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## County asks for Headlee override millage in primary

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

### Local Primary Election News



Alcona County residents will decide on August 7 whether to pass a millage by the county to levy the rate of 5.25 mills as authorized by voters prior to the Headlee Amendment. The millage would restore lost funds because of Headlee with an increased rate of 1.0718 mills over what property owners in the county currently pay.

The increased rate of 1.0718 (\$1.0718 per \$1,000 of taxable property value) would be collected for a period of six years. If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$809,209 in the first year, based upon current taxable value.

Craig Johnston, chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, explained that in 1969 voters approved the 5.25 mill tax rate for the county, but in 1978, Michigan voters approved the Headlee Amendment, which dropped the tax rate collected to 4.1782 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

What the county is asking is to restore the 5.25 mills which was lost in 1978. The restoration of 1.0718 millage request would mean a property owners with a property value of \$50,000, would pay an increase of \$53.59 per year over a six-year period.

Johnston said the county could have asked for the 1.0718 mills for as many as 20 years but opted to only ask for six and if enough funds are collected over those six years, the county may not need to have it on the ballot again.

While the Headlee amendment and subsequent Proposal A reform which state voters passed was meant to protect property owners from increases in taxes by rolling back the tax rate millage, it

has caused many local governments, especially in rural areas like Alcona County, faced with limited revenue growth and budgeting constraints.

County services funded by the Headlee restoration millage include the county sheriff's department, jail, court system, prosecuting attorney, emergency management, veteran affairs, clerk, treasurer, commissioners, register of deeds, equaliza-

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## Two candidates vie for District 1 seat

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Voters will cast their ballot for one of two candidates running for a seat on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners representing District 1.

Daniel G. Gauthier and Craig M. Klemens are running for the two-year position to represent residents in Alcona and Caledonia townships

Incumbent **Daniel G. Gauthier** has served on the commission since he was appointed in January to fill the vacancy left by Kathleen Vichunas, who resigned to take the position of supervisor for Caledonia Township.

Gauthier was born and raised in Waterford, Mich. He graduated from Waterford High School in 1969 and attended Northern Michigan University for one year. He transferred to Michigan State University and spent a year and a half in the pre-veterinary medicine school, but didn't "make the cut" to continue in the program. Shortly afterward, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. His order was deferred because of the high number of draftees in the program.

In the late 1970s, early 1980s he began working for his father, Joseph Everett, in



Carolyn Merkel (left) and KiAnn Kruttlin pour wine for St. Julian Winery during the 25th annual Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival last Saturday in Harrisville. They are two of the numerous volunteers who plan the festival and help during the event each year. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

### Local Primary Election News



## Clarifying Headlee Amendment, Proposal A and Headlee override

**What is the Headlee Amendment?**

In 1978, Michigan voters approved an amendment to the Michigan Constitution known as the Headlee Amendment. This amendment included a number of provisions related to state and local taxes. These became Sections 25 through 33 of Article IX of the state constitution. This article is about section 31 concerning local government taxes.

Section 31 created several new laws related to local government taxation, including:

- Requiring voter approval for any local tax increases or new taxes established after Headlee was approved
- Limiting property tax revenue resulting from property tax assessment increasing
- Limiting revenue collected to the amount the millage originally was to generate (with factor for inflation)

The property tax revenue limitation requires that if the assessed value of a local tax unit's total taxable prop-

erty increases by more than the inflation rate, the maximum property tax millage must be reduced so that the local unit's total taxable property yields the same gross revenue, adjusted for inflation.

This is done looking at the total state equalized value (SEV) change from one year to the next. It does so looking at the entire tax unit's jurisdiction, not based in each parcel. The change of SEV from one year to the next does not include any change that resulted from new construction.

Headlee limited the overall growth of state equalized value for a jurisdiction, not for an individual parcel. So, an individual parcel of property, whose SEV equals one half of the property's true cash value could, under Headlee, have an increase in taxable value greater than inflation. This would later change under Proposal A.

The millage revenue limitation means that, for ex-

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**Daniel G. Gauthier** his heating and cooling business and became licensed as a heating and cooling contractor. In November of 1988 he moved to Lost Lake Woods and started Gauthier Heating and Cooling and G&G Construction.

In 1991 he re-married and he and his wife, Cheryl, live in Black River. In February 2012 Gauthier branched out from the heating and cooling and construction business when he and Jim DeRocher



**Craig M. Klemens** formed a partnership and purchased the Mountain Bar in Black River. After remodeling several areas of the building they closed the business, took down the original building, rebuilt and re-opened as The Mountain Bar & Grill on April 22, 2013.

He retired in July 1, 2015 and is a "behind the scenes" owner who has been active in the community in addition to

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To the Editor,  
 I cannot think of a worse thing for the citizens of Alcona County than to pass this Headlee override request on the August 7 ballot. The Headlee Amendment was enacted to protect people living on fixed incomes (seniors and the disabled) from uncontrolled rising property taxes on their homes.  
 The Headlee Amendment simply says that the taxable value of your home cannot be increased by more than the calculated inflation rate for that year. It prevents local

governments from artificially raising property values to bring in more money to the coffers.  
 They are calling it the "Headlee Proposal" or the "Headlee Millage" or the "Headlee Adjustment." But what they are asking for is the voters to approve the elimination of the Headlee protection, and to allow the county to tax our homes at a much higher rate. Your property taxes will absolutely increase and you will be paying more each year.  
 They are using the all too

familiar scare tactics of reduced law enforcement, reduction of veteran affairs and other services. But a request for special tax millage for these services can always be put on the ballot.  
 I think Alcona County needs to take a better look at their expenditures -- especially health care costs and pension costs -- to bring them in line with their revenue. Everyone is having a hard time making ends meet. Those on fixed incomes don't have the luxury of just getting more money by raising taxes. Don't make it harder on them. Vote no on this Headlee proposal on August 7.

Richard Kacel  
 Lincoln

## Memorial Service

John Goslee

An informal open house and luncheon to celebrate the life of John Goslee will be held on Sunday, Aug. 5 from noon to 3 p.m. at the South Shore Fire Hall, 367 W. Mt. Maria Road, Spruce. Mr. Goslee died on December 27, 2017.

## Obituary

Carol A. Mikolajczak

Carol A. Mikolajczak, 78, of Greenbush died on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on January 17, 1940 to Phillip and Margaret (Gardner) George. She graduated from Roseville High School in 1959.

She married Frank J. Mikolajczak on April 18, 1959.

Mrs. Mikolajczak loved playing cards, dancing and socializing. She was the life of the party and could light up any room she walked into.

She was a member of the Eagles Club in Barton City and the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 274.

Mrs. Mikolajczak is survived by her husband, Frank J. Mikolajczak; two sons, Frank (Laurie) Mikolajczak and Steven (Corinne) Mikolajczak; two daughters, Michele (Gordon) Crockett and Kimberly (John) Payotelis; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Carl Wannager and



Calvin Wannager; and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Priscilla Hall.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the service at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 at Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. Interment will take place following the service in Oscoda Pincrest Cemetery.

To the Editor,  
 I am writing today to express how much I appreciate living in Alcona County. At the end of last year, the Alcona Clergy Association agreed to create an event that had never happened before: a community revival brought together by a group of churches.

That event has happened. On Sunday, July 15, Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 17, a revival was held at the Harrisville Harbor, supported by nine Alcona County churches. Yes, nine churches pledged their prayers, their presence, and their financial support to make this happen.

How wonderful to work with so many others, who have different traditions and congregations, to create something really special. The tent was full on Sunday and Monday night and nearly full on Tuesday night. The people of Alcona County responded and enjoyed fantastic music, with a praise team accompanied by Susan Armstrong on keyboard and George Redlawsk on trumpet, special music was provided by David Bader, PlainSong and Lisa Keyser.

Rex Manning came with his sound equipment and made the sound incredible

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018						
Date	Weekly Report		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	Temperature (F°)			Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
July 15	74	61	0.00	1.6	10	SW
July 16	76	61	1.10	1.3	16	SW
July 17	73	56	0.00	4.6	21	NNE
July 18	67	53	0.00	4.5	13	NNE
July 19	71	55	0.00	4.3	18	SSE
July 20	72	63	0.01	3.7	15	SE
July 21	69	65	0.07	5.1	18	ESE
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	2018	2017	Normal			
Weekly Total	1.18	0.09	0.72			
June to Date	2.12	2.31	2.07			
Year/Season to Date	12.95	21.07	14.76			

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



**Letters to the Editor**

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 (even in a wet tent). Evangelist Charles Sheldon provided uplifting and inspirational messages all three nights, and the fellowship and fun was awesome. Everyone was revived.  
 In a time when our country

is polarized by different opinions and divided into groups, we have proven once again that people can come together from different backgrounds, but with a central foundation, and create something really wonderful.  
 Getting to know people

from other churches has been an amazing experience, and once again, we have proven that working together, we can do so much! Thanks, Alcona County.  
 Meg Nisbet  
 Harrisville

To the Editor,  
 Here is the question Michiganders need to be asking themselves. Are you better off now than you were eight years ago?

At a recent forum, a candidate said, "people are struggling." The evening then became a conversation about people's frustrations and worries.

A woman described the teacher shortage in Michigan. Public education is suffering, and with it, our children. Second, the crowd decided that "Pure" Michigan is in jeopardy. Despite all the debate and what science tells us, Line 5 is still open. The water is still compromised around military bases and in Flint, Mich.

Do our kids have a future in northeast Michigan? Will we join the modern world and have universal broadband coverage? Will healthcare still be locally available and affordable?

And, why doesn't anyone hear us?

Remember how we got here. In 2010, the Republicans won Michigan. Unfettered, they changed our tax structure. Corporations got a huge tax break with the promise of great jobs to come. Corporations collectively now contribute 73 percent less dollars to Michigan's needs.

To pay for this, the tax burden was shifted to the middle class. Also, funding cuts were made to education and to local governments, who

provide police and fire protection and repair our roads.

These numbers show the results of these policies best. We are now 49<sup>th</sup> in spending for our public schools. Our achievement scores have plummeted.

Our college students now pay the sixth highest tuition in the nation. Sixty-four percent of our college-educated youth have college debt.

Our median household income is \$5,125 below the national average and our child poverty rate is 16<sup>th</sup> highest. Life expectancy has dropped and child mortality has risen.

And we have the third most lead pipes in the nation.

It's time for a change in Lansing.

Tom Venney  
 Greenbush

**Calendar of Events**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 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.

A forest archaeologist and volunteers from the National Forest Heritage Program will demonstrate archaeological methods through excavation of the Old Monument Store located on the grounds of Lumbermans Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. This event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Mat Emerick will entertain all ages with his "Read, Rock n Roll Variety Show" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1:30 p.m. For more information about this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

Enjoy live music on the edge of Lake Huron with the annual summer concert series at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. A performance by the Bandura Gypsies will begin at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn. For your own comfort, bring chairs or blankets. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the City of Harrisville at (989) 724-6666.

Learn about ticks at 10 a.m. and a hide-and-seek scavenger hunt at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of

Harrisville at 10 a.m. Each event includes crafts and games. Meet in the Explorer Program Den. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

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, JULY 26**  
 TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Community Walking Club for everyone. 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.

Selfie search scavenger hunt at Negwegon State Park from 2 to 3 p.m. Meet at the day use parking lot. Participants must bring their own smart device for photos. A valid Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park. Program may be cancelled due to severe weather. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

**FRIDAY, JULY 27**  
 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.

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.

Learn about bugs at 10 a.m. and enjoy games and a story hour around the campfire at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville at 10 a.m. Each event includes crafts and games. Meet in the Explorer Program Den. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

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### Auction Items Needed

The Alcona Humane Society needs donated items for its silent auction held during the annual dinner on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln from 5 to 8 p.m. Gift certificates, gift baskets, or single items are welcome. Items may be dropped off at the shelter in Lincoln or at Precious Paws Resale Shop in Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 736-7387. The latest date items can be accepted is Friday, August 3 by 4 p.m.

### ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Alcona County Fairgrounds in Lincoln. Available this week: Cucumbers, garlic, fresh herbs, lettuce, mushrooms, onions raspberries, summer squash, zucchini, tomatoes, flavored popcorn, baked goods; all cuts of antibiotic/hormone-free beef, snack sticks, brats; honey, jams, jellies, maple syrup; perennials, cut flowers; soy candles, custom signs, handmade soaps, handmade jewelry, homemade laundry detergent, wooden items, dryer balls, 3-D papercrafts, and Alcona T-shirts.

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 5 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, July 30—Sloppy joe on a bun, spudsters, Brussels sprouts, pickled beets, and mixed fruit.
- Tuesday, July 31—Barbecued pork roast, buttered rotini, wax beans, coleslaw, and applesauce.
- Wednesday, Aug. 1—Harvest chicken salad on spinach, bow tie pasta salad, broccoli and dip, and watermelon.
- Thursday, Aug. 2—Pepper steak over brown rice, wax beans, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, cake and ice cream.
- Friday, Aug. 3—Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit salad, and peaches. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

**Hawk Hill Raptors**

Local falconer Jennifer Schroeder will present an exhibit of hawks, falcons and owls on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Learn about adaptations, behaviors, habitats and conservation while getting up close and personal with live birds of prey. This program will be presented outside in the library's Reading Garden area, weather permitting (bring lawn chairs). For more information on this and other Library programs, call (989) 724-6796 or visit: [www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us).

**Run, Walk, Bike Race**

Ride and run with the Rising Sun Bike Tour, 5K Run/Walk and Bike Race on Saturday, Aug. 4. Participants will start with an asphalt rollout to a gravel road to gravel tight trails in either a 10.5 mile bike tour, a 5K run/walk or a 17 mile bike race through the winding trails of Lost Lake Woods Club. Check-in and same day registration is at 7:30 a.m. The bike tour/race start time is 9 a.m.; and start time for the 5K run/walk is at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$30 per event. Proceeds are donated to the Alcona High School volleyball

**Water Warriors Ride Again**

The Water Warriors are set to embark on the 28<sup>th</sup> annual five-day personal watercraft endurance ride from the Mackinac Bridge to Algonac, Mich. The 400-mile ride along the entire eastern shore of Lake Huron and the length of the St. Clair River departs from Mackinaw City on Monday, July 30 and concludes at Harsens Island near Lake St. Clair on Friday, Aug. 3.

Each year, the Water Warriors come together with a shared love for water and helping others. This group established the endurance ride in 1991, believing they could overcome the obstacles of Michigan's vast waterways and weather conditions – all while raising money for the athletes of Special Olympics Michigan.

More than 25 personal watercraft riders accompanied by three support boats with spotters aboard and a fleet of land support vehicles make up the 75 members participating in this year's ride. Throughout the journey, the group has pre-planned meal and fuel stops, rest stops and evening activities including fundraising dinners and meet and greet the Special Olympic athletes. The Water Warriors will be stopping at every major harbor along the way with overnight stops in Mackinaw City, Alpena, Tawas, Port Austin and Port Huron.

There is a planned stop at the Harrisville Harbor on Tuesday, July 31 at approximately 10 a.m. with departure

program. Event T-shirts are sold separately for \$15. Barbecue and awards to follow at the Lost Lake Woods Club Pavilion. Register online at [a2raceman-agment.com/registration](http://a2raceman-agment.com/registration) or call Kristi Miller at (989) 254-7564 for details.

### Rock Painting

Adults and older teenagers are invited to the monthly Adult "Get Crafty" session on Monday, Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local artist Judy Sullivan will instruct all levels of adult artists in the art of rock painting. Supplies and light refreshments are included for \$5 per person; registration is required. For more information on this and other Library programs, call (989) 724-6796 or visit: [www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us).

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tion, building and grounds and information technology.

The passing of the restoration proposal should bring solvency to the county, according to Johnston. It would restore a reserve (fund balance) to the general fund, which would allow for law enforcement to be maintained, for necessary and recommended maintenance on all county facilities, including the 62-year-old courthouse which will need a new roof, secure a permanent building for Veterans Affairs and Michigan State University Extension offices, allow for an increase in Veterans Affairs office hours and offer opportunities to pursue bringing broadband technologies to Alcona County.

“Alcona County has had a shortfall for the last two years and another is scheduled for this year. For the county to be in the black at the end of the year, fund balance reserves had to be used. In 2016, \$281,854 was used from the general fund balance; in 2017, \$291,000 was used and in 2018, the county is budgeting \$474,000 to be used from the general fund balance.

“The fund balance we have

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~ Craig Johnston, Chairman  
Alcona County Board of Commissioners

been operating off for the last three or four years is gone. We no longer have any extra to tap from. We are at the point if we don’t bring in additional revenue, there will be sizeable cuts in services,” Johnston said.

He explained the efforts the county has taken to remain fiscally conservative, reducing costs wherever necessary including renegotiating union contracts, having employees pay more out of their own pocket for health care along with no wage increases for any employee in the county building.

Costs to the sheriff department is one of the largest demands on county revenue as well as employee expenses.

“A lot of people may not understand that Alcona County has one sheriff department, we have one state trooper who is also here, but he has other (state) duties. We are in charge of the whole county for police. Our biggest budget item is for public safety, sheriff and road patrol. Without increasing funding, this would be the last thing we would want to cut, but at some point, if we can’t pay the bills, we would have to look into that,” Johnston said.

Johnston explained the costs of running the county has risen, health care costs have nearly doubled, retirement costs continue to rise and the cost to stay current with today’s technology has also risen dramatically. Unbudgeted state mandates have also ravaged the county’s general fund balance.

“In order to stay on track with technology upgrades, we

have been on an aggressive path the last three years to upgrade the treasurer’s software, security for the building and cyber security investments. Budgets have increased significantly because of state mandated requirements.

“Just about every six months we get hit with something from the state saying we need to change software programs or do something different. Just a few months ago the state told us the jail program software was obsolete and we had to start using a new software costing \$34,000. We don’t have a choice. We have to continual update technology. It’s the cost of doing business,” Johnston said.

He explained most of the offices such as the register of deeds, treasurer and clerk haven’t jumped up huge amounts of cash, but the sheriff’s department has.

While the sheriff’s department staff is about the same as it was 10 years ago, the work load has increased considerably, according to Johnston. Along with the work load is state mandates such as one recently asking

could impact how fast an Alcona County property buyer could get a mortgage.

“People won’t want to come and live in our county if there isn’t adequate police protection. If they come here and their first taste of our county is they can’t access the county building, it won’t entice them to live here,” Johnston said.

“Granted the county government isn’t what attracts people to our county, it’s the lakes, the woods, the beautiful settings, but, make no mistake, when a family considers a home purchase they want that place to be safe, they want good schools and things to do. Why would you go anywhere that didn’t have all that? Even with this millage, Alcona County is below surrounding counties on property taxes. I understand no one wants to pay more taxes, but this is necessary for us to maintain services.”

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## What does it mean when a local government unit asks voters to approve a Headlee Override?

- The Headlee Amendment and Proposal A certainly protected property owners from increases in taxes by rolling back the tax rate (millage). They have also limited local government revenue, in some cases, to the point where they contribute to budget constraints. With revenue growth limited, even local units that have been fiscally conservative are finding themselves facing uncertain budget situations. Part of this is due to lower revenue from property taxes. The recent recession caused a reduction in property values, which lead to lower property tax revenue for local units.

- Now, as property values have recovered, the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A have prevented property tax revenues from catching up. While Headlee limits the revenue that a local taxing unit can receive from a millage, Proposal A limits the growth in taxable value of an individual parcel, and prevents Headlee roll-ups that local units previously used to retain some of the taxing authority approved by the voters. This creates continued downward pressure on millage rates

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Montcalm County asked voters to consider a Headlee Override in March 2016 to restore an operating millage to the original 5 mills. Due to Headlee rollbacks and Proposal A, the county was only able to collect 4.4082 mills in 2015. Voters in Montcalm County rejected this proposal.

Clarendon Township voters approved a Headlee Override in March. The approved proposal restores the property tax rate to 1 mill for the next five years.

In Auburn Hills, the City Charter includes a tax of 2.5 mills designated for fire services. Because of growth in the tax base, the city has had to roll the millage back to 1.7604 mills, maintaining the tax revenues collected. Citing increased costs and growing demand on the Fire Department, the City is asking voters to approve a Headlee Override in August to return the rate to 2.5 mills, the original rate of the millage.

Similarly, Missaukee County voters will be asked to approve a Headlee Override to restore the county’s operating millage to 5.0 mills. Due to rollbacks required by the Headlee Amendment, the millage is currently at 4.9005 mills.

If you live in a county asking for a Headlee Override, or see one on the ballot in the future know that, basically, the local government is asking voters to approve raising a millage above its current rate, but no higher than its original rate authorized by the voters.

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# Calendar of Events



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**SATURDAY, JULY 28**

Hike the Discovery Trail with a ranger and learn about forest management, local wildlife and plant life at 11 a.m. The hike finishes at the sand dune overlook. This event will be held at Lumbermans Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Alcona High School Class of 1973 reunion will be held at The Mountain Bar and Grill in Black River at 1 p.m. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 471-2088.

Learn about the masked bandit at 10 a.m. and outdoor shelter building at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of

Harrisville at 10 a.m. Each event includes crafts and games. Meet in the Explorer Program Den. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Sunrise Gardening Club Garden Walk "Lakeshore and More" will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. No admission for children under the age of 12. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library and the Craft-makers' Cabin in Harrisville.

My Brother's Hope Free Store 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.

"I Pronounce You....Dead" will be presented at the Shoreline Players Theater at 7 p.m.

The theater is located on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda next to the Robert Parks Library. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the theater box office. For more information, visit [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

**SUNDAY, JULY 29**

The Adventures of Paul Vacation Bible School will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake. The program will start at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper and end at 8 p.m. All ages and adult classes. To register or for information, call (989) 727-3206.

A Polish dinner benefit for Lyn Vicary will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Ossineke Eagles, 6848 US-23 in Spruce. Cost is \$10 per person. Call (989) 471-5047 for details.

**MONDAY, JULY 30**

There will be a button making session to introduce the all new Art on a Cart at the Caledonia branch of the Alcona County Library, 1499 Hubert Road in Hubbard Lake from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Snacks included during this free activity for ages 10 and up. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

**TUESDAY, JULY 31**

Kid's Day! Birds of prey. Learn all about raptors. During this program, falconer Jenny Schroeder will teach the audience about adaptations, behaviors, habitats and much more about these amazing birds. Leave your pets at home. This event will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumbermans Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8971.

Dining with the Docs with guest speaker Denise Thompson from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the

Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Discussion will include food as medicine. A light lunch provided, no charge. Registration required. Call (989) 724-6796 for information or to register. Sponsored by Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1**

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 at the Ramada Inn on north US-23 in Alpena. Lunch will be served at noon, cost is \$7. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on hand to answer questions. Bring a can of food for needy. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

Enjoy live music on the edge of Lake Huron with the annual summer concert series at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. A performance by the Jon Archambault Band will begin at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn. For your own comfort, bring chairs or blankets. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the City of Harrisville at (989) 724-6666.

Learn about sea lamprey at 10:30 a.m. and red swamp crayfish at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville at 10 a.m. Each event includes crafts and games. Meet in the Explorer Program Den. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

ABL dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$6 and includes dessert. Call (989) 736-3050.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 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 with newborns through age four. Layette are available in the eighth month.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2**

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

Learn about the lanternfly at 10 a.m. and swans at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville at 10 a.m. Each event includes crafts and games. Meet in the Explorer Program Den. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

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# Greenbush Township is 150 Years Old! LET'S CELEBRATE! Sunday, August 5 at the Township Hall

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** ~ Craft Fair, Bake Sale in the Old School House, Quilts on Display, Dunk Tank, Bounce Castle

**11:15 a.m.** ~ Parade - Starts at Spencer Park: Ridley Rd. to Cedar Lake Rd. ending near F-30. (Lineup scheduled for 10:30 a.m.)

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## Choosing an executor for your will

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What options can you recommend for finding a good executor for my will? At one time I thought one of my two kids could do it, but they are both financially inept and would probably make a mess of things.

Looking for Options

Dear Looking,

Choosing an executor – the person or institution you put in charge of administering your estate and carrying out your final wishes – is one of the most important decisions in preparing a will.

A good executor can help ensure the prompt, accurate distribution of your possessions with minimal problems. Some of the duties required include: filing court papers to start the probate process; managing your estate's assets; using your estate's funds to pay debts, taxes and bills; handling details like terminating credit cards, and notifying banks and government agencies like Social

Security and the post office of the death; preparing and filing final income tax returns; and distributing assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Given all the responsibility, the ideal candidate should be someone who is honest, dependable, well organized, good with paperwork and vigilant about meeting deadlines.

Most people think first of naming a family member, especially a spouse or child, as executor. If, however, you don't have an obvious family member to choose, you may want to ask a trusted friend, but be sure to choose someone in good health or younger than you who will likely be around after you're gone.

Also, if your executor of choice happens to live in another state, you'll need to check your state's law to see if it imposes any special requirements. Some states require an out-of-state executor to be a family member or a beneficiary, some require a bond to protect your heirs in

case of mismanagement, and some require the appointment of an in-state agent.

Also keep in mind that if the person you choose needs help settling your estate they can always call on an expert like an attorney or tax accountant to guide them through the process, with your estate picking up the cost.

If, however, you don't have a friend or relative you feel comfortable with, you could name a third party executor like a bank, trust company or a professional who has experience dealing with estates. If you need help locating a pro, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (NAEPC.org) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org) are great resources that provide directories on their websites to help you find someone.

Most family members and close friends, especially if they're beneficiaries, serve for free because inherited money isn't taxable. But if you opt for a third party executor it



Savvy Senior

will cost your estate. Each state has laws that govern how an executor is paid – either based on a percentage of the estate, a flat fee or an hourly rate.

Whoever you choose to serve as executor, be sure to get their okay first before naming him or her in your will. Once you've made your choice, go over your financial details in your will with that person, and let him or her know where you keep all your important documents and financial information. This will make it easier on them after you're gone.

For more information on the duties of an executor, get

a copy of the book "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" for \$28 at NOLO.com.

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ample, if a tax base for a local unit increased from \$1 million to \$1.1 million and the tax rate was one mill, the millage would have to be reduced from 1.0 mills to 0.909 mills, so that total revenue would be the same, \$1,000, as originally generated. This was known as a Headlee roll-back.

The millage is the amount per \$1,000 of taxable property value that must be paid. So, if a home has a value of \$100,000, and is assessed a 1 mill tax rate, \$100 in taxes are owed. The formula is \$100,000 SEV x 1 mill x 0.001 = \$100.

Headlee protected property owners from increases in taxes by rolling back the tax rate (millage), but it has had another effect too. It has, along with Proposal A, which was approved in 1994, limited local government revenue, in some cases, to the point where it contributes to budget constraints. With revenue growth limited, even local units that have been

**Local Notes**

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ture scheduled for 11:15 a.m.

**Giving Back**

The Meijer Simply Give program works closely with Meijer customers, team members and its food pantry partners to help community neighbors put food on their tables. Thanks to the generosity of so many, the spring 2018 Simply Give program set a record with more than \$3.5 million in donations - the equivalent of 3.5 million boxes of spaghetti or 1.8 million gallons of milk - to community food pantry partners across the Midwest.

At the Alpena Meijer, \$79,680 was generated during the spring Simply Give campaign alone for St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Pantry. That equals more than 81,000 heads of iceberg lettuce or more than 53,400 jars of pasta sauce. "We are committed to helping end food insecurity in the Midwest and are thankful for the continued support from our generous customers and team members," said Cathy Cooper, senior director of community partnership and giving.

The spring campaign total brings the program's overall donation to nearly \$41 million since its inception in 2008.

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**Proposal A and Local Property Taxes**

In March of 1994, Michigan voters approved the Michigan education finance amendment, known as Proposal A. Proposal A was a legislatively referred constitutional amendment that had been approved by the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate in December 1993, sending the proposal before the voters.

The purpose of Proposal A was to reform Michigan's educational finance system. Searching for a solution to residents' frustrations over high property taxes and enormous inequities in funding for local school districts across Michigan, the Legislature put forth Proposal A as a means to amend the Michigan Constitution. Proposal A was designed to overhaul Michigan's educational finance system and provide property tax.

In the context of local property taxation, Proposal A included two key provisions which will be discussed here:

- Growth on taxable value of individual parcels of property is limited to the lesser of inflation or five percent, and
- When property was sold/transferred, taxable value is reset to equal state equalized value, which equals half of the property's cash value.

The process of adjusting taxable value upward to state equalized value is commonly known as "uncapping." These "uncapped values" were not included in the definition of exempt property for the purpose of a Headlee Amendment roll back calculation when the legislature amended the General Property Tax Act in 1994.

The result of this is that communities with substantial market growth in existing property tax values have been penalized by being forced to roll back their millage rates.

In addition, the implementing legislation passed by the Legislature after Proposal

A was approved eliminated what were known as Headlee "roll-ups." Prior to this legislation, local governments were allowed to "roll-up" their millage rates (only as high as the original millage rate) when growth on existing property value was less than inflation. This was a self-correcting mechanism that allowed local units to naturally recapture tax base that had been lost due to forced Headlee rollbacks in prior years.

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Now, as property values have recovered, the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A have prevented property tax revenues from catching up. While Headlee limits the revenue that a local taxing unit can receive from a millage, Proposal A limits the growth in taxable value of an individual parcel, and prevents Headlee roll-ups that local units previously used to retain some of the taxing authority approved by the voters. This creates continued downward pressure on millage rates.

Because of this, some local government units turn to what's known as a Headlee Override. A Headlee Override involves asking the voters to approve raising the millage rate to its original rate after it has been forced to be rolled back because of growth in property values.

Residents who live in a county asking for a Headlee Override, or see one on the ballot in the future know that, basically, the local government is asking voters to approve raising a millage above its current rate, but no higher than its original rate authorized by the voters.

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# NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION Tuesday, August 7, 2018

## TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following proposals:

The following offices and proposals will appear on the ballot:

- State:** Governor
- Congressional:** United States Senator and Representative in Congress-1<sup>st</sup> District
- Legislative:** State Senator-36<sup>th</sup> District and Representative in State Legislature-106<sup>th</sup> District
- County:** County Road Commissioner, Register of Deeds and County Commissioners
- Township:** City of Harrisville Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman Wards 1, 2 and 3, Caledonia Township Supervisor, Treasurer and Trustee, Curtis Township Treasurer, Haynes Township Treasurer, Greenbush Township Trustee, Gustin Township Trustee, Harrisville Township Trustee, Hawes Township Trustee and Precinct Delegates
- County Proposals:**
  - 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Millage Proposal - .25 mill
  - Alcona County Commission on Aging Millage - .25 mill
  - Library Operating Millage Renewal Proposition - 0.5 mill
  - Millage Proposal to Restore Past Headlee Reductions - 1.0718 mills
  - Alcona County Ambulance Millage Renewal - 1 mill
  - Township Proposals:**
    - Alcona Township: Road Millage Renewal – 0.5 mill
    - and Fire Millage Renewal – 0.5 mill
    - Caledonia Township: Fire Millage Renewal – 1 mill
    - Curtis Township: Road Millage Renewal – 2 mills
    - Greenbush Twp.: Fire Millage Renewal – 0.5 mill
    - and Road Millage Renewal – 0.75 mill
    - Hawes Township: Road Millage Renewal – 1 mill
    - Mikado Township: Road Millage Renewal – 2 mills
    - Millen Township: Road Millage Renewal – 1 mill

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT	AUTHORIZED MILLAGE	ORIGINALLY VOTED	YEARS EFFECTIVE
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
Haynes Township			
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2017-2020
Mikado Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
Millen Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
Mitchell Township			
FIRE	.8000	.8000	2016-2019
City of Harrisville			
Water	3.7523	5.000	1988-2029
Bond Improvement	3.8120	3.8120	2008-2047
Village of Lincoln			
General Fund	4.9800	5.0000	Sept 69-n/a
Streets	2.4900	2.5000	Fixed
Alcona Community Schools			
Operating Non-Home	18.0000	20.5000	2015-2020
Sinking Bldg/Site	1.000	1.000	2015-2020
Oscoda Area Schools			
Operating Non-Homestead	18.0000	19.1731	2012-2032
Debt Service	1.4900	1.6500	2001-2026
2015 Pool & Athletic Debt	.3300	.3900	2015-2020
Sinking	1.000	1.000	2013-2020
Fairview Schools			
Operating Non-Homestead	18.0000	19.8400	2014-2019
Sinking /All	.9965	1.000	2017-2022
Debt/All	.6400	1.000	2013-2022
COOR ISD			
Special Ed	.6329	.7500	1968-n/a
AMA ESD			
Extra voted Special Ed	1.3318	1.3318	2016-2026
Iosco IRESA			
Special Ed	.6371	.7500	1966-n/a
Voc Ed CTE	.6500	.6500	2017-2026

Full text of ballot proposals can be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk's office.

### STATEMENT OF ALCONA COUNTY TREASURER

I, Cheryl Franks, Treasurer of Alcona County, Michigan, state that as of July 18, 2018, the records of the Office of Alcona County Treasurer indicate that the total of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation provided by Section 6 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, and affecting the taxable property in Alcona County, Michigan for property within the **County of Alcona**.

These totals are of the originally voted increases as permanently reduced, however, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 211.34(d). The components of the aforementioned totals, stated by governmental units with increased limitations, purposes of the increased limitation, the amount of the limitations in mills and the inclusive years the increases are effective, are as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT	AUTHORIZED MILLAGE	ORIGINALLY VOTED	YEARS EFFECTIVE
County of Alcona			
A.C.C.O.A	.3750	.3750	2016-2019
MSUE	.1400	.1400	2016-2019
Alcona Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
Caledonia Township			
ROAD	.5000	.5000	2014-2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2016-2021
Curtis Township			
LIBRARY	.5000	.5000	2017-2024
Gustin Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2016-2019
ROAD	1.9946	1.9946	2016-2019
Hawes Township			

**The above Statement is Provided under Section 3(3) of the Property Tax Limitation Act, being Michigan Compiled Laws Sections 211.203(3).**

Cheryl Franks, Alcona County Treasurer

### POLL LOCATIONS

- Alcona Township Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River
- Caledonia Township Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce
- Curtis Township Fire Hall, 5019 Bamfield Road, Glennie
- Greenbush Township Township Hall, 5039 E. Campbell Street, Greenbush
- Gustin Township Township Hall, 113 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lincoln
- Harrisville Township Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville
- Hawes Township VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City
- Haynes Township Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road, Lincoln
- Mikado Township Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado
- Millen Township F.O.E Hall, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City
- Mitchell Township Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran
- Harrisville City City Hall, 200 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections. Registered voters may contact their township or city clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

Sample ballots can be found at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

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7/18 & 7/25

**Thank You**

The Mikado Days Planning Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers that participated with Mikado Days 2018 in making it a successful event. Thanks go to all of the individuals, families and businesses that supported Mikado Days 2018 by being in the Parade, all the musicians that provided entertainment, Lincoln OES #184 for providing food, Kids Games volunteers, the Alcona Masons for their Child ID Program, face painting, all the classic cars, trucks, tractors and bikes, the logging equipment, the wood carvers, the Mikado Clubbers and the Midland River Hogs for their vintage baseball game, Crafters and Flea Marketers, our local fire department for their Safety Demo. Thank you to all who donated money that went to the expense of operating Mikado Days such as the rental of the Water Slide, Bouncie, Porta-Potty, music entertainment, prizes for Kids Games. Special thanks to the Alcona County Road Commission, the Sheriff’s Department for their support and to the presence of Smokey the Bear. THANK YOU to all. Hope to see everyone back next year.

# Garden walk offers 10 gardens on display

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Walking through gardens filled with flowers and unique plants, woods, grass and wetlands can delight the senses and soothe the soul. However, strolling through gardens in Alcona County can provide some of the best adventures a garden lover can get.

The Sunrise Gardening Club works hard to select the finest local gardens it can to please walkers. This year’s annual walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In all, about 10 gardens will be viewed by ticket holders although some of the gardens are in such close proximity, or tended by the same owners, the club chose a few to be listed on tickets as one garden.

Having that many gardens is a feat, especially considering several of the factors in choosing the gardens. One desired factor is having all the gardens be relatively near one another. This allow walkers ample viewing time without an abundant amount of



driving between gardens. Another factor is the gardens meet the needs of a common theme or element.

This year’s theme is “Lakeshore and More” with all gardens featuring a lake view or a unique water feature. They

are also all close in proximity except for one, which happens to be worthy of the extra 15-minute drive it takes to get there.

One of the most important factors, however, is all the garden owners must be willing to participate. Unfortunately, the desire to be included on the walk causes some gardeners stress and strain as they worry, primp and pamper their plant and flower beds.

It causes so much stress that some gardeners, even though their gardens look wonderful, don’t feel they are up to the standards of a public walk and end up dropping out of the program. Such was the case this spring when the gardening club had only four gardens committed and was scrambling for more to keep the annual walk going.

The club worked hard and discovered gardens with exceptional lake views, woodsy foot paths winding through a canopy of cedars, pines and maples with shade loving wildflowers, annuals and perennials swaying gently in the dappled sunlight. They found relaxing strolls with fairies and elves guiding the way,




quaint waterfalls, bubbling ponds filled with fish, a zeroscape garden with an artesian spring flowing through it, sugar sand beaches, emerald green manicured lawns, gardens surrounding outdoor structures such as tiny houses, gazebos, sun porches and expansive terraces with numerous containers overflowing with flowers of just about every size, shape and color.

One location features a historic Alcona County landmark celebrating its 90th anniversary. The owners, who have been at the helm of this landmark for 47 of those years, live just across the street and are offering both gardens for

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viewing during the walk.

Although not on the lake, both gardens appeal with cooling pond habitats. New annuals and perennials are added to the gardens each year, all grown by a local greenhouse.

Large ornamental planters also play a key role in the gardens including a large cement planter, which the owner calls “the salad bowl,” offering shades of gray, blue, white and maroon plants which deer are known to belly up to eat without even bowing their heads.

The gardens boast texture with soft pops of color, such as the deep purple clematis making its way up a hand-set stone wall cottage or a sea of soft green and cream bishop’s weed spilling over the edge of a stone lined pool of rainbow trout.

Keep an eye out for wildlife as eagles, owls, heron, cedar wax wings and other woodland animals such as bear, bob cat and fox are commonly sighted near these gardens.

Having next door neighbors who are talented gardeners can create a visual feast for the eye with each property complementing the owner’s talents. There are two sets of neighbors on the walk this year allowing walkers a chance to see how similar soils or container planting can create a whole new landscape.

At one front porch, an impressive urn transported from New York, stands with colorful florals tumbling over the edges. A peek inside the front door highlights this gardener’s green thumb and love of orchids. Pots filled with herbs for cooking with one specifically filled with cat nip for the neighbor’s cat, line the back deck overlooking the lake.

Next door, a massive brick and stone terrace, offering numerous outdoor conversation areas, is softened and defined by attractive contain-



ers brimming with happy and peaceful flowers and plants.

Worthy of a little longer drive to view is a 23-acre property owned by a couple native to Alcona County. The property offers a large man-made pond complete with an island for elves and a stone waterfall where a large cherub resides to protect the pond’s live inhabitants, a family of numerous painted turtles and several frogs including leopard and bull frogs.

If it is dinner time for the turtles, visitors are in for a treat as only a wave from the owner has the turtles on the run to grab a tasty worm which they take right from his hand, even some of the frogs enjoy hand-fed worms.

One of the owners of this

property has had muscular dystrophy most of her life and has been wheelchair bound for over 13 years. The gardens which surround the home offer a touch of whimsy and happiness wherever she looks with many of her personal keepsake treasures on display.

Totem poles draped with bird feeders, dead tree stumps topped with log bird houses and a variety of elf and fairy homes flank the property including a village of solar lit fairy houses eagerly waiting for the tiny winged travelers to stop for a restful night’s sleep.

Smooth pathways of moss, soft grass and wood chips line the property and raised vegetable beds abound offering the owner easy wheelchair access to do a little gardening herself.



## ATTENTION VOTERS

There will be an informational meeting about the county millage requests on the August 7 primary ballot:

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## Horseshoe League

<b>Northern</b>	
July 12	
Mikado 1	90
Glennie 1	73
B.C. 1	67
B.C. 2	66
Mikado 2	53
Glennie 2	48
Swamp 1	48
Eagles 1	34
July 19	
Mikado 1	100
B.C. 1	76
B.C. 2	76
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running his businesses. Gauthier has been an active member of Lost Lake Woods Club since 1990 where he served on the board of directors for several years and was president for two. He is the president of the Northeast Michigan Safari Club which works to, among other things, provide hunting opportunities for youth.

In 2010 he formed the Alcona Black River Watershed Council which worked to address soil erosion on the Black River. The group worked closely with many local organizations and Huron Pines and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to develop a management plan for the Black River. Gauthier said the group is inactive at this time, but its efforts cumulated in seeing five culverts replaced on roads that cross the Black River. "It was a good experience and a great group," Gauthier said.

Gauthier served on the Alcona Township Board of Review for 10 years and was the deputy supervisor for the township for seven years while Roger Carlin was supervisor and when Marlana MacNeill became supervisor. He resigned from the position when he was appointed to the

Alcona County Board of Commissioners.

He has three sons and is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys hunting and fishing and other outdoor activities.

After serving seven months as a county commissioner Gauthier decided to run for the position because, "I really feel that I have the experience and expertise where I can really help. I am interested in what is going on in the county and in northeast Michigan. I really feel that I can be a positive for Alcona County. I really believe help is needed... I am very well versed in understanding multimillion dollar budgets... My experience on the Lost Lake Woods board and other boards over the years has prepared me for this position."

Gauthier said his involvement with many businesses and organizations – governmental as well as civic – not only in Alcona County but throughout the region has served him well in getting "up to speed" in the county commission position. He is chairman of the finance committee which "immediately opened my eyes to the situation of the county. It was surprising."

He is also the liaison to the

veteran's affairs board, the Alcona County Library Board and sits on the board for District Health Department No. 2, NEMCOG, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), and the Sunrise Corrections Board.

If he is elected to the position, Gauthier will be focused on turning around the financial situation of the county so it is solvent and able to plan for the future which includes improving Internet service throughout the county and perusing the reorganization of the county's economic development board. "I immediately saw the need for economic development in this county – I'm really behind that and to improve Internet service. We have to have that. As a commission we need to push this and be behind it."

"The budget, economic development and Internet service – these are gigantic... You just can't be stagnant; you have to look to the future and plan for it – there is no relief coming from the state," Gauthier said.

He would like to continue in the position. "I really enjoy it. I have the time and the expertise. I have worked with every township and county across northeast Michigan

over the years and I know how government works. I know a lot of people... This is pretty easy for me," Gauthier said.

**Craig Klemens** was born in Iowa and moved to Alpena with his family when he was five years old. He graduated from Alpena Catholic Central High School in 1965. He studied conservation for two years at Alpena Community College, which is where he met Linda Jo Snyder of Hubbard Lake, whom he married not long after they met.

He worked for the City of Alpena in the highway department until deciding to go into law enforcement. He completed the Mid-Michigan Police Academy and a few months later they moved to Lansing, Mich. when Klemens took a position as police officer. During his service, Klemens spent 17 years with the department's special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team. He retired 25 years later and moved back to northern Michigan. In the fall of 1994 the couple built a home on Hubbard Lake.

Klemens was officially retired for about a year and a half when he took a position with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department as a

part-time deputy. During that time he became licensed to sell real estate. He continues to work part-time with the sheriff's department and sell real estate. He is the president of the local Fraternal Order of Police which includes Alcona, Alpena, Presque Isle and Montmorency counties. He is a member and former president of the Hubbard Lake Citizens Watch, is a member of the Thunder Bay Audubon Society and Alcona Historical Society and attends and is an usher at the United Methodist Church in Alpena.

He and his wife, who passed away last winter, have two children and five grandchildren. He enjoys playing golf on a men's league and has been an avid bird watcher and history enthusiast for years. Both of these passions were combined, over the years, with travel to every state in the union except Hawaii, and just about every country in Europe, Ireland, Scotland, Russia, the Ukraine, and Costa Rica.

Klemens said he decided to run for the seat on the county commission because he has more time on his hands and wants to get involved. "This is

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my first crack at an elected position," he said. "I have been in public service all of my adult life and decided to step it up."

He has a few "visions" of what he'd like to see happen while in the county if he is

elected to the position. "I really love this county. I'd like to see an uptick in tourism – there are a lot of natural resources to enjoy and I'd like to see more fishermen and hunters discover our county. Although, there are still chal-

lenges that we face with a depleted fishing industry and bovine TB in the deer herd..."

Klemens said he knows it will take some time for him to "get in there and figure out what end is up." He is an advocate for veterans – "What-

ever I can do for veterans – I want to be able to help." He is also an advocate for "fiscal responsibility" and "using resources wisely." "I don't think there is too much unnecessary spending at this point.

"Emergency services –

that's kinda my wheelhouse. It's important to get the best people possible in (these) positions – fire fighters, cops, EMS – are critical... Seniors are pretty important. Almost 40 percent of this county is 65 or older. Their complaints and concerns need to be addressed," Klemens said.

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### Alcona County Clerk

The county clerk is an elected office established by the Constitution of the State of Michigan. Services provided by the county clerk are primarily statutory and include but are not limited to the following:

**Vital Records:** The county clerk keeps a record of all births and deaths that occur in the county, and marriage licenses that are issued in the county. Other vital records maintained in the office are assumed names (DBA) and co-partnership certificates, military discharge orders, concealed weapons permits, and notary public bonds.

**Elections:** The county clerk administers or oversees all elections which occur in the county. The clerk also keeps records of all county election results as well as training all election workers.

**Courts:** The county clerk is clerk of the criminal, civil, and family divisions of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court. The clerk files all pleadings and receipts payments for court ordered fines and costs for these courts.

**County Boards:** The county clerk serves as clerk for the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Canvassers, the Plat Board, the Apportionment Commission, and the Jury Commission. Minutes and other pertinent records for all boards are permanent records and are maintained in the clerk's office.

**Accounting:** In Alcona County, the county clerk is responsible for maintaining county expenditures and assists with county monthly claims, which are approved by the Board of Commissioners. The clerk also administers the county payroll, health insurance, and worker's compensation, unemployment, and liability insurance and maintains personnel files on all county employees.

**Miscellaneous:** The county clerk is the custodian of the Circuit Court Seal which is used to certify all official county documents originating in the clerk's office. The clerk also keeps the Oath of Office for all county officials and their deputies and/or designated representatives.

The Alcona County Clerk's office is committed to providing all of our customers with accurate and efficient service.

### Treasurer

The Office of the County Treasurer was established by the Michigan State Constitution. The treasurer is an elected official and serves a 4-year term. The treasurer is the chief custodian of all funds received by the county. In relation to this responsibility, the treasurer administers the provision of the General Property tax laws and is responsible for the collection and distribution of delinquent real tax levies. The treasurer also has the added responsibilities of:

- Custodianship of banking of funds
- Investment of monies
- Statutory supervision of all property taxes. During current summer and winter collection periods, local treasurers act as agents and are accountable to the county treasurer during the March settlement for their collection and uncollected remainder.
- Agent for the County of Alcona Tax Revolving Fund. Distribution of the Tax Revolving Funds permits 100% payment of real delinquencies to levying entities for summer and winter tax.
- Responsible for maintenance of all delinquent property tax records and assignment of fees leading up to foreclosure.
- Accounting and distribution of penal fines.
- Providing tax certification on all transfers of real properties when the deed or other instrument contains a "warrant and defend" clause. A proper and legal description is required, and transfer cannot be recorded without the treasurer's certification that taxes are paid for the prior 5 years on that legal description.
- Settling Michigan Tax Tribunal appeals, including refunding taxpayers

- Adjustments of tax dollars as ordered by local boards of review
- Adjustments of principle residence exemptions as ordered by the State of Michigan-Department of Treasury
- Perform annual audit of Principal Residence Exemptions
- Responsible for collection of all State Education Taxes and submitting to the State of Michigan
- Remitting Transfer tax fees collected by Register of Deeds office
- Administration of dog licenses collections and accounting
- Conformance and reporting responsibilities with the state for compliance with Public Act 123 of 1999
- The Alcona County Treasurer is the foreclosing government unit and handles the sale of foreclosed properties

### Equalization Department

**Maintain 20,000+ parcels:** Transfers of ownership, updating mailing & property addresses & legal descriptions, exemptions, etc.

**Collect & input Principal Residence Exemptions:** New, rescinds, conditional & denials. Collect & input Qualified Agricultural & Qualified Forest Exemptions

**Perform transfer of ownership:** Input deeds for transfers, death certificates, trusts, etc. Track tenants in common percentages, verify correct legal descriptions on deeds. On average there are 1,600 – 2,000 documents entered in our database each year.

**Assist the Public, Realtors, Appraisers, etc.:** Information dwellings, property history, values, taxes, description, neighboring owners, comparable sales/dwellings, etc. Public terminal located at our office provides property search to the public, also hard copies of assessment rolls are available for viewing.

**Printable reports and documents:** Available upon request we can provide many different reports, including but limited to sales reports, mailing labels, property owner reports, special assessments, section maps.

**Perform state required appraisals on all classes of property:** A minimum of 10% of the parcels for agricultural, commercial, industrial & personal property must be studied on a yearly basis. Residential parcels are studied on a per sale basis, in general this could be between 500 – 1,000 parcels.

Our office uses said studies to compile our: ECFs (Economic Condition Factors) & land values for all classes. Then those are implemented in our appraisal studies, which are used to ensure that the township assessors are assessing between 49 – 50% of fair market value.

**Land value guide:** Sales compiled each year to show an average per acre or per front foot value of property in the county. Available for public viewing.

**Land divisions & combination:** Split parcels and/or tracts, create new legal descriptions and redraw section maps, create new parcel numbers and follow up with PREs if required.

**Input millages and print tax bills (20,000+):** Ensure each jurisdiction has the correct millage rates applied, print, fold and stuff (in most cases) tax bills twice a year. Print warrants and balance totals with all 12 townships. We also reprint tax bills to owners who have lost or didn't receive them due to mailing mishaps, this is helpful especially since most of our township treasurers work from their homes and are not necessarily available 9-5 every day.

**Assessment change notices:** After downloading each of the township's values and balancing to assessed and taxable values, we print assessment change notices for the townships to mail out year. Again roughly 20,000.

**Print personal property statements:** We print roughly 950 personal property statements for the townships to mail.

**GIS:** We can assist with viewing or printing of GIS maps for property owners. They include aerial view & parcel lines of surrounding properties

## Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754  
Auxiliary

The July 2018 meeting was held with eight members present. A thank you note was read from the Chosen Ranch and it was noted that auxiliary member, Bertha Golder, will be 99 years old on December 3. A memorial donation was made in Pat Eller's memory; she had been an auxiliary member for a very long time.

Treasurer Sandy Light advised that the outstanding checks have cleared the checking account and will contact the trustees to finalize the second quarter audit. President Kathy Vichunas will send a letter to department requesting the procedures to disband the auxiliary. If advised by department, the auxiliary will schedule a meeting to formally close the auxiliary.



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# Calendar of Events



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

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 2205 Alger in Mikado. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages six through 12, five and younger eat for free. Call (989) 736-9526 for details.

Learn about the emerald ash borer at 10 a.m. and brown garden snail at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville at 10 a.m. Each event includes crafts and games. Meet in the Explorer Program Den. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

The Alcona Humane Society annual dinner and silent auction will be held at Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-7387.

The second annual WXTF-LP fund-raising concert will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center in Lincoln from 2 p.m. to midnight. For details, contact Tom Thomas at (979) 607-0187.

The Bownlee Lake Association Boat Parade of Lights will be held on Bownlee Lake in Lincoln at 8 p.m. A DJ will provide music. Contact Ed Buelow at (248) 696-1910 for more information.

The Chosen Teen Conference for ages 13 to 19 will be held at Alcona High School, 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and the first 200 people to sign up will have the opportunity to stay overnight at the Chosen Ranch. Events throughout the day include music, guest speakers and break-out sessions. To register or for questions, call (989) 464-0648 or visit [www.chosen-ranch.org](http://www.chosen-ranch.org). T-shirts, CDs, food and concessions will be available for purchase.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Join the Harrisville Ukulele Meetup at the Bobcat Bar & Grill, Greenbush Golf Course from 6 to 8 p.m. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. They meet to create a supportive ukulele community to strum, sing and have fun. There will be a \$1 collection to defray costs. Call Elaine at (305) 395-0237 for details.

## CryptoQuip answer

If an insect had a powerful impulse to roam about closing things, would it be a shutter bug?

The Adventures of Paul Vacation Bible School will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake. The program will start at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper and end at 8 p.m. All ages and adult classes. To register or for information, call (989) 727-3206.

Rec 101: Work your Tail on

the Trail from 3 to 3:30 p.m. at Harrisville State Park. Join exercise and health enthusiast Brittany Joyce for various workouts fitness enthusiasts would be able to do on any campground trail system. Program includes a full body workout on the paved trail, instruction and fitness tips. May be cancelled due to inclement weather. Call (989) 724-5126 for details. A Rec-

reation Passport is required for entry to the park.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6

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.

*(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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 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • [www.church72.org](http://www.church72.org)  
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 Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.  
 children's ministry. Wednesday 7 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road  
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227  
 Pastor David Putz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.  
 Pastor Joseph Llewellyn • (989) 727-2496

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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**Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 1246 E. Spruce Rd. • 989-471-5013  
 P.O. Box 68, Spruce, MI 48762  
 Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m. Pastor Leslie Nye

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
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 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. ~ *Barrier Free*  
 Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

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 ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.  
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
 Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

**Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.**  
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**Haynes Community Church**  
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
 989-724-6665  
 Pastor Claire Duncan • [haynescommunitychurch.org](http://haynescommunitychurch.org)

**First Baptist Church of Lincoln**  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m. (K-6th)  
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
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**Spruce Presbyterian Church**  
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 • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.  
 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.







# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Work begun on Lincoln church

**July 25, 1968** ~ Work was begun last week on the building of a new Trinity Lutheran Church in Lincoln to replace the present building which is inadequate as to size.

Excavating and building of the cement block basement room is well under way for the 64 ft. by 36 ft. building which will seat 180 people. Estimated cost of the structure is about \$75,000 and much of the labor will be volunteered by members of the congregation. Donald Read, Sr., is the contractor.

Rev. Louis Pingel, formerly of Roscoe, South Dakota, is pastor of the church and will also serve Mio. Services are at 9 a. m. each Sunday.

## Carl Reibow to open hardware here

**July 29, 1943** ~ Carl Reibow, prominent businessman of Glennie for many years has purchased the two Lund buildings on Main Street in Harrisville and will open a modern Hardware store here about September 1st. Redecorating of both Interior and exterior is being done this week.

Harrisville has keenly felt the loss of the Miller Hardware following the unsuccessful attempt of the community to retain this very fine store, and consider themselves fortunate in having Mr. Reibow come into the community. Our gain is a loss to the Glennie community. He has always been active in the business, political and social life of his town and has served as Curtis Township Clerk for a number of years.

Mr. Reibow, who now operates a general store in Glennie will remove his hardware stock to the new location and dispose of the remaining stock. His plans are to use the cement block building as the main store for the present, later remodeling the second building, making a street level cement block structure for the Hardware and using the east building for farm implements and repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Reibow and family will reside in the Edgar house on Huron Ave.

The Lund cement block building was erected by the late C. M. Lund in 1916 and used as a show room for Ford cars. The frame building was moved from Lake Street where it served as a Harness Shop for Mr. Lund, was added to, and remodeled in its new location. The buildings have been vacant for several years.

## KiKi Cuyler installed in hall of fame with baseball greats

**July 25, 1968** ~ The late Hazen (KiKi) Cuyler, and two contemporary baseball greats were inducted formally into baseball's Hall of Fame, Monday at Cooperstown, New York, where ceremonies began at 10:00 a.m. This brings the total membership to 110. Joe Medwick and Leon "Goose" Goslin were the other two so honored.

Medwick and Goslin were present at the ceremonies at the Hall of Fame, and Mrs.

Cuyler of Harrisville accepted a plaque in behalf of her late husband, who died in 1950, from Gen. William D. Eckert, Commissioner of Baseball.

Upon receiving the plaque, Mrs. Cuyler stated "I know my husband would be very proud today. Baseball was his life and it was a good life".

Members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, voted Medwick, 56, in to the Hall on January 23, 1968, the last time he would

have been eligible before passing in to the jurisdiction of the veterans' group. Cuyler and Goslin were picked January 28 by the special 12-man Veterans' Committee.

Cuyler hit .321 and stole 328 bases while playing with Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati and Brooklyn from 1921 through 1938. Four times he led the National League in stolen bases.

The Cuyler family, Mrs. Bertha Cuyler, her son,

Harold Cuyler, daughter, Mrs. Ted (Kelly June) Kruttlin, Mr. Kruttlin and their two sons, Dennis and Teddy, left Alpena Airport by chartered plane at 2:00 p.m. Sunday for Cooperstown, to attend Monday's ceremony. Hazen Medor, a nephew, with his wife and son, from Ann Arbor, also attended.



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### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 81 Low: 61

**THURSDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 76 Low: 60

**FRIDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 70 Low: 56

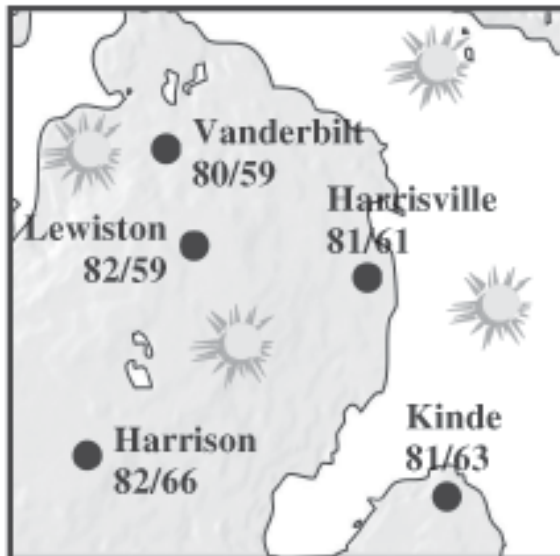
**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 74 Low: 58

**SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 76 Low: 60

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 74 Low: 62

**TUESDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 70 Low: 60

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 81°, humidity of 49%. West wind 8 mph. The record high for today is 95° set in 1941. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 61°. South southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. The record low for tonight is 40° set in 2004.

### \*Last Week's Almanac


Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	77	56	80/56	0.00"
Wednesday	77	49	80/56	0.00"
Thursday	85	48	80/56	0.00"
Friday	81	60	80/56	0.01"
Saturday	72	67	80/56	0.25"
Sunday	78	64	80/56	0.23"
Monday	76	64	80/56	0.01"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:11 a.m.	9:09 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	4:15 a.m.
Thursday	6:12 a.m.	9:08 p.m.	8:29 p.m.	5:03 a.m.
Friday	6:13 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	5:56 a.m.
Saturday	6:14 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	9:44 p.m.	6:52 a.m.
Sunday	6:16 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	10:15 p.m.	7:51 a.m.
Monday	6:17 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	10:43 p.m.	8:51 a.m.
Tuesday	6:18 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	9:52 a.m.

### Local UV Index



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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with isolated showers, highest temperature of 88 in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in Hattiesburg, Miss. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 103 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with the highest temperature of 121 in Fort Mohave, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:13 a.m.	9:42 p.m.
Venus	10:07 a.m.	10:57 p.m.
Mars	9:40 p.m.	n/a
Jupiter	3:03 p.m.	n/a
Saturn	7:08 p.m.	n/a
Uranus	12:32 a.m.	2:12 p.m.

### Weather History

**July 25, 1956** - The Andrea Dora sank in dense fog near Nantucket Lightship, Mass. The Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, rammed the ship 45 miles off the coast of Massachusetts. Fifty-two people lost their lives.

### Weather Trivia

What is the temperature of lightning?

?

Answer: It is estimated at 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Meteor Season Upon Us

The summertime heralds the increase of meteor activity which coincides nicely with our desire to spend more time outdoors. I have lots of fond camping memories during these warmer months. My friends and I would specifically choose a dark location, often in New England, to view shooting stars. The evening hours before midnight were literally a hoot. A bright shooting star would flash without warning, and pockets of cheers and screams from observant campers would echo against the black dome of the star-filled sky. Gradually, as the hours ticked away, the campground hoops would slowly fade, so that by 1 a.m., it was normally just my friends and I who were still watching. We were usually in silent competition to see who could observe the most meteors. The nights were always very dewy, so plastic covering our sleeping bags and air mattresses, as well as a ground tarp, were a must; and if we were imaging the sky, some type of battery operated, dew-busting heater around the lens was mandated. Chemical hand warmers left over from the winter months, now serve as lightweight, nonelectrical substitutes. Just remember to bring along rubber bands for their snug attachment. A tripod and a cable release or intervalometer are also necessary. Unfortunately, the biggest meteor shower of the summer, the Perseids, will be highly curtailed by a nearly full moon this year. The moon is full late on July 27; but still, don't be discouraged. By mid August, during new moon week, there are five minor streams that are active, in addition to the Perseids, which are just beginning to heat up. Early Perseids have a reputation for producing memorable fireballs. The Perseids are radiating from the NE, while the other meteors are spilling outward from the south. A clear, moonless night in a rural setting should yield hourly rates of at least 10-20 shooting stars after 1 a.m. Much success! [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president was the shortest?
2. **HISTORY:** What agreement provided for the dissolution of the former Soviet Union?
3. **LITERATURE:** Which book in the Harry Potter series has a mythical creature in its title?
4. **TELEVISION:** Who played Thurston Howell III on "Gilligan's Island"?
5. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the method that involves cooking food in sealed bags, usually in water?
6. **GAMES:** What company introduced the "Hot Wheels" toys and games?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** How many U.S. states border the Gulf of Mexico?
8. **SCIENCE:** What element makes up 47 percent of the Earth's crust?
9. **ART:** Which art movements was painter Max Ernst associated with?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of kangaroos called?

**Answers:** 1. James Madison, 5 foot 4; 2. The Belavezha Accords; 3. "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"; 4. Jim Backus; 5. Sous-vide; 6. Mattel; 7. Five: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida; 8. Oxygen; 9. Dada and Surrealism; 10. A troop or mob (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Aug. 1, 1498, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sets foot on the South American mainland for the first time, at the Paria Peninsula in present-day Venezuela. Thinking it an island, he christened it Isla Santa and claimed it for Spain. Columbus, a deeply religious man, believed that Venezuela was the edge of the Garden of Eden.
- On Aug. 4, 1927, the Father of Country Music, Jimmie Rodgers, is recorded for the first time during the legendary Bristol Sessions. A talent scout had set up a makeshift recording studio in an empty warehouse in Bristol, Tennessee, and recorded numerous then-unknown acts during the 12-day marathon.
- On Aug. 2, 1943, future President John F. Kennedy is serving as commander of a torpedo boat in the Solomon Islands when his ship is rammed at night by a Japanese destroyer, cutting it in two. Kennedy's heroics led to the rescue of the survivors from an island six days later.
- On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Medicare, a health insurance program for elderly Americans, into law. Former President Harry Truman was enrolled as the first beneficiary and received the first Medicare card.
- On Aug. 5, 1957, "American Bandstand" goes national on television, hosted by 26-year-old Dick Clark. He pushed hard for a 3:30 p.m. time slot, when teenagers were out of school and most likely to watch.
- On Aug. 3, 1988, Soviet authorities free Mathias Rust, the daring young West German pilot who landed a rented Cessna on Moscow's Red Square in 1987, from a labor camp as a goodwill gesture to the West.
- On July 31, 1990, Nolan Ryan wins the 300th game of his career. A believer that pitching power, as well as consistency and endurance, comes from the legs, not the arms, Ryan ran every day.

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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- You probably won't be surprised to learn that it was Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it."
- Ever wonder why blue jeans are blue? When they were first designed by Levi Strauss, the people most likely to wear them were those who did a great deal of manual labor. Strauss rightly assumed the work was likely to be dirty, so he dyed his new trousers indigo to help hide stains.
- Statistics on sporting events show that 17 of the 20 sporting events with the most attendees every year are NASCAR races.
- 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.
- Historians report that Napoleon Bonaparte, when he wasn't busy conquering, enjoyed ice skating.
- Do animals grieve their own? Perhaps so -- at least, some animals. When an elephant dies, other elephants in the herd will cover the body with leaves and branches and often will stay with it for days.
- You may be surprised to learn that a Boeing 747 jet is longer from wingtip to wingtip than the distance of the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight.
- If you're enjoying summer picnics, you might want to keep in mind the fact that there are 1,500 known species of fleas and 9,500 known species of ants. Then again, that might be a factoid you'd rather forget.

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Thought for the Day: "Strike an average between what a woman thinks of her husband a month before she marries him and what she thinks of him a year afterward, and you will have the truth about him." -- H.L. Mencken

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# Volunteers build bat houses, combat spread of disease

**By Evan Kuth**

*Capital News Service*

Peter Fowler is an executive board member of the Bat Association of Michigan State

University, which has hosted a workshop on the importance of bats and their impact on the ecosystem, and built some "bat boxes."

"For the community bat houses we wanted to build something small, easy to mount in a number of locations and relatively versatile,"

Fowler said.

The bat boxes are two to four-foot tall black wooden boxes that can hold up to 20 bats. Fowler explained that building them is a meticulous process. "We'll be burning them using a centuries old Japanese method called 'Shou Sugi Ban,' which literally translated means burn cedar board," Fowler said. "Burning the boards helps preserve them, makes them water-resistant and gives them a dark color that can maintain the heat."

Volunteers from across the state attended the workshop. "We were really excited about the prospect of getting more habitat restoration going in the area," Fowler said.

According to Fowler bats are losing habitats left and right, including in mid-Michigan. "Just a couple of years ago, 200 trees were removed from the former Red Cedar Golf Course (in Lansing, Mich.), which were known to be home to a number of endangered Indiana bats," Fowler said.

Fowler said that by building bat boxes, the group is trying to educate the public on the importance of the winged creature.

"Bat houses are a great

way for the community to engage in habitat restoration, and it also serves as a point of education about the important role these often-ignored animals serve our ecosystem," Fowler said.

Alexandra Shigley is the president of the MSU Zoological Students Association, which helped put on the event. She said giving bats homes will prevent the spread of disease by isolating bats and preventing them from gathering in large groups.

"In Michigan we have the white nose syndrome, and it actually wakes them up from their winter hibernation," Shigley said. "It can spread so quickly. Researchers will go into these caves and the bottom of these caves will just be covered in bats."

Both groups are giving Lansing-area residents bat boxes to put up in their neighborhoods. Shigley says that if you're afraid of bats getting into your house, bat homes may be a solution.

"It's important for people to know that bat boxes are a way to keep bats out of your house but give them a healthy place to live," Shigley said.

## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of July 16-22, 2018

103 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrest; 1 Warrant Arrest.

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	5	Traffic/Traffic Stop	34
Medical	21	Warrant Arrest	1
Property Damage Accident	2	Mental	1
Animal Neglect	8	Animal/Dog	7
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Miscellaneous	4
Patrol Check	1	Well Being Check	1
Suspicious Event	5	Larceny	1
Marine	4	Assault	3
Fire	5	Unlawful Drive Away Auto	1
Civil	2	Alarm	2
Vehicle Identification Insp.	1	Trespass	2
Lost Property	3	Drive While Lic. Suspended	1
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Littering	1
Neighbor Trouble	1	Dog Bite	1
Gun Shots	1	Burglary	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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Greenbush	16	Gustin	9	Harrisville	14
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# 4-H Youth attend science themed summer camp

The term summer camp conjurs memories of mosquito bites and blackened marshmallows, but for 23 youth in Alcona County, there is more -- much more -- to remember.

Youth from five northern Michigan counties embarked on a three day, two night camp adventure at the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center in Millersburg, Mich that was equal parts learning, experiencing and summer fun. With the aide and guidance of a team of 16 teenage counselors, campers were able to experience 10 sessions that were experiential in nature and a lot of fun.

Campers saw a good mix of biology, engineering and chemistry during the day at camp, to go along with traditional camp sessions like archery and kayaking. Sessions were taught by volunteers as well as agency professionals and offered campers a hands-on approach to learning.

"Science is messy -- it's not about getting the right answer the first time -- it's about asking questions and discovering the answers," said Les Thomas, one of the camp's directors. "Campers

had a lot of fun this week learning that science isn't scary -- science is fun."

According to Thomas, meals were served cafeteria-style and there was always lots of choices. The kitchen is also responsible for maintaining the camps' "hydration station" which is designed to allow campers to try different fruit-infused waters - limiting their sugar intake to dessert-time s'mores.

He explained another camp favorite is the annual paint war -- where the camp day-groups throw sponges soaked in paint at each other. This year's paint war was a bit different -- using gelatin instead of the more expensive and messy paint. After Jell-O covers the campers, a trip down the 70 foot water slide offers campers the chance to cool off and have more fun.

Keeping the campers on schedule and out of trouble were 16 teenage counselors, many of whom were campers themselves. Thomas said, these counselors have the daunting task to make sure that campers are engaged in sessions and don't have time to become homesick. The



Campers at 4-H Camp Ready, SET, Go! had fun conducting numerous science experiments as well as engineering solutions in several sessions. Alcona campers included: Matt Abee, Jena Wambold, Kaylee Wambold, Aiden Crevier, Jayson Lincoln, Darren Boyat, Reigen Pezel, Cole Upper, Carter Uppper, Andrew Good, James Good, Marius Spears, Lily Kozlow, Holly Price, Preston Sharp, Jacob June and Daniel June. Counselors from Alcona included: Courtney Winter, Sarah Sweet, Trinity Keyser, Darrien Panich, Haley Spalding and Ben Thomas. *Courtesy photo.*

camper's schedule is full, but there is a bit of downtime built-in that allows for quiet activities or group games and counselors come equipped to make sure the campers have

a good time.

"At the end of the day, we hope the kids go home and realize that they can make a difference and that science isn't just done in a lab coat or



with beakers and test tubes. Science is everywhere and can be done in almost every setting," Thomas said.

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## Upper Peninsula wolf survey shows healthy wolf population

The state's wolf population has remained relatively stable over the past four wolf surveys, the most recent of which occurred this past winter. According to officials with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Division.

DNR wildlife biologists estimate there was a minimum of 662 wolves found among 139 packs across the Upper Peninsula last winter. The 2016 minimum population estimate was 618 wolves.

"Based on our latest minimum population estimate, it is clear wolf numbers in Michigan remain viable and robust," said Russ Mason, chief of the DNR's wildlife division. "A similar trend is apparent in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The western Great Lakes states' wolf population is thriving and has recovered."

Fifteen more wolf packs were found during last winter's survey than in 2016, but pack size has decreased slightly and now averages less than five wolves. The survey was conducted from December through April, before wolves had produced pups, and when the population is at its lowest point in the annual cycle.

"As the wolf population in the Upper Peninsula has grown and spread out across the region, packs are situ-

ated closer together," said Dean Beyer, a DNR wildlife research biologist who organizes the sampling and generates the wolf population estimate for the biannual survey. "This makes it harder to determine which pack made the tracks that were observed in adjacent areas."

"Movement information we collect from GPS-collared wolves helps us interpret the track count results, because these data allow us to identify territorial boundaries. The minimum population estimate we generate is a conservative estimate, which takes these factors into account," Beyer said.

The wolf survey is completed by DNR Wildlife Division and U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services staff who search specific survey areas for wolf tracks and other signs of wolf activity, such as territorial marking or indications of breeding. In 2017-2018, approximately 63 percent of the Upper Peninsula was surveyed.

According to Beyer, after wolves returned naturally to the U.P. through migration from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ontario in the 1980s, the

population rebounded remarkably over time. The pronounced long-term increase in wolf abundance is evident, despite human cause-specific mortality, such as poaching.

However, over the past few years, Michigan's minimum estimate has hovered between 600 and 700 wolves, which could be indicative of a stabilizing population. "Research suggests prey availability and the geographical area of the U.P. are the key limiting factors of wolf population expansion," said Kevin Swanson, a wildlife management specialist with the DNR's Bear and Wolf Program in Marquette. "This is proving to be true."

Since the winter of 1993-94, combined wolf numbers in Michigan and Wisconsin have surpassed 100, meeting federally established goals for population recovery. The Michigan recovery goal of a minimum sustainable population of 200 wolves for five consecutive years was achieved in 2004. Wolves in Michigan remain a federally-protected species which may only be killed legally in defense of human life.

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