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New volunteers and employees keep animal shelter operating successfully

By Mary Weber
Staff writer

With help from fresh faces on both the board of directors and animal caregiving staff, Alcona County animals in need are getting a little extra attention to their health and welfare.

Joycelyn Dillard, the new president of the Alcona Humane Society (AHS) board of directors and Jenna Richardson, the new shelter manager, bring their knowledge, experience and caring hearts to help homeless pets find a forever home.

Dillard has been the president since last summer when Connie Sysak stepped down to devote more time to Precious Paws Resale Shoppe which helps fund the shelter year-round (see article below).

Richardson is close to finishing her first year as shelter manager, a position she was given after being employed by AHS in 2014 as an animal caregiver.

Dillard is one of the newer members on the board of directors and is still learning about the position, but her enthusiasm, love for animals and guidance by Sysak and others on the board is helping her immensely.

There are seven board members: Dillard; Bonnie Braden, vice president and assistant manager at Precious Paws and performs all of the volunteer scheduling; Cindy Hartman, secretary; Kent Sysak, treasurer; Mary Peterson; Connie Sysak, Precious Paws manager; and the newest member, Jennie Hoshal, who is an experienced grant writer.

According to Dillard, the humane society has joined with the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and may receive public donations through that organization. "It's an excellent way to send donations to the shelter and gives people one more avenue to contribute," she said.

Richardson, who oversees all shelter operations, explained one of her major roles is keeping the animals healthy and adoptable. She explained that the shelter has had as many as 78 cats which was way too many for the building and staff to handle.

"There are no more community cat boxes and since that has come into effect the animal's health has increased," Richardson said. She commended her staff of

animal caregivers, Chelsea Goodemoot, Brittany Fry and Susan Meduvsky, as well as veterinarian of record, Dr. Kathy Jo Schwartz, for keeping the shelter clean and the animals happy and healthy.

Richardson explained each animal is examined by the veterinarian and chipped with an identification tag before they are adopted. The chip helps to make sure lost pets which come into the shelter are returned to their owners.

Both Dillard and Richardson commended Precious Paws Resale Shoppe for its continued effort in fund raising for the shelter. Dillard said the shelter would not be in existence if it weren't for Precious Paws.

According to Dillard, five percent of humane society's annual revenue comes from the county and without donations, volunteers, and assistance from the public the

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Jenna Richardson, animal shelter manager, (left) and Jocelyn Dillard, president of the Alcona Humane Society board of directors, with one of 25 cats available for adoption. Photo by Mary Weber.

Precious volunteers run nonprofit store

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Volunteers are an important part of any non profit organization. And, a store completely run by volunteers is a rarity. But, in Alcona County there is such a store, and it's run by some of the most precious volunteers in the county.

The store is the Precious Paws Resale Shoppe located in the Harbortown Marketplace on Main Street in Harrisville.

Precious Paws is a store of gently used, new, vintage or antique household goods, furniture, decor, jewelry, ac-

cessories, clothing, children's items, kitchen items, and just about everything else.

The store was the vision of Connie Sysak who opened the first of four Harbortown showroom suites in 2014.

Sysak, a longtime animal advocate, Alcona Humane Society volunteer, board member and past president, wanted a way to generate year-round funds for the shelter.

The resale store has been a success for the shelter. According to Jocelyn Dillard, president of the Alcona Humane Society board of directors, last year 31 percent of

funding, nearly \$60,000, came from sales at Precious Paws and was its highest contributor.

All items in the store are donated by the public, cleaned, sorted and priced by volunteers and then creatively displayed in one of the four showrooms. A band of volunteers keep the store open six days a week -- seven during the summer months.

Julie Kruttlin is the newest volunteer to offer her services to help the animals. Kruttlin, a resident of Alcona County for 40 years, said she wouldn't have known about the resale shop if her husband hadn't noticed the stores while visiting the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, which is also housed inside Harbortown Marketplace.

"He came home and told me we have the greatest resale shop downtown that sells everything and it's beautiful with all these rooms set up with different themes," Kruttlin said.

She explained at the time they were going through some remodeling, and she donated their gently used household items to Precious Paws. Kruttlin liked the idea that the items she had loved and



Julie Kruttlin enjoys volunteering and is happy to help animals in need at the Alcona Humane Society. Photo by Mary Weber.

Hubbard Lake resident dies in rollover accident

A single-vehicle rollover accident on Monday, Feb. 27 resulted in the death of a Hubbard Lake resident. According to the Michigan State Police, at approximately 8:44 p.m. Alpena Central Dispatch received the report of one vehicle crash on Hubbard Lake Road near Scott Road. Troopers from the Alpena post responded to the scene. Vickie Billbrey, 56, the driver, was pronounced dead at the scene. She was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

The lone passenger in the vehicle, a 48 year old Hubbard Lake man, was transported to MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. He was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

According to the Michigan State Police, the preliminary investigation determined that the vehicle had been driven at a high rate of speed northbound on Hubbard Lake Road when it left the roadway to the east and overturned multiple times. At this time, alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the crash. The incident remains under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Hubbard Lake EMS, Hubbard Lake Fire Department and Alpena County EMS.

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Volunteers

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shelter would be forced to close. Currently, Precious Paws raises 31 percent of the shelter's annual revenue. Another 30 percent of revenue comes from donations and memorials, fundraising brings in 15 percent, adoptions/surrenders and animal redemptions raises five percent and 14 percent comes from miscellaneous revenue.

The shelter has one dog and 25 cats waiting to be adopted. It also has a donation box in front of the building for those who wish to donate blankets, towels, food and other necessary items when the shelter is closed.

Pet food donations are gladly accepted, however, the shelter only gives Purina One food to the dogs and Chicken Soup for the Soul cat and kitten food. The shelter uses only non clumping cat litter. These products can be purchased at Lincoln Hardware which will cover the sales tax for the donated items and will hold the items for the shelter to pick up, making it a convenient way to donate.

Dillard said the shelter building is operating efficiently at this time. In the past year or so they have replaced the air conditioner and the well and septic system. They have also gotten a couple of new dryers and a new freezer. She thanked Cole's Appliance for giving them the badly needed freezer. The board is looking for a full facility generator.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to come to the shelter to spend time walking and petting dogs and cuddling cats and kittens. They are also needed to help fundraise and work before, during and after garage sales.

The shelter is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed Monday, Wednesday and Sunday but will open by appointment for animal adoption. The shelter is located at 457 W. Traverse Bay Road in Lincoln. For more information or a complete list of needed donation items, contact the shelter at (989) 736-7387 or alconahumane-society.org.



Obituaries



Julia E. Atchison

Julia Eve Atchison, 91, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, Feb. 23, at home.

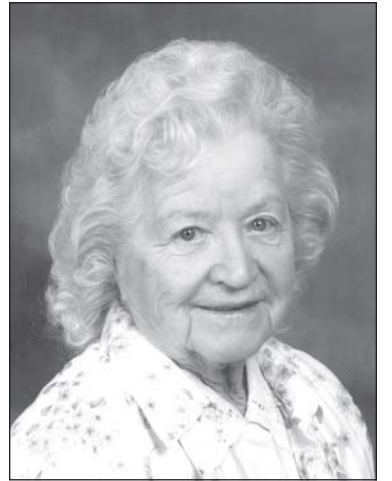
She was born on November 27, 1925, in Flint, Mich. to Arthur and Anna (LaMont) Slater.

She married Edward E. Atchison on October 13, 1944.

Mrs. Atchison was a life-long member of the Harrisville United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed singing in the choir, dancing and walking.

Mrs. Atchison is survived by two sons, Dennis (Janet) Atchison and Edward K. (Janelle) Atchison; four grandchildren, Sabrina Lophshire, Julie Shutes, Marie Breier, and Christopher Atchison; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Vivian Gray.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward on July 16, 2007; and 10 siblings.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A celebration of Mrs. Atchison's life will be announced at a future date.

Daniel R. Whitman

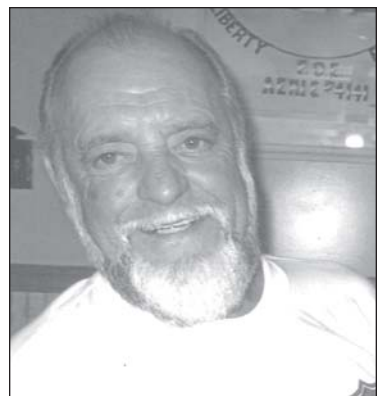
Daniel Robert Whitman, 77, of Barton City died on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 at McLaren Bay Region Hospital in Bay City, Mich.

He was born December 25, 1939 to Leroy D. and Catherine M. (Bush) Whitman in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Warren, Mich.

Mr. Whitman was a long-time resident of the Detroit, Mich. area, and worked with Local 357 as a union glazier. He retired after 40 years and moved to Barton City.

He was a member of the Barton City Eagles Aerie 4141. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also a NASCAR fan and enjoyed motorcycles.

Mr. Whitman is survived by two daughters, June (Mike) Marcotullio of Madison Heights, Mich. and Susan (Don Calvin) Whitman of Metamora, Mich.; one son, Danny Whitman of Madison



Heights, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Melissa (Blake) Lawson, Ryan Whitman, Kayla Pickles, Angelo Marcotullio, Leah Marcotullio, Rosie Marcotullio, and Judy Whitman; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Lee (Betty) Whitman of Lewiston, Mich.; and his dear companion, Marlene Anderson.

Visitation is Saturday, March 4 from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright will officiate.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Feb. 19	52	29	0.00	2.8	16	N
Feb. 20	38	30	0.00	4.0	18	ESE
Feb. 21	54	34	0.05	4.9	20	SW
Feb. 22	57	35	0.00	5.3	19	SW
Feb. 23	49	33	0.00	3.4	24	NNE
Feb. 24	35	31	1.57	9.5	24	NNE
Feb. 25	36	22	0.01	4.0	32	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	1.63	1.9	0.35
February to Date	1.98	4.0	1.20
Year/Season to Date	3.28	30.8	2.96

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



Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,
Over the past half century we have seen in our public schools the abandonment of all things Christian in favor of the indoctrination of evolution, "man evolved from animals." One would think given the captive audience and young minds that they have won the day.

In fact, they have won over the minds of no more than 48 percent of the students, 52 percent students do not believe this evolutionary fairy tale. Result is home schooling, private schools etc.

On the environment, it's obvious that regardless of what man does the weather is always changing. Four seasons come each year and even

at the same time to the second.

On abortion, more and more people are rejecting the murder of babies. Notice that women who have had an abortion are never interviewed about their experience. Even the Roe vs. Wade plaintiff rejected the practice.

On the U.S. Constitution, it's said it's a living document, laws have different interpretations depending on the circumstances. The nonsense of this is that there is never stable law, ever! Absolute constitutional law is most reasonable and desirable for a stable society.

On government regulations, we don't want you in

our bathroom, in our backyard, in our kitchens, our laundry room, our light bulbs and in our school rooms, leave your politics at home. The majority of U.S. citizens want life, liberty and to pursue happiness and to be left alone.

This is why Democrats keep losing elections. They keep wanting to take care of us. Leave us alone! You aren't the only people with ideas. The people have spoken and we have President Trump and it's because of you Democrats. Jump up and down, scream, protest, and whatever. The people have spoken, the people have loosened themselves from the claws of government. Amen.

Ken Clouse

To the Editor,
Now that Donald Trump is claiming to be achieving his campaign promises, let's fact-check his progress.

Trump vowed repeatedly to protect Social Security and Medicare. Repeatedly. With the appointments of his budget director and secretary of health and human services, both programs are headed for huge overhauls. Social Security likely is headed to privatization (giving it to Wall Street and making it social insecurity) and Medicare to a voucher program, where seniors will be sent out to find their own insurance. Good luck keeping up with rising costs. Look for any Obamacare replacement to offer us

similar options. Is this what you heard Trump promise to do?

Trump promised to lower outrageous and criminal drug prices. This promise caved after one brief meeting with big pharma who convinced him that the free market could handle things. What will this cost you?

Trump would build a wall and make Mexico pay for it, plus keep us safe by keeping bad guys out. He can build the wall, but we now know it will be built with taxpayers dollars. We will directly pay for it or spend much more money for products from Mexico. Will he keep us safe by keeping foreigners out?

That pesky Constitution

Glennie got in the way of a poorly conceived and terrible rolled out Muslim ban. Should we talk about how much ISIS love this great recruiting tool, one that showed how racist Americans would be against all Muslims? A big-hearted Trump also said he was only going after bad criminals with his illegal immigrant sweeps. Now he is breaking up families and separating mothers from their children. Is this what you want him to do?

Drain the swamp? Bring us more jobs? Tax cuts for the working guy? Didn't, not really, more trickle down. Fool me once.

Tom Venney
Greenbush

To the Editor,
I apologize and am embarrassed for my former employer; the U.S. Postal Service. There's no way the postal service I worked for would tolerate deliberate delay and mishandling of mail as the Greenbush writer describes.

Any employee worth their salt, sorting P.O. box mail for any length of time, knows the names and recognizes the physical addresses of their P.O. box customers. It's an acquired skill. Making every effort to deliver a piece of mail with an incorrect address is paramount to providing service; the USPS's only product.

An employee may justify their action with some obscure postal regulation. Was a rubber stamp notice used for customers to advise senders of their correct mailing address? An example of poor service reportedly occurred in an area P.O. during the holidays. A customer's P.O. box mail accumulated while away for a period of time. Probably bundled, and held, with a notice of held mail in the customer's P.O. box. In-

stead it disappeared, bills, everything and no notice. Mistakenly mixed into the outgoing mail stream, or more likely in a tray or bottom of an empty pouch somewhere.

There's an 800 number for legitimate complaints. Don't hesitate to utilize the good offices of your members of Congress. There's no excuse for this lack of fundamental service, only reasons like instructions from an upper layer of postal management.

The writer correctly identifies reduction of P.O. retail service hours in rural communities. Dramatic increases of complaints of delayed mail due to USPS's ill-conceived consolidation of mail processing facilities (i.e. Saginaw and Flint to Pontiac Metroplex) resulted in reduced service standards.

The four postal unions have called for restoration of service standards in place July, 2012; responding to egregious delays in delivery of mail. Forget where I retired from.

Al LaBrecque
Spruce

MEETING NOTICE
Caledonia Budget Hearing will be held at the Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, MI at 7 p.m. on March 8.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing, winter coats and boots will be available for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettes available for the soon to be born.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold their monthly meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Cannon in Alpena. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. Call (989) 356-3549 or (989) 727-4080 for details.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30

to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
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 3
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.

Coloring for Adults will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

An open house will be for artist-in-residence Sierra Atkinson held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. This is a free event and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
Sign-up for Alcona Youth

Baseball and Softball 2017 season will be held at the Alcona High School lobby from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Josh Pagels at (989) 471-5083 for more information.

MONDAY, MARCH 6
The planning committee for Mikado Days will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Mikado Days will be held on July 8. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, volunteering, providing an entertainment or service or to offer new ideas is welcome to attend. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

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

Get Crafty for Adults will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for March is pastels with Carol Preuss and Kathryn Cubalo. There is a \$5 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
Play euchre at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
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.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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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.

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Local Notes

Color Craze for Adults

Adults are invited to attend Color Craze on Friday, March 3 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. Participants should bring a bag lunch (optional). Dessert and beverages are provided. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils and markers will be provided. This free, adults only class meets the first Friday of every month. For more information call (989) 724-6796.

Severe Weather Program

The Alcona County Emergency Management Office and Amateur Radio Group are sponsoring a free Skywarn Training Severe Weather Program presented by the National Weather Service of Gaylord on Thursday, March 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the public - no registration required. The program will be held at the Alcona County EMS/EOC building located at 2600 East M-72, six miles west of US-23 on the south side of the road.

Attendees will have a chance to win a free all hazards alert weather radio. Free refreshments will be provided. For additional information contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550.

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 6—Turkey and cheese sandwich, homemade potato soup, baby carrots and dip, and tropical fruit.
- Tuesday, March 7—Hawaiian pork over brown rice, peas, and mandarin oranges.
- Wednesday, March 8—Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, corn, orange pineapple fluff, and pears.
- Thursday, March 9—Barbecued chicken, baked beans, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, and peaches.
- Friday, March 10—Pork tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, and applesauce.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

In the service

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Janae J. Rudowski graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. She completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Rudowski is the daughter of Corrie L. Abbott of Rose City, Mich., and Gary L. Mader Jr. of Curtisville, Mich. She is also the wife of Jacob R. Rudowski. She graduated in 2016 from Ogemaw Heights High School, Rose City, Mich.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.



Janae J. Rudowski

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sonal interests.

To become a host family or to find out how to become involved with ASSE, contact Charles Beaubien at (989) 464-1344 or by email at cjbeaubien@gmail.com to learn more about becoming a host family.

On Stage

The Shoreline Players present the comedy, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" as its winter production which begins this weekend.

Fed up with the pressures and demands of her acting career, the famous Myra Marlowe leases a house in the tiny New England hamlet of Beaver Haven and settles down to write her autobiography. She is successful in turning aside the offers pressed on her by her long-time agent, but dealing with her nosy neighbors is a different matter.

Cast in the comedy are Renee Diener as Myra Marlowe, J.D. Hock plays her agent Ton Lamont. Myra's quirky new neighbors are played by Jackie Temple as Cora Gump, Diane Teddy as Reba Harper, and Linda Hock as Willa Mae Wilcox. Tim Curtis plays Piney, the local handyman, and Mark Lee tries to help sort out fact from fiction as the local sheriff.

The show is directed by Eric Joseph working with assistant director Jackie Temple. Heather Tait is stage manager and Anton Orso will lead the technical crew. Sue Miller is producing with assistant producers Chelsea Miller and Crystal Peters.

The play will open Saturday, March 4 at the Shoreline Players Theater and continues March 5, 10, 11 and 12.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the box office before each performance. General admission tickets will be available in advance at Gilbert's Drug Store.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" has adult humor and themes. The Shoreline Players Theater is located on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, next to the Robert Parks Library. For more information on this production or upcoming events go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

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By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

After falling way behind in its road game at Tawas last Friday night, the Alcona varsity boys basketball team didn't panic. Instead, the Tigers rallied from the 13 point halftime hole and pulled off a 58-55 non conference comeback win.

"We just had a good conversation at halftime and made a few adjustments," said head coach Toby Suttle. "In the second half, I thought our pressure gave them a few problems and they couldn't handle us on the glass. We didn't want to make being sick or not having school that day an excuse, we just felt all we had to do was to go out and play and get the job done. They responded and came out of the half with some real energy."

The Tigers not only had to overcome a red-hot Tawas team, but also a school-wide sickness that had impacted several players on the team as well.

"We have had a rough, rough two or three weeks with sickness," Suttle said. "We've had our school shut down and I've had six guys at practice sometimes and up to four starters not practicing at one time. It's been tough and the guys are still sick but they just didn't want to miss the Tawas game."

Alcona came out sluggish early on, allowing the Braves to rack up a 16-7 lead after the first quarter and a 30-17 lead at the half.

"We were under the weather and just looked like zombies out there," Suttle said. "We missed a ton of shots, we didn't box out, we didn't execute and we just had some mental lapses. They just didn't show up to play at all in the first half for a million reasons."

The second half didn't start off particularly well either, as a trio of Tawas threes gave it 33-18, 36-23 and 39-25 leads.

From there the Tigers started clicking. Devon Mills and Alex Stephenson hit back-to-back threes to trim the gap to 39-31 and a put-back by Damian Stewart closed it to within 41-38. Stephenson added a single free throw late in the frame to make it 41-39 after three.

Stephenson started the fourth quarter with a trey from the left side of the court to lift the Tigers to a 42-41 lead and though Tawas knotted it back up at 42-apiece on a free throw, the Tigers streaked to a 50-42 lead from there and never looked back.

"This win is special," Suttle said. "It's special because the kids lost to Tawas in football, they lost to them in soccer and they lost to them the first go-around in basketball this year. It was good to get the monkey off their back and to beat them. There was some kind of mental hurdle that they got over there with that win which was great."

Leading the way in the win was Antavius Mikazes and Stephenson with 15 points apiece. Mills finished with 12 points. Stewart netted seven, and Jordan Steiner, Luke



Alcona's Alex Stephenson (24) flies in for two points during Friday's win at Tawas Area. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Loyer and Conner McCoy had three points each.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 the Tigers picked up a North Star League Big Dipper win at Rogers City, 53-51.

"They beat us by 24 with our full squad earlier this year and this time we showed up without three starters and played just six guys," Suttle said. "If you look at it on paper it was a recipe for a running clock but with it turning out the other way around is really special."

Mills and Stephenson hit first quarter threes as the Tigers led 16-11 after the first quarter and they held on to a 30-24 lead at the half.

Alcona held the Hurons to just seven points in the third quarter allowing it to pull ahead 42-31 and led by as much as 16 before a wild finish allowed Rogers City back in the game.

"We were up by 16 early in the fourth but they ended up hitting six threes and we made five-of-21 free throws in the quarter to make things interesting," Suttle said. "It was just hanging on for dear life."

Leading the way in the win was Stephenson, who was playing his first career game at point guard and had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Mills added 15 points, Mikazes added 11 points, Matt Krisan netted five and Loyer had two.

Alcona is 11-7 overall and 9-5 in the North Star League. The Tigers were at Hillman on Tuesday and hosts Ogemaw Heights on Thursday, March 2 to finish up the regular season. The Tigers begin Class C district play in Oscoda against the hosting Owls on Wednesday, March 8.

Eller qualifies for state competition

The Alcona varsity girls bowling team traveled to Oscoda on February 18 to compete in the Huron Shores Conference Singles Tournament, with 43 ladies competing for top honors.

Finishing in the top 10 for Alcona was Eller in sixth place; Katherine Edwards in 11th place; Emily Hoffman in 18th place; Courtney Jones in 31st place; Taylor Murry in 34th place; and Melayne Odell in 35th place.

As a result of her standing, Raegen Eller was named to the All Conference B Team.

On February 24 the Lady Tigers traveled to Gaylord, Mich. to compete in the Division 4 Regional Qualifiers. The team event consisted of three sets of Baker games (six in total) and three team games.

The Lady Tigers made a strong showing but fell short from qualifying. Out of 11 teams competing, the Tigers ended up in fourth place with a total pin count of 2854. The top three teams continue to state competition.

In the singles portion of the Qualifiers, which consists



Raegen Eller

of six games, Alcona again had a strong showing. With 73 ladies competing and only the top 10 continuing on to state, Alcona's own Eller finished in fifth place with a total pin count of 1,024 and will be traveling on March 4 to Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing, Mich. Rounding out the squad for the Tigers was Edwards in 23rd place; Hoffman in 29th place; Jones in 34th place; Murray in 51st place and Odell in 52nd place.

~ Lynn Gibson, Alcona varsity girls bowling coach

2017 Board of Review Notice

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

2017 Board of Review Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Organizational Meeting

No Appeals will taken at this meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

	Real Property	Personal Property
Agriculture	50.14%	N/A
Commercial	51.30%	50%
Industrial	48.91%	50%
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Choosing the best assisted living facility

Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips can you offer for choosing a quality assisted living facility for my mom? Her health and mental abilities have declined to the point that she can't live alone anymore but isn't ready for a nursing home either.

Looking Around

Dear Looking,

If your mom needs some assistance with daily living activities like bathing or getting dressed, managing her medications, preparing meals, housekeeping, laundry or just getting around, an assisted living facility is definitely a good option to consider.

Assisted living facilities are residential communities that offer different levels of health or personal care services for seniors who want or need help with daily living.

There are around 40,000 assisted living facilities (also called board and care, supportive-care or residential-care facilities) in the U.S. to-

day, some of which are part of a retirement community or nursing home. Most facilities have between 25 and 125 suites, varying in size from a single room to a full apartment. And some even offer special memory care units for residents with dementia. Here are some steps you can take to help you choose a good facility.

- **Make a list:** There are several sources you can turn to for referrals to assisted living facilities in your area including your Area Agency on Aging (call (800) 677-1116 to get a local number), family doctors or local senior centers, or online search services like Caring.com.

- **Call your ombudsman:** This is a government official who investigates long-term care facility complaints and advocates for residents and their families. This person can help you find the latest health inspection reports on specific assisted living facilities, and can tell you which ones have had complaints or other prob-

lems. To find your local ombudsman, visit LTCombudsman.org.

- **Call the facilities:** Once you've narrowed your search, call the facilities you're interested in to find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services your mother needs.

- **Tour your top choices:** During your visit, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Also be sure to taste the food, and talk to the residents and their family members, if available. It's also a good idea to visit several times at different times of the day and different days of the week to get a broader perspective.

On your visit, get a copy of the admissions contract and the residence rules that outline the facilities fees, services, and residents' rights, and explains when a resident might be asked to leave because their condition has



Savvy Senior

worsened and they require more care than the facility can provide.

Also find out about staff screening and training procedures, and what percentage of their staff leaves each year. Less than 30 percent annually is considered good. More than 50 percent is a red flag. To help you rate your visit, Caring.com offers a checklist of questions that you can download and print at Caring.com/static/checklist-AL-tour.pdf.

- **Paying for care:** Monthly costs for assisted living ranges anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000 or more, depending on where you live, the

facility you choose and the services provided. Since Medicare does not cover assisted living, most residents pay out-of-pocket from their own personal funds, and some have long-term care insurance policies.

If your mom is lower-income and can't afford this, there are many states that now have Medicaid waiver programs that help pay for assisted living. Or, if she's a veteran, spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran, she may be able to get funds through the VA's Aid and Attendance benefit. To find out about

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cherished would be displayed for new owners to appreciate and, that funds profited by the donation would go to help shelter animals in Alcona County.

"Once our (house) project was nearly over I thought this would be a nice place to volunteer my time. It's just a fun, enjoyable place to be. It's a wonderful way to give back to the community where we live. I think this is a big asset to our community. We are fortunate. I wish I had known about it a long time ago. I just never realized something like this was inside what was once our old Alco Theatre," Kruttlin said.

Jennie Hoshal is another newcomer to the Precious Paws volunteer list. Her first day was last November. She said she was always an animal lover and grew up on a farm in Ann Arbor, Mich. "This is just a little beacon here. I was drawn to it as a shopper and just causally asked if they needed volunteers," Hoshal said.

After moving to the area from Berea, Ky. last August Hoshal was searching for a non profit in which to volunteer. She scoped the store and the cause out carefully prior to volunteering. "I'm meeting people who can tell me about other things that are happening. It's such a heartfelt place, not just the volunteers, but the customers and the people who donate. We get awesome stuff. There is a really good vibe going on here," Hoshal said.

Rik England has about a year of volunteer time in working at Precious Paws. England moved from Tucson, Ariz. to Alcona County a few years ago, after retiring. He moved to Michigan to get away from Arizona's hot temperatures.

He explained both he and his partner love animals and had rescued a dog when they lived in Arizona, so when he learned about Precious Paws Resale Shoppe, the cause

appealed to him.

England works a few hours a week at the shop and not only is he helping the animals by doing so, he is also meeting the community. "We were pretty social people in Tucson but we didn't know anybody when we moved here. It's nice to get out of the house and around people and fun things," England said.

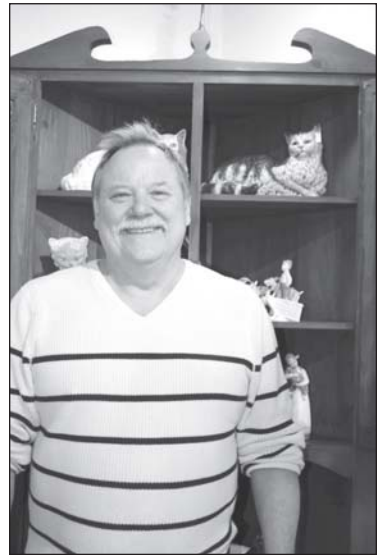
England said there was no down side to volunteering or donating to Precious Paws, as it only accepts very gently used items, "Everything is in good shape, you take them home and use them or give them as a gift. We don't accept things on the showroom floor that are chipped or broken; it's all very nice," England said.

According to Dillard, items which are donated to Precious Paws but are not in good enough condition to be sold on the showroom floor are stored and sold at one of two garage sales the Alcona Humane Society will host this year. One is during the Community Wide Garage Sale on June 17 in Harrisville and the other is during a two-day garage sale at the Alcona County Fairgrounds on September 22 and 23.

England has an interest in vintage items and he often attends the Let's Talk Auction in Fairview, Mich. His passion helps Sysak in pricing vintage items for Precious Paws. For items that England can't price readily, he looks up on eBay to see what similar items are selling for.

He explained Precious Paws typically has a large variety of collectibles and crystal glassware. The inventory has a wide price range, but they try hard to price things fairly and competitively.

According to England there is no down side to volunteering and all of the comments from customers are positive. "They like how nicely things are displayed and how everything looks. They like



Rik England has been volunteering at Precious Paws for about a year. Photo by Mary Weber.

what we offer and the quality of things we have in the store. It's a pleasant place to be with nice music played in the rooms," England said. "It's nice to browse and every week things change so even I browse around to see what I want to buy. The customers really like how their purchase is a donation for the shelter. It's a special store because it provides so much for the shelter and it's all run by volunteers."

Other volunteers who donate their time at the store are Bonnie Braden, who is the assistant manager and vice president for the humane society's board of directors; Kandy Bauer; Karen Briggs; Shelly Chamberlain; Sue Edwards; Ed Foster; Marge French; Anne Grzechowski; Karen Johnson; Mary Kitzman; Kathy Laatz; Tammy Ranger; Diane Rea; Stephanie Pepper; and Abigail Thomas.

The store is located at 410 E. Main Street in downtown Harrisville and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has Sunday hours during the summer.

For more information contact the shelter at (989) 736-7387.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of February 20-26, 2017

130 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 4 Warrant Arrests; 7 Citations Issued; 2 No Insurance; 1 Domestic; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Possession of Narcotics.

Complaint Statistics

Car Deer	8	Traffic/Traffic Stop	50
Animal Neglect	1	Medical	21
Warrant Arrest	3	Property Damage Accident	6
Personal Injury Accident	2	Assist	3
Animal/Dog	2	Fraud	4
Miscellaneous	3	Patrol Check	1
Well Being Check	3	911 Hang Up	1
Suspicious Event	4	Malicious Destr. of Property	1
Domestic	2	Burglary	1
Littering	1	Civil	1
Possession of Narcotics	1	Gun Shots	1
Alarm	3	Threats/Harassment	2
Fire	2	Larceny	2
Operate While Intoxicated	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	4	Caledonia	7	Curtis	19
Greenbush	10	Gustin	18	Harrisville	17
Hawes	7	Haynes	6	Mikado	5
Millen	6	Mitchell	12		
City of Harrisville	9	Village of Lincoln	10		

Black Lake sturgeon spearing season tradition continues in Cheboygan County

The Lake sturgeon is an ancient fish species that inhabits large river and lake systems in the Great Lakes Basin and elsewhere.

These monstrous fish can grow up to seven feet long and weigh 200 pounds, providing Michigan hook-and-line anglers trying to catch them an extraordinary thrill.

They are the largest fish native to the Great Lakes, and because of habitat loss – mostly the loss of spawning habitat by the creation of dams – and overfishing in the past, the lake sturgeon is a threatened species in Michigan. Specific regulations limit sport fishing, and no com-

port anglers out to the spearing grounds for the 8 a.m. season starting time.

“It’s bigger than it’s ever been,” said Archambo, who has been renting shanties to those who spear sturgeon virtually his entire life. “There’s more interest and enthusiasm than ever.”

Archambo said weather conditions shifted favorably, just in time for the season.

“Last week, when it warmed up, there was no way you could get a shanty out there anywhere on the lake, and it didn’t look like there would be many shanties out there,” he said. “But it froze up the last couple of days



Rick Taylor shows off the sturgeon he speared at Black Lake. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

mercial harvest is allowed.

Only at Black Lake in Cheboygan County can sport anglers use spears to harvest a sturgeon. There is a strict quota limiting total angler take and, individually, anglers can harvest only one sturgeon per season.

Across Michigan, fishing seasons for lake sturgeon can extend several months, depending on the water body, but the Black Lake season often lasts only a matter of hours.

This year’s season, which just recently concluded, was no exception.

The winter Black Lake sturgeon season opened the first Saturday in February and continued through Wednesday, Feb. 8 or until the quota is reached, whichever comes first.

For 68-year-old Gil Archambo, opening day started early.

He was up at 3 a.m., getting the dozen of shanties he rents or loans to anglers ready to go. He then helps trans-

port before the season and it worked out like a champ. Everything went real well. I

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Boys bowling team sends Hoffman to state tourney

The Alcona varsity boys bowling team competed in the regional tournament on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25 in Gaylord, Mich. Tiger bowler Cory Hoffman will be representing the school in the state competition.

The team was made up of six bowlers with five bowling at a time. The team members were Tommy Mayes, Jason Sweet, Alex Harmon, Kyle Haeger, Ethan Brandt and Cory Hoffman. They bowled team games on February 24 and individual games on the February 25.

For the team games they bowled six Baker games and three team games. Their Baker game scores were 113, 145, 125, 144, 153, and 171. For the team games they bowled 842, the tournament high single game of 909 and their last game was 787 for an overall score of 3,389. The Tigers ended up sixth overall out of 10 teams.

In the singles portion of the tournament there were a total of 75 bowlers. The bowlers each bowled six games.

- Hoffman rolled 175, 158, 167, 204, 195 and 192 for a total of 1,091. He placed 8th and qualified for the state tournament on March 4th in Lansing, Mich.

- Brandt placed 26th with scores of 180, 142, 129, 183, 165 and 176 for a total of 975.

- Haeger placed 30th with scores of 113, 129, 160, 185, 173 and 197 for a total of 957.

- Harmon placed 42nd with scores of 130, 168, 143, 150, 159 and 138 for a total of 888.

- Sweet placed 53rd with scores of 143, 104, 137, 153, 148 and 140 for a total of 825.

- Mayes placed 58th with scores of 153, 132, 110, 137, 106 and 149 for a total of 787.

~ Ronald Ellsworth, Varsity boys bowling coach

Savvy

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these programs, ask the assisted living facility director, or contact her local Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) or regional VA office (800-827-1000).

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NOTICE

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2/22 & 3/1

NOTICE

The Curtis Township Board of Trustees will hold its first budget hearing on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan. Copies of the 2017-2018 proposed budget may be picked up at the clerk’s office after Friday, March 3, 2017.

Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk
Curtis Township

NOTICE

The Lincoln Village Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2017-2018 at 6:45 p.m. on Monday March 6th, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Village Hall at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting. The regular monthly village council meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

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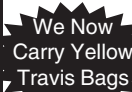
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BUDGET HEARING

The Hawes Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2017 at Barton City VFW Hall on 3/14/2017 at 6:45 p.m. ***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Barton City VFW Hall.

3/1 & 3/8

NOTICE

Harrisville Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for 2017/2018 at 6:30 p.m., March 14 at the township hall. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available after March 9th by calling (989) 724-6872.

Thomas Stone
Township Supervisor

3/1 & 3/8

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Road Commission, in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Transportation Authority and the Village of Lincoln, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Alcona County Road Commission Office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss eligible road construction and transit projects to be included on the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the expenditure of Federal Surface Transportation funds. Questions, please contact the Road Commission at (989) 736-8168.

NOTICE

Mikado Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2017 in the Mikado Civic Center Conference Room on March 13 during its regular monthly meeting starting at 7 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the clerk's office at 2268 Hamilton Road. Please call (989) 736-7721 for further information.

Rita D. Sands
Mikado Township Clerk

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don't think it could have been any better."

Sturgeon season lasted just a little longer than an hour this year, which isn't unusual in recent seasons. Given the relatively low allocation of seven fish allowed, more than 300 anglers signed up to participate, as well as good ice conditions, clear water and fish moving, Archambo said he figured it might not even last that long.

There were 332 registered anglers on the ice, up from 261 in 2016. Angler registration since 2010 has ranged from 197 to 332. Most anglers preregistered Friday, Feb. 3, allowing for a more streamlined process.

Fishing for sturgeon on Black Lake has become a must-attend event. Not only do hundreds participate, but thousands more show up to watch, and to celebrate the mysterious fish that have lived in Black Lake since dams trapped these Great Lakes denizens inland decades ago.

"This is the sturgeon population we feel the most confident in," said Dave Borgeson, Michigan Department of Natural Resources unit manager for the Northern Lake Huron Management Unit. "It's become one of the most-studied sturgeon populations in the world. We've expended a lot of effort to figure what's going on here, and we're on what we think is a path to recovery."

Not many years ago, Michigan fisheries biologists considered the Black Lake sturgeon population imperiled. Long-lived fish that take decades to reach sexual maturity and don't spawn every year, Black Lake sturgeon were not reproducing as quickly as they were being harvested.

A 1997 survey indicated the population had shrunk to just over 500 adults from a population once estimated at 1,600. It caused the DNR to



DNR sturgeon researcher Ed Baker reads the weight, as DNR fisheries biologist Tim Cwalinski hoists a sturgeon on the scale.

ponder closing the lake to spearing.

But the area residents, who consider sturgeon spearing an integral part of the local culture, dedicated themselves to preserving this population of primitive fish. They formed Sturgeon For Tomorrow, a nonprofit organization dedicated to patrolling the Black River where the big fish spawn in the spring, to guard spawning sturgeon from poachers.

In addition, the DNR partnered with others - including Michigan State University and Tower Kleber LP (owner of the Black River dam) - to build a hatchery facility to give the sturgeon population a helping hand. The results have been dramatic.

"Our current estimate after last spring's run was 1,113 adults, basically double," Borgeson said. "Every year we're learning at that facility. We've learned that if we stock them at six inches or greater, we get really good survival of fish. We've even reduced our

stocking rate because the survival rate of stocked fish is higher than originally thought.

"We're not seeing huge increases in adults yet, but what's different now is we've got lots of year classes of younger fish represented. The age distribution is representative of a healthy population. Our ultimate goal is to get a naturally reproducing population."

The DNR uses a model that takes into account harvest from a given year and population data to produce a harvest quota for the following year.

Based on the makeup of the population, fisheries managers figured anglers could harvest 14 fish this winter - roughly 1.2 percent of the adult population - a quota divided evenly between state-licensed anglers and tribal fishermen.

The DNR has experimented with how to allocate the quota

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lic 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.

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

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 10
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 11
Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across

from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 13
Play pinochle at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Everyone is welcome. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
Play euchre at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

There will be an author event featuring Lisa Wheeler at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Wheeler's book "Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum" is the Michigan Reads selection for 2017. For more information about this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

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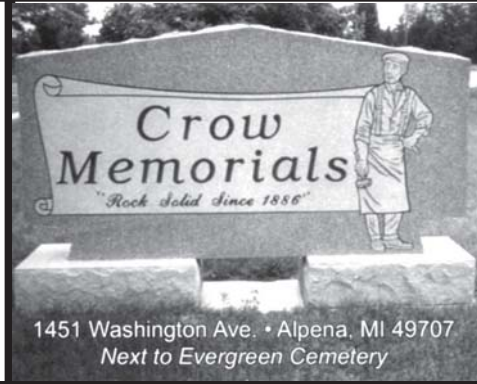
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over the years and, in recent seasons, has allowed unlimited access.

"We've been able to monitor the fishery closely enough that we can shut it down," Borgeson said. "So whoever wants to come to fish for sturgeon can register and come out - knowing that it could be a very short season."

This year, things started quickly.

At 8:10 a.m., Brett Trepanier of Onaway, Mich. saw a fish swim into his hole, on the bottom in 14 feet of water, then stop.

"I had to walk to the other side of the hole to spear it," the 35-year-old auto body shop owner said. "I hit it and I thought it was going to break the spear - you could hear it cracking. It got all tangled up in the decoy line and the spear rope. I couldn't even get out of my shanty."

As soon as he could,



A view of top and bottom of young lake sturgeon.

Trepanier notified fisheries officials and brought the 78.3-pound behemoth into the headquarters.

Minutes later, 34-year-old Scott Ash, a ranch caretaker from Onaway, Mich., speared a 72-pound, 67-inch sturgeon just a few yards away from Trepanier. It was Ash's

second sturgeon; he speared one in 2014. "It came in on the bottom, in 16 feet of water," Ash said. When he speared the fish and it didn't fight at all.

That's quite a contrast to Rick Taylor's experience. The 38-year-old carpenter from Fostoria had to struggle to

get his fish off the bottom. "I looked down the hole, saw it, threw the spear and got it in the tail," he said. "I told my buddy to go get the other spear and he got it in the head and we hauled it out." Taylor's buddy, 40-year-old Dave Osborn, said, "I'm just happy to be a part of it."

Benjamin Archambo, Gil's nephew, speared a small (14.9 pounds) male in short order, maybe 50 yards from Taylor. It was the fourth fish he'd seen that morning.

At 9:05 a.m., with a sixth fish reported, the DNR began notifying anglers that the season was closed, but two more fish were on the ice within the next two minutes before everyone could be notified.

That put the state anglers one over the quota. While Borgeson said this is not a desired outcome, there is an agreed-upon system in place to address the situation.

Cole Hudson, a 13-year-old seventh-grader from Bishop Baraga School in Cheboygan, Mich. was the last to check in with a 33-pound, 55-incher. He had been fishing with his father. It was a far cry from the state record, which was 193 pounds, 87 inches, taken from Mullet Lake in 1974. However, Hudson said this fish is one he'll remember for a long, long time.

DNR fisheries biologists said six female and two male lake sturgeon were harvested this year at Black Lake. The females ranged in length from 55 inches to 67 inches and 33 pounds to 79 pounds. The two males were 46 inches and 59 inches and weighed 14 pounds and 42 pounds, respectively.

Six of the eight fish had some sort of identifiable tag from previous years, providing the DNR with valuable information regarding spawning regularity and fish growth.

An example of this is one fish caught by the DNR in 2001, when it measured 61 inches long. It was speared this year and measured 62.5 inches, illustrating just how slowly sturgeon grow, especially once they get big.

To further illustrate that point, one sturgeon was captured and tagged initially in May 2006 at 66 inches. It was harvested this month measuring 66.7 inches. Another fish was tagged in May 2001 measuring 62 inches, and measured 67 inches this month. Still another sturgeon was tagged in May 2009 at 64.5 inches, and harvested this month at 65.5 inches.

The DNR continues to provide an open fishery for lake sturgeon while still recovering the species in the Black Lake watershed. The state's current harvest rate of 1.2 percent of the population is a safeguard against overharvest.

This is a rate that has been agreed on in the past with tribal governments. In addition, annual stocking and protection of adults in the river during spawning help to keep building the population.

Rehabilitation of lake sturgeon in the Cheboygan River watershed is a cooperative effort involving the DNR, the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon For Tomorrow, Michigan State University, Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

A Black Lake Sturgeon Rehabilitation Plan was recently approved, having been crafted by the DNR and representatives of the five tribes. For more information on the history of Michigan's lake sturgeon and fishing for sturgeon in the state, visit www.michigan.gov/sturgeon.

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Hampton took a hand

March 3, 1892 ~ State Game Warden Chas. S. Hampton keeps his ear so close to the ground that a violation of any of the provi-

Somewhat Personal

March 3, 1892 ~ Capt. Henderson and daughter have been visiting Alpena friends.

-X-

Nelson Mercier, one of the substantial citizens of the Limerick settlement was in town Monday.

-X-

We learn that Phillip O. Partridge and wife, of Mikado, are ministering to the wants and comfort of a daughter, born Feb. 21.

-X-

Sam Winkleman took his departure Monday for St. Ignace, where he will join his brother Louis in the mercantile business.

-X-

Town Treasurer John Bowser of Curtis made his settlement with the county treasurer Tuesday. He returns about \$1,600 unpaid; a less amount than usual.

-X-

Jno. McCanna of Manistique, formerly of Harrisville, has been unfortunate enough to slip on the ice and break his leg. He is a brother of Mrs. Geo. W. La Chapelle and is well known here.

-X-

That good and patriotic son of Ireland, Patrick McGrath. Celebrated his seventieth birthday Tuesday, March 1st, in the full enjoyment of bodily and mental vigor. May his shadow never grow loss.

-X-

State Game Warden Hampton, who by the way is one of the brightest members of the newspaper fraternity in the two peninsulas, pulled the latch string of our sanctum Monday morning and favored us with a brief but pleasant call.

He sings tenor in the Presbyterian church choir. In fact he will sing tenor on the slightest provocation. Bless you! We don't hold any ill feeling to him for it; it's his weakness. He can't help it. He likes to sing and the worst of it is, he has a good voice. He stands over six feet high in his German socks, and he used to be taller before he got bald headed. He is a lawyer by profession and one of the best in the city and in the front ranks of his profession in the state.

-X-

His name is W. E. Depew, and his office is in the National Bank block. He made a speech in the German Aid society hall the other night and people wore their gloves out applauding it. You can always find his name in the court calendar and he "tallies one" as often as any lawyer in this neck of the forest.—*Alpena Journal*.

And Edwin Baldwin of Mitchell Was Promptly Turned Down for Killing Deer Out of Season

sions of the game law, no matter how remote may be the location of the same, seems to come under the ken of his eagle eye by the instantaneous process and condign punishment is forthwith visited upon the head of the unsuspecting offender. At least so it must seem to Edwin Baldwin, a resident of Mitchell township in the extreme western portion of this county. Warden Hampton made a sudden descent on Mitchell last week, secured positive evidence, coupled with a personal confession from the culprit, to the effect that the latter had killed and sold at least one red coat out of season at Mulvaney's camp. Warden Hampton arrived in town Monday morning where he had been preceded by his man. The latter was arraigned before Justice Beede, found guilty and fined \$50 and costs. He was given 15 days to pay this amount and in default of payment he will pass thirty days in the society of the sheriff.

Warden Hampton is endeavoring to enforce the game law with a vigor unheard of since the strong arm of the law was extended to protect the game preserves of Michigan. He has been here, there and every where since he came into office, and every offender, without respect to previous condition, or present circumstances, is treated to a double distilled decoction of retributive justice in all cases where sufficient evidence could be secured to convict. His system of espionage seems to be as nearly perfect as it can well become: remote districts and populous districts are reached alike and like lightning he strikes when least expected.

68th ANNUAL MEETING ~ DINNER DANCE

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March 1, 2017

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
 Rain/Snow
 High: 39 Low: 17

THURSDAY
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 28 Low: 15

FRIDAY
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 26 Low: 16

SATURDAY
 Mostly Cloudy
 High: 37 Low: 30

SUNDAY
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 44 Low: 35

MONDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 46 Low: 34

TUESDAY
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 42 Low: 28

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 90% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 39°, humidity of 69%. North wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 48° set in 1983. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of snow, overnight low of 17°. The record low for tonight is -23° set in 1962.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	39	26	29/10	0.00"
Tuesday	60	30	29/11	0.05"
Wednesday	61	34	30/11	0.00"
Thursday	49	32	30/11	0.01"
Friday	34	30	30/12	1.74"
Saturday	34	21	31/12	0.02"
Sunday	36	21	31/12	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

		Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 3/5		Wednesday	7:08 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	8:57 a.m.	10:06 p.m.	Last 3/20
		Thursday	7:06 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	9:31 a.m.	11:17 p.m.	
		Friday	7:04 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	10:08 a.m.	Next Day	
		Saturday	7:03 a.m.	6:26 p.m.	10:49 a.m.	12:28 a.m.	
		Sunday	7:01 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	11:35 a.m.	1:36 a.m.	
Full 3/12		Monday	6:59 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	12:28 p.m.	2:40 a.m.	New 3/27
		Tuesday	6:57 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	1:26 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	

Local UV Index

0-234567891011+

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 showers and thunderstorms today, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 77° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 88° in Winter Haven, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 52° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Thermal, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:12 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
Venus	7:45 a.m.	n/a
Mars	8:43 a.m.	10:04 p.m.
Jupiter	9:43 p.m.	8:54 a.m.
Saturn	3:13 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Uranus	8:42 a.m.	9:51 p.m.

Weather History

March 1, 1910 - The deadliest avalanche of record in the United States thundered down the mountains near Wellington Station, Wash. It swept three huge locomotive train engines and some passenger cars over the side and into a canyon, claiming the lives of more than 100 people.

Weather Trivia

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How was the ozone hole discovered?

Answer: The hole was first discovered by the Nimbus 7 polar orbiting satellite.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Eclipse Dreaming

On August 21 the US will be treated to a total solar eclipse where the moon's shadow will sweep from coast to coast. Last summer, my friend, Pete Detterline, and I traveled along the path of totality from central Nebraska to central Idaho and picked about a half-dozen excellent sites where we could view the event. Our main focus became Guemsey State Park in eastern Wyoming where statistically we have a 95 percent chance of successfully viewing the event under favorable conditions. I've been waiting for this eclipse for decades. The telescope that I will be using is set up in my study so that I can analyze all of the possibilities of capturing the 2 minutes and 13 seconds that I will be immersed within the moon's shadow. I recently dreamed about this eclipse and would like to share some of its more sobering moments. Although Guemsey is completely open with a perfect sky, in my dream when I wake up on eclipse morning, there are trees everywhere, and they are growing rapidly. I calculate the arc of the sun and discover a spot which will be open during totality; but I have two hours before the eclipse begins and plenty of time to disassemble and reassemble my equipment right down to the last nut and screw to make certain that all is set for the big event. While I'm reassembling, a tree starts growing right in front of me, so I take the scope and all of the disassembled bits and pieces to a new location. I continue my reassembly efforts, but when I think the telescope and mount are fully together, I have a small cadre of brass nuts, bolts, and a couple of springs in my assembly tray. Heavens, where do they go? I hastily search and find the places where the missing pieces should be attached, but now racing towards the sun are high clouds coming in from the east. It is hopeless, looking down at my shirtless body, and realizing that I look surprisingly a lot like Tarzan. A school bus pulls up and out prance 27 women that look a great deal like Jane. "Me Tarzan, you Jane(s)," I speak. The heck with seeing this eclipse... I wake up. No eclipse! No girls! Another astronomical nightmare...! www.astronomy.org

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

Special resources for women vets

Women veterans, mark your calendars for April 21-22, when the 2017 National Women Veterans Summit is held in Dallas.

Women make up 10 percent of all veterans, and that number is expected to rise to 15 percent. The summit will focus on what women veterans need and will offer information, training and guidance in exploring resources both in the Department of Veterans Affairs and out in the community. It will bring together those in public-sector agencies, private government, nonprofits, corporations, researchers ... and of course, women veterans. They'll be panels, open forums, lectures and more.

Read about the event at www.va.gov/womenvet. Keep an eye on the site, as the exact location has not been confirmed as of this writing. Registration will be posted on the site.

While you're on the website, The Center for Women Veterans has a full list of resources and programs. Check out the Veteran Artist Program, which includes collaboration and mentorships in visual art, performing arts, film and video, and interactive media. Look at MusiCorp, a conservatory-level music rehab program, and Operation Encore, showcasing the singer-songwriter talents of veterans and military members. If there's nothing near you, click on Americans for the Arts for a state-by-state directory of art opportunities.

Did you know there's a call center just for women veterans? See www.womenshealth.va.gov. The WVCC staff is specially trained to help women veterans. You can either call them Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET, or click the Chat button on the right side of the screen. The trained staff members are women as well, and so far, they've helped 33,000 veterans.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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LEGAL NOTICE

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Fred H. Hartman and Jennie P. Hartman, whose address is believed to be 2278 Jacob Road, P.O. Box 158, Mikado, Mich. 48745 to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The mortgage is dated February 13, 1987 and recorded February 13, 1987 in the Alcona County Register of Deeds at Liber 207, pages 906-909 and in which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of January 30, 2017 the sum of twenty-five thousand six hundred seventy-three & 22/100 (\$25,673.22) dollars including interest at nine percent per annum. Interest is \$1.94 per day.

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

Said premises are situated in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan and are described as follows: The southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW-1/4) of Section 3, T25N, R7E.

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

Note: Pursuant to MCL §600.3278, if the above-described property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.


Dated: February 13, 2017.
David L. Porteous
Attorney for Mortgagee
McCurdy, Wotila & Porteous, P.C.
123 West Upton Avenue,
P.O. Box 206
Reed City, Mich. 49677
Telephone: (231) 832-3231
2-15, 2-22, 3-1, 3-8

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200 N. 8th in Harrisville has 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available. Rent based on income. HUD subsidy for most units. Minimum rent without subsidy is \$403 and \$436. Applications at mgr. apt. #26 or call 1-800-225-7982. Inside mail delivery, laundry room in each hallway, play area for children. Barrier Free units in building. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal Housing Opportunity. This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and  employer. TDD #7-1-1.

Two bedroom apartment, Harrisville, \$595 includes utilities. Call (989) 370-8361.

Two bedroom, one block from downtown Harrisville, all utilities included, on-site laundry, no stairs. No pets allowed. (989) 362-4400.

WANTED

Wanted - house, condo or apartment to rent or house sitting arrangements, July and August. Two non-smoking adults, no pets. Local references available. Call (989) 724-5241.

HELP WANTED

A retail manager position for Sturgeon Point Lighthouse gift shop has opened. This is a part time/seasonal position with pay commensurate with experience. Send a resume and letter of interest to P.O. Box 174, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or e-mail Iklemens@gmail.com.

Janitorial company has part time position openings. Two in Oscoda, three in Lincoln, one in Harrisville. Send resume to LCT, P.O. Box 465, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs and cooks. Apply at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

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.

Home health care agency seeking dependable home health aides in Oscoda, Greenbush, Harrisville and surrounding areas. Hours vary and are flexible. Please apply by faxing resume to (989) 354-0442; in person at 1223 South State Street, Alpena; or online at CompassionateCareMi.com.

BINGO

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

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

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BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, minimum five acres. Cole Forest Products (989) 736-8928.

ALCONA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held February 22 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the February 8 meeting; approve payment of current accounts for \$66,786.38; accept bids for materials; approve an agreement with the USFS for maintenance of roads. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Upon approval, complete minutes are available at alconacr.com, by request via email at roads@alconacr.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 8 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

Classified ad Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

CryptoQuip answer

Old TV series about a family hopelessly trapped among flavor-enhancing substances: "Lost in Spice."

Super Crossword

Answers

APRIL	GNU	ABYSS	HEAPS
COUNTS	OUT	DRUOL	ALLOW
REBECCAS	ABLANCA	VIOLLA	
OMY	OAT	EAT	INTO
HIT			
POLLER	ERG	STAGE	COACH
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Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• Use coffee filters to separate snacks in a dish, or to separate plates in a stack, particularly ones with gold paint or a raised pattern.

• "I did some spontaneous cleaning in my favorite black tank top. I ended up with a couple of small but noticeable bleach stains on the front. My mother broke out a black Sharpie and colored the spots in. They are completely

unnoticeable now. Thank goodness for moms, right?" ~ E.I. in South Carolina

• "For pin holes in the wall, many people know the old renters trick to use white toothpaste to fill. Did you know that you also can use toothpaste to level slight dents? Apply toothpaste to the wall, filling the dent. Scrape a spatula or flat plastic card over the dent to re-

move any excess paste, leaving a flat spot. Wait for it to dry, and reapply if needed. This only works for small dents, like, say, the one left behind by a doorknob (oops!). ~ M.W. in Washington

• To make your own freezer gel packs, simply mix one part rubbing alcohol to two parts water. Use a freezer-safe plastic bag, add the mix-

ture and close, being careful to release all the air from the bag. Take that bag and put it in another freezer-safe bag, and seal (in case the first bag leaks). Freeze and enjoy. You could use it for a lunch bag, or slip inside a small sock to ice boo-boos.

• It's spring-cleaning and summer insulation time! Forty-four percent of home energy dollars are spent on

heating and cooling costs. Check for leaks in windows, doors and the chimney. But don't forget outlets, plumbing fixtures, power boxes and the attic. If you felt it over the winter, you'll likely feel it in the heat of summer, too. Prepare now.

Send your tips to *Now Here's a Tip*, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

2017 PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW HAYNES TOWNSHIP

3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742

Public Protests will be heard at the Haynes Township Hall
Monday, March 13th from 9:am to 5:pm
And Tuesday, March 14th from 5:pm to 9:pm

An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7th at 6pm to allow the Board of Review members to examine the assessment roll. Protests may be filed in writing & but must be received by March 13th, 2017. The Board may meet additional days as needed to conclude all business.

Appearing below are the recommended Tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	51.19	.97675
COMMERCIAL	42.18	1.18539
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	50.47	.99069
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

Becky Schroeder, Haynes Township Assessor
1871 Lakeshore Dr., Harrisville, MI 48740

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 day notice. Contact the assessor at 989/724-5676 2/22 thru 3/8

2017 Board of Review Notice Mitchell Township

6849 W Tower Road, Curran, MI 48728

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2017 will be held
at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the
following dates:

March 13, 2017 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
March 15, 2017 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	49.84	1.00000
Residential	49.90	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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2017 Board of Review Notice Millen Township

Barton City FOE 4141, 671 N Sanborn Road
Barton City, MI 48705

The Millen Township Board of Review for 2017 will be held at the
Barton City FOE, 671 N Sanborn Road on the following dates:
March 14, 2017 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
March 18, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.99	1.00000
Residential	49.96	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor James Burger at 989-736-3401. 2/22 thru 3/8

2017 Board of Review Notice Hawes Township

VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road
Barton City, MI 48705

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2017 will be held at
the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:
March 13, 2017 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

March 17, 2017 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.99	1.00000
Industrial	49.37	1.00000
Residential	49.98	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460. 2/22 thru 3/8

2017 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE Harrisville Township

114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville, MI 48740

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2017 will be
held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road
on the following dates:

March 14, 2017 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 16, 2017 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.90	1.00000
Industrial	49.93	1.00000
Residential	49.99	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Tom Stone at 989-724-6872. 2/22 thru 3/8

2017 Board of Review Notice CITY OF HARRISVILLE

City clerk's office, 200 Fifth Street, Harrisville, MI 48740

The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2017 will be held at
the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:

March 14, 2017 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

March 16, 2017 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	49.66	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Barbara Pierce at City Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. daily at 989-724-6666. 2/22 thru 3/8

2017 Board of Review Notice ALCONA TOWNSHIP

5576 N. US-23, Black River, MI 48721

Tuesday March 7th organizational meeting 4:30
Monday 13th 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. and
Tuesday 14th 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

all at Alcona Township Hall 5576 N U.S 23 Black River

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agriculture	50.18 %	.9964
Commercial	55.25%	.9045
Industrial	49.02%	1.0195
Residential	47.70%	1.0482

Contact: Sarah Gohl Assessor (989)464-5557

2017 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING TOWNSHIP OF CURTIS PUBLIC NOTICE

Curtis Township Hall 4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2017 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be reviewed at the organizational meeting. Nonresidents may protest to Board of Review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. Letters must be received by March 15, 2017. Appearing below are the tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the Alcona County Equalization Department.

	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agricultural	50.79	0.98445
Commiceral	52.57	0.95111
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.27	.99463
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice the township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Tammy Fall, Assessor at 989-735-2122.

2017 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Rd., Spruce, MI

Monday, March 13, 2017 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be reviewed at the organizational meeting. Nonresidents may protest to Board of Review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. Letters must be received by March 13, 2017. Appearing below are the tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the Alcona County Equalization Department.

	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agricultural	49.79	1.00422
Commiceral	49.91	1.00180
Industrial	49.72	1.00563
Residential	50.57	.98873
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice the township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Tammy Fall, Assessor at 989-735-2122.

**Classified ad Deadline
is Monday at 5 p.m.**

