spruce volunteer received a Ruby Clover Award for 30 years of

service -- the first ever to be awarded in Alcona County.

The Ruby Clover recipient, Les Thomas, 72, has spent the better part of the last 30 years of his life focused on children and 4-H activities by being a 4-H advisory council member and club leader.

He is almost as passionate about art as he is about 4-H and, until recently, because of pain in his hands, he enjoyed glass etching, pottery, ceramics, stained glass, Raku — a type of glazed Japanese earthenware, and mosaics. His leadership skills and interest in art have led to a position on the Michigan 4-H State Visual Arts Advisory Board.

Teaching children by doing, Les has been the leader

of clubs which included many of his artistic passions and explained that it's really all about the kids. "Kids look at things differently. I tell them everybody is an artist, you just got to start doing it. In 4-H you have young ones and old ones, anywhere from age five to 18. It (teaching) was quite an ordeal. It's always nicer to work with a bigger group than a small group, the older ones help teach the younger ones," Les said.

With the help of his wife, Toni, and their three sons, Les II and twins, Matt and Chris, the family tended a small animal farm which included pheasant, quail, sheep, cows, pigs and an emu, as 4-H projects. Les was a leader for a 4-H pheasant

raising club and admitted that pheasants were difficult animals to raise.

The farm was a long way from the life he knew prior to moving to Alcona County. Born the oldest son of a U.S. Navy sonar instructor in Portland, Maine, Les traveled quite a bit while growing up. He has lived in Maine, Kentucky and southern Michigan. He graduated from Thurston High School in Redford, Mich. in 1963.

Les was employed with Ford Motor Company prior to going into the military service and did two tours to Vietnam before leaving the service in 1970. He and Toni married in 1971 and moved

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## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
I am writing to correct some information in a recent letter to the editor regarding the March for Women's Rights in Harrisville on January 21.

The letter stated that four women and a dog marched in Harrisville. I wasn't part of the Harrisville group because I was with the gathering of women and men who marched in Washington D.C. that day.

In fact, there were 11 Alcona County people marching in D.C. and we received a text message from our friends who were marching in Harrisville. They sent us a message with an attached picture showing four women and a dog in a pink tutu. Apparently, that photo went viral in Harrisville and the writer of the letter to the editor mistook it for a picture of the entire march.

It actually showed only the beginning of the march that started on Lake Street. By the time they reached Main Street, there were seven women, one man and the dog in the group.

Their march happened without much notice and they were encouraged by many drivers who beeped their horns and gave thumbs up. This was not just a big event in Harrisville and D.C. It was a huge show of solidarity for women's rights with people marching in cities and in small gatherings around the world from Antarctica to Alaska. It was headline news and the cover story of many magazines.

Those who expect government to protect our rights and freedoms will continue to speak up about what is happening in our democracy and nevertheless, we will persist.

Patty Thomas  
Harrisville

## Obituaries

### Byron C. Apsey



Byron Craig Apsey, 34, of Hubbard Lake died on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017 at home.

He was born September 3, 1982 in Alpena. He attended Alcona Community Schools and graduated from Alcona High School in 2001.

He enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing and cooking. He worked in the construction industry for many years, most recently for Jacob Builders.

Mr. Apsey is survived by two children, Ramie and Mackenzie Apsey of Montana; his parents, Cyndi and Tom Apsey, of Spruce; two brothers, James (April) Apsey and Benjamin (Jess) Apsey; one sister, Bessie (Jason) Schlehr; his grandparents, George and Merry Lou Loyer of Harrisville; many nieces and nephews and cousins including a special cousin, Paulie (Col-

leen) Somers; and his girlfriend, Jessica Iller.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ramie Apsey in 2006.

The funeral service was held February 11 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

A trust fund for his children, Ramie and Mackenzie Apsey has been set up and contributions may be sent to Benjamin Apsey, P.O. Box 74, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

### Allan F. Stilwell



Allan F. Stilwell, 61, of Lincoln, died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at home.

He was born October 8, 1955 to James M. and Helen M. (Vorhes) Stilwell in Pontiac, Mich. He was raised in Auburn Heights, Mich.

He moved to Alcona County shortly after graduating from high school. Mr. Stilwell owned and operated Stilwell Construction, and built many area homes.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Mr. Stilwell is survived by one son, Matthew (Emily) Stilwell of Midland, Mich.; one daughter, Shannon Stilwell of Hubbard Lake; two sisters, Vicki Wolters of Swartz Creek, Mich. and Linda (Steve) Klien-ert of Valentines, Va.; three brothers, James Stilwell of Auburn Hills, Mich., and Ronald Stilwell and Michael (Janet)

Stilwell, both of Bonita Springs, Fla.; his companion, Natalie Stevenson of Naples, Fla.; and his former wife, Kathleen Stepaniak of Hubbard Lake.

Visitation is on Thursday, Feb. 16, from noon until the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Memorial donations may be made to Hubbard Lake Sportsman and Improvement Association or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017						
Weekly Report				Miles Per Hour		
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Feb. 5	30	18	0.00	3.3	20	N
Feb. 6	32	18	0.00	3.1	15	ENE
Feb. 7	33	31	0.24	7.8	21	E
Feb. 8	33	11	0.00	2.5	26	N
Feb. 9	22	11	0.00	2.4	20	N
Feb. 10	29	11	0.05	9.2	40	SSW
Feb. 11	38	21	0.00	2.0	13	NNE
Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017						
		Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content		
Weekly Total		0.29	1.4	0.32		
February to Date		0.30	1.5	0.52		
Year/Season to Date		1.60	28.3	2.28		

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

# Calendar of Events

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

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

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 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 informa-

tion, call (800) 733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Read the paper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee supplied by Alcona Coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center,

207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

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

Read the paper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee supplied by Alcona Coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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 at 2600 East M-72. Free refreshments will be served. Contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org) for details.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

Read the paper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee supplied by Alcona Coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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

An open house will be held for some of Alpena High School's art students from 5 to 6 p.m. at Thunder Bay Arts Council Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. Refreshments will be served.

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## Alcona Community Schools

### Kindergarten Round-Up

For the 2017-2018 school year will be March 15, 2017. Parents of children who will be five years old this fall, should call the school now to schedule their child for a Round-Up appointment.

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# Obituaries

## Jeanette K. Tudor

Jeanette K. Tudor, 78, of Mikado, died on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born December 28, 1938 to Charles and Francis (Steadman) Schellenberg in Wyandotte, Mich., where she was raised.

On September 11, 1954 she married Charles R. Tudor in Wyandotte, Mich. They were residents of the "down river" area, until moving to Mikado in 1970.

Mrs. Tudor worked for the Head Start Program in Lincoln. She loved painting and enjoyed sewing and crocheting, and playing bingo.

Mrs. Tudor is survived by her husband, Charles; five sons, Charles (Kerry) Tudor of Oscoda, Randy (Dianne) Tudor of Lincoln, Matt (Ali) Tudor of Chelsea, Mich., Thomas (Brandy) Tudor of Spruce, and Elvis (Lisa) Tudor of Tawas City; two daughters, Dawn Tudor of Oscoda and Misty (Rick) Munir of Brighton, Mich., and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

The funeral service was held February 14 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Dr. Rev. Arie Van Brenk officiated.

## Samuel I. Buckley

Samuel Irvan Buckley, 71, of Harrisville died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at home.

He was born August 5, 1945, to Buck and Katherine (Grace) Buckley in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

On November 6, 1986, he married Ida Cramer in Greenbush.


Mr. Buckley retired from the Operating Engineers' Local 324.

He loved to fish, operate heavy equipment and enjoyed spending time with his grandkids.

Mr. Buckley is survived by his wife, Ida; two sons, Samuel Buckley of Suttons Bay, Mich. and Delbert (Kammie) Clark of Tamqua, Pa.; six daughters, Carol Lally of Brighton, Mich., Deanna Buckley of Livonia, Mich., Tammy (Shawn) Masters of New Hudson, Mich., Margie (Kirt) Howard of Howell, Mich., Donna (Al) Sargent of Oxford, Mich., and Della (Robert) White of Ortonville, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Deanna Carron and Erma Morley; his in-laws, Margaret and Garnet Cramer; and one grandson, Ethan Clark.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



## CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT




**5:45 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2017**  
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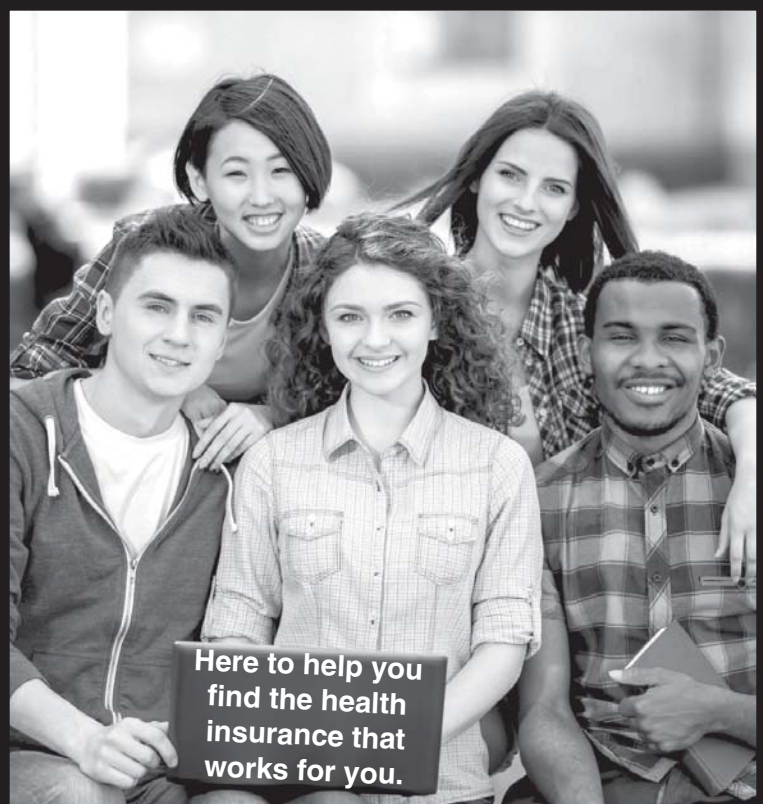
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### Student Variety Show

A variety show, put on by students in the dramatization of literature class, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1:30 p.m. The class, which is in its second year, has 16 students from the Alcona Middle and Alcona High School. All students are participating in the variety show, according to teacher Linda Moran. Actively participating as technical advisors are Eric Joseph from eRock Innovations and J.D. Hock from Karstine Ventures, who handle much of the lighting for the Shoreline Players in Oscoda.

Moran said Joseph and Hock have put in many hours

of personal time into a computerized light, sound effect and music display for the variety show. Kaitlyn MacGregor from Linwood, Mich., will be lending her hair and make-up talents to the performers. Moran said she didn't want to give too much away about the variety show but it will have 12 acts. The variety show is also open to the public as well as the student body.

"We purposely kept the show confidential. We want it to unfold in front of the audience, it involves dramatic readings, poetry, skits, music, singing, and synchronized performances. We want this to be our gift to the student body and a surprise." The school is located on the northwest corner of M-72 and Barlow Road in Lincoln. Free will donations will be accepted.

### Spring Choral Program

Huron Shores Chorus (HSC) will begin rehearsals for the annual spring program on Sunday, Feb. 19 at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. Rehearsals are held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. throughout the remainder of February and the months of March and April for programs to be presented in early May at the high school auditoriums in Oscoda and Alpena.

This year will be a milestone concert for HSC -- a collaboration with Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus of Alpena. Listeners will enjoy music presented by each chorus separately and both choruses combined -- 90 voices will appear onstage for the grand finale. This season's theme is "Americana" and will include favorites from Broadway musicals, music by American composers/lyricists, folk music, barbershop, and great American standards.

Anyone with an interest in singing is welcome to join Huron Shores Chorus. No prior experience is necessary, although some basic knowledge of music is helpful. There are no auditions. Practice CDs will be provided for choristers. A fee of \$10 to cover the cost of materials is requested but not required. Huron Shores Chorus is under the direction of Tracee Behnke-Lentz.

### Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Feb. 20—Pork tips in gravy over brown rice, Brussel sprouts, and apple-sauce.

- Tuesday, Feb. 21—Swedish meatballs over noodles, corn, orange pineapple fluff, and pears.

- Wednesday, Feb. 22—Barbecued chicken, baked beans, cauliflower, tossed salad, and peaches.

- Thursday, Feb. 23—Turkey and cheese sandwich, homemade potato soup, baby carrots and dip, and tropical fruit.

- Friday, Feb. 24—Hawaiian pork over brown rice, peas, and mandarin oranges.

*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

### Away at School

- Shannon Oliver, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Kyle R. Charters, of Oscoda, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Andrew M. Collier, of Oscoda, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Paige S. Senn, of Oscoda, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Baylee E. Walker, of Oscoda, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Rachael R. Wilkerson, of Oscoda, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Jessica L. Faylor, of Ossineke, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Keegan R. Ingle, of Ossineke, was named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



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# Lady Tigers fall short against Hillman

**By Hope Smith**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team traveled to Hillman on Thursday, Feb. 9 with the desire to upset their North Star League (NSL) rivals after suffering a 56-41 loss during their first meeting this season.

However, Hillman pulled out the 60-47 victory late in the game against the Alcona Lady Tigers.

Alcona secured the 17-13 lead by the end of the first quarter, but Hillman worked its way back to take the slight 27-24 advantage at the half-way mark. After the break, both teams continued to battle back and forth trading bucket for bucket most of the way but Hillman maintained a solid 43-39 lead going into the final period.

It was all business in the fourth quarter as Alcona pulled within four points after senior Kendra LaFave found the bottom of the net with just over three minutes left in the game.

However, that would be as close as the Alcona Lady Tigers would get. At that point, Hillman's offense took control and outscored Alcona 17-8 in final minutes of the game to pick up the 60-47 NSL victory.

"We played them very tough for most of the game - much better than the last time we played them," said coach Mark Feldhiser. "(I am) really proud of way our girls battled. This was our second really difficult game this week and we gave them a really good game. Their defense pressure finally got to us and that was the difference."

Leading Alcona's offensive push were Taylor Livingston and Brittany Decker with 15 points each. Kendra LaFave added 12 points, Kielee Elmer had three points and Rachel Warner scored two points.

A few days earlier, the Lady Tigers played host to the Rogers City Hurons in front of the home town crowd on February 6. It was a battle to the very end with Alcona pulling out the hard fought 50-49 victory over the Lady Hurons.

The Lady Tigers took control early but Rogers City tied the game seven all with three minutes left in the first quarter. Alcona's Megan Grove drove hard to basket for another two points for Alcona. Then after being fouled on a shot, LaFave stepped to the line for two more easy points to give Alcona the 11-7 lead.

In the second quarter, the Lady Tigers continued to successfully pound the ball inside to Decker and Livingston and pushed the lead to 21-9 late in the period. Brooke Shultz found the bottom of the net to give Alcona another two. As time expired, Livingston found LaFave deep in the corner where she drilled the trey from beyond the arc to give the Lady Tigers the 26-14 advantage at the half.

After the break, the Lady Tigers had to work extra hard on defense as Rogers City fought back to close the gap to 30-25 with 5:09 remain-

ing on the clock. The Lady Tigers struggled to shut down Rogers City's offensive line up. The Hurons managed to outscore Alcona 17-12 in the third period to bring the score to 38-31 heading into the final quarter.

Alcona had its hands full with a triple from Rogers City to open the quarter. Plus, back to back turnovers by Alcona allowed the Hurons to tie the game at 42 with 3:32 left on the clock. The Lady Tigers committed another turnover which gave Rogers City chance to get back into the game. The Lady Hurons didn't hesitate -- they hit three-pointers with 1:47 remaining on the clock.

Alcona's Decker went to work in the paint where she drew a foul and went to the charity strip where she tied the game at 45. The tough pressure continued by the Lady Hurons but the Lady Tigers remained resilient to close the game with the 50-49 win.

"This was just a great game. We had a great first half and then they chipped away at our lead in the third.

They used a different press and actually took a three-point lead in the fourth. We did a nice job of regaining our composure and putting the game away at the end, Feldhiser said. "We hit a couple of good shots and clamped down with our good man defense. We went six for six at the line to really seal it at the end. This was a great win for us over a team that beat us earlier this year. We are improving game by game and want to be playing our best in a couple of weeks."

Livingston led scorers with 19 points. Decker banked 14 points. LaFave chipped in 10 points. Grove had four points and Shultz added three points.

Alcona's junior varsity team was defeated 33-26 by Rogers City.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Whittemore-Prescott on Monday to match up against the Lady Cardinals for their second game this season. The Owls will come to Tiger country on Thursday, Feb. 16. Tip off for the junior varsity game is 6 p.m. followed by the varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

# Lady Tiger bowlers take on Patriots

The Alcona varsity girls bowling team hosted the Huron Shores Bowling Conference on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Village Lanes in Harrisville. The Lady Tigers took on the Charlton Heston Academy Patriots.

The Lady Tigers split the Baker games, but finished strong by setting a new conference season high Baker game of 222, which put them on top with a total of 357 to the Patriots 250.

The Lady Tigers continued to excel during the team event

to sweep both games with a total of 1,391 to the Patriots 1,191. Final scoring: Alcona 25 - Charlton Heston Academy 5. High games for the Lady Tigers was Raegen Eller with 168 and the high for the Patriots was Samantha Jarosz with 136.

The Lady Tigers will be at Vista Lanes in Oscoda Saturday, Feb. 18 for the Conference Singles Tournament which begins at 9 a.m.

~ Submitted by Lynn Gibson, coach.

## 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE MIKADO TOWNSHIP MIKADO CIVIC CENTER 2291 S. F-41, Mikado, MI 48745

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. - Organizational Meeting. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

**Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, March 17, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2017 assessments. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2017.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	51.98	0.96191
COMMERCIAL	50.98	0.98078
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	48.17	1.03799
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENT	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

## PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL 5037 CAMPBELL RD. GREENBUSH, MI 48738

**Monday, March 13**  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Friday, March 17**  
9 a.m. - 12 Noon & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Written protests should be mailed to: 2836 E McNeil Rd. Lincoln, MI 48742 and MUST be received by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	50.93	0.98174
COMMERCIAL	50.44	0.99128
INDUSTRIAL	52.39	0.95438
RESIDENTIAL	50.73	0.98561
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

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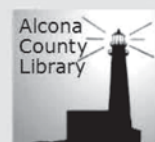
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# Hillman boys too much for Alcona

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

Alcona gave third ranked Hillman a run for its money Friday night.

The hosting Alcona varsity boys basketball team wasn't able to edge Hillman however, as it handed Alcona a 59-46 North Star League Big Dipper setback.

"For as young as we are, I thought we handled their press okay at times, though other times we definitely did not," said Alcona coach Toby Suttle. "There were some bright spots. We had some good possessions on the court a few times on both sides of the ball -- which is nice. It's not a sometimes thing though, it's an all the time thing."

Undefeated Hillman led 15-10 after the first quarter but Alcona hung around for most of the night, trailing just 27-25 at the half. The Tigers fell behind by double digits after the third quarter, but they cut it back to five points with four minutes to go.

A ref's whistle called off a lay-up that would have cut the game to three points. Instead Hillman hit a three the other way to go up by eight and pulled away to the 59-46 final.

"I don't think we rebounded well and we didn't rotate very well in our zone

defense and when you play a good team like Hillman, they'll make you pay," Suttle said.

Alex Stephenson led the way with 12 points on offense and Antavius Mikazes netted 10.

Alcona plays at Whittemore-Prescott on Wednesday, Feb. 15 and travels to Oscoda on Friday, Feb. 17.

"Whittemore and Oscoda are both in our district so it's going to be two highly competitive games," Suttle said. "Both teams have really im-

proved. Whittemore has been playing at a really high level and they have two of the better players outside in our area of Hillman. Oscoda is a rivalry game and their coach is doing a great job with those guys and they are having a lot of success so we'll see. We're excited for another opportunity to see how far we've come in relationship to other teams."

The Tigers are 9-5 overall and 8-4 in the North Star League.

## Tiger bowlers prepare for regionals in Gaylord

On Saturday, Feb. 4 the Alcona varsity boys bowling team competed against the Tawas Braves. Each match consists of two Baker games and two individual games with five bowlers for each team. Baker games are games with five bowlers on each team.

Tawas won the first Baker game 131-120. The Tigers won the second game 156-84. Each team gets four points for a win or two points each for a tie. The team with total pin fall gets another two points. The Tigers won the Baker games 6-4.

In the first individual game, Seth Finley of Tawas defeated Kyle Haeger 128-124. Tommy Mayes of Alcona defeated a combination of Jonathan Wheeler and Dylan Dimming 154-125. Chris Clairmon of Tawas defeated Jason Sweet 149-117. Alex Harmon of Alcona defeated Brady McClellan 180-110. Cory Hoffman of Alcona defeated a combination of James Tyo and Connor Finley 167-145.

The Tigers won total points for the first game 742-625 with a points win of 7-2.

In the second game, S. Finley defeated Haeger 134-128. Mayes defeated a combination of Wheeler and Dimming 100 to 99. Erik Dave defeated Clairmon 134-126. McClellan defeated Harmon 201-154. Hoffman defeated a combination of Tyo and Wheeler 148-125. Tawas won the second game 6-3.

Overall, the Tigers won

1,406 to 1,310 total pin fall and had a total of 18-12 points.

On Saturday, Feb. 11 the Tigers competed against John Glenn High School. The Bobcats won both Baker games 202-129 and 181-166. The Baker game totals were 383 to 295.

The Bobcats won the first individual games. Mayes defeated Noah Ulman 160-126. Ethan Brandt was defeated by Zac Kuch 191-133. Haeger defeated Justin Zielinski 137-166. Hoffman was defeated by Jacob Stewart 216-169. Konner Webster was defeated by Lance Jackson 246-99. The pin fall totals were 895 - 698 and the points were 7-2.

In the last individual games of the season the Tigers defeated the conference co-champions 839-827. Hoffman defeated Ulman 226-157. Dave defeated Kuch 192-125. Brandt was defeated by Zielinski. Harmon was defeated by Stewart 203-139. Sweet was defeated by Jackson 189-133 with a game point total of 6-3.

The Bobcats won the match by a score of 22-8. The Tigers will be competing in the conference singles tournament Saturday the 18th at Vista Lanes in Oscoda.

The Tigers completed the year 3-5. They will compete in regionals at Gaylord Bowling Center on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25.

~ Submitted by Ron Ellsworth, coach.



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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Do you need to file a tax return in 2017?

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired last year in 2016, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year.

New Retiree

Dear New,

There are several factors that affect whether or not you need to file a federal income tax return this year including how much you earned last year (in 2016), and the source of that income, as well as your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's (2016) IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2016 gross income - which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately - was below the threshold for your filing status and age,

you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- Single: \$10,350 (\$11,900 if you're 65 or older by January 1, 2017).

- Married filing jointly: \$20,700 (\$21,950 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$23,200 if you're both over 65).

- Married filing separately: \$4,050 at any age.

- Head of household: \$13,350 (\$14,900 if age 65 or older).

- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$16,650 (\$17,900 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at (800) 829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554), or see IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

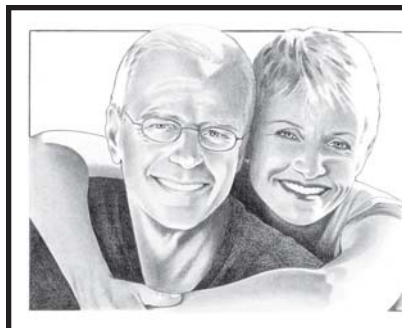
There are, however, some other financial situations that will require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS fil-

ing requirement. For example, if you had earnings from self-employment in 2016 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes about 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/filing - click on "Do you need to file a return?" under the Get Ready tab. Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at (800) 829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See IRS.gov/local-contacts or call (800) 829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Even if you're not required



Savvy Senior

to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and

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Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 5,000 sites nationwide.

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back to Kentucky where he worked with his father, who had his own electrical business.

A few years later, the couple moved back to Michigan. They lived in Taylor, Monroe and Grand Rapids before moving to the Village of Lincoln in 1977 and then on to Spruce in 1992.

Les explained being a 4-H leader has given him the opportunity to meet and teach all kinds of people and get to know entire families. He has instructed second generations of families, adults and even home schooled children. He has been an instructor at the Kettunen Center — Michigan's 4-H conference center near Cadillac, Mich. and at Michigan State University Extension 4-H Exploration Days.

Over the years, the couple has hosted exchange students from Poland and a man from Australia through 4-H activities.

Les explained that many of the clubs they lead were done so without a lot of prior education and they learned along with the kids. "When I was a kid I went to the state fair and that was the closest thing to a county fair I'd ever been to. If it hadn't been for our kids and 4-H we would never have had lambs or anything like that. We knew a little about animals, but nothing about birthing a lamb, which I've had to do.

"Whenever we had a question another club leader would educate us. There is a lot of camaraderie in 4-H and you can learn just about anything from others," Toni said. She explained that some of the things they learned about animals were what their sons were taught at other 4-H meetings.

Les explained that much of his time with 4-H has been spent grilling hot dogs at festivals and fairs with proceeds from the food going to 4-H activities. The 4-H Advisory Council, which he has been a part of for 28 years, gives away more than \$2,000 an-



Les Thomas holds one of his stained glass pieces. He served 30 years as a leader and on the advisory council for 4-H, sharing his art knowledge and leadership skills. Photo by Mary Weber.

nually to youth in program scholarships as well as money for training and support funds for local initiatives like Libraries for Learning.

His oldest son, Les Thomas II, is the 4-H program coordinator for Alcona County 4-H.

Les II, said his dad has helped 30 years' worth of kids go to camp for Explorations Days and has helped put thousands of books in the hands of youth. "I couldn't be more proud to give out the first (Alcona County 4-H) Ruby Clover Award to someone who has given so much of himself to the program and has helped me begin my 4-H journey. He and my mom have been diligently involved in a community service project for the past 30 years. My mom has been involved the same amount of time, but (served) less time as a registered leader. She will receive

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There are 27 different club programs in Alcona County which inspire and educate nearly 250 children, making it the largest non-school organization for children in the county. The program also has school based activities involving nearly 600 Alcona County youth. The Alcona County 4-H advisory council meets locally six times a year, every other month, and is always looking for new council members and volunteers. For more information, contact the Alcona County 4-H at (989) 724-6478.

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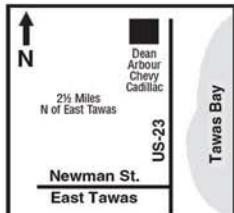
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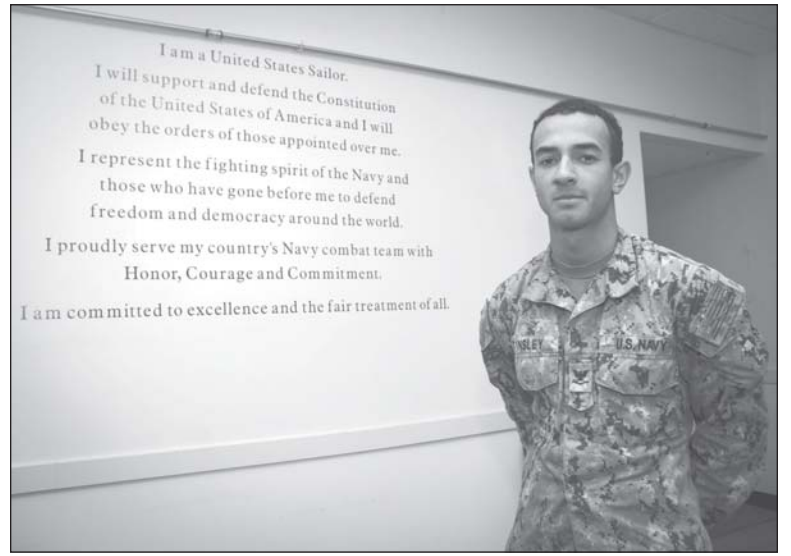
"We Build, We Fight" has been the motto of the U.S. Navy's Construction Force, known as the "Seabees," for the past 75 years.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Tinsley, builds and fights around the world as a member of a naval construction battalion center located in Port Hueneme, California. Tinsley, a native of Michigan and an Oscoda High School graduate, works as a builder in the Navy. "As a builder I specialize in carpentry, vertical construction and masonry work," he said. "On my previous deployment I assisted in building infrastructure during a variety of construction projects."

The jobs of some of the Seabees today have remained unchanged since World War II when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe, according to Lara Godbille, director of the U. S. Navy Seabee Museum.

"I enjoy constantly training and the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally," Tinsley said.

For the past 75 years Seabees have served in all American conflicts. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world following earthquakes, hur-



Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Tinsley. *Courtesy photo.*

ricanes and other natural disasters.

"I am proud of the hard work that Seabees do every day," said Rear Adm. Bret Muilenburg, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. "Their support to the Navy and Marine Corps mission is immeasurable, and we look forward to the next seven decades of service."

Seabees around the world will take part in a year-long celebration in 2017 to commemorate the group's 75-year anniversary. The theme of the celebration is "Built on History, Constructing the Future."

"Seabees deploy around the world providing expert expeditionary construction support on land and under the sea, for the Navy and Marine Corps, in war, hu-

manitarian crisis and peace," said Capt. Mike Saum, commodore, Naval Construction Group (NCG) 1. "Seabee resiliency, skill, and resolution under hostile and rough conditions prove our motto 'We Build, We Fight.' The Seabee patch we wear on our uniform signifies to the warfighter and civilian alike that they're in good hands."

Serving in the U.S. Navy has allowed Tinsley to continue learning about himself and the legacy he wants to leave to future Seabees. "Serving during this milestone makes me feel like I'm a part of something that's rich in history and substantial because of what the Seabees have accomplished throughout history," said Tinsley. "I'm proud to be a Seabee and it's an honor to carry on the tradition."

## ADVERTISE YOUR UPCOMING EVENT!

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce is getting ready to publish the **ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**. Please visit our website to obtain a 2017 Calendar of Events form. **Cutoff is February 24<sup>th</sup> • (989) 724-5107**

## NOTICE

Haynes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Haynes Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Rd. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Sharon Schefferly Haynes Township Clerk

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		REAL PROPERTY CLASSES						All Personal Property
		AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER CUT-OVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	
UNIT	R/M	101	201	301	401	501	601	
ALCONA	R	50.18%	55.25%	49.02%	47.70%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9964	0.9050	1.0200	1.0482	~	~	1.0000
CALEDONIA	R	49.79%	49.91%	49.72%	50.57%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0042	1.0018	1.0056	0.9887	~	~	1.0000
CURTIS	R	50.79%	52.57%	50.00%	50.27%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9845	0.9511	1.0000	0.9946	~	~	1.0000
GREENBUSH	R	50.93%	50.44%	52.39%	50.73%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9817	0.9913	0.9544	0.9856	~	~	1.0000
GUSTIN	R	50.14%	51.30%	48.91%	46.00%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9972	0.9747	1.0223	1.0870	~	~	1.0000
HARRISVILLE	R	51.57%	46.67%	49.38%	50.33%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9696	1.0714	1.0126	0.9934	~	~	1.0000
HAWES	R	51.42%	48.01%	48.58%	50.22%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9724	1.0415	1.0292	0.9956	~	~	1.0000
HAYNES	R	51.19%	42.18%	None	50.47%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9768	1.1854	~	0.9907	~	~	1.0000
MIKADO	R	51.98%	50.98%	None	48.17%	None	None	50.00%
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MILLEN	R	55.73%	53.28%	None	45.72%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.8972	0.9384	~	1.0936	~	~	1.0000
MITCHELL	R	50.52%	47.24%	50.10%	47.85%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9897	1.0584	0.9980	1.0449	~	~	1.0000
City of HARRISVILLE	R	None	52.98%	50.10%	44.88%	None	None	50.00%
	M	~	0.9438	0.9980	1.1141	~	~	1.0000

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

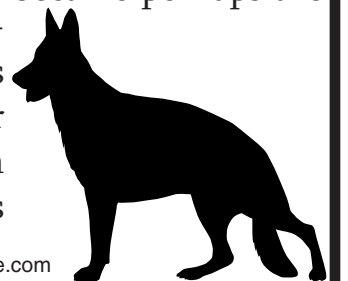
BOARDS OF REVIEW: Dates, Time, & Location of March Meetings are to be published.

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Troy M. Somers, Director  
Alcona County Equalization Department

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## American Life in Poetry

**By Ted Kooser**

*U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006*

Fog carries mystery within it, and here's a fine poem about a day in which a memory approaches through fog and makes itself real. Michael Lauchlan lives in Michigan and his most recent book is *Trumbull Ave.*, (Wayne State Univ. Press, 2015). This poem appeared first in *Cortland Review*.

**Thaw**

Plows have piled a whitened range—  
faux mountains at the end of our street,  
slopes shrinking, glazed, grayed. Fog  
rules the day. In woolly air, shapes stir—  
slow cars leave a trace  
of exhaust, careful walkers share  
loud intimacies. My mother's birth  
slides across a calendar. Like  
a stranger who jumps off a bus,  
crosses tracks and strides toward us,  
memory parts the sodden gloom  
of our winter, as though, today,  
only she can see where she  
goes and track where she's been.

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# Calendar of Events



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## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Don McEwen Kid's Ice Fishing Tournament will be held at Jewell Lake in Barton City. This tournament is free for kids and young adults age 15 and under. Registration on the ice from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., fishing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trophies awarded at 3 p.m. Poles, bait and holes provided. Adult fishermen available for assistance. Hot dogs and hot cocoa provided and there a

port-a-john and warming area will be available. This event is sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association.

A euchre tournament will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., play starts at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Greenbush Historical Society.

The Special Olympics Michigan Law Enforcement Polar Plunge will be held at

Sandbar and Grill on Long Lake. Registration begins at noon followed by the parade of costumes at 1 p.m. Visit [www.firstgiving.com/polarplunge/Alpena2017](http://www.firstgiving.com/polarplunge/Alpena2017) for details.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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.

White Pines Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at West-

minster 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.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Play euchre at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312

West Main Street. The selection for February is "1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus" by Charles C. Mann. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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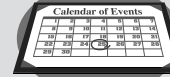


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# Calendar of Events



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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.

residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

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

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold a monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. The guest speaker will be Dennis Schultz, CEO of Well Connect Geo Thermal Heating and Cooling. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Grif-

fin at (989) 727-3350 or Don Cattleberry at (989) 354-5504 for details.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
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. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

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

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jenna Richardson from the Alcona Humane Society. Reservations are required. Call Donna Roddy at (989) 739-2159 or Maggie Krause at (989) 724-5203.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main street from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Drawing for Love Your Library Month prizes will be held at all branches of the Alcona County Library at 3 p.m.

VFW Post No. 6754 Auxiliary

Due to the bad weather and illness, only eight members were present for the February meeting. The minutes from the January meeting were not available. President Vichunas offered to take the current meeting minutes in the secretary's absence.

Treasurer Sandy Light advised that the December 2016 financial report was revised to include funds received from department. She also advised that the auxiliary received \$25 because all membership dues were collected prior to December 31, 2016.

The January report and the audit will be formally presented at the March meeting. The bill for the packaged treats for the Alpena V.A. Clinic was approved for reimbursement. Frances Ziesman reported that she recently sent a card to Irene Chroniger. President Vichunas advised that the quarterly reports were filled electronically on January 31.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7.

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Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.  
children's ministry. Wednesday 7 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

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• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

**top ten**  
REAL WORDS FROM Harry Potter

1. Dumbledore
2. Muggle
3. Squib
4. Basilisk
5. Hippogriff
6. Nagini
7. Grindylows /Boggarts
8. Mandrake
9. Draco
10. Arithmancy

Source: Merriam-Webster

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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## A fine hall

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**February 18, 1892** ~ Next Monday evening the doors will be thrown open and the public will be given an opportunity for the first time of inspecting the new Masonic hall in this village in all its completeness. Since the purchase by the lodge of the upper half of the Green & Gillam building in September last, J. Van Buskirk, to whose especial care the work of making a Hall of the building was committed, has labored assiduously and faithfully to hasten the work and yet leave nothing undone that, would insure the pleasure, comfort and happiness of the future tenants. He found a rough, unfinished shell. With the invaluable assistance of Messrs. H. C. Kibbe and Geo. Emerson, who have done the wood work throughout, and of Alf. LaChapelle, who has done the papering and painting, he has converted it into a cheerful and cosy home which is now offered to the fraternity for their acceptance. The finished product of their united labors is one of which the Masons are pardonably proud.

The hall as it stands is a fitting monument to the liberality of one of the noblest of fraternal societies. The entire cost is about 1,500.

feet in dimensions. This has been subdivided in the following manner: Main hall on the north and east 26x29 feet; banquet room adjoining on the south and east 12x20 feet; reception room at the south west corner 11x12; adjoining this on the north are two rooms 5x12 feet in size which are connected with the main hall. Between the reception room and banquet room is the kitchen, infinitesimal in size to be sure, but

large enough for the purpose. A double floor reinforced by paper and a thick layer of mortar deadens all sound from below. The ceiling is 13 feet clear. The hall will be lighted by five Pittsburgh lamps of the latest patterns. The woodwork is white pine throughout with hard oil finish. Inside blinds curtain the windows. Of the furniture, the altar and three pedestals constructed of black walnut with birds eye maple panels

are the handiwork of H. C. Kibbe, who thus proves himself to be a master of his trade. A fine piece of work has also been done on the centre piece, or dome, which is made of white pine with hard oil finish to be in keeping with the rest of the interior. The main hall and preparatory rooms are covered by Brussels carpeting of substantial colors and beautiful design. The floor of the banquet room is of hardwood

oiled and will not be carpeted. The Masons have issued Invitations to the members and their ladies to be present at 1 the dedication next Monday afternoon, the occasion to be enlivened by music and refreshments ad libitum ad infinitum. The general public will be given an opportunity to see the hall after the conclusion of the lecture at the Presbyterian church in the evening from 9 to 11 o'clock p.m.



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### Alcona Review Weather Report

Feb. 15, 2017

Seven Day Forecast	
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Snow Possible High: 28 Low: 16
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 25 Low: 18
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 27
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 41 Low: 30
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 42 Low: 31
	<b>MONDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 45 Low: 31
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 44 Low: 28



**In-Depth Local Forecast**

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 28°, humidity of 68%. Northwest wind 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 52° set in 1954. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of snow, overnight low of 16°. The record low for tonight is -21° set in 1987.

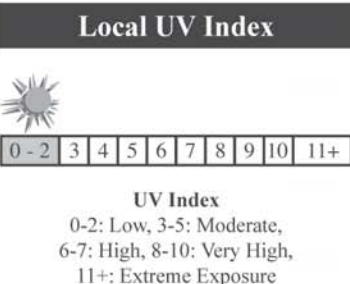
**\*Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	30	16	27/8	0.00"
Tuesday	33	26	27/8	0.37"
Wednesday	25	14	27/8	0.00"
Thursday	19	9	27/9	0.01"
Friday	26	11	27/9	0.16"
Saturday	34	27	27/9	0.00"
Sunday	36	26	27/9	0.13"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

**Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:31 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	9:58 a.m.
Thursday	7:29 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	No Rise	10:26 a.m.
Friday	7:28 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	12:08 a.m.	10:56 a.m.
Saturday	7:26 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	11:29 a.m.
Sunday	7:25 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	2:02 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Monday	7:23 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	2:57 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
Tuesday	7:21 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	3:49 a.m.	1:31 p.m.



**National Weather Summary This Week**

The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 51° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 63° in Cheyenne, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in El Centro, Calif.

**Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:08 a.m.	4:39 p.m.
Venus	8:43 a.m.	n/a
Mars	9:16 a.m.	10:04 p.m.
Jupiter	10:42 p.m.	9:50 a.m.
Saturn	4:04 a.m.	1:01 p.m.
Uranus	9:36 a.m.	10:43 p.m.

**Weather History**

**Feb. 15, 1982** - An intense cyclone off the Atlantic Coast capsized a drilling rig, killing 84 people. The storm also sank a Soviet freighter, resulting in 33 more deaths. The cyclone produced 80 mph winds that whipped the water into waves 50 feet high.

**Weather Trivia**

Does cold air hold more or less moisture than warm air? **?**

Answer: Less.

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**StarWatch By Gary Becker - America's Crescent and Star**

On the morning of July 5, 1054 AD in the constellation of Taurus the Bull, a new star appeared to the right of a thin waning, crescent moon. The star brightened rapidly, becoming over twice the luminosity of Venus, now visible in the SW after sundown. It was seen in broad daylight for 23 days and remained visible, but fading, to the unaided eye for over one-and-a-half-years after its appearance. The remnants of this Type II supernova are still visible today in modest-sized telescopes under dark skies as the expanding debris of gas and dust known as the Crab Nebula. We know the date and location of the 1054 supernova because of the fastidious record-keeping of Chinese (and Japanese) astronomers (astrologers), but European records are virtually nonexistent with the possible exception of a gold, cup-shaped Byzantine coin commemorating the life of Constantine IX Monomachos who died on January 11, 1055 AD. The coin has two stars represented, but no moon. The crescent moon and star were also familiar to the Byzantines and cultural (not Islamic) symbols promoted by the Ottoman Empire (1300-1920). The crescent and star can still be found on the flags of many Islamic nations, but here is where the analogy may end—moon or sun/Venus, perhaps—but moon and supernova, probably not. Native Americans in the Southwest did symbolize the supernova event of 1054 AD in rock art drawings showing a crescent moon and a star. In fact, a friend, Alan Vernick, saw the same cipher inscribed on the Hopi's (NE Arizona) most sacred sun-watching station when he was taken on a private tour by a Hopi resident. The most famous crescent and star in Native American rock art can be found on the underside of a ledge on West Mesa in Chaco Culture National Historical Park, near Nageezi, New Mexico. A hand is also incorporated into the drawing which has been shown through observation to have pointed to the moon when the supernova of 1054 was first seen. Check out "this week's StarWatch" at [astronomy.org](http://astronomy.org) for photos. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

**Local Notes**

**February 18, 1892** ~ La Grippe is on the wane.  
-X-

St. Valentine's Day was not observed to any alarming extent here. The custom is becoming obsolete.  
-X-

The drillers at Killmaster went down 85 feet Tuesday. Barring accidents progress will be rapid now.  
-X-

F. A. Beede now owns the Madden residence, on North Lake Street, having made the purchase some time ago.  
-X-

Foreigners who wish to become citizens in time to vote at the next Presidential election must secure their first papers before May 15th.  
-X-

The village election occurs March 14. As the election is held under the new law the caucus will have to be held earlier than has been the custom.  
-X-

The County Clerk does not exactly advertise it, but no doubt the girls can get a quarter off on licenses during the current year, by a proper use of their charms.  
-X-

The will of the late Mrs. Wm. Silversides has been admitted to probate and application has been made for the appointment of Wm. Silversides as administrator of the estate.

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Serbia?
2. **TELEVISION:** Who played Monica's boyfriend Richard on "Friends"?
3. **NATURAL WORLD:** What is the common name of Euphorbia pulcherrima, which blooms during the holidays?
4. **BIBLE:** What is the third book of the Old Testament?
5. **GAMES:** What is the shape of the answer grid inside a "Magic 8 Ball," a hand-held game that gives stock answers to questions?
6. **AD SLOGANS:** Which car rental company had the slogan "We try harder"?
7. **LITERATURE:** Who was the author of the 1954 novel "The Adventures of Augie March"?
8. **COMICS:** What is the name of Dagwood and Blondie's dog?
9. **MYTHOLOGY:** What was the name of the monstrous hound that guards the gates of Hades?
10. **ANATOMY:** What is the meniscus disc in the knee made of?

**Answers:** 1. Belgrade; 2. Tom Selleck; 3. Poinsettia; 4. Leviticus; 5. An icosahedron, a 20-sided figure; 6. Avis; 7. Saul Bellow; 8. Daisy; 9. Cerberus; 10. Cartilage (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 1, 1692, in Salem Village in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, authorities begin seeking out witches after two children began experiencing fits. After a doctor concluded that the children were suffering the effects of witchcraft, others stepped forward and incriminated more than 150 women and men of Satanic practices.
  - On March 5, 1770, a mob of American colonists gathers at the Customs House in Boston and begins taunting British soldiers. The British regulars responded by firing their rifles, killing five colonists. Later, two British soldiers had their thumbs branded with an "M" for murder as punishment.
  - On Feb. 27, 1922, in Washington, D.C., the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote, is unanimously declared constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.
  - On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his inaugural address, Roosevelt outlined his "New Deal," an expansion of the federal government as an instrument of employment opportunity and welfare.
  - On March 3, 1952, the U.S. Supreme Court upholds a New York state law that prohibits communists from teaching in public schools. The statute applied to anyone who called for the overthrow of the government.
  - On March 2, 1966, the Ford Motor Company celebrates the production of its 1 millionth Mustang, a white convertible. More than 400,000 Mustangs were sold in the first year, perhaps boosted by its appearance in the James Bond movie "Goldfinger."
  - On Feb. 28, 1982, the J. Paul Getty Museum becomes the world's most richly endowed museum when it receives a \$1.2 billion bequest from the American oil billionaire. Getty died in 1976, but legal wrangling over his fortune by his children and ex-wives kept his will in probate until 1982.
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## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Music-licensing gp.</p> <p>6 With greatest frequency</p> <p>14 Light, in a way</p> <p>20 River to Lake Geneva</p> <p>21 Many kids' art projects</p> <p>22 "Any way is fine by me"</p> <p>23 STARDOM WEALTH</p> <p>25 "Bewitched" husband</p> <p>26 F minor, e.g.</p> <p>27 Albany hrs.</p> <p>28 Abbr. on a pay stub</p> <p>30 One of King Lear's daughters</p> <p>31 Most like Solomon</p> <p>33 STRIKE DWELLING</p> <p>39 "... boy — girl?"</p> <p>40 Gambling place, briefly</p> <p>42 Planted "pet"</p> <p>43 "Für —" (Beethoven favorite)</p> <p>44 HUDSON OCTET</p> <p>48 "Peanuts" girl with glasses</p> <p>52 Student's dissertation</p> | <p>53 Country's McEntire</p> <p>56 Wyatt of the Old West</p> <p>57 Hector</p> <p>60 "Mona —"</p> <p>63 Makes match up</p> <p>66 Pasty luau fare</p> <p>67 Skating rink shape</p> <p>68 PERFORM ZERO</p> <p>71 In a strict way</p> <p>74 Bovine sound</p> <p>75 Global divide</p> <p>76 NEGATIVE LEVY</p> <p>81 Tomb-raiding</p> <p>82 Suffix of pasta names</p> <p>83 "A Bell for —" (classic novel)</p> <p>84 Any minute — "Slim Shady" rapper</p> <p>87 Blockhead</p> <p>89 Half of Mork's goodbye</p> <p>91 Gradually withdrew</p> <p>93 Antigen attackers</p> <p>96 EMERALD JEALOUSY</p> <p>102 Path in a jet</p> | <p>105 Miami- (Florida county)</p> <p>106 Wasted</p> <p>107 Small battery size</p> <p>108 GREATLY OFFING</p> <p>113 Guevara's commander</p> <p>115 Of the hipbone</p> <p>116 Prickly seedcase</p> <p>117 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.</p> <p>119 Mai —</p> <p>120 Frolic</p> <p>122 ALLOWED STATUTE</p> <p>129 Verdi tragedy</p> <p>130 Hold dear</p> <p>131 Flared dress</p> <p>132 Forwarded, as mail</p> <p>133 Furry marine mammal</p> <p>134 Encounters</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Terrier noise</p> <p>2 One-named Latina singer</p> <p>3 Approaches to attack</p> <p>4 Keep — on (watch)</p> <p>5 Pod spherule</p> <p>6 What touts tabulate</p> <p>7 Liquor bottle</p> | <p>8 Overly</p> <p>9 Be incorrect</p> <p>10 Met or Phillie rival</p> <p>11 Avian runner</p> <p>12 RCA rival</p> <p>13 Fly of Kenya</p> <p>14 Pot coverer</p> <p>15 Reality TV celebrity fired by Donald</p> <p>16 Cry from a member of an arriving group</p> <p>17 Ship's goods</p> <p>18 Faith Hill's "Take Me —"</p> <p>19 Wife of Dick Cheney</p> <p>24 Prickly plants</p> <p>29 N.J. neighbor</p> <p>31 Pan for stir-frying</p> <p>32 Ex-froshes</p> <p>34 Strands post-blizzard</p> <p>35 Summer misery stat</p> <p>36 Puff piece?</p> <p>37 Actor Bert in a lion suit</p> <p>38 Footballer Tebow</p> <p>41 City transport</p> <p>45 And others, in Latin</p> <p>46 Grain storer</p> <p>47 See 72-Down</p> <p>49 El — (peak in California)</p> <p>50 Mined find</p> <p>51 Clever adage</p> <p>54 Party abbr. about drinks</p> <p>55 Append</p> <p>57 Certain wind musician</p> <p>58 Of flight technology</p> <p>59 Music of Scott Joplin</p> <p>61 Highway rig</p> <p>62 Parts of nerve cells</p> <p>64 — au vin</p> <p>65 Good name for a chef?</p> <p>68 Bob of folk</p> <p>69 Country in West Africa</p> <p>70 Silver — (photo lab compound)</p> <p>72 With 47-Down, forensic tool</p> <p>73 Kind of TV</p> <p>77 A, in Aquila</p> <p>78 Ding- —</p> <p>79 Out-of- (visitor)</p> <p>80 De novo</p> <p>85 Tempted</p> <p>86 Maestro Zubin</p> <p>88 Like nondefective DVDs</p> <p>90 Pakistani's language</p> <p>92 Feel sickly</p> <p>94 Capital of Nebraska</p> <p>95 135 degrees from 117-Across</p> <p>97 Nosh on</p> <p>98 End of some URLs</p> <p>99 Cole of song</p> <p>100 "Iglu" for "igloo," e.g.</p> <p>101 7'6" Ming</p> <p>103 R&amp;D center</p> <p>104 Bursts forth</p> <p>108 Pep</p> <p>109 Make thrilled</p> <p>110 Country singer LeAnn</p> <p>111 Brother, in Brest</p> <p>112 Between, in Brest</p> <p>114 Vogue topic</p> <p>118 — do-well</p> <p>121 Boatload</p> <p>123 Actor Stephen</p> <p>124 — Zedong</p> <p>125 Suffix with 124-Down</p> <p>126 Boy pharaoh</p> <p>127 "Whack!"</p> <p>128 Craven of horror films</p> |
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## PAIR-A-PHRASING

## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Rose Bird, the first female chief justice of the California Supreme Court, who made the following sage observation: "We have probed the earth, excavated it, burned it, ripped things from it, buried things in it, chopped down its forests, leveled its hills, muddied its waters, and dirtied its air. That does not fit my definition of a good tenant. If we were here on a month-to-month basis, we would have been evicted long ago."
- Have you ever heard of an "oreo" cow? It's officially known as the Belted Galloway, a breed of cattle that originated in Scotland. A typical specimen is black with a broad white band around its middle.
- You might be surprised to learn that London Bridge has never actually fallen down. The bridge has had several iterations since the first one was built in 1170; wooden buildings constructed on the bridges have burned down, and some of the bridges have been torn down, but none has ever fallen of its own accord.
- The paintings of Dutch master Rembrandt are so detailed that modern specialists were able to diagnose a basal cell carcinoma -- a kind of skin cancer -- by examining a portrait of the artist's mother.
- The Guinness Book of World Records (now known simply as Guinness World Records) has earned a spot in its own roster: It is officially the best-selling copyrighted book of all time, with sales of more than 100 million copies in 100 different countries and 37 languages.
- According to ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius, an ideal meal is made up of one-fourth meat and three-fourths vegetables.

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Thought for the Day: "The central function of imaginative literature is to make you realize that other people act on moral convictions different from your own." -- William Empson  
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Mortgage sale - A mortgage was granted by Kathleen M. Morgan, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated January 25, 2008, and recorded on January 28, 2008 in Liber 449 on page 754, and modified by agreement dated November 13, 2015, and recorded on November 30, 2015 in Liber 519 on page 928, and assigned by said mortgagee to Independent

Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-nine and 63/100 dollars (\$39,529.63).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on March 1, 2017.

Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19 of Ridgeway Estates No. 2, a subdivision recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 76, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such

sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 1, 2017

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1311. Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 File No. 463594F02 2-1, 2-8, 2-15, 2-22

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Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Fred H. Hartman and Jennie P. Hartman, whose address is believed to be 2278 Jacob Road, P.O. Box 158, Mikado, Mich. 48745 to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The mortgage is dated February 13, 1987 and recorded February 13, 1987 in the Alcona County Register of

Deeds at Liber 207, pages 906-909 and in which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of January 30, 2017 the sum of twenty-five thousand six hundred seventy-three & 22/100 (\$25,673.22) dollars including interest at nine percent per annum. Interest is \$1.94 per day.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public vendue, at Alcona County courthouse located at 106 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, that being the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, where the premises are situated at 10 a.m. on April 26, 2017.

Said premises are situated in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan and are described as follows: The southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of the south-

west quarter (SW-1/4) of Section 3, T25N, R7E.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.


Note: Pursuant to MCL §600.3278, if the above-described property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 13, 2017. David L. Porteous Attorney for Mortgagee McCurdy, Wotila & Porteous, P.C. 123 West Upton Avenue, P.O. Box 206 Reed City, Mich. 49677 Telephone: (231) 832-3231 2-15, 2-22, 3-1, 3-8

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### ALCONA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held February 8 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the January 25 meeting; approve payment of current accounts for \$32,428.34; authorize request for bridge inspection services.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Upon approval, complete minutes are available atalconacrc.com, by request via email at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 22 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met February 8. Members present: Hubbard, Scott, Thornton, Swinson and Kerry. Also present zoning administrator (ZA) Beck and several citizens. Motions to approve the agenda, January minutes, pay bills and place treasurer's report on file per audit were made. Correspondence: Up North; County Wide Clean-Up; Medical Marijuana Law; planning commission met February 6, new member James Klarich - Klarich will take an online class. Planning commission scheduled Tri-Township master plan public hearing on May 1. Planning commission completed the 2017-2018 budget request. ZA had four liquor

inspections, one land split. Public hearing: DNR grant opened public hearing at 7:14 p.m. RS Scott presented plans for the North End Park/ Michigan DNR grant for \$375,000. Grant due in April. Public hearing closed 7:45 p.m.. Motion to put Janine Kauffman, deputy clerk on the signature card's at AAACU, First Federal and Ft. Merit. Planning Commission 2016 annual report was accepted and placed on file. Motion to have the high pressure sodium lights installed. Motion to verbally commit to purchase BS&A for township assessor and township. Treasurer with the option pay as you go. Motion to table County Wide Clean-

Up. Motion to purchase fire extinguishers to bring township hall up to code. Motion to table cemetery. Motion to purchase software MS Office Suite 395. Motion to send two members from planning commission to attend medical marijuana workshop. Caledonia Township Board will support the Social Host Responsibility in the month of April. Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All motions were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next regular township meeting is March 8 at 7 p.m. Planning commission meets March 6.

Kerry Scott, Clerk

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# Winter camping is becoming more popular every year

By Carl Stoddard  
Capital News Service

On any given weekend this winter, a half dozen hearty souls will venture into the backcountry of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore near Munising, Mich. pitch a tent and go camping.

They are joining an increasing number of winter campers at state, national and private campgrounds around Michigan. Some go off the grid in small backpacking tents while others brave the elements in fully equipped RVs plugged into the internet and cable TV.

Winter camping has "taken a while to gain some traction," said Jason Fleming, chief of resource protection and promotion for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division. "Overall, I'd say it's something that is slowly expanding."

More than a dozen state parks offer some type of winter camping, according to the DNR. Two national parks in Michigan are open during the winter months.

Also open all year are at least 15 of the nearly 90 private campgrounds that belong to the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds, based in Okemos.

"Camping in Michigan doesn't necessarily end in the fall," said Bill Sheffer, the group's executive director. He said private campgrounds around the state offer year-

round accommodations, and they are reporting an increase in "winter recreation enthusiasts."

Fleming said winter camping at state parks has always been popular for people who use cabins, and the state has added yurts and lodges for people who may not have suitable camping gear for the cold winter.

Last January and February, campers booked 2,502 nights at state campgrounds, according to the DNR. That was up from 1,962 nights in the first two months of the previous year. In the same two months of 2014, bookings totaled 1,682.

Ten years ago, Muskegon State Park wasn't even open in the winter, he explained. Now, one loop at the park is plowed for campers who come for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and the park's luge track. The luge run is 850 feet long, and riders can reach up to 30 miles an hour.

Fleming said he plans to take his own sons to stay in the park's canvas-sided yurt. The yurt is 20 feet in diameter and heated by a wood stove. It has no electricity or running water. However, an outhouse is located nearby.

According to Fleming, state parks open all year see some tent campers, but mostly self-contained travel trailers and motor homes. Fees vary depending on services. Electricity generally is available at the state parks but usually

not water. However, there are exceptions. At Mitchell State Park in Cadillac, Mich., restrooms are open all year.

At the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Ontonagon, Mich., visitors can stay in a 12-person lodge or camp in the back country and snowshoe or ski on groomed trails, said Jimmy Newkirk, a ranger at the park.

"Every year, our attendance has seen an uptick," he said.

Farther east, at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, only backcountry camping is available in the winter. Ranger Scott Perry said the park hosts an average of six campers at any given time. All are in tents and usually venture out on snowshoes or skis. The park is especially popular with college students and ice climbers, he said.

During the winter, privately owned Timber Ridge RV & Recreation Resort in Traverse City, Mich. keeps open 20 of its 300 campsites for folks in motorhomes and travel trailers.

"We have seen an increase of maybe 50 percent (in winter camping) over the last two years," said park manager Ella Baggs. "People are staying more in their campers rather than motels."

But they aren't necessarily roughing it. "We have water, electricity, sewer, cable, Wi-Fi," Baggs said. "They're pretty happy campers down there."

Tahquamenon Falls State Park in Paradise, Mich. has an eight-person lodge open in the winter. It also plows out two loops in its campground to open up 20 to 30 sites, said Theresa Neal, the park's naturalist.

On a typical winter weekend, Neal said, six to 10 campsites might be filled. All sites offer electrical hooks and fire pits. Water is available at a single, heated spigot.

Some visitors come to the park to see the waterfalls, which are especially awe-inspiring in the winter. The other plus? No mosquitoes.

The park's growing use in the winter is a boon for business owners in nearby Paradise. Shirley Clark, owner of the Berry Patch Gifts, Bakery & Restaurant on M-123, said she sees an increase in park winter visitors.

"We have a couple that comes from Florida every year," Clark said. They stay in an RV they had specially made in Canada to withstand Michigan's harsh winters.

Most winter visitors come to Paradise to ski, snowshoe, snowmobile or walk the trails and check out the roaring, icy waterfalls, she said. Of course, camping in Paradise's winter wonderland can be challenging.

By early January, the area already had received about 80 inches of snow this season, and temperatures around zero are not uncommon, Clark said.

"It's just awesome," she said, "if you're into that kind of thing."

## 2017 Board of Review Notice

Gustin Township  
Gustin Township Hall  
313. S. Second Street  
Lincoln, MI 48742

2017 Board of Review Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Organizational Meeting

No Appeals will taken at this meeting.

Monday, March 13, 2017, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2017 assessments.

Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2017.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	Real Property	Personal Property
Agriculture	50.14%	N/A
Commercial	51.30%	50%
Industrial	48.91%	50%
Residential	46.00%	N/A
Timber-Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Utilities	N/A	50%

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## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Feb. 6 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, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. Absent was council member Healy. The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Putsky. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski.

Holly stated that she attended a meeting regarding a new program for the tax collection called BS&A. She said it is a very detailed program and it will be much easier to access the information when needed. It will cost \$1,890 to start the program and then an additional \$380 per year to keep it going. In the long run, it will be a cost saving measure that the village, county and township treasurers will be using. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Mahalak, to pay for the program in full and amend the budget if necessary to cover the cost. Motion Carried.

Mike Serafin, fire chief, gave the fire and first responder report. He stated there were seven medical and five fire runs in the past month. Mike then introduced Joe Maher who is a paramedic with the Alcona County EMS. Joe has expressed interest in becoming a member of the first responders. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Mahalak, to approve Joe as a new first responder. Carried. There was a training exercise with members of the County EMS recently. Mike is currently looking into grant funding for future projects.

In public comment, Ed Beulow congratulated the council members for approving Joe Maher tonight. He stated that he has seen Joe in action at his regular job and he is impressed.

President Jordan gave the street report. Currently, we are just trying to keep the streets free of snow and ice. There have been some issues with the dump truck and the tractor recently. Kenny LaLonde is rebuilding the brake cylinders and will

be putting new brakes and shoes on the tractor. The dump truck is running fine again. He would like to see us consider doing some crack sealing in the spring. The sewer report was given. The flow meters were all up and doing fine for a short time, now they are not working properly again. President Jordan talked with Rich Gillespie and they will be talking with Dave Walters of the DEQ trying to get the certification that is necessary for the groundwater excess permit.

In old business, Gauthier stated that she has looked over the web site and she would like to see the businesses add some pictures. She feels it is going in the right direction. Putsky said he is still working with the DNR regarding the grant funds. We are just awaiting news on how and when we can proceed. Zielinski said she and Karen are continuing to work on the web site.

In new business, Putsky asked about why there isn't a recycle bin in the communities that can be used by residents. He has noticed that there are containers in several surrounding communities. A discussion followed and several ideas were talked about. More information will be presented at next month's meeting.

President Jordan gave his report. Judy French has asked about doing a cleanup in and around the Flights of Imagination with her 4-H Club in the spring. Council members are grateful for the offer of help. The new wireless routers have been installed at the village hall and will be helpful in our printing needs as well. He reminded drivers to beware of the excess number of deer in the community. The rotary broom that is used on the sidewalks needs to be repaired. President Jordan expressed his thanks for Steve Slater and his dedication to the job as our maintenance man.

The bills were approved for payment as presented on a motion from Zielinski with support from Gauthier. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers, Village Clerk

**The Garden Bug Hardiness Zones**

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map is based on average minimum winter temperatures which are divided into zones. Gardeners and growers rely on the map to select suitable plants for specific locations. It is available as an interactive map and also as state, regional, and national images that can be downloaded and printed.

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- Brenda Weaver

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