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Shelter looks forward to new year with continued community support

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona Humane Society is looking forward to a new year with planned renovations and two additional cat cage banks.

The renovations, promised by two anonymous, local donors, include renovating two cat rooms and making a kitten room out of an unused room at the shelter. The renovations include dry wall, the installation of new epoxy paint flooring, ceiling fans and shelving which the cats can climb and play on.

New cat cage banks have been purchased and the shelter is waiting on their delivery. The cage banks, which are large, easily moved kennels containing three small cages and two large cages cost about \$1,300 each.

The banks provide easy maintenance and transferability, which will benefit the animals if they need to be transported out of the shelter. "The cage banks are on wheels which can help with quick exits, such as during a fire or other emergency. They are more sanitary than using wire dog cages. This will help with our emergency preparedness plan. We have one cat bank which we have had for years. The two additional cat cage banks should really

help," said shelter manager, Jenna Richardson.

Funding for the cat cage banks came from a \$500 grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development, \$1,000 in donations from Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving fueled by social media on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and other shelter donations.

Recently, the shelter received a bevy of necessary supplies for the animals from the students at Alcona Elementary. "Every year at Christmas time the kids collect things like toys for the animals, food, litter, and other necessary supplies and we go pick them up. This year I took one of the puppies into the school to collect the gifts and thank the children for their thoughtfulness. It was a lot of fun and it's very nice of them to do that for us," Richardson said.

Struggles, however, continue for the rural animal shelter, as it still receives too many animals each year. Richardson said 653 animals were taken in by the shelter last year. There are 10 dogs, including two puppies and 20 cats at the shelter.

According to Richardson, the shelter strives to be a no-

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Alcona's Abby Franklin drives through the lane during the game at Little Caesars Arena against the Oscoda Owls. For the story, see page 6. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Old dams threaten downstream life

By Laina Stebbins
Capital News Service

Since Michiganders drive on them every day, roads and bridges are often the first things that come to mind when it comes to the condition of Michigan's infrastructure.

Less visible - but just as hazardous if not properly maintained - are the state's 2,500 dams.

Just as deteriorating roads and bridges can cause significant damage, aging dams in high-hazard locations have the potential to do great harm to the environment and to human life.

The Otsego Township Dam on the Kalamazoo River is one such dam. It's in poor condition and located in an area that would see serious consequences if the dam were to collapse. Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Keith Creagh said his department is removing the dam in conjunction with the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The deteriorating, high-risk Hamilton Dam in Flint, Mich. is also slated to be removed.

"When we become aware of a dam that's got problems, that's a threat to the public, we take it very seriously," said Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dam safety chief Byron Lane. "We work with the owner to either repair it, remove it, or at least lower the water level behind it so that if it did fail, it wouldn't end in fatalities."

Creagh estimates Michigan has about 2,500 dams. Ninety percent of those, he said, will reach their life expectancy - the age they were designed to last until - by the year 2020.

The DNR is responsible for about 55 of those dams. The DEQ oversees the rest.

Creagh said dams can pose a problem when they impede

the natural migration of fish through rivers. Some dams have the potential to cause significant harm in high-risk locations if proper maintenance or repair is not kept up and the dam fails.

"We don't have the resources to take out all those dams," Creagh said.

Anne Woiwode, the conservation chair of the Sierra Club Michigan chapter, said dam collapse can be detrimental to the environment.

"It can take many years for waterways to recover," Woiwode said. "The sediments behind the dam can destroy the habitat for aquatic species downstream."

"So, the restoration of rivers by removal of dams is a high priority from a restoring native habitats and ecosystems perspective. If we're going to protect a wide range of species, having sufficient habitat for them is important," she said.

According to Lane, dams can have damaging effects on fisheries and healthy migration patterns of fish. "Some dams have a fish ladder that allows fish to get by, but even then they aren't

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Alcona Humane Society animal caretaker, Jennifer Troyer (left) and shelter manager Jenna Richardson (right) stand next to a transferable cat cage bank the shelter has had for years. Recently, thanks to grants and donations, the shelter was able to purchase two more cat cage banks, which will help with the emergency preparedness plan. Photo by Mary Weber.



Obituaries

Tammy L. Gonyea

Tammy Lee Gonyea, 47, of Lincoln, died on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at St. Mary's Hospital in Standish, Mich.

She was born November 29, 1970 to Lloyd and Mary (Gauthier) Gonyea in Alpena. She was a resident of Lincoln for most of her life.

She was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan. She loved playing bingo, playing games on her phone, and bragging about her grandchildren.

Ms. Gonyea is survived by two daughters, Anna Marie Jones, and Mary Renee Wanzer; five grandchildren; three sisters, Susan (Mike) Ledel, Tena (Dan) Spranger, and Cindy Warner; one brother, Patrick (Jill) Gonyea; three nieces, Shawn (Jason Allen) Schiellerd, Erika (Joe) Wagner and Kristen Gonyea; six nephews, Jeff Warner, Matthew Warner, Alex Schram, William Nardi, Jonathan Nardi, and Robert Nardi; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and former husband, Keith Kruttlin.

There will be a memorial visitation on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

James S. Fradl

James S. Fradl, 79, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 at Medilodge of Hillman, Mich.

He was born April 13, 1938 to George and Theresa Fradl in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

On April 25, 1959, he married Anna Russo in Detroit, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1962.

Mr Fradl worked as a butcher at the Eastern Market for 30 years. He owned and operated a transportation company for handicapped people for many years.

He was a resident of Greenbush for nearly 30 years before moving to Harrisville. He enjoyed winters in Arizona and served as a sub-deacon at his church there.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church in Gaylord, Mich. He enjoyed wood working.

Mr. Fradl is survived by his wife, Anna; four daughters, Kathleen (Dennis) Stone, Cynthia Fradl, Lisa (Jim) Coddington, and Laura Fradl; seven grandchildren, Ashley (Kevin) Sullivan, Kyla Stone, Nicole Sears, Carrie Kymes, Michael Kymes, Steven Kymes, and Jeanette Kymes; and six great-grandchildren, Alexis Sears, Daijah Sears, Emaurie Sears, Jasmine Sears, and Madelyn Sullivan.

He was preceded in death by one brother, George Fradl.

Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Gregory N. Pierce

Gregory Newton Pierce, 67, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 at home.

He was born December 23, 1950 to Willis and Marian (Kranz) Pierce in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Lincoln Park, Mich.

He served as a medic in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he moved to Harrisville where he worked in machine repair, and was able to fix almost anything.

He loved animals and rescued several cats.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his mother, Marian Jones of Harrisville; hone brother, Carl (Yvonne) Pierce of Mikado; one nephew, Scott Pierce of Pensacola Fla.; and one great niece, Claire Pierce.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1967.

Burial will be in Springport Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Robert A. Reames

Robert "Bob" Arnold Reames, 89, died on December 26, 2017 in Alpena.

He was born in Mikado, on March 18, 1928 to Ira and Flossie (Mallory) Reames.

In June 1945, he graduated from Oscoda High School and shortly after, reported for his basic training in the U.S. Army at Houghton, Mich. He was discharged in January 1947.

He was a life-long resident of Alcona County, in Mikado and Glennie.

In April 1948 he married Genevieve M. Waskiewicz. She preceded him in death in 2000.

He married Ethel (Moore) Reames in 2000; she preceded him in death in 2013.

Following his discharge from the Army, Mr. Reames operated a dairy farm for many years. He also built and managed a vacation rental resort in the Mikado area.

Mr. Reames was employed by the Alcona Seed Growers for several years before working for the U.S. Forest Service. He retired from the forest service after working 25 years at his "dream job."

He served as the clerk for Mikado Township. He was a 4-H leader, volunteered with the Michigan DNR, and was a member of the Alcona Historical Society.

Mr. Reames' love of history and "everything outdoors" was the incentive for him to build a traditional trapper/logger cabin. Using only minimal tools, he handcrafted the log cabin, which has been recently moved to the Lumberman's Monument in Oscoda, where it will be put on display and used for educational programs for visitors.

Mr. Reames is survived by two daughters, Mary (Charles) Harmon of Mikado and Sally (Ray) Gingrich of Midland, Mich.; two sons, Dr. David R. (Marcia) Reames of Temperance, Mich. and Alan A. (Debbie) Reames of Charlotte, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wives, he was preceded in death by one son, Richard A. Reames of Hubbard Lake; one grandson, David Harmon; and six brothers and sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to: The Reames Cabin Educational Fund, established through the Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association. Checks can be written to ENFIA and mailed to Mary Harmon, 433 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745.

While no funeral service is planned at this time, a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

John J. Goslee

John Jay Goslee, 99, of Spruce, died on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017.

He was born November 11, 1918 to Bertha (Coble) and Leonard Goslee in Greenville, Ohio. He lived most of his life in Ann Arbor, Mich. and Spruce.

He married Allene Miller in 1941.

He served as a tech sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Force in China during World War II.

Mr. Goslee worked in construction for most of his life and was construction superintendent for many schools, libraries, churches and commercial buildings in the Ann Arbor area.

He loved his family, his dogs and fishing.

Mr. Goslee is survived by two sons, Bill Goslee of Spruce and Steve (Sue) Goslee of Ellsworth, Mich.; one daughter, Sue (Jerry) Balk of Pinckney, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Allene; one granddaughter, Jenny Rice; and one daughter-in-law, Maureen Goslee.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of life service is planned for Sunday, Aug. 5 at the South Shore Fire Station in Spruce. The time will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 24	21	7	0.02	1.4	11	NNW
Dec. 25	22	4	0.00	4.1	26	W
Dec. 26	12	-5	0.00	2.5	17	W
Dec. 27	13	-6	0.00	2.1	14	W
Dec. 28	16	-4	0.00	1.0	9	NW
Dec. 29	18	4	0.00	1.8	11	NW
Dec. 30	15	2	0.00	3.1	20	NW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017-2018 Season

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.02	0.5	0.41
December to Date	0.52	7.6	1.77
Year/Season to Date	33.07	8.0	28.34

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, JANUARY 3

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon in Alpena. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on hand to answer questions. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a can of food for needy. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for details.

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

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, JANUARY 4

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.

Retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

"Free Range Crafts" will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Play euchre at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

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The Pine River Watershed Coalition will meet at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Open to the public. Learn about the conservation efforts within Alcona County to help protect and preserve the watershed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

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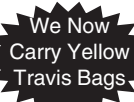
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Color Craze

Adults are invited to attend Color Craze on Friday, Jan. 5 at 1 p.m. Dessert and beverages provided. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils and markers will be provided. This free, adults only class meets once a month (usually the first Friday). For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Play Tryouts

There will be tryouts for the play "Sylvia" at Camp Inn Restaurant on Wednesday, Jan. 3 and Thursday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Two women and two men are needed for this play, which is about a couple who has raised their kids and the husband brings home a dog (played by a female) and becomes a bone of contention between them. Show will perform in March.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4:30 p.m. 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 re-

quired. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Jan. 8—Breaded chicken breast, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, and mixed fruit.
- Tuesday, Jan. 9—Beef lasagna, peas, tossed salad, and pineapple.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10—Pork chop and applesauce, potato lyonnaise, cauliflower, coleslaw and peaches.
- Thursday, Jan. 11—Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, peaches, and a biscuit.
- Friday, Jan. 12—Chicken mostaccioli, green beans, tossed salad, and pineapple. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

First Aid/Safety Training

CPR, First Aid and safety training for parents with children in the home under the age of 12 will be held at the Alcona Elementary School on January 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Successful participants will receive an American Red Cross CPR and First Aid certification card upon completion. Class size is limited to 25. To register for this free training, contact Malinda Amlotte at (989) 356-1414, ext. 222 or email amlottem@amaesd.org. Registration deadline is January 11.

New Grants Awarded

Arts, education, human services and literacy programs are just some of the areas touched by the most recent round of grants from the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC). The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan Board of Trustees recently approved \$30,182 in a new round of youth-related NEMYAC grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. Alcona County recipients are:

- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$950 for the Alcona High School weight room project and "Project World Connect."

• The Chosen Ranch was awarded \$700 for its "Ranch Rewards" program.

- Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan was awarded \$1,850 for the Foster Home Assistance program in Alcona County.
- Village of Lincoln was awarded \$559 for the Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt.
- Mikado Township was awarded \$700 for the "No Child Without a Christmas" project.

ORV Use in State Forest

Many - but not all - state forest roads will open to off-road vehicle traffic on January 1. Riders are encouraged to make sure roads are authorized for ORV use by checking online maps. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest roads maps are found at www.michigan.gov/forestroads.

"Due to frozen ground conditions, closed roads are not all marked yet," said Deb Begalle, DNR Forest Resources Division chief. "Some roads remain closed to balance motorized recreational access with the need to protect our resources."

Approximately 6,300 miles of roads in the state forest system in the northern Lower Peninsula will open to ORVs. About 1,200 miles of roads will remain closed.

Opening the roads to ORV use is authorized by Public Act 288, signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in September 2016. Besides opening roads, the statute required the DNR to inventory and map all state forest roads. An inventory of northern Lower Peninsula roads is complete; inventory on forest roads in the rest of the state will be completed by Dec. 31, 2018.

Examples of areas that will remain closed to ORV traffic include the Pigeon River Country State Forest, Jordan Valley, Mason Tract, Deward Tract, and Sand Lakes Quiet Area, all of which emphasize quiet recreation. Other roads will remain closed to reduce conflict with non-motorized uses and protect natural resources.



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Mikazes' buzzer-beater lifts Tigers over Owls

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

It wasn't the way they drew it up, but they will certainly take it.

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team, playing a North Star League game against Oscoda at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich. on Saturday, Dec. 30, got a last second bucket by Antavivus Mikazes, giving them a thrilling 42-41 victory.

"We didn't execute the final inbounds play quite as planned, but it was no-doubt a memorable ending for the boys," said head coach Ryan Bilbey.

The Tigers led the game by as much as 10 points in the first half, but a frantic Owl comeback put them back into the game and eventually the lead in the fourth quarter. Oscoda led the game 41-40 with just seconds left to go, but the Tigers had the ball out of a time out.

Alcona's first hopeful game-winning shot fell off the mark, but a strong play by Mikazes allowed him to haul in the missed shot and knock down a quick shot to secure the win.

"Mikazes crashed the boards and grabbed the rebound and his put back was good at the buzzer for the win," Bilbey said. "It was obviously a hard fought game by both teams that could have gone either way."

Alex Stephenson had a big first quarter, netting six points and Mikazes scored five in the frame, including an and-one play but the Tigers led just 13-12 after a hotly contested first quarter.

A basket by Damion Stewart made it 16-12 early in the second and Mikazes extended that margin moments later with a lay-up at 18-12.

Conner McCoy buried a pair of three-pointers in the quarter as well, the first giving the Tigers a 24-15 lead and the second pushed Alcona ahead 27-17.

The Owls netted the next four points however, allowing them to pull within 27-21 entering the half.

In the third quarter, the Tigers only managed four points, all off the hands of Mikazes. The Alcona defense only gave up six however, as its lead only shrank to 31-27 entering the fourth.

A pair of buckets by Stephenson helped the Tigers get going again in the fourth quarter, though the Owls, led by 10 points in the frame by Grant Huebel, pulled ahead 41-40. This led to Mikazes buzzer-beater.

"I felt we played pretty well defensively for most of the game, but had trouble at times with the quick guards from Oscoda," Bilbey said. "We certainly hope to be able to return to LCA next year."

Leading the way in the win was Mikazes with 19 points, Stephenson added 10 and McCoy finished with six.

On Friday, Dec. 22 the Tigers won a NSL home game over Fairview, 44-41.

"Fairview, as always played an excellent defensive game,"



Alcona's Antavivus Mikazes (50) plays tough defense during last Saturday's win over Oscoda at Little Caesars Arena. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Bilbey said. "They play tough every time we see them. We have been off for 11 days and it showed."

The Tigers led at the end of each quarter break, but could never quite pull away from the Eagles. Alcona led 10-8, 21-16 and 36-27 at the quarter marks.

"We had lots of foul trouble early but our guys toughed it out late and I'm happy with that," Bilbey said. "Some-

times you have to grind out a win. Jordan Steiner played a great defensive game, taking two charges."

Devon Mills led the offense with 12 points, Mikazes had nine points, Stephenson had seven and Luke Loyer and Matt Krisan had five points each.

Alcona (6-0 overall, 3-0 NSL) heads to Rogers City on Thursday, Jan. 4 and returns home on Monday, Jan. 8 against Hillman.

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Alcona girls downed by Oscoda at Little Caesars Arena

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

It was a loss, but the life-long memories were abundant. The Alcona girls varsity basketball team played Oscoda in a North Star League contest on Saturday, Dec. 30 at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich. -- the recently opened, new home of both the Pistons and Red Wings. The Owls topped the Tigers 59-49.

"We want to thank the administration of Alcona and Oscoda and the Detroit Pistons for making this possible," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "The players and coaches really enjoyed taking part in this game. It is something they will always remember."

Faith Wallenmaier netted the game's first bucket and the Lady Tigers took a 6-0

lead thanks to back-to-back buckets by Taylor Livingston. The Owls pulled within 8-7 but the Lady Tigers netted a 12-7 lead thanks to a bucket by Livingston and another by Wallenmaier.

Oscoda closed the frame on an 8-0 run however, giving it a 15-12 lead after the opening quarter.

Livingston's big day continued as she started the second quarter with an and-one play to knot the game at 15-all and later in the period, she gave the Lady Tigers the lead at 20-19 after hauling in an inbounds pass under the basket.

A short bucket by Abby Franklin gave the Lady Tigers a 22-21 lead but the Owls went on another roll, this time outscoring the Lady Tigers 7-2 to end the half, giving Oscoda a 28-24 mar-

gin at the break.

The Owls took their biggest lead of the game at 40-30 late in the third quarter, but the Lady Tigers were sparked once again by Livingston, as she scored six points in the frame's final minute to pull her team within 42-36 entering the fourth quarter.

Oscoda extended its lead at 50-40 two minutes into the final frame, and though Alcona did pull within 54-49 on a hoop by Brianna Fogle, it could get no closer as the Owls pulled away to the 59-49 final.

"It was a good game and close throughout, I thought, for the most part, we played pretty good but there were a couple of short stretches where we didn't play up to our capabilities and it cost us," Feldhiser said. "Give

Oscoda credit, they played well and made some big plays when they needed to. We knew this would be a tough game and we knew it might take our team some time to figure it all out this year. We will be okay, we just need to keep working."

Livingston led all scorers with 25 points. Megan Grove netted 12 and Wallenmaier finished with six.

On Friday, Dec. 22 the Lady Tigers won a lopsided North Star League game against Fairview, 58-16.

"We got off to a bit of a slow start, but then picked up the defensive intensity in the second quarter," Feldhiser said. "It was a good win with balanced scoring."

Alcona led the home game just 8-6 after the first quarter but heated up from there, leading 25-8 at the half and

41-14 entering the fourth. Alcona (3-3 overall) was led by Grove who had 14 points, Livingston netted 12, Hailee Gordy netted eight and Fogle scored seven.

Alcona hosts Rogers City on Friday, Jan. 5 and heads to Hillman on January 9.

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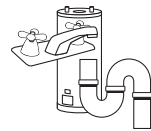
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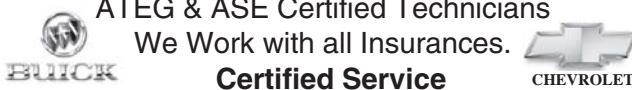


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Help with home-care bills

Dear Savvy Senior,
Do you know of any resources that can help with my mother's home-care bills? Mom is recovering from a stroke and needs in-home care, but I understand Medicare doesn't cover it, and she doesn't have long-term care insurance.

Stressed-Out Daughter

Dear Stressed-Out,
Depending on your mom's circumstances, there are a number of government and not-for-profit programs that can that either subsidize or pay for your mom's home care or offer aid in other ways. Here's where to look for help.

If your mom is recovering from a stroke, the first thing you need to know is that Medicare does cover a variety of in-home health care services. To be eligible your mom must be "homebound," and her doctor will need to approve a "plan of care" confirming that she needs skilled-nursing care or skilled-therapy services from

a physical or speech therapist.

Her doctor can also request the services of an occupational therapist and a non-medical home aide to assist with activities of daily living like bathing, dressing and using the bathroom.

But, be aware that Medicare will not pay for non-medical home aide services alone, if your mom does not need skilled-nursing or skilled-therapy services too. Homemaker services, such as shopping, meal preparation and cleaning are not covered either.

For more information on how this works, call 1-800-MEDICARE or see Medicare.gov/coverage/home-health-services.html.

If your mom's income is low enough, she may qualify for Medicaid, which offers different programs that can pay for non-medical home care, home health care and other in-home support services. These programs, often referred to as Home and Com-

munity Based Services, are state-specific and their eligibility and benefits will vary. To find out if your mom is eligible, contact her state Medicaid agency (see Medicaid.gov).

If your mom doesn't qualify for the Medicare or Medicaid options, check to see if her state offers any state-funded home-care programs. These programs may provide caregivers or vouchers that can help pay for care. To find out about these services, call the Area Agency on Aging near your mom - see ElderCare.gov or call (800) 677-1116 for contact information.

Also investigate PACE, which stands for "Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly." PACE, which is currently available in 31 states - though not in every community - provides in-home care, including help with activities of daily living, such as meals, dental and medical care, prescriptions, and chaperoned transportation, among other benefits.



Savvy Senior

Medicaid-eligible patients get PACE for free, but if your mom is not eligible for Medicaid, she may be charged a monthly premium, though far less than she would pay a private service. To see if PACE is available in your mom's area, see NPAonline.org.

If your mom is a veteran, or a surviving spouse of a veteran, the VA also offers some benefits that can help pay her in-home care.

One is "Aid and Attendance or Housebound Allowances," which are supplemental monthly benefits for veterans already receiving a monthly VA pension and requiring healthcare. Veterans

and surviving spouses qualify if they have certain disabilities or need help with activities such as dressing, bathing, and feeding, among other criteria. Go to Vets.gov/pension for more information.

Another option is the "Veteran-Directed Care" program. This program, available through VA medical centers in 38 states, as well as in Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, provides as much as \$2,000 a month that can be used to pay a professional or family member or friend for home care. The program is

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kill humane society, but said some unadoptable animals are euthanized because of health or extreme aggression reasons. "We have guidelines. There is a point when an animal is sick and they aren't going to get any better or if a feral cat comes in and is extremely aggressive. They cannot be adopted out. Unfortunately, because we are a rural community, it happens a lot," Richardson said.

Overcrowding can become an issue at the shelter, and Richardson explained, when that happens they offer free pet incentives rather than euthanize healthy animals. This was an issue in November when the shelter had 70 cats under its roof. For two weeks the shelter offered free cat adoption on the spayed and neutered cats which was quite successful as 32 cats found new forever homes.

"We currently have 10 adult fixed cats that no one seems interested in and we will offer free adoptions on those cats. That doesn't mean the cat won't have costs down the road, all animals have costs after adoption," Richardson said.

An altered cat typically carries a \$40 adoption fee and an altered dog has a \$75 adoption fee. Unaltered cats and dogs are available at reduced fees but carry a spay/neuter deposit and the adopter must agree to have the pet spayed or neutered within 30 days of adoption, or with a puppy or kitten, when they reach alteration age, to receive their deposit back.

Richardson explained the shelter's Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) is still a popular way to help offset the cost of spaying and neutering pets. The program is available for anyone 16 years and over to work 15 hours of volunteer service at the shelter, for which the shelter will apply \$100 towards the spaying and neutering of a pet. Volunteer hours must be

completed within 30 days. Children under 16 may volunteer to work at the shelter for the SNIP incentive, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Only adults 18 years and over may adopt a pet from the shelter and if the adopter rents, a letter from their landlord explaining they are allowed pets into their residence is required. A current list of adoptable animals, many with photos of the pet, can be found on the alconahumanesociety.org website.

Richardson, who has been employed by the Alcona Humane Society for over three years, has been the manager for over a year and a half. She enjoys serving the community by helping lost pets find their owners and working to educate the community on how important it is to spay and neuter pets.

The Alcona Humane Society is located at 457 W. Traverse Bay Road in Lincoln and can be found by following F-41 north off M-72. Shelter hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are welcome by calling (989) 736-7387.

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open to any veteran who meets the criteria, including requiring help with three or more activities of daily living. Visit the "Home and Community Based Services" section at VA.gov/geriatrics for information.

To look for additional programs in your area that can help pay your mom's home care, go to PayingForSeniorCare.com and use their Eldercare Financial Assistance Locator tool.

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

Shelter needs supplies and volunteers

Many supplies are donated to keep the Alcona Humane Society's animal shelter doors open and the shelter offers several ways to get the items to them, including a drop box in front of the building or if the item is purchased locally at Lincoln Hardware, a volunteer will pick up items from the store.

Necessary items may also be dropped off at the Alcona Humane Society Precious Paws Resale store in Harrisville.

Jenna Richardson, shelter manager, said items such as bleach, peanut butter, dog and cat treats and dry cat litter top the most-needed list along with pet food, but the shelter only gives specific food to the animals, Purina Pro Plan, with no artificial coloring, dog food and Chicken Soup for the Soul mature weight adult cat food (purple bag) and kitten food in the blue bag.

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The Twelve Grapes

On New Year's Eve in Madrid, Spain, people gather by the thousands in the city square called Puerta del Sol, holding cups full of green grapes. When the clock in the square's tower chimes twelve times at midnight, everyone attempts to swallow one grape for each chime. If you can do this, tradition holds you will have good luck each month of the coming year. The clusters of grapes chosen especially for this occasion are wrapped in paper bags while on the vine to discourage birds and insects.

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2. Minnesota
3. North Dakota
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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of December 25-31, 2017

101 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 5 Arrests; 5 Warrant Arrests; 6 Traffic Tickets Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	6	Traffic/Traffic Stop	30
Medical	13	Animal Neglect	1
Warrant Arrest	5	Property Damage Accident	5
Assist	4	Animal/Dog	6
Fraud	3	Well Being Check	1
Suspicious Event/Situation	3	Alarm	2
Assault	2	Harassment/Threats	4
Burglary	1	Fire	1
Found Property	3	Open Door	1
Gun Shots	2	Domestic	1
Drunk & Disorderly	1	Trespass	2

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	0	Caledonia	7	Curtis	19
Greenbush	13	Gustin	5	Harrisville	12
Hawes	6	Haynes	7	Mikado	7
Millen	3	Mitchell	7		
Harrisville City	11	Village of Lincoln	4		

Dams Continued from page 1

really that effective," he added.

Woiwode said, "There are a lot of rivers in Michigan where the older dams could be removed in order to improve the habitat and ecosystem. There are species that are native to Michigan that would benefit from being able to run up and down the full length of the river."

In these places, she said, removing the dams would allow fish and other aquatic species to have a "direct connection from the headwaters down into the Great Lakes."

But some dams offer benefits as well as risks. Some high-risk dams keep contaminated sediment from flowing all the way down a river, officials said. Whether the dam collapses or is removed manually, the question remains about how to clean up the contamination safely.

The Otsego Township Dam exemplifies this challenge. Upstream from the dam, poly-

chlorinated biphenyls (otherwise known as PCBs) were once used in paper mill operations along the Kalamazoo River. Those PCBs contaminate the soil and sediment backed up for more than a mile behind the dam, Woiwode said, making for a difficult - and costly - cleanup situation.

Since last spring, the DNR and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have been cleaning up the PCB contamination. The structure itself is expected to be removed in 2018.

"The interest in restoring the free flow of the river is very high, but the cost of getting the PCBs from behind the dams cleaned up is enormous," Woiwode said.

PCBs or not, the cost for repairing and replacing dams is "all over the place," Lane said. "Regular maintenance doesn't take much, but the older it is and the worse shape it's in, the more it's going to cost."

For major dam repair, Lane said it can cost anywhere from \$200,000 up to half a million dollars. "Some will be more than that."

According to Lane, dam safety procedures and standards are regulated under a section of the Environmental Protection Act. These dam safety laws, he said, apply only to the largest dams that could cause problems for an area upon failure, of which there are roughly 800 in Michigan.

"The smaller ones don't have enough water or are not high enough to cause real damage if they fail," Lane said.

The dam safety laws require regular inspection of both public and private dams. The frequency of these inspections depends on a dam's "hazard potential," which is contingent upon its location and reflects the possible consequences if the dam were to fail.

"If it's a low-hazard dam, you might just get a farm field wet. If it's a high-hazard, you might get houses impacted or destroyed, even fatalities," said Lane. "It depends on the dam and where it's located as to what the consequences would be."

Lane said the department is working on making a map of dam ratings across the state that will be publicly accessible. An earlier version was slated to be rolled out in 2001, but Lane said the attacks on September 11 made officials hesitate to map their infrastructure publicly.

Lane said most of the dams were built in the early 1900s, often designed to have a life expectancy of about 50 years.

"A fairly high percentage of them are past or reaching 50 years, but that does not necessarily mean that once 50 years comes, the dam is automatically in danger of failing," Lane said.

Like a car, he said, a dam has lots of parts and pieces - with regular maintenance and good care of those parts, it can outlast its expected lifetime.

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Matters in court

Several Important Cases Go Over to the Next Session

January 5, 1893 ~ The star case of the present session of court, which convened at Harrisville Tuesday morning, is unquestionably the Weightman murder trial. The freshness of the details of this atrocious crime in the public mind and the absolute certainty beyond peradventure that Weightman is the who man killed Walter Carr, have served to excite the curiosity of the public and make them wonder what the methods and what the nature of the defense will be. With W. E. Depew as attorney for the defendant and Hon. C. R. Henry associated with M. T. Snow in the prosecution, everyone has looked forward to this as a

legal battle of rare interest. The defense will endeavor to satisfy the jury unquestionably that it was a case of justifiable homicide, to a certain extent.

They will endeavor to prove that Weightman had been subject to constant abuse by Carr and that this was aggravated on the day of the murder, when the two men had a fight on the railroad track near Mud Lake Jc. The defense will claim that Carr was generally the aggressor. To many it seems that any other verdict than that of guilty of murder is out of the question.

Weightman killed Carr unquestionably. He does not deny it. Mrs. Carr, wife of the murdered man, admit-

ted last fall to Pros. Attorney Snow that before Carr's return Weightman loaded a rifle and carried the same outside the house; also that he emptied the cartridges from another rifle which was the weapon that Carr seized and held in his hand when the tragedy occurred.

John La France's testimony at the examination is also very damaging to Weightman. Weightman was arraigned Tuesday and the impaneling of a jury was begun, but the regular panel was soon exhausted and the court ordered the sheriff to summon a special panel of 100 talesmen. Pending the return of the summons further consideration of the case was postponed. The

prosecution asked leave of the court to endorse the names of four new witnesses on the information. The defense objected and asked for a continuance of the case until next term. The motion for a continuance was afterward withdrawn and the case was resumed this morning and the attempt to secure a jury is now being made.

A case of paramount interest and importance is that of Alger, Smith & Co vs the Township of Curtis. It was brought to recover about \$1,100 of taxes assessed against the corporation in 1891, for which a levy was made Feb 15, 1892, by John Bowser, township treasurer, on several

skidways of the Company's logs. The taxes were paid under protest. The case occupied nearly all day yesterday and was still in progress this morning. Judge Kelly and O. H. Smith are the plaintiffs' attorneys, and C. R. Henry and W. E. Depew represent the township. The case did not go to the jury but was settled by the attorneys this morning, the township to pay plaintiff \$300, no costs to be taxed.

In the case of the People vs Jos. La Liberty for stealing a trunk and clothing, the prosecution asked leave to endorse the name of another witness on the information. The defense thereupon asked for a continuance of the case, which was granted.

The damage cases of Cowley & Lott and Simon J McNally vs Geo L Colwell; were continued on motion of Hon R. J. Kelly, attorney for the defendant.

The case vs. Milton Hill, charged with resisting an officer, was dismissed on motion of Pros. Atty.

The case against Louisa LaLiberty was brought on for trial and a jury was secured. They brought in a verdict of not guilty.

At the opening of court, as Pros. Attorney Smith had advised with the defendants in most of the criminal cases, the court appointed Ex-Pros M D Snow to act as prosecutor in the cases against Weightman for murder. Karpel, hawk and peddler, and the La Liberty larceny cases.

Owing to the death of D C Emmorey, the main witness, a nolle pros, was entered in the case of the People vs M. Karpel, charged with Hawking and peddling in Harrisville

Wants a share in the estate

January 5, 1893 ~ A brother of the late D. C. Emmorey, residing at Kingsville, Ont. was in the village last week. His mission here was to endeavor to establish a claim upon his brother's estate through a former wife of the deceased, whom he claims is still living. Chas. Conklin, administrator of the estate, visited Kingsville in the fall and offered the claimant a sum of money in satisfaction of any claims he might have upon the estate but the offer was rejected. The administrator says that the business of the deceased was left in such shape that assets, consisting largely of book accounts, will be barely sufficient to meet the liabilities.

Alcona Review Weather Report

Jan. 3, 2018

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Few Snow Showers
High: 19 Low: -4

THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 3 Low: -10

FRIDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 2 Low: -9

SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 8 Low: 1

SUNDAY
Few Snow Showers
High: 23 Low: 15

MONDAY
Few Snow Showers
High: 28 Low: 20

TUESDAY
Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 16

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 55% chance of snow showers, high of 19°, humidity of 69%. Southwest wind 13 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. The record high for today is 52° set in 1998. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of snow showers, overnight low of -4°.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	10	-9	29/15	0.02"
Wednesday	10	-16	29/15	Trace
Thursday	15	-19R	29/15	Trace
Friday	17	0	28/14	Trace
Saturday	14	-4	28/14	Trace
Sunday	7	-10	28/14	Trace
Monday	15	-12	28/14	Trace

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

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

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:12 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	9:23 a.m.
Thursday	8:12 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	10:09 a.m.
Friday	8:12 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	9:46 p.m.	10:47 a.m.
Saturday	8:12 a.m.	5:08 p.m.	10:56 p.m.	11:20 a.m.
Sunday	8:12 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	Prev Day	11:50 a.m.
Monday	8:11 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	12:03 a.m.	12:18 p.m.
Tuesday	8:11 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	1:08 a.m.	12:45 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered snow, highest temperature of 34 in Nantucket, Mass. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered showers Thursday, highest temperature of 72 in Homestead, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain Thursday and Friday, highest temperature of 56 in Coos Bay, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 76 in Pomona, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:27 a.m.	3:32 p.m.
Venus	8:09 a.m.	4:54 p.m.
Mars	3:36 a.m.	1:33 p.m.
Jupiter	3:44 a.m.	1:38 p.m.
Saturn	7:21 a.m.	4:13 p.m.
Uranus	12:32 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Weather History

Jan. 3, 1777 - An overnight freeze enabled George Washington and his troops to flank the British at Trenton, cross their lines at Princeton and seek security in the hills of northern New Jersey.

Weather Trivia

How many tropical storms develop in the Atlantic per year?

?

Answer: On average, ten.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Moravian Donor Attains Immortality

On January 1, 1801 Giuseppe Piazzi (1746-1826), an Italian astronomer on the island of Sicily, was compiling a new star catalog. Piazzi noted the position of a luminary which on the next night was not present. However, a similar star was observed near to the original star's location. Piazzi initially thought that he had discovered a new comet; in fact, it was a new planet. He named it Ceres for the Roman goddess who gave agriculture to humankind. Then another "planet," Pallas, was discovered on March 28, 1802 and then another on September 1, 1804. A fourth "planet" came into telescopic view on March 29, 1807. It became obvious after Pallas that these objects were representative of a new classification of smaller solar system bodies called asteroids (little stars). By the early 1990's there were thousands of them known and a few dozen that had orbits which crossed the Earth's path and could create havoc if they impacted.

Then on March 24, 1993, a startling discovery was made by Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker and David Levy. Calculations showed that Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 was fragmented and in orbit around Jupiter and would hit Jove between July 16-22, 1994. The enormity of the energy released by the 20 impacting fragments dwarfed all expectations made by professional astronomers and set into motion a concerted effort by experts to discover and map the orbital paths of as many asteroids as possible in the hopes of discovering all Earth-crossing members. Today, we know of over 16,000 of them. Most are negligibly small, about 7000 large enough to create localized damage including the loss of life. Eleven-hundred of them are larger than 0.6 mile and could create real problems if they struck the Earth. The heyday of asteroid discoveries by amateurs was in the late 90's, and it was at this time (1997) that James Robinson Bruton, a former student of Kutztown University astronomy professor and Moravian donor, Dr. Carlson R. Chambliss, discovered two asteroids, one of which he named after Chambliss. Carlson was also my astronomy professor when I studied at Kutztown University (1968-72). Chambliss has underwritten about half of the funding for Moravian's 25 percent usage time for the MDRS Robotic Observatory near Hanksville, Utah. Jim was also my student teacher at the Allentown School District Planetarium during the fall semester of 1983. His genuine interest in astronomy and his unique perspectives in teaching difficult concepts earned him an evaluation of outstanding. When Jim first observed 23707 Chambliss on October 4, 1997, he was working as a science teacher in Chinle, Arizona on a Navajo reservation. This non-spherical, main belt, silicate asteroid, 7.198 km at its greatest length (4.5 mi.) has an orbital period of 5.53 years. It rotates once every 5 hours, 4 minutes. More importantly, 23707 Chambliss has been modeled photometrically. www.astronomy.org

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 9, 1776, writer Thomas Paine publishes his pamphlet "Common Sense," setting forth his arguments in favor of American independence. Pamphlets were an important medium for the spread of ideas in the 16th through 19th centuries.
 - On Jan. 12, 1926, the two-man comedy series "Sam 'n' Henry" debuts on Chicago's WGN radio station. Two years later, after changing its name to "Amos 'n' Andy," it became one of the most popular radio programs in American history.
 - On Jan. 11, 1935, American aviatrix Amelia Earhart departs Wheeler Field in Honolulu on a solo flight to North America. Hawaiian commercial interests had offered a \$10,000 award to whoever first accomplished the flight. The next day, after traveling 2,400 miles in 18 hours, Earhart landed safely in Oakland, California.
 - On Jan. 10, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt introduces the lend-lease program to Congress to help Britain beat back Hitler's advance while keeping America only indirectly involved in World War II. By the end of the war, more than \$50 billion in funds, weapons, aircraft and ships had been distributed to 44 countries.
 - On Jan. 8, 1962, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is exhibited for the first time in America.
 - On Jan. 14, 1973, the Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins 14-7 at the Los Angeles Coliseum in Super Bowl VII, becoming the first team in NFL history to finish with an undefeated season.
 - On Jan. 13, 1982, an Air Florida Boeing 727 plunges into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., killing 78 people. The crash, caused by bad weather, took place only 2 miles from the White House. Investigators said the plane had to wait too long after being de-iced before it could take off, allowing new ice to accumulate on the wings.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was German-born theoretical physicist Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "The hardest thing to understand is why we can understand anything at all."
- If you're planning a trip to South Africa, you might want to keep in mind that there are 11 official languages there.
- It is customary in India for those who celebrate Christmas to decorate a banana or mango tree -- evergreens being in rather short supply in most parts of south Asia.
- Those who study such things say that a normal cat has 230 bones in its body, but it doesn't have a collarbone.
- You've almost certainly heard people refer to the school they attended as their alma mater, but do you know where the term comes from? In Latin, "alma mater" means "bounteous mother," and it was in the early 1800s that people began using it to designate their beloved schools.
- Before horror author Stephen King became famous for novels such as "Carrie," "The Stand" and "The Shining," he wrote four novels and 60 short stories that failed to be accepted for publication.
- Most lizards are harmless reptiles, but there are some that are known to be venomous. Rather than avoiding these rare creatures, however, there are some who seek them out for the very venom that makes them dangerous. It seems that there's a component to the venom that causes blood pressure to drop in humans, which could save thousands of lives.
- It would seem that even powerful dictators can succumb to the pull of Hollywood. Il Duce, Benito Mussolini, was an extra in the film "The Eternal City," and Cuba's longtime dictator, Fidel Castro, had a bit part in a movie called "Holiday in Mexico."

Thought for the Day: "If God created us in his own image, we have more than reciprocated." -- Voltaire
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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **SCIENCE:** What does the term Mohorovicic Discontinuity refer to?
 2. **GEOGRAPHY:** How many provinces does Canada have?
 3. **MOVIES:** Which Disney movie featured the "Siamese Cat Song"?
 4. **TELEVISION:** In "The Simpsons" animated series, what are the names of Ned Flanders' two kids?
 5. **HISTORY:** What is the date on the tablet held by the Statue of Liberty?
 6. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Which author penned the words, "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year"?
 7. **MUSIC:** What alternative rock band's debut album was titled "Bleach"?
 8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby whale called?
 9. **BIBLE:** In what part of the Bible do the Beatitudes appear?
 10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In medieval times, what did a chandler do?
- Answers:** 1. The boundary between the earth's crust and the mantle; 2. 10 provinces; 3. "Lady and the Tramp"; 4. Rod and Todd; 5. July 4, 1776; 6. Charles Dickens; 7. Nirvana; 8. A calf; 9. Gospel of Matthew; 10. Makes or sells candles and soap (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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