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## Maple syrup celebration is homecoming to FFA advisor

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Not many breakfast foods compare to the sweet taste of hot pancakes and sausage smothered with fresh maple syrup, but combining that taste with a community reunion of friends, takes the taste, and its sweet memory, to a new level.

Once again Alcona High School FFA will be holding its annual maple syrup celebration on Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A free/goodwill donation breakfast will be served and tours will be offered by FFA students on maple syrup production. Maple syrup will be available for purchase.

Connor Hubbard remembers Alcona High School FFA's first Maple Syrup Celebration day in 2009. Hubbard was a junior at the school then. He is now the agriscience teacher and FFA advisor for the school, a role he accepted this past summer.

Hubbard said not many things have changed over the last several years of the celebration, it is still student driven and a big part of the FFA program.

At the time, Hubbard's FFA advisor/agriscience teacher, Brian Matchett, was key to the program's inception by obtaining grants and donations for the construction of the sugar shack on the school grounds in 2007. The sugar shack is where the students process maple sap to make the syrup and hold the annual breakfast.

"Mr. Matchett probably thought it (the breakfast) would be a great opportunity to bring the community into a project they helped build. He wanted everyone to see the fruits of the labor they put into making this project possible. We are happy to carry on that tradition and hope to have a good turnout," Hubbard said.

Matchett left the school in 2013 to pursue a career with Michigan State University through Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City, Mich.

Hubbard has attended every maple syrup celebration day since the first one and said the breakfast is a great way to catch up with old friends. "The event is special. It's a chance to reconnect with old friends. Some people come every year. It's cool for me to see people I graduated with and have been FFA officers with come to the celebration," Hubbard said.

There are 50 FFA and agriscience students working on the maple celebration, of

which 12 are in advanced agriscience and take on the majority of work.

According to Hubbard, the students have already begun boiling the sap. They first tapped almost 1,000 trees in February. Many of which are on school grounds, with other trees located throughout the community on private property of FFA supporters and alumni.

"The goal is to boil during maple syrup celebration day. The weather could cooperate or it could not. I tell the kids this is an excellent example of an agricultural enterprise because you only have a short window when we can make maple syrup and it all depends on the weather. Weather drives agriculture in most cases. Once the maple trees pop their buds the sap becomes bitter and that ends the maple syrup season," Hubbard said.

Students collected between 1,500 and 1,600 gallons of sap last week. He expects another 500 gallons to be collected this week. He explained that ideally, they

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Rose Schopfer taps one of nearly a thousand trees which Alcona High School's FFA program uses in its maple syrup production. Behind Schopfer (from left) Courtney Winter, Patrick Payne, Zachary Richardson and Madison Donovan. *Courtesy photo.*

## Oak wilt focus of town hall meeting

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Oak wilt is an aggressive fungus which kills thousands of oak trees each year in Michigan. Due to local public interest on curbing the spread of the disease, Consumers Energy will be holding a town hall informational meeting on oak wilt at the Alcona Township Hall on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

According to Lee Natzke, Consumers Energy senior communications lead of forestry operation, the meeting will have at least one representative from the Michigan Oak Wilt Coalition in attendance and will be providing a detailed presentation on oak wilt.

"Additionally, Consumers Energy will have several folks in attendance to share our plans to improve electric reliability throughout Alcona County and to answer any questions that may arise throughout the meeting," Natzke said.

According to Consumers Energy, oak wilt is transmitted through grafted, or interconnected root systems which infects nearby trees or by fungal spore mats which form under the bark of trees killed by oak wilt. Beetles attracted to spore mats can

transmit the spores to healthy oak trees with open wounds.

In order to reduce the spread of the disease, Consumers Energy is scheduling line-clearing work in high risk areas when the lowest risk of spreading the disease occurs between October 16 and March 14. During moderate risk spread times, from March 15 to April 14 and July 16 to October 15, Consumers Energy plans to paint pruning cuts in developed landscaped areas.

The highest risk of overland transmission of oak wilt takes place from April 15 to July 15. Whenever practical, during this time, Consumers Energy will paint the trimmed wounds on oak trees and stumps will be treated with a herbicide to prevent regrowth and inhibit transmission of oak wilt spores.

Two residents, Eric Brandon, district forester for Alcona and Iosco County and Betsy Lehndorff, a planning commissioner and full time resident of Caledonia Township, have been instrumental in discovering trees infected with oak wilt in the area and have taken their concerns to Consumers Energy and township and county officials.

Brandon explained he first

heard of the possibility of oak wilt in the area last September when he got a call from a homeowner near Churchill Point. "The tree had classic oak wilt symptoms, which is sudden leaf loss. I went to the site and took a sample for lab testing. It tested positive for oak wilt," he said.

Since then there has been almost 30 trees which tested positive in and around the Hubbard Lake area, close to where Consumers Energy had trimmed. He said at that time the trees were not being properly trimmed the way they should have to prevent spread of the disease.

"There is a big discussion on the science behind herbicide, a chemical way of breaking a root graft versus mechanical ways of breaking a root graft. Consumers is very comfortable with herbicide use," Brandon said. Mechanical ways include trenching or digging up the roots.

He explained that in Wisconsin where there are boulders the size of Volkswagens, very steep areas or areas with tribal entities, herbicide is the most practical way to deter spread of the disease from one oak tree to another, but in Michigan, removal of the

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## Drug house found in Lincoln

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

A domestic violence call uncovered a drug operation in Lincoln last month.

According to a press release from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, deputies responding to a woman in distress after an assault by her boyfriend and threats to kill her, found a drug operation and counterfeit money.

The alleged incident occurred on February 18 at approximately 1 a.m. in a residence on Sharboneau Road in Lincoln. Once deputies re-

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# top ten

## IRISH Girl Baby Names

1. Emily
2. Emma
3. Ava
4. Sophie
5. Amelia
6. Ella
7. Lucy
8. Grace
9. Chloe
10. Mia

Source: Central Statistics Office



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# Birding BITS

BY Cindy Brook

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# Memorial

Stephen J. Murin

There will be a memorial service for Stephen J. Murin Saturday, March 18 at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will begin at noon. Mr. Murin died on February 23, 2017 at his winter residence in Davenport, Fla.

# Obituaries

Leonard L. Sampson Sr.

Leonard L. Sampson Sr., 84, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at home.

He was born October 12, 1932 to Andrew and Sarah (Eden) Sampson in Buel Township, Mich. He was raised in Pontiac, Mich. and Lapeer, Mich.

On April 11, 1953, he married Joan Jackson. They were longtime residents of Clarkston, Mich.

Mr. Sampson worked for General Motors in production and retired to Harrisville in 1980.

As a young man, he enjoyed racing cars. He enjoyed the outdoors and taking care of his lawn. He liked playing cards and doing word search puzzles.

Mr. Sampson is survived by one daughter, Sharon (Charles) Travis of Pontiac, Mich.; one son, Larry (Tammy) Sampson of Pottsville, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, on July 1, 2006; and by four brothers.

The funeral was held March 11 at Gillies Funeral Home in Harrisville. Burial will be in St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

Betty Ackerman

Betty Ackerman, 89, of Lincoln, died on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017 in Royal Oak, Mich.

She was born April 7, 1927 to Andrew and Dexie (Riedel) Bosack in Taylor, Mich. She graduated from St. Patrick High School in Wyandotte, Mich.

Mrs. Ackerman worked as an executive secretary at BASF Wyandotte Chemicals and later retired as a switchboard operator and receptionist for the city of Allen Park after over 25 years.

She was a jazz drummer and proudly led her band during the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. She was a proficient lawn bowling champion in Sun City, Arizona. She also loved to sew, crochet, and hand paint china.

Mrs. Ackerman is survived by one daughter, Jean Morin; one son, John (Vickie) Schafer; three grandchildren, Kenny Robbins, Renee



(Dennis) Marcos, and Craig (Alice) Schafer; three great-grandchildren, Skylar Barnes, Samantha Robbins, and Rebecca Robbins; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Ackerman; two sisters; three brothers; and one son-in-law, Leonard Morin.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements were handled by Coats Funeral Home in Waterford, Mich.

# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
Yes, Mr. Clouse, public education has the responsibility of shaping young minds, but we cannot hold one religion's teachings over another's. There's more than one faith. People have the right to choose one or none. That's why evolutionary theory and Creationism are taught together. It's a question of faith or science, and every person has a free will to decide for themselves. Sources of percentage without identification are meaningless. Americans have the right to facts.

Teachers in public and private schools are members of our families and communities. Teachers go to school each day to encourage children to open their minds, to experience all they can from this fantastic world. Teachers do their best to discourage mistreatment of others. They see children underfed and abused. Their responsibility is to children they protect and serve.

No, I don't want government officials in my bathroom. I do want clean water. I want food that won't poison me, and light bulbs that work. I want every child in this country to have an equal chance at education and success. As for in your kitchen; as a nurse I've cared for patients with food poisoning. Check out Listeria on Wikipedia.

Consider your children and grandchildren. Do they deserve to live on an earth full of all the natural beauty you experienced? Perhaps facts have become a misnomer. If you look at pictures you can see how Arctic ice caps are melting. According to NASA, this is the hottest century on record.

Yes, I want life. I want everyone to have health insurance and a good job. I want everyone to possess the liberty to live their life as they see fit. I'm a Democrat. But let's not fight because of this. We all want the American dream. Let's make it a reality for everyone.

Sandra Williams Spruce

# Super Crossword

Answers

REHAB	GASP	ADAY	RAGED
ATONEMENTS	TETE	EROSE	
WHATFAMOUS	NOVEL	BETTA	
LEGTION	TONO	PALOMAR	
SLY	GNASH	ROUT	FOLATE
ISABOUT	AFREELoader		
SOWN	INGA	STEM	
WHOHANGS	OUTATTHE	BASK	
ABODES	SILLO	TURNO	
NOD	RASTA	JAPAN	PENCE
SOLTI	COMMUNITY	SWORE	
OHARE	ISOLA	CACTI	TAJ
NOWISE	ULNA	IDEATE	
GONG	RECREATION	CENTER	
MEGA	ROLE	DESK	
LOOKINGFOR	HANDOUTS	ALL	
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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	March 5	33		23	0.00	15.8
March 6	41	32	0.00	6.5	21	SSW
March 7	56	37	0.05	9.2	54	SW
March 8	43	27	0.00	6.5	37	SW
March 9	37	22	0.00	2.9	17	N
March 10	24	10	0.00	2.6	25	NNE
March 11	24	9	0.00	0.5	17	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.05	T	0.45
March to Date	0.60	4.1	0.69
Year/Season to Date	4.41	34.9	3.80

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, MARCH 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.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 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 your 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.

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

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.

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 in your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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

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.

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.

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## Guest Editorial

Our nation's 13th Annual Sunshine Week kicked off on Sunday, March 12 with a gala event at the Department of Commerce Research Library in Washington, D.C.

Most of us don't have a clue what Sunshine Week is or what it is all about. So here's the background.

Started in 2005, Sunshine Week encourages openness in government. All government. At the national level, in your state government, and all the way down to your county board, your city council, your township trustees.

Sunshine Week was started by press-types. Reporter's organizations, including the Society of Professional Journalists and the American Society of Newspaper Editors were among the founding forces. But Sunshine Week is really about you. Your access to government meetings. Your access to government information.

Elected or appointed, government is, after all, about you. You are "We the People."

Government doesn't spend any of its own money. It spends your money. Government works for you at all levels.

The same is true of government information. In most cases, that information belongs to you, the taxpayer.

And that is what Sunshine Week is all about. Open government.

Citizens are encouraged to recognize units of government or government officials that practice open government. And citizens are also asked to encourage those in office to be even more open with public records, which, after all, belong to the public.

In Lansing, legislation has again been introduced that would open government information and records at the state level by subjecting the office of the governor and all elected state senators and representatives to the public.

The Legislative OpenRecords Act (LORA) and changes to the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) laws were introduced in the House late last year. These changes moved through the House with nearly unanimous support only to die in the Senate in the lame duck session.

Early this year, a similar package of bills which included LORA and FOIA changes was introduced in the House with bi-partisan support. A press conference at the introduction featured more than 100 representatives who support the changes. This marks a great change for openness in Michigan. We are one of only two states that exempt the governor's office and the state legislature from FOIA.

This legislative class seems to "get it" - that being able to hide the public's information is wrong. There are still exemptions to complete transparency in the new LORA and FOIA legislation. Communications between you and your representatives are still considered confidential, as are several categories of work product and deliberative information.

But in all, these steps are being taken in the proper direction. Citizens are soon to be that much closer to full and complete access to all the workings of their government.

So, how best to celebrate Sunshine Week, you ask? Sunshine Week is best observed when local citizens share their concerns and kudos with elected members of their governments - at all levels of government. Thank them for their openness. Encourage them to be even more open. Praise them for their hard and thankless work.

And let them know you are watching. During Sunshine Week.

And every week.

*(This guest editorial was written by Dirk Milliman. He is the owner and publisher of Three Rivers Commercial News and the Crawford County Avalance. He is a board member of the Michigan Press Association Foundation and a team member for the public affairs committee. He is also a past president of the Michigan Press Association Board of Directors.)*

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Mitchell Township is requesting sealed bids for the mowing of the Mitchell Township Hall, Flynn Valley Cemetery, and the Curran Cemetery properties, from May 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. This is a two (2) year contract. The cemeteries are to be mowed, trimmed and grass blown off headstones weekly. The mowing of the Township Hall and Fire Hall properties, along with the Township Park, shall be done on a regular, as needed, basis. The bid price is to be **per cutting, per property**.

Successful bidders will be required to provide proof of liability insurance and to sign a performance contract prior to commencing work.

Bids are to be **clearly identified** on the outside of the envelope and submitted by Friday, April 7, 2017 to:

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## Local Notes



### Celebrating 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Jennie (Loyer) Anderson of Harrisville celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 5, 2017 at the Harrisville Township Hall with approximately 65 guests. The party was hosted by her five children: Sherry (Dave) Gould of Burton, Mich., Craig Anderson of Davison, Mich., Renee Anderson of Flint, Mich., Brad Anderson of Harrisville and Darcy Anderson of Harrisville. She has nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.



Jennie Anderson

### Classic Movie

Everyone is invited to a classic movie at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, March 17 at 5:45 p.m. This month's movie stars Gary

Cooper as a lawman who stands alone to defend a town of cowardly citizens against a gang of killers seeking revenge. The stellar cast from 1952 includes Grace Kelly, Lloyd Bridges, Lon Chaney, Jack Elam and Henry Morgan. Everyone is welcome to this program co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and the Alcona County Library. Free popcorn and beverages are available. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

### Senior Menu

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

- Monday, March 20—Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, and tropical fruit.
- Tuesday, March 21—Chicken and stuffing casserole, cauliflower, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.
- Wednesday, March 22—Cabbage roll, red bliss potato, wax beans, and pears.
- Thursday, March 23—Herb chicken, wild rice, squash, and pineapple.
- Friday, March 24—Pork chop bake with sweet potatoes and apples, mixed vegetables, and tropical fruit salad.

*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

### Credit Union Gives Back

Through the generosity of its membership and its employees Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union donated \$20,066.21 throughout 2016. Each year, each of AAACU's seven office locations vote on organizations their office would like to fund raise for each quarter and, collectively, all locations chose one organization they would like to group fund raise for during one quarter of the year.

In 2016 all office locations choose to fund raise for United Way during the third quarter, donating \$5,214.18 between three different United Way organizations that assist individuals in the communities in which it serves.

In 2016 AAACU donated to 23 different organizations. In Alcona County AAACU donated to Alcona Roar Store, Alcona Milk Program and the Chosen Ranch. In Montmorency County AAACU donated to Atlanta Baby Basket and fire EMS Members Charity. In Alpena County AAACU donated to the Alpena D.A.R.E. Program, Hospice of Michigan, United Way of Northeast Michigan, Feeding Kids Ministries, Meals on Wheels, Sunrise Mission, 4-H, Ossineke Chamber of Commerce, Child and Family Service of Northeast Michigan, Catholic Human Services, The Salvation Army and Sunrise Community Food Pantry. In Iosco County

AAACU donated to Oscoda Backpack Program, Relay for Life, United Way of Oscoda, Toys for Tots and St. Joseph Health Hospice Program.

Anyone who has an organization that they would like to submit for fundraising, they are encouraged to visit one of the local office locations or send an email to [ajakubcin@aaacu.com](mailto:ajakubcin@aaacu.com).

### Author Event

Michigan author Tom Stanton will present his book "Terror in the City of Champions," at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m. Stanton will discuss this Michigan Notable book selection subtitled "Murder, Baseball, and the Secret Society Depression-era Detroit," followed by book signing and a reception in his honor, hosted by Friends of the Library. All are welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

### Art On Display

The Northeast Michigan Artists' art show, "A is for Art," will be on display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library beginning Wednesday, March 29. Each piece of art corresponds to a letter of the alphabet, and includes works in oils, watercolors, pastels, collage and more. A reception in honor of the NEMAG artists will be held that same day at 2 p.m., hosted by Friends of the Library and open to the public. Art will be on display during regular library hours through April 25. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

### Performance And Dinner

The Shoreline Players will be presenting the show "Magic, Mayhem and More" on Saturday, March 18 at the Camp Inn Lodge. This show features storyteller Mark Lee and magician Mike Maturen for an evening of entertaining stories and magical surprises. "Magic, Mayhem and More" is rated M for Mature as it contains humor that adults can appreciate and enjoy.

Lee, a veteran of the Shoreline stage, will take attendees on a literary journey through poems by Baxter Black, Tom Bodett and many more. Maturen, a regular in the murder mystery dinner theaters, will perform feats from more than 40 years of experience in the magic arts. Attendees will be treated to a meal designed to complement the show including an appetizer, entrée, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the show to follow.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 the night of the performance and are on sale now at the Camp Inn Lodge located at 3111 N. U.S. 23, Oscoda. For more information about tickets call the Camp Inn at (989) 739-2021. For more

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sponded and started asking questions of the woman, who said her boyfriend threatened to kill her when he returned, they found "numerous marijuana grow rooms and other narcotics within the residence and outbuildings along with several firearms within the residence," the press release said.

The suspect, John Edward Steier, 53, of Lincoln returned to the residence while deputies were on the scene.

He allegedly had a loaded firearm in his vehicle. He was arrested.

Deputies recovered 57 marijuana plants, 1,060 grams of processed marijuana, 1,898 grams of marijuana hash oil, 16 live psilocybin mushrooms and other drugs and paraphernalia including marijuana growing equipment, electronics, security/scanning systems and \$25,780 in counterfeit money.

Steier was arraigned in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court on charges of domestic violence, carrying a concealed weapon violation, unlawful weapon, manufacturing marijuana and maintaining a drug house. He was released on a \$10,000 cash 10 percent surety bond.

The U.S. Secret Service was contacted in regard to the counterfeit money and are involved in the investigation.

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want the weather to have freezing temperatures at night and about 40 degrees during the day. From what he has seen forecasted the weather this week is a little too cold, but the sun should be out and that may be enough to warm up the trees.

In past years, the celebration included horse drawn trail rides, but Hubbard explained this year the trails were not groomed in the fall and there are too many downed logs in the way to have trail rides.

Even though the maple syrup production is a major driver of the school's FFA program, there are many other smaller programs in play. Much of the program is student driven so attention is placed where there is student interest.

Students have the equipment to raise worms, aquaculture equipment for raising fish and even a floraculture station for students who want to work on floral arranging. Hubbard said binders are in place from students who worked in those areas in the past so today's student can pick up where they left off.

Since this is Hubbard's first year teaching, he has focused on getting things organized, finding out what equipment is in place and where there were gaps in what they could offer students.

One gap is being filled by a \$3,000 grant Hubbard received from the Michigan FFA Glassbrook Foundation to build an agricultural mechanics unit in the classroom. Two new welders have been

purchased with the grant funds and they are considering purchasing tool kits and boxes to set small engines on top of for students to work on.

"I attended two workshops out at Iowa State University over the summer. One of them was put on by Briggs and Stratton (Engine Corporation) and I was able to get resources from it. I have a lot of students interested in doing mechanical work," Hubbard said.

Alcona High School is located at the corner of M-72 off Barlow Road in Lincoln. The Sugar Shack is located northwest of the baseball diamonds toward the back of school grounds. FFA syrup can also be purchased at the school office during school hours. For more information, call (989) 736-8534.

## Oak Continued from page 1

tree root or trenching may be more affective.

"Consumers Energy is doing what homeowners are asking for. This meeting is to update people on what they have done. I'm sure people will want to vent a little too. We are a study area. We will have to see what happens and are counting on property owners to watch their oak trees and call if they see any sudden leaf drop. I would like to see (Consumers Energy) follow up on these areas to see if it spreads. This is the generation to stop it or not," Brandon said.

Lehndorff, who is acting as a private homeowner, is concerned since a lot of the homeowners are not full time residents or are not forestry experts so they may not know what to look for if they have a diseased tree. "Consumers caused this problem and they

need to fix it. Consumers Energy trimmed trees in June of last year at the peak of oak wilt spread," Lehndorff said.

She believes Trees Incorporated, the company cutting trees for Consumers Energy, is not painting where they cut. "In my neighborhood, they painted most of the cuts, but not all. On my street, we had one tree that became infected as a result of the pruning. Eventually, they (Consumer Energy contractors) cut it down which was not the correct practice and then eventually pulled the roots in December.

"The protocol calls for trenching then cutting down the tree and immediately pulling the roots. I want them (Consumers Energy) to monitor that site and the sites of the other 28 trees because they didn't follow industry standards. They followed

untested practices and I want them to take care of those homeowners," Lehndorff said.

Both Lehndorff and Brandon will be at the March 20 meeting.

The Oak Wilt Coalition is a partnership of private, non-profit and governmental organizations led by the Arboriculture Society of Michigan (ASM). The coalition includes representatives from Michigan State University, Michigan Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development, ReLeaf Michigan, Michigan Forest Association, electric utilities, including Consumers Energy, and private companies. To learn more, visit michigan-oakwilt.org.

The Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, is located on the northeast corner of US-23 and Black River Road.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF HAWES MASTER PLAN

The Township of Hawes Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft 2017 Tri-Townships Master Plan at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the South Shore Fire Hall located at 251 W. Mt Maria Rd., Spruce, MI. The draft Master Plan can be viewed at the Lincoln Library, Lincoln, MI and on Hawes Township's Website: [www.hawestownship.com](http://www.hawestownship.com). Written comments may be submitted to: Tri-Townships, c/o NEMCOG, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734. Email: [rdeuell52@gmail.com](mailto:rdeuell52@gmail.com)

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## Rayders end Lady Tiger basketball season

By Hope Smith  
Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity girls basketball came up short on Monday, March 6 in the first round of Class C regional girls basketball play losing 52-22 on the road to the Charlevoix Lady Rayders.

Alcona's offensive push was led by Taylor Livingston who delivered nine points; Jordan Joyce added four points; Brittany Decker and Megan Grove each had three points; Abby Lobaugh found the bottom of the net for two points and Kendra LaFave stepped to the line to add one in the loss.

"As you can see, we did not have a good night offensively. I think we played good enough on defense to be competitive, but we could not get on track on the offensive end, mostly due to turnovers, said coach Mark Feldhiser. "We did a decent job of handling their full court pressure, but we unable to convert when had the chances."

"When you play against that type of defense, you have to be able to make them pay on the other end. Charlevoix is a good team, with one re-

ally good player, and they proved to be too tough for us to handle. We may be disappointed in the loss, but not in the season. Any time we can win the district title, it is considered a success.

"Now our task is to maintain at least that measure of success, and work to get to the next level. When you get to the regional round, you get a pretty idea of where we stand and where we want to go as a program," he said.

Overall, the Lady Tigers had a decent season with 14 wins under their belt. They notched some of their biggest wins over Tawas, Rogers City, and Oscoda in the second half of the season. Alcona also did a great job covering the hard wood against their North Star League rivals the Hillman Tigers.

Livingston averaged 14.7 points and 12 rebounds per game. Senior post player Decker averaged 12 points and just a fraction under 10 rebounds a game. The next leading scorer was LaFave, who averaged seven points per game.

"I think our team played good defense this year, and I would even say we played

great defense when we really got after it in big games. This is important, because we are building this program on defense and intensity. We want to be the type of team that other teams do not enjoy playing against.

"While we are losing seven seniors, I am not considering next year a rebuilding year. We are returning a pretty solid core of young players, and with some help from some of those that will come up from JV (team), I think we can be real competitive next season, providing we are willing to put in the work," Feldhiser said.

"The off-season work is going to be very important for our players. All in all, I am very satisfied with how the first year of coaching went for us. I definitely learned a lot during the season, and I think our players did as well. We told our players all year that the goal was winning the district championship, and we also stressed that it would be a challenge to do so. They went out and got it done; they will always have that memory, and that is what makes this a special season."

## W-P storms back to end Alcona's season

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

Alcona seemingly had Whittemore-Prescott right where it wanted.

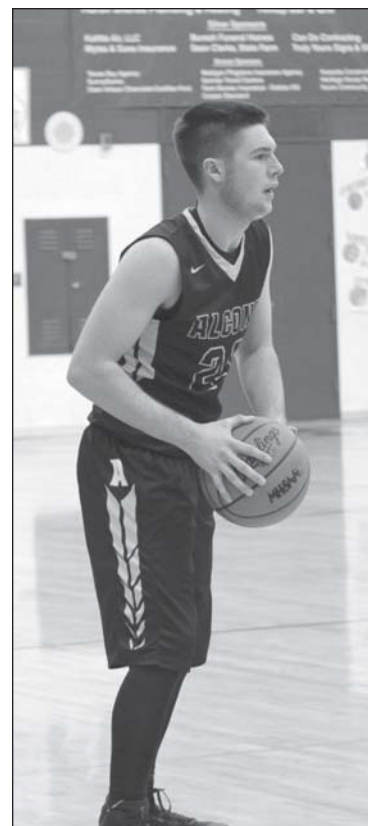
The Alcona varsity boys basketball team led the Cardinals by as much as 12 points in the second half of the Class C district final game in Oscoda last Friday night, yet W-P stormed back in a stunning and disheartening 53-50 loss.

The Tigers held a slim 13-12 lead after the first quarter and had a well-played second quarter to inch ahead 26-21 at the half.

The Tigers appeared to be heading for a blowout win as they netted the first seven points of the second quarter to take a 33-21 lead.

Some foul trouble forced a pair of Alcona starters to the bench and the Cardinals took advantage of that, going on a 12-0 run to tie things up at 33-all.

Jordan Steiner calmed the storm briefly, as he hit back-to-back baskets to allow the Tigers to reclaim the lead at 38-33, but the Cardinals buried two threes before the end of the quarter, giving them a 40-38 lead entering the fourth.



Alcona's Alex Stephenson looks to make a pass during Wednesday's district semi-final win over Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Alcona did what it could to stay in the game and even tied it back up at 45 apiece

on a three-pointer by Conner McCoy, but more foul trouble down the stretch allowed W-P to close out the game at the line.

Leading the way in the game was Steiner with 11 points. Luke Loyer and Alex Stephenson scored 10 points apiece. McCoy finished with nine. Antavious Mikazes was good for six and Devon Mills scored four points.

The Tigers reached the championship game with a strong 67-56 win over district host Oscoda.

Early threes by Steiner and Stephenson gave the Tigers an 8-5 lead and a fast-break hoop by Steiner made it a 10-5 margin.

Stephenson added another three before the period ended and Steiner pulled-up for a mid-range shot just before the quarter ended for a 21-10 lead after one.

The Owls hung around in the second quarter but a three from the left corner by Mills kept them ahead 33-22 and a put-back by Loyer made it 37-24 at the half.

In the third, another try by Stephenson kept their lead at double digits at 46-35, though the Owls pulled within 52-46 entering the fourth.

There Oscoda closed to within three points at 52-49 and 54-51 but a trey by McCoy lifted the Tigers to 57-51 with four minutes to play.

From there, Mikazes controlled play, netting eight points in the paint and McCoy sank a pair of late free throws to seal the win at 67-58.

Leading the way was Stephenson with 16 points. Mikazes and Steiner had 14 apiece. McCoy finished with 10. Mills buried home seven and Loyer scored six points.

Alcona ends the season 13-9 overall.

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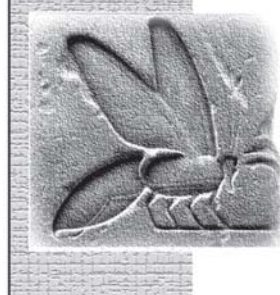
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— Brenda Weaver

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## The ABCs of picking a Medicare supplemental policy

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can you provide any advice on choosing a Medicare supplemental policy to help cover things outside of Medicare? I'll be 65 in a few months and could use some assistance.

Looking for Help

Dear Looking,

If you plan to enroll in original Medicare, getting a supplemental policy (also known as Medigap insurance) too is a smart idea because it will help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. Here are some tips to help you choose an appropriate plan.

In all but three states (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Medigap plans, which are sold by private health insurers, come in 10 standardized benefit packages labeled with the letters A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N.

Plan F is the most popular

policy followed by plan C because they provide comprehensive coverage. Plans K and L are high-deductible policies that have lower premiums but impose higher out-of-pocket costs. Plan F also offers a high-deductible version in some states. And a popular middle ground policy that attracts many healthy beneficiaries is plan N.

For more information on the different types of plans and the coverage they provide, including Medigap options in Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, see Medicare's "Choosing a Medigap Policy" guide at [Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02110-medicare-medigap.guide.pdf](http://Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02110-medicare-medigap.guide.pdf), or call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask them to mail you a copy.

To pick a Medigap policy that works best for you, consider your health, family medical history and your budget. The differences among plans can be small and rather confusing.

To help you choose, visit

[Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov), and click on "Supplements & Other Insurance" at the top of the page, then on "Find a Medigap policy" and type in your ZIP code. This will give you a list of the plans available in your area, their price ranges and the names, and contact information of companies that sell them. But it's up to you to contact the carriers directly to get there specific pricing information.

You can also compare Medigap prices on most state insurance department websites (see [NAIC.org/state\\_web\\_map.htm](http://NAIC.org/state_web_map.htm) for links), or you can order a personalized report from Weiss Ratings for \$99 at [WeissMedigap.com](http://WeissMedigap.com).

Since all Medigap policies with the same letter must cover the exact same benefits (it's required by law), you should shop for the cheapest policy.

You'll get the best price if you sign up within six months after enrolling in Medicare Part B. During this open-



Savvy Senior

enrollment period, an insurer cannot refuse to sell you a policy or charge you more because of your health.

You also need to be aware of the pricing methods, which will affect your costs. Medigap policies are usually sold as either: "community-rated" where everyone in an area is charged the same premium regardless of age; "issue-aged-rated" that is based on your age when you buy the policy, but will only increase due to inflation, not age; and "attained-age-rated," that starts premiums low but increases as you age. Community-rate and issue-age-rated policies are the best options because

they will save you money in the long run.

You can buy the plan directly from an insurance company, or you can work with a reputable local insurance broker.

You also need to know that Medigap policies do not cover prescription drugs, so if you don't have drug coverage, you need to consider buying a separate Medicare Part D drug plan too. See [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare plans. Also note that Medigap plans do not cover vision, dental care, hearing aids or long-term care either.

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# Private well water quality unregulated after installation

By Laura Bohannon  
Capital News Service

Even though Michigan has the most private wells in the nation, no state regulations control how often that water should be tested.

A quarter of Michigan's residents rely on well water, according to Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Committee's most recent report. But the state has set no standard for monitoring the quality of water from private wells, according to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) source water unit supervisor Matt

Gamble.

"Private wells get tested when they're installed and they may never be sampled again," Gamble said. "There is no requirement — at least no statewide requirement — for a homeowner to have their well sampled on any schedule."

Gamble explained the DEQ frequently learns of contaminated well water. When it hears of new cases, the department responds through a program that funds projects to replace contaminated wells and connect residents to municipal water. And some

local communities require well inspections when a house changes hands, similar to a lead paint inspection, Gamble said.

"It's really a local health department's venue to decide whether or not they want additional regulations on the wells," he said.

Tom Reichard, the environmental health director for Michigan's District 10 Health Department in Hart, Mich. said he wasn't aware of any counties that regulate how often private well water should be tested. Reichard said he doesn't think home-

owners would support a regulation that forces them to test their wells. He also said local health departments can't afford to go around to every home and check on the water.

Reichard said the District 10 Health Department recommends sampling water frequently. "That's the only way you know if it's really safe," he said.

According to the DEQ, Michigan has nearly 1.12 million households with private wells, with about 15,000 domestic wells drilled each year. Michigan also has a sig-

nificant number of public wells that serve as municipal water sources, and those wells are subject to state testing regulations.

Gamble said a big reason for so many wells is because a lot of areas don't have access to a large body of surface water to tap into. Access to abundant high-quality groundwater is another reason wells are prevalent, according to Richard Benzie, assistant director of the DEQ's Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division.

While plenty of wells are plugged each year, a greater number of new wells are typically drilled annually, Gamble said. About half of the newly drilled wells are accompanied by the abandonment of an old well, he said. "In 2015, we had about 5,800 wells plugged, whereas we had something like 12,000 or 13,000 drilled," Gamble said.

When talking about water quality in wells, it's important to distinguish private wells from public ones, Gamble said. He said the DEQ is responsible for ensuring the water in public wells is safe, but private wells are a different story.

"The interaction with the residential wells is mostly done through the local health department," Gamble said. "They are aware of the situations that are developing and they're watching it a lot closer than one would think. We have lots of interactions every day with the local health departments around the state."

Anne Woiwode, conservation director of the Michigan chapter of the Sierra Club, said the process for health departments to ensure private water wells are safe is inconsistent. Typically, it's up to homeowners to decide whether to inspect their well, said Tim Seese, owner of Seese Well Drilling in Clarksville, Mich. Discovering physical damage to a well is a good indicator of contamination.

For public wells, Gamble said DEQ follows a three-step process to ensure water quality. The first step is making sure the wells are far enough from known sources of contamination. The minimum distance for public water supply wells is greater than for private wells, he said. The next line of defense is a properly constructed well. Authorized drillers must go through a written and hands-on test as well as proving they have worked under a licensed driller, Gamble said.



## A Sunshine Week guide to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Sunshine Week March 12-18, 2017



**Step 1: Define a public body:**

- (i) A state officer, employee, agency, department, division, bureau, board, commission, council, authority, or other body in the executive branch of the state government, but does not include the governor or lieutenant governor, the executive office of the governor or lieutenant governor, or employees thereof.
- (ii) An agency, board, commission, or council in the legislative branch of the state government.
- (iii) A county, city, township, village, intercounty, intercity, or regional governing body, council, school district, special district, or municipal corporation, or a board, department, commission, council, or agency thereof.
- (iv) Any other body which is created by state or local authority or which is primarily funded by or through state or local authority.
- (v) The judiciary, including the office of the county clerk and employees thereof when acting in the capacity of clerk to the circuit court, is not included in the definition of public body.

**Step 2: Ask for the records:**  
Upon providing a public body's FOIA coordinator with a written request that describes a public record sufficiently to enable the public body to find the public record, a person has a right to inspect, copy or receive copies of the requested public record of the public body.

**Step 3: Wait for a response:**  
Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the person making the request, a public body shall respond to a request for a public record within **5 business days** after the public body receives the request by doing 1 of the following:

- a) Granting the request.
- b) Issuing a written notice to the requesting person denying the request.
- c) Granting the request in part and issuing a written notice to the requesting person denying the request in part.
- d) Issuing a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the public body shall respond to the request. A public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular request.

**Step 4: Appeal a refusal:**  
If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do one of the following options:

- a) Submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial.
- b) Commence an action in the circuit court to compel the public body's disclosure of the public records within 180 days after a public body's final determination to deny a request.

**Step 5: Report trouble**  
Call a local prosecutor or file a complaint with the MSP at [www.michigan.gov/AG](http://www.michigan.gov/AG)

**Purpose:**  
"It is the public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process."

### Federal Freedom of Information Act

Federal law entitles anyone to request a copy of any record from any agency in the executive branch, except for presidential records and nine exempted types of information; how to make a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request:

Before beginning: Locate appropriate official and make an informal request for the record



**Written request**

- Write letter to agency's FOI officer requesting record
- "Reasonably describe" record; file or docket number not necessary
- Record must exist; agency can not be forced to create records or answer questions

For more information online: <http://www.rcfp.org/foiaact/index.html>

**You can request**

- Papers
- Reports
- Letters
- Films
- Computer tapes
- Photographs
- Sound recordings

**Agency's response**

- Agency has 20 working days to release records or they can delay or deny the release of records based on exemptions within the law
- May ask for 10 extra days for elaborate search
- May charge "reasonable" search fee, about \$11 to \$28 an hour; it may be reduced or waived

**Exempted categories**

- National security
- Personnel documents
- Records exempted by law
- Trade, commercial secrets
- Internal agency messages
- Officials' personal records
- Criminal investigations
- Federally regulated banks
- Oil and gas wells

	If request is GRANTED	If request is DELAYED	If request is DENIED
For government help filing a request, call (202) 514-3642	Agency sends you copies requested	... if agency does not answer letter within 20 working days	... if agency withholds some or all information
You may file appeal ... Agency's FOI appeals officer handles appeal	YES	YES	YES
You may file lawsuit in federal district court ... If you win, judge orders agency to supply information, may award you legal fees	YES	YES	YES If appeal is denied

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## Senior

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Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Medigap policy and a separate Part D drug plan, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan that provides all-in-one coverage. These plans, which are sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs. To find and compare Advantage plans visit [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan).



# Spring beaver trapping

By Gregg Schefferly  
Outdoor Writer

As Old Man Winter loses his grip and spring approaches, beaver start to venture further from their lodges. And, after the long winter trappers are chomping at the bit to get out of the cabin.

During the winter months beaver only venture from the lodge as far as the feed pile under the ice. After several months of eating freezer burned bark, beaver are all too eager, once the pond opens up, to venture out in search of fresh greens. Perhaps this is where the phrase "eager beaver" came from.

Normally, beaver are nocturnal in nature, but in the spring there's much to be done. They'll be busy digging canals to close the distance to nearby stands of willow, alder, and poplar -- their food source. They'll use these canals to ease the burden of pulling trees to the safety of the pond. Once in the pond they'll either eat or deposit the limbs on their feed pile. The bigger limbs and logs will be strategically positioned, using mud, to shore up the dam and lodge.

The woods in early spring is a very peaceful place for the trapper. Spring beaver trapping isn't for the faint of heart; it involves ice cold water in which trappers have to wade and immerse themselves in all the way up to their armpits. Fortunately, waterproof waders and gauntlets are available today.

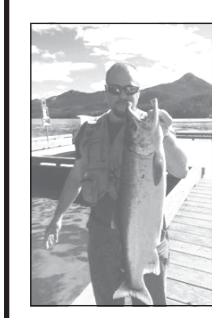
Beaver trapping doesn't merely involve matching wits with an animal in its own domain but doing so in an environment under conditions which man isn't intended to venture.

Beaver trappers are a hardy bunch; they have to be mentally tough to want to shoulder a heavy basket full of traps and wade through snow, mud, and water. One misstep in the high water as a result of the spring runoff, and a trapper's waders could quickly fill with ice cold water. This can cause him to freeze to death before making it back to the warmth of his truck.

Trappers today, like those of the past, must skillfully place their trap exactly where a beaver will travel. An experienced trapper will position and set their traps so any passing beaver will be caught. Trappers will normally use conibears or snares in water and occasionally set a few leg-holds at the water's edge.

Trappers using leg-holds will often create a scent mound using beaver castor. Beaver produce both oil and castor through glands. They apply the oil to their fur and they use the castor to mark their territory by making mounds on which they excrete their castor.

A trapper will make a castor mound set and place it on the upwind side of the stream or pond. This is done so the scent will be carried over the water for any passing beaver to smell. This will cause the beaver to investigate thinking another beaver has moved in. Trappers can obtain castor from a beaver they've



## Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

trapped or they can purchase it from a trapping supply company.

When setting a leg-hold trap in the water in front of a castor mound, a savvy trapper knows to stick short sticks in the mud in front of the trap. They do this because when a beaver swims it tucks its short, front feet to its chest. The sticks cause the beaver to stop swimming and start walking. It's important to offset the trap so they step squarely on the trap pan. Like a mouse trap, the pan releases the jaws, which grabs a hold of the leg and secures the catch until the trapper arrives.

Snares and conibears used for beaver should only be set in the water. They should be set along the trails in the water where the silt has been cleared away as a result of the turbulence created by their hind feet and tail as they swim. When setting snares or conibear traps in canals look for one that's slicked up from use. Look for fresh tracks in the mud and freshly cut tree stumps.

One problem with setting canals is there's a chance to miss a beaver if it isn't caught on the way to the woods. This is because on the way back it'll very likely have a limb in its mouth which extends in front of them. The limb will enter the snare or conibear first setting the trap off and missing the beaver.

Unless trapping a nuisance beaver, most trappers won't trap beaver prior to the onset of winter because that's when the fur has the most value. Some very hardy trappers will trap beaver through the ice during the winter, but most wait until spring breakup.

Checking traps is very exciting; it's a lot like Christmas morning because a trapper never knows what he'll find. Beaver are very intelligent and, more often than not, the majority of traps checked will either be empty or possibly sprung. But it's a rush when a beaver is in the trap. The celebration is short-lived however, because the work is only beginning. For starters an adult beaver typically weigh 40 to 70 pounds. While extremely rare, some beaver can weigh close to 100 pounds. Successful trappers still need to carry their catch out of the woods.

In the past, some trappers would sell their fur in the round (unskinned), but most put their fur up, this means they skin it, flesh it, and nail it on a board to dry. This process is a lot of work and time consuming, but most wouldn't have it any other way. Doing so allows trappers to make one trip to a fur buyer or even have their fur shipped to an auction house in Canada.

Locally, the only place that carries trapping supplies is F&T Fur Harvesters Trading Post located west of Ossineke. They sell supplies from their catalog and their website. The store is only open on Fridays and Saturdays for local customers. Trappers can place an order over the telephone and pick up it up at the store. Trappers can also locate fur buyers to sell their fur on their website.

I realize some folks reading this won't approve of trapping because they don't believe it's humane. Well, like it or not humans are part of the food chain and it's our responsibility to manage wildlife populations. Hunting and trapping are methods of wildlife management. Trappers help keep predator levels in check (manage them) so they don't over predate other animal populations. We manage raccoon, fox, coyote, and opossum to keep their numbers at a level so they don't wipe out the song bird, partridge, and turkey populations.

Additionally, without wildlife management Mother Nature will do it. Believe me, her way is much more inhumane than ours. Mange, distemper, and rabies are slow, gruesome killers. I've seen coyote and fox with mange so bad the only hair on their entire body was on their tail. Mange causes animals to slowly starve and freeze to death with no fur as the mites ravage their skin.

To learn more about trapping, there are a number of great videos on YouTube. There are volumes that can be learned about trapping in a very short time. Good luck!

*(Editor's Note: After spending the last several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin Gregg has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. He welcomes success stories and pictures at NE Lower MI Tacklebox on Facebook, or contact him at northwriter@hotmail.com.)*



### Nighttime Symphony

Nocturnal birds add ambiance to the softness of night. What would an orchestra of crickets be without the steady call of a Whip-poor-will? I will climb out of sleep to listen to a Barred Owl. Day or night, birds are great!

E-mail: [birdingbits@cfl.rr.com](mailto:birdingbits@cfl.rr.com)

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## AUDITIONS for Betty the YETI

Wed., March 15 and Thurs., March 16 between 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoreline Players Theater, 6000 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI. Parts available for 3 women, to play ages 20s to mid-50s (1 female to play a yeti, no dialogue but must be able to convey feelings with body language) and 2 men, to play ages early 30s to 40s. Performance dates are April 29 & 30 and May 5, 6, & 7, 2017.

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## Mitchell Township Residents NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection by contacting the clerk's office at 2101 Reeves Road, Curran, MI 48728, or telephoning (989) 884-1354, or emailing: [donitalcharron@gmail.com](mailto:donitalcharron@gmail.com) for a PDF of the proposed budget.

Donita Charron, Clerk  
Mitchell Township

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Mitchell Township Board by writing or by calling: Carla Brimm, 6665 W. Small Road, Curran, MI 48728 Telephone (989) 848-2401.

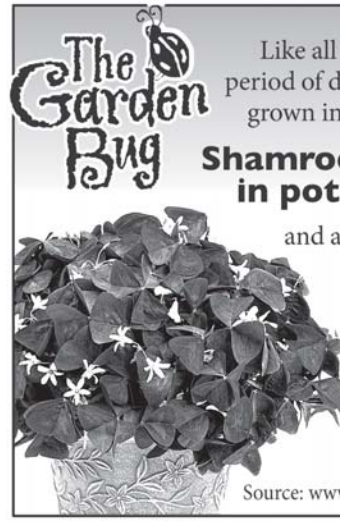
**Local Notes**

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 information on this show or any upcoming Shoreline Players events, go to [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

**Guardian Workshop**  
 A free workshop for all grandparents or guardians raising grandchildren will be held on Thursday, March 30 at the Hale United Methodist Church. Iosco Cares/Poverty Reduction came up with the idea after recognizing the

demographics of Iosco County and the changing shift of family dynamics affecting school age children. The workshop will consist of short presentations, door prizes, opportunity for questions, and all participants will leave with informational brochures and resources. Topics that will be covered by the presenters will include: Your Rights as a Grandparent; Internet Safety; Recognizing Drugs and Keeping Them Safely in your Home; and a review of resources available from the Michigan Alliance

for Families aimed specifically at grandparents and their unique challenges. The workshop will include a soup and sandwich lunch provided free of charge for all attendees. Registration and program will begin at 11 am. Child care will be provided on site. Questions about the workshop and RSVP may be directed to Mike Peach at (989) 362-0337. Those planning to attend must RSVP by March 20 to help plan for the lunch.



Like all bulb-type plants, shamrocks require a period of dormancy every once in a while. Those grown in containers will need two or three rest periods each year to continue growing well. When a potted shamrock fades, stop watering it, and as the leaves turn brown, pull them off. Set the pot in a place where it can remain cool and dry for a few weeks, then resume watering; the plant will revive. Water shamrocks from the bottom so that the fragile stems of the plant don't get waterlogged.

— Brenda Weaver  
 Source: [www.thegardenhelper.com](http://www.thegardenhelper.com), [houseplant411.com](http://houseplant411.com)

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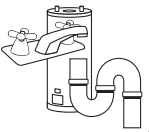
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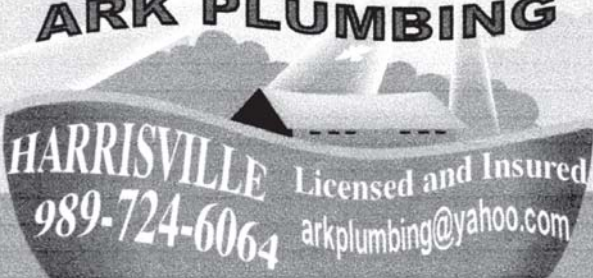
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# Calendar of Events



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Thunder Bay Arts Council will present Three Men and a Tenor at 7:30 p.m. at Alpena High School's Stanley C. Beck Auditorium. Adult tickets purchased in advance are two for \$25 or \$15 each if purchased individually. All tickets purchased at the door are \$15, and admission is free for children and students. For more information, call (989) 356-6678 or visit [www.thunderbaryarts.org](http://www.thunderbaryarts.org).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

Alcona FFA Chapter's Maple Syrup Celebration Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the sugar shack located at Alcona Community Schools, 51 North Barlow Road. Breakfast served all day, tours of the sugar shack and small animals exhibit. A free day of fun, food and entertainment. For more information, call (989) 736-8534 extension 431 or e-mail [hubbardc@alconaschools.net](mailto:hubbardc@alconaschools.net).

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 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 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.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 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 March is "When the Killing's Done" by T.C. Boyle. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Piecing Memories Together a unique grief support group will meet at 1 p.m. at the Alpena Senior Center, 501 River Street. Participants will have the opportunity to share and learn with others experiencing grief and make a hug-gable remembrance bear or pillow from articles of their loved one's clothing. To register, call (989) 356-3585.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

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.

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.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 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. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more in-

formation, 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.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

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

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.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

Basic Genealogy with John Colletta from 10 a.m. to noon at Robert Parks Library, 6010 Skeel Avenue in Oscoda. This event is free and registration is not required. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

A snowshoe horseshoe tournament will be held at the Barton City Eagles 4141, 671 Sanborn Road. Draw for partners, \$5 entry fee. Sign up beings at noon, games begin at 1:15 p.m.

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**First Baptist Church of Lincoln**  
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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Kahn's store at Mikado burglarized

**March 16, 1967** ~ Kahn's Olde General Store at Mikado was entered by thieves early (Saturday morning) and a quantity of merchandise was stolen estimated by the co-owner, Gerson Kahn, at between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Broken whiskey bottles, meats, etc., were strewn about the store.

Sheriff Martin Gehres reports that among stock taken were ten blankets, a quantity of sports jackets - almost

clearing a full rack near the front entrance, assorted foods - meats and canned goods, and over 100 bottles of liquor.

Entrance is believed to have been made through the up state apartment door at the back of the store, through the apartment and down into the store rooms.

The barking of a neighbor's dog may have prevented loading of the loot at the back entrance, and apparently a

loaded cart was rammed through the front glass door which could be opened only by key. A metal bar, kept at the back entrance, was bent and signs pointed to an unsuccessful attempt to open the safe.

On Monday, Sheriff Martin Gehres and State Police Trooper Mecholeder of the East Tawas Post, drove to Birmingham, Michigan, and arrested John Caldwell, 23, former (resident of Lincoln. A

large quantity of 'the stolen merchandise was recovered and Caldwell was returned here to face charges. He was taken before Justice Morrell Browne and placed under \$3,000 bond. On Tuesday he was arraigned before Judge Allan Miller and entered a plea of guilty and the bond was reduced to a \$1000 personal recognizance bond and he was released to await sentencing.

## Ordained into Episcopal Diaconate

**March 16, 1967** ~ J. Russell Hughes, prominent attorney of Harrisville and Alcona County Judge of Probate, was ordained onto the diaconate of the Episcopal Church at 7:30 p. m. Saturday at St. Andrews By-the-Lake Episcopal Mission Church, Harrisville.

Officiating at the impressive ceremony was The Right Rev. Archie H. Crowley, Suffragan Bishop of (Michigan. He was assisted by The Rev. Alfred W. Saulsbury, vicar of St. Andrews By-the-Lake, and assistant vicar at the Trinity Church in Alpena.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies was The Rev. Ernest St. Andrew, vicar at Hillman, and Dean of the Northern 1 Convocation.

Other Clergymen' taking part were the Rev. Robert Reeves, Vicar at Oscoda; the Rev. Daniel Collins, Pastor of the Alcona County Presbyterian Farfish; The Rev. Gilbert Runkle, Vicar of Alpena Trinity Church; The Rev. Russell McKenzie, Vicar of St. Margaret's Church, Hazel Park; The Rev. Sylvester Vaughan, Vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Mason, and The Rev. Robert Whittaker, Director of the School of Theology, Detroit. The Rev. Hughes' son, J. Russell Hughes, Jr., served as the Bishop's Chaplain.

Choir director for the services was Robert Peters and Miss Kathy Holmes was organist.

Rev. Hughes is a native Detroit. He graduated from the Detroit College of Law and received a BA degree at Eastern Michigan University. He practiced law in Detroit and Standish before coming to Harrisville in 1946 and was prosecuting attorney of Arenac County. He served in the Navy in World War II and attained the rank of a Lieutenant Commander. He was wounded at Iwa Jima and was mustered out of service 'in 1945. After coming to Alcona County he was elected prosecuting attorney and served six two-year terms. He is the present Judge of Probate, being elected following the death of Probate Judge Manford G. Emery, and he also continues his private practice.

Rev. Hughes is the present Grand Master of Michigan Oddfellows. He is active in community affairs and serves as Harrisville City Attorney and also as Attorney for the Village of Lincoln.

### CryptoQuip answer

If you want to determine how fast a plant will sprout, I guess you ought to use a seedometer.



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## Alcona Review Weather Report March 15, 2017

### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 26 Low: 15

**THURSDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 34 Low: 21

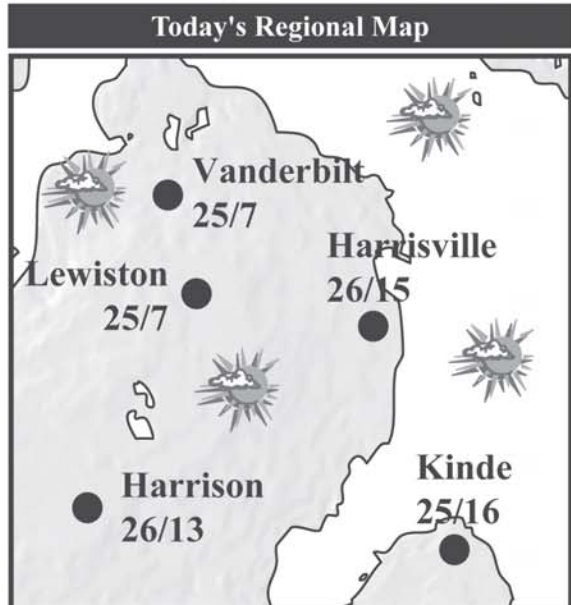
**FRIDAY**  
Rain/Snow  
High: 37 Low: 28

**SATURDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 37 Low: 22

**SUNDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 35 Low: 19

**MONDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 32 Low: 18

**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 34 Low: 15



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 26°, humidity of 54%. Northwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 1990. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 15°. The record low for tonight is -6° set in 1993. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 34°.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	48	35	34/15	0.00"
Tuesday	58	43	34/15	0.07"
Wednesday	41	24	34/16	0.01"
Thursday	36	24	35/16	0.00"
Friday	22	11	35/16	0.02"
Saturday	20	10	35/17	0.06"
Sunday	24	7	36/17	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
3/20	Wednesday	7:43 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	10:55 p.m.	9:26 a.m.	4/3
	Thursday	7:41 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	11:54 p.m.	9:55 a.m.	
	Friday	7:39 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	No Rise	10:27 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:37 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	12:52 a.m.	11:01 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:35 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	1:47 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	
	Monday	7:34 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	2:40 a.m.	12:23 p.m.	Full 4/11
	Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	3:30 a.m.	1:11 p.m.	

### Local UV Index

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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday, scattered rain and snow Friday, with the highest temperature of 56° in Carbondale, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Miami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Douglas, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Yuma, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:07 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Venus	7:35 a.m.	n/a
Mars	9:10 a.m.	11:03 p.m.
Jupiter	9:41 p.m.	8:56 a.m.
Saturn	3:20 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
Uranus	8:49 a.m.	10:00 p.m.

### Weather History

**March 15, 1988** - More than one hundred hours of continuous snow finally came to an end at Marquette, Mich., during which time the city was buried under 43 inches of snow. Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the southeastern U.S., with forty-one cities reporting record lows for the date.

### Weather Trivia

When was the first weather forecast issued in a newspaper?

**Answer:** It was May 7, 1857 in the Washington Evening Star.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - BloomSky for Everyone

Yes, the sun is rapidly climbing, its warming rays becoming a little more direct each day; but Mother Nature seems to have other plans for the immediate future, including a significant cool down and the possibility of a major winter storm. My prediction is that all local schools, including Moravian College, will be closed on Tuesday. You now can watch the weather unfolding right from the Collier Hall of Science's Sky Deck by downloading a free application on your smartphone called BloomSky, and then searching for "Moravian College" to observe the weather right from North Campus. The nearly all sky camera takes a picture every five minutes or so from dawn to dusk and gives temperature, humidity, and dew point readings 24/7. The unit came to Moravian via a circuitous route: BloomSky, a California company, sent a unit to Ronald J. Shawley of Johnstown, PA, who then sent it along to David Fisherowski in Boyertown. Both individuals already had a BloomSky system, so Dave contacted me and offered it to Moravian College with the proviso that patience was the byword to getting the unit operational. I eventually got it working in my backyard and began producing daily YouTube videos under the name "Moravian College Wx1," but it was the Herculean efforts of Moravian's IT gurus that made it succeed on Collier's rooftop. Thomas Mondschein, assisted by David Brandes, Chris Laird, and Scott Hughes brought it all together, first by having Mike Sanderson from Sanderson Communications install an access point on the Sky Deck. After about one week of experimentation, Tom, Chris, and David finally got the unit to connect successfully with the BloomSky "Mother Ship," the most difficult part of the initiation procedure. Now it's BloomSky for everyone. Download the BloomSky application to your iPhone or Droid system. Search for Moravian College, and you'll be taken to our site. See daily video compilations on YouTube at Moravian College Wx1, and watch it snow—snow—snow on Tuesday. Look for whiteout conditions when the unit finally gets covered with snow. www.astronomy.org

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the world's slowest mammal?
2. **HISTORY:** Which was the only Confederate state capital east of the Mississippi that did not fall to the Union Army during the Civil War?
3. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "Catch-22"?
4. **MOVIES:** What famous movie had the tagline, "In space no one can hear you scream"?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who does the Swiss Guard protect?
6. **MEDICINE:** What is an otolaryngologist more commonly known as?
7. **MUSIC:** Which 1980s song featured the lyrics, "Ris'n' up, straight to the top, had the guts, got the glory"?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is sauerkraut made from?
9. **AD SLOGANS:** What product featured the slogan, "When it rains, it pours"?
10. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** Which U.S. president once said, "Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves"?

**Answers:** 1. The three-toed sloth; 2. Tallahassee, Florida; 3. Joseph Heller; 4. Alien (1979); 5. The pope; 6. Ear, nose and throat doctor; 7. "Eye of the Tiger"; 8. Cabbage; 9. Morton Salt; 10. Abraham Lincoln (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 31, 1492, in Spain, a royal edict is issued by the nation's Catholic rulers declaring that all Jews who refuse to convert to Christianity will be expelled. Most Spanish Jews chose exile rather than renounce their religion and culture.
  - On March 27, 1905, the high-profile murder of two London shopkeepers is solved using fingerprint evidence for the first time when a thumbprint found on the side of the cashbox was matched to one of the suspects.
  - On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to send U.S. troops into battle against Germany in World War I. Four days later, Congress obliged. Wilson then signed the Selective Service Act, which required men between 21 and 35 years of age to register for the draft. The Army quickly grew from 200,000 troops to 4 million.
  - On March 28, 1941, workers start clearing trees from hundreds of acres of land 30 miles west of Detroit, in preparation for construction of the Ford Motor Company's Willow Run plant, which will build B-24 bomber planes. Early on the plant was plagued by labor shortages and earned the nickname "Willit Run?"
  - On April 1, 1963, the ABC television network airs the premiere episode of "General Hospital," the daytime drama that will become the longest-running serial program produced in Hollywood. On the same day, rival NBC debuts its own medical-themed soap opera, "The Doctors."
  - On March 29, 1973, two months after the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement, the last U.S. combat troops leave South Vietnam. The accord was short-lived, and by early 1974 full-scale war had resumed.
  - On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by deranged drifter John Hinckley Jr. As Reagan was prepared for surgery, he quipped to his surgeons, "Please tell me you're Republicans."
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## Super Crossword

### GYMGOER'S BUMMER

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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Clinic for getting clean<br>6 React to sticker shock<br>10 24 hours —<br>14 Blew a fuse<br>19 Reparations for wrongs<br>21 Head, to Hèlène<br>22 Unevenly notched, as a leaf<br>23 Start of a riddle<br>25 Fighting fish of Asia<br>26 Division of the Roman army<br>27 — avail (futile)<br>28 California observatory site<br>30 Foxy<br>31 Grind, as one's teeth<br>35 Beat soundly<br>37 A B vitamin<br>38 Riddle, part 2<br>41 Planted<br>44 Swenson of "Advise & Consent"<br>45 Banana part | 46 Riddle, part 3<br>52 Lie in the sun<br>56 Places to live<br>57 Feed holder<br>58 Activate, as a light switch<br>60 Silent assent<br>61 Haile Selassie follower<br>65 Kobe's home<br>68 Brits' coins<br>69 Conductor Sir Georg —<br>71 Riddle, part 4<br>73 Cussed<br>74 Windy City air hub<br>75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy<br>76 Spiny plants<br>78 — Mahal<br>79 Not at all, old-style<br>81 Arm bone<br>83 Conceive of<br>85 Struck disk<br>86 Riddle, part 5<br>92 Prefix with dose or watt<br>93 Actor's job<br>94 Class seat | 95 End of the riddle<br>104 One lacking pigment<br>105 Slangy suffix with switch<br>106 See or smell<br>107 "— aboard!"<br>110 Ump's call halfway to a walk<br>112 "Falling Skies" star<br>114 "No One" singer<br>116 — worse than death<br>117 Riddle's answer<br>122 Strength of a chemical solution<br>123 Account<br>124 Absent<br>125 Arena strata<br>126 "Wise" birds<br>127 Man in Eden<br>128 16th-century Italian poet<br><b>DOWN</b><br>1 "Lady Love" singer<br>2 Wife of Fred Mertz<br>3 Deli hero<br>4 Against<br>5 Clouds up<br>6 Ring rock | 7 "That's — -brainer!"<br>8 Actor Gilliam<br>9 Quiet "Hey!"<br>10 Very many<br>11 Wolf down<br>12 Wolfed down<br>13 Dog cry<br>14 Flower anew<br>15 Eye ring<br>16 Became irate<br>17 Downton Abbey, e.g.<br>18 More loved<br>20 Heavenly food?<br>24 Ephron or Roberts<br>29 — Alex (racehorse)<br>32 In — hurry<br>33 Dads' lads<br>34 Writer Victor<br>36 Final, e.g.<br>38 How many TV shows are now shown<br>39 Greek T's<br>40 Old verb suffix<br>41 Farewell act<br>42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy<br>43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery<br>47 Eagle nests<br>48 Code-cracking org.<br>49 City south of San Diego<br>50 Alda or Bean<br>51 Debate need<br>52 Cold one<br>53 Comment on, as in a margin<br>54 Plato was his disciple<br>55 Leg reflex<br>59 Favorable aspect<br>62 Anat., e.g.<br>63 Set- — (rows)<br>64 Love, to Yves<br>66 "One thing — time!"<br>67 B'way site<br>70 Math branch<br>72 Miss, in Abbr.<br>77 Involuntary wink, maybe<br>80 Heretofore<br>82 Razor brand<br>84 Boundaries<br>87 Frittata<br>88 Site for a bite<br>89 Bits of physics<br>90 Aged, quaintly<br>91 Inert gas<br>92 Coin producers<br>95 "Blue" beer brewer<br>96 Sainted king of Norway<br>97 Flattened at the poles<br>98 Out of — (amiss)<br>99 "1984" author<br>100 Rolls- — (ritzy rides)<br>101 "Hi, amigo"<br>102 Onetime Pan Am rival<br>103 Online protocol for remote log-in<br>107 Pines (for)<br>108 Some bank holdings<br>109 — rest (inter)<br>111 Preminger of film<br>113 Writer Ferber<br>115 "— date!"<br>118 "Hee —"<br>119 Divinity<br>120 SFO guess<br>121 LP speed stat |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American author and playwright Rose Franken who made the following sage observation: "Anyone can be passionate, but it takes real lovers to be silly."
  - There are only three places in the world that include St. Patrick's Day among their official public holidays: Ireland (of course), the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Caribbean island of Montserrat.
  - It's not clear exactly how they do it, but, according to those who study such things, bald eagles mate while they're in midair.
  - Do you ever get to the end of a relaxing weekend, only to feel depressed at the prospect of heading back to work Monday morning? Well, the Germans have a word for that: sonntagsleerung. It literally means "Sunday emptying."
  - Some historians claim that President Andrew Jackson believed the world was flat.
  - If it could avoid its inevitable dissipation, the typical cloud could circumnavigate the earth in less than two weeks.
  - In the United States, nuns have a longer life expectancy than any other demographic group.
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Thought for the Day: "Science is more than a body of knowledge; it is a way of thinking. I have a foreboding of an America ... when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the key manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what's true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and darkness." -- Carl Sagan

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **U** equals **T**

KV QGS ODZU UG RIUIHJKZI FGO  
 VDXU D EADZU OKAA XEHGSU, K  
 NSIXX QGS GSNFU UG SXI D  
 XIIRGJIUIH.

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Mortgage sale - A mortgage was granted by Ronald K. Stout and Jacqueline Stout, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., mortgagee, dated May 11, 2002, and recorded on August 8, 2002 in Liber 367 on page 842, in Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of nine thousand

one hundred ninety-six and 45/100 dollars (\$9,196.45). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 5, 2017.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona, State of Michigan, to-wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 7 East; thence east 660 feet; thence north 1,320 feet; thence west 660 feet; thence south 1,320 feet to the point of beginning, less and excepting two rods off the south side thereof deeded to the Township of Hawes for high-

way purposes. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 8, 2017 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File No. 470714F01 3-8, 3-15, 3-22, 3-29

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**Mortgage sale** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Ervans and Pearl A. Ervans, husband and wife, signing solely to waive her dower interest rights, to Republic Bank, mortgagee, dated May 22, 2001 and recorded June 22, 2001 in Liber 351, page 265, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC, by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-seven thousand four hundred forty-eight and 50/100 dollars (\$77,448.50), including interest at 5.375 percent per annum. Under the power of sale con-

tained 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, Michigan at 10 a.m. on April 12, 2017.

Said premises are located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 22 of Bryant Acres Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 62-63, 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. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 15, 2017

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 16-015816 3-15, 3-22, 3-29, 4-5

## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Caledonia Township Board met March 8. Members present: Hubbard, Scott, Thornton, Swinson and Kerry. Also, present Beck, zoning administrator, and several citizens. Motions to approve the agenda, February minutes, pay bills and place treasurer's report on file per audit were made. Correspondence: PIE&G, Met Life, Consumers, attorney Dave Cook. Planning commission (PC) met March 6: Reviewed North End Park Ordinance revisions; revisions sent to township board. PC is asking for approval and adoption. The PC also reviewed the Revised Sign Ordinance recommended by NEMCOG. ZA had four liquor inspections, and one land division. Cemetery: Increase sexton salary. Sunrise Sanitation will put up a fence. Spruce Window Project - clings for empty buildings; Loyal Ladies Group proposed Spruce Country Day's Memorial Day weekend; township rental for Caledonia residences is \$100, \$30 for nonprofit plus a \$85 hall cleanup nonrefundable. Need liability insurance. Noise ordinance request deferred to PC. Motion to Support County Wide Clean-Up 2017. Oak wilt - township will follow the Alcona County policy. Annuity - beneficiary info should be renewed.

Township attorney - tabled. Motion to put the park ordinance in the paper. Motion to renew equalization department contract. Motion by resolution - to adopt Caledonia Township general, road and fire funds budgets for the fiscal year 2017-2018 as detailed in the budget package presented. Motion by resolution - to increase custodian salary for park maintenance at the North End Park. Motion by resolution that the township of Caledonia will levy the maximum authorized millage rate allowed by law for the tax year 2017. Motion to pay Alcona Humane Society for animal control within the township fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion that we sign contracts with Hubbard Lake Community Association and Sanborn Township for fire protection during 2017-2018. Motion by resolution that Caledonia Township hereby authorizes submission of a DNR Trust Fund Grant Application for \$300,000 and further resolves to make available a local private financial commitment and donation of \$75,000 during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All motions were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. The next township board meeting is April 12. PC meeting is April 3. Tri-Township PC April 27 at Alcona Township Hall.

Kerry Scott, Township Clerk

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## HELP WANTED

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Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season! Duties will include customer service, revenue handling, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping, and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989) 724-5126 or stop by the park headquarters between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for an application. **Must be meeting high school graduation requirements and turning 18 within the calendar year.** Applications for this summer will be accepted until April 3, 2017.

## BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winnertake all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Seeking participants and helpers of **Living Nativity** at Calvary Baptist Church, Mikado, for a **reunion. Living Nativity** drama ran from 1957 to 1966. Tentative reunion date is August 26, 2017. Please contact planning committee at luckyladyluck@m33access.com or clmcd2004@yahoo.com and indicate your interest to insure you are part of the gathering. More information will be forthcoming as the date is closer.



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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 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, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Mike Serafin, fire chief, stated that were 12 medical runs and five fire runs within the past month. One fire fighter is on medical leave for a broken hand. One fire fighter is still attending fire training. Mike attended a two day fire conference in Traverse City, Mich. over the past weekend. There are some repairs needed on the fire trucks and brush rig. He hopes to have things all repaired within the next month. The radio fees to the state of Michigan have been paid in full. There will no longer be any user fees associated with radios. He asked for an increase in pay for those fire fighters and medical first responders who are fully qualified. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Mahalak, to increase the pay by \$5 per run for those who are fully qualified fire fighters and medical first responders effective April 1, 2017. Motion carried. Kathy Putsky asked if our maintenance man has been able to get all the lights off

the trees. They've all been taken down and she will go through them to see if any of them are able to be salvaged for use next year. President Jordan gave the sewer report. The flow meters seem to be working again. The permit for the ground water discharge has been started. Dave Walters of the DEQ and Rich Gillespie of Alpena Septic have been working with Phil and Holly to get everything taken care of. A checking account has been opened for the SAW grant. The street report was given. Keeping the streets clean and safe has been the biggest challenge this past month. Thanks to Steve and Derek for their diligence. We are supposed to get an additional 23 percent in our road funding in our March checks from the state. We were turned down for the grant on Main Street and Barlow Road project. We were advised to resubmit for consideration in the next budget year. In old business Bill Putsky stated that he has looked into recycling programs in the area. He said that he feels it is not a good fit for the village at this time. In new business Amanda Zielinski stated that she and Karen Godi have been working on a letter to business owners and ask them to give input for the website. When the weather gets warmer they hope to get photos of each individual business and upload them to the site. President Jordan suggested that it would be interesting to see how many hits the website is getting on a monthly basis.

Bill Putsky presented a check for \$3,000 from the Brownlee Lake Association for the boat launch project. Additional funds will come from the village per our original grant agreement. Thanks BLA members. President Jordan gave his report. The Chili Cook-off will no longer be an event that can be held within the village. The District Health Department has stated that due to concerns about preparation of foods in private kitchens and equipment being used we do not qualify for being able to continue holding this event. We want to thank Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter for their hard work over the past several years on the Trick or Trunk and Chili Cook-off events. There are several repairs needed for village vehicles. Some of the things will be fixed after the new budget kicks in. Buoys are in need of being fixed as well. The pickup has been repaired and returned from a recent mishap. One of our lights was knocked over while a village lot was being plowed. The company responsible for the accident has offered to repair the broken light. Council members discussed it and members agreed that a new light needs to be installed. A tree on South Sleeper needs to be cut down once the weather breaks. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Mahalak. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Gauthier. Carried.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN BUDGET

#### Village of Lincoln Budget Hearing 2017

The Village of Lincoln Council met on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. for its annual budget hearing. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comment regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Those in attendance included president Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers, and council members Gauthier, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. There was no public discussion. Treasurer Hussain stated that the proposed revenues should be adequate to support the proposed budget. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Mahalak, to adopt the budgets for 2017-2018. Budget hearing was closed at 7 p.m. A motion to close the budget hearing was made by Gauthier with support from Healy Carried.

#### Following are the budgets for 2017-2018

<b>General Fund Budget Income</b>	
Property Taxes	\$65,300.00
State Constitutional Tax	\$25,000.00
Administrative Income	\$20,000.00
Payroll Reimbursement	\$11,000.00
Fire Contracts	\$44,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,300.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Zoning Board	\$ 2,000.00
Salary Council	\$ 6,750.00
Legal & Accounting	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,200.00
Printing	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance/General	\$ 6,000.00
Web Site	\$ 900.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 5,000.00
Salary President	\$ 6,000.00
Salary Clerk	\$ 7,136.88
Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Salary Treasurer	\$ 6,751.56
Utilities gas/electric	\$ 1,200.00
Maintenance/general	\$ 6,000.00
FD Salaries	\$18,000.00
FD Maintenance/Supp.	\$ 9,000.00
FD Gasoline	\$ 1,500.00
FD Utilities	\$ 1,600.00
FD Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
FD Capital Outlay	\$ 4,000.00
FD Other Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Med. First Resp. salary	\$ 5,000.00
Med. First Resp Other	\$ 1,000.00
Public Works Utilities	\$ 1,700.00
Public Works Equip Rent	\$ 8,000.00
Public Works Salaries	\$ 7,500.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$ 8,000.00
Parks/Rec Utilities	\$ 2,500.00
Parks/Rec Equip Rent	\$ 4,000.00
Parks/Rec Salaries	\$ 4,500.00
Master Plan	\$ 5,000.00
Recreation Improve.	\$ 2,500.00
Street Lights	\$12,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,738.44</b>
<b>Equipment Rental Budget Income</b>	
Equip. Rental Income	\$26,500.00
<b>Expense</b>	
Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 500.00
Repair/Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 4,000.00
Utilities	\$ 3,000.00
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>

<b>Sewer Budget Income</b>	
Charges for Services	\$12,776.40
<b>Expense</b>	
Utilities	\$ 600.00
Salaries	\$ 500.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 150.00
Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 3,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,026.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,776.40</b>

<b>Local Streets Income</b>	
State Revenue	\$12,000.00
Village Raised Funds	\$26,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Salaries RM	\$ 4,000.00
Equip Rent RM	\$ 7,000.00
Salaries WM	\$ 3,000.00
Equip Rent WM	\$ 8,000.00
Administration	\$ 300.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 700.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$ 3,000.00
Construction	\$12,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,500.00</b>

<b>Major Streets Income</b>	
State Revenue	\$42,000.00
Village Raised Funds	\$10,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,750.00</b>

<b>Expense</b>	
Salaries WM	\$ 4,000.00
Equip Rent WM	\$13,000.00
Salaries RM	\$ 6,000.00
Equip Rent RM	\$12,000.00
Administration	\$ 1,000.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 750.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$ 6,000.00
Construction	\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,750.00</b>

<b>Village Raised Street Fund Income</b>	
Village Raised Taxes	\$45,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,300.00</b>

<b>Expense</b>	
Local Street Fund	\$26,500.00
Major Street Fund	\$10,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,250.00</b>

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

### GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Major called the meeting to order on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7:02 p.m. at the township hall. One guest was present. All joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor C. Lee Major, clerk D. Dailey, treasurer P. Dailey and trustee Parent. Absent: Trustee Sally Olin. Agenda: Add 11C building lights/maintenance. Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Minutes: Use C. Lee Major for motions, public comment should read "consideration in a family matter," add the date to the minutes. Motion P. Dailey/Parent: To approve the minutes as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Public comments: Resident was at meeting to express concerns about possible new Verizon tower that is to go up in our township. Financial report – treasurer P. Dailey: \$100,750.81 general fund; \$251,579.44 road fund; \$63,745.19 fire fund; \$35,152.75 Prince Drive; \$481.85 Kowalski Memorial Fund; reported on revenues taken in; 2016 winter taxes have a one percent late fee after February 14, 2017; BS&A software versus Pontem software discussion. Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. All ayes, motion carried. Presentation of bills – clerk D. Dailey: Payroll check numbers 16861-16872 \$3,653.24, bills check numbers 16858-16893 \$7,009.86 plus the E25 check \$917.19. Also paying Bank of America \$1,081, some additional discussion to pay auditor and BS&A software. Motion D. Dailey/Parent: To approve payment for Campbell Kusterer & Company PC for 2016/2017 fiscal year audit to be paid in February bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: OWAA (D. Dailey) – February and November of 2017 will have an extra meeting for bills, budget report showed under budget; Swiss road project coming up soon; Kellan and another board member will be going to meet aeronautical boards; and the aeronautical board has been invited to Oscoda. County commissioner (Brummund): County-wide Clean Up on May 20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (previously written as May 30); Alcona County Master Plan is on the website if anyone has any concerns or suggestions please contact Alcona County; recall on Meijer brand colby and colby jack cheese and some Sargentos cheeses; 911 authority has started installation for Smart 911; Michigan State Police Angel Program; May 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spring Expo at ARA site in Lincoln; a grant submitted for safety signs to be installed on Cedar Lake. Federal payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) discussion. Constable B. Beatty – absent but reported all compliant. Fire chief Steve Franks – one fire call, eight first responder calls, discussion about unacceptable pager signal as reported numerous times previously. Zoning and ordinance administrator J. Sutton – absent but reported zero permits, three complaints. Hall rental: C. Lee Major – a couple of inquiries but no new rentals. Assessor Schwickert – Board of Review (BOR) training class on February 2. Public notices for BOR submitted, will be March 13, 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. and March 17, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. GRAC: Olin – closed. Planning commission: Swanson – looked at some changes to some of the zoning ordinances. Some discussion of the hours that he is putting into the research and ordinance revisions.

Correspondence: Supervisor Major – medical marijuana workshop for townships discussed; received a copy of the site agreement for the Alcona County Commission On Aging for the rental of the township hall; letter from the Army Core of Engineers received about permits; U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration for address changes. Clerk D. Dailey – call about Smart meters and have they started changing them. Letter from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality stating township hall drinking water okay. Pending business: Discuss drain issue in Timberlake Subdivision; letters from the Alcona County Road Commission and from Ted White from Timberlakes Association were read; some discussion as to why the township is asked to pay one third of the cost. Supervisor Major cannot attend February 22 next road commission meeting but will call Jesse Campbell. Resolution for street lighting. Supervisor Major checked all 39 lights, 10 lights out, two flickering, submitted a request to fix on February 7. At least nine, if not all, have been repaired as of today. Resolution 2017.002, Consumers is issuing a credit for over charging to date, tabled adoption until more information is available about the cost per month. Township hall lighting/maintenance, Larry's Electric should be at the hall on February 15 to check out the lights. New business: None. Public comment: None. Motion P. Dailey/Parent: To adjourn at 9:06 p.m. All ayes, motion carried. David W. Dailey  
Greenbush Township Clerk  
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### Grief

Is a river you wade in until you get to the other side. But I am here, stuck in the middle, water parting around my ankles, moving downstream over the flat rocks.

I'm not able to lift a foot, move on. Instead, I'm going to stay here in the shallows with my sorrow, nurture it like a cranky baby, rock it in my arms.

I don't want it to grow up, go to school, get married. It's mine. Yes, the October sunlight wraps me in its yellow shawl, and the air is sweet as a golden Tokay.

On the other side, there are apples, grapes, walnuts, and the rocks are warm from the sun. But I'm going to stand here, growing colder, until every inch of my skin is numb.

I can't cross over. Then you really will be gone.

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Nine local women participate in a march through Harrisville on International Women's Day celebrated last week. (From left) Karen Johnson, Paula Boucher, Trina Borenstein, Abbie Thomas, Venita Larson, Margy Kutzera, Sharon Goetz and Patty Thomas. Not pictured: Melanie Labaza. Photo courtesy of Mike Johnson.

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