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## Hubbard Lake hosts Whoville celebration Saturday

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Sightings of a large, green goblin with a very small heart, known in many circles as the Grinch of Whoville, have been coming in from the Hubbard Lake area. He has been spotted peering into business windows acting suspiciously.

Most people in Hubbard Lake aren't too concerned with his appearance, however. They know this goblin is just scoping out the preparation of Hubbard Lake's first Whoville Christmas Celebration planned for Saturday, Dec. 2.

The Whoville Christmas, designed after the popular Dr. Seuss book, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," is a fundraising event for the Loyal Ladies, a small group of local Alcona County citizens who are striving to promote local artists through community beautification projects.

Cyndi Apsey, spokesperson for the Loyal Ladies, said the Grinch has been acting very deviously around the Hubbard Lake area, "Most recently the Grinch has been sighted at the General Store

and the town's buck pole. Upon opening one morning, he showed up standing behind the bar at the Stone Bar and Grill, which made the owner think he may have somehow got locked in the night before and spent the night in the bar.

"Someone saw him take one of the Whoville signs we put up in town and run down the street with it. That small hearted Grinch even showed up while a large Christmas tree was being erected at Kubbe's Machine Shop. That Grinch is up to something."

The Loyal Ladies' first beautification project was installed last spring when large agricultural photograph clings were put in vacant windows in Spruce. Another project completed this year was the installation of a wood relief depicting the history of Black River near the Black River pavilion.

Apsey said the projects were a success due to community support and donations. However, the Loyal Ladies didn't want to keep going back to the same supporters asking for more cash donations, which is why they came up with the idea of having a Whoville Christmas celebration.

"Businesses in Hubbard Lake contributed big during the slowest time of the year. It wasn't just the money they gave us, it was the support. They believed in us. We didn't want to keep going back asking for donations for every project. Instead, we came up with the idea of having fund raising celebrations promoting community family fun to continue our projects. We want to keep going and we want to give back," Apsey said.

The Hubbard Lake Whoville Christmas celebration will begin at 1 p.m. at the Hubbard Lake Community Center and the Loyal Ladies are asking everyone to come wearing their best "Whoville" attire.

From 1 to 4 p.m. arts and craft activities will be held for children along with chatting time with Santa and the Grinch, whose small heart will surely grow throughout the day. Free photos will be taken. A hot cocoa bar and goodies will be available for good will donations. Fun and friendship continues around the bonfire with caroling by the Chosen Community Center until the Whoville feast begins with the Grinch's favorite food "Roast Beast" at 5

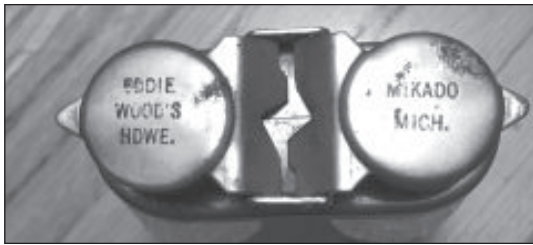


The Grinch has been making his rounds in Hubbard Lake neighborhoods spying on the Loyal Ladies preparation for the Hubbard Lake Whoville Christmas celebration. *Courtesy Photo.*

### Ask Your Neighbor

Steven Kahn contacted the Review through Kitty Kahn of Ann Arbor to answer our Ask Your Neighbor question posed several weeks ago regarding sale and pepper shakers. He said, "After I saw the photo of the old salt and pepper shakers in the Alcona County Review, I remembered I had some like them. Only, mine say 'Eddie Wood's Hdwe., Mikado Mich.' I think they were probably some kind of holiday promotion."

He provided photos of them as well. One is below. Thank you Steven!



Also, Jim Ferguson, harbormaster of the Harrisville Harbor, is looking for some information. He wrote: "I've read a couple of places and have heard from a couple of people that they believe that Milo Johnson was the first harbor master here in Harrisville. If this is correct I can find no official reference to that fact."

"Our research of archives for documentation shows the following list of harbormasters. The very first being Mr. S. Russell Sterling who was appointed at the June 28, 1961 meeting of the city council. His rate of pay was set at \$65 per week and hours set from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. He was selected from a list of nine applicants, none of which was Mr. Milo Johnson."

"As far as we've been able to ascertain the following list is accurate, dates are approximated from news articles."

- S. Russell Sterling, June 1961 - June 1962
- Roy Westfall, June 1962 - May 1970
- Stephen Slack, May 1970 - May 1971
- Ken Bundy, May 1971 - May 1972
- Morley Wallace, May 1972 - (unknown), 1973
- Jerry Mason, (unknown), 1973 - March 1980
- John Pridnia, March 1980 - August, 1987
- Jim Hamather, August 1987 - January 2010
- Gerry Brown, January 2010 - May 2012
- Steve Baksis, May 2012 - May 2016
- Jim Ferguson, 5May 2016 - Present

If anyone has additional information to share about Milo Johnson's possible employment, see the details below to share with readers.

Thank you Jim for your question.

This is an interactive column. Questions and answers come in written form from readers. To submit a question or answer, send it to the Alcona County Review at P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; via e-mail to: editor@alconareview.com; by fax: (989) 724-6655 or drop it at the 111 Lake Street, Harrisville office. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is submitting the item is required in order for it to be considered for publication and possible follow up.

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## Plans for assisted living in former elementary school

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Plans are underway to turn the former elementary school/community center in Glennie into an assisted living facility.

While the new owners of the 19,000-square foot property would have liked to keep the building's use as a community center, they have moved forward with plans to remodel the building to house 18 individual rooms, several common areas and other amenities for residents.

The building, which had been an elementary school since the mid-1940s, was rented by the Curtis Township Board and used as a community center where township offices and meeting space was available since the school district ceased using the building as a school in - because of low enrollment.

It was purchased by Christopher Clouse in late August in a public auction held by the Oscoda Area School District. Shortly after Clouse purchased the building, the township signed a lease agreement with Jerome Orefice and moved out.

According to Christopher Clouse and his brother, Brandon Clouse, who are partners in business, they wanted to keep the building's use as a community center. "I wanted to keep the township hall in there," he said. A

manufacturing business was also considered, however, an assisted living structure made more sense as a business model.

"It's great this way because I am using every square inch of the building," Clouse said. "With the manufacturing (plan) I would have only used about half of the building." He has studied area demographics which shows a need for senior housing.

They are waiting for engineering plans to arrive any day and, if all goes as expected, they plan to be open next fall. "We are going to give it a complete facelift inside and out," Clouse said. There will be a covered, drive up entrance; the plumbing and electrical will have to be redone so it can accommodate 18-20 bathrooms; in addition to a dining room for residents, there are plans for a theater, salon and other accommodations with the interior designed to look like a "mock town." He said a rough estimate of the remodeling cost is \$500,000.

The brothers were born and raised in Glennie and watched their parents, Roger and Sherry Clouse, run sev-

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# REWARD



On Sunday morning November 12 our dog took off chasing a deer in our yard on M-65 near Sawmill Road in Glennie. His name is Miller. He is a black and white Australian Shepherd mix, 6-7 years old, neutered, approx. 90 lbs. He is wearing a teal collar with a tag. Under normal circumstances he is very friendly. He was spotted in the woods off Kings Corner Road on Sunday afternoon by a hunter and his son. Any information will help. We just want our big boy home. Please call Laurie 810-691-4416 or Marc 989-329-4418.

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## Obituaries



### Beverly J. Runge

Beverly June Runge 87, of Barton City, died on Friday, Nov. 17, 2017, at home.

She was born May 10, 1930. Her mother was Daisy Perkins.

She married Joseph Runge on December 22, 1960.

Mrs. Runge spent her most of her life in the Detroit Metro area and retired to Barton City in the 1990s.

She worked for many years at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Mich.

She was an avid reader of the Bible and enjoyed church service on Sunday, singing in the choir and talking with children of any age.

Mrs. Runge is survived by her two sons, Thomas Hendley and Randy Runge; one daughter, Kathy Manners; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph on December 24, 2012; two daughters, Pam Baynai and Linda Dalpe; and two sons, Charles Hendley and Donny Hendley.

The funeral was held on November 19 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Laraine Sundin officiated. Burial will be in East Leland Cemetery, Leland, Mich.



### Edwin B. Champagne

Dr. Edwin Bernard Champagne, 82, died on Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at the Hearth at Juday Creek, in Granger, Ind.

He was born June 7, 1935 to Bernard and Marie (VonFintel) Champagne in Barton City.

While in Dayton, Ohio as a second lieutenant in the Air Force he met a schoolteacher, Betty Davisson. They were married in Ironton, Ohio on September 3, 1960. They lived in Huber Heights, Ohio, Ann Arbor, Mich. and finally settled in Kettering, Ohio where they spent over 40 years. They travelled extensively during Mr. Champagne's career but especially after his retirement. They spent time in Australia, France, Palm Springs, Calif., and Florida.

Besides his family, Mr. Champagne's passion was learning. He started his career in a one-room schoolhouse adjacent to the family farm in Barton City. He graduated from Harrisville High School in 1952. He received a degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University.

Upon graduation, Mr. Champagne accepted a job with the Hughes Aircraft Company in Los Angeles, Calif. While working at Hughes he completed his masters degree in electrical engineering at the University of Southern California in 1958. After that he was inducted into the U.S Air Force and served his military requirement in Dayton, Ohio at Wright Patterson AFB.

He immediately began work on his PhD in electrical engineering and graduated from Ohio State University in 1967. His dissertation was titled "A Qualitative and Quantitative Study of Holographic Imaging." He was one of the leading pioneers in this new field of study.

Mr. Champagne's career started in the Aeronautical Systems Division of the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB. After a six-year break in



private industry and working for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., he returned to Wright Patterson AFB in 1973. He finally retired as the civilian equivalent of a general in the U.S. Air Force in November of 1995. At that time he was chief scientist of the Solid State Electronics lab. He received several patents during his career and worked on many advanced and classified systems for the defense of the United States.

Mr. Champagne is survived by his wife, Betty; three children, Cathy (Ty) Scopel of Granger, Ind., David (Linda) Champagne of New Bremen, Ohio, and Jeffry (Jodi) Champagne of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren, Holly Champagne, Emma Champagne, Sara Champagne, Carly Scopel, Jackson Champagne and Mia Champagne; two brothers, Richard (Karen) Champagne and Roy Champagne both of Michigan; one brother-in-law, Jack Gill of Connecticut and various cousins, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the Dayton National Cemetery, 4400 W. Third St., Dayton, Ohio 45428.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a hospice organization of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Palmer Funeral Homes of South Bend, Ind.

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017

#### Weekly Report

#### Miles Per Hour

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Nov. 12	38	29	0.00	1.6	16	N
Nov. 13	39	33	0.00	0.9	18	N
Nov. 14	44	28	0.00	5.2	14	N
Nov. 15	41	38	0.27	10.3	16	SW
Nov. 16	40	30	0.01	3.6	29	N
Nov. 17	24	28	0.04	10.2	19	SSW
Nov. 18	39	34	0.03	4.0	31	NNE

#### Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017-2018 Season

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.35	0.0	0.49
November to Date	0.61	0.4	1.26
Year/Season to Date	32.44	0.4	25.75

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



# Calendar of Events

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

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

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

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 23

A free Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings will be served at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street in Harrisville. Come and eat anytime between 2 and 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. To reserve a place, call (989) 724-6834 or (989) 724-7165. If no answer, leave a message.

Thanksgiving dinner from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mikado American Legion, 2205 Alger Street. Everyone welcome. Call (989) 736-9526 for details.

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.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. Open to the public.

Money Sense for teens and young adults presented by Mike Cocoran from Northland Credit Union from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chosen Ranch Community Center, 483 East Traverse Bay Road in Lincoln. Learn money basics, how to balance a checkbook, create a budget and understand the benefits of having a savings account. For more information, call (989) 335-4673.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

The Sunrise Gardening Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Guests welcome to attend. Call Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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If you have experience as a teacher or medical person and would like to see Africa and make a difference, you are invited to attend an informative presentation by Rev. Jan. L. Baderstadt. She has volunteered at the South Ruwenzori School of Nursing and Midwifery in Kasese, Uganda and will share a wealth of knowledge. This event will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the IRESA building located at 27 North Rempert Road in Tawas City. It is free and open to public. To register, call (989) 362-3006 extension 168 or e-mail [ssll@sun-risesidell.com](mailto:ssll@sun-risesidell.com).

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

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

A free holiday concert featuring a mixed-voice choir of 50 vocalists will be held at 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Second Street in Harrisville. This musical event will include songs, hymns and sentiments of season. Sponsored by the Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

The Festival of Lights, a free evening of family fun, will be held at the Lincoln Fire Hall and the Lincoln Depot at 5:30 p.m. There will be hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate; hayrides through town, music and a bonfire. Santa Claus will be making a special visit. Prizes will be awarded for the annual lighting contest. This event is sponsored by the Lincoln Lions, Village of Lincoln, and Friends of the Lincoln Depot with special help from Alcona High School athletes.

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Christmas in the Village will be held in Harrisville. A holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Maria Hall adjacent to St. Anne Catholic Church. Children's activities from noon to 2 p.m. at the Alcona County Library west of the traffic light on M-72. Hayrides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville Arts Council building on Third Street. Cookie walks, crafts, bake sales and lunch served at various churches. For more information, call (989) 724-5107 or visit [www.alconacountychamberofcommerce.com](http://www.alconacountychamberofcommerce.com).

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## THANKSGIVING DINNER

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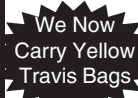
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**Local Notes**



**New Arrival**

Levi Louis Hall is the new son Gabriel and Brittnie Hall. He was born on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, weighing eight pounds and 15 ounces. He joins big sister, Delilah Elizabeth Hall. His father, Gabe is a 2010 graduate of Alcona High School and is a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army at Ft. Carson, Colorado. His mother, Brittnie, is studying psychology through Middle Tennessee State University. His grandparents are Leroy and Melissa Hall of Harrisville and Kim and Angela Chardonay of St. Augustine, Fla.; his great-grandparents are Raymond W. and Delores Chase of Lincoln.

**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. 27—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, peaches and cornbread.
  - Tuesday, Nov. 28—Stuffed green pepper, buttered noodles, wax beans, pea salad, and pears.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 29—Breaded pork chop, baked potato, Prince Charles blend vegetables, applesauce, and a biscuit.
  - Thursday, Nov. 30—Goulish, peas and carrots, tossed salad, mixed fruit, and garlic bread.
  - Friday, Dec. 1—Baked fish, red bliss potatoes, winter blend, and mixed fruit.
- (Friday dinners served in Lincoln only.)

**TBAChorus Performs**

The Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus presents "Tis the Season," a choral concert on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Second Street in Harrisville. Monte Jahnke, president of the Thunderbay Arts Council, said the chorus has been performing for about 30 years. "To my knowledge this is the first time the chorus has ever performed in Alcona County," Jahnke said.

He explained the Thunder Bay Arts Council is Michigan's oldest continuously operating regional arts council and one of its initiatives over the past several years is to reach out across northern Michigan in various ways. "Last Spring, we did some concerts with the Huron Shores Chorus, so this was a natural evolution to come to Alcona County, Harrisville in particular, because Christmas in the Village will be that coming weekend," Jahnke said. The chorus also has several members who live in Alcona County.

Music performed by the chorus of 37 voices will represent holiday arrangements from many traditions around

the world including a Nigerian Christmas carol, Hanukah music, French and English music, a Native American carol with French Canadian influence, Negro spiritual music, along with popular Christian and seasonal tunes. Some arrangements will have flute or African drum accompaniment.

Jahnke cautioned the venue is small and people may want to arrive early as space is limited. "It might be a little crowded at Westminster, but it should be an intimate holiday celebration in that beautiful sanctuary," Jahnke said. There is no admission charge, however a free will offering will be requested at the door.

**Callahans celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

John "Ron" and Connie Callahan (Pack) of Greenbush will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thursday, Nov. 23.

They were married on November 23, 1957 in Pontiac, Mich. The couple has one daughter, Nancy (Jim) Page of Houghton Lake, Mich.; two sons, Michael Callahan and Randy (Lisa) Callahan all of Waterford, Mich. and four grandchildren.



Connie and John "Ron" Callahan



**District Court**



The following individuals were sentenced in October in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court by the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Ronald Toby Gresham Jr., 46, of Glennie was sentenced to 20 days in jail (10 days held in abeyance), two years of probation and fines and costs of \$1,645 for controlled substance – use of marijuana.
- Leonard James Puzewicz, 63, of Oscoda was sentenced to three days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$2,030 for operating while intoxicated.
- John Justin Carl, 34, of Oscoda was sentenced to five days in jail and fines and costs of \$825 for controlled substance – use of marijuana.
- Charles Dean Wilson Jr., 53, of Greenbush was sentenced to 30 days in jail, two years of probation and costs and fines of \$2,565 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied and operating while intoxicated.
- Jeremy Allan Holtre y, 43, of Flint, Mich. was sentenced to five days in jail and costs and fines of \$825 for controlled substance – use of marijuana.
- Richard Lee Honeycutt, 32, of Ypsilanti, Mich. was sentenced to five days in jail and costs and fines of \$925 for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.



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p.m. in the community center.

The “beast” will be roasted pork loin stuffed with sausage and apples masterfully prepared by Chef Terry Zuchowski of Spruce and Shotmaker’s Bar in Harrisville. Not only is Zuchowski preparing the main dish, he has also donated it to the cause. The “beast” will be served with Whoville homemade sides of mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cornbread muffins, vegetables and a dessert.

Advanced feast wristband tickets are available for \$10 at the Hubbard Lake General Store, Q & C Marathon Gas Station and the Stone Bar and Grill or by calling the Loyal Ladies at (989) 335-3018.

Seating is limited and Apsey encouraged anyone

wanting to attend the Whoville Feast to get advanced wristband tickets soon. If any wristbands are left before the dinner they will be made available for \$15 at the door.

Aft 7 p.m. the lighting of the Whoville Christmas Tree will be celebrated. All are invited to attend the tree lighting.

Apsey explained the community is continuing to amaze the Loyal Ladies with their support. “Kubbe Machine Shop provided the Christmas Tree for us and Kenny Timm provided the lights. We’ve got Santa coming and the Hubbard Lake Lions are making candy bags for the kids. We don’t even have to ask for support or help, the businesses in Hubbard Lake are ready and willing to help and just offer.

“This is true community spirit, this is why the Loyal Ladies do what we do. We love our communities and want to keep making them beautiful. Come out and celebrate Whoville style with us. It’s going to be a lot of fun. Everyone attending will walk away with a happy heart, even a Grinch,” Apsey said.

For more information on the Loyal Ladies or to give a donation, visit the website at [theloyalladies.com](http://theloyalladies.com), like them on Facebook or call (989) 335-0850.

The Hubbard Lake Community Center is located at 1561 Hubert Road in Hubbard Lake.

## Plans

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eral businesses in and around Glennie including the grocery store and hardware in town. Christopher grew up working in the hardware store after school and on weekends.

He paid attention to the business end of things and started to take an interest in his community from an entrepreneurial standpoint. He eventually purchased the hardware from his parents. He also owns the ice cream shop, a mini storage facility, 12 apartments and six houses in and around Glennie. “Vacant buildings interest me,” Clouse said. “I think ‘what can I do with that?’”

medical insurance if this bill passes.

More importantly, this huge tax cut to the rich very likely means less services and protection for the rest of us. Medicare is already predicted to be in the crosshairs, and it is predicted it will see huge cuts in 2018.

Why do the Republicans think these cuts are justified? Because, once again, they claim that the rich will use all this new wealth to “rain” money down on the working class. The rich are awash in money now, and here in Michigan wages have gone backwards or stated stagnant. It hasn’t worked. Obviously, most of the rich feel no obligation to help the working class verses buying themselves a new yacht.

Please call you senator. Ask them to make sure this bill doesn’t not pass. It only gives to the rich while it takes from the rest of us.

Carolyn Medland  
Alcona Township

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

The basic function of government has always been to collect taxes and then use that money to provide protection and services to us.

That is why it is important to keep track of who pays the taxes and who gets the services.

The Republican Congress is in the process of trying to pass a new tax structure and it is important to see where the money will go.

They are proposing that the government cut taxes and bring in 1.5 trillion less dollars. Who gets to keep this money? One trillion of this cut goes to big companies, their CEOs and stockholders. About another half trillion goes to the very, very wealthy by reducing the estate tax.

What tax cut goes to the rest of us? Actually, most bipartisan analyses show that the middle class and poor will pay more taxes. We know that 13 million will lose their

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In most instances, Special Education Services are provided at no cost to parents. More information regarding these federally funded programs and services may be obtained by contacting Mary Zann, Supervisor of Special Education, at the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District, 2118 US-23 South, Alpena, MI 49707, or by telephoning (989) 354-3101 ext. 129.

Scott Reynolds, Superintendent  
Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District

*Organizations*      **Organization Notes**      *Organizations*



The Alcona Masonic Lodge #292 put together and delivered the makings for 69 complete Thanksgiving meals for needy families in Alcona County. The food was collected by the Vietnam Veterans of Alpena Chapter 583, who gathers enough food to supply Thanksgiving dinners for needy people in four counties. Each meal consists of a turkey, potatoes, dressing, cranberry sauce, gravy and the fixings for a pumpkin pie. The average cost for each delivery is about \$45 per box. The Alcona Masonic Lodge has been giving financial donations to the veterans and delivering the boxes to needy families for three years. This year they were able to give \$3,000 thanks to a donation by the family of Boyd Kinney, a deceased brother of Alcona Masonic Lodge, lodge donations of \$250 plus a \$250 matching grant. (Left to right): Alcona Masonic Lodge #292 members Charlie Roy, Kevin Friddle, Greg Laskowski, Eric Wagner and Greg Anderson. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

**River Aux Sables Chapter**

The October meeting of the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the Camp Inn in Oscoda for a demonstration and basic lesson in Tai Chi given by Vivian Schutte.

The chapter had voted to give a check for our Texas

sisters effected by Hurricane Hugo. At the September Conference, the check plus two donations was presented to the Texas state regent.

Members learned about a Michigan artist, Edith Bonde, an Ojibwa elder from Hubbard Lake who made black ash native basketry that are on display in the Smithsonian Art Institute, at Michigan State and in the Jessie Besser Museum in Alpena.

The November meeting will be suspended as River Aux Sables is meeting at the VFW in Hale to honor the Vietnam veterans by assisting with the luncheon given in their honor by the auxilliary.

River Aux Sables ladies are keeping a candle in the window during the month of December to welcome home returning veterans and encouraging those in the community to participate as well.

**VFW Post No. 6754 Auxiliary**

The November meeting was held with six members present. Due to the secretary's absence, president Kathy Vichunas read the minutes/notes from the previous meeting. Sandy Light provided the treasurer's report and advised that only two members have not yet paid their dues.

Members were advised of the Veterans Day program at Sanborn School on Friday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. The auxiliary purchased two Voice of Democracy tickets and the bills were paid. President Vichunas read a note from Kathy Carriveau regarding her inability to continue as the auxiliary secretary due to health concerns.

The audit report was read and the members were advised that the report had been submitted. For the good of the order, Norma Alstrom reviewed an article from the recent auxiliary magazine regarding the need to help veterans and their families as well as senior members of the community during the

holiday season.

The Veterans Day program at Sanborn School was attended by auxiliary members: Norma Alstrom, Karen Alstrom, Susan Alstrom, Kathy Vichunas and Frances Ziesman as well as post members: Chuck Gauthier, Al Vichunas and Mike Scott.

Students from the second thru fifth grades participated in the program. The first graders presented special gifts to the veterans and their guests. Senior Master Sgt. John Kozlowski gave the Veterans Day message. Al Vichunas, VFW Post No. 6754 adjutant and Vietnam Veteran, presented a U.S. flag to the principal on behalf of the post. And, George Redlawsk played "Taps" at the end of the program.

A special thank you to all the teachers and their assistants who helped the students put on the 2017 Veterans Day assembly. All veterans and guests were invited to participate in a reception following the Veterans Day program.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Social Security options for divorced spouses

Dear Savvy Senior,  
As a divorced woman, am I entitled to my ex-husband's Social Security benefits? I was married for 14 years and would like to know how this works.

Happily Divorced

Dear Happily,  
Yes, you may very well be eligible for divorced spouses Social Security benefits if you meet certain criteria.

A divorced spouse can collect a Social Security retirement benefit on the earnings record of their ex-husband (or ex-wife) if you are at least age 62, were married for at least 10 years, are unmarried, and are not eligible for a higher benefit based on your own earnings record.

In order to collect, your former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits. But, he doesn't have to be receiving them in order for you to collect divorced spouse's benefits, as long as you've been divorced for at least two years.

Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorcee benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.

A divorced spouse can receive up to 50 percent of their ex's full Social Security benefit, or less if they take benefits before their full retirement age – which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954. To find out your full retirement age and see how much your benefits will be reduced by taking them early see [SSA.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html](http://SSA.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html).

Keep in mind though, that if you qualify for benefits based on your own work history, you'll receive the larger of the two benefits. You cannot receive benefits on both your record, and your ex's work record too.

To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at [SSA.gov/myaccount](http://SSA.gov/myaccount). And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social

Security at (800) 772-1213. You'll need his Social Security Number to get it.

You also need to know that if your ex-spouse dies, and you were married for 10 or more years, you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits, which is worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due.

Survivor's benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled). But, if you remarry before 60 you become ineligible unless the marriage ends. Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.

Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when you ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.

Being divorced also offers a switching strategy that can help boost your benefits if you were born on or before January 1, 1954. Here's how it works. If you worked and are eligible for benefits on



Savvy Senior

your own earnings record, you could file a "restricted application" with Social Security at age 66 to collect a divorced spousal benefit, which is half of what your ex gets. Then, once you reach 70, you stop receiving the ex-spousal benefit and switch to your own benefit, which will be 32 percent higher than it would have been at your full retirement age.

Unfortunately, as a result of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, this option is not available if your birthday is January 2, 1954 or later.

Divorced widows (and widowers) also have switching options regardless of your

birthday. If, for example, you are currently collecting Social Security retirement benefits on your own record, and your ex-spouse dies, you can switch to survivor's benefits if the payment is larger. Or, if you're collecting survivor's benefits, you can switch to your own retirement benefits – between 62 and 70 – if it offers a larger payment.

For more information visit [SSA.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html](http://SSA.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html), or call 800-772-1213.

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# Foundation hosts Giving Tuesday event to support area nonprofit groups

A total of \$177 million was raised on Giving Tuesday in 2016 from individuals and businesses “across the globe united for one purpose—to celebrate giving.”

According to Patrick Heraghty, executive director of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM), those thankful to local nonprofits striving to meet the needs of communities in northeast Michigan to show their appreciation and support by giving back on Giving Tuesday.

“As we head into the holiday season, we hope those living in northeast Michigan recognize that this is the time of year when the greatest demands are placed upon our local charities,” Heraghty said.

To help raise awareness and support of those organizations who work year round to improve the quality of life for our local communities, CFNEM will help local nonprofits participate in Giving Tuesday on November 28.

“The Giving Tuesday movement has really gained some steam over the last few years nationwide, and locally,” Heraghty said. “For northeast Michigan, the Community Foundation helped local

nonprofits raise just over \$30,000 in 2015, and that number shot up to over \$41,000 in 2016. We know that our region is full of incredibly generous people, and we hope they’ll show up online on November 28 to make this year even more successful for the nonprofits in our area.”

Although this will be CFNEM’s third year leading the event in northeast Michigan, Giving Tuesday as a global day of giving is now in its sixth year. Meant to harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide, the 24-hour giving event is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.). It follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, to kickoff the holiday giving season. The hope is that people will set aside a few minutes from holiday shopping to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

To help local nonprofits participate in Giving Tuesday, CFNEM will provide the technical infrastructure through its website and social media to showcase and manage donations for over 50 nonprofits that meet IRS tax requirements to operate as a nonprofit. Donors will be able to visit [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org) on Giving Tuesday and make donations to any or all of these nonprofits.

Two local organizations that are participating in this annual event include:

- **The Pine River Van-Etten Lake Watershed Coalition (PRVEL)**, which encompasses Alcona and Iosco counties. PRVEL is an official 501(c)(3) all volunteer organization and its programs target issues such as river bank stabilization, improving fish/wildlife habitat, restoration of impaired road/stream crossings, monitoring and treatment for plant/aquatic invasive species, and monitoring water quality through periodic stream samplings for aquatic insects and unwanted nutrients.

It operates and depends on individual donations and occasional grants if awarded, and all funds collected go directly to support their programs/projects.

- **Friends of Negwegon State Park.** This group has set out to raise funds through an endowment fund that will ultimately help pay for an AmeriCorps volunteer to work in the park in the summer months.

“Negwegon is managed as a wild and natural park, and does not have the same opportunities to bring in revenue as other parks,” said Eric Ostrander, supervisor at Negwegon State Park. “There are four popular walk-in campsites, but the revenue collected does not generate enough to help fund the number of staff that is needed to help expand stewardship activities and maintain infrastructure in the park.”

According to Ostrander, the current cost for an AmeriCorps volunteer is approximately \$10,000 per year, and it will take time to build a large enough endowment to fund this yearly expenditure. The position would help with stewardship projects, interpretive programming and other tasks, while working collaboratively with Harrisville State Park staff and Friends of Negwegon. In the meantime, the funds could be used for working on invasive species projects, hosting learning fields trips with Alcona Community Schools and bringing in guest speakers for events related to the park’s Dark Sky designation.

Negwegon State Park is home to approximately 3,800 acres of natural wilderness located on Lake Huron in Alcona and Alpena counties. The park’s trails, sandy beach, unique dune and swale complex offer a variety of recreational opportunities, including hiking, hunting, swimming wildlife viewing and many others. The park also is home to many rare and threatened species and is a Dark Sky Preserve, which means it is a designated area protected against light pollution and is ideal for stargazing.

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In order for us to continue with our program, we look to the support of the community to aid us in making sure our goals and objectives are reached. Merchants in the Harrisville area for years have displayed Buck Cards, that also generate revenue for our causes. Support also comes in a couple different ways. One is to get the names and addresses of all those children and seniors we are looking for, and secondly is the generosity of the citizens, with their donations, in these tough financial times. Both of these objectives can be accomplished by filling out the form at the end of this article and forward it to the address specified. Persons can also phone in the names and addresses to 724-5258 or 724-9910.

The Harrisville Goodfellows, although they want to stay anonymous, also try and help others within our community when some type of disaster or unexpected crisis falls upon a family. This is another good reason that we need your financial support, as well as your sense of community support for those less fortunate than others.

Here are some of the activities the Harrisville Goodfellows accomplish at this time of year.

- On the Sunday, December 17 fruit baskets and some meals are delivered to the seniors in our area, to wish them a Merry Christmas.
- On Christmas Eve the children receive a visit and a bag of goodies from Santa Claus. (Have your cameras ready)
- The Nativity Scene is set up for all to enjoy.
- Trees are decorated at the Craftmakers’ Cabin.

In order for us to complete our tasks, we ask for a few simple actions of the community:

1. Keep your porch lights on from 6 to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
2. Keep your dogs secured during the same time.
3. If you are not going to be home, but in the area, let us know where.
4. On Sunday, December 17, if the seniors will not be home between noon and 2 p.m., please contact us, so other arrangements for delivery can be made.

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Anna Alfaro, a junior at Alcona High School, shot her first deer with a compound bow on November 13. *Courtesy photo.*



Zach Stephenson of Barton City got this eight-point while hunting with his mom, Lisa Stephenson, on November 17 in Barton City. *Courtesy photo.*



Kyle Charters of Oscoda bagged a seven-point on November 18 while hunting at CX2 Ranch in Curran. *Review photo.*

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

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.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

The MEA-Retired 14A will meet at 10 a.m. at the Alpena Public Library, 211 North First Avenue. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. Bring a dish to pass and a quality item for the scholarship fund silent auction. Call (989) 356-4551 or (800) 587-5545 for details.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

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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, DECEMBER 7**

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.

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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.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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.

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.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

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# Proposed Harrisville pocket park seeks funding

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Wanting to make her hometown look it's best a local resident, with community support, is planning a pocket park for a tranquil place for all to relax in downtown Harrisville.

Becky Bean, president of the Sunrise Gardening Club, said it was a longtime dream of hers and others in the community to see a pocket park on an irregular piece of property located at 105 Main Street between the Richard's Pharmacy building and the railroad tracks.

Beans's desire for the pocket park grew after seeing how the community rallied around the Lady Lions and the City of Harrisville for a new children's playground at the upper park at the Harrisville Harbor.

With support from Sunrise Gardening Club members to explore the pocket park idea, Bean contacted the owner of the property. The owner, Diana Bailey-Gibson, liked the idea and settled on a price with a letter of intent to sell with one stipulation: that her parents' names be memorialized on a

plaque or a bench at the park. Bean is now looking for \$5,000 in funds to secure the land purchase with all funds raised being handled by the non profit group, Inspiration Alcona. Bean and the Sunrise Gardening Club plan to write grants for the monies needed to landscape the park.

"Look to Oscoda and its pocket park on US-23 as an example of what this park could be. Their park gives the feeling of a community that cares about its town. I often see people stopping there to enjoy coffee or an ice cream cone. I believe the community and local businesses in Harrisville would benefit from this park. The location is perfect as it can be seen from US-23 and its very near local businesses," Bean said.

The park would contain a mix of hardscape and easy to maintain trees and shrubs with art displays and places to sit being the focus. A large patio area would allow for multiple uses.

Bean explained some maintenance of the park will be required and she will be seeking volunteers, or a group, to step forward to do this.

To donate to the pocket park fund, mail donations to Inspiration Alcona, P.O. Box

506, Lincoln, Mich., 48742 with a memo on the check: Pocket Park. For further in-

formation or to volunteer to help maintain the park, contact Bean at (989) 724-6569.



A graphic rendition of how the vacant land on Main Street in Harrisville could look as a pocket park. *Courtesy graphic.*

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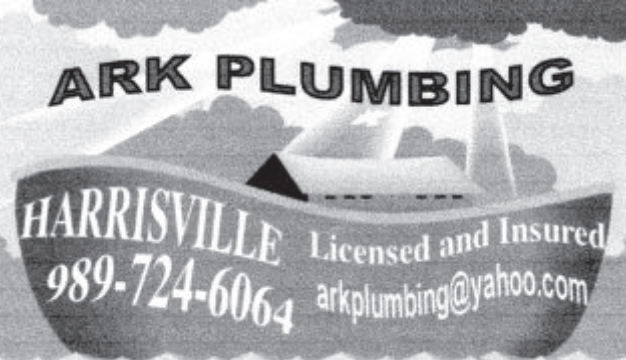
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C/O Job application**

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11/15 & 11/22

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA  
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING  
6:00 PM TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2017  
CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP HALL  
GILLARD RD  
SPRUCE, MICHIGAN**

The purpose of this meeting is to correct qualified clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only. For Principal Residence Exemption an owner who owned and occupied a principal residence on June 1, 2017, for which the exemption was not on the tax roll may file an appeal with the December Board of Review in the year for which the exemption was claimed or the immediately succeeding 3 years. MCL 211.7cc(19) as amended.

For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2017 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately preceding tax year pursuant to MCL 211.7 ee(6).

An Eligible Veteran may appeal their 2017 Property Tax on their Principal Residence at this meeting.

A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2017 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2017 you can also drop the paper work off at the township drop box on Gillard Rd. or mail to P.O. Box 7, Spruce, MI 48762.

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**Tips for charitable giving during the holidays**

With the busiest weekend of the year coming up, people are making their lists and checking them twice to make sure they have everything to make their holiday go a little smoother.

Before the turkey is even off the tables, Black Friday will have already begun, then comes Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. Let's not forget about Giving Tuesday.

While it may not be a day with big shopping deals and money saved, it's a day that has become increasingly more popular since it began six years ago. There are many reasons why people choose the holidays to give to charity. Some may be looking to meet deadlines for last-minute tax deductions, some desire to give out of the goodness of their hearts and others are moved by a specific charity's services. Whatever the reason for donating to charity, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) wants donors to give wisely.

Charitable giving tends to peak during the holiday season, so if anyone who plans to open their pocketbook to a charity this year, make the donation counts by following these basic giving tips:

- Know the charity's exact name and contact information/website. Thousands of charities have similar names and charities can be easily confused.

- Take time to research a charity before deciding to give. Resist pressure to give money on the spot, whether from a telemarketer or a solicitor canvassing the neighborhood. Legitimate charities will gladly accept a donation after a donor has done the research and after they've had time to send additional information.

- Review a charity's website for the basics. A legitimate charity will list its mission, program details and finances openly on its website. If basic information is not available, request the information and search for a national charity report at give.org. Determine whether a charity meets BBB's 20 Standards for Charity Accountability.

- Verify the charity is properly registered with the state.

- Be aware some organizations will use emotional,

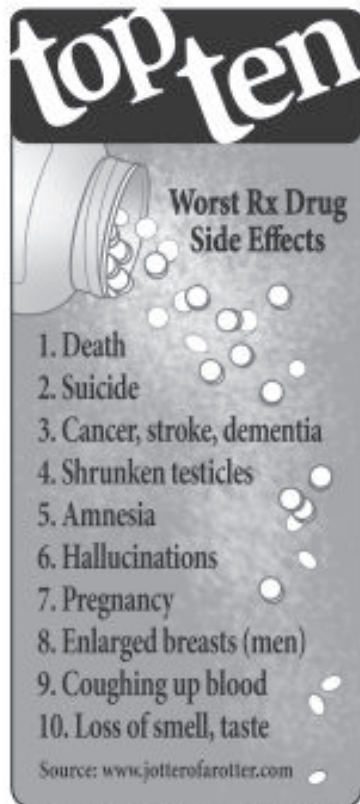
heart-wrenching stories to appeal to potential donors, urging them to make an emotional decision, rather than a rational one. Find out how money will be used to help those in need.

- Ask for details about how a donation is used. If a charity says its mission is to help the needy, find out specifically how the targeted population will be helped and where donation will go geographically. don't be afraid to ask what percentage of the donation is spent on actual program activities versus fundraising expenses. In order for a charity to meet BBB standards, no more than 35 percent of related contributions can be spent on fundraising.

- Not all donations to soliciting organizations will be considered tax exempt. Check an organization's tax status with the IRS.

- When donating online, make sure to be on the verified website of a legitimate charity. Don't enter any personal or financial information on sites that aren't secure. Check for the lock symbol and the URL will start with https://.

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# Alcona County Sheriff's Report

## For the Week of November 13-19, 2017

**138 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 4 Arrests; 1 Warrant Arrest; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Domestic; 10 Traffic Tickets.**

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	16	Traffic/Traffic Stop	26
Medical	19	Warrant Arrest	1
Property Damage Accident	3	Assist	7
Personal Injury Accident	2	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Animal/Dog	13	No Insurance	1
Patrol Check	2	Well Being Check	3
Suspicious Event	2	Alarm	6
Abandoned Vehicles	10	Larceny	4
Fire	3	Threats	3
Missing Person	2	Domestic	4
Gun Shots	2	Lost Property	1
Assault	1	Operate While Intoxicated	2
Burglary	1	Overdose	1
Trespass	1	Neighbor Dispute	1
Juvenile	1		

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	8	Caledonia	11	Curtis	11
Greenbush	13	Gustin	15	Harrisville	18
Hawes	10	Haynes	5	Mikado	13
Millen	12	Mitchell	10		
Harrisville City	8	Village of Lincoln	4		



Succulents prefer the bright light of a south-facing window, but the leaves will turn brown or white if the light is too intense. Ideal temperatures would be from 70-85° F during the day to as low as 50-55° F at night. Water regularly but lightly, as keeping the roots soaking wet will kill the plant. Succulents should be potted in a fast-draining soil mixture that's designed for cacti; or make your own, using regular potting soil mixed with perlite to increase aeration and drainage.

Source: www.thespruce.com

- Brenda Weaver

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## Do You Have News We Can Use?

### Calendar of Events

The Review's Calendar of Events is a free service and is published in chronological order as space allows. If it *has* to be published by or on a certain date, it is considered paid advertising.

- This forum is for events and programs open to the general public.
- Calendar items are short, concise announcements of an event happening in or around Alcona County.
- Entries *must* have the day and date, time, location, brief description and cost if any. An entry may also include one or two telephone numbers for more information. If a telephone number is *not* to be published, it must be noted clearly. Otherwise it *will* be published. (Entries are also automatically added to the Review's website Calendar of Events at no charge.)
- Submissions can be mailed to: P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; Faxed to: (989) 724-6655; dropped at the Review office ~ 111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville; or e-mailed to: [subscribe@alconareview.com](mailto:subscribe@alconareview.com) or [editor@alconareview.com](mailto:editor@alconareview.com).

**Please include a contact name & telephone number with each submission in case there are questions.**

Organizations

## Organization Notes

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### Harrisville Business Association

The October 12 meeting of the Harrisville Business Association (HBA) was called to order at 6 p.m. Present: Cheryl Peterson, chairperson; Ed Foster, treasurer; Tony Haight, vice chairperson; Kiann Kruttlin, Doug Cheek, Louie Campbell, Ginger Campbell, Vanessa Ritchie, secretary; Susan Haight; Judy MacNeill; Maureen Castern-French; and Mark Kovachevich.

September minutes were approved. Quarterly financial report was approved.

In old business: US-23/Heritage Route Discovery Tour wrap up: an estimated 60 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in this event.

In new business: Customer Appreciation Day - Vanessa will call businesses with raffle prizes not picked up, give them the option of taking the prize back or donating it to a future event for the holidays.

Donation requests - Discussion regarding the board making donation decisions with charity attending meeting. It was discussed to strengthen our policies and procedures going forward

with future requests. Reviewing again at next meeting.

Membership dues letter and fees - It was agreed to keep the membership dues at \$25. We will revisit in March 2018. Vanessa to handle distribution of membership letters for the second quarter 2018.

Changing /amending terms for officers - Some items are still open for discussion. Items below were discussed: possibly staggering terms and officer positions; group officer positions: chairman/treasurer, Vice chairman/secretary; change one-year term to two-year term; even year elections for chairman/treasurer and odd year elections for vice chairman/secretary; elect Vanessa Ritchie to secretary position; keep current officers in place until next 2018 elections until then, officers will continue to be Cheryl Peterson, chairperson; vice chairperson, Tony Haight; treasurer, Ed Foster; and secretary, Vanessa Ritchie.

A huge "thank you" to Judie and Paul Labadie for being good stewards for the community and HBA. They will be missed. Meeting ad-

journalled at 7:30 p.m.

The November 9 meeting scheduled was cancelled due to a power outage. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

### Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to issues.

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- Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.
- **Letters should be no longer than 300 words.** Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.
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# State agencies unite to reduce mental illness in jails

**By Jack Nissen**  
Capital News Service

Up to 64 percent of county jail inmates in Michigan have some form of mental illness. And while lawmakers discuss ways to reduce that number, law enforcement officers have put their own solutions to the test.

“Police chiefs are saying, ‘We’re spending tons of time with individuals with severe mental illness in the community and then we’re bringing them to jail,’” said Ross Buitendorp, a board member of the Mental Health Diversion Council.

Jails have become mental health hospitals, said Blaine Koops, the executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association. Koops estimates between 45 and 65 percent of county jail inmates receive some form of psychotropic medication for mental illness,

and 90 to 95 percent have some type of substance abuse problems.

Jails are not the best places to treat people with mental illness, Buitendorp said, so agencies are working together to identify and treat those who need help. Law enforcement agencies are tackling the problem by increasing use of a decades-old program called Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, Buitendorp said. The 40-hour class trains officers to better identify people with mental illness, and intervene in a smarter way.

A CIT-trained officer can recognize symptoms that someone who is suicidal, bipolar or schizophrenic might show during times of stress.

“What the officer does is look at the behavior of the person in front of them, and run it against the symptoms

they’ve been trained in,” said Rafael Diaz, a lieutenant with the Kalamazoo Public Safety Department. “So when they see these things, they can separate the conduct driven by a mental health crisis as opposed to criminal conduct.”

The goal after recognizing those symptoms is slowing things down. Officers have time on their side, Diaz explained. “They’re going to try to open lines of communication using a set of skills called ‘active listening,’” Diaz said.

Active listening is an effort to hear what the person is saying. That can take time because many mentally ill patients have thought-process problems. But a successful attempt can calm the individuals instead of further agitating them.

In addition to keeping people with mental illness

out of jail, CIT training also emphasizes diverting patients already behind bars to a mental care facility. Officials without such training are much less likely to move a person with a mental health crisis to an appropriate facility.

While Michigan doesn’t keep track of the reduced number of injuries during these interactions, other cities like Memphis, Tenn., where CIT training has been in wider use, show the training works, Diaz said.

So Michigan agencies are doing more of it. The Community Mental Health Board of Clinton, Ingham and Eaton counties reported 95 cases of the method used in the last year. It expects to have 160 officers trained before 2018.

Buitendorp is also the director of substance abuse at

Network180, a community health agency in Kent County that has helped train 80 officers. “The police departments and the emergency departments are our biggest fans and our biggest partners,” Buitendorp said, “because we all serve the same clients.”

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan said the increased training is a great first step to addressing larger issues like mass incarceration of undeserving individuals. “Recognizing that mental health issues are at the base of a lot of these criminal charges is so important,” said Shelli Weisenberg, ACLU’s political director. “Putting the resources for the training, creating those collaborations even though we don’t have resources in place, it’s a fabulous first start.”

The money comes from grants distributed by the federal government and the jail-diversion committee, donations from organizations like the National Alliance for Mental Illness and increased commitments from police agencies willing to send officers to be trained.

For example, Oakland County has a mental crisis center, called Common Ground, designed for people needing immediate mental help. It’s an important stop for many police officers who need to drop off a mentally ill person, according to Jeff Kapuscinski, the director of business development at the agency. “We think that the programs and services we provide for people in those situations are not only more appropriate for the care they might need at that moment, but it’s also less costly for taxpayers than sending them to jail,” Kapuscinski said.

According to Kapuscinski, Common Ground is one of only a handful of agencies of its kind in the country. The agency diverted 431 people from jail in 2015, saving Oakland County more than \$5 million. The savings represent progress, Kapuscinski explained, but it’s not more than money is necessary. A lack of material resources, like available beds in hospitals, is a serious problem for mentally ill patients.

“Frequently, it’s been our experience that folks experiencing mental health issues or a mental health crisis are lower in terms of the priority of being served in an emergency department,” Kapuscinski said. “That’s when emergency department boarding becomes an issue.”

Both Koops and Kapuscinski agree it’s not uncommon for inmates to wait weeks for an open spot. “The number one issue up here is not training, it’s the availability of bed space for mental health patients,” said Cheboygan County Sheriff Dale Clarmont. “We had a violent offender with mental issues a little while ago who waited three days before we got a bed for him.”

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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Officers praise Private McLeod

### Harrisville Boy Making Good at Camp McArthur

**November 22, 1917** ~ John McLeod received the following letter from his son, Murdo, in training at Waco, Texas:

Co. H. 126 U. S. Inf., Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

Oct. 29th, 1917.

Dear Father and Mother:

I have been so busy since being here that I fell behind in my writing, but I am after it now. It's different with me now. I like to write and like to receive letters; I am going to write to Mills tonight. I haven't been in any formation since I was here except reveille. In the morning the buglers play reveille and also a non-commissioned officer comes to each tent house and wakens the Corporal and he wakens us and we dress and wash and then we hear "fall in"

from the Top Sergeant. We all fall in at attention and the corporals are to report their men, i e "Private Brook sick in hospital," "Private Cook in kitchen". Private James absent," etc. When everyone is accounted for we are dismissed and next is whistle for mess. Instead of going out with the company I have a man to help me and get things in ship shape.

I am sending you one of our semi-tents in which we live—the tent comes over them and they have shiplap floor. I built 19 of these and did numerous kinds of other work and I am at this time building a frame building for the officers—Captain and Lieutenant. They are well pleased with me in this line even the other companies

josh them here that they are going to get me in their company. The captain gets great credit for my work,, as he gets his orders to do certain things. The captain told me the last time they were balling out the other captains and said go over to H. Co., the only perfect one in the regiment, and do your's just like it. I said if they were that easily pleased that we would give them lots more of them.

There is no such a position as a carpenter in the company. We had 150 men in the company and we are getting 100 more drafted men which will make 250 men. We are allowed four mechanics in quarters and I am selected as one and the captain asked for my promotion and expects it to be official this coming

first of the month at increased pay. When a man enlists he is classed as a second class private at \$30.00 and after efficiency has been attained he is promoted to first class private at \$33.00. His next advancement would be corporal or the lowest rank of a non-commissioned officer at \$36.00, and this advancement will make me artificer or mechanic. They are teaching me rifle repairs, etc. But don't address my envelope as "Mech. M. C. L" until officially announced.

I bought \$150 in Libefty Bonds and when they are paid for they will be sent to you to keep for me. We expect to go over the seas about New Years.

Affectionately,  
Murdo

## Mountain Inn changes hands

**November 23, 1967** ~ Black River— On Saturday, November 18th, The Mountain Inn Tavern officially changed hands.

The new owners are Mr. Frasher Boyle and his wife Mary, of Flint.

The Mountain Inn, long a landmark of this community, is located north of Harrisville on US-23 at the Black River Road intersection and had been owned and operated continuously by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver DeRocher for the past thirty-one and a half years. Mrs. DeRocher, Rose to all who know her, was born on Black River in 1892, and is one of the longest residents of this community. Mr. DeRocher, Oliver to one and all, moved up here with his parents from Saginaw when he was five years old and will be celebrating his 80th birthday on December 13th.

Oliver DeRocher married Rose LaFave on October 10, 1910. They have one son, Oliver Jr., and three granddaughters.

They owned land and farmed prior to going into business. The Mountain Inn was first opened for business on August 1st., 1936.

It burned down on November 27th. of that same year. It was rebuilt and burned to the ground for the second time on October 15th., 1955. However, the present building was rebuilt within a record period of time of five weeks and was again open for business.

Years ago, food was also served there and the DeRochers were well known for their Sunday Chicken Dinners. During the years of the Second World War, The Mountain Inn was what would now be called "The Swinging Place To Go", and attracted people from all over the county.

Mr. DeRocher's brother, Maurice, also worked in the tavern until his retirement about three years ago.

It may also be noted that the Mountain Inn held the longest liquor license under one name in the State of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. DeRocher wish the new owners all the "Best of Luck". They are now looking forward to settling down in pleasant retirement in their home, just relaxing and perhaps doing a bit of traveling. They also wish to say a "Big Thank You" to all their friends, acquaintances and patrons of the past thirty years.

We, in turn, wish the DeRochers many more happy years together in their retirement, and also welcome the new owners and Wish them success fin .their new venture.

### CryptoQuip answer

When you're altering just the first word of a sentence, you could be changing the subject.

## Alcona Review Weather Report

Nov. 22, 2017

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 24
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 37 Low: 26
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 29
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Few Showers High: 40 Low: 34
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Few Snow Showers High: 36 Low: 30
	<b>MONDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 27
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 38 Low: 32

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 33°, humidity of 56%. West wind 8 to 13 mph. The record high for today is 62° set in 2012. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 24°. Southwest wind 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 15°. The record low for tonight is 3° set in 1929.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

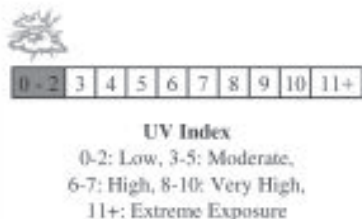
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	39	33	44/29	0.00"
Tuesday	45	26	44/29	0.01"
Wednesday	42	35	43/29	1.46"
Thursday	41	28	43/28	0.06"
Friday	37	28	43/28	0.44"
Saturday	39	34	42/28	0.52"
Sunday	36	29	42/28	0.01"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>First</b> 11/26	Wednesday 7:41 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:29 p.m.
Thursday	7:43 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	11:43 a.m.	9:23 p.m.
Friday	7:44 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	12:21 p.m.	10:21 p.m.
Saturday	7:45 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	11:21 p.m.
<b>Full</b> 12/3	Sunday 7:46 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	1:27 p.m.	Next Day
Monday	7:48 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	1:56 p.m.	12:23 a.m.
Tuesday	7:49 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	2:25 p.m.	1:28 a.m.

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers, partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 56 in Barnstable, Mass. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 83 in Miami Springs, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain through Friday, highest temperature of 65 in Walla Walla, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday, partly cloudy skies Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 94 in Lakeside, Calif.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:41 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Venus	6:37 a.m.	4:28 p.m.
Mars	4:02 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Jupiter	5:47 a.m.	4:02 p.m.
Saturn	9:44 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Uranus	3:19 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

### Weather History

**Nov. 22, 1988** - Wet and windy weather prevailed across the western U.S., with heavy snow in some of the higher elevations. Winds gusted to 62 mph at Vedaurwoo, Wyo., and reached 75 mph at Tillamook, Ore. Shelter Cove, Calif. was drenched with 4.37 inches of rain in 24 hours.

### Weather Trivia

When did fronts first appear on United States weather maps?



Answer: In the 1930s.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Robotic Observatory Becoming a Reality

The Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS) Robotic Observatory which Moravian College has a 25 percent buy-in share is now standing proud at the MDRS facility near Hanksville, Utah. It is still not operational, but I wanted to give the Moravian community an update on its progress. This past spring, a site was chosen and the concrete foundation for the structure was poured. All of equipment was finalized, purchased, and plans were put into motion during July to complete the installation of the observatory, high-speed Internet connectivity, and test the mounting system of the two telescopes and their cameras. There were many complications that delayed this timeline, but a host of incredibly generous people stepped forward to help. We could not get a firm arrival date for the observatory because Hanksville, with its 203 residents, was not a large enough community for regular freight delivery. Curtis Construction of Hanksville traveled to Lake Havasu City in western Arizona and picked up the observatory for us. They also trenched the electrical lines, placed and buried the wires so the observatory could be electrified and made operational for off-line testing. Adam Jones, an IT expert who lives in Denver, dropped by and succeeded in interfacing the observatory computer with our laptops so that it could be opened and closed remotely. Then Ed Thomas of Deep Space Products (Tucson) arrived with the mounting system and telescopes, but minus one of the two cameras. The summer 2017 cyber terrorist attacks in Europe had affected the ability of the Czech Republic company making the CCD cameras, Moravian Instruments (yes, that's the real name) to ship on time. Ed Thomas helped us assemble the mount, but we did not attach the two telescopes because without all of the additional equipment onboard, and a balanced system, nothing would work anyway. In addition, HughesNet, the only Internet provider for the Hanksville area, failed to hook up the high-speed system. Lead astronomer, Peter Deterline along with Ed Thomas returned to Utah in mid-October and worked out most of the kinks, in a grueling 10-day period, but the main camera for the larger research telescope malfunctioned and has since been returned to the Czech Republic for repair or replacement. In addition, we have not been able to access remotely the mount which moves and positions the telescopes due to a quirky power switch. There are fixes to this issue which are currently being pursued. If the Moravian camera arrives back in time, Peter Deterline and I will travel to Utah over the Winter Break to get the observatory and telescopes operational. Wish us success! Find pictures at <http://astronomy.org/StarWatch/November/index-11-17.html#11-19-17>. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



# Veterans Host

By Freedy Groves

## The new CARE act

The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing the new Veterans Coordinated Access and Rewarding Experiences (CARE) Act and has sent those ideas to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committee.

The original CHOICE Act gave veterans the option of getting medical care closer to home, outside of a VA facility, if they lived more than 40 miles from one or couldn't get an appointment for 30 days. That was a good step, except when it came to determining just what "40 miles" meant. Was it as the crow flies, or was it by long and winding road? And yes, it sounded great to be able to access care mere miles from one's home ... except the contact number to make appointments was involved in a scam (a difference between an 800 and an 866 phone number). And yes, the whole thing sounded fine, except that care providers were bailing due to lack of payment.

This new CARE Act proposes to simplify eligibility requirements, implement new care coordination support, and streamline clinical and admin processes.

Said VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin, "We want veterans to work with their VA physicians to make informed decisions that are best for their clinical needs, whether in the VA or in the community." Which means what? That the third-party vendor will no longer need to approve your request to go outside the system?

VA officials are, however, proposing to change the 40-mile, 30-day difficulty rule that has kept many veterans from getting care. There are other items as well: tools to strengthen VA care, partner with other federal agencies and "business process enhancements to improve financial management." I suspect this last one means "paying bills on time so community-care providers won't quit or send the bill to the veteran."

To find out how quickly your nearest facility can see you, go online to [www.accesstocare.va.gov](http://www.accesstocare.va.gov).

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# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Victorian furniture

Many authors define American Victorian furniture in terms of one of the many design types used from 1840 to 1900, but all of them are Victorian. Federal furniture, inspired by the French Empire style, was going out of favor and the heavy square look with straight backs, hard seats, black wood and fabrics, and perhaps gold trim was being replaced by ornate carvings possible because of the jigsaw. Variations in designs continued until Art Nouveau and Arts and Crafts appeared during the 20th century.

There was the Gothic Revival style, inspired by church chairs and stained-glass windows; Rococo Revival featuring scrolls, flowers, leaves and shapes possible because of the first laminated wood; and the even larger and fancier Renaissance Revival. There even was a Greco-Egyptian Revival with sphinx heads, obelisks and hieroglyphics. By 1900, the Eastlake period based on simpler designs used by Midwestern furniture factories ended the Victorian era.

Most expensive today are Renaissance Revival pieces by famous makers like John Henry Belter, Herter Brothers

and Alexander Roux, all from New York. But less-famous furniture made in other cities sells today for much lower prices. H.B. Mudge Furniture Co. of Cincinnati made a sofa with scroll arms and tufted upholstery that sold for only \$492 at a Cowan's auction in Ohio. There are other makers, like Mitchell & Rammelsberg or Berkey & Gay, which made attractive Victorian pieces that sell for less than today's reproductions.

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Q: Is there an easy way to date Coca-Cola trays? I know there are a lot of copies.

A: Original trays are decorated with women dressed in the clothing of the day. Dresses, hats and hairdos are a good clue. The trays also often picture celebrities of the day. The shape of the tin tray has changed. The first ones, from 1897 to 1910 were round. Next came ovals from 1910 to 1921. The trays were always rectangular after that. Reproductions were first made during the 1970s.

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Q: I'd like to know the value of a crocheted bedspread my great-grandmother made about 1910. It is made of

squares with a rose in the center of each square. I realize that everyone has hand-made items that are only worth sentimental value, but this spread is in perfect condition and is exceptionally beautiful. What do you think it's worth?

A: You can sell the bedspread to a dealer or online. Size, condition and design will affect price. An old double-bed size spread, with old thread and old design, might sell for less than \$100.

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TIP: Wash silver before you clean it with polish. The washing will remove gritty dust particles that will scratch the silver.

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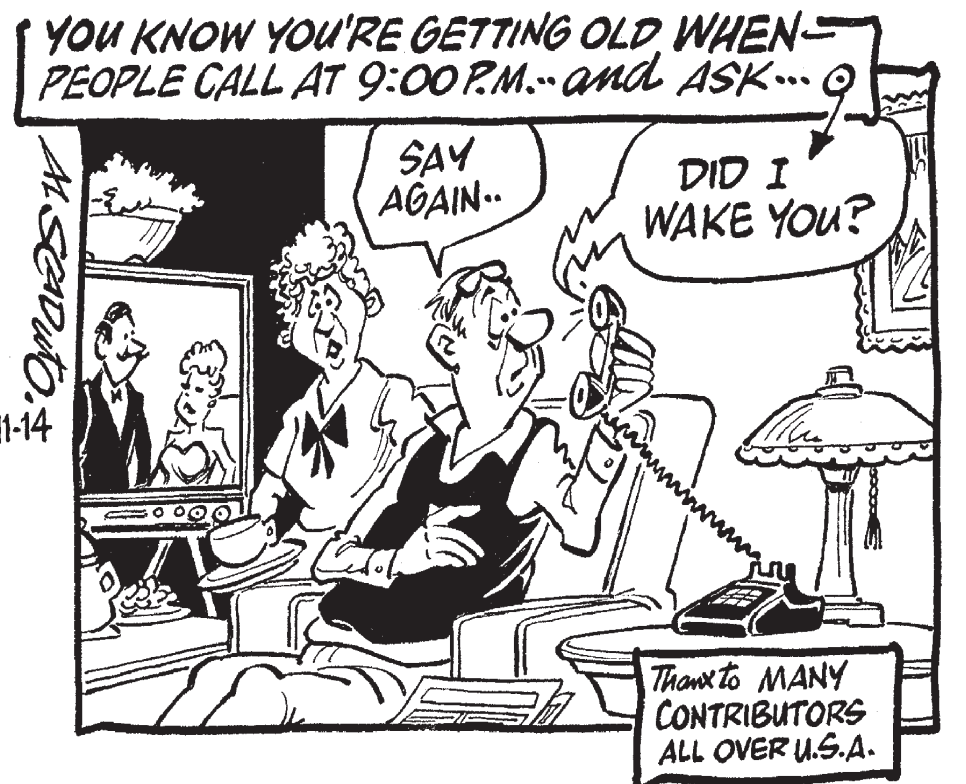
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# THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

STILL ANOTHER NEW DIET FAD...



# BY AL SCADUTO



PUZZLE PIC - FIND THE PATIENT WHO'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCITEMENT...





# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GAMES:** In Scrabble, what is the point value of the letter K?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What breed of dog is known as a firehouse dog?
3. **U.S. STATES:** What is the only American state to begin with the letter OpÓ?
4. **SCIENCE:** What do you call trees that lose their leaves?
5. **LITERATURE:** In Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, what is Romeo's family name?
6. **DISCOVERIES:** Who is credited with inventing the 3D printer?
7. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president to be born in a hospital?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name of someone who shoes horses?
9. **BIOLOGY:** What percentage of people in the world have blue eyes?
10. **MOVIES:** Which actress has won the most Oscars?

**Answers:** 1. Five; 2. Dalmatian; 3. Pennsylvania; 4. Deciduous; 5. Montague; 6. Chuck Hull; 7. Jimmy Carter; 8. Farrier; 9. 8 percent; 10. Katharine Hepburn, with 4 Oscars and 12 nominations (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Nov. 27, 1095, Pope Urban II calls on all Christians in Europe to war against Muslims in order to reclaim the Holy Land. Urban's war cry caught fire, and all told, between 60,000 and 100,000 people responded to his call.
  - On Dec. 2, 1777, Philadelphia housewife and nurse Lydia Darragh single-handedly saves the lives of Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army when she overhears the British planning a surprise attack. Darragh took notes, which she sewed into her coat before passing them onto American troops.
  - On Nov. 30, 1886, the Folies Bergere in Paris introduces an elaborate revue featuring women in sensational costumes. Some revues featured as many as 40 sets, 1,000 costumes and an off-stage crew of 200. Per tradition, the show's title always contains 13 letters and includes the word "Folie."
  - On Dec. 1, 1913, Henry Ford installs the first moving assembly line to mass produce an entire automobile, reducing the time it takes to build a car from more than 12 hours to 2 1/2 hours. Ford divided the Model T's assembly into 84 discrete steps and trained each worker to do just one.
  - On Nov. 28, 1925, the "Grand Ole Opry," a popular showcase for Western music, begins broadcasting live from Nashville, Tennessee. The showcase was originally named "Barn Dance," after a Chicago radio program.
  - On Nov. 29, 1952, newly elected President Dwight D. Eisenhower goes to Korea to find the key to ending the Korean War. Although he remained mum about his plans, an armistice was signed eight months later.
  - On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, leads to the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,000 people died and another 200,000 were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city.
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## Super Crossword

### A DOSE OF REALITY

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 "The Real O'Neals" network</p> <p>4 Eye-popper</p> <p>8 Town in NE New Jersey</p> <p>13 Root</p> <p>19 Old Olds</p> <p>20 Some till fill</p> <p>21 Obstinate reply</p> <p>22 Nobelist Hemingway</p> <p>23 Phnom Penh's land [2015]</p> <p>25 Tonga's site [2011]</p> <p>27 Top points</p> <p>28 Purplish-red flower</p> <p>30 Apple product</p> <p>31 "Beats me!" Anna —</p> <p>34 Aries, e.g.</p> <p>36 Home of Columbus</p> <p>40 Kitchen raiders</p> <p>41 Neighbor of Mexico [2005]</p> <p>44 Kenya's home [2001]</p> <p>46 Zing</p> <p>47 Virginia hrs.</p> <p>48 Varieties</p> | <p>50 They're part of French Polynesia [2002]</p> <p>55 Country with the capital Vila [2004]</p> <p>58 Tint</p> <p>59 Sailor's site</p> <p>60 Big Apple NFL team, on scoreboards</p> <p>62 Umlaut pair</p> <p>63 High-five sounds</p> <p>65 Conduct, as business</p> <p>68 Legal exam</p> <p>70 "Adios!"</p> <p>72 Harvest mo.</p> <p>73 Where Tagalog is spoken [2012]</p> <p>76 "Finished!"</p> <p>80 Sailing</p> <p>82 Biology div.</p> <p>83 Inventive</p> <p>85 Cola brand</p> <p>88 Comic Foxx</p> <p>90 Log cutter</p> <p>92 Paradieses</p> <p>93 "Hail, Livy!"</p> <p>94 Luzon province north of Isabela [2014]</p> | <p>97 Its president is Daniel Ortega [2010]</p> <p>100 One who dawdles</p> <p>102 Cartoon yell</p> <p>104 Tram cargo</p> <p>105 Where balboas are spent [2006]</p> <p>106 World's largest rain forest [2003]</p> <p>110 Cotillion girls</p> <p>114 Hose mishap</p> <p>115 "Pardon?"</p> <p>116 "— tu" (Verdi aria)</p> <p>117 Diner staple</p> <p>119 "Mamma Mia!" quartet</p> <p>122 Treatment process</p> <p>125 Greek vowel</p> <p>126 Central American archipelago [2003]</p> <p>130 Reality show of which 12 title locations are featured in this puzzle</p> <p>132 "Billy —" (2000 film)</p> <p>133 Maine city</p> <p>134 Sky color</p> <p>135 Butyl or propyl ender</p> <p>136 Titans</p> | <p>137 Native of Italy's Leaning Tower city</p> <p>138 Desires</p> <p>139 Outlaw Kelly</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Secret stuff</p> <p>2 Signal light</p> <p>3 Perpetrate</p> <p>4 Having slack</p> <p>5 German link</p> <p>6 Viking Ericson</p> <p>7 Chant for the Dream Team</p> <p>8 Aquarium swimmers, to toddlers</p> <p>9 Deuces</p> <p>10 Novelist — May Alcott</p> <p>11 Necessitate</p> <p>12 Numerical suffix</p> <p>13 Sewer's line</p> <p>14 Whale type</p> <p>15 Horse's mythical kin</p> <p>16 Ump's kin</p> <p>17 2000-15 TV drama</p> <p>18 List abbr.</p> <p>24 Nap locales</p> <p>26 Lapel sticker</p> <p>29 Affectedly adorable</p> <p>32 Old film critic James</p> <p>35 Entire scope</p> <p>37 Too — price</p> | <p>38 Freeze over</p> <p>39 Havens</p> <p>42 Co. with brown trucks</p> <p>43 "True Life" channel</p> <p>44 Hgt.</p> <p>45 Soul-seller of legend</p> <p>46 Many groan-eliciting jokes</p> <p>49 Egg-hunt holiday</p> <p>50 Verbal jewels</p> <p>51 Lot division</p> <p>52 Harvest</p> <p>53 Australian airline</p> <p>54 Opposer</p> <p>56 Conforms</p> <p>57 Brief denial</p> <p>61 "The Wizard of Oz" witch</p> <p>64 Hoity-toity</p> <p>66 Jungle beast</p> <p>67 Fee</p> <p>69 Jacuzzi joint</p> <p>71 "Do — say!"</p> <p>74 Gent partner</p> <p>75 "— get it!"</p> <p>77 Blood type, in brief</p> <p>78 Half of Mork's farewell</p> <p>79 Film lioness</p> <p>81 "Attack, mutt!"</p> <p>84 Richard of "No Mercy"</p> <p>85 Feelers on insects</p> | <p>86 Brand of spring water</p> <p>87 Del. neighbor</p> <p>89 Ground</p> <p>91 Major Turkish city</p> <p>95 Noted coach Parseghian</p> <p>96 Classy gp.?</p> <p>98 Dove's noise</p> <p>99 River in Italy</p> <p>101 Cosmonaut Yuri</p> <p>103 Poet Ralph Waldo —</p> <p>107 John Wayne film of 1962</p> <p>108 Group that shares a culture</p> <p>109 Flies past</p> <p>110 Actress Moore</p> <p>111 Late morning time</p> <p>112 "Vamoose!"</p> <p>113 Gazed rudely</p> <p>115 Used to exist</p> <p>118 Dance parts</p> <p>120 Dark stain</p> <p>121 Smithereens</p> <p>123 Writer O'Brien</p> <p>124 Noel</p> <p>126 Wooden nail</p> <p>127 Yale attendee</p> <p>128 Pie — mode</p> <p>129 Chop (off)</p> <p>131 RBI part</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 17th-century English novelist and politician Edward Bulwer-Lytton who made the following sage observation: "If you wish to be loved, show more of your faults than your virtues."
- If you have an indoor/outdoor cat, you might have found yourself wondering why it sometimes shows up on your doorstep with an offering of a dead animal. Well, there's actually a good reason for it. It seems that the cats most likely to present owners with a gory gift are spayed females, and they're acting out behaviors seen in the wild. Feral cats teach their young how to hunt by bringing them dead or injured prey. With no kittens to teach, your cat is evidently trying to teach the family it does have -- namely, you -- how to find food on its own.
- You probably aren't familiar with the term "anthropodermic bibliopegy," but in the unlikely event that it ever comes up in conversation, you now know that it refers to books bound in human skin.
- It's not surprising that during the severe northern winters, the Arctic ground squirrel goes into a state of suppressed physiological activity. What is surprising, though, is that during this torpor, its body temperature can get as low as 27 degrees Fahrenheit -- without the animal becoming just another chunk of ice. This nifty trick can be attributed to a biological process that clears the rodent's blood of ice nucleators, which facilitate freezing.
- You might be surprised to learn that in a 2016 survey of human resources professionals, it was reported that more than half of all workplaces offer paid time off for employees to vote.

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Thought for the Day: "We must believe in luck. For how else can we explain the success of those we don't like?" -- Jean Cocteau

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **G** equals **Y**

TAFM GNY'QF OZSFQVMR KYUS  
SAF CVQUS TNQW NC O UFMSFMBF,  
GNY BNYZW DF BAOMRVMR SAF  
UYDKFBS.

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AuSable Valley Community Mental Health, which covers Iosco, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties, averages three to four such individuals a year. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, which covers six counties in the northwest part of the Lower Peninsula, diverted 30 people from jail.

Clarmont requires that all of his officers receive training every 24 months, but those training sessions are less in-depth than some that are hosted further south. "We can train them for the very short term," he said. "But we are not mental health officials. To be frank, we don't

have the medication or facilities."

Despite the mountain of barriers many sheriffs and community health officials have begun to climb, other public figures involved in the conversation are on the move. In July, 2017 the MiLegislature created the House C.A.R.E.S. task force made up of 14 lawmakers. The group is charged with addressing the growing issue of mental health, and that includes mental health reform in the criminal justice system.

"We've identified through the first meetings of the task force, perhaps we can do a

better job of communication when someone enters the corrections area," said Rep. Dave Pagel, (R-Berrien Springs), a member of the task force. "We have to find the best way to care for these folks."

For Koops, of the sheriffs' association, the pivot toward more help for the mentally ill is a welcome first step toward solving an old problem. "From a personal perspective, I've been doing this for 42 years," he said. "And this is the first time in 42 years I've actually seen some coalitions come together to see this issue and want to work and make it better."

# Americanisms



"A man builds a fine house; and now he has a master, and a task for life: He is to furnish, watch, show it and keep it in repair, the rest of his days."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 13 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Kaiser, Luenberger, Baird, Sanderson, city attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Thomas.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of October 9. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger, to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,219.29. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Dobis began discussion of the letters of interest received from Mael Fritz-Wilson and Mary Peterson to fill the vacant city council seat in Ward II. Upon discussion, Mayor Dobis recommended the vacancy to be filled by Mary Peterson. Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger, for Mary Peterson to fill the vacant Alderman seat in Ward II. Motion carried: 4-0. Attorney Cook administered the oath of office to Mary Peterson and she took her place at the council table. Upon being sworn into the council vacancy, Mary resigned her seat on the planning commission. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to accept Mary Peterson's resignation from the planning commission, effective immediately. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Dobis reviewed with council the new structure of the city maintenance department. There will be a senior maintenance position and a junior maintenance position. Mayor Dobis recommended Louis Campbell fill the senior maintenance position. A review and a recommendation of a new salary package was discussed with council. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger, for Louis Campbell to fill the senior maintenance position with an increase in hourly pay to \$14.42, including a benefits package, beginning December 1. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Dobis began discussion of the application process to fill the vacant maintenance position. Six applications were received. A selection committee reviewed and scored each applicants information. Upon recommendation of the selection committee, Thomas Keerl was chosen as the candidate to best fill the job require-

ments. Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger, for Thomas Keerl to fill the vacancy in the maintenance department. Ayes: 4. Nays: 1. Keerl accepted the position as a probationary employee for 120 days beginning December 1 at \$11 an hour. At the end of the probationary period a permanent contract will be negotiated. The Golder Monitoring Services Proposal was discussed by Mayor Dobis. Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to accept the Golder Associates bid of well monitoring at the lagoons for the next five quarters. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Dobis set the budget hearing for the 2018 Water/Sewer Budget, for December 11 at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser, to set the budget hearing for the 2018 Water/Sewer Budget for December 11 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried: 5-0. A final report was sent from Huron Pines as to the areas covered in the treatment of Japanese Knotweed in the city in year three of the three-year agreement. Discussion. It was advised by council to get a new proposal from Huron Pines as to the continued spraying of Japanese Knotweed within the city and to review a new contract with Huron Pines when presented. The Noxious Vegetation Ordinance Proposal was discussed with city council as drafted by the planning commission. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to publish the Noxious Vegetation Ordinance Proposal in the local newspaper and have a second reading of the proposal at the December 11 city council meeting. Action to be taken on said ordinance at the December 11, 2017 council meeting. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Dobis advised council of the holiday office closures for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Thanksgiving: Closed-November 23 and 24. Christmas: December 25 and 26. New Year: January 1 and 2, 2018. The city office will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. Reports: Mayor Dobis reported that the playground grant was submitted

and with the added information pursuant to the grant, the city's score total went from 250 to 325. Final awards will be made in December. A very special acknowledgment and sincere "Thank You" to Becky Stoddard, who spearheaded the fund-raising, along with the Lady Lions, and energetically gave of her time and talent to this project. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Treasurer Keerl: Delinquent water/sewer bills will be added to property owners winter taxes. Planning commissioner Baird reported the planning commission discussed an ordinance proposal for snow removal. It was agreed at this time, that snow removal on city sidewalks will remain the responsibility of the individual property owners. City maintenance will continue to address Main Street sidewalks as needed. Harbor commissioner Baird reported that the dock repairs are dealing with electrical issues which will be resolved by December, with work continuing on the main portion of the docks to be ready for use in the spring. Airport manager Boucher continues to monitor the cutting of trees on private property which impedes the airport approach. The empty hanger on the property was also discussed. Comment cards: Jeff Gehring asked about the Verizon contract and mayor Dobis informed all that the contract is in the hands of Verizon. Verizon will take the next step to place repeaters on the water tower. Mr. Gehring also asked about a city or county wide disaster plan. Council's last comments: Alderman Sanderson asked about the repair on one of the wells and was informed it will be completed by the end of this week. Alderman Baird voiced continuing concern about the empty building at the end of Third Street. Alderman Baird also addressed a continuing problem with a dog in the city which is not leashed. There is a state law which addresses this problem and people are advised to contact the sheriff's department. Motion to adjourn by Dobis. Adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

### CITY OF HARRISVILLE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

#### City of Harrisville – Noxious Vegetation Ordinance Proposal

Article \_\_\_\_ – Noxious Vegetation  
Sec. \_\_\_\_ – Duty of property owners and occupants to destroy and remove noxious vegetation.  
No person who is owner, possessor, or occupier of developed land within the city shall fail to cut, destroy, remove and keep free from all weeds, plant material, grass, leaves or vegetation growing thereon or along the sidewalk or between the property line and the streets edge, when such weeds, plant material, grass, leaves or vegetation are noxious, unsightly or detrimental to the public health and welfare, at least once before each of the following dates: June 1, July 1, August 1, September 1, October 1 and November 1 and as many other times as may be necessary to prevent such land from becoming noxious, unsightly or detrimental to the public health and welfare. For the purposes of this section, when said weeds, plant material, grass or vegetation reach eight inches in height in all residential, office service and commercial zones or 12 inches in height in all industrial zones, it shall be deemed noxious, unsightly or detrimental to the public health and welfare. Developed land is defined as land, lot or parcel that is cleared of forest allowing for potential buildings to be developed or land, lot or parcel that currently possesses a building.  
No owner or occupant of any premises, their agents or employees, shall push, place or deposit any weeds, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegetation from any private or public land into the right-of-way of any street or highway within the city. When any such weeds, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegetation shall be found to have been pushed, placed or deposited in such right-of-way of any street or highway, is shall be prima facie evidence that the owner or occupant of the premises bordering such street or highway caused such weed, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegetation to be placed there. Further, the owner or occupant of premises adjacent to the right-of-way of any street or highway onto which weeds, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegetation has been pushed, placed or deposited shall be liable for violating the provisions of this section, regardless of whether the owner or occupant pushed, placed or deposited such weeds, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegetation themselves or whether such weeds, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegetation was pushed, placed or deposited in such right-of-way by an agent or employee of such owner or occupant. The only exception to this is when weeds, plant material, grass, leaves, or vegeta-

tion have been properly bagged and placed curb side for pickup by the city on scheduled pickup dates.  
Sec. \_\_\_\_ – Service of notice of noncompliance.  
In the event that any person who is the owner, possessor or occupier of any of the land described in section shall fail to comply with the provisions of this article, the city manager or their designee shall, through the proper department or agency of the city, cause the owner, lessee or occupant or any person having the care and control of the land, to be served, either by certified mail or personally, a written notice to comply with the provisions of this article within seven days of receipt of such notice. Such notice may be attached to the residence on a door hanger department form of an occupied address. If the property in question is not actively occupied, a letter will be mailed to the property owner's address with a response required to the city within 14 days of mailing.  
Sec. \_\_\_\_ – Action by the city upon failure to comply with notice; assessment of costs.  
In the event the owner, occupant or possessor or person upon whom the notice has been served pursuant to this article shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this article within seven days after receipt of such notice, the city manager or their designee may, through the proper department or agency of the city, cause the vegetation to be cut, destroyed or removed as the case may be, and all expenses incurred in such cutting, destruction or removal shall be paid by the owner of the land and the city shall have alien against such lands for such expenses or the city manager or their designee may cause a citation to be issued in accordance with section, through the proper department or agency of the city, or both.  
In the event the owner of such property shall fail to pay such costs or expenses the city may add the costs on the tax rolls relative to this property, such costs and expenses to become a lien in the same vein as the regular taxes applied to such premises, until such expenses and costs are paid.  
Sec. \_\_\_\_ – Penalty for violation of article. Any owner, possessor or occupier of land within the city, or persons having charge of such land who shall fail to conform with any of the provisions of sections \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_ shall be responsible for a civil infraction and shall be assessed a civil fine not to exceed \$500 for residential or \$1,000 for commercial or industrial. It is the intent of the city that the remedies provided in this article shall be cumulative and may be imposed at the discretion of the city and its officials.

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### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on December 13, 2017:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Betty L. Kelly, a single woman.  
 Original mortgagee: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation.  
 Foreclosing assignee (if any): JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association.  
 Date of mortgage: September 29, 2003. Date of mortgage recording: October 1, 2003. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$60,263.68.  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 6, Block 24 of Village of Lincoln, formerly West

Harrisville, a subdivision recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, page 17, Alcona County records.  
 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
 This notice is from a debt collector.  
 Date of notice: November 15, 2017.  
 Trott Law, P.C. 1333086  
 11-15, 11-22, 11-29, 12-6

### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 17-5774 DE

Estate of Nancy L. McMall, a.k.a. Nancy Lou McMall, deceased.  
 Date of birth: May 3, 1932  
 To all creditors:  
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Nancy L. McMall, a.k.a. Nancy Lou McMall died July 31, 2016. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shelley B. Boettcher, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.  
 Date: November 14, 2017

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 Jim Thomas P75072  
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### HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The monthly Harrisville Township Board meeting was held November 14 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and five guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." From the floor: Steve Arens approached to board for approval of a Class C Resort and Micro Brew License. After some discussion and motion was made by Jamieson/Stone: By Resolution No. 111417, to recommend application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Roll call vote: five ayes, zero nays, zero absent. Motion carried.  
 County commissioner updated the board on county happenings. Ordinance enforcer working on one complaint, planning commission will meet next month. Other township business discussed. Also assessor/zoning administrator gave his report. Earlier clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office. Johnston/Healy: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson, Township Clerk  
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Notice of budget hearing: The board of road commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the road commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2017. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed road commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2018. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the road commission office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or online at alconacrc.com beginning November 30, 2017. Alfred J. Scully, Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners, County of Alcona, Michigan.

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# Huron, Michigan now clearer than Superior

By Eric Freedman  
Capital News Service

In a startling turn-about, Lake Superior has lost its championship title as the clearest of the Great Lakes.

Lake Huron — now in first place — and Lake Michigan in the second spot -- have bumped Superior down to third place, according to new study of water clarity in the Upper Great Lakes. Lakes Erie and Ontario trail all three.

“This is a change of significant historical and economic importance,” according to the study by scientists at Michigan Technological University, the University of Michigan, University of California Los Angeles and Colorado State University. “More important may be the ecological implications of the large increases in water clarity in lakes Huron and Michigan.”

Those include changes in the distribution and behavior of vertebrates and invertebrates such as spiny water fleas and other crustaceans.

What accounts for the dramatic shift? The study published in the Journal of Great Lakes Research identified three principal factors:

One is a reduction in phosphorus entering lakes Huron and Michigan, largely from agricultural run-off of fertilizers. Heavy phosphorus levels can create algal blooms, such as the one in western Lake Erie that shut off Toledo’s water supply in 2014.

The second is the proliferation of the invasive quagga mussels that feed on plankton as they filter the water of the lakes. The National Wildlife Federation reported that the estimated 10 trillion quagga and zebra mussels that blanket the lakes’ bottom “have succeeded in doubling water clarity during the past decade.”

While both types of mussels filter water, quaggas have the greater impact because they can survive in deeper and colder waters, said Robert Shuchman, co-director of the Michigan Tech Research Institute in Ann Arbor and a co-author of the study. “Their sheer numbers are the dominant filtering mechanism for water quality.”

The third factor is climate change, which has a more indirect impact on water clarity, Shuchman said. For example, warming water temperatures in Lake Superior could open the door for the arrival of invasives there, he said. And climate-driven extreme weather events, spring floods and farm field runoff can increase the amount of phosphorus entering rivers that empty into the Great Lakes.

Increased water clarity isn’t necessary a good thing. According to the National Wildlife Federation, “Clearer water allows sunlight to pen-

etrate to the lake bottom, creating ideal conditions for algae to grow” and thus enables the “growth and spread of deadly algal blooms. Algae foul beaches and cause botulism outbreaks that have killed countless fish and more than 70,000 aquatic birds in the last 10 years.”

In addition, the organization said, “Clear water may look nice to us, but the lack of plankton floating in the water” because of hungry quagga and zebra mussels “means less food for native fish.”

“It is disruptive to the food web. You go from one-cell algae all the way up to the game fish people like to catch,” Shuchman said.

Another negative: Clearer water promotes the growth of submerged aquatic vegetation, a native plant known as Cladophora that resembles angel hair underwater. Shuchman said poor water quality used to limit it to a maximum depth of about 20 feet but improved clarity lets it grow to as deep as 60 feet.

“Storms come in and it literally gets ripped off its root mechanism and then ends up going on the beach,” as has happened at Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore on Lake Michigan. “It smells bad but also caused botulism and some major avian kills of sea-birds,” he said.

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The Quirky Quilters of Oscoda awarded Quilts of Valor last week to father and son, Mikado resident Wilfred Weber (left), an Army veteran deployed to Germany during Vietnam and his son, Charles Weber of Livonia, Mich., (right) a 20-year Air Force veteran with several deployments, during a private surprise party to honor the men with several close friends. Quilts of Valor is a national organization giving handmade quilts to United States veterans. Photo by Mary Weber.

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