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# Harrisville man fails to appear in court, skips on bond

### **By Cheryl Peterson** Editor

Local law enforcement authorities are looking for a Harrisville man who failed to appear for several court dates and has skipped on his bond. He is considered a wanted fugitive.

Four bench warrants have been issued for John. C. Tesmer, 49, who did not appear for two court appearances in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court on October 10 and two court appearances on October 11 in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court.

Tesmer, who has had prior felony offences in Alcona and Iosco counties since 1999, pleaded guilty on August 8 to four felony counts in two different cases in 23rd Circuit Court. The first case happened on January 7. The two felony counts are assault to do harm less than murder and assault with a weapon. The second case which, according to court records, happened between January 26 and March 4, included two felony counts for forgery and obtain, possess, transfer with intent to commit identity theft.

He was to appear on October 10 to be sentenced in both cases. He was also scheduled to appear in 81st District Court on October 11 for two preliminary examination hearings for two cases in which he was charged with larceny in a building and receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$1.000 but less than \$20,000. He was out on bond while waiting to appear in tether." court for all four cases.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Tesmer was wearing a tether which is a GPS system used to monitor his location. He was also ordered to physically report to the sheriff's department each morning. "On October 9 at 11:58 a.m. the tether/GPS system showed a location south of Standish, Mich.," said Sgt. Jim McGuire. "This was the last location reported by the

McGuire explained that during the investigation into Tesmer's disappearance, it was determined that he had purchased a motorhome shortly before October 10." He is believed to be with his wife, Sherry Tesmer.

'The search for Tesmer continues," McGuire said. Anyone with information about Tesmer's location is asked to contact the Alcona **County Sheriff's Department** at (989) 724-6271.



John C. Tesmer is considered a fugitive by local law enforcement authorities for failure to appear in court. Photo courtesy of Alcona County Jail.

# Alcona hosts Hillman for district title Friday

#### **By Ben Murphy** Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity football team took care of business on its home field Friday night in its 28-12 playoff opening win over Johannesburg-Lewiston. Thanks to an upset win for Hillman in its' playoff game with AuGres, the Tigers will have a chance to win the program's first ever district championship at home on Friday night.

"I think having this game at home will be very exciting for both the players and the community," Jason Somers, head coach, said of the division eight district championship game. "We played in this game last year in Frankfort and played well."

Alcona (8-2) played Hillman (6-4) back in week two of the season. when it claimed a rain-soaked 28-8 victory. Since that contest though, Hillman has been one of the hottest teams in the area, including last weeks' stunning 15-6 win over AuGres. 'It helps in the fact that we have some film to review. However, as you know teams get better and adapt as the season goes on," Somers said. "My job is to make sure we are prepared to play Friday. As always execute, limit penalties and turnovers and lastly play to stay alive (are the keys to the game)." The Tigers, who are in their last season of 11-man football, started the season 0-3, but aside from a 42-41 loss to Whittemore-Prescott in week, have been on a roll, winning six of its last seven games, including last week.

"The team really started coming together the second half of the season," said Bill Koenig, Hillman head coach. "We were trying a few things at the beginning of the year but we just went back to what we usually do and what we were good at. Our defense has played better throughout the year but we haven't played anybody since Alcona that has the size that they have.

"We are coming in with a lot of respect for Alcona, they had a good run in the playoffs last year and have just about everyone back besides Brock Franklin. They're still really good and we know that going in but we will see what happens," Koenig said.

Hillman knows it will have to do a better job slowing down the Alcona ground game than it did in week two. "Alcona is a very big football team, they have some of the biggest lineman in the state in division eight and they run their 'T' offense really well," Koenig said. "Their running backs are really good and their quarterback is very good at what he's supposed to be doing in running the offense. We are going to try to have a good week of practice and hopefully we can go down there and have a good game." Somers wasn't surprised at all that Hillman had the



Hundreds of children, adults, and animals, mostly dressed in costume, took part in Lincoln's Trick or Trunk event last Saturday. For more photos and winners of the events, see page 16. Photos by Mary Weber.

Remember to "fall back" on Sunday, Nov. 5. Turn clocks back one hour.

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Delilah Cox, 2, of Mikado, is among the estimated 300 children who participated in Lincoln's trick or trunk/chili cook-off event.

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To the Editor,

It is beyond doubt that Russia interfered in our last election, bombarding us with false information on Facebook.

Our answer to preventing this is – us.

We chose to watch the news we like, not the news that informs us. Remember, it is not illegal for a "news" station to lie to us by masquerading as a legitimate source.

Understand the types of news out there. A legitimate source has to check their facts and reconfirm them multiple ways to be journalist.

Facebook does none of this. Read it all you want, just don't count it as news.

At the worst, there are 'click-bait" sites. These "news" sources are trying to recruit and enrage you with tantalizing falsehoods. For example, on the right, Breitbart and InfoWars and on the left, AddictingInfo, OccupyDems, are click bait. Don't waste time on these "sources.'

Next, we have sources that are a mix of journalism and

clickish non-news. On the right, Fox News fits here and on the left, Huffington Post. Both sites can be journalistic, but also mix in junk news. Beware if you only use these sources.

Where does our true news come from, sources that publish items that they verify? The New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, CNN, NPR, Reuters, Associated Press, NBC and ABC get good marks.

MSNBC is in a category of its own -- they use solid reporting, but are left-leaning enough that they should not be your sole source of news.

Here is the challenge: listen to the news that feeds your opinion if you must, but don't let that be your only source. Check out what the solid journalists are writing for you.

If not, there is a Russian troll counting on you to take their madeup story and repost it on Facebook.

> **Carolyn Medland** Alcona Township



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was.

was raised.

the military.

Air Force.

Homovich in 1974.

Shirley G. Homovich, 86,

of Harrisville, died on Sun-

day, Oct. 22, 2017 at St. Jo-

seph Health System in Ta-

She was born July 19,

1931 to William H. and Mary

Jane (Bradley) Bishop in

Churdan, Iowa, where she

industry as a sales clerk, and

raised her family all over the

world as they travelled with

risville. She married George

mals, especially her dogs,

In 1969 she moved to Har-

Mrs. Homovich loved ani-

Charles E. Beard Jr., 81,

He was born August 14,

1936 to Clyde and Frances

(Jones) Proctor in Loveland,

Ohio, where he was raised.

In 1954, he joined the U.S.

On September 3, 1966 he

married Jean French in

Oscoda. They moved to

Greenbush in 1973, prior to

his retirment from the U.S.

Air Force in 1974. After he

retired, Mr. Beard worked for

He was a member of St.

Robert C. Hummel, 64, of

He was born December 20,

1952 to Arthur and Lula

(Collins) Hummel in Detroit,

Mich.; he was raised in

Lost Lake Woods Club before

making his home in Alpena.

ried Patricia Albright.

Centre.

On June 26, 2004 he mar-

Mr. Hummel was a certi-

He retired as coordinator

fied addictions counsellor,

who worked at Catholic Human Services, the Sunrise

He resided in Texas and at

Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

Alpena, died on Saturday,

Oct. 28, 2017 at home.

Raphael Catholic Church in

Mikado and of the Knights of

Harrisville Tool.

of Greenbush, died Friday,

Oct. 27, 2017 at home.

She worked in the retail

# **O**bituaries

# Shirley G. Homovich

Star and J.J. She was a member of the D.A.V. Auxiliary in Oscoda.

She loved to bake, especially pies, cakes, and cookies, and always enjoyed trying a new dessert recipe.

Mrs. Homovich is survived by two sons, Robert K. Espelund of Montana and William H. (Anna) Espelund of Minnesota; three grandchildren, Kenneth (Brenda) Espelund, Dana Espelund and Robin (Paul) Nelson; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1991; four sisters; and two brothers.

# 鱦 Charles E. Beard Jr.

Columbus Council No. 4235. hunting and fishing.

his wife, Jean; two daughters, Rebecca Sue Zerod of Bay City, Mich. and Michelle Lynn (Michael) Valentine, of Livonia, Mich.; one son, Charles Edward (Amy) Beard III of Harrisville; nine grandchildren, Robert Fraser, Matthew Fraser, Michael Fraser, Andrew Fraser, Elizabeth Fraser, Charles Beard IV, Daniel Beard, Sarah Zerod, and Emily Zerod; four greatgrandchildren; and three brothers, Lester Proctor,

# Robert C. Hummel

of the Alcona County Drug Court.

He was an avid golfer and a talented woodworker. He cherished his family, and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Hummel is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, Gretchen (Mark) Albright of Texas and Emily (Todd) Brevik of Brighton, Mich.; two stepchildren, Doug (Aimee) Albright of Lake Ann, Mich. and Elizabeth (Alex Flores) Albright of Ypsilanti, Mich.; five grandchildren; three sisters, Cathy

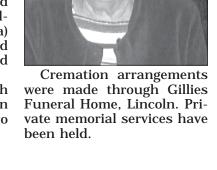
Stuart, Nancy Popkey, and Alice Fountain; one brother, Tom (Janet) Hummel; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Anna McNally; and one brother, Art Hummel.

Visitation is Saturday, Nov. 4 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln from noon until the memorial service at 3 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Women's Giving Circle, in care of The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.

He was an avid coin collector and enjoyed reading, Mr. Beard is survived by



Danny Proctor and Jack Proctor.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Theresa Marie Fraser on April 14, 1997; and three sisters.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln, on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. A parish prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, Nov. 3 at St. Raphael Catholic Church from noon until the funeral Mass at 1 p.m. Rev. Robert Bissot will officiate.

Burial will be in St. **Raphael Catholic Cemetery** in Mikado.

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# Calendar of Events



Alpena

Ossineke

Lincoln

(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, NOVEMBER 1

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing will be available to residents of Alcona County with newborns through age four. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold their monthly meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon in Alpena. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on hand to answer questions. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a can of food for the needy. Call (989) 356-4959 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.

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

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome. West Main Street. Bring your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

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

Fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion, 2205 Alger in Mikado. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children six to 12 years old, no charge for children five and under.

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

The Great Start Playgroup will meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This program is for children six months to four years of age. Families participate with their children in storytime, crafts, music and movement, and social, play and math activities. Snacks provided. For more information, call Angie Bruning at (989) 354-3101 extension 124.

A Veteran's Dinner will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road to benefit Toys for Tots. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by karaoke at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

A bake sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of Huron Community Bank on the corner of Main and Lake streets. All proceeds will go to Vietnam Veterans during the holiday season.

Coloring for Adults at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Get Crafty for Adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for November is sewn pillowcases. There is a \$3 charge. For a supply list and to register, call (989) 724-6796.

Representative Sue Allor will hold local office hours from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Flour Garden, 105 South State Street in Harrisville. For more information, call (517) 373-0833 or e-mail SueAllor@house.mi.gov.

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

A chronic disease selfmanagement program will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road. Persons experiencing any type of chronic health condition or caring for someone with a chronic condition is encouraged to attend. Call (989) 358-4616 for details.

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

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

Free Range Crafts will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Badges benefit hockey game will be held at 5 p.m. at Northern Lights Arena, 751 Woodward Avenue in Alpena. Call (989) 358-0652 or visit www.northernlightsarena.com for details.

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.



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# **Local Notes**

## Get Crafty Pillowcase

Learn how to sew a "burrito" style pillowcase at the monthly adult "Get Crafty" session on Monday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 to register and for supply list; cost is \$3 person, which includes light refreshments. The December 4 Get Crafty session will include three or more Christmas craft stations, including bow making. Sorry, no balsam wreathmaking this year.

## Visit with Rep. Allor

State Representative Sue Allor, 106<sup>th</sup> District, will hold office hours in the area next week. "I encourage everyone to attend my local office hours," Allor said. "Since residents are not able to travel and meet in my Lansing office, I have made myself accessible by holding monthly office hours in every county."

The schedule for office hours on Monday, Nov. 6 is as follows:

• From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Cabin Creek Coffee House, 201 N. Second Ave., Alpena;

• From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at The Flour Garden, 105 S. State Street (US-23) Harrisville;

• From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Big Boy Restaurant, 1222 E. US-23, East Tawas.

Residents also may contact Allor at her Lansing office at (517) 373-0833 or Sue-Allor@house.mi.gov.

## Child Blankets Needed

The Child Advocacy Center in the Lincoln branch of Alcona Health Center is in need of blankets for the children examined for child abuse. Professionals examine children from preschool through age 14.

Anyone planning to donate blankets should keep in mind that they should be child friendly, in bright prints, for boys or girls. The best size is 40 by 50 inches, more or less. Fleece is great. Any washable, soft fabric is fine. The child will keep the blanket after the exam. Donations can be brought to the Alcona Health Center at 177 N. Barlow in Lincoln.

## **Cross Country Award**

David Sharboneau, a sixth grader at Alcona Elementary School, competed in a Cross Country 2C Championship Invitational in Gaylord, Mich. on Saturday, Oct. 21. He ran 1.5 miles and placed fourth with a time of 9.22 (nine minutes, 22 seconds). There were over 100 participants from 41 different schools in northern Michigan. The event was sponsored by the Gaylord Rotary. He is the son of Don and Lucy Sharboneau of Lincoln.



David Sharboneau

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4:30 p.m. during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

• Monday, Nov. 6—Fish almondine, red bliss potato, cauliflower, flavored applesauce, and corn bread.

• Tuesday, Nov. 7—Beef chop suey over brown rice, wax beans, tossed salad, and peaches.

• Wednesday, Nov. 8— Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, and fruited Jell-O.

• Thursday, Nov. 9—Turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and cool whip, and a dinner roll.

• Friday, Nov. 10—Bourbon pork chop, baked potato, Prince Charles blend, and mixed fruit. (Friday dinners served in Lincoln only.) ship to Alpena Community College. Another \$1,500 will be awarded to runners-up and special award winners, such as talent.

During her year of service, Miss Sunrise Side will attend parades, and functions throughout the Sunrise Side with opportunities to speak to government officials, business leaders, community groups and all types of citizens about her platform issue and encourage them to become involved in her cause. She will also be eligible to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon, Mich. in June.

"Serving as Miss Sunrise Side has been an incredible experience that I will treasure forever," said Kayla Pingel, Miss Sunrise Side 2016. "I know that the skills I have gained as a titleholder and contestant have led to my success. I'm so grateful for the opportunities I've had to promote my platform in this incredible community. I would personally like to thank each and every person who opened their hearts and allowed me to speak and participate in their events.'

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 per person. Student in the Alcona, Alpena, Hillman, Posen, Rogers City, Oscoda and Tawas area can show their current school ID to get \$5 off their ticket.

## **Report Bear Den Sightings**

While out in the field, hunters and trappers could come upon a denned black bear. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is looking for locations of denned bears in the northern Lower Peninsula, in order to fit the bears with radio collars for an ongoing bear management program.

"Information gathered from bears assists in managing the black bear population," said Mark Boersen, wildlife biologist at the DNR Roscommon Customer Service Center. "Currently, we have six female bears being monitored from both air and ground using radio tracking equipment."

After locating a denned bear, DNR biologists will determine if the animal is a good candidate for a radio collar. Bears that are selected will be sedated by a wildlife biologist and fitted with collars and ear tags. A small nonfunctional tooth will be collected to determine each bear's age and to provide a DNA sample. Upon completion of the short procedure, biologists will carefully return the bear to its den, where it will sleep through the remainder of the winter months. Those who encounter bear dens in the northern Lower Peninsula are asked to record the location, with a GPS unit if possible, and contact Mark Boersen at (989) 275-5151 or boersenm@michigan.gov with specific location information. As a reminder, it is illegal to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm or molest a bear in its den.





#### **Miss Sunrise Competition**

Miss Sunrise Side and Miss Sunrise Side Outstanding Teen competition will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at Alcona High School in Lincoln. Contestants will compete in five phases of competition, including interview, talent, on stage question, evening wear and physical fitness/swimwear.

The winner of the Miss Sunrise Side competition will be awarded \$1,000 in scholarship funds towards her college or graduate school education. In addition, she will receive a full year tuition free (two semesters, fall and winter 2018-2019) scholar-

# Harbor closes access due to construction

## **By Mary Weber**

Staff Writer Watching high waves of

Lake Huron leap over the breakwall at the Harrisville Harbor of Refuge is a jaw dropping spectacle of nature, especially when the water levels are high and gale winds are strong.

Many venture down to the harbor to see Mother Nature's show in fall and winter months from either the comfort of their warm vehicle, or for braver souls, a cold, crisp walk which brings them a bit closer to the action.

Unfortunately, due to heavy construction on the docks this fall and winter, spectators will have to do their sightseeing at a distance as the harbor is closed to public access until next spring.

The construction, which began October 10, is part of the first and second phase of a five-phase process. Currently, much of the parking lot and all the docks are fenced off for construction workers only. All the old wood of the south dock and part of the original T-docks have been removed for resurfacing, which has left an exposed maze of pipes which carry a variety of utilities including water, electric, computer, telephone, sewer, fuel and fire suppression system lines to the docks and the fuel pump house.

Plans for the construction began last spring when bidding for the contract, funded



Harrisville Harbormaster Jim Ferguson stands next to a construction fence where workers will be replacing the docks over the maze of exposed utility pipes this fall and winter. The work is part of a five-phase process to be completed over the next few years. Photo by Mary Weber.

by two Michigan Department of Natural Resource (DNR) grants, was awarded to **F**loatation Docking Systems (FDS) in the amount of \$824,981.

Jim Ferguson, harbormaster, said it took most of the spring to get the plans and permits in place for the October construction process to begin.

He explained that while looking at the docks last spring and considering the work that needed to be done on them, a serious electrical issue was noticed, and power was immediately shut down for the summer on the south dock. Fortunately, most boaters took the shut down in stride.

"I gave as much advance notice as I could to let boaters know about it through harbor websites and on Facebook. It didn't seem to upset the boaters. We offered reduced rates on the south docks which attracted a lot of fishermen, who would normally pull their boats out daily, to rent a slip instead." Ferguson said.

Despite the loss of electricity to the south dock and the cool and rainy weather northeast Michigan, and much of the state, endured last summer, Ferguson explained that the harbor did quite well this past year saying the fuel sales were up. "We had 750 boats dock (in 2016) and I expect just as many were here this past summer, but I don't have the exact number right now,' Ferguson said.

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the best view in the world.

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# New guidance counselor helps students transition to college

## **By Mary Weber**

Staff Writer

Making the transition from high school to college can be a daunting process to most, even more so when students are from a close-knit rural community like Alcona County.

That's exactly why having a guidance counselor like Anissa Emery is helpful. Emery just began her career at Alcona Community Schools in September and is already helping students, families and the community prepare students for post-secondary education.

She described her position at the school as diverse stating it's a developmental



Anissa Emery

training program they can get a certificate or an endorsement that is stackable and transferrable," Emery said.

She explained much has changed in the trades which once offered on the job training for journeyman's cards. "There are a lot more options available. We want to help kids navigate their best pathway, whether that is a twoyear associates degree, a four-year bachelor's degree or even beyond that," Emery said. Emery explained working at Alcona Community School's tied in nicely with a summer institute she had concluded at the Harvard Graduate School of Education which focused on postsecondary success for students, families and communities. "The goal is not to take the resources out of the community, but to send students out to bring new resources

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# **SNOWPLOWING BIDS WANTED**

Curtis Township is accepting bids for the 2017-2018 snow plow season. The bids are for the Curtis Township Fire Hall and Curtisville Sub-Station. All bids must be submitted by November 9, 2017. Mail bids to Curtis Township Hall, P.O. Box 90, Glennie, MI 48737. Please mark "Snow Plow Bid" on envelope. Must have proof of insurance upon acceptance of bid. Teresa J. Perkins, Township Clerk

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year because it has been a while since the school has had a dedicated guidance counselor.

Emery is working with Americorps VISTA member, Ben Erickson and Kayla Rasmussen with Advise MI who is in partnership with the Michigan College Access Network, to figure out how their roles intertwine while supporting each other and how they would like to proceed.

"We talk a lot about college access. One of the most important things I want people to know is that college has a very broad definition. It is shorthand for a whole menu of post-secondary options. If a student wants to go into skilled trades, great, let's connect them with a

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"The Facebook page helps keep them active and engaged. It's important for people to see the effort behind the scenes. They don't really see the progress or what it looks like under the pretty (dock area)," Ferguson said commenting on the now exposed maze of pipes which are normally hidden from view under the docks.

Although his job is not as demanding in the winter months as it is in the summer, Ferguson remains working to make sure the harbor is secure, and the ice doesn't "eat out" the docks, which he said can and does happen if it's not watched carefully and heated.

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### <u>CHILI</u>

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# Alconadowns Jobergin playoff opener

#### **By Ben Murphy** Sports Writer

After trailing for most of the night, the Alcona varsity football team pulled it all together in the fourth quarter last Friday.

The Tigers, hosting Johannesburg-Lewiston (J-L) in a division eight pre-district playoff game, used three fourth quarter touchdowns to hand the Cardinals the 28-12 season ending loss.

"Winning any game at this point is great," said Alcona head coach Jason Somers. "If you are playing at this time of year, you have a good team. Playing and winning against good teams is very fun."

Alcona started the game favorably, as it marched down the field on its opening drive, getting a short touchdown run by Jack Hutchinson and two-point pass from Alex Stephenson to Damion Stewart for the early 8-0 lead.

The Cardinals responded

# Alcona

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turnaround to its season that it did.

"Hillman is always dangerous, they have some really quality athletes and a great tradition," he said. "I think that what you are seeing is a team that is hungry and well coached and can adapt to a lot of different situations."

with a pair of touchdowns ments are made and experibefore the half, giving them a 12-8 lead at the break. J-L led by the same score entering the fourth quarter, where it was all Alcona.

Just two minutes into the final frame, Stephenson fired a pass over the middle for Tim Hutchinson who hauled it in an sprinted the rest of the way for a 41-yard touchdown and a 14-12 lead.

On J-L's ensuing possession, Mason Clark hauled in an interception, setting up a four-yard touchdown run by Stephenson a few plays later. Stephenson hit Luke Loyer on the two-point pass to make it 22-12.

The Tigers also tacked on late five-yard touchdown run by Stephenson.

"Johannesburg is a good team, it took us a little while to figure out where and how we needed to attack," Somers said. "(The fourth quarter) is the time when all the adjustence takes over. When you're able to make adjustments and then have the players execute them, the level of play improves and that is what happened in the fourth quarter.

Jack Hutchinson led the offense with 223 rushing yards and one touchdown on 22 carries. Tim Hutchinson had 17 rushes for 76 yards and the 41-yard touchdown reception. Stephenson ran for 55 yards and two touchdowns on six carries.

On defense, Devon Mills had 13 tackles, Stephenson and Jaden Bartz had six tackles apiece and Clark had three tackles and an interception.

"The total team effort (stood out)," Somers said. "These guys like to play football a lot and they aren't quite ready to be done.'

Alcona (8-2) will host the district championship on Friday against Hillman (6-4).

# Alcona volleyball plays in NSL tourney

### **By Ben Murphy** Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team wrapped up its regular season on Saturday, as it competed at the North Star League tournament at Whittemore-Prescott (W-P). The Lady Tigers won two games during the day before falling to Rogers City in bracket play.

In pool play action Alcona split with W-P 25-16, 23-25, split with Mio 26-25, 18-25, topped Oscoda 25-23 and 25-17 and lost to Rogers City 25-13 and 25-17.

The Lady Tigers opened bracket play with a win over Mio, 25-22, 23-25 and 15-6 but then lost to Rogers City in the next round, 25-15 and 25-20.

Taylor Livingston led the team with 34 kills, nine blocks and nine aces.

"Throughout the day we displayed tenacity and strength at the net," said Kristi Miller, head coach. "Liv-



ingston, Lily Sager, Jenelle Carpenter and Hailee Gordy were strong. I give a lot of credit to our defense for their efforts and Abby Franklin for doing a nice job executing our offense. Consistency is definitely a key factor in the game and although we had moments when we struggled, we battled back and never gave up."

On Tuesday, Oct. 24 the Lady Tigers played in a trimatch at Johannesburg-Lewiston (J-L). Alcona topped Suttons Bay 25-9 and 25-19 but lost to J-L 23-25, 25-23 and 15-12.

"The girls came out fired up against Suttons Bay, which definitely showed in their performance," Miller said. "They worked so well together and took control of the game early on. Our enthusiasm carried on into the next match. It was a high energy contest and we needed to be, in order to compete with the consistency of Johannesburg. It was a tough loss, but we learned from it and will work to get stronger.'

Sager led the team with 15 kills and four blocks and Livingston had six aces and four

Lincoln Outdoor Center

We would also like to thank Tiffany Wilson and the National Honor Society for selling our chili cups for us, Les Thomas of the 4-H and Alcona Elementary Teachers for the wonderful books given out to the children. Our Judges this year did a great job, thank you again Joan Toombs, Kathy Putsky.

A big thank you goes to Dr. Kathy Jo Swartz of the Alcona Animal Clinic, Kris Mart, Chris Scully and Miller Office Machine, for their generous donations. And to the following radio stations for broadcasting for us, WBKB, WATZ, WKJC, WHSB and Carroll Broadcasting. A big Thank you goes to Rex and Sherry Manning for all their wonderful music and announcing.

A big thank you also goes to Phil Jordan and Steve Slater for all their help on Saturday and our families for all they do to help us in this event.

We would like to thank all of you (the Public) because if it wasn't for you, this event would not happen.

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blocks.

On Saturday, the team played at the Farwell Invitational. In pool play the Lady Tigers topped Harrison 25-19 and 26-24 and split with Vestaburg 25-20 and 21-25 and split with Johannesburg 25-19 and 21-25.

In bracket play the team lost to Unionville Sebawing 25-5 and 25-13 and dropped a game to Manotn 25-18 and 25-18.

Livingston led the way with 30 kills, 32 digs and 10 aces and Carpenter had 11 aces. Alcona hosts class 'C' district play this week. The semifinal game was Tuesday against Whittemore-Prescott with the final set for Thursday night. Oscoda and Johannesburg-Lewiston on are on the other side of the bracket.



# Solo travel savings tips for retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good travel companies that offer good deals for single travelers? I've taken a couple tours since I retired a few years ago, but the singlesupplement fee really cuts into my budget.

Solo Sally

Dear Solo,

Solo traveling is a growing trend among baby boomers and retirees. Nearly one-infour who travel today, go it alone according to a recent Visa Global Intentions Study. But one of the biggest drawbacks among solo travelers is the single supplemental fee - which is an extra fee charged to single travelers who stay in a double occupancy room alone.

To help you avoid this extra charge, more and more travel companies and cruise lines are making adjustments to accommodate the growing solo-traveler market.

There are a variety of travel companies today that speTravelIntl.com) and Singles Travel Getaways (Singles TravelGetaways.com). Both companies offer tours, cruises and adventures in the U.S. and overseas, and will match you with a roommate to avoid the single supplement, or won't charge you if a match can't be arranged.

Some big operators in this category that have lots of solo travelers include Intrepid Travel (IntrepidTravel.com), which handles more than 100,000 travelers each year, sending them to more than 100 countries. And G Adventures (Gadventures.com), which has more than 700 tours around the globe, and offers a variety of travel styles. Both of these companies can pair you with a roommate, and some tours offer your own room option for an additional fee.

And for higher-end luxury travel check out Abercrombie & Kent (AbercrombieKent-.com), which offers a 50 percialize in vacations for solo cent single supplement dis-

travelers, including Singles count on their select small TravelInternational (Singles- group solo travel trips and cruises, and Tauck (Tauck-.com), which has no single supplement on their European river cruises.

> If you're interested in trips designed for adults 50 and older consider ElderTreks (ElderTreks.com), Road Scholar (RoadScholar.org) and Overseas Adventure Travel (OATtravel.com).

> ElderTreks specializes in exotic adventures worldwide, and will match single travelers with roommates on most of its trips, and doesn't charge if a match can't be arranged.

> Road Scholar specializes in worldwide learning adventures, and has designated trips that offer the same price for solo travelers as for those traveling in pairs.

> • Overseas Adventure Travel, which operates in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Middle East, Cuba, Australia and New Zealand, has free single supplements on all its land tours and either free or lowcost single supplements on



its small-ship adventures.

If cruising is your thing, there are a number of cruise lines that have some ships with single-occupancy cabins, including Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL.com), Royal Caribbean (RoyalCaribbean.com) and Vantage Deluxe World Travel's river ships (VantageTravel.com).

Or, consider booking a cruise at SinglesCruise.com, which uses a variety of different cruise lines for their single customers. They provide roommate matching.

For solo women travelers, there are a host of tour companies and clubs, like GutsyWomenTravel.com, Women-Traveling.com,

SerenDipityTraveler.com, TheWomensTravelGroup.com and Womens-Travel-Club-.com that will either match you up with a roommate, or reduce their single supplement fee.

If you'd rather find a suitable travel partner before you book your next trip, there are a number of free websites that can help you here too. See Travbuddy.com, Travel-Friend.us and TravelersMeeting.com. Or, to find a cruise buddy try CruiseMates.com, which has a message board where users can post roommate requests.

For more information on solo travel, check out Continued on page 8

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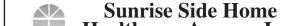


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# Savvy

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SoloTravelerWorld.com, which offers solo travel tips, destinations and stories, and also publishes a monthly list of solo travel deals.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

#### WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 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. ID is required. For more info., 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.

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, **NOVEMBER 9**

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.

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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 info.,, call (989) 464-3526.

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

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

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

A fish fry will be held from

behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Takeouts available.

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

### SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 11**

Hope Lutheran Church Bazaar will be held at 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a soup and salad luncheon for \$8 per person. There will be andmade crafts, horseradish, pasties, sauerkraut and much more will be available.





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back to our communities. We want to add to the fabric of the community, not tear it apart," Emery said.

Emery, **Ěrickson** and Rasmussen are mindful of how daunting leaving a small community can be for a high school student and they are doing what they can to work with families and the community to share how best to support these students to make the transition easier.

October was college month at the school and students were advised on how and where they should apply for college, what financial options were available and filed financial aid appliacations, something Emery said used to only be done in the spring which is now available in October for students.

Emery grew up in the Flint, Mich., area and went to Davison High School. She attended the University of Michigan where she majored in English and received a bachelor's degree with a teaching certificate in English, general science and history in 1991.

"I've done a lot of things since then. I managed a cafe for Border's Books. I was an assistant librarian for a while and I'm a licensed massage therapist," Emery said.

She received a master's degree in counseling from Central Michigan University in 2005 and worked as a professional developer before taking a position with Oscoda Schools teaching middle and high school science, English and was a counselor for the school.

She said her goal this year was to learn more about the community both inside the

school and its surrounding area. A long-term goal is to possibly bring a college and career fair to Alcona Schools.

She is pleased with what she has learned so far and about the opportunities which exist for students here. "I went to the Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning and was amazed. I also spoke with someone about the local radio station here. The upcoming library project is really exciting. There are a lot of neat opportunities here," Emery said.

Emery is interested in reaching out to community organizations to explain what she does and how to best support the students.

She may be reached by email at emerya@alconaschools.net or by phone at (989) 736-5059.



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# Alcona schools welcome new teachers

ness to learn.

#### **By Mary Weber** Staff Writer

Although their backgrounds vary, and all have a different specialty, three new teachers are excited about beginning new careers with Alcona Community Schools.

Josh Robinson, third grade teacher, Mandy Willey, high school Spanish teacher and Jill Williams, high school special education teacher are happy about their choice to come to Alcona Schools and said the administration, coworkers, staff, students and parents have all been very helpful and welcoming.

Robinson grew up in Mason, Mich., near East Lansing. He attended Grand Valley University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and social studies in 2015.

As a child, he enjoyed baseball and music. He played the trombone for eight years and was in the marching band in high school. He also learned to play the drums and is still in a band today which performs at the Black Sheep Pub in Alpena.

Robinson student taught at Doblin High School near Grand Rapids, Mich., and was a reading interventionist who helped students to improve their reading skills. He explained after that ended, it was difficult for him to find a teaching position in Michigan, so he thought he might like a warmer climate in the winter and applied to

He explained the students in his classroom have a tough year ahead of them, as half of his third-grade class has tested below where they need to be in math and reading. He'd like more volunteers to come forward to help read one on one with students because it appeals to them and it's something he cannot do very often while teaching the class.

Third graders at the elementary school annually take a day trip to Mackinaw Island at the end of May and Robinson said his students are very excited about that and plan to fundraise to hire a charter bus for the trip.

Robinson is still a big sports fan and enjoys baseball. He is thinking of possibly assistant coaching the junior varsity baseball team in the future.

He currently resides in Alpena but plans to remain with Alcona Community School for a long time and possibly move to the Lincoln area after he and his fiancée marry next August.

Willey grew up in the Bay City, Mich., area and graduated from Bay City Western High School. Her brother, Joseph Willey III, is also a teacher and a varsity football coach at Saginaw Heritage Schools.

As a child, Willey said she enjoyed being outside and spent most of her high school days throwing disks, running with the track team or playlooking for a place with a bit of land to call home for herself and her five German shepherds. Willey is also a German shepherd breeder and one of her dogs is expecting a litter this month.

She is less than a year of finishing her doctorate in education from North Central University, but said her plans have shifted since first starting the doctorate program and is now just wanting to get it done and stay put for a while.

In the past, Willey has taken both high school and university students on trips abroad to Peru and would enjoy doing that again. She is teaching Spanish 1 and 2, but hopes to expand and build the Spanish program to include a Spanish 3 or possibly an AP class so students can get some college Spanish courses under their belts while still in high school.

She loves teaching and has never met a student she didn't like. Alcona County students are no different, except she has noticed they are better at learning than her last few classes in Saginaw, which makes the experience here even more enjoyable

Williams got a late start and just began teaching special education a few weeks ago due to being on maternity leave after the birth of her third child, a daughter, born in August. Williams also has twin six-year-old boys.

She grew up in Saginaw,



### Josh Robinson

schools down south. He found a job teaching fifth grade in South Carolina, and while the job was a good learning opportunity for him, he didn't enjoy it. "It was a tough school with a lot of violent behaviors. I wasn't used to that and wasn't comfortable with it," Robinson said. His fiancée, Anna Bass, was from the Alpena area and they wanted to stay in northeastern Michigan, which prompted Robinson to look at Alcona Community Schools for a position. "Alcona County appealed to me. I like small communities. Everyone here is very approachable and helpful. I really like it," Robinson said. In just his first month at the school Robinson noticed the strong community involvement at the school and how supportive parents, grandparents and the community, as a whole, are towards the students, which he enjoys. He is also enjoying his student's inquisitive nature and likes their willing-



Mandy Willey ing varsity tennis.

When she began college she wasn't really sure what she wanted to do, "I spent a year at Saginaw Valley University and then went to Delta College to cut down on cost. I took a Spanish class there and liked it. It came easily. I liked traveling and learning about other cultures and it all clicked for me," Willey said. Willey studied abroad in Puebla, Mexico before getting her bachelor's degree in Spanish and education. From there she went to Central Michigan University to get her master's degree and spent two summers studying in Spain and Chile. She taught English as a second language and Span-ish at Saginaw Valley University and in Colorado teaching eighth through twelfth grade Spanish classes. After returning to Michigan last June to teach at Saginaw High School, Emery found that she didn't enjoy teaching there and started



Jill Williams

Mich. with a brother and a sister and loved playing softball and watching sports. Her favorite team is the Michigan State University (MSU) Spartans

Williams attended MSU for her undergraduate studies. She also met her husband there and they were married at the university. She holds a bachelor's degree with a major in education and minors in math, English and communication. She received her master's degree in special education from Northern Michigan University. "I got interested in teaching special education because I knew there was a need and have experience with children with special needs," Williams said. Her husband, Mike, is an art and social studies teacher with Oscoda Area Schools. She said they love the northeast Michigan area and expect to stay and raise their family here. Williams said she is still getting to know her students and is enjoying the process so far.

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There isn't much formal research to answer that question, but several factors could be contributing to this influx of angling opportunities: forage availability, dropping water temperatures, fish movement, or oxygen availability.

Some say it could just be related to less fishing pressure and/or better angling techniques.

The bottom line is, if you don't consider fall to be an ideal time to go fishing you may want to rethink that sentiment. Some of the biggest crappie, muskellunge, walleye and smallmouth bass can be found in the fall.

For more information on fishing in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/fishing.

#### Northeast Lower Peninsula October 26

• Cheboygan River: Anglers did well with Chinook at the lock and dam while using spawn, spinners, spoons,

worms and crank baits. • Rogers City: There was plenty of action for those who wanted to pursue it. Mixed bags were reported with younger Chinook, steelhead and Atlantic salmon, plus the occasional walleye. The area was loaded with lots of bait fish, mostly in waters anywhere from 65 to 100 feet.

• Alpena: Anglers targeting walleye found a few fish inside of 20 feet when trolling harnesses or stick baits after dusk.

• Thunder Bay River: Those targeting salmon and trout caught a few Atlantics, steelhead and brown trout at the



9th Street Dam when drifting spawn bags, stripping streamer flies or casting spinners, spoons and small cranks. A few walleye and smallmouth bass were reported by anglers trolling or casting stick and jerk baits.

• Oscoda: Low numbers of walleye were reported by anglers fishing in the evening while casting stick baits from the pier. A couple of smallmouth bass were taken from the mouth of the river by anglers casting cranks and jigs.

• AuSable River: A couple of Atlantic salmon and steelhead continued to be caught in the lower river while drifting spawn bags and beads or casting spinners and spoons. Most fish were found by anglers targeting areas between Foote Dam and the Whirlpool Access Site. Smallmouth bass and northern pike were taken by anglers casting cranks, spoons and jigs around the weed lines and in the holes.

• Tawas: High winds prevented most boats from getting out. Those on the pier picked up a few walleye while still-fishing with minnows. A few pike were caught there as well.

• AuGres: Boats that did get out caught some perch out by the NOAA weather buoy in 42 feet of water while walleye were caught off Point AuGres in 30 to 35 feet. Bass anglers did well in shallower water between Point Lookout and Point AuGres.

# Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of October 16-22, 2017

114 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 7 Arrests; 3 Warrant Arrests; 2 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Drive While License Suspended; 1 Operate Under Influence of Drugs; 10 Traffic Tickets Issued.

# **Complaint Statistics**

Car/Deer Accidents	12	Traffic/Traffic Stop	40
Medical	14	Warrant Arrest	3
Property Damage Accident	3	Assist	3
Animal/Dog	2	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Miscellaneous	2	Patrol Check	1
911 Hang Up	2	Suspicious Event	3
Open Door	3	Missing Person	1
Stalking	1	Harassment	2
Larceny	1	Alarm	7
Assault	1	Operate Under Infl. of Drugs	1
Juvenle	3	Vehicle Ident. Inspection	1
Found Property	1	Vio. of Public Health Code	1
Drive While Lic. Suspended	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Trespass	1		

# Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	13	Caledonia	7		Curtis	10
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Harrisville City	10	Village of Lind	coln	3		



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Tony Kohn of Morley, Mich. harvests this 10-point while hunting in Alcona County on October 22 during the Independent Hunting Season. His buck had an18 inch spread. *Photo courtesy of Ken Short.* 



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# Holiday season underway for Christmas tree growers

## **By Carl Stoddard**

Capital News Service The holiday season is set to begin for Michigan's Christ-

mas tree growers, who are hoping to at least match last year's sales.

By the end of October, Michigan tree farmers will be

harvesting trees and shipping them to stores and Christmas tree lots in several states. That's all in preparation for the day after Thanksgiving, the unofficial start of the Christmas tree-buying season.

"The day after Thanksgiv-

Located in Louisiana, this tree is the largest ol he certified southern live oak tree. Measuring Jarden almost 39 feet around the trunk, it may be as old as 1,500 years. It The **Seven Sisters** survived a nearly direct Oak hit from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. It is the National Champion on the National Register of Big Trees and the Champion Oak of Louisiana, according to the Louisiana Forestry Association. It also has its own Facebook page. - Brenda Weaver Source: wikipedia

ing, we will open the doors and there will be people waiting in line," said Mel Koelling, who with his wife Laurie owns and operates Tannenbaum Farms in Mason, Mich., south of Lansing. "We are always optimistic.

Koelling has been growing and selling Christmas trees for about 40 years. In that time, he said, sales have steadily increased. About 80 to 100 of the farm's 160 acres are planted with Christmas trees, and nearly all will be sold to individuals, primarily customers who want to cut their own trees.

We certainly promote the experience," he said. "We try to make it into an enjoyable, memorable experience.'

It is not unusual to see two or three generations show up together to get a tree, Koelling added. He encourages customers to make the selection of a tree a family tradition because Christmas is the "most significant of all American holidays."

Also preparing for the season is Dutchman Tree Farms in Manton, Mich., which owns and leases a total of 7,000 acres. Dutchman, owned by Joel Hoekwater and Chris Maciborski, is considered the largest Christmas tree farm in Michigan and sells nearly all of its trees to the wholesale market, said Pam Vanderwal, its office manager.

She said the farm expects an increase in sales this year, in part due to Christmas tree shortages in North Carolina and on the West Coast. Workers at the farm, which is near Cadillac, Mich. are already busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas season. "We are in full gear here now, taking orders, trying to figure

out how many trees we need," Vanderwal said.

According to its website, the farm started by selling one variety, Scotch pine, at a farmers market in 1972. Today it offers nine varieties of cut trees, ranging from three feet to 50 feet tall. Dutchman Farms also offers balled and container-grown evergreens, seedlings, wreaths and other Christmas greenery.

Tannenbaum and Dutchman are among the many farms that place Michigan third in the nation in the number of Christmas trees harvested, supplying about 1.7 million fresh trees to the national market each year, according to the Michigan Christmas Tree Association.

Michigan also grows and sells more than nine major Christmas tree species on a wholesale level, which is more species than any other state, the association said.

In all, Michigan has about 27,000 acres in commercial Christmas tree production, with an annual net value of more than \$27 million. The industry makes an additional \$1.3 million in the sales of wreaths, cut boughs, garland and other related items, according to the association. And, for every Christmas tree harvested, Michigan growers plant three new trees for future harvests.

While there will be plenty of trees for available for holiday decorating, the association warns that particular varieties might be hard to come by. Amy Start, executive director of the 172-member Durand-based industry association, said years ago, Scotch pine Christmas trees were the top sellers in Michigan, but they have since been edged out by the increasingly popular Fraser firs.

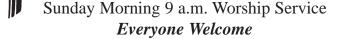
In fact, the Frasers are a little too popular. "Fraser firs will be hard to get," Start said. "There's not enough to harvest."

Tannenbaum Farms' Koelling, who was a forestry professor at Michigan State University for 35 years, said about 25 percent of Michigan's growers produce trees for the wholesale market, shipping trees to stores and lots as far away as the Gulf Coast. Most of those growers are in the less populated areas of the state, and together they produce about 75 percent of the trees sold in Michigan each year. The majority of tree farms, he said, are in the more populated parts of the state, sell mostly to individual customers. However, they account for only about 25 percent of the trees sold in the state each year. Around the country, some 350 million Christmas trees are growing, according to the National Christmas Tree Association. The average growing time of a Christmas tree is seven years. The national association says the top Christmas treeproducing states, in order, are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington.



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# Buggy Rides From the files of the Alcona County Review

# Local and personal

November 3, 1892 ~ The venerable A. Backus of Detroit was in the county last week to endeavor to disentangle himself from an unprofitable and undesirable lease of his fine farm property in Gustin township, which he made at Detroit last year to an Englishman named Yates who was recommended to him as a first class farmer. To be easy and liberal he drew the lease up himself and generously neglected to impose any conditions or restraints upon Yates by which he could be held to a strict performance of his part of the contract. It transpires that what Yates doesn't know about farming is considerable, but he nevertheless knows a good thing when he sees it. Mr. Backus put on a team, several head of cattle and over 100 head of sheep to start Yates off right. Last week Mr. Backus began suit in attachment to recover possession of his personal property and Sheriff McDonald and Attorney Smith served the papers and took an inventory; the farm is still there but several acres of corn fodder and beans are still out in the weather, a total loss, and the expected increase of stock is not to be found. The lease was ironclad and it will cost Backus a round sum to induce Yates to quit. Mr. B. will not draw up his own leases after this.

-X-

November 3, 1892 ~ It blew "like 60" last Saturday - 60 miles an hour from the west. It was the same gale that fanned the disastrous Milwaukee fire the day before. Considerable-snow fell here but it melted as fast as it struck the earth. Many marine mishaps were reported but none in this vicinity. Several vessels passed this port when the gale was at its worst; they hugged the shore as closely us they dared, carrying little canvass and scudding for a safe anchorage. -X-

It is with regret that we note that death has entered the family of P. C. Goldie at Tawas and taken there from little Georgie, a bright lovable child, after a brief illness of but 3 days from diphtheria. Others of their children

have been taken with the disease but they have had a happier termination. -X-

I must have all money due me this month, or I will be compelled to place nil unpaid accounts in the hands of an attorney for collection. I will try and call on all who owe me, so please be prepared to settle-.

W. H. GILPIN

-X-A 6 year-old ox, weight 960 lbs. A spring lamb, weight 70 lbs. A 4. mos. old veal calf,, weight 250 Ibs. That is the kind of stock A. McClatchey is killing nowadays, all raised in this county.

-X-A burning chimney on the Shore Drug Store produced a little excitement Monday morning. High wind off lake. Bad time for fire. -X

D. C. Magahay has returned from Port Gratiot and will take up his residence in

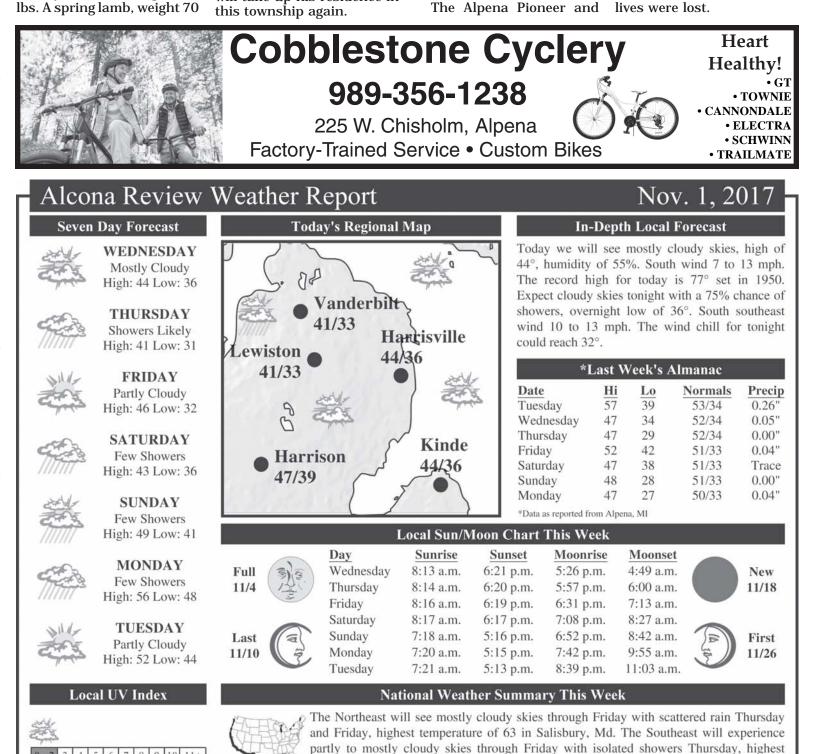
-X-E. Chapelle has returned from Canada where he has been looking over pine limits for Alger, Smith & Co. Geo. Storms who accompanies him will return soon.

-X-Good men are scarce in the woods this fall. The extensive operations in Canada and railroad building in Wisconsin have drawn off the surplus.

-X-

the Echo or rather the editors of each have given their a sample of personal journalism. It grew out of politics and was bad, bad bad. -X-

Milwaukee suffered a disastrous fire last Friday that cut a swaih through the business and manufacturing center of the city and swept away the homes of 3000 people in almost the twinkling of an eye. The loss is not far from \$7,000,000 and number of



temperature of 81 in Hialeah, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain and snow, highest temperature of 68 in Grants Pass, Ore. The

CryptoQuip answer

Lacking inside information about a barn dance, one might ask around for the hoedown lowdown.



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Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with the highest temperature of 83 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets			Weather History	Weather Trivia
Mercury Venus	<b><u>Rise</u></b> 9:34 a.m. 6:40 a.m.	<u>Set</u> 6:51 p.m. 5:48 p.m.	Nov. 1, 1861 - A hurricane near Cape Hatteras, N.C. battered a Union fleet of ships that was attacking Carolina ports. The hurricane produced high tides and	most hail?
Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus	5:16 a.m. 7:46 a.m. 11:57 a.m. 5:43 p.m.	6:13 p.m. 8:52 p.m.	high winds in New York state and New England.	mawer: "Hail Alley" is found in parts of Colorado, braska and Wyoming.

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Night of the Living Dead

It has always been intriguing to me how our language veils the act of dying. We use words like loss, ascended, pass, depart, and expire to dilute our fears, until the very end of October when we celebrate Halloween, a sort of "nose thumbing" to our successful efforts in eluding the Grim Reaper for yet another year. All Hallows' Eve, October 31, has its roots steeped in astronomy, just like many other common celebrations, such as Groundhog Day, February 2, and May Day, May 1. They fall on what are called cross-quarter days, the midpoints between the four seasonal markers of the sun: the winter solstice (low sun), vernal equinox (mid-sun), summer solstice (high sun), and the autumnal equinox (mid-sun again). The cross-quarter day of October 31 is a fitting time to celebrate our avoidance of death. The comfortable period of warmth is well beyond us, and our focus has shifted upon the encroaching cold of winter. Sol has rapidly moved south becoming lower in our noontime sky, lessening daylight and emphasizing the dark. Leave it to the Celts to have envisioned their harvest festival called Samhain (SAH-win), meaning summer's end, the first and most important of the cross-quarter days, and then to add a touch of the macabre. They believed that the veil separating the living from the dead thinned on Samhain, permitting the souls of the dead, ghosts, fairies, and demons to move freely in our world. Sacrifices of animals and plants were made; bonfires were lit to guide the departed along their way, and to keep the living separated from the dead. Offerings of food and drink were left outdoors to placate these netherworld beings from entering homes. The poor went door-to-door begging for food or money in exchange for songs and prayers, often said for the departed, while others dressed like the dead to avoid being recognized by roaming ghouls and drawn into their world, our modern origins of "trick or treat." The reaction of the Church was to Christianize these customs which they were unsuccessful in curtailing by adding to their church calendar All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on November 1 and 2nd. www.astronomy.org

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**Trivia** Test By Fifi Rodriguez



**1. HISTORY:** Where was the Manhattan Project, the atomic bomb, developed?

2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the 19th-century poem "The Raven"?

3. TELEVISION: How many castaways were on the sitcom "Gilligan's Island"?

**4. HISTORY:** What Byzantine city was later renamed Istanbul after being captured by the Ottoman Empire?

5. ACRONYMS: What do letters in SCUBA stand for?

6. STYLE: What kind of hairdo did The Beatles inspire in the 1960s?

7. GEOGRAPHY: The Mexican border city of Tijuana is close to which major U.S city?

8. MOVIES: What kind of dog was Toto in "The Wizard of Oz"?

9. ENTERTAINMENT: What is the name of Donald Duck's significant other?

10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the word for Vietnamese noodle soup?

**Answers:** 1. Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico); 2. Edgar Allan Poe; 3. Seven; 4. Constantinople; 5. Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus; 6. The mop-top; 7. San Diego; 8. Cairn Terrier; 9. Daisy Duck; 10. Pho (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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• On Nov. 8, 1895, in his lab in Germany, physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen becomes the first person to observe X-rays while testing whether cathode rays could pass through glass. Rontgen received numerous accolades for his work, including the first Nobel Prize in physics in 1901.

• On Nov. 9, 1938, German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jews in Germany and Austria. The violence was dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," for the countless smashed windows of 7,500 Jewish-owned establishments. Some 100 Jews died, and hundreds of synagogues and homes were damaged.

• On Nov. 7, 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected president of the United States for a record third time, defeating Thomas Dewey, the governor of New York, and becoming the only president in history to win a fourth term in office.

• On Nov. 10, 1964, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara says that the United States has no plans to send combat troops into Vietnam. By 1969, more than 500,000 American troops were in South Vietnam.

• On Nov. 6, 1977, the Toccoa Falls Dam in Georgia bursts, and the resulting flash flood kills 39 people. The day before, a volunteer fireman had inspected the 100-year-old Earthen dam above the falls and found everything in order.

• On Nov. 12, 1980, the U.S. planetary probe Voyager 1 edges within 77,000 miles of Saturn, sending back 30,000 images that show hundreds of rings encircling the planet. Voyager 1, now in interstellar space, contains a disk featuring natural and manmade sounds of Earth.

• On Nov. 11, 2000, a cable car taking skiers to a glacier in Austria catches fire as it passes through a mountain tunnel; 156 people die. Only 11 people survived the fire, which was caused by an illegal space heater in the driver's cabin.

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• It was 20th-century American author and college professor David Foster Wallace who made the following sage observation: "There is no such thing as not voting: you either vote by voting, or you vote by staying home and tacitly doubling the value of some diehard's vote."

• Those who study such things say that many ancient Greeks carried coins in their mouths -- clothing of the time lacked pockets, you see.

• In late 19-century America, parts of New England had a rather unusual Halloween tradition. Evidently, in many rural communities, boys would celebrate by throwing cabbage, corn and other rotten vegetables.

• If you're like many wage slaves, as the end of the workweek approaches you might find yourself doing busywork -- trying to look as if you're working when, in fact, you're just shuffling papers or otherwise avoiding productivity. Well, there's a word for that: fudgel. Fudgeling may not be an approved workplace activity, but it's undeniably a part of the American workplace.

• If you look closely at the Mona Lisa, Leonardo da Vinci's famed masterwork, you might notice that the famously enigmatic subject is entirely lacking in eyebrows.

• It may not come as a surprise that when scorpions mate, it's a rather violent affair. When the act is completed, the female stings her partner to death, then eats him.

• In 1993, voters in San Francisco voted on a ballot measure to determine whether police officer Bob Geary would be allowed to walk his neighborhood beat while carrying his ventriloquist's dummy, known as Brendan O'Smarty. The measure passed, and O'Smarty remained on the job.

• It's been reported that in the Mexican city of Tehuantepec, women outnumber men by five to one.

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Thought for the Day: "Life is a four-letter word." -- Lenny Bruce

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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: L equals D

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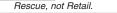
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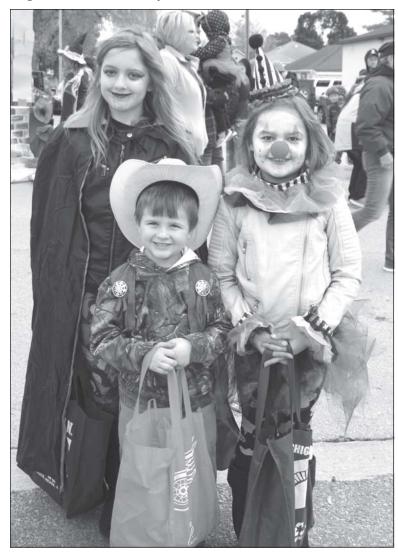
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Remit this form with payment to: Alcona County Review • P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, MI 48740	Bingo Ossineke Eagles, Wednesday at 6 p.m. Jackpot this week \$400, maximum \$500. Public welcome.

Notice road commission meeting change. The November 8, 2017 meeting of the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners is changed to November 9, 2017 and the November 22, 2017 meeting is changed to November 21, 2017. Meetings begin at 4 p.m. at the road commission office at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan and are open to the public.

# BINGO

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Savannah Wright (left), 12, Nelson Phinney (center), 5, and Sierra Wright, 9 of Lincoln enjoy trick or trunking Saturday.

Taylor Laube, 5, of Oscoda stands with her grandma, Lori Wilkins with their spooky decorated trunk at Lincoln's Trick or Trunk event.

Photos by Mary Weber.





Julianne Lowe, 12, of Lachine brought her bunny, Esmeralda to the event.

Winners of the Chili and Soup cook off were Snyder's Lincoln Pharmacy for chili and Alcona Motors for soup.

First place pet costume went to the Brent Wilkhan family, owners of a black Lab wearing at star war theme costume.

Second place went to Ashley Gilfillan for her three yellow labs dressed as a shark and vacationers.

Third place went to Connie Coburn for her Chihuahua dressed like Dr. Suess' Thing 1.

Fourth place went to Amanda Phillips for her chicken dressed as a bumble bee.

Best business decoration went to Lincoln Outdoor Center.

Quarters 59¢ lb. 10 lb bag





Wayside Bacon \$2.20 lb. 10 lb. bag





Best Choice Flour......2/\$3

Jif Peanut **Butter** \$3.99

# MEAT BUNDLE #1 55 lbs. \$118 or \$130 freezer wrapped

10# Ground Chuck • 10# Pork Steak 10# English Arm Roast • 10# Wayside Bacon 10# Chicken Leg Quarters • 5# Sirloin Steak

MEAT BUNDLE #2 30 lbs. \$75 or \$85 freezer wrapped

10# Boneless Chicken Breast • 5# Ground Round 5# New York Strip • 5# Boneless Pork Chops 5# Country Sausage

Please allow up to two day to process meat bundles. Sorry, no substitutions We reserve the right to limit quantities. No rain checks.



Three labs (from left) Ellie, George and Conner, brought Jesse Gilfillan (left) and Ashley Gilfillan who enjoyed their time with all the people and animals filling Second Street.