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Residents take cover and dig out as winter blusters on Spring, where art thou?

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Mother Nature decided to play a late April Fool's trick by sending a blizzard across the northern mid-West including the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

During the last four days a winter storm has dumped multiple inches of snow, sleet and rain along with 50 mile an hour winds to compound matters.

Beginning last Friday af-

ternoon when the storm hit northeastern Michigan, safety warnings urged motorists to stay home due to hazardous travel conditions and by Sunday the list of closings - schools, public buildings, private businesses, churches, etc. continued to grow.

Most people took the warnings seriously. According to Jeff Brackett, director of 911 Alcona County Central Dispatch, first responders dealt with very few situations due

to the weather. From Friday afternoon (April 13) to the end of Monday (April 16), first responders handled seven single vehicle accidents, 11 people who became stuck while traveling, seven electrical wires down, two trees down across roadways and nine medical runs.

"We didn't have very many accidents due to the winter weather," Brackett said. "We don't have large intersections like you see in other places, so our accidents are usually

one vehicle situations where people slide off the road, or the ambulance needs help because it has gotten stuck in the wet, heavy snow. The road commission was great with quick responses in those situations. There were minimal accidents and it seems like most people stayed off the roads on Sunday and Monday."

Alcona County Road Commission employees have been working a lot of overtime during the last several days and

will likely continue to rack up time on the 800 miles of county roads during the rest of the week.

According to Marlena MacNeill, a representative of the road commission, long days and nights have been made longer because of the need to go slow for many reasons - slick road surfaces, wet, heavy snow accumulation and soft gravel roads and shoulders.

"They have to go slow because its soft underneath the snow and they can get stuck and they don't want to gouge the roadways or shoulders, plus, equipment can be damaged. We've had to use every one of our spare trucks... we let Lincoln use our last spare because their truck broke down. Fortunately, the spirit of cooperation is good even though everyone is dealing with the same problems," MacNeill said.

She explained there are 20 truck drivers who have been working pretty much around the clock since Friday afternoon in an effort to keep the state highways (five trucks for 40 miles of continual clearing, which is high priority) US-23, M-72 and M-65 open to traffic and county roads as open as possible. High winds and blowing snow did not make that job easier; neither did the rain, sleet, snow mixture that fell steadily for three days.

"We are trying to use graders more than trucks because they are better at clearing this type of snow. But, we only have two graders, so that makes it slow going," MacNeill said. "We are encouraging people to be patient. We know everyone is frustrated with this and there is a feeling of isolation that can come from being in a storm like this.

"But, please keep in mind, human beings are driving those trucks and they are doing the best they can. They can only do so much. They are trying to keep up. More snow today didn't help at all. We have dedicated employees who are doing a great job. Remember, this is only temporary. In a week you won't be able to see what we've done," she said.

Therapy dog to aid elementary students

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona Community Schools administration is always looking for new and innovative ideas and tools to help its students achieve academic success. Sometimes out-of-box thinking turns up unconventional approaches.

One approach is a school facility/therapy dog. The dog in mind for the task is a male golden retriever which was born earlier this month. He will be named Cona and once he is fully certified, which takes about a year, he will be attending school daily to help elementary students increase reading skills, improve student interaction, increase productivity, boost self-esteem, and foster critical thinking skills while reducing stress, anxiety and depression in students.

Mael Fritz-Wilson, the school's success liaison, who brought up the idea of having a therapy dog, said programs like this have had enormous success. She hopes to model a program being used in Brighton, Mich. Brighton Area Schools was so pleased with the benefits its students received they expanded the program from one dog to having a dog in every one of their eight schools.

As school success liaison, Fritz-Wilson sees students every day who are struggling through anxiety or stress. She said it doesn't take much to stress students, especially in a school where the majority of students are from low-income households and are considered high risk.

She explained even kids from well off families feel stress and it doesn't take much to stress an elementary student. The stressors can be anything from having

a bad morning, misplacing a shoe or book, to big issues like family struggles or bullying issues. "Once stressed, it consumes their whole day," Fritz-Wilson said.

Fritz-Wilson has done a lot of research on the subject and said stress raises cortisol levels making it nearly impossible for a student to think, learn, or sometimes to even sit still. (Cortisol is a stress hormone released by the adrenal glands.)

"Studies on raised cortisol levels show they are measurable even the next day, they stay in the human body that long, but by simply petting a dog, cortisol levels reduce rapidly," Fritz-Wilson said.

"When you pet a dog and you get that warm fuzzy feeling in the center of your chest, that's a physical response to stress leaving your body. The less stress the better the attention span. Petting a dog can even lower the risk of childhood obesity, something we are fighting on a national level that we can make a difference right here in Alcona County," she said.

Another measurable benefit for having a therapy dog is increased reading scores. Fritz-Wilson said reading to a dog, 20 minutes a day for 10 weeks can increase a student's fluency by eight to 10 words per minute.

Fritz-Wilson is also hoping the dog may help with truancy issues, which is a major problem across northern Michigan schools. To get students to want to go to school each morning Fritz-Wilson will have a name of one or two students announced over the loud speaker congratulating them on being able to get the dog's water and give him



Cona, a male golden retriever, has been chosen as Alcona Elementary's future facility/therapy dog, providing the funding of an additional \$800 is reached by the end of this week. *Courtesy photo.*

School therapy dog program needs funding

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It's not uncommon for teachers and staff to reach out to the community for funds to help with such things as field trips or computers. However, a new request is being made this year for a very special educational tool -- one that's furry, has four legs and a wagging tail.

Alcona Elementary School is making plans to receive its first service/facility dog. The dog, a male golden retriever named Cona, will be owned by the school and will be available to students and teach-

ers in order to reduce stress and anxiety while increasing a child's learning success. (See related article.)

Mael Fritz-Wilson, Alcona Elementary School success liaison, has spent a lot of personal time researching the benefits of having a therapy dog. The school's administration is fully behind getting one, however, her biggest hurdle is finding the funding to cover the first year's expenses. She is currently seeking about \$8,000.

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Obituaries

Betty M. Bonner

Betty M. Bonner, 87, of Glennie, died on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

She was born in Carelton, Mich. on May 17, 1930 to John and Irene (Weber) Cronenwett.

Mrs. Bonner served as the treasurer of Curtis Township for the last 19 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda.

She loved doing crossword puzzles, reading newspapers, watching TV and tending to her flower gardens. She truly enjoyed being with her grandkids.

Mrs. Bonner is survived by one son, Thomas (Mary) Bonner of Chula Vista, Calif.; three daughters, Joyce Bonner of Roseville, Mich., Barbara (Scott) LeForce of West Branch, Mich., and Kathy Bonner of Glennie; four grandchildren, Christie Keefer, Wayne Keefer, Karen Bonner, and Timothy (Heather) LeForce; three great-grandchildren, Olivia LeForce, Harper LeForce and Elijah Johnston; one brother-in-law, Robert Suchy of Melvindale, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Philip Bonner; one son, John Bonner; one brother, Bernard Cronenwett; and two sisters, Rosemary Fred and Lois Suchy.

A funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, April 18 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. until Mass. Interment will take place at a later date in Curtisville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Home, Hale.

Police Report

Springport Cemetery, south of Harrisville on US-23 was the scene of a rollover accident on Wednesday, April 11. According to a report from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, deputies were dispatched at approximately 5 a.m. They found a silver Mitsubishi Eclipse amidst headstones in the cemetery.

According to the report, it was determined the vehicle left the roadway on the west side of the highway and struck several trees and multiple headstones before coming to a rest. There was heavy damage to the vehicle, but no driver was found at the scene.

The driver, Zachary Williams, 38, of Oscoda was later found outside a nearby residence nearly one quarter of a mile away from the accident scene. He was transported by Alcona County EMS to Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Alpena to be treated for severe injuries.

The accident remains under investigation. The sheriff's department was assisted by Oscoda Township Police, Harrisville fire department first responders and Alcona County EMS.

Therapy

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treats that day. She feels the kids will take a lot of pride in doing this and won't want to miss their opportunity of taking care of Cona by staying home.

A corner of the school will be decorated as Cona's area and Fritz-Wilson plans on installing a mail box near the area, in case a student would like to send Cona a note to tell him about a problem they may be having. Since Fritz-Wilson's office will be close by the mail box, and she will be answering any letters to the dog, she will also be doing her best to get any student struggling with a situation the help they need.

The plan is once the puppy reaches Alcona County to acclimate him slowly into its role by bringing him in for short periods of time to get used to the sights, sounds and smells of the school when children are not there and gradually increase the amount of time spent and the amount of interaction with students.

Even though Cona will belong to the school, Fritz-Wilson will be taking him home with her when she leaves for the day and during school breaks and summer vacation.

During his first year he will go through a series of in-depth training and obedience sessions by professional trainers and will not be in the school full time until it receives its K-9 Companion Certification. Staff will also be trained with the dog and even students will have training sessions on how to handle him.

Fritz-Wilson said every situation which could cause an undesired effect by having a therapy dog in the school, has been researched, including any liability issue. "The dog will be very well trained and will never be roaming the halls unattended. There will be an adult supervising at all times. The school's liability insurance already covers the dog.

"Protocol will be in place such as only a certain number of students can greet the dog and students must ask

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
April 8	31	13	0.00	4.2	13	NW
April 9	34	23	0.00	4.3	13	ENE
April 10	42	21	0.00	3.4	20	SE
April 11	42	27	0.00	1.9	10	N
April 12	42	30	0.14	2.0	12	SSW
April 13	35	31	0.54	2.2	14	NE
April 14	28	25	0.80	25.4	42	NE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017-2018 Season			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	1.48	5.2	0.54
March to Date	2.01	17.2	1.03
Year/Season to Date	6.19	60.4	6.27

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Little Lambs story and play time for children ages one to five and their caregivers will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Church Street in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-6027 for details.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

A blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcross-blood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Join researchers from the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they take you on a deep dive into an archaeological expedition on the big screen at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to this free program. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 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.

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

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

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

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency and public service communications is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72 starting at 6:30 p.m. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.alconaradio.org or call Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550.

The 6th annual Kick-off Event for Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning will be held

from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 821 Newman Street in East Tawas. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Peng for the University of Michigan. His presentation will be on Automated Cars: Now and in our Future. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event and open to the public. Call (989) 362-3006 ext. 168 for details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Little Lambs story and play time for children ages one to five and their caregivers, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Church Street in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-6027 for details.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

A three-on-three basketball tournament for girls and boys, sixth through twelfth grade will be held in the Alcona High School gyms. All day tournament, check-in time 8:30 a.m. Cost per team is \$25, three to five players per team. Matching shirts (same color) required. Register via phone or e-mail by April 18, matrixpastors@gmail.com or (989) 787-2154.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Mikado Days will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 2205 South Alger Street in Mikado. All-you-can-eat, adults \$8, children ages six through 12 \$5, no charge for children age five and under. There will also be a silent auction and raffles.

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

The Craftmakers' Cabin organizational meeting for members, consignors, and any interested makers and crafters will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, e-mail craftmakerscabin@gmail.com or call (989) 657-3364.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Music at the Library will present "Girl on a Boat". This duo features one of the upper peninsula's well-known folk artists, Troy Graham (lead guitar and vocals) accompanied by strong vocalist and songwriter, Emily Susan Smith. Together they have a unique harmonizing quality and captivating stage presence, playing traditional classic folk and gospel songs along with original folk tunes. This event will be held at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, 211 North First Avenue at 2

p.m. No charge for admission. Call (989) 356-6188 for details.

The Sunrise Ringers handbell group will perform a Spring concert "Showtunes and More" at 4 p.m. at the Ossineke United Methodist Church on US-23 south of Ossineke. This event is free and open to the public. Free-will offerings accepted. Call (989) 736-3025 for details.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

A community charity project involving the making of plarn (yarn from plastic bags) at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your own scissors. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A presentation on the history of Alpena's early city burial grounds and Evergreen Cemetery will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, 211 North First Avenue in Alpena. For more information, call (989) 356-6188 ext. 17.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Play euchre at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona County Commission On Aging board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

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. Call (989) 727-3606 for details.

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SUMMER HELP WANTED

The City of Harrisville is accepting applications for summer help. The position is a 30-hour per week temporary position that involves mowing, trimming, and painting. A valid driver's license is required. Applications are available at the City Offices 200 5th St. 9 am-12 noon daily (989) 724-6666. Deadline for applying is noon Friday, May 4, 2018.

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Money Smart Week

Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers learn to better manage their personal finances. All branches of the Alcona County Library will have Money Smart Week brochures and information on display for patrons. The Harrisville branch is hosting a special storytime for Money Smart Week on Friday, April 27 at 10:15 a.m. This storytime will be hosted by Huron Community Bank, with a story, craft, treat, and free book for each child. For more information about storytime, call (989) 724-6796.

For more information about Money Smart Week,

visit www.MoneySmartWeek.org.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 4:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, April 23—Baked spaghetti, cooked baby carrots, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.

- Tuesday, April 24—Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and an apple.

- Wednesday, April 25—Diced chicken in gravy over brown rice, Prince Charles blend vegetables, tossed salad, and peaches.

- Thursday, April 26—Pork roast, red bliss potato, broccoli, and pineapple.

- Friday, April 27—Lemon pepper chicken over noodles, cooked baby carrots, tossed salad, and mandarin oranges. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Business Award

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) was recently announced as an Exceptional Member Initiative award winner in the Illumination Community Leadership category. The Illumination Community Leadership Award is a national award that is presented to one credit union that has made the most impactful difference in their community in 2017. AAACU's dedication to providing financial education and resources to community members of all ages and economic backgrounds was a key factor in being selected as this year's award winner.

During 2017, AAACU hosted multiple Teen Financial Reality Fairs (teaching students about budgeting), introduced an interactive online financial education program (called Banzai) to elementary and high school students, grew the certified financial counseling program to 16 employees, hosted educational sessions about fraud and identity theft, as well as first time home buying, and utilized social media channels to provide educational information to those outside our communities.

US-23 Reconstruction

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing \$10 million to reconstruct 5.7 miles of US-23 from north of Tawas Beach Road to south of Kirkland Drive in East Tawas, Iosco County. The project also features new curb and gutter, new storm sewer, and safety improvements, including extension of the center left-turn lane to Aulerich Road. It will also include installing new rumble strips and pavement

markings. The estimated starting date is Monday, April 23 and estimated completion date is October 31. According to MDOT, this work will require single-lane closures with flag control. For more details, see the project map at: <https://bit.ly/2qlwMyL>.

Quit Smoking via Quitline

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is expanding its telephone coaching and nicotine replacement therapy program to all Michigan residents through May 31. During this time, the Michigan Tobacco Quitline will offer a free, two-week supply of nicotine gum, patches or lozenges for all new enrollees who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Tobacco users who would like to quit may call the Quitline phone at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Quitline serves all ages, however, callers seeking NRT must be over 18 and meet basic health requirements. Enrollees will receive a coach who will assist them in setting a quit date, choosing a nicotine replacement product that is right for them and making an individualized quit plan. The coach will provide support with up to four telephone coaching sessions scheduled around the caller's quit date.

Health Care Scholarships

MidMichigan Health Foundation recently announced the Alpena Development Council will be accepting scholarship applications for second year students enrolled in the field of health care. Scholarships are available to students whose primary residency is in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. The application deadline is June 1. Scholarships available include:

- Dr. Peter Aliferis Memorial Scholarship - This \$1,000 scholarship is for a second-year student enrolled in clinical laboratory curriculum of study at an accredited school or enrolled in medical school.

- William E. & Mary C. DesOrmeau Scholarship - Mary DesOrmeau, former chief nursing officer, and her husband, Bill, established this \$1,000 scholarship in direct response to that common issue. The applicant must be a second-year student enrolled in a nursing program.

- Gerald L. Kramer Scholarship - This \$500 scholarship has been made available by June Kramer in memory of her husband and community volunteer Gerald L. Kramer. This scholarship is for students enrolled in the field of nursing or direct patient care.

Those interested in more information or wishing to download an application may visit www.midmichigan.org/scholarships or call Ann Diamond, development director, MidMichigan Health Foundation, at (989) 356-7738.

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permission to pet the dog. This will give students responsibility and awareness on how to conduct themselves. Every time a student touches the dog they will have to wash their hands afterwards. This may have dual application, the increased hand washing might cut down on cold, flu and strep germs in the school," Fritz-Wilson said.

She also considered any allergies a student might have with the dog and protocols will be in place for that as well. She explained one of

once he is fully trained and once the staff and students are trained, will out way the risk substantially.

"We all saw the news of the therapy dogs waiting in line to greet the students at Parkland, Florida, after their trauma. Dogs can have a pronounced healing effect on humans after a tragedy, but what if we brought that dog to school before the tragedy happened? Could it have been avoided? Many times, children can work through their problems and struggles just by talking to a dog.

dog, they communicate together through the dog. It's amazing how a dog can fulfill that role. We are all doing the best we can for each child, but anything we can add to that the better. It would be silly not to try this," Fritz-Wilson said.

The school board has given the program the nod, providing Fritz-Wilson can come up with the necessary funds to implement the program which is about \$8,000.

For more information, contact Fritz-Wilson at Alcona Elementary School (989) 736-



Students at Alcona Elementary School are excited about the addition of a school facility/therapy dog that may be implemented to help reduces stress and anxiety while increasing learning success. (From left) kindergartner Travis Anderson, school success liaison Mael Fritz-Wilson, fifth grader Tucker McMasters and kindergartners, Harper Whitefield and Noah LaFeldt, enjoy a story with Luna a golden retriever owned by kindergarten teacher, Allie Yokom. Luna is a sister of the puppy who will be serving as schools facility/therapy dog. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

the benefits of choosing a water dog, such as a golden retriever is they don't produce as much dander as other dogs because they have an oilier coat. "People often misunderstand allergies to animals. Humans are not allergic to fur, they are allergic to proteins in animal saliva and dander. If a child was so allergic to a dog they couldn't be in the building with it, they would have the same reaction if they were sitting next to a student with a dog at home," Fritz-Wilson said.

According to Fritz-Wilson the odds of allergies being a serious risk are very low and said that in Brighton Schools, where they have 7,500 students, compared to the 300 students at Alcona Elementary, they only had one student who was allergic to the dog and it was remedied simply by not allowing the dog in that student's classroom.

Protocols will be in place for monthly bathing and grooming of Cona, brushing him and using dander wipes him daily. Cona will have regular wellness visits with Alcona Animal Clinic to keep him in the best physical condition.

Fritz-Wilson feels confident that although she cannot eliminate risk from anything, the dog benefit, especially

"Dogs can act as an intermediary. We have some students who are having a hard time connecting with people. I've seen it happen where a child talks to the dog and then the adult talks to the

8146 or email her at Fritz-Wilsonm@alconaschools.net. *(To see what the money will be used for and how to make a donation, see the story on page 1.)*

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the first year in getting the infrastructure started. Once we get the program going, the basic costs will drop significantly," Fritz-Wilson said. She hopes in a year or two, when the elementary school program is seeing success, a similar program will be used at the high school with an additional dog.

In the first month of fundraising Fritz-Wilson has acquired about \$1,300 but will need an additional \$800 by the end of this week to purchase the dog in mind for the task.

While \$8,000 seems like a large amount of money for a dog, Fritz-Wilson wants the community to understand this is no ordinary dog. The cost of just getting the puppy is \$2,000, which is a discounted price from the breeder.

According to Fritz-Wilson, the puppy has already been born under the guiding eye of Karen Vandenberg of Vangohlden Retrievers in Grand Rapids, Mich. Vandenberg is a specialty breeder with 21 years of experience in breeding service dogs for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) patients and Paws with a Cause dogs, which help handicapped people with tasks they can no longer do themselves such as turning on lights and opening doors, drawers and much more.

Vangohlden breeding stock dogs have good health certifications, go through genetic testing and temperament testing. Her breeding stock dogs all have good hips, elbows, eyes and heart certifications. "She also tests the

parent dog's DNA to make sure it doesn't have a cancer gene which is common among American lines from overbreeding," Fritz-Wilson said.

The puppy will come with copies of its parent's health clearances and Vandenberg guarantees her puppies to be in good health. Before leaving the breeder, the puppy will be vet checked, have its first shots, is de-wormed, microchipped and given lots of love and attention.

According to the Vangohlden website, Vandenberg has a degree in animal behaviorism and temperament is of paramount importance to her. Any dog that is food aggressive, overly shy, or any extreme from the breed standard is not used in her breeding program. She does not kennel her dogs so all Vangohlden dogs are family pets and live in her home with her four young daughters and some cats. "When you get a puppy from us you can be assured that it is very well socialized with kids, cats, and dogs," Vandenberg said.

Fritz-Wilson said Vandenberg used to work in a school, so she understands the need and the duties the dog will perform and is excited to be a part of the program at Alcona Community Schools. She plans to stay involved throughout the seven or eight years Cona will be working with the school.

The bulk of the funding, about \$6,000, will be for specialized and obedience training for Cona so that he can receive a K-9 Companion Certification after he is a year old. It will also go towards training and educational materials for staff and students, habitat improvements, such as dog beds in every classroom the dog will be visiting and a special doggy reading area in a section of the school called the four corners, complete with picket fence, dog house, and comfy bean bag chairs for the students to sit in and have quiet one-on-one time with Cona.

Funds will also go to care for him including, food, shots, annual preventative supplies (heartworm, flea and tick, etc.), any medication it may need, daily dander wipes, monthly grooming expenses and whatever else the dog may need including chew toys, leashes, collars, water bowls and a vest for the dog to wear when he's on duty.

Fritz-Wilson said the school's insurance rider already covers any liability insurance necessary at no extra expense.

"This is a community outreach project. We are hoping to have Cona participate in this summer's Fourth of July Children's parade. The dog will be owned by the school, but it's not just the school's dog, it's the community's dog," Fritz-Wilson said.

She will be fostering Cona and taking him home with her at the end of the school day and during school breaks and vacations. However, she wanted to make it clear to everyone that Cona is not her dog. She explained the project has many teachers backing it and several have stepped

forward to aid in caring for him when school is not in session, should Fritz-Wilson need the help.

"I plan to make Cona a tangible part of the community. He will be a common sight around town, he will go to the library, the state park, be at parades and events, or just out and about for an ice cream cone. Cona will be very tech savvy for a dog and will have his own Facebook page, Twitter account and be on Instagram, where I will announce events and places he will be attending so the community can meet him and ask any questions they have about him," Fritz-Wilson said.

Cona's specialized training will be done locally and in Grand Rapids, Mich. with professional dog trainers who have had success in training K-9 Companion Certified dogs. During his first year, Cona's time spent at the school will be gradually increased, so he is fully comfortable with the setting and being around students.

"We might be able to get grants in the future, but that's not what I really want to do. I think it's important to have the community feel involved in this project. If we could get 800 people to donate \$10, everybody would get to say they helped with it.

"It's civic pride and when the community is proud of something like this, the students feel it too. The more pride the student has, the more likely they are to achieve success in school and become an asset to their community. We frequently wring our hands and say, 'What can I do?' after a tragedy, but this is something we can do to possibly prevent a tragedy. That's worth every penny of \$8,000," Fritz-Wilson said.

Sponsors and businesses will be asked to help fulfill the bulk of the expenses and will be publicly recognized in some way. "We will be thanking the business/sponsor on Facebook and possibly radio. For certain larger donations, the business name will probably be embroidered on the dog's vest or Cona will make a special visit to the business to get a picture with the owner or employees to be sent out on social media. I haven't quite figured out all the particulars of sponsorship yet," Fritz-Wilson said.

A "Go Fund Me" campaign page has been opened for Cona's expenses and bake sales, including one at the Huron Community Bank, Harrisville branch, June 1 are being put into place.

Donations can be mailed to the Alcona Community Schools, P.O. Box 249, 51 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln, MI 48742 with the notation "Cona" or "Service Dog," on the check, cash donations may be dropped off in person at either the high school or elementary school office or paid by credit card on the go fund me page located at www.gofund-me.com/campaigncona.

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According to the new guidelines, anyone with a blood pressure reading above 130/80 is considered to have high blood pressure.

Previously, those with a blood pressure reading between 120/80 and 139/89 would have been put in the prehypertension category and wouldn't have been con-

sidered hypertensive until they got to 140/90.

But the new guidelines eliminate the prehypertension category, putting everyone with systolic pressure readings (top number) between 120 and 129 and a diastolic reading (bottom number) below 80 in a new "elevated" category. And those with a reading of 130/80 or higher fall in some stage of hypertension.

Here's a complete rundown of the new five category blood pressure ranges:

- Normal: A top number less than 120 and a bottom number less than 80.
- Elevated: A top number between 120 and 129, and a bottom number less than 80.
- Stage 1: A top number between 130 and 139, or a bottom number between 80 and 89.
- Stage 2: A top number of 140 or higher, or a bottom number of 90 or higher.
- Hypertensive crisis: A top number over 180 or a bottom number over 120.

Millions of Americans with

high blood pressure don't know they have it because it usually has no outward signs or symptoms. But high blood pressure, over time, can damage your arteries and increase your risk for heart disease, stroke, kidney damage and even dementia. To guard against this, everyone over the age of 40, as well as those younger with risk factors for hypertension should get their blood pressure checked at least once a year.

If you find that your blood pressure numbers fall in the "elevated" category, you should take steps now to get it under control. Lifestyle changes like eating a healthy diet, losing weight, exercising, watching your salt intake, quitting smoking, and cutting back on alcohol is often all you need to get it back to normal.

Even if your blood pressure numbers are in the "stage 1" category, lifestyle changes are recommended first, unless you've had a heart attack or stroke, or you're at high risk for cardio-



Savvy Senior

vascular problems because you smoke, have high cholesterol or type 2 diabetes. Then medications may be prescribed.

But if your blood pressure falls in the "stage 2" or higher category, the new guidelines suggest medication, regardless of age, plus lifestyle changes.

There are several different kinds of drugs used to lower blood pressure. It usually makes sense to start with the oldest, safest, and least expensive drug: diuretics, or water pills, such as chlorthalidone or hydrochlorothiazide. But these meds can drive up blood sugar levels, so if you have type 2 diabetes or

are at risk of it, your doctor may prescribe another drug, such as an ACE inhibitor, ARB or calcium channel blocker.

You should also be aware that blood pressure drugs could cause side effects including dizziness, gastrointestinal problems, fatigue and headaches. They can also cause a decline in kidney function so make sure your doctor periodically monitors your potassium levels.

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Where to find smallmouth bass this spring

Since anglers can practice catch-and-immediate-release fishing on bass on all year in Michigan, many are having fun targeting this species. There are plenty of locations throughout the state that offer exceptional smallmouth bass fishing, but the list below is a good way to find trophy-sized fish.

- **Lake St. Clair:** Make sure to cover lots of ground when visiting this water body and cast to the edges of weed patches.

- **Lake Erie:** The shallow areas of this lake are good places to start, after the water warms up head to deeper water.

- **Saginaw Bay:** Target around the Charity Islands which separate Lake Huron's deep water from Saginaw Bay's shallow depths.

- **Grand Traverse Bays:** Look for structure such as drop-offs, sand points, rocks or weed beds at this spot.

Don't forget -- the catch-and-keep season on all waters, including the Great

Lakes, doesn't open until May 26 while the catch-and-keep season on Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the Detroit River doesn't open until June 16.

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- **Cheboygan River** - Anglers caught steelhead at the dam with spawn, beads, spinners, worms and minnows. Conditions were a bit difficult because of high currents from overflow.

- **Ocqueoc River** - Fishing pressure was slow at times, but anglers have caught steelhead averaging 15 inches. Try spawn and spinners.

- **Rogers City** - Had a good 13 inches of snow. Nothing is open yet, and no docks were in because of ice.

- **Alpena** - No boats were out, but the launch next to the Alpena Fish Station is open and has a dock in. The city ramp was still iced up.

- **Thunder Bay River** - Fishing was slow, but anglers were getting a couple of steelhead

and Atlantic salmon when drifting flies or spawn bags with bobbers. The water is low, clear and very cold.

- **Oscoda** - Pier anglers caught a couple of walleye and the occasional Atlantic salmon, steelhead or lake trout when still-fishing with minnows and spawn bags or when casting deep diving or sinking crank baits.

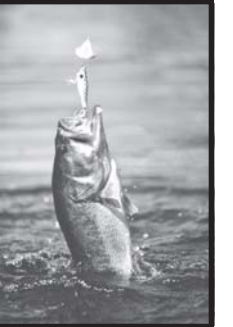
- **AuSable River** - Steelhead were caught by anglers drifting or floating wax worms, flies and spawn bags through the holes. River temperatures were hovering around 39 degrees, and the water is very clear, so winter tactics continue to produce best. Some fresh fish entered the river, and a fair amount of black stone flies were emerging.

- **Black River** - Despite on and off skim ice, anglers found a couple of steelhead at the mouth of the river when floating spawn bags.

- **Harrisville** - Had no angling activity. Skim ice continues to form overnight in

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the harbor, disappearing in the afternoon. The skid piers were not in the water yet.

- **Higgins Lake** - Those fishing in the shallows near Big Creek and the Conference Center were still getting some rainbow trout.

- **Tawas** - Pier fishing was slow, with only one Atlantic and a couple lake trout or walleye caught.

- **AuGres** - Only a couple boats ventured out, and they caught a fairly good number of post-spawn northern pike and a couple walleye out from the river mouth. They also took some walleye and lake trout between Point Lookout and Pointe AuGres. Perch fishing was slow at the mouth

of the Pine River.

- **AuGres River** - Down at Singing Bridge (Whitney Drain), steelhead anglers were doing well in both the lower river and in the surf. They were either drifting spawn or wax worms down the river or still-fishing with floating spawn sacks in the surf. A few anglers dragging small boats across the beach and launching to fish just off the river mouth were getting some steelhead, lake trout and coho close to shore.

- **Rifle River** - Sucker fishing is ongoing at Omer, but the run slowed with the colder weather. Warmer weather later this week might get something going.

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Harrisville Business Association

The Harrisville Business Association met on March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Chairman Cheryl Peterson called the meeting to order.

Present: Officers - Cheryl Peterson, Ed Foster and Vanessa Ritchie. Members: Adam Ritchie, Kiann Kruttlin, Doug Cheek, Pat Bushey, Louie Campbell, Ginger Campbell, Jim Ferguson, Tom Thomas and Kay Smith. Guests: Justin Wilson, Jim Berry and Jeff Gray

The meeting minutes from were approved on a motioned by Ed Foster/Doug Cheek.

Ongoing business:

- Amending bylaws - terms of office: Final draft to be voted on during April meeting.
- Policies and procedures: Final review of draft and vote during April meeting.
- Planning and goal setting

for 2018 and beyond: Reviewed submitted goals, ongoing discussions.

- Sound System for downtown: Received a quote from AirNetix, LLC for a starter wireless sound system to be added to Main Street. Further discussions and possible partnerships review in future meetings.

New business

- Presentation and discussion by Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary director Jeff Gray. He shared what projects the TBNMS is working on in and around the waters of Alcona County. HBA is considering how it and its members can be involved to promote the waters in the area.

- Glass Bottom Boat Cruise: Date set for June 7, members in good standing (and a guest) can attend for free.

- Justin Wilson was an invited guest of Ed Foster. He and his family are new to the community. He recently opened a law firm that specializes in civil litigation and general practice.

- Membership letters will be mailed out before April 1. Previous letter has been revised to include membership perks and last year event successes.

Three membership renewals were received.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- May 10: Regular meeting with community partners/local organizations invited.
- June 7: Glass Bottom Boat cruise -- all paid members are invited plus a guest.
- June 14: Regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the library. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) Board of Trustees elected four new officers to lead the foundation for one year effective March 13.

Christine Baumgardner of Harrisville is the new president. Timothy Kuehnlein of Alpena is the new vice president. Scott McLennan of Rogers City, Mich. is the new secretary. Debra Kruttlin of Harrisville, is the new treasurer. Lora Greene is the outgoing president, and will continue on the executive committee as past president.

"We have an incredibly dynamic board, representing every geographic corner of our service area," said Patrick Heraghty, CFNEM executive director. "They are engaged, believe strongly in our mission, and are excited about the year to come."

Baumgardner, is a long-time resident of northeast



Christine Baumgardner Michigan, having moved to the area in 1970. She was the CEO of Alcona Health Centers from 1985 until December 2017 when she retired. Before that she served as the director of the Northeast Michigan Area Agency on Aging for seven years, and taught English at Alpena Community College for four years.

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Alcona baseball team readies for new season despite weather

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Despite the fact that winter is hanging on into mid-April, the Alcona varsity baseball team did get its season started last Friday. Though the Tigers came up short in a pair of games at New Lothrop, it was their first time on a field in what has been an unfavorable northern Michigan spring.

"We lost both games, but it was literally our first time outside and I feel like we got some valuable experience in doing so," said first year head coach Nate Walker. "We did some good things and we now know some areas to work on."

The Tigers won a district title last year and return a good core to their roster from last spring. "We have a ton of experience with a great group

of kids this year," Walker said. "We have some solid juniors who are mixing in well with our seniors."

Returning from last year's team are seniors Alex Stephenson (fourth year, utility), Matt Krisan (third year, second base), Devon Mills (third year, third base, pitcher), Tim Hutchinson (fourth year, shortstop, pitcher), Jack Hutchinson (center field), Luke Loyer (first base, pitcher, outfield), Ezra Stoley (first base, pitcher) and junior Josh Kilbourn (pitcher, center field).

New to the team are seniors Jordan Steiner (second base, outfield), Eathin Brandt (outfield), Kairat Tagaev (outfield), juniors Antavious Mikazes (catcher, outfield), Hunter White (outfield), Jon Surgener (shortstop, out-

field), Hunter Clark (outfield) and Pierce Bilbey (outfield).

"We have been locked up in the gym due to weather, but we do what we can in there," Walker said. "The main thing is getting our swings in and the pitchers stretching out their arms."

The Tigers are scheduled to open up North Star League play on Thursday, April 19 at home against Mio, though that game is likely to be cancelled with the winter weather the area was hit with over the weekend.

"I feel like our conference is pretty wide open this year," Walker said. "Hillman always has a good squad, and they are well coached up there. I'm sure AuGres is ready to go. But in all I think anybody could win the conference, including us."

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of April 9-15, 2018

102 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 1 Warrant Arrests; 1 Domestic; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 2 Traffic Tickets.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	3	Traffic/Traffic Stop	29
Medical	18	Warrant Arrest	1
Property Damage Accident	10	Animal/Dog	3
Personal Injury Accident	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	2
Miscellaneous	3	Well Being Check	2
Suspicious Event	2	Malicious Dest. of Property	1
Larceny	2	Open Door	2
Threats	2	Found Property	1
Truancy	4	Child Abuse/Neglect	1
Domestic	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Alarm	1	Assault	1
Suicidal Person	3	Burglary	1
Identity Theft	1	Fire/Power Lines Down	6

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	7	Caledonia	13	Curtis	6
Greenbush	12	Gustin	9	Harrisville	18
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Outgoing trustees (from left) Sue Fitzpatrick, David Cook, Jerry Gosnell and Makenzie Zdybel. *Courtesy photos.*

“CFNEM is an organization that is critical to the population of northeast Michigan. It serves so many communities and individuals too numerous to name, helping them improve their personal and community status,” said Baumgardner. “I look forward to bringing even greater participation by our community members in advancing worthwhile projects in our region. Our area is on the brink of great advancements that will help us, and at the same time, preserve the amazing resources we have.”

Baumgardner said she believes the community foun-

ation can be both a motivator and a catalyst for change that enriches opportunities in northeast Michigan.

“Truly, this is an awesome responsibility and I am very honored, and humbled, to have that responsibility of being the CFNEM President bestowed upon me,” said Baumgardner. “I have learned much from both the staff and the board members. They are all dedicated to the mission of CFNEM, and we will work together to build a bright future for northeast Michigan.”

Completing their third, three-year terms in March were Sue Fitzpatrick, David

Cook and Jerry Gosnell. Youth Trustee Makenzie Zdybel also completed her two-year term.

New trustees are slated for election in June 2018.

NOTICE

4/18 & 4/25

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Take notice that a hearing, as required by M.C.L.A. 41724, shall be held on the Petition for Improvements and Maintenance of the roads in **SCOTT SUB, SCOTT PARK SUB., and adjacent properties** filed with the Township Board for the purpose of hearing any objections to said petition and the Special Assessment to be formed.

A legal description of the special assessment is on file with the Township Clerk, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721

Said hearing shall be held at the Alcona Township Hall, located at 5576 US 23, Black River, on May 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

4/18 & 5/2

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Art criticism is notoriously fickle. Today's celebrated artist gets to be nobody soon. After suffering years of denigration, Norman Rockwell is now valued as a far more important artist than the critics had thought him only a few years ago. This poem by Terri Kirby Erickson, a North Carolinian, could have appeared on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*, and I mean that as a high compliment. It's from Erickson's book, *Becoming the Blue Heron*, from Press 53.

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She could be a Norman Rockwell painting, the small girl on my front porch with her eager face, her wind-burned cheeks red as cherries.

Her father waits by the curb, ready to rescue his child should danger threaten, his shadow reaching halfway across the yard. I take the booklet from the girl's outstretched hand, peruse the color photos of candy bars and caramel-coated popcorn, pretend to read it.

I have no use for what she's selling, but I can count the freckles on her nose, the scars like fat worms on knobby knees that ought to be covered on a cold day like this, when the wind is blowing and the trees are losing their grip on the last of their leaves. I'll take two of these and one of those, I say, pointing, thinking I won't eat them, but I probably will.

It's worth the coming calories to see her joy, how hard she works to spell my name right, taking down my information. Then she turns and gives a thumbs-up sign to her father, who grins like an outfielder to whom the ball has finally come—his heart like a glove, opening.

American Life in Poetry is made possible by The Poetry Foundation (www.poetryfoundation.org), publisher of Poetry magazine. It is also supported by the Department of English at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

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Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Alcona County Library

Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

My Brother's Hope Free Store 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, APRIL 26
TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 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 the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 8:30 a.m.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Little Lambs story and play time for children ages one to five and their caregivers, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Church Street in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-6027 for details.

Money Week Storytime and Craft at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 10:15 a.m. Children learn fun money-saving basics with a representative from Huron Community Bank. Free book and gift. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Friends of the Library will

hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Alcona GospelFest will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street. Practice with the ecumenical choir from noon to 5 p.m. A dinner prepared by the church will be served from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. Community concert at 6:30 p.m. Donations accepted. A registration form and information for singers are available at inspirationalcona.org or call (989) 724-7902.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29

The Langsford Men's Chorus will perform a concert at Trinity Episcopal Church in Alpena at 3 p.m. Enjoy a number of classical and contemporary selections, spirituals, folk songs, show tunes, and other pieces sure to stir the soul and spirit. For more information, visit, <http://langsfordmenschorus.org>.

(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.)

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **SCIENCE:** What vitamin did scientist Linus Pauling advocate as having health benefits when taken in high doses?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Where is Arlington National Cemetery located?
3. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many children did President Franklin Roosevelt and first lady Eleanor Roosevelt have?
4. **TIME & MEASUREMENTS:** If the military hour is 1600, what is the time to civilians?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** What was the first planet to be discovered using the telescope?
6. **THEATER:** Who wrote the 20th-century play "Private Lives"?
7. **GAMES:** What color is the No. 1 ball in billiards?
8. **MOVIES:** What kind of creature is Thumper in the Disney movie "Bambi"?
9. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the club where husband Ricky worked on the show "I Love Lucy"?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the world's largest active volcano?

Answers: 1. Vitamin C; 2. Arlington County, Virginia; 3. Six, although one died in infancy; 4. 4 p.m.; 5. Uranus; 6. Noel Coward; 7. Yellow; 8. A rabbit; 9. Tropicana; 10. Hawaii's Mauna Loa (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 25, 1859, at Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the Isthmus of Suez. Labor disputes and a cholera epidemic slowed construction, and the Suez Canal was not completed until 1869 -- four years behind schedule.
 - On April 27, 1865, boiler explosions on the Mississippi River steamboat Sultana kill an estimated 1,547 people, mostly Union soldiers returning home after the Civil War. The passengers were killed by flying metal, scalding water and collapsing decks.
 - On April 28, 1897, the Chickasaw and Choctaw, two of the Five Civilized Tribes, agree to abolish tribal government and communal ownership of land, following the goals of the Dawes Severalty Act. The other tribes soon followed, throwing open all of Indian Territory to white settlement.
 - On April 29, 1945, the U.S. Seventh Army's 45th Infantry Division liberates Dachau, the first concentration camp established by Germany's Nazi regime. In the course of Dachau's history, at least 160,000 prisoners passed through the camp.
 - On April 23, 1969, Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestinian immigrant, is sentenced to death after being convicted in the assassination of politician Robert F. Kennedy. In 1972, Sirhan's sentence was commuted to life in prison after California abolished the death penalty.
 - On April 26, 1977, the world-famous Studio 54, in New York City, opens its doors for the first time. Actors, models, musicians and athletes, as well as political figures came out to be seen during the disco club's brief heyday, which lasted less than three years.
 - On April 24, 1980, an ill-fated military operation to rescue the 52 American hostages held in Tehran, Iran, ends with eight U.S. servicemen dead and no hostages rescued. The hostages would not be released for another 270 days.
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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 In addition to</p> <p>9 Like racist or sexist jokes</p> <p>14 Small country in Europe</p> <p>20 Kellogg's cereal</p> <p>21 As thin as —</p> <p>22 Gotten up from bed</p> <p>23 Certain Burgundy fruit</p> <p>25 Small</p> <p>26 Regular: Abbr.</p> <p>27 Bullring yell</p> <p>28 W-2 expert</p> <p>29 Belfast's county</p> <p>30 Cheesy Italian dish</p> <p>36 First emperor of Brazil</p> <p>39 Pigeon's call</p> <p>40 Airline serving Oslo</p> <p>41 Honshu coin</p> <p>42 Annual Calgary or Rochester celebration</p> <p>47 Suffix with 119-Across</p> <p>50 Jackie's #2</p> <p>51 Texter's "Then again ..."</p> | <p>52 "— penny, pick it up ..."</p> <p>54 Still-life fruit</p> <p>58 Sam of "The Piano"</p> <p>60 Very shy sort</p> <p>65 Ending for cyan</p> <p>67 British rocker Brian</p> <p>68 Most indigent</p> <p>69 Have too much of, for short</p> <p>72 The 1890s' nickname</p> <p>77 See 71-Down</p> <p>78 Any of 12 pontiffs</p> <p>80 Two-base hit: Abbr.</p> <p>81 That gal</p> <p>83 What playing kids "go round"</p> <p>88 Expand upon</p> <p>92 Not as daft</p> <p>93 Hairy twin in the Bible</p> <p>94 Garr of film</p> <p>96 "Ni-i-i-ice!"</p> <p>97 — -do-well (idle person)</p> <p>99 Suspect in Clue</p> <p>104 Charade</p> <p>107 — Fridays (restaurant)</p> | <p>109 Wriggling fish</p> <p>110 Post-teens</p> <p>111 1951 Alec Guinness comedy</p> <p>118 Left fielder Minnie</p> <p>119 Tearful</p> <p>120 Tear's place</p> <p>121 Zero in</p> <p>124 Ink-squirting creatures</p> <p>125 Whoopi Goldberg film that's apt for this puzzle</p> <p>131 Israeli money</p> <p>132 "St. — Fire"</p> <p>133 Least quiet</p> <p>134 Albanian city</p> <p>135 Jr.-year exams</p> <p>136 Singers Frank and Nancy</p> | <p>10 NHL's Bobby</p> <p>11 Civil rights org.</p> <p>12 Robert Browning's "— Passes"</p> <p>13 Unclogs</p> <p>14 Ill feeling</p> <p>15 Circular gasket fitting</p> <p>16 Old crime boss Frank</p> <p>17 In error</p> <p>18 Dion of song</p> <p>19 Like a single-person band</p> <p>24 Do a spit-take, say</p> <p>30 Noted period</p> <p>31 Peter out, as a trail</p> <p>32 Present</p> <p>33 "— will not!" (firm refusal)</p> <p>34 "Mazel —!"</p> <p>35 Made do</p> <p>36 Intend (to)</p> <p>37 Ireland, to the Irish</p> <p>38 Ovid's 552</p> <p>43 Dawn goddess</p> <p>44 "Be quiet!"</p> <p>45 Invite</p> <p>46 Maui garland</p> <p>48 Verbalized</p> <p>49 No longer edible</p> <p>53 City of central Sicily</p> | <p>55 Appeal</p> <p>56 For fear that</p> <p>57 Kin of -kin</p> <p>59 Tackles, e.g.</p> <p>61 Gun, as an engine</p> <p>62 Suffix with opal</p> <p>63 Tropical tern</p> <p>64 Signs made by winners</p> <p>66 Runner Zatopek</p> <p>69 Chooses</p> <p>70 Qatari capital</p> <p>71 With 77-Across, not closing early, as a store</p> <p>73 Inn in France</p> <p>74 Employs</p> <p>75 Taper off</p> <p>76 Gulager of "The Killers"</p> <p>79 Unblemished</p> <p>82 Flattop, e.g.</p> <p>84 Sharp knock</p> <p>85 Karel Capek sci-fi play</p> <p>86 Aves.</p> <p>87 "For — a jolly ..."</p> <p>89 Voodoo —</p> <p>90 Hype up</p> <p>91 Measures of resistance</p> <p>95 Gallivant</p> | <p>98 French "Presto!"</p> <p>100 Atop, in odes</p> <p>101 Jewish cry of disgust</p> <p>102 Architect Saarinen</p> <p>103 Alehouse</p> <p>104 Maximally</p> <p>105 Overly stylish</p> <p>106 Person camping out, often</p> <p>108 Foot part</p> <p>112 "Don't — gift horse in the mouth"</p> <p>113 Quaking tree</p> <p>114 Writer Roald and actress Arlene</p> <p>115 Stalk swelling</p> <p>116 City south of Dijon</p> <p>117 "Vive —!" (French cry)</p> <p>121 Imitator</p> <p>122 Rick Blaine's love, in film</p> <p>123 Citi Field baseballers</p> <p>126 Folding bed</p> <p>127 Old spy org.</p> <p>128 Lapel insert</p> <p>129 D.C.'s land</p> <p>130 Slowing, in music: Abbr.</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Edna St. Vincent Millay, a playwright and the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, who made the following observation: "A person who publishes a book appears willfully in public with his pants down."
- I don't know who studies such things, but those who do say that over the course of a lifetime, you'll probably spend about three years in the restroom.
- Despite numerous arrests and trials, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.
- In Germany in the 1500s, a court physician by the name of Oswaldt Gabelthouer wrote a medical book full of remedies that he guaranteed would be effective. For insanity, the patient must cut his or her hair close to the head, then tie two halves of a ram's liver to the head. A severe case of epilepsy, he claimed, could be cured if the patient wore the right eye of a wolf and the left eye of a she-wolf on a thong about the neck for three months; also, the patient had to forgo bathing during that time. There's no mention in the record at hand of how a patient would go about redeeming the guarantee.
- When groups of shrimp end up with too few males to sustain the population, some of the females turn into males.
- If someone called you a "mumpsimus," would you be flattered or insulted? It seems that the appropriate reaction would be to take offense. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a mumpsimus is "a stubborn person who insists on making an error in spite of being shown that it is wrong."

Thought for the Day: "Calamities are of two kinds: misfortunes to ourselves, and good fortune to others." -- Ambrose Bierce

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The following were in attendance: President Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski.

The minutes from the March budget meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Zielinski. Carried. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Gauthier, to approve the minutes from the regular March meeting. Carried. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Mahalak with support Zielinski. A motion was made by Mahalak, to split a check received from the state of Michigan into the Major and Local road funds for work on crack sealing of village streets. Carried.

Evelyn Good presented a copy of the DDA budget for council approval for the Fiscal Year 2019. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Mahalak, to approve the 2019 DDA budget. Carried. The DDA Budget follows:

Income	
Estimated balance from 2018	\$360,000.00
	\$411,375.00
Interest	\$ 500.00
TIFFA Alcona County	\$40,000.00
TIFFA Gustin Township	\$ 5,875.00
TIFFA Gustin Twp. Fire Mileage	\$ 8,500.00
TIFFA Village of Lincoln	\$ 63,575.00
Subtotal	\$118,450.00
TIFFA Passthrough	
MSU Extension	\$ 1,380.00
Library	\$ 4,930.00
Gustin Twp. Road	\$ 18,000.00
ACCOA	\$ 4,930.00
Ambulance	\$ 9,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 38,240.00
Total Income	\$568,065.00
Expenses	
Administrative	\$ 500.00
Beautification	\$ 3,000.00
Capital Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
DDA Consultant	\$ 30,000.00
Economic Development	\$100,000.00
Financial Audits	\$ 2,200.00
Fire Department	\$ 4,000.00

Legal Fees	\$ 500.00
Membership Per Diem	\$3,600.00
Village Administrative Fee	\$20,000.00
Web Site	\$ 1,400.00
Subtotal	\$170,200.00
Passthrough Reimbursements	
MSU Extension Office	\$ 1,380.00
Library	\$ 4,930.00
Gustin Twp. Road	\$18,000.00
ACCOA	\$ 4,930.00
Ambulance	\$ 9,000.00
Subtotal	\$38,240.00
Total expenses	\$208,440.00
Fund Balance	\$359,625.00

Larry Elmer asked permission to use village properties for the upcoming Lincoln Lions Car Show. The group is hoping to expand its festivities this year. It will be held on August 25. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Zielinski, to allow the Lincoln Lions to use village property for the Lincoln Lions car show. Carried. Mike Serafin gave his report. There were 13 medical runs and two fire runs within the past month. Two bids were received for work on the boat launch. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Gauthier, to table the bids until the next meeting. The sewer report was given. The flow meters are going to be replaced with grant funds from the SAW grant. The street report was given.

In old business, Marsha asked about setting up a meeting to put together a proposal for insurance. Bonny asked about some properties within the village that need to be cleaned up. Phil advised her to call Troy Somers as he is the zoning administrator. Sara gave an update on the recent planning commission meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Chosen Ranch Community Center on May 16 at 6 p.m. It will be a public forum. The RRC training will be next Tuesday, April 17 in Clare, Mich. President Jordan gave his report. Two new members are needed for the planning commission. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Mahalak, to pay the bills as presented. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made Zielinski with support from Mahalak. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

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Tawas Village, an assisted living home, is currently seeking part time cooks for second shift. Applicants must pass a background check. If you are caring, dependable, and want to make a difference, then we want you! For immediate consideration apply in person at: 910 North Tawas Lake Road, East Tawas, Mich. 48730 or send your resume to tawasvillage@rlmgmt.com.

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held April 10 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The supervisor opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board and three guests were in attendance. Assessor zoning administrator had two land use permits issued and a long discussion on a problem that might surface in the near future. Planning chairman Chad Spitznagel attended a ZBA workshop in Gaylord last month that was very informative. County

commissioner Craig Johnston updated the board on the county. Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office. Harvey/Healy: Pay the bills. Motion carried. The board will hold a special meeting Tuesday, April 17 at 1 p.m. at township hall to discuss renovation of inside the hall. Meeting adjourned 8 p.m. Published prior to board approval. Roger D. Jamieson
 Township Clerk

**Classified ad
 Deadline is
 Monday at 4 p.m.**

NOTICES

Public Notice to the Citizens of Curtis Township. Anyone interested in running for the Curtis Township treasurer has the chance to do so in the Primary Election which will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Those citizens of Curtis Township wishing to run for the position on the partisan ballot have until April 24, 2018 to submit all paperwork to the Curtis Township clerk's office at 4875 F-30, Glennie. The partisan vote will occur on August 7, 2018. General election vote with all remaining candidates will be held on November 6, 2018. Teresa J. Perkins, Curtis Township Clerk.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sandra J. Wickens, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated November 20, 2015 and recorded December 7, 2015 in Liber 519, page 1262. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-one thousand six hundred forty-seven and 86/100 dollars (\$51,647.86), including interest at 4.5 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the

statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on April 25, 2018. Said premises are located in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of Lots 6 and 7 of block 8 of the City of Harrisville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of plats, page 1, Alcona County records, described as commencing at the southwest corner of block 8, which is also the southwest corner of Lot 7 of said block

8; thence north 09 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds east along the westerly line of said Lot 7, 23.17 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 09 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds east along the westerly line of Lots 7 and 6 of said block 8 135.87 feet; thence south 80 degrees 54 minutes 11 seconds east 140.49 feet; thence south 09 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds west along the easterly line of said Lots 6 and 7, 135.87 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 7; thence north 80 degrees 54 minutes 11 seconds west 140.41 feet to the point of beginning. Description taken from survey recorded in Liber 189, pages

645-6, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 28, 2018 File No. 18-003895 3-28, 4-4, 4-11, 4-18

**State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Heirs
Decedent's Estate
File No. 18-5258 DE**

Estate of Robert A. Reames, deceased. Date of birth: March 18, 1928 To Shawn Reames (aka Shawn Hall): Notice of appointment of personal representative and admission of will to probate to Shawn Reames (aka Shawn Hall): The decedent, Robert A. Reames, who lived at 3230 Clouse Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737, died December 26, 2017. Estate proceedings have been commenced with the Alcona County Probate Court located at County Building, P.O. Box 328, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, phone number (989) 724-9490. David R. Reames has been appointed a personal representative of the estate and the Last Will and Testament of Robert A. Reames dated August 7, 2003, has been admitted to probate. Shawn Reames (aka Shawn Hall) is hereby notified that he is an heir of the decedent and a devisee under the decedent's Last Will and Testament but his address could not be ascertained after diligent inquiry. Shawn Reames (aka Shawn Hall) is further notified that he is presently being represented by Marsha M. Mahalak, his power of attorney, whose address is 320 East Main Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, with respect to the estate administration. Shawn Reames (aka Shawn Hall) is further notified that unless he contacts David R. Reames, appointed personal representative of the estate. The result of the administration may be to bar or affect his interest in the estate. Date: April 11, 2018 Robert K. Myles, P.C. P36055 109 South State Street Oscoda, Mich. 48750 (989) 739-2871 David R. Reames 3450 West Samaria Road Temperance, Mich. 48182 (734) 854-3450

**State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 18-5258 DE**

Estate of Robert A. Reames, decedent. Date of birth: March 18, 1928 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert A. Reames, died December 26, 2017. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David R. Reames, personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building P.O. Box 328, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: April 11, 2018 Robert K. Myles P.C. P36055 109 South State Street Oscoda, Mich. 48750 (989) 739-2871 David R. Reames 3450 West Samaria Road Temperance, Mich. 48182 (734) 854-3450

**Case No. 17-2861-CH
Circuit Court Sale**

In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of the circuit court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, made and entered on November 21, 2017, PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to National City Bank in a certain cause therein pending, wherein PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to National City Bank was the plaintiff and Daniel R. Riso and the Northern Michigan Bail Bond Agency, LLC were the defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the west entrance to the Alcona

County Building in Harrisville, Mich., that being the place of holding the circuit court for Alcona County, on the 16th day of May A.D., 2018, at 10 a.m. o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, to-wit: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, described as follows: Situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, to-wit: Part of northeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 9 East, described as: Parcel C, commencing at northwest corner of said Section 25; thence south 88 deg. 36' east,

along the north section line 1320.80 feet to the northwest corner of SD 40 acres; thence south 1 deg. 47' 57" west, along the west line of SD 40 acres, 630.93 feet to point of beginning; thence south 88 deg. 36' east, 1022.58 feet; thence south 4 deg. 46' 03" east, 317.30 feet; thence north 88 deg. 36' west, 1058.87 feet to a point on said west line; thence north 1 deg. 47' 57" east along said west line, 315.46 feet to point of beginning: together with and subject to the right of ingress and egress over and across a 75 foot easement as described on plat which will allow access to US-23 Highway, and also subject to a continuation of this 75 feet, easement

running in a northerly direction over and across the west edge of captioned Parcel C which allows others access to Parcels A and B per plat. Commonly Known as: 1930 North US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Parcel Number: 080-025-200-015-00. This property may be redeemed during the six months following the sale. Dated: March 28, 2018 Alcona County, Deputy Sheriff Michael P. Herzoff (P-41662) Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 No. 10142960 3-28, 4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25, 5-2, 5-9

**Notice of Foreclosure
by Advertisement**

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage 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

of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on May 2, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jimmie Bean and Delores Bean, husband and wife, original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Oak Street Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns foreclosing assignee (if any): REO Trust 2017-RPL1 Date of Mortgage: July 28, 2006. Date of mortgage recording: August 17, 2006. Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$75,846.68. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michi-

gan, and are described as: Commencing from a point 40 rods east of the southwest corner of the south one-half of the south one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 3, Township 25 North, Range 7 East; thence North 40 rods; thence east 12 rods; thence south 40 rods; thence west 12 rods to point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the no-

tice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under 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: April 4, 2018 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111541 4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's March board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard and Mead. Motions to approve minutes from March meeting, accept financial report, and bills as presented. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

**Classified Ad
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4 p.m.**

CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on April 9 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce and council members Peterson, Kaiser, Sanderson and Thomas; city attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Mayor Dobis and Alderman Baird. Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of March 12. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,666.97. Motion carried 5-0. Natalie Francis from Hope Shores Alliance spoke to council asking council to pass a proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, for the City of Harrisville to support Proclamation No. 2018-05 and name April, 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion carried: 5-0. First quarter water/sewer adjustments were presented by treasurer Keerl. Discussion followed with no changes made. The Summer Concert Series is set. Volunteer groups for collecting donations at each concert are needed. The first concert is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11 at the pavilion at the harbor, beginning at 7 p.m. Dates for spring cleanup are May 4 and May 25. Place bundled and bagged yard waste (only) at curbside for pick up on those dates. Hydrant Flushing will be May 23 through May 27. Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser, for spring cleanup to be May 4 and May 25 and hydrant flushing to be May 23 through May 27. Motion carried: 5-0. Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger reported on resignation of Randall Goodman, Harrisville city/township fire chief. He has submitted a recommendation of a member of the department for consideration to become the new chief. This will go to the fire advisory board for consideration. In the interim, assistant fire chief Keerl will be available to sign any paper work needed for the department. Clerk Pierce: The city and township clerks will receive training on the new voting machines that are being used for this year's primary and general elections. Clerk Pierce will also attend election training in Gaylord, Mich. on Friday, April 20 for upgrade information on the new uses of the Qualified Voter File (QVF). An ad for hiring summer help

(2018) will be published in the local newspaper. Treasurer Keerl informed council of a six-year contract offer by city auditors Stephenson and Co. for the years ending March 31, 2018, 2020, 2022. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, to support authorization of a one-year contract for 2018 subject to acceptance by Stephenson and Co. Motion denied: 3-2. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to accept the six-year contract offered by Stephenson and Co. for the years ending March 31, 2018, 2020, 2022. Motion carried: 4-1. Treasurer Keerl/Maintenance reported that well No. 2 is in need of repair. Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser, to authorize purchase of new pump, only. Motion carried: 5-0. Planning commissioner chairman Pizer reported that the next planning commission meeting will be Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30. Airport manager Boucher reported that a state airport inspector will arrive in Harrisville when the weather permits. The airport license will expire in June. The owner of property which impacts the airport approach has indicated that he has completed 100 hours of work and more needs to be done. Manager Boucher has indicated that he will contact the conservation district to see if the district would know of anyone interested in removing the remaining trees. Fire department-fire advisory board member Luenberger informed council of the resignation letter from Fire Chief Randall Goodman effective April 1, 2018. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Fire Chief Goodman. Motion carried: 5-0. Comment Cards: Guest Jeff Gehring asked whether the Mill Pond would be stocked with fish this year. The pond has not been stocked in about five years and there are no future plans to do so. Councils' last comments: Alderman Sanderson asked that city elected officials and maintenance workers salaries be posted. For the year 2018: Mayor - \$10,923.00; treasurer and clerk - \$17,764.80. For the year 2019: Mayor - \$11,141.46; treasurer and clerk: \$18,120.10. Current salaries for senior DPW maintenance: \$14.62 per hour. Junior DPW maintenance: \$12 per hour. Adjourned by mayor pro tem Luenberger. Adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is May 14 at 7 p.m. at city hall. Published prior to council approval.

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met on April 11. All board members were present. Motions to approve the agenda, March minutes, pay bills and place treasurer's report on file per audit. Planning commission (PC) met April 2. PC discussed sign ordinance, reviewing Section 3.19, home based businesses, riparian rights, placement of docks, hoists, sandbar issues. Zoning administrator's report: possible general merchandise store on Madison Ave. Fence to be installed at Smith Sanitation. Hall restrooms remodeling completed. Hall rental agreement and fees draft sent to attorney for review. Motion to hire Ser-Pro to clean hall. Motion to have Trustee Tim Ratz remove felled oak trees from North End Park. State tax commission denying a veterans exemption. Website workshop scheduled April 25 at 6 p.m. Working on fire millage renewal. Board

reviewing employee job descriptions/time sheets and vendor contracts. Quality Lawn Care met with the board. News letter in 2018 summer taxes. Request to have Sheriff Atchison address proposed anti-noise ordinance at May's meeting. Liquor license monthly inspections will be discussed at May's meeting. Thunder Bay Power's annual parking agreement paid. Motion to send township clerk Kerry Scott to a QVF training. Jessie Campbell-Alcona County Road Commission presented contracts for roads in Caledonia Township. Motion to Adjourn at 9:19 p.m. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next regular township meeting May 9. PC meets May 7. Tri-Township Board meets April 18 at Alcona. All meetings are at 7 p.m. Kerry Scott Township Clerk

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